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MILDEN ARE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



Milden Cricket Club concluded their season with an away win at local neighbours Twinstead at the end of August. Having secured promotion the week before against Great Cornard, Milden were aiming for the title and continuing their unbeaten run. On a beautiful summers day Milden posted 204 for 3 and bowled out the hosts for 140 to secure the title and achieved something that has never been achieved at Milden in recent history, completing the season unbeaten in the Hunts County Division 5. The large amount of supporters who travelled to watch celebrated with the players after the game, long into the evening.

The season has been a resounding success with a complete team performance throughout the year. When Milden have stared defeat in the face, a number of players have stepped up to the crease and put in performances to ensure victory was achieved. Milden were pushed hard all year by local rivals Lavenham, but through excellent team work, determination and guile ensured that they were able to celebrate after the last game at Twinstead, a fantastic achievement. What has been most pleasing is the acknowledgement from our opponents throughout the season of not just our level of play, but how we approached the games and the spirit that we played in.

The season has seen the club grow with many more people becoming involved in the club, the player pool expanding and a real team and club spirit growing. The cricket club will be holding its annual dinner at the Edwardstone White Horse on the 8th October where a range of achievements will be recognised and awards presented.

A massive thank you must go to Mick and June at the Edwardstone White Horse for their continued support of the club, providing a warm and generous welcome to both Milden players, supporters and our opponents every week. Thanks must also go to The Lindsey Group for their sponsorship this year, without much needed support, we could not achieve the targets we have set ourselves. Finally, Milden Pavilion Committee, who's tireless work and support of the cricket club, enables us to play at one of the nicest grounds in Suffolk.

But Milden Cricket Club do not stand still, we aim to look to establish a second team to offer even more cricket to people, we have plans to achieve the Club Marque standard set out by the ECB and also have qualified coaches to encourage young players to choose Milden for their cricket. If you are interested in playing, please contact the club via email, mildencricket@gmail.com or our facebook page. Lots of information at www.mildencricket.com. Milden Cricket Club would also like to congratulate our neighbours and friends at Edwardstone Cricket Club who achieved promotion to Division 2, a terrific achievement and a great advert for local cricket. Tom Konopka, Captain.

READY FOR OCCUPATION

The "Stationfield" Homes are completed and ready for occupation well ahead of schedule. We welcome the new villagers



Photo's David Lamming

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PARADE LANTERN WORKSHOPS



The year's Boxford Lantern Parade and Fireworks will be held on Saturday 29th October.

To make lanterns for the parade, Boxford Community Council in conjunction with Boxford Scouts will be running workshops at The Spinney from Saturday 22nd October to Thursday 27th October. The workshops will run 10am to 4pm each day.

Groups (2 -6 people) wishing to make large lanterns should book to attend on Saturday or Sunday and make arrangements to attend a follow up session during the week to finish off. Drop in sessions will be available Monday – Thursday.

To book a session please contact Mark Miller Tel 01787 211596 and leave a message with your name, phone number and number of people in your group or email the same information to Debbie.miller@talktalk.net

We are hoping to beat last year's record of 100 lanterns on the parade.



FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 30 September 8.00 £20

Barb Jung

Passionate, original & inventive interpretation of jazz and soul: Magnificent

Barb Jung vocals, Barry Green piano, Davide Mantovani bass Last May, Barb's Fleece performance, featuring Dylan and Leonard Cohen songs, generated a rapturous reception and a long queue for her CD "Hard Rain".

Driving on a motorway somewhere in the East (was it from our gig?) Barb decided she wanted to make a recording in New York. The result was a collaboration, with Grammy winning American pianist and arranger Laurence Hobgood, to produce the 2016 CD "Shelter From The Storm" with Jung - Hobgood originals, plus songs by Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Dave Bowie, Sondheim & Bernstein and Rogers & Hammerstein. This year, Barb's program comprises mostly material from this CD.

Friday 7 October 8.00 £118

Tony Kofi & The Organisation

"Kofi deals not so much with the past as with the eternal truths of jazz music - swing, in-the-moment lyricism, the lust for life - and he continues to find compelling ways to express them." - All About Jazz

Tony Kofi saxes, Pete Whitaker Hammond B3, Peter Cater drums, Simon Fernsby guitar

Award-winning and internationally recognized saxophonist Tony Kofi teams up with the 'Organisation' to perform a hard-hitting selection of tunes in blues, jazz and funk idioms, including many under-acknowledged classics by likes of Woody

Shaw, George Russell. Joe Henderson and Duke Pearson. His many accolades include: Best Instrumentalist at the 2008 BBC Jazz awards; Best Ensemble at the 2005 Parliamentary Jazz Awards; Radio 3 Jazz line-up album of the year at the 2005 BBC Jazz awards; a MOBO nomination in 2008.

Friday 14 October 8.00 £15

Chris Allard

One of the great guitarists in this country" - Jamie Cullum.

"A non-cliched linear improviser of great originality and talent..." Jazzviews. Chris Allard guitar, Oli Hayhurst bass, Charlie Wood keys and vocals Nick Smalley drums

Freelance guitarist Chris Allard has performed at many prestigious venues and festivals, including the Royal Festival Hall, Montreux Jazz Festival the Royal Albert Hall. He has recorded with Jacqui Dankworth, Gwilym Simcock, the BBC Big Band, Dame Cleo Laine, Sir John Dankworth and Jamie Cullum amongst others.

Friday 28 October 8.00 £15

Tassos Spiliotopoulos

Sweden based Athenian and former Londoner brings something truly new to jazz. Tassos Spiliotopoulos guitar, Orjan Hulten sax, Kevin Glasgow bass, Asaf Sirkis drums

"Compelling guitarist Spiliotopoulos creates dark, modal jazz... a band and a guitarist to watch out for." - Time Out, London
Tassos has worked extensively with the Israeli born drummer and composer and Fleece favourite, Asaf Sirkis and appeared on several of his albums. Others with whom Spiliotopoulos has worked with in the UK include Yaron Stavi, Gary Husband, Gareth Lockrane, John Turville, and fellow guitarists John Parricelli and John Etheridge. "Archipelagos" featured a guest appearance on trumpet by the late, great Kenny Wheeler.

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

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THE AUGUST LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

All are welcome...!

Today, as I write this, on 15th September, it is exactly six years since Rufus and I began our two-day move from Great Maplestead into the Rectory. They say that moving house is high up on the list of the most stressful events that people can go through, and moving house certainly requires a great deal of patience, as well as physical effort and planning. At least we were moving from a smaller house to a larger one, so there were plenty of rooms for us to store things in until we could unpack the endless boxes.

As I drive around the five villages of the benefice, something I take note of is the new "for sale" signs as they go up, and then – if all goes well – the changing signs that show the sale is progressing: "under offer", "sale agreed" and best of all, for those concerned, "sold"!



