

Box River News

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THE CIRCUS COMES TO BOXFORD

***Roll up! Roll up! Ladies, Gentlemen and Children! The Friends of Boxford School will be bringing the CIRCUS to Boxford, July 2nd ! ***

We have invited a professional Circus company: Popup Circus, and their 3 performers (no animals), to present two, fun filled, 45 minute shows, with: juggling, magic, hula hoops, plate spinning, clowning and much more. Alongside the Circus performances, from 12 - 5 pm, the FOBS team will be running the usual summer fair staples such as: a BBQ, Bar, game stalls, & our ever popular raffle.

We hope that the fun of the circus and the other activities will not only attract families of the school, but the greater community. All are welcome !

As a result of the previous generosity from parents, villagers, parish councils, and other donors, the Friends of Boxford school have been able to fund many class activities and trips this year, such as: visits to the Science centre, zoo, Ipswich museum, a theatre workshop, a Forest school session, and of course the purchase of the new guided reading programme.

The Friends of Boxford School urgently need to raise new funds to carry on supporting activities and trips for the children of our school for the 2016/17 academic year. Your contributions really do make a difference to the children's enjoyment of learning while at Boxford school!

Please come along July 2nd, 12 - 5 pm, and have a great day out while supporting our lovely, little village school. Tickets available at the Coffeebox and the Fleece, or contact me directly at truusje@rocketmail.com (or you can buy tickets on the day if we have any left!)

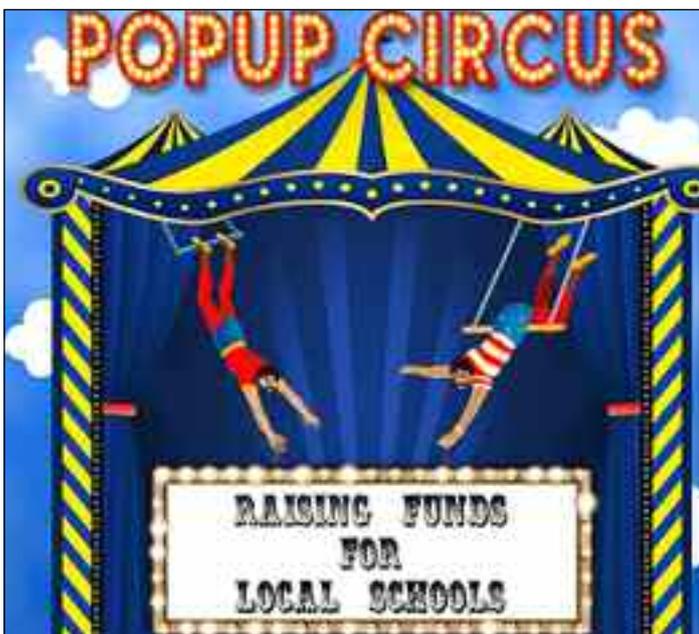
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OLD GEEZER TO CYCLE 100 MILES FOR CHARITY



On 31 July Simon Marchant is aiming to complete The Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100, raising money for The Sick Children's Trust. The 100 mile cycle event follows the course of the 2012 Olympic 100 mile road race taking in the major sights of London as well as long climbs up Box Hill and Leith Hill (AKA Lethal). Quite a challenge for this 70 year old Groton pensioner!

The Sick Children's Trust provides free accommodation for parents just minutes from their child's hospital bedside. The Trust owns houses close to most of the UK's children's hospitals. Simon's family has benefitted from this wonderful charity on the many occasions when his grandson Theo has been undergoing cancer treatment in Great Ormond Street Hospital.

If you want to support Simon you can go to his Justgiving website: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SimonMarchant100miles> Or there is a sponsorship form in Boxford Post Office as well as a Sick Children's Trust donation tin. Every pound will help support the parents of very sick children. Thank you.

ROUTE 159



A London bus well off it's route, delivers guests to a Gypsy's wedding at Boxford St Mary's Photo's David Lamming



FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 1 July 8.00 £15
Don Weller

"Don Weller was and is, among the true originals of British jazz with his cavernous sound and utterly unpredictable turn of phrase" - The Observer

Don Weller sax, Chris Ingham piano, Mick Hutton bass, George Double drums The young Don played on south London's Dixieland scene, but was also listening to recordings of Ben Webster, John Coltrane, Colman Hawkins and Sonny Rollins. Don has toured with the Gill Evans orchestra and played with Stan Tracey, Bobby Wellins, Peter King, Alan Barnes, Art Theman, Dick Morrissey and most everyone else at the top of British modern jazz. His sax sound is relaxed, rich and mellow. It is reminiscent of the sound of Ben Webster. ands including with Sarah Moule and Jim Mullen.

1:30pm Sunday, 10 July 8.00 £25
Side by Side with Refugees Fundraiser

We are indebted to 15 excellent performers, from 7 countries who are giving their time and talents freely to help Side by Side help refugees. Featuring the wonderful Ian Shaw, Tina May, Chris Allard, Kevin Flanagan, Kate Williams, Alice Zawadski, David Tughan, Elliot Weight, Jose Canha, Michael Spearman, Carole Burgess, Simon Brown, Rod Youngs and Rob Palmer and watch out for more information soon.

Friday 15 July 8.00 £15
Nigel Price Trio + 1

Nigel brings his exciting trio (plus a surprise) and we may have

to reinforce the roof!. Nigel Price guitar, Ross Stanley hammond organ, Matt Home drums, wait and see - Saxophone This from Sebastian Scotney: "Aha, so this is it, the real thing. This is the stage where every arrangement has been learnt, internalized, completely owned and the sheet music has (just about) disappeared. This is the level of empathy which still allows each band-member the freedom to take the others completely by surprise, deliver the unexpected, and make them smile." Be prepared for a band who are absolute masters of their instruments, with a wicked sense of humour to leaven the virtuosity and intensity.

Friday 29 July 8.00 £15
Asaf Sirkis International Quartet

Asaf Sirkis is not only an inventive drummer but also a composer of rigour, wit and delicacy. He is one of the worlds premier drummers. Asaf Sirkis drums, Sylwia Bialas vocals, John Turville piano/keyboards, Kevin Glasgow bass "There's an almost devotional intensity to her singing that rarely fails to deliver" says Andy Robson, writing about Sylwia Bialas in Jazzwise. This band has four people with serious international reputations. Asaf's power and delicacy are in demand all over Europe for his compositions as well as his playing. Sylwia is also a composer. Her distinctive phrasing and style has made her international star. John returns to us for the third time this year, always a great pleasure. His harmonic adventures and immense technique are a delight. Kevin has worked at top venues in New York as well as at many international festivals. Expect soulful melodies, atmospheric sounds with strong grooves, a full colour electroacoustic jazz with an ethnic touch and some uncommonly used instruments and sound effects.

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THE JULY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

Local treasures.....?



"They came, they saw, they conquered! " Many of us will have studied "The Romans" at school, whether recently or long ago and, when remembering that, I suspect that the first image to spring into your minds will be that of a Roman soldier, in helmet and armour. But of course there was a long period when Romans lived out their lives in Britain, not engaged in battles, but peacefully farming and managing land and estates.

Rufus and I, along with a group of Friends of Gainsborough's House, were recently privileged to be given a guided tour of the wonderful collection of Roman artefacts and the site of a Roman Villa which were discovered almost "on our doorstep", just a few miles away, at Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe.

The current owner, Ashley Cooper*, author of many books on local life in this area, explained how his father had been alerted to the site many years ago, when he noticed that one of his ploughed fields was strewn with thousands of tiny fragments of tile. Excavations then gradually revealed the site of the villa and the huge range of fascinating objects associated with everyday life – from a lady's hairpins and brooches to the pawprint of a dog which had walked on a freshly made, and still drying, roof tile, and to the clay jars used for storing food in the kitchen.

Thinking about such local treasures brought to my mind local treasures of a different kind - the people all around us, whom we so often take for granted. I am thinking especially of two people, from Boxford and Edwardstone, who have sadly died recently, both of whom, in different ways, were local treasures: Percy Fletcher and Anne Kingsbury. Both Percy and Anne were people who were always just there – at the heart of the community – people you could depend on. For me, I will miss Percy most at the Remembrance Sunday service, where he could always be relied on to read out the names on the rolls of honour with dignity and precision. Anne, in my time, was verger and companion at almost all of my numerous weddings and funerals, as well as some christenings, and I know this is a role – one amongst many – that she carried out for many years before I came to be with you. She was also so often the smiling face behind the raffle at coffee mornings and at the Christmas Fair. Our hearts go out to Percy and Anne's families.

In all the five villages of course, there are so many of these "local treasures", and you, like me, will know who they are. Whilst we have them, let's not be afraid to let them know how much they are loved and valued, indeed "treasured" by us all, for our communities and our daily lives would be so much poorer without them.

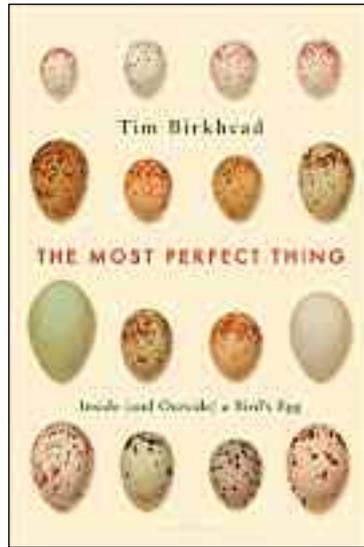
In the Bible, God's spirit within us - his love, his message of good news, which we carry within us - is described as the "treasure within clay jars". Like the clay jars at Gestingthorpe's Roman Villa, we are not always perfect, we may even be a little cracked or damaged by life at times. Even our "local treasures" past and present are not saints, any more than the rest of us. But by their kindness, their hard work, their faithful service, their golden smiles, they do, truly, enrich us.

