

# Box River News

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## LOCAL NEEDS HOUSING OPEN DAY

A big landmark was achieved on 9th April with the first official showing of the Local Needs Housing Project at Stationfield Sandhill. It was heartening to see so many local families attending and asking questions and showing genuine interest. We had over 100 people attending and council reps and myself were kept very busy. Thank you to all who came. Generally those who came were very impressed with the quality of the homes and the excellent layout of the scheme which looks well thought out and designed and the big question we were asked is when will we be able to move in. The allocation date for the rented properties is likely to be around August/September with the shared ownership properties some time before that and the five properties for sale as of now so please register your interest as soon as possible on the Gateway to Homechoice website for the rented and shared ownership properties and to Linnet for the five for sale.

These houses are all for Boxford people in the first instance and I hope they will all be taken up by local people. If anyone needs help or advice please give me a call or E-Mail.

Tel 01787 210854 [bryn.hurren@babbergh.gov.uk](mailto:bryn.hurren@babbergh.gov.uk) All Best Wishes and I hope to see you all again at the next open day. Bryn. District Councillor.

## Box River News

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## GROTON'S QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING



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About 60 people attended Groton's Quiz and Curry evening at Groton Village Hall on Friday evening, 8th April. Steve Foster was again the quiz master, while Brian Jones entered the scores. The event was much enjoyed with funds being raised for the Village Hall

## PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION



Photo David Lamming

This year's Palm Sunday procession from Temple Bar to Edwardstone Church, was led by the Revd Judith and 'Charlie' the donkey. The procession was followed by a Five Villages Service in the church. About 60 people attended, including many children. It was a very happy and encouraging occasion.

# The 177<sup>th</sup> HADLEIGH SHOW

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## FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 6 May 8.00 £15  
**Georgina Jackson**

Georgina Jackson is an avowed fan of Frank Sinatra, big bands and the American Songbook. The native of Wigan is also a talented trumpet player and a singer with a sassy, vibrant style, and it's a winning combination. Georgina Jackson vocals/trumpet, Chris Ingham piano, Dave Green bass, George Double drums. As a trumpet player Georgina has performed with Nancy Sinatra, Gladys Knight and Seal, as well as in the orchestras of West End shows such as Chicago. Her singing career has emerged gradually in recent years, performances with the BBC Big Band and the Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra. Her voice has a genuine '50s vibe. She brings a fine band: Chris Ingham on piano, the legendary Dave Green on bass, and George Double on drums.

Wednesday 13 May 8.00 £18  
**Gilad Atzmon and Alan Barnes: Lowest Common Denominator**

It is impossible to imagine two finer exponents of the saxophone than Alan and Gilad sharing a stage AND with a top trio, can't wait! Gilad Atzmon reeds, Alan Barnes reeds, Frank Harrison piano, Yaron Stavi bass, Chris Higginbottom drums. Gilad Atzmon and Alan Barnes have both been frequent visitors to Fleece Jazz in the past, but for the first time they share the stage here for what promises to be a very special performance. Despite their different backgrounds and approaches, the two reedsmen share a passion for performance, a healthy sense of competition and a firm belief that a jazz audience is there to be

entertained. Gilad arrived on the British jazz scene in 1994 from his native Israel and impressed critics and jazz fans in equal measure. "a formidable improvisational talent \* a jazz giant \* combines thrilling jazz musicianship with a maverick political intelligence" - The Guardian.

Alan is a prolific international performer, composer, arranger, bandleader and touring soloist. He combines a formidable virtuosity with a musical expression and collaborative spirit that have few peers.

Friday 20 May 8.00 £20  
**Antonio Forcione**

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## THE MAY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

How much does your local church mean to you?



You may or may not consider yourself religious or a churchgoer, but I wonder if the church does not have a place in your heart?

Over the past year, for example, have you been to your local church for a:

- Christening?
- Wedding?
- Funeral?

Or did you enjoy coming along to any of these?

- School Nativity
- Mothering Sunday Service
- Harvest Festival
- Pet Service
- Service for Remembering your Loved Ones
- Remembrance Day Service

Perhaps you just celebrated the great church festivals:

- Easter Sunday
- Carol Service
- Christmas Eve Midnight Communion Service or Christmas Day Family Service

Or maybe the church in your village is the place where you like to go and sit quietly sometimes?

It is five and half years since I joined you here in the benefice. In all that time, I have seen the great affection with which people in every village and from all walks of life - churchgoers or not - hold their local church. Physically, the church buildings provide for you a focal point, a historic landmark. Spiritually, they are a place for you all in your times of need or celebration.

But as your priest in charge, I wonder whether you realise just how much it is taking to keep the life of our churches going - in terms of money, yes, very much so, but also in terms of people, time and effort? And I have to be honest, and tell you that, across all five churches, apart from a few amazing and major events like Open Gardens, there is just a tiny handful of people, often older people, carrying - and often struggling to carry - the whole burden of all it takes to keep your local church buildings going and to maintain a vibrant church life, serving and caring the five communities.

If you have been to any of those services listed above, and if you hope and expect that the church will be there in the future for your children and children's children, please - whether you are a churchgoer or not - consider becoming part of the wider network of people we are seeking to establish, actively supporting the church by getting involved. There are so many ways in which you could help: producing and distributing publicity - posters, flyers, using social media, committee work, becoming part of a fundraising team, playing an instrument, joining the choir, reading in church, serving coffee, church locking and unlocking, and a hundred and other practical tasks! If you know someone who goes to church, please offer your help to them - or to a churchwarden or to me - in whatever way you can, and you will be welcomed with open arms.

Blessings, Revd Judith.

## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

Frances Borzello's *Seeing Ourselves: Women's Self-Portrait*



Some books are so beautiful, you tremble to open them. Thames & Hudson's new edition of Frances Borzello's *Seeing Ourselves: Women's Self-Portraits* (£24.95) is one of these, its ivory pages so crammed with fantastic reproductions, you might want to think about investing in a pair of white cotton gloves before you read it.

And it does demand to be read as well as gawped at (first published in 1998, this edition comes with a new afterword in which Borzello, an art historian with a special interest in bodies, ponders the self-portrait in the age of the selfie). Art books are too often jargon-filled, theoretical to a headache-inducing degree. But this one is both lucid and unexpectedly compelling. The surprise is, I suppose, that in a world in which women artists have often been invisible, so many of their self-portraits exist. The earliest appear as illustrations in Boccaccio's *De mulieribus claris* (On Famous Women) from 1355-9, and then down the centuries they multiply in number rather amazingly until we reach the 20th century, which brought us Suzanne Valadon, Cindy Sherman, Marlene Dumas and countless others.

What I like best about Borzello's book is the fact that it introduces the reader to so many of these countless others, artists whose work I didn't previously know, or not well: Paula Modersohn-Becker, a German painter who depicted herself pregnant on her wedding anniversary in 1906, though she was not expecting a baby at the time; Wanda Wulz, an Italian experimental photographer who in the 1930s transposed a cat's face over her own to brilliantly eerie effect; Charlotte Salomon, a German Jewish artist who painted *Life? or Theatre?*, a series comprising some 769 autobiographical gouaches, between 1941 and 1943, while she was in hiding from the Nazis (she and her unborn child were gassed in Auschwitz in October 1943); and Hannah Wilke, an American who photographed herself with - honestly - tiny vulval sculptures made of chewing gum stuck to her body. Here are ideas for a hundred novels I will never write, or perhaps just one too-clever-by-half genre-bending book on female identity which, if I had the time and the money, I would research in the grand libraries of the world, this volume on my desk in every single one.

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## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD LITTER PICK

On Saturday 19th March, a merry band of willing volunteers turned up for our annual village litterpick, on what turned out to be a good day for it. Happily there were 17 people, including all of our parish councillors, a district councillor (Margaret Maybury) and many villagers who variously put out road safety signs, picked litter, collected full rubbish bags, washed and cleaned village road-signs and prepared welcome refreshments for all who participated - a true team effort.

We were expecting to find less litter than previous years, which perhaps was the case, though in addition to the seemingly obligatory cans, bottles, chocolate bar wrappers, crisp and sandwich packets etc, we also collected the following:

- A motorcycle tyre
- A car tyre and wheel
- A clothes airer
- An old electric convector heater
- Loads of sharp plastic bits from the many car crashes the village has experienced recently that were apparently swept/thrown onto the verges.

If only passing drivers were more considerate, life for everyone else would be so much nicer and the local wildlife would significantly benefit.



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**Reading Improvements gain local support!**

One of the projects undertaken to improve the school this year has been a development of our reading provision, with the addition of new Guided Reading resources for the whole school. Finding high-quality reading material at the appropriate level is crucial for inspiring a love of books at an early age. The school has focused on developing Guided Reading this year, an approach to reading where pupils work in groups of 4-8 to develop their reading skills with the teacher or teaching assistant. As all children are reading and employing new strategies together, they are more able to discuss ideas, learn from each other and refine their skills and understanding. All teachers and teaching assistants have recently received training on how to best deliver Guided Reading across the age ranges.

In order to make this school development project successful, we had asked the Friends of Boxford School for financial assistance with purchasing some of the reading materials for all age-groups. We were delighted to receive (and spend!) £3,000 from the FOBS. However, we are delighted to also recognise the support of Groton United Charities (£200 grant) and Boxford United Charities (£350 grant) for their contributions to this programme. We thank them for their invaluable grants, which enabled us to purchase books to a value of over £4000 in total. These books will support the teaching of reading for all children for many years to come!

**50 Years at Boxford School! Celebrating a wonderful Achievement**

This April marks 50 years of employment at Boxford School for Mrs Doreen Jarmin! Many local families of all generations will recognise the impact and extraordinary achievement of Mrs Jarmin's time in school. In her role, Mrs Jarmin has known so many children grow up in the village – in my own family she was a 'dinner lady' for my wife Helen and her brother Gareth. In some instances, she is now onto her third generation, as former pupils have become parents and now grandparents! Everyone who has gone through the school will also know that she remembers every child and often shares updates from the newspapers of Boxford pupils who have gone on to a whole range of achievements.