Moving house of course, though, is not just a question of changing one set of bricks and mortar for another. Something much more profound and significant is also going on. And that is – moving home.

It is a big decision to move house and move home, and surely, when people take that step, after much thought, what they are hoping for is not just a convenient building, a good school for their children, easy transport links. They are looking for - hoping for - an acceptance, a warmth of welcome – by their new neighbours and by the community of which they will now be a part. They may or may not know anyone when they arrive, they may wonder about – perhaps even feel a little anxious about - whether or not to join any of the local organisations or try the local church.

Just as, when you have been driving for years, it is hard to remember what it felt like to be a tentative learner driver, so, when you have lived in a village for many years, it is hard to remember how you felt when you first arrived. Even harder, if you have lived in a village or area all your life, and perhaps your parents and grandparents too, to put yourselves into the shoes of someone new.



Soon the new clusters of houses in Boxford at Goodlands, Sand Hill and behind Swan Street will begin to be occupied. And there are also some new houses in Little Waldingfield and Newton. Each of these new houses will become a new home for the people living there, a place where they will begin to

build up their own memories and put down their own roots.

The Bible puts a great emphasis on welcoming the "stranger" and extending hospitality. Let's do all we can reach out with kindness and offers of practical help to any who have moved in near us. And on behalf of all the churches, I would like to extend a very special welcome to everyone who has recently moved, or is about to move, into one of the five villages.

The words of a modern hymn, which some of us have been learning recently, paints a picture of a church in which all who come are listened to, valued and cherished. Its words could apply just as well to a community which aspires to welcome all who hope to make their home with them:

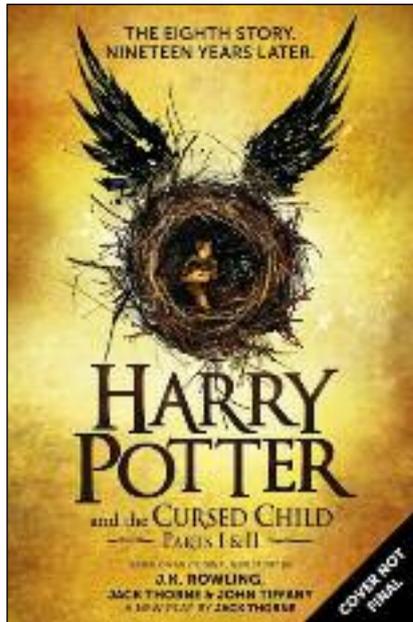
Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard, and loved and treasured, taught and claimed, as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Blessings, *Revd. Judith*

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child book review:



For every Harry Potter fan, the release of *The Cursed Child* is a dream come true. Who thought an eighth part to the Boy-Who-Lived's story would actually materialise so soon after the main series finished? However, it quickly transpired this was going to be no normal book release.

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An example of the script being unmeasurable against the production comes in act one, scene four. It starts with the explanation: "And now we enter a world of time changing. And this Scene is all about magic." In these few pages our hero, Albus Severus Potter, goes from being sorted into a Hogwarts house in his first year to rushing onto the Express in his third. Along the way, we're treated to a brief Quidditch lesson, Great Hall assembly, and a Potions lesson, but they're all so brief we hardly get a flavour of what is actually happening.

On stage, it was one of the play's greatest scenes; fast pace but with vivid imagery. If *The Cursed Child* was perhaps written as a book this could have been built on but, in these pages, we barely get a taste of these formative years. It's so quick, so little is said, readers will race through, given little direction as what is happening.

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Boxford Ward District Council Report

This past month has been one of my busiest yet with upcoming debates and decisions on the way we work and on the place where we work from. It is proposed that the two Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk, share a headquarters not necessarily within our boundaries. My opinion is that we should always work within the area in which we are elected to serve and I will be putting that point of view across within the Council chamber. Babergh District Council will also be making its own contribution to the devolution debate which is raging at the moment and will reach its conclusion later this year. If anyone has a point of view on these or any other matter that they would like to put across please feel free to e-mail me or come to your local Parish Council meeting and put your point of view across there. On matters closer to home the Stationfield development at Sandhill is almost fully completed and the last fourteen houses and flats have been allocated to local applicants. This scheme is the result of a lot of hard work by myself and the local Parish Councillors past and present for which I thank them. I wish all the successful applicants a happy and peaceful residence in the lovely village of Boxford. We have an application for a mobile phone mast situated up on the bypass to serve Boxford and the surrounding villages which I am supporting as I feel that the appalling communication problem in this area must be improved. Whilst one always worries about the health issues that people raise with one of these applications, it has to be said that to date there has been no evidence found to support this. I hope that the many thousands of residents who signed our petition get behind this application and support this proposal by writing to the planning office at Babergh. Work has started as we go to press on re-laying the new cricket pitch at the playing field, this is much needed due to the total break-up of the old artificial one and will enable games next season to be played on a safe wicket. The money for this has been provided by a grant from my council from section 106 funds. The Playing field committee are also working on a very brave plan for the refurbishment of the old pavilion and I hope the local villages can also help and contribute to this much-needed scheme. Watch this space for more details. We will be running the community bus again to the Quay theatre in Sudbury during October and the choice is a film, The Dressmaker showing 7.30 pm. on the 19th October or a tribute to the Shadows on the 1st October also at 7.30. Pick up times will be 6.30. outside the fleece for both shows. I hope lots of people who cannot normally get out too much in the evening will want to come. Please just call to let me know. All Best Bryn. 01787 210854.

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Government Devolution consultation closes but Suffolk residents can still give their views

Over the last seven weeks people across Norfolk and Suffolk have been offering their views and feedback on a proposed devolution deal and associated governance arrangements for the two counties. The consultation closed at the end of the day on Tuesday 23 August.

Devolution is about transferring certain decision-making powers and funding down from Central Government to a local area. It means that decisions are taken close to where they have an effect.

The majority of councils across Norfolk and all in Suffolk, along with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership supported the deal and agreed to ask the public for their views.

Key elements of proposed Norfolk/Suffolk deal are:

- £25m funding each year for the next 30 years (£750m) to support economic growth, development of local infrastructure and jobs (this will increase the local economy to £43bn and create 95,000 jobs by 2026)
 - £130m investment over five years to support the building of new homes across Norfolk and Suffolk
 - Over the lifetime of the deal around 200,000 homes could be delivered
 - Control of a £225m transport budget for the next four years
 - Control of an existing c£20m annual adult skills fund to ensure the training offer matches the needs of local businesses and the local labour market
 - Control of an existing c£2m annual Apprenticeship Grant for employers
- As part of the consultation, people have been asked for their views on more decisions being taken locally, rather than at central government and whether they support the creation of a combined authority chaired by a directly elected Mayor for the two counties.