Blessings, Revd. Judith

NB To arrange a group visit to the Roman Artefacts and villa site, email Ashley Cooper: ashleyxcooper@yahoo.co.uk

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

Inside (and Outside) A Bird's Egg by Tim Birkhead



"If required on pain of death to name instantly the most perfect thing in the universe, I should risk my fate on a bird's egg," said 19th-century American abolitionist Thomas Wentworth Higginson. Tim Birkhead is convinced not only of their perfection but also that they contain the key to all kinds of knowledge – about nature, evolution and the origins of life itself.

In pursuit of understanding, he takes us on an epic journey, from the outer shell of an egg to its genetic core. From the palm swift that glues its eggs into its nest on the underside of a leaf, to the tiny goldcrest, which weighs the same as a level teaspoon of sugar and

can only cover two or three of its clutch of 10 eggs at a time, yet incubates them successfully by turning them constantly with its self-heating legs, it is a voyage packed with astonishing details.

Like any good scientist, Professor Birkhead is concerned with two principal questions: how and why. How do birds manufacture their eggs and why do they choose the particular shapes and colours they do? One question leads to another: how, for instance, does the parasitic cuckoo finch match the markings on the eggs of its host the prinia bird in order to smuggle interlopers into its nest? And how, in turn, does the prinia engage in an adaptive arms race, altering the markings on its own eggs in order to better recognise its true offspring?

If this reviewer was "required on pain of death", like Higginson, to choose just two of the revelations contained within *The Most Perfect Thing*, it might be these: that "paint-guns" in the egg gland fire as the egg is turned internally in order to achieve the intricate tracery of lines known as "scrawl" or "pencilling" on the shell; and that tightly-packed eggs in a clutch, laid at different times, "talk" to each other through a series of clicks, controlling each other's rate of incubation to allow synchronised hatching.

Even an author with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the avian kingdom must have favourites. At first sight the guillemot seems a strange choice of bird to fall in love with, but Birkhead is by no means the first to have done so. Nesting in vast, crowded colonies on precipitous and shit-spattered ledges, this most social of species is an egg-artist par excellence, producing eggs not only of a mysterious, conical shape the explanation of which is still a "tantalising puzzle", but of "almost every possible colour and type of marking that one can find among all of the other 10,000 species of birds". They are good to eat, too. Historically, this has led to a high level of human predation, ranging from amateur egg enthusiasts to the "climbers" who swung out on ropes from the Yorkshire cliffs at Bempton to supply not only local tables but fanatical collectors.

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Firstly many thanks to all who sent cards and best wishes during my recent stay in hospital, I am home now and getting back to full health and up to speed with work and council duties. Apart from when I was born this was the first time I have ever been in hospital and I have to say I found the experience very reassuring and gave me huge confidence in our N.H.S. which is something we should all value and champion as we just do not know when we might need it, the staff were so dedicated and kind and everything was geared to care and not to profit or gain. Long may this continue.

On matters closer to home the Stationfield development continues to be built at a good pace, I understand that the five for sale houses have been sold to people with a local connection and the money raised ploughed back into the project by the Suffolk Housing Charity and also the six shared ownership houses have been marketed and those that have been allocated have all gone to people with a strong local connection. I was given this promise when the project was started and I hope and expect this to have happened. If this is not the case questions will be asked. This leaves the fourteen local needs houses for rent which will be coming up for allocation around August / September. I am trying to organise another open day before then but please anyone who is interested in these properties and who qualifies with a local connection get yourselves registered to bid in good time on the Gateway to Homechoice website at the council. On other matters the Post Office continues to do well and long may this continue and receive good support from the local villages. The playing field have applied and been awarded some section 106 money for relaying part of the cricket pitch in time for the 2017 season and the quest for funding for the pavilion renovation goes on. I will continue to run the bus trips to the Quay for those who struggle to get to such things through lack of transport and the next trip will be to see the Viva Neil Diamond Show on 16th July,

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Connecting Communities – Hadleigh Launch – 27th May.

This new local service was launched on Friday 27th May for a start date of 13th June. As a Council, we have a really important role in helping people of all ages move around the county; to get to work, to get to school or college, get to the shops, the doctors, the hospital, to visit friends or even just getting out for a change of scene.

Rural transport services are a key part of the infrastructure, providing the connections between local communities for the people who do not have access to a scheduled bus service. On the 13th June our new Rural Transport service started across Suffolk. The service is accessible to all, easy to use, reliable and comprehensive. We have selected Hadleigh Community Transport Group to provide this new service for the Babergh area. Hadleigh Community Transport Group is the lead operator working in partnership with Go Start Sudbury.

Hadleigh Community Transport Group and Go Start are well established and respected in Babergh for the delivery of transport services. We have been really impressed with the service that they have developed, and the way they have sought resident views and built on their experience.

For these services to be a success they need to be used. So I would encourage you to find out about the service and then use it yourself. Tell your family, friends and colleagues about it – together we can keep Suffolk moving.

There is one telephone number for the Babergh service – **01473 826242**. For more info look up www.Suffolkonboard.com. Questions can be emailed to connecting.communities@suffolk.gov.uk

Proposed new heritage centre receives over £0.5million grant

Suffolk County Council's Record Office has received support and a grant of over £0.5 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) towards their proposals for a new heritage centre.

The development funding of £538,100 has been awarded to help Suffolk County Council progress their plans to apply for a full grant of £10.3m at a later date.

Located on the university's north campus, the new facility will house the bulk of Suffolk's nationally and internationally significant archives and a range of archaeological records. As well as providing teaching and research space fit for the 21st Century, it will also form a unique visitor attraction and an important cultural resource for the community.

The project will drive a new way for the Record Office to extend and deliver its outreach work; a county-wide activity programme called "Mapping Suffolk's Stories" will see Record Office staff and UCS work alongside a wide range of community groups, volunteers and schools, engaging them with Suffolk's rich heritage in new and exciting ways, beginning with researching and digitising historic map collections

The Hold, which is one of the 21 key delivery projects of the 'Ipswich Vision', should open its doors in time for the 900th anniversary of the Record Office's oldest document, in 2019.

£10million of road surfacing work taking place during summer 2016

Suffolk County Council is allocating £10million of additional investment from its reserves into 2016's programme of road surface dressing during the spring and summer months before September. This preventative maintenance work will help avoid potholes forming in future years on the roads that are treated by delivering approximately three million square metres of new surfacing; particularly focusing on rural roads across the county.

This intensive programme of work equates to delivering three times the usual amount of new surface dressing, and is equivalent to dressing 500km of road surface. To put that in perspective, Suffolk has around 6500km of road network so this year's work will cover almost 10 per cent of the network. To carry out this work in the most effective manner, surface dressing will take place in the areas of the highest priority, based on the Council's recently adopted asset management approach to highway infrastructure.

This surface dressing work can be affected by poor weather as the dressing materials need the right conditions to set correctly. Any programmed work that is unable to be completed during this summer will be carried over to next spring.

My priorities for Suffolk

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth
Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength
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James Finch 10th June 2016
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SIR ALFRED JAMES MUNNINGS KCVO, PRA.

The Life of Sir Alfred James Munnings KCVO, PRA.

On 18th May a well-attended meeting of the Little Waldingfield History Society much enjoyed an illustrated talk about the life of Sir Alfred Munnings. The lecture was given by Marcia Whiting, a representative of the Castle House Museum in Dedham, which was the artist's home from 1919 until his death in 1959.

Ms. Whiting gave us a broadly chronological exposition of Munnings's life and works. He was a true son of Suffolk, being born at Mendham Mill on the Norfolk/Suffolk border. At 14 he was apprenticed to a printer in Norwich who specialised in posters, and we saw one or two examples of this early work. In his spare time he took lessons at the Norwich School of Art, and, once his apprenticeship was over, he decided to become a full time artist, despite an accident that deprived him of the sight of one eye. In 1899, when Munnings was 20, two of his paintings were accepted for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition and later in life, in 1944, he became President of the Royal Academy.

Unable to fully participate in the First World War, Munnings contributed to the war effort in various civilian capacities, and towards the end of the conflict was appointed artist to the Canadian Cavalry Brigade. We were shown a number of his portraits of soldiers on horseback, and also the great panorama of the last great cavalry charge in history: 'The charge of Flowerdew's Squadron'

After the war, in 1919, Munnings purchased Castle house in Dedham, where he lived for the rest of his life, painting horses and also landscape and other works. It is clear, that like Thomas Gainsborough, who he greatly admired, Munnings's favourite genre was landscape painting. However, for economic reasons, he was obliged to continue with portraiture. The artist was firmly anti-modernism and his works might be seen as rather old fashioned for the 20th Century. The equine pictures and the landscapes do have their own distinctive style and an atmosphere that is redolent of the first half of the last century.

Munnings himself came over as a charming, convivial, and interesting man. His personal life was not without tragedy. He twice married elegant women who were fine horsewomen, but his first marriage ended when his wife committed suicide. His second marriage was happy, but he did not have any children.