The school will be holding an **Assembly of Celebration for Mrs Jarmin at Boxford Church at 2pm on Friday 22nd April**. I am thrilled to invite any community members, who share a connection to Mrs Jarmin and her time at school, to join us.

We hope that you will join us for this celebration of a wonderful achievement. Mrs Jarmin, of course, "wants no fuss"...but, well, we insist!

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Boxford Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and adults within our community. Our staff and volunteers share this commitment.

As with all school positions, DBS checks will be required for this post.

**FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH**

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

*A Summary Report for Boxford Annual Parish Meeting – 12th April 2016 from James Finch – County Councillor for the Stour Valley*  
**12 months of Achievements at Suffolk County Council - 2015 – 16**

**• SCC freezes General Council Tax for sixth year in a row**  
 The council has made savings in excess of £170million since the Government's deficit reduction programme began in 2011/2012 and faces the need to make further savings of over £80million during the next two years. The budget passed in April saw a ZERO% increase in base Council Tax. The Administration decided to implement the 2% National Adult Social Care Levy to support the implementation of the National Living Wage. The budget for Adult Social Care and Children's Services increased. SCC has achieved its annual target savings for the current year.

**• Suffolk schools' ascent of league tables continues**  
 Figures out last month confirmed the trend of improvement in Suffolk's relative position in educational attainment. In data released by the government in January, Suffolk has climbed 18 places in the national league table for GCSE results since the previous year; from 125th to 107th. This means we are now at the national average.

**• Suffolk's Children's Services inspected rated Good by Ofsted**  
 Suffolk County Council's Children's Services have been inspected and rated GOOD by Ofsted following the publication of its inspection report on 15th February 2016. The report praises the work of the council in protecting and looking after children and young people, with some areas of outstanding practice highlighted in the report. The inspection was carried out between 23 November and 17 December 2015.

Suffolk now sits in the top 22% of local authorities in the country. 78 councils have been inspected so far under Ofsted's new framework. No authority has been judged outstanding and of the last 17 inspections across the country, just one authority had been judged GOOD, until Suffolk's rating.

**• Suffolk's Better Broadband BDUK programme**  
 Work had been completed on the 1st Contract of the Broadband rollout the 2nd contract of the Superfast Extension Programme (is progressing which is planned to enable 95% of properties in Suffolk are connected. The first phase of this rollout will be shared onto a map on the SCC website, and the second phase will be added within the next couple of months. To date, we have enabled 35 cabinets, and reached over 3,000 premises under the Superfast Extension Programme towards a target of over 1,000 cabinets, and over 50,000 premises by the end of 2019.

**• £1bn Devolution Deal announced for East Anglia in the Budget on 16th March** Following weeks of negotiation between Government and local councils and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), a deal worth over £1bn for East Anglia has been announced by George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget Speech on 16h March..

As part of the deal East Anglia would receive:  
**• £900m (£30m a year for the next 30 years) to invest in infrastructure**

**• £175m to invest in housing**  
 The Deal, which sets out a fundamentally different relationship between Government and local public services, was negotiated by Leaders from councils across Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the New Anglia and Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough LEPs.

If ratified by the relevant councils and LEP Boards, The Deal would see decisions currently being made by Government on such things as infrastructure, growth, employment and skills being made locally in East Anglia in the future.

The Deal requires the creation of a Combined Authority and directly elected Mayor and it is proposed that the first mayoral elections would be in May 2017 alongside the county council elections.

The directly elected Mayor would act as Chairman to the East Anglia Combined Authority and would exercise the following powers and functions devolved from Government:

- Responsibility for a multi-year, consolidated and, devolved local transport budget.
- Responsibility for a new Key Route Network of local authority roads that will be managed and maintained by the Combined Authority on behalf of the Mayor.
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# QUARTET

*Singing The Quartet from Verdi's Rigoletto are LtoR Will Carpenters Wilfred Cecily (Elaine Carpenter), Michael Keith's Reginald and Jean (Jane Elliott)*



It may have been the eminent writer, or perhaps the brilliant cast - maybe their appreciation of the Quartet from Verdi's Rigoletto - but this play certainly struck a chord with the Boxford audiences

In this home for retired opera singers Boxford Drama Group created splendid sets of a Garden terrace and a Music room where the three who consider themselves 'the élite' gathered to pass the time.

Cecily (Elaine Carpenter) sat happily listening to music on her headphones. She was bubbly, jolly, excitable - everything is fun to her. Only her habit of welcoming everyone back from Karachi suggests that all is not well. No one has been there!

Michael Keith's Reginald sat huddled in a chair, withdrawn and concentrating on his study of the meaning of art. "Reggie likes things to be structured." His sudden eruptions, hurling abuse at the distant matron, comes as a shock, out of character, but she had committed the cardinal sin of giving him apricot jam instead of marmalade at breakfast.

The best lines went to Will Carpenters Wilfred - a randy old man who delighted in talking dirty to the innocent Cecily - especially when she can't hear him. His extensive list of all things bad about ageing hit several nerves with the audience and they laughed knowingly at every one. "Time does not so much pass slowly as hobble by on its own Zimmer frame."

Consternation ensued when they heard that the latest arrival is to be Jean (Jane Elliott) and when she entered we could see why. Tactless, overbearing, constantly reminding everyone of her Diva status, miserable and resentful to find herself reduced to joining the 'inmates' - "Me - Me - On Charity!" - but her presence brought out revelations and secrets from all. The biggest secret (to me at least unless I missed something) was how she eventually managed to become cheerful.

The home celebrates Verdi's birthday each year on 10th October by giving a concert. With the benefit of a little modern technology our Quartet did the same. superbly choreographed and perfectly mimed they sang! The Quartet from Verdi's Rigoletto to a recording they made together many years before.

After some deliberation on the part of Reginald, it was decided that "Art is meaningless if it doesn't make you feel." This play made us feel - happy, sad, compassionate, thoughtful - but ended with the uplifting realisation that the body might be fading, but the spirit never dies, and so say all of us.

I hardly need mention that all performances by these popular Drama Group actors were superb, with only a couple of slight stumbles in the text, swiftly recovered. Well, it was a retirement home!

Many congratulations to the brilliant direction of David

Phillips who must have had his hands full keeping this cast under control, and all the back room boys and girls. The food at the interval was great as always.

I am now looking forward to June 24/25 when the BDG will be presenting 'Oh La La' and this being the May edition of the Box River News, that is not so far away.  
*Ed.*



*Above: They prepare their make up.*

*Below: On the terrace*

photo's John Kirby





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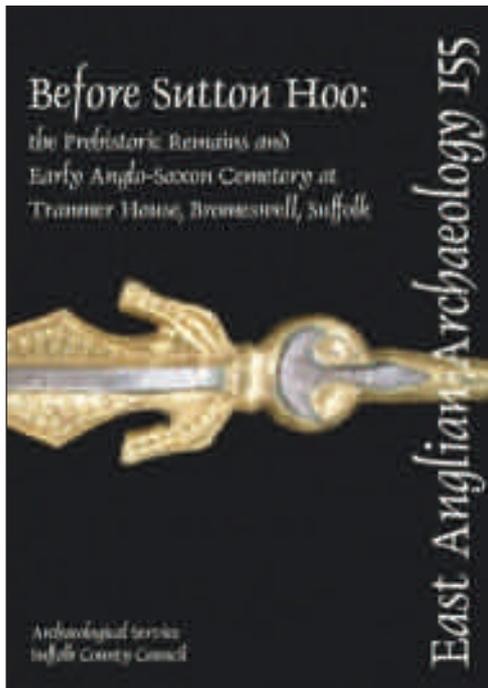
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# RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT SUTTON HOO

A Talk by John Newman



Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome John Newman to the Parish Room last night, where he inspired our 40 plus audience with his description of the most recent archaeological excavation at this famous site, undertaken just before construction of the new visitor centre, and with his incredible knowledge of all things Anglo Saxon - truly a master class performance by an expert in his field.

John explained how the first excavations uncovered some ancient material - prehistoric rubbish dumps and odd bits of pottery etc - but nothing of significance. However, after the site of the proposed visitor centre was moved some yards away, to the surprise of the archaeologists further trench digging identified another smaller and hitherto unknown Saxon cemetery some 500m north of the famous royal burial ground. In 2000, a rescue dig examined the footprint of the planned National Trust Visitor Centre, revealing nineteen inhumations (the act of burying the dead) and seventeen early Anglo-Saxon cremations. This site, known as the Tranmer House cemetery, was not of elite status, unlike the famous ship burial mounds, but began as a 'folk' cemetery where rites of cremation and inhumation were practiced; evidence of prehistoric occupation was also recorded.

John told us that over thirty early graves were recorded, with some juveniles and infants, and unequal proportions of males to females. It was probably just a small sample from a larger cemetery because finds to the north-west of the site suggested continuation of the burials, whilst grave-goods from the inhumation sites and radiocarbon dates for the cremation burials indicated the majority dated to the second half of the C6th. These findings suggest a wealthy local population in the period just prior to the founding of the mound cemetery at Sutton Hoo, and it most probably influenced the location and layout of the later Anglo-Saxon cemetery.

John advised that thirteen weapon-burials were recorded, from probably all male inhumation graves, with two or three with swords and one with an animal-art decorated shield; just four inhumation burials contained individuals in female costume. Skeletal survival in the graves was very poor, due to the acidic nature of the soil which just left 'sand bodies' from the staining that was all that remained; however, calcined bone from the cremations were better preserved as this is more resistant to the effects of the soil.

Aspects of the cremation rite identified parallels with Sutton Hoo: some animal offerings, one cremation in a large bronze 'hanging' bowl (which is believed to be Celtic and from the north west of the country) and the employment of burial monuments, albeit on a smaller scale.

Dating showed burial customs ended at Tranmer House at the close of the 6th century, just as the earliest cremations began at the Sutton Hoo mound cemetery, raising the possibility of an ancestral connection between the buried populations of the two cemeteries. The findings ultimately present a key new episode to understanding the origins of Sutton Hoo and potentially of the kingdom of East Anglia and its dynasty according to John.

Many questions were asked by our audience, who demonstrated a keen interest in our shared Anglo-Saxon heritage, which John was delighted and more than able to answer; all in all, it was a very good presentation indeed.