Over 2500 submissions were made as part of the consultation by people completing the online survey. Ipsos-Mori have also been carrying out more than 6000 phone surveys across the two counties to ensure decision makers have a representative sample of views.

Suffolk County Council plans to continue its own consultation until October when Councillors will be asked to give the proposals final approval. The consultation summaries will soon go live on www.suffolk.gov.uk.

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 16th September 2016

County Councillor Stour Valley Division

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3 PEAKS CHARITY CHALLENGE COMPLETED (JUST!), AUBERGINE



Ian and Sam Drake from Boxford successfully climb Britain's 3 tallest mountains in July and raised over £1500 for Marie Curie, in memory of Ian's Dad John. "Linda, Sam and I would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout this challenge. We always knew this would be quite an undertaking and it turned out to be a bit more of a challenge than expected.

Everything was going to plan and after several hours' hard slog we completed Ben Nevis, battling the rain, sleet snow and fog, and then jumped into the car for the 5 ½ hour drive to the Lake District. Three hours in, the auxiliary drive belt on the car broke! undaunted we limped on arriving at our B & B at 11.30pm that night, tired and uncertain if we could continue. Luckily, the next day after much searching, we found a fantastic garage nearby that managed to replace not only the drive belt but the tensioner pulley as well (which had also broken) in under 3 hours. However, we had now lost 5 hours in getting the car fixed and this put us way behind our tight schedule. Hastily bidding farewell to our brilliant B & B hosts, we set off to climb Scafell. Sadly, about 1000ft up Sam's walking pole broke and he fell heavily on his leg. This and the lateness in the hour meant we had to make the hard decision to abandon our attempt on Scafell Pike. With a heavy heart we returned to the car and set off for our next overnight with friends. However, on the way there we all decided that we wouldn't be beaten and if we could we would return after climbing Snowdon to have another attempt at Scafell Pike. And that is what we did.

Snowdon decided to put up a fight and gave us the wettest, foggiest climb we have ever experienced, but with Snowdon successfully conquered we headed back to the Lakes for another shot at Scafell. This time we were determined to complete the climb despite the summit being shrouded in dense fog (we were obviously not meant to have a view on any of the summits!) Finally, Sam and I reached the summit...quite surreal...totally silent, enveloped in fog with only a lone seagull for company. A treasured memory. Returning downhill, the weather broke and by the time we met Linda, at Lingmell Gill, we were treated to a glorious view of Waswater glistening below.

At the end of it we climbed a total of 3 and a half mountains and drove over 1700miles."

Thank you once again to everyone who has donated so far and also a big thank you to Alan and the lads at the butchers for hosting the sponsorship forms for us.

All money raised so far has gone to Marie Curie and if you want to continue supporting Ian and Sam's challenge then please go to their Just Giving website page www.justgiving.com/Ian-Drake1 which will remain open throughout September, to make a donation.

AUBERGINE

AUBERGINE (Eggplant, Brinjal, Guinea Squash or Melongene!)

The word Aubergine derives from the ancient Indian Sanskrit language and is a member of the nightshade family - its cousins include potatoes, tomatoes and peppers. Although considered a vegetable, botanically speaking the aubergine is a berry (fruit). It is native to Southeast Asia and India. Interestingly, in China it was considered necessary for a woman to have a minimum of twelve aubergine recipes prior to the day of her marriage! In Japan, the happiest omen for New Year is Mt. Fuji, followed by the falcon and then the aubergine!

In the 7th or 8th century AD it is believed Arab traders brought aubergines to Europe via the Silk Road and the Persians subsequently transported them to Africa. However, it was the Spaniards who introduced aubergines to the New World. It seems as though Thomas Jefferson (a noted horticulturist) was largely responsible for publicising the aubergine into recognition. When first introduced into Renaissance Italy and England people believed that if one ate the 'mala insana' or 'mad apple' he or she would go insane.....presumably because of its relationship to the deadly nightshade family! In earlier days aubergines were round and green or small and white, resembling eggs (hence the name Eggplant which comes from British colonised India) but today there are roughly 20 different varieties of aubergine growing in a wide range of colours, shapes and sizes - world production exceeds 30 million tonnes per annum.

Other than being known for its regal beauty, the aubergine has a wonderfully meaty and fleshy texture. It is also incredibly versatile.....and can be fried, baked, grilled, stuffed, pickled, mashed, dried, roasted or braised. In order to lessen the absorbency tendencies of this vegetable, you might try salting, rinsing and draining prior to cooking. Always store aubergines in the middle shelf of your fridge, and when buying, choose uniformly smooth and coloured.....gently squeeze with a finger.....fresh aubergines will immediately return to original smoothness.

Aubergines are incredibly nutritious as well as adding colour, unique taste and texture to a myriad of dishes. They contain nasunin (antioxidant) which helps in the elimination of free radicals. Some studies point to nasunin as an inhibitor to some types of cancer cells. Other studies have found that extracts obtained from aubergines can help reduce levels of cholesterol. They are rich in fibre (which helps rid the body of toxins and helps keep one 'regular'), contain vitamins B1, B6 and K and are rich in copper, magnesium, potassium, niacin and folic acid.....plus virtually fat-free!

STUFFED AUBERGINES

- 4 aubergines
 - 2 teaspoons ground cumin
 - 5 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 2 chopped onions
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 3 garlic cloves (finely chopped)
 - 500 grams minced lamb
 - 2 red peppers (oven roasted at 200C for 40 minutes)
 - 100 grams grated Gruyere cheese
- Tomato sauce (recipe follows, however, if you would rather....then use a jar of ready-made sauce!)
- Cut each aubergine lengthwise through the stalk, score flesh in a criss-cross pattern....through to the skin, but do not cut into skin! Place on baking tray and brush each half with olive oil, season with salt and bake for 30-40 minutes or until flesh is soft but not browned. Roast the peppers in oven at the same time.
1. Gently saute one onion in 4 tablespoons olive oil for 20 minutes
 2. Peel off skin from peppers (immerse peppers in cold water as soon as roasted and this should help remove skin easily) then chop into quite large pieces.
 3. Add to onion with all spices and cook on medium heat for five minutes.
 4. Add minced lamb and cook until lightly browned.
 5. Add tomato sauce.