It was mentioned that Munnings was one of a group of local notables who came together in 1956 to raise money for the purchase of Gainsborough's birthplace in Sudbury, with a view to creating a museum to commemorate the artist. In this connection I am taking the liberty of quoting an extract from my contribution to a recent book about the statue of Gainsborough that stands in the Market Square.



Fund raising in what was still a period of some economic austerity and international upheaval was not easy (it was the year of the Suez crisis), and the money came in slowly. However at the end of 1956 the appeal was boosted considerably by the generosity of Munnings, who gave a picture to be sold to raise money for the fund. As he wrote to Mr Coates, the Town Clerk of Sudbury: 'You will have seen in the Times today that I have given a picture of the Queen's horse, Aureole, being saddled at Epsom for the Coronation Cup Race to the Gainsborough House Fund, that you and the Committee are selling it for £1500 at the Bond Street Gallery -that it is already sold.....see you next Monday, Come early and have a drink with me' (1)

Ms. Whiting's talk was illustrated by slides that included many paintings that today hang at the Castle House Museum in Dedham. These alone would certainly be worth the trip to Dedham, but the house sounds very interesting in itself. It remains much as it was at the time of Munnings's death in 1959, and retains the atmosphere of a family home. The talk to Little Waldingfield History Society stimulated a good deal of interest in organising a group visit to the museum later in the summer.



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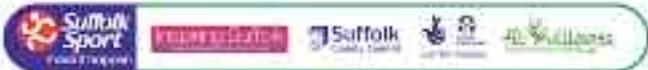
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BOXFORD'S STREET PARTY



In celebration of Her Majesty's 90th birthday, a Street Party was held for both the children and the Senior Citizens of Edwardstone, Groton and Boxford. Approximately 250 had tea in all, and a good many others came along to see what was happening.

The children had bouncy castles, a carousel, chairplanes and a huge inflatable slide, as well as a stall run by Mr. Toby. There was also Steff who came along with her 'Bubble Magic' and balloon sculpting. I think every child had a model of some sort by the end. Tea was then provided, we sang the National Anthem and Happy Birthday to the Queen. The Senior Citizens had more cake and tea than they'd ever seen!

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of all the helpers and donations. Huge thanks to Tesco, Sainsbury's, Walkers/Pepsi, Boxford Suffolk Farms and The Coffee Box, who donated nearly all the food and soft drink, and to Boxford Parish Council for their financial support.

If you have any photos, please send them to BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com and we will put them on our website, www.boxford.me.uk, where there is a fuller report. Thank you to everyone involved - it was a wonderful and truly memorable day. Boxford at it's best!



LITTLE WALDINGFIELD "TEA FIT FOR A QUEEN"



On Saturday 4th June approximately 65 Little Waldingfield villagers and invited guests - including county councillor Colin Spence, district councillor Margaret Maybury and vicar Judith Sweetman - met at the Parish Room to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

An afternoon of tea, sandwiches, cakes and scones was enjoyed by all those attending, with the sun making a very welcome appearance and the Parish Room suitably decorated in red, white and blue.

All local groups - the Parish Room, Parish Council, History Society, LW Charities, Playing Field and village church - agreed to contribute funds to make the event fully inclusive, with all villagers invited to attend free of charge. Many kind villagers also made and donated much of the lovely food, which was greatly appreciated by all those present.

Generous charitable donations made on the day totalled £98.90 and have been forwarded to East Anglia Children's Hospices (EACH) to assist with their good work.

The Parish Room trustees would like to thank everyone who participated in this wonderful community event.



STRAWBERRIES

Doubtless God could have made a better berry, but doubtless God never did' wrote Dr. William Butler (1535-1618). Strawberries are actually members of the rose family and not true berries as they have their seeds (approximately 200) on the outside of the fruit. The word 'Strawberry' derives from the old English word 'strow' which means to cover the ground with scattered things.

Until quite recently, commercial production of strawberries did not exist. Reference was made to the strawberry in the First Century AD by Roman poets such as Virgil and Ovid, but only as ornamental and with medicinal powers. By 1300 it was cultivated in France when the wood strawberry was transplanted from the wild into the garden. Then around 1600, the Virginia Strawberry of North America reached Europe and in the 18th century the first garden strawberry was grown in France as a result of selective breeding when a large flowering strawberry plant was brought back to France from Chile. In the early 1800's it became popular in England where gardeners increased the number of varieties from 3 to 30.

Because of its heart shape and red colour, the strawberry has always symbolised Venus (or Aphrodite), Goddess of Love. In Othello, Shakespeare decorated Desdemona's handkerchief with symbolic strawberries.

Ever since the first Wimbledon in 1877, strawberries and cream have become an integral part of this event. Every year some 28,000 tons of strawberries and 7,000 tons of cream are consumed....strawberries being harvested in Kent at 4 a.m. in order to reach Wimbledon by 11 a.m. each day!

Strawberries contain Vitamins C, and K, potassium, folic acid, amino acids and fibre.....plus very few calories and no fat, so I suggest we eat as many as possible on a daily basis! P.S. Please wash strawberries just before eating.....leave hulls on until the last minute.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

2 cups plain flour (280g)
2 tablespoons caster sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking powder
4 tablespoons unsalted butter (chilled) (56.7g)
½ cup single cream (100ml)
6 cups strawberries, sliced and sugared (500g)
1 ½ cups double cream (300ml)
Whole strawberries to garnish
Heat oven to 450 degrees F
Sieve flour, sugar, salt and baking powder
Rub in with hands (or cut in with knife).....the 4 chilled tablespoons of butter until mixture resembles bread crumbs. Pour in cream and mix only until blended

Roll dough out onto floured board to thickness of 5/8 inch. Cut into 3 inch circles with biscuit cutter. Gather bits, roll again and cut more rounds....should be six now.

Bake shortcakes on greased baking tray for about 10 minutes or until puffed and lightly browned.

Cool slightly, split them and spread softened butter lightly over cut surfaces. Set bottoms on individual plates....spoon on sliced strawberries and top with remaining biscuits. Whip chilled cream and spoon onto each shortcake. Garnish with a single strawberry. Serve straightaway!

STRAWBERRY DELIGHT

3 large eggs....separated
150g caster sugar
Juice of one lime
25g cornflour
25g self raising flour
1.25ml cream of tartar
Pinch of salt

TOPPING

400g strawberries
2 tablespoons strawberry jam
1 tablespoon lime juice
150ml whipping cream

Preheat oven to 180 degrees C. Grease 20cm cake tin and line with greased greaseproof paper.

Whisk yolks with caster sugar until very pale. Whisk in lime juice. Sift cornflour and flour onto the mixture and stir in.

Whisk egg whites with cream of tartar and salt until standing in soft peaks and fold gently into yolk mixture. Pour into prepared pan and bake in centre of oven for 45 minutes. Cool in pan....will sink a little, but that is normal.

Turn out onto serving plate. About two hours before you plan to eat, cut strawberries in half and arrange on top of cake. Place lime juice in saucepan with jam and bring slowly to boil, stirring and boil for one minute. Remove from heat and cool until thick enough to put over fruit.

Whisk cream until stiff and spread over cake.

Whisk egg whites with cream of tartar and salt until standing in soft peaks and then fold gently into yolk mixture. Pour into prepared pan and bake in centre of oven for 45 minutes. Cool in tin....will sink a little but that is normal.

Turn out onto a serving plate. About 2 hours before you plan to eat.....cut strawberries in half and arrange flesh side down on top of cake. Put lime juice in saucepan with jam and bring slowly to the boil, stirring and boil for one minute. Remove from heat and cool until thick enough to spoon over fresh fruit.

Whisk cream until stiff and spread over cake. Chill until ready to eat.

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BOXFORD OPEN GARDENS 2016



Boxford Open Gardens 2016 raised the magnificent sum of £3500.00. Very many thanks to Angela and her team of "open gardeners" and all who helped in any way.



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

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

Coffee Morning with a Christmas theme:

We are planning to hold a Coffee Morning, with a few stalls, at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Saturday 19 November.

If you would like to have a stall please contact me on 01787 210698 or email me: daphne.clark@btopenworld.com for more information.

Event in aid of Parish Hall improvements. Daphne Clark

Suffolk Rock School

Suffolk Rock School is returning to Boxford for its fifth consecutive year.

The course was designed by local music teacher Tom Price to give young musicians a chance to gain experience playing in a band, songwriting and performing at a public venue.

Over the years the course has shown what great musical talent there is in Boxford and the surrounding villages.

The course will be running for 5 days from August 22nd-26th with the final performance open and free to the public at the Fleece Hotel in Boxford on Friday 26th from 5pm. There will also be a local act scheduled to perform after the main event.

We still have spaces for singers ages 8-16. If you would like more information on the course then please contact Tom on;

01787 210913 07712406376 tompriceteaching@hotmail.co.uk

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on Thursday 8th September, 2016 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford at 4.30pm to consider applications for grant aid from the residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury, CO 10 5ER

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

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Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Open Gardens

Sunday 3 July 2016, 11am - 5pm

We are looking forward to opening our lovely gardens again, and welcoming you to our friendly village. Admission is £5 which includes a programme with map, obtainable from the Parish Room in Church Road, where we will be serving refreshments including delicious home-made cakes. There will also be plant and produce stalls. Plenty of parking on our Playing Field, about 150 yards from the Swan Inn. All proceeds will benefit our beautiful St. Lawrence Church. For more information go www.opengardens.co.uk

Polstead Art Group 2016 Exhibition

Our 16th Exhibition will be held in POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY 6th AUGUST from 10am-5pm and SUNDAY 7th AUGUST from 11am -4pm

Admission is Free.