However, the Sutton Hoo story is far from over since the Heritage Lottery Fund released a statement in November 2015 entitled "Releasing the Story of Sutton Hoo".

The aim of a new National Trust project is to create an experience that appeals to a wide range of visitors. Although still in the early

sheild Decorations



development stage, 'Releasing the Story of Sutton Hoo' will hopefully see visitors take a new route through the landscape, with the importance and setting of the burial mounds playing a central role. Plans also include building a raised platform to provide views over the entire burial ground to the River Deben, from where the Anglo-Saxon ship was hauled before being buried in Mound One - the project is scheduled for completion in 2021.

We now look forward to welcoming guests new and old to the Parish Room on Wednesday 20th April, when our old friend Pip Wright will tell us "What it was like to live in Suffolk at the time of the plague"; its sure to be a fascinating talk, hopefully with some of Pip's macabre and ghoulish light touches presented in his own humorous way - I can't wait. Andy Sheppard

## Remember

The Box River News can be seen in full colour by downloading from the internet.

Just go to [boxfordvillagehall.co.uk](http://boxfordvillagehall.co.uk) and click on the BRN icon.

The Newsletter is usually available about two days after the published press date. [ed.kench@btinternet.com](mailto:ed.kench@btinternet.com)



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# COMMUNITY AWARDS

**Babergh and Mid Suffolk reveal the winners of their first-ever joint community awards! only Babergh listed below**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, in partnership with the East of England Co-Op, have revealed the winners to be recognised by their first-ever Joint Community Achievement Awards.

The awards, which were judged by a panel including district councillors and young people from local schools, have recognised 30 members of both communities, across four categories:

2. **Community Hero:** recognising a person who has provided selfless service to a voluntary body or made a significant contribution to their community.

A winner from our Benefice was:

**Tina Loose, from Boxford.** Tina is a well-respected and loved figure in the village. She is the “go to” person for many matters ranging from planning, heritage issues and natural history to fundraising for local amenities. Tina is never one to take credit for anything, she is a collaborative team worker, kind and objective in her thoughts and actions, supportive and a true friend of the village of Boxford and beyond.

# 3PR AWARDS

At the Boxford APM on Tuesday 12th April certificates were awarded to two members of the Three Parishes Response team.

The awards were presented by the chairman of Boxford Parish Council to Elisabeth D'Astur (pictured Right) for 1517 hours service during 2015 and Jasmine Lait (inset) 790 hours.

The Three Parishes Response team provides an essential service to our rural parishes but is in desperate need of new recruits to be trained and to ease the load on our present members. You do not have to give the long hours as above but any help you can provide will be more than welcome. For more information contact Peter Hibben on 01787 210819

Community First Responder (CFR) volunteers are trained to attend emergency calls received by the ambulance service and provide care until the ambulance arrives.

Volunteers can arrive at an emergency scene in a matter of minutes, as they are sent to calls in their local area.



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## SPRING/SUMMER

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL BOOKINGS TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS

From 1 April please contact Daphne Clark for bookings plus information on where to access keys for the hall. ☎: 01787210698,  
Mob: 07896414587 email: daphne.clark@btopenworld.com

## BOXFORD CARPET BOWLS CLUB NEEDS YOU

Boxford Carpet Bowls Club has been in existence for some 29 years but, recently, for various reasons, our numbers have diminished to such an extent that without some new members we may not be able to continue for very much longer.

Anyone wishing to give the game a try is assured of a very warm welcome. From 7th April we meet in Boxford Village Hall from 7.30 p.m. on Thursday evenings for a couple of hours and continue through the summer with a mix of club nights and friendly matches with other clubs in the local area.

Carpet bowls is good fun and it would be sad to see the club fold up after so many years. A few new members would make all the difference and we would be delighted to see you if you would like to have a go.

If you would like to know more about the club please give either Brian Porter, our Chairman, a ring on 01787 210581 or Jean Saunders, our Secretary, on 01787 210725. We would love to see or hear from you.

## Parochial Church Council at St Lawrence.



Above is a certificate we received following our successful application for grant aid towards our next project. To remove and replace sections of damaged wall plaster inside our much loved church.

The All Churches Trust have awarded £1,150 towards our Fabric Fund Appeal that was launched last year and which received such tremendous support from within the village community.

Peter Simpson

## GROTON COUNCIL VACANCIES

Groton Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies for parish councillors. If you are interested please contact the Clerk, Anita Robinson for further details.

clerk.groton@btinternet.com, 01787 211673, Logan Cottage, Groton Street, Groton, Sudbury CO10 5EE

## News from Primrose Wood:

Primrose Wood was Boxford's Millennium Project, if you have never visited it you are missing a treat. The access is via Daking Ave. There is a map showing the location in the newly erected notice board along side the river. Water proof footwear is recommended. On Wednesday 22nd June between 10a.m. - 3p.m. a group of volunteers will be in Primrose Wood removing the Himalayan Balsam from the river bank. They will be led by Alex Moore da Luz, from the River Stour Trust. If you would like to join them you would be most welcome. Himalayan Balsam is an attractive plant with pink flowers and a highly effective spring mechanism for dispersing the seeds. It is an invasive non-native species which ousts our native plants which in turn maintain the river bank. Himalayan Balsam is an annual and therefore dies off at the end of the year leaving the bank naked of vegetation resulting in erosion, hence the need to remove it. Boxford residents made heroic efforts to secure this area for future generations to enjoy, it is well worth a visit Ian & Jennie Lindsley

## An Apology

In the April edition I managed to include the wrong advertisement for the Linnet open day on Station Field, Sand Hill. The first Ad I was sent gave the date as the 7th April but close to press day I was sent an amended ad which I unfortunately failed to place in the BRN. I imagine that most readers will have seen the Leaflet that was distributed with the April BRN with the correct details and I do hope that my error did not cause too much confusion. Eddie BRN.

## MID SUFFOLK POLICE CADETS

Have vacancies for males & females aged 13 to 17.

Applications must be in by 1st May 2016.

The New Police Unit starts 25th May 6pm to 7.30pm during term time at Stowmarket. High School.

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# Wot's On

## 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!

## Boxford WI

Our speaker Jenny Gibbs having previously given us a talk on her Shirley Valentine moment when she embarked on her new life adventure and met the man of her dreams, this time came along to tell us about hatching, matching and dispatching, the Turkish village wedding. The traditions go back hundreds of years and are far removed from the weddings in Cities and Towns in Turkey, which are similar to those held in the UK. The celebrations begin on Thursday and last until Sunday lunch time. There are two different weddings in one, where the Bride and Groom have their own celebrations. On Thursday morning there is a short legal ceremony with a Registrar and vows are exchanged. The Bride and Groom then go back to their own homes. The Bride has a Henna night with her female friends and family when she wears a traditional Ottoman outfit in scarlet and gold. There is much dancing and singing then the Bride's hands and feet are painted with Henna by her Mother. Songs are sung to the Bride that gives advice on how to please her Mother in Law!

The next morning the wedding begins with all the Villagers invited which can be as many as 1,000 people. The invitations to the wedding are in the form of gifts usually a bag of Turkish delight from the Bride's family and handkerchiefs and towels from the Groom's family. Wedding gifts to the Groom are a bag of dried food such as flour, sugar, tea and dried fruits. Gifts for the Bride are a variety of bowls in different sizes wrapped in newspaper. Later money will be pinned on to the Groom as he is dancing. The wedding itself is all about feasting and dancing, there will be about 12 different types of food, which are the same at every wedding. On Sunday lunch time everything stops and the Groom and his family take the Bride from her home to his. All of the villagers turn out for this and there is much noise and merriment.

Jenny is an amusing speaker with many stories to tell and we are looking forward to her visiting us again for one of her many other talks, these range from a village farmhouse restoration, Turkish Cuisine, Christmas customs and other celebrations and the story of silk and pashmina.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

4th May	AGM & Resolution Meeting	Village hall	2pm
12th May	Place for Plants – guided walk	East Bergholt	2pm
1st June	Our 10th Birthday party	Village hall	2pm
9th June	Warden's Walk at Wolves Wood		2pm
29th June	Book Club	Mary's House	3pm
6th July	Melford Hall	village hall	2pm
14th July	walking group		tba
3rd August	Outing		tba
11th August	Mystery walk with Jayne		tba
31st August	Book Club	Mary's house	3pm.

## Nayland Open Gardens

Sunday 12th June 2016 2pm – 6pm

Enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cake in the Village Hall

### EUROPE - In or Out?

## Oh! La La!

Whatever the outcome come along to Boxford Village Hall and celebrate an Anglo/French bit of fun! Boxford Drama Group have done these "Theme Nights" before from celebrations of all things Scottish to a send up of the Sixties. Now the French are in our sights with our light hearted look at them and us! We promise songs, sketches and fun with a French twist.

Friday June 24th and Saturday June 25th at 7.30pm. We will be serving a French style Ploughmans in the interval and there will be a bar and raffle. TICKETS (£10.00) FROM BOXFORD POST OFFICE FROM MAY 2nd

Boxford Drama Group presents



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Includes a French Style Ploughmans served in the interval

Licensed Bar and Raffle

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**BOXFORD**  
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Sunday 5th June 2016 11.00am-5.00pm

*Over 20 gardens open in Boxford, Grafton and Edwardstone*

**Refreshments, Light Lunches  
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Tickets £5 (children under 16 FREE)

Main ticket desk at the Church or look out for the 'Garden Open' signs and pay at the first garden you come to

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 Angela Palmer 01787 212369

All funds raised benefit  
 St Mary's Church Anglican

# 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)

### MAY 2016

Thursday 5th 7.00 am Police and Crime Commissioner election

Saturday 7th 10.00 am Church coffee morning and gift day

Tuesday 10th 2.30 pm Fireside Club – poetry reading

Wednesday 11th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th 2.30 pm Fireside Club – Armchair exercises

Friday 27th 10.00 am Fireside Club – outing tba

## "Down Your Way with David"

Friday, May 6th 7.30pm at Groton village Hall

David Elliott has very kindly offered to take us on an imaginary tour of Groton, entertaining us on the way with numerous amusing tales of life in the village, spanning over 70 years. We will be serving a 'Ploughman's' to everybody during the interval, but please bring your own beer, wine etc; soft drinks and glasses are provided. All proceeds will be put towards Groton Church roof fund, so get your tickets soon at £6.50 each from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or Jayne Foster [211360]

## A Picture history of Margaret Catchpole

A woman ahead of her time.