TOMATO SAUCE

- 1 chopped onion
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 3 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 teaspoons sugar (optional)
 - 1 tin chopped tomatoes (plus couple of fresh tomatoes if desired....I suggest plunging these into boiling water for 20 seconds, then remove skin and chop)
 - 2 tablespoons tomato paste
1. Gently saute onion in hot olive oil for about 10 minutes or until translucent
 2. Add tin of tomatoes, tomato paste and sugar
 3. Simmer on medium heat for 30 minutes until reduced and thick
 4. Taste before adding salt and pepper
- Remove aubergines from oven. Once cool, carefully remove flesh and add to the minced lamb mixture, stirring gently until incorporated. Then add chopped peppers. Pile mixture into aubergine shells, sprinkle grated cheese on top.....oven bake at 180C for 20 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

P.S. You can stuff any suitable vegetable instead of or as well as aubergines, such as courgettes, peppers or onions.



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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities will meet on Monday 28th November 2016 and will consider applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from individuals or organisations (serving the above area) are invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5

MISSING CAT

My pure White cat called 'Lilly' escaped from my car on Sunday 5th September opposite St Marys Church in Boxford.

Lilly is a very friendly 15 year old cat who is most probably scared as she is lost. We actually live in Sudbury so Lilly doesn't know the area. Unfortunately she isn't microchipped. She was last seen at the top of School hill near the bypass on Wednesday 7th. If there are any sightings of her or you can catch her please contact Sarah Kingsbury on 07919001323

A reward will be given if anyone can catch her.



SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN 2016

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Cake and Coffee morning at Mary's house. We made £342.00 to pay for the transport of our shoeboxes this year and had a very enjoyable morning as well.

We now have the dates for wrapping and filling the boxes.

Friday 14th October for wrapping the boxes and Monday 24th October for filling them. Both days at 2.00pm at Mary's house.

Any donations of toys, games, pens and pencils, toiletries etc. will be most welcome, in fact anything suitable to fit into a medium-size shoebox. They can be left at Mary's house on the day or beforehand.

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

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

If you are interested please phone:

Ann Porter on 210581. Shirley Watling on 210024 or Jennie Lindsley 210520 if you require any further information.

CALLING ALL UKULELE PLAYERS

Plans are afoot to launch a ukulele group for Hadleigh and its surrounding villages. Do you play the ukulele? Are you a beginner, an intermediate player or an expert? Would you like to meet up with other uke players and play together, chat, share ideas and share music, maybe put on a gig or two? Hadleigh Ukulele Group (HUG) will be for uke players and anybody interested in this fun and entertaining instrument.

If you think this is a good idea and would like to be part of it, send an email with your name and telephone number to hadleighukulelegroup@gmail.com. If enough people express an interest you will then be contacted with details of the date, time and place for an open meeting at which ideas can be discussed and plans made to formally launch Hadleigh's own ukulele group.

Some interesting facts about the ukulele:

The ukulele's popularity is booming. In recent years ukulele manufacturers such as Kala have reported growth of 500-600% and around the world in 2015 ukulele sales rose by 1200%. The first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong, was a uke player and when he returned to Earth he spent several weeks in quarantine as scientists at the time feared he may have picked up strange bacteria while in space. He spent much of this time strumming his uke. Other famous players are: Taylor Swift, Pete Townsend, Peter Sellers, Cyndi Lauper, Warren Buffet, George Harrison, Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Madonna, Joni Mitchell and Frank Skinner. There are approx 250 ukulele groups on the UK and if enough people are interested in joining, Hadleigh's uke group could be number 251.

For more information email: hadleighukulelegroup@gmail.com or go to our website - hadleighukulelegroup.onesuffolk.net

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES

Following the influx of new residents to the village over recent years the trustees felt that we should inform you of the existence and purpose of the Charities.

The Charity name and number is John Wincoll – 209981.

It is made up of four charities – John Wincoll 1580, Mary Williamson 1697

Joshua Dove 1728, and Almshouse Fund 1968

The scheme is administered by three trustees, one of which must be the current

incumbent. It was first set up on 5th February 1869 but has been modified several times and the latest scheme is dated 16th July 1968.

The trustees are: -

Terry Western (Chairman)

Revd. Judith Sweetman

Richard Mitchell

Clerk to the Charity is Sue Mitchell

The Scheme

The Constitution states that the income of the Trust should be applied in relieving "conditions of need, hardship or distress" to residents of the Parish.

History

The income of the Charity comes from rent charged on parcels of land in the Parish and in Felsham, as delineated in a map dated 1827 and the interest from investments. It is this income that is available to make our charitable payments.

In the past some landlocked fields accessible only by the sitting tenant have been sold and the money invested, as instructed by the Charity Commission.

Distribution of Funds

Some payments are made in accordance with the above conditions, such as help with bereavements, hospital transport and disabilities, but the Christmas Gifts to the needy has been replaced by payments to those over 65 who are retired and have lived in the village for over 1 year and wish to apply for this benefit. The accounts of 1939 show that when there were "poor" families in the village that payments were made of 2s 6d per person and 1s 6d per child.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES

Also known as John Wincoll – 209981

The charity was originally set up in 1869 to relieve "conditions of need, hardship or distress".

However, if you are over sixty-five, retired and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more you may be eligible for the Christmas gift. Please apply by 30th November to the Clerk, Sue Mitchell on 247173

CHURCH BELL RINGING

Readers may well have heard the report that a large number of English church towers do not have enough, or any, people to ring their bells for services and celebrations.

This is true of Boxford and Edwardstone. We are looking for people who would like to learn the skill of ringing church bells. Ringers can be any age from eight to eighty and it is not a matter of strength to be a good ringer.

Anyone interested in learning should contact Richard Gates on 01787 210432 who will be able to tell them more about this traditional practice.

GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

The Trustees of Groton United Charities will be meeting to review applications for grants in November, and will be pleased to receive requests from individuals living in Groton and from organisations in Boxford whose activities benefit the residents of Groton.

Requests for grants should be sent to the Clerk to the Trustees, Jeremy Osborne, at Waterside Barn, Groton Street, Groton CO10 5EE or by e-mail to jeremyosborne1@btinternet.com



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What's On

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our next quiz will be held in the Parish Room on Saturday 29th October. It will be, as usual, a fun evening with Mary's quality questions put to you by the well-known quiz master, Brian, and an excellent two course meal provided by Sue. All for £8.50. To book your place ring Sue 247173 or Mary 247658. Should you have any dietary requirements please let Sue know.

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.

BOXFORD SLIMMING WORLD

Why not join our fun and friendly group at:
Boxford slimming world, Boxford village hall
Stone street road, Boxford
Wednesday at 7.30pm
call Vicky for a chat on:
mob: 07931587504
home:01787376059

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.

Monks Eleigh Whist Drives 2016

Come and join a group who play whist every third Monday of the month (apart from December when it's the second!) in Monks Eleigh Village Hall. We play 12 hands, homemade refreshments are provided and we have a raffle. We aim to have a social game of cards and a fun evening so beginners to experienced players are welcome.