Homemade refreshments

Pictures are on view and for sale

Men's yoga classes

On Friday mornings during school term time from 11.00-12.00pm in Boxford Village Hall.

A very gentle yoga class working with the breath, posture and balance. Some movements from the chair. No experience necessary. Suitable for complete beginners. For more details telephone Marianne Marshall on 01787 210323.

arrive 7.00pm starts 7.30pm See ad in the BRN

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

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

Boxford Slimming World

Boxford Village Hall Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Contacts mob: 07952172534 home:01787376059

Nayland Flower Show

Saturday 6th August

2pm-5pm Nayland Village Hall CO6 4JH

Refreshments, produce stall, raffle.

Classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, flower arranging, cookery, photography, art, craft and hanging basket competitions.

Fun family & children's classes

Non members welcome to enter.

Schedules: local shops, www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or 01206 262807

CHANGE OF VENUE AND PRICE! NOT THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TEA!

Sunday, June 26th 3.00--5.00pm at Mary's House, Swan St, Boxford.

It was decided not to have a Tea Party on the same day as Boxford Community Council's Queen's Birthday Celebrations, but we are going to have a "Belated Happy Birthday" tea instead, 2 weeks later; This will still have a Royal theme, and you never know, perhaps the Queen will come and join us! This Cream Tea will be open to anyone who would like to attend, of any age, and may be outside the village hall if the weather is good; there will be a prize for the best home-made crown, please wear your crown to the tea! There will be a charge of £3, half price for children, and although we will not be selling tickets, the team would be grateful if you could let us know if you will be coming for catering purposes; Please let Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC know if you would like to come. All proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.

Nayland 1960s Street Fayre

Sunday 17th July

Fancy dress, live 60s band, street entertainment, competitions, family fun, stalls, food & drink and more. 11am-4pm High Street Nayland CO6 4JG. Free entry. Celebrating 50 years of the Community Council. For more information: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

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Tuesday 5th July
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Starting on Monday 10th October 2016

Time and Memory

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| Monday 10 th October. | A Wordsworth poem and three Odes by Keats |
| Monday 17 th October. | Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte |
| Monday 31 st October. | Krapp's Last Tape – Samuel Beckett |
| Monday 7 th November. | To the Lighthouse – Virginia Woolf |
| Monday 14 th November. | The Sisters and The Dead
two stories from "Dubliners" – James Joyce |
| Monday 28 th November. | In Search of Lost Time
Vol.1 Swann's Way – Marcel Proust |
| Monday 5 th December. | A Burnt-Out Case – Graham Greene |
| Monday 12 th December. | An Anthology of Poems |

Course Fee: £10 for the complete course, payable on the first or second meeting.
£5 for each single class.

Newcomers to these classes are very welcome.

Further information from:

Mrs Elin Todd, Moss Farm Cottage, Uffwellstead, Sudbury CO10 5PY
Telephone: 01787 210344

Please contact Mrs Todd if you are interested in attending.

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)

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.

Little Waldingfield History Society

Programme of Events - 2016

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

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

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage

Phone: 01787 248298

Tickets, Members £2.00 Non Members £4.00

Second-Hand Children's Clothes Sale.

Thursday, July 14th at Boxford Village Hall 2.00pm---5.00pm.

Groton Church Fund-Raising team are going to have a sale of second-hand children's clothes, toys, equipment etc, so please do come and buy a new wardrobe for your children/grandchildren. There may be other stalls as well, as tables will be available for sale at £10 each, so if you would like to either book a table or donate some things for us to sell, please contact Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or Jayne Foster [211360]. There will probably be a craft corner for children, and there will be Refreshments for sale. We look forward to seeing lots of buyers at Boxford Village Hall on Thursday July 14th.

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BOXFORD BINGO!



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If you would like to come along but have difficulty getting there and back please contact Veronica on 01787 211529 who will be more than happy to arrange transport for you. Doors and licensed bar opens at 7:30pm, and Bingo commences at 8pm.

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Forthcoming Events Diary

June

26 Not The Queens Birthday Party	Groton PCC	Mary's House	3-5pm
29 WI Book Club		Mary's House	3pm

July

3 Little Waldingfield Gardens Open	Little Waldingfield PCC		11-5pm
5 Whistfully Yours	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Boxford WI	Melford Hall	Village Hall	2pm
14 Boxford WI	Walking Group		tba
14 Sale of Childrens Clothes	Groton PCC	Boxford Village Hall	2.00 - 5PM
16 Summer Music Concert		Boxford Village Hall	

August

6 Boxford WI	Outing		tba
11 Boxford WI	Mystery walk with Jayne		tba
31 Boxford WI	Book Club	Mary's house	3pm.

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



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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
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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.

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

Ruth Kingsbury, Rose Cottage,
Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone tel.211236
Peter Patrick, Amberley,
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The Queen's sense of duty drives her, and her Christian faith sustains her. Hence the title of a new book written as a tribute to Her Majesty on her 90th birthday. Packs of 10 copies of this beautifully illustrated book are available from Christian Publishing & Outreach. They can be reached on 01903 263354 or the page on their website is www.cpo.org.uk/thequeen. The book is a joint production of The Bible Society, HOPE in our villages towns and Cities, and The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. It poses the question: What's the secret of the Queen's remarkable consistency of character and extraordinary contribution to the nation, Commonwealth and the global community? The answer is given in the Queen's own words: "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad...I know the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God...I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian Gospel"



At Café Church, 11:00 am Sunday 3rd July, we will be thinking about seafarers and their families. In Luke 10.29 we read: "he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

Boxford Open Gardens 2016 raised the magnificent sum of £3500.00. Very many thanks to Angela and her team of "open gardeners" and all who helped in any way.

Christian Aid Week 2016 The amazing sum of £2320.35 was raised in **Boxford** this year (including £923.05 gift aided so that income tax can be reclaimed from HMRC). This total was significantly more than that of 2015, so very many thanks to all who helped in any way

Copy Date for Church News in the August 2016 Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 12th July 2016

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Thank you. Rev'd Judith. 01787 210091

email address: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

A big thank you to all those who contributed to **Christian Aid** this year and to those who kindly collected the envelopes. In Edwardstone we managed to raise £217.83, £45 of which was gift aided, thereby enabling the recovery of tax and so increasing the final total.

The next **PCC meeting** will be held in Mary's House on **Tuesday 26th July at 7.30 pm**

Rota

We have two services in July: **8.00 am Holy Communion** on **Sunday 10th** and our **normal 9.30 am Holy Communion** on **Sunday 17th**.

Sidesman/Coffees Jan Paul/Sally Hoskyns

Flowers Frances East

Cleaning Juliana Galvin

Sunday 3rd July from 11:00 am Open Gardens in Little Waldingfield
We now have 15 gardens for visitors to view, all very different and very interesting. We hope everyone will come and enjoy them, and that the weather will be kind.

We would welcome donations for our plant and produce stalls; please bring them to the Parish Room on the morning or call Fran on 01787 248239



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

22nd May: Our service of Holy Communion was taken by the Revd. Judith. This Sunday is known as Trinity Sunday and Revd. Judith spoke on this theme in her address. Due to illness, one of a couples was not present to hear their Banns of Marriage read. As usual our thanks to our organist, Nancy Roser and all helpers.

29th May: The Holy Communion service for the Five Villages of the Benefice was held at Edwardstone, where one person from each church lit a candle.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:
Vacant

PCC Meeting Tuesday 19th July, 7.00 pm at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, 01787 210360; e-mail djlamm@hotmail.com) by **10th July**.

Not the Queen's Birthday Tea!

Sunday, June 26th 3.00 pm to 5.00pm at Groton Village Hall.

It was decided not to have a Tea Party on the same day as Boxford Community Council's Queen's Birthday Celebrations, but we are going to have a "Belated Happy Birthday" tea instead, 2 weeks later; This will still have a Royal theme, and you never know, perhaps the Queen will come and join us! This Cream Tea will be open to anyone who would like to attend, of any age, and may be outside the village hall if the weather is good; there will be a prize for the best home-made crown, please wear your crown to the tea! There will be a charge of £5, half price for children, and although we will not be selling tickets, the team would be grateful if you could let us know if you will be coming for catering purposes; Please let Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC know if you would like to come. All proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.

DEANERY NEWS

Licensing of Cheryl Collins The Revd Cheryl Collins is to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St Gregory's Church, Sudbury at **7.30 pm on Tuesday 5th July 2016**. Please pray for Cheryl as she prepares for this new ministry, for the congregation at St Gregory's as they welcome her in their midst, and for the Revd Helen Mitchell, assistant priest, who has 'held the fort' since the death of Greg Webb last year.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

General Synod The Synod meets in York over 5 days from Friday 8th July to Tuesday 12th July. This is a residential meeting, with members accommodated in the University. There is a full agenda on the first two days, including consideration on the Saturday of a large amount of legislative business, much of it to help implement the 'Renewal and Reform' and simplification agendas. On Sunday morning synod members will join the congregation for a service of Holy Communion in York Minster. Then, from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday lunchtime, members will be involved in two days of 'shared conversations' on human sexuality. These are to be private sessions, and will not lead to any decisions. However, it is expected that a motion for decision on the vexed question of same-sex marriage will come before the Synod some time in 2017. Please speak to David Lamming, one of our diocesan members, if you would like further information.