Boxford Society AGM (April 30th 7.30, School Hall) will be preceded by a talk by Pip Wright. It tells the tale of Margaret Catchpole (1762 – 1819) a famous Suffolk heroine through the pictures that the Rev. Richard Cobbold originally painted for his book about her. These were never used, but are rather charming and have only recently come to light. Pip's good fortune in being able to use these helps illustrate a fascinating story of an adventuress, chronicler and criminal. Born in Suffolk, she worked as a servant in various houses including the Leader's and Cobbold's before being convicted of stealing a horse and later escaping from Ipswich Gaol. Following her final capture she was transported to Australia. Her entry in the Australian Dictionary of Biography describes her as one of the few true convict chroniclers with an excellent memory and a gift for recording events. This story as told by Pip Wright should not be missed. All welcome. A very short AGM will follow the talk. Members free and Visitors £2 are welcome.

## HISTORIC LANDSCAPES OF THE STOUR VALLEY

The Stoke by Nayland WEA is holding its Annual Day School on Saturday, 9th July 2016 starting at 10.30 in Stoke by Nayland Village Hall. The Colchester Archaeological Group will be giving three illustrated talks entitled

"A Ferret's Tale - The Tudor Hunting Lodge",

"The brick and tile kiln excavation", and

"The pre-historic landscape"

followed by a Guided Tour and walk around the Wormingford sites

The day will include coffee on arrival and an excellent buffet lunch at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall. Afternoon tea at a Wormingford pub will be provided after the tour.

Total cost £15

Please provide your own transport.

Strong shoes recommended for seeing the sights in the afternoon.

To book please contact: Sue Whiteley - Phone: 01787 210945

or by email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

Early booking is recommended.

## Art Exhibition and Spring Fair Stoke by Nayland

Bank Holiday Monday 30th May, 10am- 3.30pm

An exhibition and sale of paintings, sculpture, prints, wood turning and ceramics by local artists together with the Spring Fair with a Craft Fair, Dog Show, Children's Activities, Hog Roast and lots of stalls and side shows.



BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## SENIOR CITIZENS' MYSTERY OUTING 2016

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE**

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Ploughman's  
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Mrs Pat Kennedy - Scott 210319

# Wot's On

**LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY 7TH MAY**  
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 £3.50 per adult and £2.00 per young person

## Ladies Who Lunch

Stoke by Nayland Hotel and Spa

Thursday 26th May - Ladies Who Lunch: Spring/Summer Fashion Show  
 Get the girls together to enjoy a delicious 2-course lunch and Spring/Summer Fashion Show hosted by local boutique, The Gift Room (Great Horkesley). Price just £19.95pp! Call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com<mailto:sales@stokebynayland.com> to book!

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**Tuesday 3rd May**  
**at 7.30pm**

The Village Players Present  
**NOËL COWARD'S**  
**BLITHE SPIRIT**



Directed by Jim Storr

**MAY 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**8.00pm doors & bar open 7.30pm**  
**NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL**

TICKETS £7.50 (Under 16s £5)

available at Nayland, New (01206 262505) and (01206 263266) - afternoons only please  
 or for more info visit [www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk) or call 01206 262505

The theatre production is presented by special arrangement with Nayland Theatre Ltd

**30th ANNUAL DAY SCHOOL**  
 Stoke by Nayland Village Hall  
 10.30am, Sat. 9th July 2016

**HISTORIC LANDSCAPES OF THE STOUR VALLEY**



The Colchester Archaeological Group will be giving three free (but limited) talks entitled 'A Heron's Tale / The Water Milling Lodge', 'The Rectory and its site excavations', and 'The pre-Roman landscape' followed by a guided tour and walk around the Warmingford sites.

Refreshments and drinks will be available to order on the day. Tickets are £5.00 (under 16s £3.00) and are available from the day school. Tickets are available from the day school. Tickets are available from the day school.

**The planned lecture course is to be on the subject of Warmingford's History, beginning Thursday 26th September 2016.**



**Saint Andrew's Church, Warmingford**  
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 Spring Bank Holiday weekend - 28, 29 and 30th May  
 Open from 10.00am - 5.00pm daily.  
 No entry charge - Donations welcome!  
 Our local theme for this year -

**"A CELEBRATION OF HM THE QUEEN'S 90 YEARS"**

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 Teas, Cakes, Lunches and Refreshments!  
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Little Waldingfield

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## THE ANGEL INN

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Thursday 30th June Ladies Who Grill – BBQ

Thursday 28th July Classic French Cookery

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

**Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton**

**Priest in Charge:** The Revd Judith Sweetman  
The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford CO10 5JT  
Tel: 01787 210091; e-mail: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com  
*The Revd Judith's day off is normally Friday but this may vary according to circumstances*

**NSM:** The Revd David Abel, 13 Church Street, Boxford CO10 5DU  
Tel: 211765; e-mail: davidabel19@hotmail.com

**Reader:** Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD  
Tel: 211236; Fax: 211238; e-mail: ChrisKingsC@aol.com

**Lay Elder:** David Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU  
Tel: 210360; Fax: 329770; 07968 791135; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com

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

**Benefice house:** Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ.  
For much more information about the five parishes in our Benefice please go to our Church Near You web site at [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

## BENEFACTICE NEWS

**Ministry Team Meeting:** The ministry team meets at Mary's House at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 18th May 2016.**

**Archdeacons's Visitation 2016:** Those elected as churchwardens in the Sudbury deanery will be formally admitted to office by the Archdeacon of Sudbury, the Ven Dr David Jenkins, at a service in **St Mary's Church, Bures, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19th May 2016.** The service is open to all: please come to support the churchwardens from our benefice (albeit few in number) at this annual service which acknowledges and affirms their vital rôle in the life of the local church.

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

### Week of Prayer – "Thy Kingdom Come"

Jesus Christ calls every person to follow him. As Christians it's our duty and joy to share that invitation. That's why the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a week of prayer this Pentecost, from **8th to 15th May** — let's pray for every Christian to receive new confidence and joy in sharing this life-transforming faith. Go to the website [www.thykingdom.co.uk](http://www.thykingdom.co.uk) to find ideas and resources to inspire you.

**Ascension Day, Thursday 5th May:** There will be a service at All Saints' Church, Acton at **7.30 pm**. Look out for further details in The New Wine weekly pewsheets.

### Diocesan e-news

Don't forget that you can sign up to receive (free) the weekly diocesan eNews, which gives details of forthcoming events in the diocese, as well as other news. Go to [www.cofesuffolk.org](http://www.cofesuffolk.org) and enter your e-mail address in the box at the foot of the home page.



**Churches Together Prayer Breakfasts**  
**Saturdays 8.00 AM to 9.30 AM.**

CTiS&D prayer breakfasts in May, to which all are welcome, will be held at the following venues:

- 7th** St Mary's Church, Glemsford
- 14th** Sudbury Baptist Church
- 21st** Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street, Great Cornard
- 28th** All Saints' Church, Acton

Please look at the Churches Together website for details of other forthcoming events: [www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk).

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

### Churchwardens:

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

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 3rd April, at St. Mary's Boxford the retiring churchwardens Ruth Kingsbury and Peter Patrick were presented with gifts by Revd. Judith on behalf of the PCC. These were very much appreciated. Peter Dilnot was nominated as a Churchwarden for the coming year. He will be assisted by Michael Gray in the capacity of Assistant Churchwarden. Peter will be admitted into office by the Archdeacon at a service on May 19th.



**Christian Aid Week this year is May 15th to May 21st.**

Jennie and Ian Lindsley are holding a **Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy** at their home on **May 14th, 9.30 am to 12 noon**. Everybody welcome.

During the week there will be the usual door to door collection.

There will be a **cake stall** and **raffle** plus coffee in **Mary's House** on **May 21st** starting at **9.00 am**. Also Alison Brain will be selling beads and gifts from Uganda at this event; please do come and browse.

Janet Daniels writes: *I had planned not to organise Christian Aid in this area this year having done it for around 20 years. However, when new volunteers are needed for so many projects it seems it is not a good year to stop, especially when there are more people than ever in the world needing our support. However, I really do need help. Help with contacting collectors, help filling and dropping off packs to the collectors, help delivering and collecting envelopes, help with cake making and generally supporting Christian Aid. Please phone me on 01787 210798, or Revd. Judith on 01787 210091, if YOU can help in any way.*

Janet Daniels



The next Cafe Church Service is on Sunday 1st May at 11.00 am in St. Mary's Boxford. All are welcome to this informal service with good coffee, pastries and children's craft activities



The Bible Study Group meets at Russets, 47 Swan Street on 2nd and 4th Mondays each month by kind permission of Margaret and Peter Holden. We are presently exploring Marks Gospel. All are welcome to this hour of



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
**Vacant**

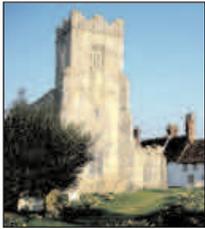
On Tuesday 15th March our Lent Lunch was jointly hosted by Edwardstone, Groton and Newton. Sue Beven kindly gave us a short insight into the workings of Shelter Box, our chosen charity. We are so grateful to all who came and supported us by their generous donations. We finally sent £202 to Shelter Box. After the lunch we found that someone had left their black, hooded raincoat hanging on a hook in our hall. If it is yours, please contact Pam Dodd on 01787 210397.

**Rota**

**Sidesman/Coffees** Pam Dodd/Maureen Cooling 09:30 am 15th May  
Pam Dodd/Caroline Williams 10:00 am 29th May

**Flowers** Ineke Morris

**Cleaning** Emma Driscoll



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:**  
**Vacant**

**From the Registers** Funeral and burial in the Churchyard On 13th May 015 – Patrick ('Paddy') Evelyn McCorkell, aged 88 years.