Dates: • Monday February 15th • Monday March 21st
Contact Angela Forrest on 01449 740414 for further details.

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person
Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets
Arrive 7.00pm starts 7.30pm See ad in the BRN

ROBIN HOOD

BOXFORD'S CHRISTMAS PANTO!

Robin and his merry band, the delightful but penniless Maid Marion and her faithful Nurse, Nora, the evil Sherrif of Nottingham and even a surprising appearance from an unexpected historical character at the end, combine to make a memorable panto for Boxford. Full of songs and bad jokes, together with a bit of slapstick, Robin Hood will set the mood for Christmas this year!

Wed 30th Nov Family Night £8 adults £4 Children - Bar, raffle but no supper - starts 7pm

Thurs 1st Dec till Sat 3rd £15 with traditional Christmas Dinner served in the interval as well as Bar and Raffle

Tickets will be on sale Saturday Morning 29th October from 9am till 10am at Boxford Village Hall. Then from Boxford Post Office.

Yoga classes

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

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

Remember

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

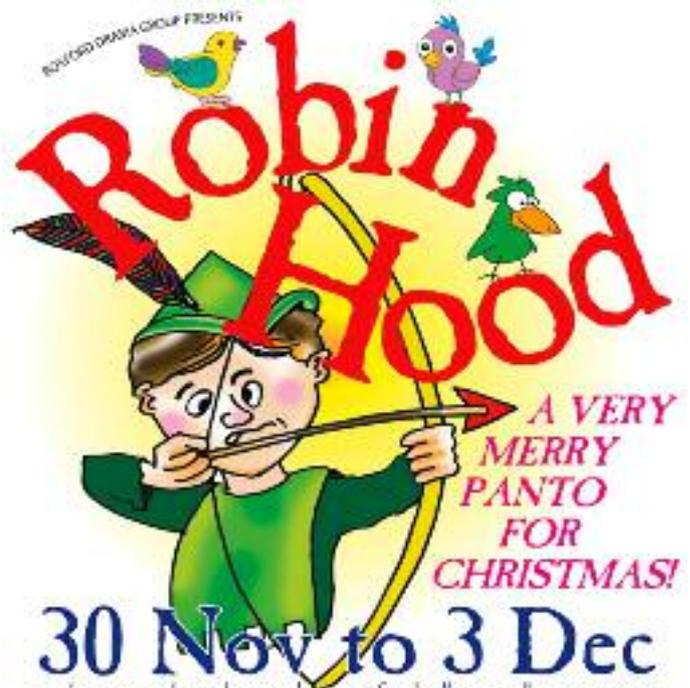
BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Jane Lindsay - Chelsea Gold Medalist 2014/2015

A PASSION FOR CLIMBERS (INDOORS & OUTDOORS)



Tuesday 4th October
at 7.30pm



30 Nov to 3 Dec

Tickets on sale 29th October Boxford Village Hall 9am to 10am
Then in Boxford Post Office

Wednesday November 30th "Family Night"

Tickets £8 adults £4 children - starting at 7.00pm (No supper)

Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd Tickets £15 - starting at 7.30pm.

2 course Christmas supper served during the interval

Licensed bar and raffle all evenings.

Wot's On

LWHS Programme of Events - 2016

12th October

Overpaid, Oversexed and Overhere by Ian McLachlan.

A history of the USAAF in East Anglia during the war, by an expert Eighth Air

Force historian who has also taken part in a number of "Time Team" episodes.

9th November

The Great Exhibition of 1851 by Geoffrey Kay.

The first international exhibition of manufactured products, organised by Henry Cole and Prince Albert and held in the purpose built Crystal Palace in Hyde Park.

7th December

The Angel Roofs of East Anglia by Michael Rimmer.

Michael will reveal the history and development of this fascinating subject. Outstanding photographs will reveal the visual quality of these works of art.

18th January

What did your grandfather do in the great war? by David Empsom.

LWHS member only event - A talk on medals & military research through the ages.

15th February

Chilton: A journey through time by David Burnett.

Beginning in the late Bronze Age, incorporating discovery of Saxon treasure and riotous church behaviour, with memories of Chiltonians past and present.

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

Friday, September 30th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

The year has progressed, and it will soon be time for our annual Harvest Supper, following on from Harvest Festival which is in the Church on Sunday, September 25th. The Harvest Supper will be the usual delicious meal, with a Bar and Entertainment and Groton Christmas Cards for sale, and the price has been frozen at just £10 each, what a bargain! so get your tickets soon from Pat Kennedy Scot [210319], Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton.

Edwardstone Parish Hall

Christmas Coffee Morning:

The date of the Christmas Coffee Morning is being changed.

Please look out for full details in the November BRN.

Daphne Clark 01787 210698

Little Waldingfield History Society

St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Little Waldingfield History Society is delighted to host a concert by the St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir, commencing at 7.30 p.m. on November 19th in St Lawrence Church Little Waldingfield, in aid of the St Lawrence church renovation fund.

The choir has a wide repertoire of songs from 1940s swing, Welsh hymns, spirituals, folk songs and musical theatre, to tunes from the charts. This concert will feature many choir old favourites, with music to suit every taste ranging from Classical to Rogers & Hammerstein, Gershwin, Burt Bacharach, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, David Grey, Robbie Williams and more. The Classic Femme ladies trio will also be singing, so all musical bases will be covered on the night.

Its going to be an unforgettable and memorable experience, in a truly atmospheric location, and all in a wonderful cause.

Tickets cost just £8.00 and the programme will be in two halves with an interval between. There will also be a raffle and a bar with wine and soft drinks to enhance the experience even more.

For further information or to purchase tickets, please contact:

Di Langford on 01787 248298;

Sue Sheppard on 01787 247980; or

Andy Sheppard at sheppard-andy@sky.com

SESAW Christmas Fair

Sunday 20th Nov, 10-3pm at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX

Four showrooms of seasonal gifts, decorations & crafts

Jewell, glassware, pet stall, tombola, raffle - and lots more

Cakes, snacks, refreshments, free parking

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In aid of Edwardstone Church

ZHL Strings

Founded by violist Jim Huang, ZHL Strings has been established in London since 1993. They are a group of young professional musicians who are much sought after as soloists, symphony and chamber musicians, accompanists as well as music teachers. With their professional and academic training background, the ZHL team is able to undertake an extremely diverse and adventurous range of musical activities.

They have performed at venues ranging from live street festivals in London Covent Garden to Royal Celebrations in Buckingham Palace. They have also played in festivals and private functions across Europe.

More see: www.facebook.com/zhlstrings

At Edwardstone Church the quartet will be performing popular classics including Hungarian Dance, Bolero and Czardas.