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31st	Mrs. Roser	

On Saturday 4th June, in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, we were all invited to a tea party in the Parish Room. This was a most happy occasion, enjoyed by all. The weather was marvellously warm and sunny, making it possible for some of us to sit outside.



On Sunday 5th June Reverend Judith led us in a service of Holy Communion. Her address followed the same theme, that of The Queen's 90th birthday. In her address she read extracts from The Queen's own words, and to welcome the congregation the flower team made a floral crown which was much admired.



Churches Together' Prayer Breakfasts Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am.

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

2nd St Gregory's Church Hall, Prince Street, Sudbury

- 9th St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard
- 16th New Life Church, Wells Hall Road, Great Cornard
- 23rd Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury
- 30th Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury

Please look at the Churches Together website for details of other forthcoming events: www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

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

Please note that the suggested donation is £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings. For inquiries about new bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 01787 210360.

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. 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 Waldingfield; **Thursday** 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

Sunday 3rd	6th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Café Church <i>See Sunday</i>	Revd Judith
Boxford	18:30 Evensong	Chris Kingsbury

Wednesday 6th
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 7th
 Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Holy Communion - Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament) Lay Team

Saturday 9th
 Edwardstone 15.00 Wedding of Glyn Cooley and Nicola Yetton Revd Judith

Sunday 10th	7th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	13.45 Christening of Elizabeth Bendall	Revd Judith

Wednesday 13th
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 17th	8th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 20th
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd David Abel

Thursday 21st
 Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Compline - Newmans Hall Lay Team

Friday 22nd
 Newton 14.30 Wedding of Jeremy Daw and Emma Human Revd Judith

Saturday 23rd
 Boxford 14.00 Wedding of Danny Crosbie and Rebecca Brown Revd Judith

Sunday 24th	9th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Groton	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	11:00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Chris Kingsbury

Wednesday 27th
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Saturday 30th
 Boxford 13.00 Wedding of Kieren King and Emma Flicker Revd Judith
 Newton 16.00 Wedding of Martin Grimwood Norton and Jessica Perkins Revd Judith

Sunday 31st	10th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Groton	10:00 Holy Communion <i>Five Villages Service</i>	Revd Judith

Soap Box

Finding a suitable topic for Soap Box has proved particularly challenging this month. It is not that there is a shortage of potential material on which to draw. Rather, there is a timing issue on many of those subjects which I consider worthy of scrutiny. A lot is going on, but frankly much of it is becoming tedious in the extreme, principally because of excessive media coverage.

Take the In/Out referendum. Writing, as I am, a little over a week before voting takes place, I have to be mindful of the fact that the result will be known before this august journal is thrust through your letter box or handily gathered from whichever source you use to keep abreast of the goings on in the Box River benefice. Not that I had any intention of trying to influence readers in their choice of the two options available. But having cast my vote some days ago, using the excellent postal voting system, I confess to being bored witless by the increasingly acrimonious debate taking place.

The same could be said for Euro 2016, which is probably still going on as you read this. I've never been a soccer fan. Rugby is my game – not that I was very good at it when at school. I much prefer watching it to a game of Association Football, though. And I find it sad that England's rugby squad beating Australia on their home turf received barely a mention compared with the one all draw against Russia in Marseille on the same day. But for the next four weeks (at least) I know escaping from this football fest will prove difficult.

Unfortunately, not all the press mentions will be about the action on the field. Already misbehaving fans have stolen the limelight for all the wrong reasons. That's another difference between rugby and soccer. You seldom learn of fights breaking out between opposing rugby factions. So far as football is concerned, major tournaments seem to attract the worst elements from the fan community. True, not all are British – as the actions of Russian fans bore witness after England's opening game – but regrettably we do have a reputation for inappropriate behaviour, usually fueled by drink.

I realise I am in a minority here – at least so far as sports coverage is concerned. Following Euro 2016 will be an obsession for many. One firm I know has disabled the ability to stream live TV on its internal computer system lest the practice of watching games overloads the capacity of its equipment and thus prevents it from processing its daily business. It has,

though, provided large TV screens in rest areas to allow staff to follow the tournament.

Fortunately I quite enjoy watching tennis, so being subjected to weeks of first Queens then Wimbledon will not be the chore that avoiding the football is likely to become. The run up to the European referendum has been dire, though, with the BBC in particular seemingly anxious to demonstrate its impartiality by providing an outlet to legions of Remain and Leave spokesman. It has made the approach to a General Election feel positively understated.

Doubtless there will be other events that come to dominate our screens and newspapers that will drive me to seeking solace in a good novel. Perhaps I should be thankful as otherwise I might not be broadening my reading. And it's remarkable what you can pick up from the most unlikely of sources when you daren't switch on the television for fear of seeing yet another debate on the virtues of leaving or staying or a debrief on why England didn't succeed as hoped. Then again, it could be that I need to improve my technical skills and master television on demand. Roll on the silly season, I say.

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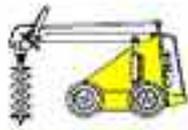
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GARDENING IN JULY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

A lady in our village has had all her summer bedding plants eaten by rabbits and asks if there are any plants that rabbits don't like. I have had this trouble in the past and found that the only plants they didn't eat were geraniums. I filled the gaps with more geraniums but then there was an outbreak of miximatosis which solved the problem so I can't be a hundred per cent sure about geraniums.

Summer pruning of wall trained fruit should be done now. Start with plums and sweet cherries following on with pears and apples. All lateral growths should be cut back by two thirds to allow light and air to the developing fruit. It should not be necessary to summer prune peaches, nectarines or morello cherries unless excess growth is shading the fruit. Any signs of plums being affected by silver leaf disease which is indicated by leaves of branches becoming silver grey in colour, should be dealt with right away. All affected branches should be cut out. Begin by cutting back a piece at a time until all signs of brown stain in the wood has gone. Treat the cuts with a suitable fungicides and burn all prunings. Many wall trained ornamental trees such as cydonia, pyracantha, cytiscus botlandeiri and honeysuckle will need much the same treatment.

Continue to dead head early flowering herbaceous plants where flowering in incomplete and cutting back all those that have finished flowering. Many kinds such as lupins, delphiniums, achillea, and salvia will flower again if cut down to ground level. If plants appear to be lacking in vigour give an application of a balanced fertiliser and water in. Keep michaelmas daisies moist at the roots at all times to prevent an attack of mildew.

Summer pruning of lots of shrubs helps keep them compact and improves their flowering display next year. Small shrubs like cistus, genista and cystus become woody and untidy unless they are pruned every year after flowering. Cut back the green stems which have flowered this year to two pairs of buds but do not cut back to the brown stems. Tuberous begonias should have their unattractive single female flowers removed at an early stage to allow the more showy double male flowers to develop.

The last week in the month is the best time to take cuttings of geraniums for over-wintering in pots. Geraniums which are well established in 3/2" pots are less likely to succumb to black stem disease.

Sterilise the compost by watering once a month with Cheshunt compound and avoid - over watering - give only sufficient water to stop plants flagging. Pinch the top out of any plants which do not break naturally.

As vegetable crops are used and land becomes vacant there is still time to make more sowings and planting. Carrots, red beat, turnips, perpetual spinach sown now will provide an autumn and winter supply. Purple and white sprouting broccoli for spring use should be planted out this month, a good place is on ground from which peas and beans have been harvested, so they can benefit from the nitrogen in the soil provided by the previous crop.

Sow spring cabbage seed at the end of the month to provide plants for planting out in October.

Summer is progressing, This is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
 - 2 Place conservatory plants outside now that it is warm
 - 3 Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
 - 4 Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
 - 5 Pick courgettes before they become marrows
 - 6 Treat apple scab
 - 7 Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
 - 8 Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
 - 9 Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
 - 10 Give woodwork a lick of paint or preserver, while the weather is dry
- Water thoroughly once or twice a week rather than little and often - this encourages plants to put down roots in search of water rather than coming up to the surface. Remember, though, that containers and hanging baskets need watering every day and sometimes even twice a day if it is hot and windy.

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Parish Council Matters

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 16 May 2016 at 7pm.

Present: M Childs, P Clarke, S Flack, P Baker In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk)
Election of Chairman of the Council – M Childs took the Chair. S Norman had previously expressed her agreement to continuing as Chairman. She was proposed by Shirley Flack, seconded by Paul Clarke and elected unanimously.

Election of Vice Chairman of the Council – M Childs was proposed by S Flack and seconded by P Clarke and elected unanimously.

Councillor vacancy – No applications had been received since the last meeting. The vacancy will continue to be advertised.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 21 March 2016 were approved and signed.

Planning Matters - Planning decisions received – B/16/00224 1 Mill Green CO10 5PZ– erection of two-storey rear extension – approved; B/16/00301 5 The Winthrops CO10 5QG – erection of first floor extension above existing ground floor extension – approved

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

Business Saver Account as at 31 March 2016	£2516.83
Business Current Account as at 31 March 2016	£3778.99
Total	£6295.82
Business Saver Account as at 29 April 2016	£2516.83
Business Current Account as at 29 April 2016	£5244.32
Total	£7761.15

The end of year accounts and the internal audit report were considered and approved. The Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statements were approved and signed.

The insurance quotation was considered. The phone box has been added for public liability issues at no additional cost. The quotation was approved. The Council agreed to adopt the General Power of Competence for 2016-17 as it complied with the necessary criteria. The Clerk's annual contractual salary increase from SCP 17 to SCP 18 was approved.