**Churchwardens** Susan Knight (who, with her husband, Howard, recently moved to Rattlesden) and Jayne Foster stood down as churchwardens at this year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 12th April 2016. Sue has served as churchwarden for 10 years and Jayne for 9 years. No one was nominated to replace them, so Groton will be without churchwardens for the coming year. During the subsequent Annual Parochial Church Meeting the Revd Judith expressed "extra special thanks" to both Sue and Jayne and presented them with gifts on behalf of the parish "to mark their great contributions to church and village life." The gifts for Sue included a watercolour of St Bartholomew's Church, specially commissioned from and painted by Liz Gardiner.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2016** At the APCM on 12th April, which followed the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, the following were elected to serve on the PCC for the year 2016-2017: Sheila Gooderham, Pat Kennedy Scott, Howard Knight, Susan Knight and Diana McCorkell. They join the Revd Judith (chairman), David Lamming (ex-officio as a member of the General Synod) and Jayne Foster (also ex-officio as a member of the deanery synod.) Jayne continues as PCC treasurer, in succession to Simon Marchant. The Revd Judith expressed her thanks to Simon, who served in that rôle for 4 years before standing down on 31 December 2015.

**PCC Meeting Tuesday 17 May 2016**, 7.00 pm at Mary's House. Items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary, David Lamming, by **Sunday 8th May**. [E mail [djlamm@hotmail.com](mailto:djlamm@hotmail.com)]

**Christian Aid Week 2016 15th - 21st May.**

Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid's main fund-raising event. If you are able to and would be willing to help with the house-to-house collection in either Groton or Little Waldingfield, please contact me on 01787 210360. David Lamming.

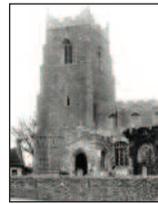
**The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations**

As the Boxford Community Council is planning quite a substantial celebration for the Queen's 90th Birthday, which will cover Groton and Edwardstone as well as Boxford, it has been decided to shelve plans for our proposed tea party at Groton, and join up with the festivities at Boxford Village Hall instead.



Jayne Foster

Sue Edwards



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**  
**Vacant**

Our Family Service on Good Friday was well attended. We were fortunate in having some children in the congregation, who helped Revd. Judith with the service. We adjourned to the Parish Room for hot cross buns, tea and coffee, organised by Jill Duffy. We thank her for her time and her generosity.

We were sorry not to be able to host the Sunrise Service on Easter Day this year, but we had the pleasure of the traditional 8.00 am Holy Communion celebrated by Revd. Judith for a small but appreciative gathering.

**Saturday 21st May** A Coffee Morning will be held in the **Parish Room** for **Christian Aid Week**. There will be a photographic exhibition on Namibia by Fran Gregor-Smith. Homemade cakes and preserves will also be on sale.

Our Appeal for the restoration of our church has reached the half-way mark. This is great news, and we thank all our generous donors. Our main fundraiser this year will be our **Open Gardens** on **Sunday 3rd July** from **11.00 am to 5.00 pm**. We welcome all gardeners who would like to take part. Please let us know: Fran on 01787 248239 or Tricia on 01787 247932.

On a sad note, someone has taken out a large central portion of our visitors' book which is always there in the church for people to record their visit. Torn pieces were later found in a muddy ditch in Church Road. We then discovered that one of the organ stops had been pulled out and taken away. Our church is always open, and we don't want to lock it; we just hope we don't lose anything else.

**Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May** Please see the paragraph in the Groton section.

**Rotas**

**1st**

**8th**

**15th**

**22nd**

**29th**

**Sidesmen**

Mr. Bowden and Mrs. Ridgeon

Mrs. Eddington

Mrs. Squirrel

Mrs. Duffy

Mrs. Gregor-Smith

**Flowers**

Mrs. Roser



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

**Churchwarden:**

Christine Cornell,

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

13th March: Our Service of Holy Communion was celebrated by the Revd. Judith and her sermon was based on the story of the dinner at the home of Lazarus. There, Mary anointed Jesus's feet with a costly perfume and Judas protested why had the perfume not been sold and the money gone to the poor. His actual interest was to take the money himself as he was in charge of the money box. Jesus advised that the remains of the perfume be saved to be used for him at the end of his life which was soon to come. Thank you to our helpers for refreshments that we enjoyed with friends from other churches in the Benefice.

27th March: On Easter Sunday we welcomed Christopher Kingsbury to lead us in Holy Communion by Extension. Our church was filled with daffodils giving a lovely glowing light which seemed very appropriate on this special morning as we thought of the Resurrection. As each church in the Benefice celebrated Easter we were few in number. We enjoyed sharing a Simnel Cake and chatting after the service. Thank you to Christopher Kingsbury for being with us and for managing the music.

10th April: We celebrated the service of Holy Communion with Revd. Judith who kept going despite a heavy cold with the help of David Lamming. The sermon was about Saul's conversion from evil threats against followers of Jesus and after regaining his sight. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ and to all our helpers.

**Notice: 7th May All Saints' Annual Gift Day. 10.00 am to 12.00 noon** at the Village Hall. Refreshments, raffle and stalls. All are very welcome.

**Village Prayers**

Each week, in the five churches: informal, friendly service, 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us! Please let Revd Judith know of any people or situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on Tel. 01787 210091 or emailed to: [revjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:revjudithboxriver@btinternet.com). All these services take place in the churches during the months April to September and the rota is as follows: **Tuesday** 9.00 Edwardstone, **Wednesday** 9.00 Groton, 17.00 Little Walsdingfield, **Thursday** 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>Rogation Sunday Sixth of Easter</b>	<b>(W)</b>
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Walsdingfield	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Café Church (theme: Rogation)	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Chris Kingsbury

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Boxford		
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	19.00 Holy Communion - Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Lay Team
Lt Walsdingfield		
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	13.00 Wedding of Jason Wilkins and Stephanie Harris	Revd Judith
Boxford		
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	14.00 Wedding of Andrew Martin and Jenna Gunn	Revd Judith
Groton		
Edwardstone	17.00 Wedding of Tristan Wood and Tracey Wood	Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday after Ascension Day 7th of Easter</b>	<b>(W)</b>
Groton	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Boxford		

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whit Sunday (Pentecost)</b>	<b>(R)</b>
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion (Christian Aid Service)	Revd Judith

<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Boxford		
Boxford	14.30 Wedding of Alfred Gregory and Paige White	Revd Judith
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	19.00 Compline - Newmans Hall	Lay Team
Lt Walsdingfield		

<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>(W)</b>
Groton	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Chris Kingsbury

<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Boxford		

<b>Saturday 28th</b>	12.30 Wedding of Mike Lofthouse and Alison Plummer	Revd Judith
Edwardstone		

<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>First after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Edwardstone	10.00 Holy Communion - Five Villages Service	Revd Judith
Boxford	13.30 Christening of Denny Williams	Revd Judith
Boxford	15.30 Christening of James Cating	Revd Judith

## Soap Box

There was an interesting article that caught my eye in the newspaper the other day. Apparently, unpaid work – housework, running the children to school and the like – accounts for an estimated £1 trillion a year. That's an awful lot of noughts and adds up to around £40,000 per household annually, though I confess I find that a difficult figure to reconcile with what people earn. I suppose it depends on what value you ascribe to work around the house.

At the same time, there was a codicil to the report which stated that volunteer work was on the decline. Now that I find I can believe, having been involved with a number of charitable organisations and finding recruiting new people – particularly younger ones – increasingly difficult. Of course, we all live busy lives these days, though I am reminded of an old adage that says if you want something done, give it to a busy person. In my experience this is all too true.

This particular belief strikes me as being allied to another old and sage saying, Parkinson's Law – originally an essay in the Economist magazine in 1955 but republished with other material in book form as The Pursuit of Progress a few years later – states that work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion. It was originally conceived as a dig against bureaucracy. C Northcote Parkinson, the author, had been a civil servant and his experience clearly coloured his outlook.

But in reality I find there is more than a little truth in this. In my experience, the less I have to do, the longer I take to achieve any worthwhile results. The tasks in hand do indeed expand to fill the time available. So giving a job to someone who is already busy should ensure that it will be completed swiftly (assuming the person in question is properly organised, of course), while finding a person with time on their hands may not necessarily achieve a quicker resolution.

While I have yet to embrace full retirement (though I confess to what my ex colleagues term "winding down"), I have been struck by the number of retired friends who attest to the fact that they are so busy having finished with the day job that they cannot understand how they ever had time to earn a living. It may be that this is because they are in pursuit of activities they had insufficient time to follow when working, or a reflection of a life spent more in voluntary service, but it could equally be Parkinson's Law in practice.

Certainly, I feel I have never felt busier in my life, though I suspect that the actual amount of work I accomplish is far less than when I was younger, fitter and better motivated. Such a situation does have its upside, though. I have a useful and interesting mix of paid and pro bono work that covers a wide variety of areas, so I'm seldom bored. I would like to think it keeps me young. Certainly, I wouldn't have it any other way  
*Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.*

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# OLD LADY ATTEMPTS 2ND MARATHON

## In AID of Asthma UK and AYME



When my lovely 14 year old daughter Maya suggested that I should entitle this article 'Old Lady attempts 2nd London Marathon' I had mixed feelings.

I am feeling my age (47) lately, as every few months another ache or wrinkle arrives, as I do tend to love a bit of adventure and to live an active and outdoors life. I also try to live by my granddad's, the late Harold Cooper's motto, which was to ignore aches and pains by keeping busy. When I picture an old lady, I see a curved back, white hair, glasses & slowly walking with a stick. I am

reassured, as that is not at all how I appear. So I apply the same approach my grandad had to an aching knee and ignore my own teenagers jest.

Ever since my dad ran the London Marathon in 1985 I hoped one day to take part in this incredible event. I gained a charity place for the 2015 London Marathon, running for Asthma UK, as both my children have suffered with Asthma. In February last year, 4 months into my training, my then 11 year old son Oliver fell ill with suspected tonsillitis. After 6 weeks & 3 lots of antibiotics he was still unwell with a chronic sore throat. Needless to say my training had gone downhill, I was no longer as committed to my running plan due to being so worried about my son. However, I was committed to raising £1,800 for Asthma UK, so felt I couldn't give up.