Wot's On

BOXFORD FIREWORKS 2016

The Fireworks return on Saturday 29th October. Lanterns will be made in the week leading up to the night. Tickets are available at Alan Leeder, Butchers, The Post Office and The Coffee Box. Adults £5 Children £3 in advance. Adults £6 Children £4 on the gate.

Boxford WI

Report from Boxford WI for the Meeting held on 7th September 2016
Boxford WI welcomed three new members to their first meeting after the summer and heard an interesting talk called 'Gardening for Winter Interest' given by Sarah Mattock. We were shown many interesting slides of gardens in winter and the main message was to use the winter planting as the framework for the garden through the rest of the year, including many variegated leaves and low shrubs with beautiful flowers and scents. I am sure all the ladies were inspired by something that they saw and there was a lively Q and A session at the end. Although we haven't been meeting in the village over the summer months, our Book Club, Lunch Club and Walking Group have been active and enjoyed several different activities during July and August. A group of our members went to visit the Great Barn and Paycockes House in Coggeshall instead of meeting in the village hall last month, and all agreed that it was a success. A few of us are looking forward to the first event organised by our Theatre Group: a trip in late September to see 'Made in Dagenham' at the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich. We are always happy to welcome new people to our group, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm in Boxford Village Hall.

Box River Lectures

This Autumn, Steve O'Dell will be giving us five lectures about the River Stour; its physical, economic and social history and the artists and the art which this famous river has inspired.

The History and the Art of the River Stour



At Groton Village Hall at 2:30pm on these Thursdays:

- 27 October The History of East Anglian Waterways
- 3 November The Stour Valley Navigation, part 1
- 10 November The Stour Valley Navigation, part 2
- 17 November The Art and Artists of the River Stour, part 1
- 24 November The Art and Artists of the River Stour, part 2

£8 per single lecture or £35 for all five – just pay at the door.
Tea and biscuits included

New members are always welcome at Box River Lectures!

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Box River Lectures

presents

Why did Britain Brexit?

A talk by Paul Whiteley,
Professor of Political Science, Essex University



Professor Paul Whiteley is author of numerous publications and articles about democracy and political participation. He is an acknowledged authority on voting trends, public opinion and electoral behaviour. We are delighted that Paul has agreed to present his analysis of the most dramatic and far-reaching referendum in our recent history. This is not to be missed!

At Groton Village Hall at 2:30pm on Thursday 20 October
Everyone welcome

Tickets £8 – just pay at the door. Tea and biscuits included.

Paul's talk will be followed by the Box River Lectures' AGM so we hope that our members will be able to stay on for this short event.

Wot's On

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

OCTOBER 2016

Saturday 1st	10.00 am	McMillan coffee morning
Tuesday 11th	12.30 for 1.00pm	Fireside Club – Lunch
Saturday 15th	7.30 pm	Joint Quiz with PCC
Tuesday 25th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – Beetle Drive
Friday 28th	10.00 am	Fireside Club – Mystery Tour
Saturday 29th	10.00 am	Village Hall coffee morning and gift day

NOVEMBER 2016

Tuesday 8th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Ten Pin bowling
Wednesday 9th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 19th	10.00am	St Nicholas Hospice coffee morning
Tuesday 22nd	12.30 for 1.00 pm	Fireside Club – Fish and chips

DECEMBER 2016

Saturday 3rd	10.00 am	Church Xmas coffee morning
Tuesday 6th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Xmas decorations
Wednesday 7th	7.30 pm	Village Hall committee meeting
Wednesday 14th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
Monday 19th	12-12.30 pm	Fireside Club – Xmas lunch at Cock & Bell

JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 5th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – tba
Saturday 8th	10.00 am	Newton Green Trust coffee morning
Wednesday 11th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 17th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club - tba

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)



GOSPEL CONCERT

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October 15th at 6pm

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BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In association with
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BOXFORD FIREWORKS

Sat 29th

October

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PARADE**

6.30 from the village

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The Playing Fields**

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Forthcoming Events Diary

September

30 Groton's Harvest Supper Groton PCC Groton Village Hall 7.30pm

October

1 Illustrated Talk by Ms Gladis Garcia-Soza Boxford Society Boxford School Hall 7.30pm
 4 Boxford Gardening Society A Passion For Climbers Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm
 10 Boxford Study Centre See Full programme in Wots On
 12 Little Waldingfield History Soc Overpaid, Oversexed and Overseas Parish Rooms 7.30pm
 15 Boxford WI History of the Theatre Royal Village hall 2pm
 15 Covent Garden Buskers Edwardstone Church 7.30pm
 20 Why did Britain Brexit Box River Lectures Groton Village Hall 2.30pm
 26 Boxford WI Book club Mary's house 3pm
 27 Hist and Art of the River tour Box River Lectures SEE MAIN AD FOR ALL DETAILS, DATES AND TIMES
 29 Quiz Night Little Waldingfield Parish Room
 29 BOXFORD FIEWORKS 2016 Boxford Community Council Boxford Village and Playing Fields

November

2 Boxford WI Demonstrating Painting Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm
 9 Little Waldingfield History Soc The Great Exhibition of 1851 Parish Rooms 2.00pm
 10 Boxford WI Craft Grop (membes only) Mary's House 2.00pm
 24 Boxford WI Lunch Club (members only) TBC
 30 nov to 3 Dec Robin Hood Boxford Drama Goup Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm

December

3 Church Christmas coffee morning Newton PCC Newton Village Hall 10.00am
 7 Boxford WI Christmas Party Boxford Village Hall 2.00pm
 7 Little Waldingfield History Soc The Angel Roofs of East Anglia Parish Rooms 7.30pm
 8 Boxford WI Craft Grop (membes only) Mary's House 2.00pm
 9 Festive Fayre Boxford Village Hall 6.30pm

First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in

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NSM:

The Revd David Abel, 13 Church Street, Boxford CO10 5DU
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Reader:

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

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.

THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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Peter Dilnot

Assistant Churchwarden:

Michael Gray

Mobile: 07931 043926

Email: boxford.warden@btinternet.com



Harvest Festival Service Sunday 2nd October at 11.00 am. A Bring and Share lunch will be held in the "Café church" area after the service. Please do bring your own paper plates, napkins, cutlery and drinks, plus, of course, food to share.

Please make a note of these up-coming special services

Remembering our Loved Ones Service Sunday 30th October at 4.00 pm

Remembrance Sunday 13th November at 10.50 am

Christingle Service Sunday 4th December at 4.00 pm where we raise funds for the Children's Society. The latest report from the Society on the impact of its work said that over 18,000 young people turned to The Children's Society for help over the past year. The Report, The Difference We Made, shows that the charity's services across the country worked directly with 18,193 young people during 2015/2016, while its campaigning work has contributed to over 5.6 million positive changes to children's lives, a 311% increase on the previous year.