Highway and Footpath Matters - Footpath issues – P Baker advised that he had checked the paths and most had been cut recently, though they might need cutting again before August. He identified three paths which had not been cut and it was resolved that he would check again later in the week and the Clerk would then liaise with S Norman. One footpath sign is down and the Clerk will report this. It was also noted that there was still an issue with dog fouling on footpaths; walkers are encouraged to clean up after their dogs and use the dog waste bins provided. S Norman had advised that horse riders were still using the footpath across from Sherbourne Street to Swan Street near Beech House. The Clerk is to establish whether SCC would pay for notices at either end of the path and the matter will be placed on the next agenda. Potholes – the large pothole between Hazel Cottage and the White Horse has still not been fixed – the Clerk will chase up the repair.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence – Les Clark had advised that the current tenure of the two Trustees of Edwardstone United Charities, nominated by the Edwardstone Parish Council, needs to be renewed. Both Marlene Clarke and Helen Rodger-Brown are willing to continue as Trustees. The Council was happy to renew the tenure. The Clerk thanked Paul Clarke for all his work clearing the overgrowth around the phone box, and the repairs and painting he had carried out. He hopes to complete the painting soon. The defibrillator and emergency phone are now in place but have not yet been commissioned by the Community Heartbeat Trust. Once this has been carried out a public training session will be arranged. BT will provide the electricity supply to the box free of charge for 7 years. **The date of the next meeting** was confirmed as Monday 18 July 2016.

EDWARDSTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at 8pm on Monday 16 May 2016 at Edwardstone Parish Hall

In the Chair: M Childs Present: P Clarke, S Flack, P Baker, J Finch (SCC), B Hurren (BDC), A Robinson (Clerk), D Clark, L Clark

Welcome – M Childs welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2015 were approved, proposed P Clarke, seconded M Childs, and signed.

Report from Suffolk County Council – J Finch gave his report, which is attached to these Minutes*. P Baker said that he was pleased to note that J Finch was pushing for improved broadband for outlying parts of the village.

Report from Babergh District Council – B Hurren thanked the Parish Council for inviting him to the Annual Parish Meeting. He said that there had been an increase in Council Tax. BDC had been successful in collecting 99% of domestic tax and 98.5% of business tax. He was pleased to report that businesses seem to be doing well, with record tourism in the area, which was becoming well known for good food. Small businesses were starting up in the countryside. BDC and MSDC have a good stock of council houses despite the right to buy, and solar panels have been installed where possible providing a good income. He advised that there was a good chance of a mobile phone mast in Boxford, with James Cartlidge pushing hard in support. Bryn has attended all Council meetings and is still on the Scrutiny Committee and the Suffolk Standards Board. He is a representative on Ipswich CAB and is enjoying that role. He is Chair of Pin Mill Bay Management Company and of the Quay Theatre. He said that he is always available if he is needed. He handed the Clerk a copy of BDC's report of Highlights and Achievements for 2015/16 which is attached to these Minutes*.

Report from Suffolk Constabulary – the police were not in attendance but the Clerk read the May 2016 Safer Neighbourhood Team Report downloaded from the Suffolk Constabulary website and attached to these Minutes*.

Reports on Edwardstone Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust P Clarke said that the play equipment had been upgraded and work parties have carried out the usual maintenance and grass cutting.

Edwardstone Parish Hall Management Committee D Clark provided a copy of the Parish Hall Annual Accounts which are attached to these Minutes*. The main problem at the moment is the severe cracking to the walls of the disabled toilet. She will be seeing a structural engineer shortly and will then speak to BDC again. The repair or replacement costs will be substantial and she will be unable to obtain grant funding for this work. The accounts for the previous year show that they only just balanced, due to having the hall painted and the 5 yearly check carried out on the wiring. The Parish Hall Committee would like to keep the local hire rate as low as possible. She thanked the PC for the grant funding received, without which the charges would have to go up by around one third, and J Finch and B Hurren for their support over the years. The Committee would like to improve the kitchen but until the issue with the disabled toilet is resolved they cannot commit funds elsewhere. A Suffolk Digital Cinema showing was held before Christmas which was not well supported but enjoyed by those who did attend.

Edwardstone Charities

L Clark provided a statement of the accounts which are attached to these Minutes*. They have a good financial balance so if anyone locally wishes to apply for a grant they are encouraged to do so. Examples of grants given are to help those going to University, buy books or musical instruments, hospital visits, funerals and to support organisations outside of Edwardstone but which are used by people who live in the village.

Financial Report – The Clerk provided a financial report covering the Parish Council's financial position and this is attached to these Minutes*.

Chairman's Report M Childs thanked everyone for coming.

* A full copy of the Minutes and the attachments can be found on the PC's website Edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held on 6th June

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th July.

Village Volunteers

For a long time now the grass on both sides of the entrance to The Causeway has been cut by community spirited residents Debbie and Barrie Rule. The Parish Council, on behalf of the Village, very much appreciates all the support and effort involved by them. Due to a change in circumstances they can no longer carry out this task, so we would be delighted to hear from any resident or community group who would be prepared to take this on.

Public Forum

A resident from Stone Street Road attended to ask the Parish Council to consider pollarding sycamore trees between the Cemetery and neighbouring properties. Another resident shared concerns in relation to the proposed two storey workshop at Riddelsdell Garage.

County Council Report

County Cllr James Finch attended and reported on continued improvement of Suffolk Schools. A new local transport service for all age groups has been launched linking residents to onward public transport. The telephone number to book journeys is 01473 826242.

District Council Report

Cllr Bryn Hurren was unable to attend, however, he had raised the matter of a grant towards the cricket wicket and also 2 village planning applications.

Finance

In addition to the usual business, it was agreed to pledge section 106 grant money towards a new cricket wicket. The Parish Council will work with the Community Council again in relation to the fireworks. A contribution of £500 was paid to the Community Council to support the Street Party.

Reports from Chairman and Members

Cllr Green agreed to publicise the opportunity for the village to get involved with Armed Forces Day on 25th June. It was agreed to pursue the idea of signage to Primrose Wood.

Planning

The Planning Authority had passed plans for a cartlodge at 1 Boxford Lane. The Parish Council objected to a two storey workshop proposed at Riddelsdell Garage. However, they had no objections to proposals to fell a hawthorn tree at 8 Fen Street and to erect a rear extension at 48 Daking Avenue.

Meeting dates for Boxford Parish Council:

4th July and 5th September.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

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Parish Council Matters

MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 in Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm
Newton Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 13th May 2015.

Present: Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Russell Bower, Sue Crawte, Lee Parker, Colin Poole and Rita Schwenk.

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

Election of Chairman: Cllr Presland was unanimously elected as Chairman of Newton Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking the chair.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Taylor (sick) sent his apologies.

Election of Vice Chairman: It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Crawte be elected the Vice Chairman of NPC.

Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation: Cllr Schwenk declared a pecuniary interest in item 16/078a as she is a neighbour of the property and left the room while the item was discussed. No request for dispensation had been received.

Minutes of meeting held on the 13th April 2016: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

HR and Standards Committees: Cllrs Bower, Crawte and Taylor were appointed to the HR Committee. Cllrs Parker, Poole and Schwenk were appointed to the Standards Committee.

Representatives to Outside Bodies:

It was resolved that the following appointments be made:

- Newton Green Trust Cllrs Bower and Poole
- Village Hall Management Committee Cllr Schwenk
- Alston & Plampin Charity Mr A. Vince, Mr H. Buckledee and Mr J. Taylor
- Cllr Presland was appointed as the representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).

Internal Auditor: It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2016 / 2017 and the Clerk to send the letter of engagement.

Annual Subscriptions: It was resolved to renew the annual membership to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Community Action Suffolk and The Society for Local Council Clerks for 2016 / 2017.

Public Forum: James Finch updated councillors on his previously circulated report on Education as well as discussing SCC's speed limit review of the A134 from Sudbury to Nayland, the hedge and line marking issues in Valley Road and SCC's Better Broadband rollout. Lee Parker outlined his previously circulated report on the outcomes of BDC's AGM and the new role he will undertake in

Correspondence: Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated by the Clerk the councillors were happy for the request from the Fete Committee for a donation to support the entertainment at the Party in the Park to be put on the June agenda.

Clerks Report: Following a review of the Clerk's Report there were no further actions request of the Clerk.

Finance

a. The councillors reviewed and resolved to accept the internal audit report from Heelis & Lodge for 2015 / 2016 which included the recommendation for NPC to review its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

b. The councillors resolved to approve Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016 and the Chairman signed the section accordingly.

c. The councillors resolved to approve Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016 and the Chairman signed the section accordingly.

d. The councillors resolved to approve the explanation of significant variances within Section 2 of the Annual Return.

e. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix C), were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting, agreed the Reconciliation of Accounts against the Bank Statements and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget.

Planning

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/16/00486 2 Assington Road - Erection of first floor rear extension and resolved to object to the application due to the proposed extension overshadowing the neighbour's property and the loss of light to the neighbour's conservatory towards the end of day. The councillors feel that a lower ridge height supplemented with dormer windows would achieve the desired requirement for a first floor extension whilst minimising the loss of amenity to the neighbour.

b. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted. c. The status of previous applications and appeals were reviewed.

Playground and Asset Maintenance: A number of issues were raised following the working party review of the play equipment area which will be added to the list of tasks for the contractor. The councillors also discussed hard standing and additional play equipment options. The councillors resolved that the Clerk apply for a Section 106 grant in order to pay for a new line marker, which is required for the playing field. The councillors also resolved to purchase bark to top up the play equipment area.