On 26th April I managed somehow to run 26.2 miles through the streets of London. My family along with millions of amazing spectators were there to support me, except Oliver who was too tired and unwell. Friends were looking after him at home. It wasn't until the middle of May that he

was diagnosed with ME/ CFS - Myalgic Encephalopathy/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. He had suffered a series of unexplained illnesses throughout his primary school life, but glandular fever was supposedly the trigger for this debilitating illness.

It is now over a year since Oliver became ill with ME.

I have been caring for him at home throughout that time. There have been some very dark days for both of us, as the advice (there is no cure or medicine) given by the specialist of getting Oliver back to school gradually and building it up slowly hasn't really worked. There were a couple of periods following time in warmer climes that he felt much better, but both were soon followed by relapses.

So in my darkest moments what do I do for therapy? I go for a run with my beagle Baxter. You may have spotted us out around the lanes close to Boxford.

The feeling of elation after last years marathon coupled with the fact that Oliver had missed seeing me run, resulted in a mad moment to apply for a 2nd time a week after crossing the finish line, in the hope that he could come along to watch if I were to run again.

In October last year I was awarded a ballot place. This means I don't have to reach a target of a certain amount of money. The pressure is slightly off & I can focus more on my training and other things.

So on April 24th, I will be running my 2nd London Marathon. I have decided to run for Asthma UK again and AYME - Association of Young People with ME. This charity offers much needed support to families of young people with ME. My aim is to also raise awareness of ME.

I hope that Oliver will be able to come to London this time & watch me run, as we now have a wheel chair for him. He is still getting used to using it, but hopefully he will see that it will help him enjoy life a bit more. He has to take things easy and pace himself. I keep the wheel chair in the car if we go out to help preserve his energy. This enables him to get out and about instead of being stuck at home every day.

Thanks to my wonderful supporters last year I raised £2,700 for Asthma UK. If you would like to come to London to take part in watching this incredible event and see me along with 37,000 runners please do, I promise you won't be disappointed! Seeing a familiar face in the crowd would be such a boost. Or if you would like to sponsor me please visit : <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ElizabethDeAlwis>

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# GARDENING IN MAY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Sow runner beans and dwarf French beans outside, by the time they are through the danger of sever frost should be over. It is still too early to plant out those raised under glass unless some form of protection from frost can be given.

Spinach beet and swiss chard can be sown in rows 18" apart putting a pinch of seed at intervals of 9". Both of these are highly productive crops the spinach beet will provide pickings of nutritious leaves for the next 12 months and the swiss chard has the advantage of the broad stems as a vegetable and the leaves as spinach, but unlike spinach beet it is not frost hardy. Sweet corn seed can be sown outside at about the middle of the month. Sow in a block of short rows rather than one long row as an aid to better pollination.

Plant up hanging baskets right away to give the plants time to establish before hanging outside at the end of the month. Make sure that brackets are well secured to walls as the weight of a fully grown basket can put quite a strain on them. To get the best from your baskets regular feeding and watering is necessary. Do not allow the compost to become impoverished before you start feeding as the plants will have suffered damage which will take weeks to correct. Modern composts have only sufficient nutrients to maintain good growth for about a month, so feeding should start about two weeks after planting. For the first few weeks use a high nitrogen feed to get good healthy growth changing to one of high potash nearer flowering time. It is a good idea to sprinkle some slow release fertiliser granules on the compost. Moisture unlocks the fertiliser in the granules over several months to gently feed the plants over the whole season.

Don't neglect to water newly planted trees and shrubs. Give them a good soaking once a week to ensure that moisture gets deep down into the soil to encourage new root growth.

Large clumps of bluebells can be lifted now and divided up and replanted. Choose a site in dappled shade where nothing else grows in summer. Bluebells in a border of rich well cultivated soil can become quite invasive by multiplying rapidly and self seeding to completely take over the bed.

Leaf cuttings can now be taken from African Violets which do not produce a stem and their flowers and leaves grow from a central crown. Remove healthy young leaves with a sharp knife, trim the stems to one inch and insert the cuttings into the rooting compound. This should be a

mixture of 50/50 peat compost and sharp sand or perlite. Water cuttings in tray or pot and cover with a clear plastic lid to retain moisture. Give a bit of bottom heat and cuttings should root in about three weeks. The little plantlets that develop at the base of the leaf cutting can be separated and potted up. Grape vines will need constant attention now and through the summer months. The secret of good grape growing is keeping the vines under control so that all the energy goes into producing a limited number of bunches. The overall growth of the plant must be controlled or it will produce nothing but a tangled mess of leaves and shoots. Growths will appear from each spur on the main rod and these should be reduced to one shoot on each spur. The single shoot should be allowed to grow until a bunch of flowers have formed and should then be stopped two leaves beyond the bunch.

As bulbs fade and herbaceous borders grow in leaps and bounds, it is now clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin, depending on regional weather variations, and you can take softwood cuttings. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime, as the lawn will be loving the warmer temperatures this month brings

## Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
- 2 Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
- 3 Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
- 4 Collect rainwater and investigate ways to recycle water for irrigation
- 5 Regularly hoe off weeds
- 6 Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
- 7 Mow lawns weekly
- 8 Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
- 9 Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs

10 Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs  
Carry on removing moss and weeds from paths, terraces and drives and keep an eye out for pests around the garden. Try to keep the use of chemical controls to a minimum - they may kill off pests, but they also kill off the beneficial insects that prey on them such as ladybirds and hoverfly larvae. Other unwelcome visitors on the move are lily beetles (bright red little darlings with black heads and their yellow larvae), black-spotted green caterpillars or the gooseberry sawfly.

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# Parish Council Matters

**Groton Parish Council: Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 2 March 2016 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton**

BC Fraulo (in the Chair), J Osborne (Vice-Chair), R Kelsey, Nick Cox, Adam Dixon-Smith In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), B Hurren, R Cheeseman

**The Minutes of the Meeting of 13 January 2016 were approved and signed.**

**Reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public** – R Cheeseman attended to provide Councillors with information regarding his planning application B/16/00084 Rose Cottage, 2 Daisy Green, Groton. He advised that he had visited his neighbours and they had said that they had no problem with the application.

Jeremy Osborne confirmed that he had attended the recent SALC Babergh Area Meeting. Mike Evans from Suffolk Family Focus provided information on the National Troubled Families Programme. Suffolk has been asked to take on up to 800 families and if anyone knows anyone who would benefit from this the Parish Council can pass on the details. Regarding the opt-out from the external audit procedures, SALC had advised that no council is known to have opted out. There is an online consultation on SALC's website regarding parking outside schools, asking for people's experiences. It has to be completed by the Parish Council and if anyone in the village would like any comments logged, they should contact the clerk.

**Reports - Babergh District Council** - B Hurren gave his apologies in relation to the last meeting, as he had been detained at Lindsey where they were having a presentation from County Broadband. Regarding the mobile phone mast, he confirmed that the petition is being presented by James Cartlidge MP next week. BDC has increased council tax for the first time for several years. The income from BDC's solar panels is excellent. The Sand Hill development is ahead of schedule and the first 5 houses will be marketed shortly, with completion of the development likely by November. There was discussion regarding signs on the bypass to encourage people to visit Boxford for shops, pubs and other facilities.

**Planning Matters:** - Planning application B/16/00084 Rose Cottage, 2 Daisy Green, Groton – erection of detached dwelling. Councillors had visited the site and discussed the plans with R Cheeseman. Following discussion it was agreed to respond to BDC as follows: "We have concerns about the application not being in accordance with adopted planning policy and consider it to be a departure from the Local Plan. We would like clarification as to whether it is being advertised as such."

**Local Housing update** – A site for affordable housing has been identified. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and R Kelsey had met with Hastoe Housing Association and recommended to other Councillors present that the Parish Council should appoint Hastoe as the housing association to work with them in order to proceed with plans for affordable housing in Groton. Hastoe specialises in Rural Exception sites and they will work very closely with the Parish Council. Other Councillors concurred and the Chairman agreed to advise the Housing Officer that the Parish Council have been working with at BDC and MSDC accordingly (proposed by J Osborne and seconded by R Kelsey).

The Clerk had prepared an initial draft of a Community Emergency Plan using the short template. Councillors will consider any required amendments and further information, to be discussed further at the next meeting.

**Casual Vacancy** – No-one had come forward to fill the vacancy. It will continue to be advertised.

**Groton United Charities** – The PC ratified the decision to renew the appointments of the existing Trustees of GUC for a further period of 3 years, retrospectively to 3 May 2015.

**Highway and Footpath matters** - Footpath cutting – information had been received from SCC regarding the cost of cutting footpaths in the village. It had been suggested that this money could be passed to the PC who could then arrange the cutting themselves. In view of the fact that SCC would need to know in the next couple of weeks whether or not the PC would like to take this on for the forthcoming financial year it was resolved that the PC would leave things as they are this year but make further enquiries, including finding out whether funding would be available for verge cutting as well as for footpaths. C Fraulo had discussed the issue with a local contractor who was interested in the work.

J Osborne had been contacted by someone who had been upset by horses using the permissive footpath from the Fox & Hounds down to Boxford. A Boxford Councillor has already spoken to the riders concerned.

The Council resolved not to take up the offer from Quiet Lanes Suffolk.

It was noted that potholes were appearing again and the Clerk will continue to report them.

## **Financial matters:**

The Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment were approved as under and cheque signed:

Reserve Account as at 29 January 2016	£3516.98
Current Account as at 29 January 2016	£3388.59
Total	£6905.57

Donations and s137 payments for the financial year were agreed as under:

£100	East Anglian Air Ambulance
£320	Boxford Playing Fields
£330	Groton PCC
£150	Sudbury CAB
£100	East Anglia's Children's Hospices

The Council reviewed the Asset Register and its internal financial controls and resolved that all was in order.

Councillors checked the accounts and Bank Reconciliation and confirmed that all was in order.