The report reveals how the charity is helping vulnerable children and young people, including those affected by child sexual exploitation, mental and emotional health, going missing, or substance misuse, and those in care or leaving care. The report assessed children and young people directly helped by The Children's Society over the past year and found that 73% had experienced a positive change in at least one key area of their life.

Babergh District Council are holding their Civic service in the Church on **Wednesday 7th December**. (invited guests of the Council only)

PCC Secretary We need someone to act as Secretary to St. Mary's Parochial Church Council. The Secretary would need to attend approximately 7 meetings a year, deal with some correspondence and provide some assistance to Revd Judith on PCC matters as required. If you think you can help, please contact Revd Judith.



Boxford Calendar 2017 We are planning a Boxford Calendar for 2017. Proceeds of the sale will go to St. Mary's Church Boxford. Please kindly forward photos of Boxford and its surroundings to ChrisKingsC@aol.com or please kindly put them on a memory stick.



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

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Saturday 15th October 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Come and enjoy a fun evening in Edwardstone Church with **Covent Garden Buskers ZHE Strings and David Richardson** playing tunes not normally played on the organ!! Tickets £20 to include a glass of wine and canapes, available from Jan Paul 01787 210972. In aid of Church funds.

Great News. After many years of uncertainty, we are now able to have a much needed loo, thanks to the amazing generosity of Mr and Mrs Richard Abrey, who have allowed one to be placed on their land beside the Church Car Park. The concrete plinth on which it will stand is at the moment being built. Our grateful thanks to Richard and Deirdre. Watch this space for more news next month!

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Sunday 16th October at 9.30 am Morning Worship

Sidesman/Coffee Jan Paul, Bill Dastur and Francis East

Flowers Ineke Morris

Cleaning Sally Hoskyns and Diana Hawke



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:
Vacant

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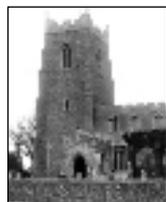
Interment of ashes On 20th August 2016 – Maurice W Boon aged 87 years.

Groton Parish Quiet Day “The Mosaic of Life: gathering together the fragments” **Saturday 24th September 2016 10:00 am to 3.00 pm** at the ‘HOME’ retreat centre, Monks Eleigh. Come along to share in a time of gentle spiritual reflection and refreshment. All welcome. Coffee and tea will be provided, but please bring your own packed lunch. The building is accessible for a standard size wheelchair and there is also a disabled access toilet. Further details from Revd Judith.

Groton’s Harvest Supper

Friday September 30th at 7:30 pm at Groton Village Hall

The year has progressed, and it will soon be time for our annual Harvest Supper, following on from Harvest Festival, which is in the Church on Sunday September 25th. The Harvest Supper will be the usual delicious meal, with a Bar and Entertainment and Groton Christmas Cards for sale, and the price has been frozen at just £10 each, what a bargain! So get your tickets soon from Pat Kennedy Scott [01787 210319], Jayne Foster [01787 211360] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew’s Church, Groton.



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Rotas	Flowers	Sidesmen
2nd	Mrs. Gregor-Smith	Mr. Bowden and Mrs. Ridgeon
9th	Mrs. Eddington	
16th	Mrs. Duffy	
23rd	Mrs. Roser	
30th	Mrs. Squirrel	

On **19th August** Reverend Judith officiated at the marriage of Gina Richardson and Jim Morris. The bride arrived in a carriage drawn by two splendid horses. She had asked our village team of flower arrangers to decorate the church for her. Everything looked so colourful, and it was a very happy occasion.

On **21st August** we had the great joy of a village Christening, William James Mason, his many friends and relatives filling our church and thoroughly enjoying the service taken by Reverend Judith, who took great care to include the many small children, by letting them assist her at the font.

On **4th September** William was introduced and welcomed into the congregation at our Morning Worship service. He behaved beautifully, and seemed to enjoy the applause he received. Welcome, William. We shall watch you grow up in our community with great pleasure.

There will be another marriage on **Saturday 1st October at 4.00 pm** between Rebecca Morrison-Corley and Benedict Clowes. The church will be decorated by the bride’s mother, Diana Murray, and so our **Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 2nd October at 11:00 am** will be held amid the wedding flowers. Fran Gregor-Smith will bake the Harvest loaf. Harvest offerings will be most welcome.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Christine Cornell,
“Opus”, Sudbury Road, Newton, Tel: 370331

14th August Our Service of Holy Communion was taken by Revd. Judith. Instead of the Address she read an interesting passage from a book and such a change can be of value. The attendance was unusual in that it was just a female congregation, all of whom were very welcome in our church. Thank you to Nancy Roser for coming to play the organ and a thank you to all who helped out with the refreshments. This is a valuable time to communicate with each other.

28th August The Service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Revd. Judith. The readings conveyed practical, if dire, instructions about how to live our close and distant lives in the life of faith. Thank you to all who helped in any way in the service.

10th September Our Church was a busy venue acting as a signing stop for the Church Ride and Stride event, whilst hosting the very successful Newton Autumn Show, which was being held in the church for the first time.

11th September Our Service of Morning Worship was led by Revd. Judith who spoke of the parable of lost souls and how we all experience or know of someone who is lost and the joy of finding them or for them, with help to find themselves. Revd. Judith supplied the music from CDs in the absence of our organist. Thank you to helpers with the refreshments.

Please make a note of our **Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 25th September at 11:00 am**, which will be followed by the Village Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. Please see the Newton Newsletter for full details.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

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

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

1st	Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford
8th	New Life Church (G Block, Thomas Gainsborough School, Wells Hall Road, Great Cornard CO10 0NH)
15th	All Saints’ Church, Little Cornard
22nd	All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Sudbury
29th	St Andrew’s Church, Great Cornard

AGM and Open Forum: Thursday 29th September 2016, 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm at Sudbury URC (Friars Hall, School Street, Sudbury.) This is your chance to meet with members of other local churches and to learn about the activities of Churches Together in Sudbury and District, and the many associated groups, during the past year. You can also express your views. After the routine business and elections for various officers, there will be a talk by Revd James Ridge on “The work of a prison chaplain”. The meeting is open to all.

For other CTiS&D dates and news, visit the website:
www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.

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. 01797 210091 or emailed to: rvjudithboxriver@btinternet.com. All these services take place in the churches. During the months October to March and the rota is as follows: **Tuesday** 9.00 Edwardstone; **Wednesday** 9.00 Groton, 16.00 Little Waldingfield; **Thursday** 9.00 Newton, 16.00 Boxford.