BDC meeting: Cllrs Parker and Presland will represent NPC at the meeting in Cockfield starting at 6.30pm on the 7th June 2016.

Village Hall and Trust representative updates: No meetings have been held by the Village Hall or Trust since the last NPC meeting.

Questions to the Chair: The councillors requested the Clerk to ask SCC's Better Broadband team to come along to the village hall and give residents an update on

the Better Broadband rollout for the village.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 15th June 2016 starting at 7.30pm.

Enforcement enquiry on the expected completion date of building works at Motts Farm.12/118d14/07/15B/15/00178

Enforcement enquiry with regard to change of use on land west of Sudbury Garden Centre.

Appeal against refusal of Planning Application B/13/01107 - Rogers Farm, Rogers Lane - Change of use of agricultural land to use as solar farm for generation of electricity from solar energy together with associated works comprising solar panels mounted on frames, security fencing, inverters, transformers and a switch gear cabinet as amended by revised plans received on 19 November 2013 including amended project layout plan, updated tree survey and root protection plan, additional information pack, construction access plans and hedgerow and tree impact report, cross section views form Church of St Mary the Virgin, amended plans of proposed structures. As further amended by agent's submission of amended Construction Management Plan (received 2 December 2013) and amended Habitat Enhancement and Screening Plan (No.104 Rev.1) received 18 December 2013.16/009Did not support appeal

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Stewart Braybrook (Chairman), Jeremy Coomber, Matt Foster and Chris White.

Attending: Martin Render (Community Heartbeat Trust), Dave Crimmin (Clerk) and 3 members of public.

Election of Chairman: It was resolved that Andy Sheppard be appointed as the Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council (LWPC).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Campbell (away), A Sheppard (holiday) and T Sheppard (work commitment) sent their apologies as well as Margaret Maybury (Babergh District Councillor), Frank Lawrenson (Babergh District Councillor) and Colin Spence (Suffolk County Councillor).

Election of Vice Chairman: It was resolved that Stewart Braybrook be appointed the Vice Chairman of LWPC.

Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation: No interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th March 2016: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Representatives to Outside Bodies: It was resolved that Cllr Campbell be appointed as LWPC's representative to the Playing Field Committee and Cllr Coomber was appointed as the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) representative.

Internal Auditor: It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2016 / 2017 and the Clerk to send a letter of engagement.

Annual Subscriptions: It was resolved that the annual memberships to SALC, the Society of Local Council Clerks (LWPC's cost is pro-rata of the Clerk's total council salaries) and Community Action Suffolk be renewed for 2016 / 2017.

Public Forum: A resident raised his concern over the quality of plans submitted with the planning application for 1 Priory Cottages (Item 16/053a).

Defibrillator: Martin Render, Chairman of Community Heartbeat Trust, outlined the process that Little Waldingfield could undertake in order to make a defibrillator accessible to its residents. He was able to explain how the scheme would operate via the East Anglian Ambulance Service and answered questions on start-up and ongoing costs, training and support for the scheme. The councillors agreed that a defibrillator would be a very good addition to the communities assets and planning will now commence on funding the project.

Routine Correspondence (Appendix A): The councillors reviewed the correspondence in which BDC had confirmed that there was no issue with a commercial vehicle and skip being parked in front of the vehicle owners house. Cllr Braybrook was asked by the councillors to contact the new residents in order to welcome them to the village. The councillors agreed to keep a watching brief on developments with the Babergh Alliance of Parish & Town Councils.

Clerk's Report (Appendix B) Following a review of the Clerk's report the Clerk was asked to review the signatories for the Bank Mandate.

Finance: a. The councillors reviewed and resolved to accept the internal audit report from Heelis & Lodge for 2015 / 2016 which included the recommendation for LWPC to review its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

b. The councillors resolved to approve LWPC's Bank Reconciliation and Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st March 2016 (Appendix C)

c. The councillors resolved to approve Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016 and the Chairman signed the section accordingly.

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e. The councillors resolved to approve the explanation of significant variances within Section 2 of the Annual Return.

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

g. The councillors resolved to donate £25 towards the event that the Parish Room was organising to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Planning: a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/16/00332 1 Priory Cottages, Church Road - Erection of single-storey rear extension and resolved that they considered the plans submitted with the application were not of sufficient detail to review the proposal against the neighbours' boundaries.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/16/00439 St Lawrence House, Church Road - Installation of roof light and works to roof and resolved to support the application.

Parish Council Matters

c. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.
d. The status of planning applications, enforcement and appeals previously reviewed by LWPC are as follows:

Highways and Footpaths

The councillors asked the Clerk to question SCC on whether there are sufficient repeater signs in the 30mph zone to enable enforcement of the speed limit.

16/055 LWPC Assets

The councillors reviewed the Clerk's report showing the issues and costs of upgrading / replacing the council's street lights as well as a comparison of the energy cost savings that will be achieved by the various options. With no issue having an impact during the current financial year the councillors agreed that determining the extent of the project and the sources of funding required would be sought ahead of setting a budget / precept for 2017 / 2018.

Closed Churchyard

The councillors reviewed the report commissioned from Suffolk Tree Services (STS) on the condition of the 6 lime trees in the closed churchyard. The councillors resolved that they supported the recommendations to reduce the crown of 2 of the trees by 25% and to fell 2 others to ground level. As all the trees concerned have Tree Preservation Orders it was also resolved that STS would liaise with Babergh District Council in order to agree the works required and to submit any planning application. At this stage the total cost of the works, depending on the agreement with BDC, would be in the range £2,000 to £2,300.

16/057 Christmas Tree

The landlord at the Swan Inn has agreed in principle for a Christmas tree to be located in the car park this year although measures would need to be taken for an electricity supply and protection from vehicles.

16/058 Community Led Plan

Following the feedback received from residents at the Annual Parish Meeting on the subject of a Community Led Plan, the councillors agreed that a public meeting should take place in September in order to gauge the views of residents on future development in the village. They agreed that a letter be produced for each household inviting them to the meeting

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Readers Letters

Sir

Beavers Dance

Please could you thank everyone who came to the BEAVERS DANCE. To all who gave raffle prizes and donations .To Veronic and Robert who work so hard for the village hall and ran the bar on the night also thank them for there donation .To all the helpers without them we wouldn't have been able to raise 1,228.10p A big thank you to Eileen and Mick Norman for taking Jackie and myself to E.A.C.H so we could take the money . A very humbling experiance THANK YOU everybod

Thank you from
Sylvie and Jackie

Note: *The editor apologises for not including this lter in the June BRN*

Sir

Percy Fletcher

Bob, Erika, Sue and families wish to thank everyone for their support and messages of condolence following dad's death. Thanks also to everyone who attended the service. Dad would have been "chuffed" to see the church so full.

Donations totalling £1000 have been received and will be divided between his chosen charities - St Mary's Church, Boxford and the Salvation Army.

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Bob, Erika, Sue and families.

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THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS – JULY 2016



The Names on our War Memorials – July 2016

Last month's article gave a brief account of the opening of the First Battle of the Somme. The use of the word first here separates this long campaign of fourteen engagements from the Second Battle of

Somme, which took place in the spring of 1918. This second battle proved, in the end, to be the turning point of the war. Despite considerable gains of territory by the German army during the various engagements, ultimately the German forces became overstretched and suffered significant losses of manpower. This, coupled with growing disquiet amongst the German political establishment at the ever increasing cost of the war in human and economic terms, led to the beginning of the end for the Central Powers, as the Allied forces recovered territory and began the advance onto German soil.

But that is 1918, and we remain at present in the dark days of July 1916 in which our villages lost five of their menfolk. We met James Gant of Groton, who died on 1st July, last month, but included him in the June article, because the nearest service in St Bartholomew's church to that date fell in June. This month we shall, likewise, include one man who died in August 1916, but again the nearest service to the date of death falls in July. So, in our churches in July we will remember Private Harry George Butcher of Little Waldingfield, 5151, 8th Battalion East Surrey Regiment, who, like James Gant, died on the 1st July; Private Thomas William Cobbold of Boxford, 13120, 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, who died on 3rd July; Lance Corporal Charles Henry Stribling of Edwardstone, G/2912, 7th Battalion The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), who died on 13th July; Serjeant Ernest Frederick Peachey also of Edwardstone, 14858, 8th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, who also died on 13th July; Private Walter Tricker of Groton, 19312, 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, who died on the 9th August.

What do we know of these men? As for all the names on the Little Waldingfield War Memorial, there are very good biographical accounts of each man and the circumstances of the action in which they died in the Little Waldingfield History Society's publication, Little Waldingfield Suffolk Our village history from 1840 to 2014. So, Harry Butcher's background and service is well documented. Also, Roger and Tina Loose, in their article in the Box River News in July 1914, quoted the Suffolk Free Press' account of the funeral of Ernest Peachey at Edwardstone, which also included some details of his life. But for our purposes here I will try and give a brief biography of each man as much as can be gleaned from Census sources.

Harry Butcher was born in 1894 to Henry and Susanna, both also born in the village, Henry in 1868 and Susanna in 1873. Henry is listed as a Stockman in 1911 and Harry a garden labourer. Susanna had died in 1910 at just 37 years old. The family lived near Slough Hall, no doubt in tied accommodation. At the time of his mother's death, he had three brothers and two sisters. Harry enlisted in Bury St Edmunds, probably in 1915 and his regiment was posted to France in July the same year.