**Future Agenda items** – Local Housing, Community Emergency Planning, Footpath cutting

**Date for next meeting** – Annual Meeting 7pm 4 May 2016, Annual Parish Meeting 8pm 4 May 2016.

**EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL: MINUTES of the meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council on Monday 21 March 2016**

**Present:** S Norman, M Childs, P Clarke, P Baker, C Britcher

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk); James Finch (SCC); Bryn Hurren (BDC); Daphne Clark (Parish Hall chair); and one other member of the public

**Reports from: Suffolk County Council** – J Finch had previously circulated his report, which referred to SCC's budget, the Children's Services being rated Good by Ofsted, consultation regarding Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, and the Devolution deal announced in the Budget. P Baker asked whether broadband would reach the far end of the village within 5 months as the website seemed to be suggesting. J Finch said that progress was being made, and his team met with the broadband staff weekly to monitor progress. The Clerk asked if J Finch had seen G Peacock's email of today's date regarding potholes which were repaired last year breaking up again. He had and he is looking at another system which will provide a first time fix.

**Babergh District Council** – B Hurren provided information on the setting of BDC's budget, and said that the solar panels on council houses were doing well. He was thanked for repairing the PC notice board in Sherbourne Street. He will attend the inspection of the Rogers Farm Solar Farm site on 22 March. Work is being undertaken to find another site for a mobile phone mast. P Baker asked if consultation could take place before the site was finalised to avoid previous problems. B Hurren will do what he can on this. He was asked to chase up the cutting of the hedge at Mill Green again, and will liaise with Boxford PC regarding the overgrown hedge at the bottom of Sherbourne Street which is obstructing the footpath.

**The Minutes of the Meeting of 18 January 2016 were approved and signed.**

**Councillor vacancy** – Councillors resolved not to co-opt the previous applicant for the vacancy and it will continue to be advertised.

**Highway and Footpath Matters** – Potholes – the Clerk will report a number of potholes that have appeared or re-appeared, and chase up the clearing of the culvert at the bottom of the hill near Temple Bar.

**Footpath cutting** – information had been received from BDC on the budget for footpath cutting, and they had identified which paths they cut. It was resolved that P Baker would check who was cutting the other paths, and their condition, and the PC would revisit the possibility of paying for additional cutting once this had been done.

**Other matters** – there was an increasing problem with people riding horses and cycles on the footpaths in all 3 villages. The Clerk will liaise with Groton PC in the first instance regarding the issue.

**Reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public** – Daphne Clark reported further on the problem in the Disabled Toilet in the Parish Hall where a large crack has appeared. It may be necessary to knock it down and rebuild, in which case the cost will be substantial. She reported that Mrs Fiona Raymond was giving up the Parish Hall booking after many years. Daphne will be the key holder for the time being.

**Planning Matters** - Planning application received –B/16/00224 – 1 Mill Green, Edwardstone –erection of 2 storey rear extension. The applicant attended and answered Councillors' questions. After consideration the PC resolved that it had no objection to the plans.

**Proposed solar farm at Rogers Farm** – M Childs will attend the inspection on 22 March.

**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 29 January 2016	£4494.23
Total	£7010.75

Donations and s137 payments – the PC resolved to make the following donations:

Cheque no	Amount	Payee
100777	£300	Edwardstone PCC
100778	£375	Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust
100779	£350	Edwardstone Village Hall
100780	£100	Boxford Playing Fields

The accounts to date and bank reconciliation were checked and signed by councillors, and the effectiveness of the internal financial controls was checked and approved.

Standing orders and financial regulations were checked and approved. It was agreed that these would be looked at again later in the year to take into account very recent changes.

**Quotations for defibrillator in the phone box** – The Clerk reported that she had now received the defibrillator. There had been some difficulty regarding the emergency phone. This can be installed but there will be an annual cost to the PC of £52. There is sufficient funding for at least the first year's fee to be paid from donations received. The PC resolved to have the emergency phone installed. The Clerk had received a voucher for free paint for the phone box. Councillors P Clarke and P Baker agreed to tidy up and paint the box and the Clerk will then arrange for the defibrillator to be installed, along with the phone once it is received. A training session will be arranged for anyone interested locally – both the Community Heartbeat Trust and Peter Hibben of the local 3PR have offered to do this.

**The date of the next meeting** was confirmed as Monday 16 May 2016. The Annual Meeting of the Council will take place at 7pm and the Annual Parish Meeting, to which all residents and members of local groups are invited, will be at 8pm.

## POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTION 5 MAY



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I will continue to work with the Chief Constable to cut crime and anti-social behaviour.

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Full details of my manifesto are on  
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## Community Trips to Quay Theatre

Our next trip to the theatre on the community bus is on 31st May to see the film *The Lady in the Van* pick up time 6.30 at the Fleece. We have three tickets left so if anyone knows of someone who is unable to travel to events because of lack of transport or mobility please let me know. The latest Quay Theatre Programme is currently being distributed around the village and we will pick a couple of additional trips that we think would be enjoyable. Bryn. 210854.

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## THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - APRIL 2016



The Names on our War Memorials – May 2016  
Last month I gave details of four of the men from our villages, who died in May 1915. In this issue we will meet Gunner William Baker, 34230, of the 86th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison

Artillery, Lance Corporal William Edward Jordan, 14297, of the 9th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment, and John Tiffen, 3/8424, of the 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. William Baker also died in May 1915, on the 9th, but in a very different theatre of war to the men discussed last month. His name is recorded in the Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. William Jordan died on 25th May 1916, and John Tiffen the next day, 26th May, both on the Western Front. (The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records John's surname in error as Tiffin, but there seems no doubt that their records are of our John Tiffen).

To account for William Baker's death we have to ask why the First World War extended into modern day Iraq, then known as Mesopotamia. In the first decade of the 20th century, the United Kingdom had extensive interests in the region principally because of the vast oil reserves that were beginning to be developed in a major way, but also for strategic purposes in respect of access to the Persian Gulf. The Anglo-Persian Oil Company had secured exclusive rights to the oil reserves throughout the whole of the Persian Empire, but the Ottoman Empire, governed from Constantinople, maintained a military presence in much of the region. Shortly before the war in 1914, the British government had contracted with the company to supply oil to the Navy, and one of the world's first oil refineries was established in Abadan, near Basra. At the outbreak of hostilities in Europe Britain sent a force to secure the region and protect the refinery. At the time the Ottoman Empire was retaining a position of neutrality, but in the autumn of 1914, a complex series of events triggered by the British Mediterranean Fleet's pursuit of two German Warships, which took refuge at Constantinople, resulted in Britain and France declaring war on the Ottoman Empire on 5th November 1914. The Ottoman Empire formally responded on the 14th November, whence it became an ally of Germany.

In Mesopotamia the British and Ottoman forces engaged in various skirmishes throughout the winter of 1914-1915. But a major offensive began on 12th April 1915 with the Ottoman forces attacking British positions in an attempt to begin to secure the Shat-al-Arab region and much of its oil wealth. The British overcame this attack and began the pursuit of the Ottoman forces up the Tigris towards Kut and Baghdad. This advance continued for several weeks with considerable success, but, although we cannot be certain, it is likely that somewhere in this long running battle, William Baker lost his life. He was 24 and a very long way from his home in White Street Green.

William Baker was born in White Street to John and Maria Baker in 1893. His father, who was born in Boxford, was an agricultural steam engine driver. His mother was born close by in Polstead. I have been unable to locate William in the 1911 Census so I do not know how he was employed. By 1911 John and Maria had nine surviving children, the youngest just two. John was their second son.

William Jordan and John Tiffen, both serving with the Suffolk Regiment, though in different battalions died within a day of each other. I have been unable to identify any specific action or engagement that involved the Suffolks around this time. William is buried in La Brique Military Cemetery No.2, and John is in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension Nord. The former is on the northern edge of Ypres itself and the latter is a few miles to the south west of the town. The front line passed through this area for much of the war and it was the scene of the endless war of attrition that characterised the fighting along the trenches of the Western Front outside of the major engagements such as the Somme.

William was born in Newton in 1897 and appears as plain Edward in the 1911 Census as a farm labourer, his father, William, being a farm bailiff. William senior was born in Campsea Ashe near Wickham Market. His mother was Gertrude and she was born in Eriswell across to the east of Suffolk near Mildenhall. Edward was their eldest child. At some point he must have taken his father's name and became William Edward (though the Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists him as William Edwards, which is incorrect). It would appear he enlisted in

Sudbury and he died in action aged 19.

John was born in Groton in 1894 to Robert and Elizabeth, their third son. By the time of the 1901 Census the family was living at Creeting St Peter near Stowmarket. Robert was a shepherd at the time and later a stockman, though that could mean the same thing as far as the Census returns were concerned. By 1911 John, now recorded as Jack, was also a stockman. Robert was born in Milden and Elizabeth in Groton, so the family had its roots in our villages and at the time of John's birth the family is recorded as living in Home Farm Road, Groton. John enlisted at Stowmarket and he died of wounds sustained in action aged 22.

When, after the War, the massive task of erecting the so familiar standard pattern headstones for all the graves within the war cemeteries was being undertaken, next of kin were given the opportunity of having an additional inscription included on the headstones. Documents held by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission show that William Jordan's mother, Gertrude, and William Baker's mother, Maria both chose to do so. On William Jordan's headstone are the words 'Thy will be done', and on William Baker's headstone are the words 'Rest in the Lord'. These quietly understated last written words by parents to their lost sons speak of great dignity in the face of such massive loss.

Lastly, as a footnote to the events that unfolded in Mesopotamia in 1915 that cost William Baker his life, it is a heavy irony that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has had to produce a two volume Roll of Honour located in this country for all the graves and commemorative panels in Iraq because of the volatile security conditions prevailing in the region at present. It is the settlement imposed upon and the parceling up of the region between the major allied powers after the War, that is currently unraveling as is all too apparent every day in our newspapers and on our television screens.

These three men will be remembered in our prayers as follows: William Baker at the 11:00 service on the 8th of May at Boxford; John Tiffen at the 09:30 service on the 22nd of May at Groton; William Jordan at the 11:00 service on the 22nd of May at Newton.

As always, if you have any more information about anyone mentioned in this article, 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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1st Boxford Explorer Scouts	Adrian Gooderham 211805
1st Boxford Guides	Eloise Britcher 828710
1st Boxford Rainbows	Janice MacMillan 210565
1st Boxford Scout Group	Richard Gates 210432
1st Boxford Scouts	Mark Miller 211596
Vulpine Explorer Scout Unit	Denzil Smith 210020
3 Parishes Response	Peter Hibben 210819
Bellringers	Richard Gates 210432
Boxford Art Group	Sue Beven 210021
Boxford Bible Study Group	211077
Boxford Bike Club	Matthew Shinn 211296
Boxford Bowls Club	Les Clark 210698
Boxford Bounty	Mark Miller 211596
Boxford Car Community Scheme	Sue Green 210603
Boxford Carpet Bowls	Brian Porter 210581
Boxford Community Council	Ward Baker 210129
Boxford Conservative Assoc	Peter Patrick 210346
Boxford Drama Group	Janice Macmillan 210565
Boxford Gardens Open	Angela Tolputt 212264
Boxford Gardening Society	Elizabeth Wagener 210323
Boxford Over 60s Club	Shirley Watling 210024
Boxford Playing Fields	David Burden 211926
Boxford Rovers Football Club	Melvyn Eke 602846
Boxford School	Toby Barkworth Knight 210332
Boxford Society	Tina Loose 210538
Boxford Spinney	Gordon Edgar 378983
Sunflower Child Care	Moira Grant 211513
Box River Lectures	Simon & Jo Marchant 210149
Boxford Tennis Club	Yvonne Woodfield 210151
Boxford United Charities	Guy Godfray (Clerk) 211378
Boxford Village Hall Bookings	Veronica Hobbs 211529
Boxford WI	June Gordon 373629
Boxford Youth Club	Pauls Hoare 211033
Box River News	Eddie Kench 211507
Community Police Officer	Babergh West 01473 613500
County Councillor	James Finch 01206 263649
District Councillor	Bryn Hurren 01787 210854
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Iain Young (01787) 210048
Fleece Jazz Club	David Gasson 210796
Friends of Boxford School	Tina Impett.
Green Team	Elaine Carpenter 210601
Local History Recorder	Philip Rich 212329
Mill Surgery	210558
Babies and Toddlers Group	Caroline Williams 210836 or Nicola Coote 371788
Parish Council	Debbie Hattrell 210943
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)	Ruth Kingsbury 211236
Poppy Appeal	Brian James 210814
Primrose Wood	Ian Lindsley 210520
SESAW	Maggie 210888
Sponsored cycle ride	Ruth Kingsbury 211236
Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund	Ben Woodfield 211922

## Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club	Anne Gardner 312346
Line Dancing	Jean Tomkins 377343
Local History Recorder	Alan Vince 373963
Newton Fireside Club	Wendy Turner 372677
Newton Golf Club	377217
Newton Green Trust	Lee Parker 376073
Newton Keep Fit Club	
Newton News Views & Coffee	Alan Vince 373963
Newton Village Hall	Alan Vince 373963
PCC	Christine Cornell 370331
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Sponsored cycle ride	Chris Cornell 370331
Surgeries	Boxford Mill 210558
	Meadow Lane 310000
	Hardwicke House 370011
	Siam 370444
	Brian Lawson 312160

## Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust	Claire Mortime 210051
Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary	Fiona Raymond 210461
Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman	Daphne Clark 210698
Edwardstone United Charities	Les Clark (Clerk) 210698
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Tom Whymark 211375
Local History Recorder	Daphne Clark 210698
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)	Ineke Morris 210761
Sponsored cycle ride	Mrs A Tribe 211526
Edwardstone Parish Council	Anita Robinson 211673

## Groton Clubs & Organisations

Groton Educational Foundation	Anthea Scriven 01787 210263
Groton Parish Council	Anita Robinson 211673
Groton United Charities	Jeremy Osborne 211960
Groton Village Hall Bookings	Joanna Roberts 210619
Local History Recorder	Jeremy Osborne 211960
Sponsored cycle ride	Colin Blackmore 211134
Groton Parochial Church Council (secretary)	David Lamming 210360
Groton Winthrop Mulberry trust	R Bowdidge 01787-211553

## Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

Gt Waldingfield WI	Linda Lutz 378888
Little Waldingfield History Society	Andy Sheppard 247980
Ltl Waldingfield Parish Council	Mary Thorogood 247658
Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Sue Mitchell 247173
Little Waldingfield Playingfield Committee (Chair)	Charles Miller 249111
Local History Recorder	Sue Mitchell 247173
Sponsored cycle ride	Sue Sheppard 247980
	Barry Squirrel 247705

## Milden Clubs & Organisations

Milden Cricket Club	Richard Robinson 211114
Milden Pavilion and Playingfield	Pearl 01449 741876

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### VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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Boxford Sunflower:	<a href="http://boxfordsunflower.co.uk">boxfordsunflower.co.uk</a>
Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club:	<a href="http://boxfordroversyfc.co.uk">boxfordroversyfc.co.uk</a>
Boxford Rovers Youth:	<a href="http://boxfordrovers.intheteam.com">boxfordrovers.intheteam.com</a>
Boxford Rovers FC (Men's teams)	<a href="http://www.boxfordrovers.co.uk">www.boxfordrovers.co.uk</a>
Boxford Village Hall:	<a href="http://boxfordvillagehall.co.uk">boxfordvillagehall.co.uk</a>
Fleece Jazz:	<a href="http://dovbear.co.uk/fleece/">dovbear.co.uk/fleece/</a>
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Edwardstone Cricket Club	<a href="http://edwardstonecricketclub.com">edwardstonecricketclub.com</a>
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## Readers Letters

*Sir?*

I just thought i'd let you know that i found a small black IPHONE 5 in the middle of Millenium Green in Edwardstone this morning, it must have been dropped yesterday as the battery hasn't run out yet. It has a black rubber case. Would you mind sending an email around asking whether anyone has lost an iPhone? All i can see is that the owner has received an email from a Stephanie Thew and i can read in one of the emails she says her husband David has lost his mobile phone so maybe David is the owner? I will also ask people i know in Edwardstone to spread the word. My address is Tan House, Groton Street, Tel# 01787 211 293 .

Kind regards, Katy Osborne

*Sir,*

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*Sir?*

Re V Budd's letter in the April edition of the Box River News. Since the paper shop closed I have received daily and Sunday papers from - Delivered News, PO Box 470, Dover CT16 9FL , Phone 01622 719446. They accept the vouchers from Times etc. I believe other people in the area also get papers from them. The service has been excellent and papers arrive between 6 and 6.30am, a bit later on Sunday. The deliver fee is £9.80 per month

Dr Peter Dawson

*Sir,*

I would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate my 60th birthday at Kersey Mill in March.

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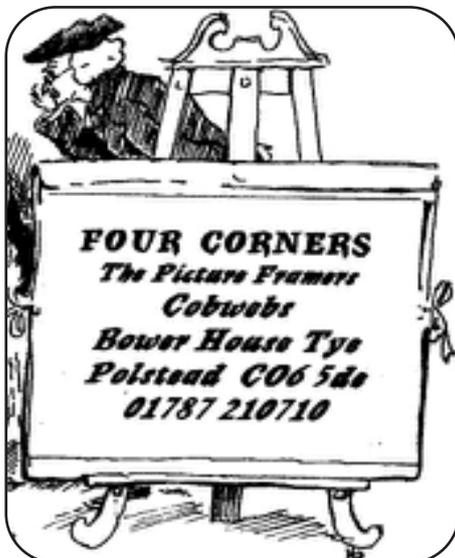
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The majority of the boys have played for Boxford Rovers since Minis Football and everyone involved over the years has had tremendous fun and collected many great memories. The lads have bonded to create what will be lifelong friendships and learned to play as part of a team. Boxford Rovers provided them with this opportunity and throughout Suffolk the Club has a great reputation as a friendly place where football is played in the right way.

Joint Managers, Chris Philbidge and Tim Beven, would like to take this opportunity to thank the boys, their parents and officials at Boxford Rovers, past and present, for all their enthusiasm, loyalty and support over the years."

## BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

Would you like to learn to bowl?



We are looking for new outdoor bowls members and would welcome anyone (aged 18 and over) who would like to join us and "Learn to Bowl". Why not come along any Saturday morning in May, commencing 7th, 10am-12 noon and have a go. Our coaches will be available to give you free tuition.

Bowls will be supplied, you just need to bring flat soled shoes.

Alternatively, if you are unable to come along on a Saturday, you would be most welcome on a Monday morning when we have our social "roll up" games, and you can have a try at bowling.

Boxford & District Bowls Club is a very friendly Club in a lovely village setting behind The Fleece Public House in Boxford.

For further information, please telephone Malcolm (01206 263301) or Steve (01787 211153).

## EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB NEWS

If you are resident of Boxford you may have noticed the nets are now up and Ray is rolling the wicket up Homefields. This year a dedicated team erected the nets and put up the boundary fence ready for our first game on Sunday 24th April against Stowupland. This year the club will again be competing in the Hunts County Bats Sunday Division 3 which is a good standard of cricket but also allows good youth development for 13 and above. Tim Beven yet again will be running Colts (9-13 ages) Saturday

sessions from 23rd April at Homefields. The senior training sessions are underway on Thursdays 6pm till light allows. Why not come along and watch and game or attend a net session and see what you can achieve. May fixtures: 1st Bury St Edmunds (A), 8th Risby (H), 15th BSSC (A), and 22nd Nowton (H)

## BOXFORD TORNADO 2016



The event was very successful again this year - with glorious weather and 480 riders completing the 40 or 60 mile routes. Glorious homemade cake greeting them on their return.

Unfortunately two riders were involved in an unfortunate accident on the route at Hessett, which ended both in hospital. The organisers obviously wish both riders a speedy recovery.

Many thanks to the Community Council who helped with refreshments and to The Rotary club of Sudbury who also helped this year. Also thanks to those who donated cakes for the riders and to the residents of Boxford for accommodating the riders for the day.

The date of next year's Tornado will be Sunday 9th April.