Thomas Cobbold was born in 1892 in Polstead. His father was George, born 1865, who came from Rougham near Bury St Edmunds and his mother was Ellen (also recorded as Elinor) who was also born in 1865 and came from Polstead. The family is recorded in 1901 as living at Houseley Tye, Polstead, and School House, Bower House Tye, Polstead in 1911. George and Thomas, who was recorded by his middle name, William, in the 1911 Census, were both agricultural labourers. In 1911 he had two brothers and a sister. Sometime after the Census was taken in 1911 Thomas had married Rose Lily King. She appears in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records compiled after the end of the War as Rose Lily Munson of Ellis Street, no doubt having remarried after Thomas's death. In the same records, his parents were by then living in Ashbocking. Thomas enlisted in Ipswich probably in 1915 and would also have arrived in France in July 1915.

Ernest Peachey was the son of Henry, the Head Teacher of Edwardstone School. Henry was married to Annie and at the time of Ernest's birth in 1895, they were living at Burwell, where his father was an assistant teacher at the local school. Henry and Annie, both born in 1873, came from the adjacent Cambridgeshire villages of Swaffham Prior and Burwell respectively. In 1911 the family was living in the Schoolhouse, adjacent now to the Village Hall, and Ernest was a grocer and draper's assistant, probably working in Boxford. In 1911 Ernest had two brothers and a sister.

He enlisted in Sudbury along with eight other men from the village at the same time in response to one of the many recruitment rallies held throughout the land to help build up what became known as the New, or Kitchener's army. The famous poster "Your County needs You", originally appearing as a cover on the magazine London Opinion in September 1914, depicting a portrait of Lord Kitchener pointing his figure directly out of the poster at the reader, was part of that recruitment drive. Ernest would have been in France, like the others, by the end of July 1915.

Charles Stribling also came from Edwardstone where the family lived at Mill Green. He was born in 1883 and so would have passed through the local school before his comrade-in-arm's father came to teach there. His parents were Alfred and Emmaline. Alfred, born in Boxford in 1864, was a bricklayer. Emmaline was born in Edwardstone also in 1864. Charles, appearing under his middle name Henry in the 1911 Census, was described as a farm labourer, and before that in 1901 as a teamster on a farm. He was probably one of the eight men from the village who enlisted at the same time in Sudbury and would also have reached France in July 1915, just one year before his death.

Finally we meet Walter Tricker, born in 1895 to Walter and Maria in Hadleigh Hamlet. Hadleigh Hamlet is one of those curious administrative units that was not a parish but had most of the trappings of one. It was part of the Deanery of Bocking (nothing to do with Bocking near Braintree) along with Hadleigh itself, where the Dean lived (and still does) and several other villages. The Deanery belonged to the Archbishop of Canterbury and was most likely a gift of land by a wealthy Anglo Saxon to the pre-Conquest Archbishop. Its relevance here is that its boundary reached right into Boxford and included the north side of Ellis Street and was bounded on the west by the stream which rises above Horners Green and flows into the Box near the White Hart, and on the east by Cox Hill, that area being known then as Brook Hall. And it is in Brook Hall that the family were recorded as living in 1911. Walter senior was a bricklayer born in Boxford in 1873 and his mother was born in Groton in the same year. Walter junior was an agricultural labourer. He enlisted in Colchester in 1915 and found himself in France in July of the same year.

Three of our five soldiers are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. This Memorial, as we noted last month, lists more than 72,000 Allied soldiers, most of whom died during the Somme offensive, and who have no known grave. It takes its name from the village of Thiepval on the German side of the Western Front in 1916, which was finally captured at the end of September. It had been the original objective of the assault launched on 1st July. The village itself ceased to exist and the present scatter of houses lies to the south west of the old settlement.

Private Thomas Cobbold, who died at the age of 25 in the early phase of the Offensive, known as the Battle of Albert is recorded on Pier and Face 1 C and 2 A. Lance Corporal Charles Stribling died on the last day of the same battle and his name is at Pier and Face 5 D. He was 33. Private Walter Tricker died during the Battle of Delville Wood aged 22 and he is remembered on Pier and Face 1 C and 2 A.

Serjeant Ernest Peachey is one of the few men who are buried in the soil of their home village. Ernest was wounded during the Battle of Albert on 5th July and was brought back to England for treatment. On arrival in Kent he would have travelled on one of the thousands of special hospital trains mobilised by all the principal railway companies of the time. He was taken to Woburn to be cared for in the Duke of Bedford's private hospital, which, like many others, was pressed into service to try and manage the enormous number of wounded men being evacuated from the Somme battlefields. All of this was to no avail, and he died in Woburn on the same day as Charles Stribling died in France. Ernest is buried in Edwardstone Churchyard and he lies just south of the chancel. Upon his headstone are the words, chosen and paid for by his parents, A loving son A prompt volunteer Wounded at the First Somme Battle. He was just 20 years old.

Private Harry Butcher is now buried in the Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, near Mametz. Mametz village was one of the objectives of the first day of the Somme offensive and, after fierce fighting around the German trench named Dantzig Alley, was actually secured in the day. A cemetery was started at the village later in the month of July, but Harry did not die at Mametz. In the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's documentation is a Concentration Record for Harry. Concentration Records detail the recovery of the buried remains of soldiers who were interred more or less where they fell. After the war a process began of locating all these hundreds of small graveyards and exhuming the dead for reburial in one of the larger formal memorial cemeteries local to the area. Harry died aged 22 near the village of Carnoy a little to the south east of Mametz and was buried at Vernon Street Cemetery, another name derived from a trench. That cemetery lay in a narrow valley running roughly north/south between the villages of Carnoy and Maricourt. The exact spot goes by the curious name of Squeak Forward Position. Trench mapping of the time clearly shows the trenches including Vernon Street, which was

adjacent to a thin strip of woodland near the bottom of the valley. Up on the hill to the east, the direction of the Allied advance on the day Harry died, is another wood strategically situated amongst the German defensive positions. On the Trench maps this goes by the name of Machine Gun wood, which probably accounts for the other one hundred and nine soldiers who came to be buried alongside Harry between the months of July and October 1916 in that treacherous little valley. Both woods are there to this day, but now have different names.

All of these places seem somehow far off from our small Suffolk villages, but it is worth remembering that all the suffering and death of the Somme was taking place in 1916 just 150 miles away, no further than the distance from here to, for instance, Sheffield. A short hop in our twenty-first century world, perhaps more distant from the perspective of early twentieth century rural Suffolk, but close enough to cause deep hurt in all of our communities.

Harry will be remembered at the 09:30 service at Little Waldingfield church on 3rd July. On the same day at the 11:00 service at Boxford church we will remember Thomas Cobbold. Both Ernest Peachey and Charles Stribling will be remembered on 13th July at the 09:30 service at Edwardstone, and Walter Tricker will be remembered at Groton on 24th July.

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.

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Fleece Jazz Club David Gasson 210796
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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
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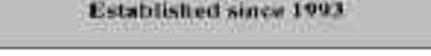
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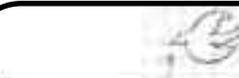
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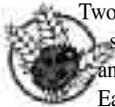
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BOXFORD ROVERS WIN THE CUP



Further to the recent BRN report on Boxford Rovers Under 18s success in getting to the South Suffolk League Plate Final and it being the last ever game the lads would play together after over 10 years of league football and well over 250 games, we are pleased to report happy ending!

Despite a surge in recent form from cup final opponents Framlingham Town, Boxford Rovers Under 18s put in an impressive performance to run out convincing winners 7-1, with goals from Baker (2), Watling (2), Philbidge, Bartlett and Hargreaves, as well as a penalty save from Sam Chapman. The lads had amazing travelling support from over 70 people,

comprising fellow Boxford Rovers managers, families and friends. What a great way to finish an era. Celebrations continued well into the evening at the Homefields Pavilion.

Particularly pleasing to report was that, of the team which completed the cup final, eight of them had started with the club years ago as 'mini's' and have remained loyal servants of our village club ever since, namely; Max Berridge, Sam Beven, Sam Chapman, Andrew Bray, Sam Chapman, Ru Cheeseman, Seth Philbidge and William Poole.

We wish the lads all the best for the future. Chris Philbidge

NEWTON LADIES



Above: Rebecca Evans, joint non playing captain, Sarah Williams, Janet Sparks, Gwyneth Ferreira, Carol Durston, Tibby Mimpriss and Sue Lockwood.

NEWTON LADIES THROUGH IN CRANWORTH

Newton Green ladies put up a strong performance to reach the first round of the Suffolk Cranworth Trophy - a title they have held twice in the last seven years.

In the preliminary round played on neutral ground at Ipswich, Newton overcame Diss 6 - 3, and now go on to meet Creetingham at Woodbridge on June 23rd.

Newton put themselves in a good position at lunch against Diss, winning all the three morning pairs matches. Janet Sparks and Tibby Mimpriss opened with an impressive six and five victory against their opponents, followed by a one up win by Carol Durston and Gwyneth Ferreira, and a 2 & 1 win for Sue Lockwood and Sarah Williams.

It meant Newton needed just two wins from the six afternoon singles and although Lockwood went down 3 & 2, wins of 4 & 3 for Sparks and 3 & 2 for Mimpriss, brought up victory. With the result in the bag, three uncompleted matches on the course were called in as halves.