SPECIAL SERVICES**** Harvest Festivals at Boxford and Little Waldingfield********Confirmation Service with Bishop Mike********Remembering Our Loved Ones Service******Saturday 1st**

Little Waldingfield	16.00 Wedding of Benedict Clowes and Rebecca Morrison-Corley	Revd Judith
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Sunday 2nd

Boxford	19 th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
	11.00 HARVEST FESTIVAL	Revd Judith
	<i>Followed by Bring and Share Lunch</i>	
Lt Waldingfield	15.00 HARVEST FESTIVAL	Revd Judith
	<i>Followed by refreshments</i>	

Wednesday 5th

Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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Thursday 6th

Lt Waldingfield	15.00* Holy Communion - Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament) <i>*Note new time*</i>	Lay Team
Boxford	19.00 Deanery Confirmation service	Rt Revd Mike Harrison

Sunday 9th

Newton	20 th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Gerald Drew
	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Gerald Drew

Wednesday 12th

Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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Sunday 16th

Edwardstone	21 st Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Canon Philip Banks
	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Canon Philip Banks

Wednesday 19th**Please note – no Mary's House communion today ****Thursday 20th**

Lt Waldingfield	15.00* Compline - Newmans Hall <i>*Note new time*</i>	Lay Team
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Sunday 23rd

Groton	Last Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd David Stranack
Newton	11.00 Morning Worship	Christopher Kingsbury
	11.00 Morning Worship	Revd David Stranack

Wednesday 26th

Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
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Sunday 30th

Lt Waldingfield	All Saints Day	(W)
Boxford	10.00 Five Villages Service with Holy Communion	Revd Judith
	16.00 REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES SERVICE	Revd Judith

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GARDENING IN OCTOBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

October is the best month to plant hardy herbaceous perennials, the soil is still warm and not too wet and plants make new roots quickly. Do not unwrap bare root plants until you are ready for planting, roots dry out quickly if exposed to sunshine even for a short period. Use a trowel and insert the plants upright and ensure the soil is packed well around the roots and firmed in, either with the fingers or the heel if the soil is not too wet. Make sure the plant is no deeper than the previous planting depth which is indicated by a change of colour on the stem. Where the plant does not have a stem and consists of roots and dormant buds as a general rule plant no more than an inch below the surface. It is important to mark the planting positions as some plants show no signs of growth until well in to the spring.

Divide old clumps of perennials and replant vigorous outer shoots discarding the old centre portions. Now is the time to sow sweet pea seeds to raise plants for growing as cordons next year. This is the way to grow large blooms on long stems like the ones you see at shows and florist shops. Use a soil based rather than a peat based compost, John Innes seed compost is fine, but good results can be got from using ordinary garden soil with 20% sharp sand added. Sow six or eight seeds in five inch pots and water moderately. After germination water only when absolutely necessary. Winter in a cold frame taking steps to prevent damage by mice and slugs. Sweet peas need to be grown hardy so ventilate well in fine frost free weather. Leave the cover on when heavy rain is imminent to prevent them being over watered which will cause them to rot. In spite of being given extra protection in severe weather the plants should get frozen, leave the cover on until the plants have thawed out naturally, a sudden thawing out can cause more harm than the actual frost.

It is not safe to leave gladioli corms in the ground during winter. They should be lifted before the first hard frosts. The best time is about the middle of the month before the ground gets too wet. Lift the corms with a fork, taking care not to damage them, remove any soil that is sticking to them and cut off all but one inch of the main stem. When the corms are thoroughly dry, store them in shallow trays in a dry frost proof place which is not too warm. Too dry and too warm atmosphere will cause them to shrivel.

Plant a few onion sets to overwinter and give bulbs for lifting latter part of June next year. The Japanese varieties have proved reliable over

several years but they are not long keepers. A variety which has done well for me , Jet Set, an F1 hybrid with a heavy yield of globe shaped bulbs with good keeping qualities. Although not sold as autumn set it came through last winter and produced onions bigger than tennis balls by the last week in June

Make the main planting of spring cabbage and remove the lower dead leaves from brussel sprouts stems.

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

Top 10 jobs this month

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

If you haven't already done so, start your compost going by buying a bin or building a partially enclosed area for a heap. It is vital to replace the goodness in soil after a hefty growing season and autumn produces masses of garden waste that will put invaluable organic richness back into the ground for next spring. Add a variety of different materials; spent vegetable and bedding plants, herbaceous leftovers, thatch, moss and cuttings from the lawn, weeds (but not the roots unless they have been through a shredder), hedge clippings, kitchen peelings and tea bags are ideal. Turn once a week or so if you can and NEVER add diseased or pest-ridden material (such as diseased rose petals - heinous culprits) to your compost

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Parish Council Matters

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

Meeting of 19th July 2016

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

Attending: Margaret Maybury (Babergh District Councillor), Dave Crimmin (Clerk) and 5 members of public.

Apologies for Absence: Frank Lawrenson (Babergh District Councillor) and Colin Spence (Suffolk County Councillor) sent their apologies.

Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

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

Minutes of Meeting held on 21st June 2016: After including "A member of public put forward the amenity value of the lime trees in the closed churchyard." to 16/065, the minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: Margaret Maybury updated councillors on the Devolution consultation currently being conducted by BDC, the domestic abuse service review, the BDC / MSDC Joint Strategic Plan and the Babergh Connect service. A resident raised his concern over the need for new Parish Room trustees in 2017, which Cllr A Sheppard stated was being addressed by the remaining trustees. Another resident raised her concerns over the excessive speeds some motor vehicles are using when driving through the bends on entry to the village from Bildeston. Margaret Maybury said that she would take up this issue with Colin Spence. A further resident raised his concerns over the domestic refuse sites being closed on Wednesdays and the cutting of a footpath, which is not managed by LWPC.

Police Reporting: The councillors reviewed the newsletter being produced by Sudbury SNT as a method of communicating to Parish Councils', as they no longer have sufficient resources to attend LWPC meetings. As the crimes being reported were at a summary level for the Sudbury SNT, and no plans to provide a parish breakdown, the councillors considered it not fit for purpose. The councillors were pleased that the National Police website allowed the public to review the monthly statistics for crimes by Post Code but felt that further clarification is needed from the SNT on the classifications used. The Clerk will liaise with the SNT.

Routine Correspondence (Appendix A): The councillors reviewed the correspondence and the emails circulated by the Clerk since the last meeting and agreed that no further action was required from the Clerk

Clerk's Report (Appendix B): Following a review of the Clerk's report there were no further actions requested of the Clerk.

Finance:

a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix C, 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.

Planning:

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

Closed Churchyard

a. The councillors reviewed the issues raised by the Clerk on the LWPC's responsibilities for the Closed Churchyard and agreed that a meeting with the PCC would be beneficial in order to develop a management plan for the closed churchyard which would allow LWPC to maintain the area within an agreed framework.

b. The councillors reviewed the PCC's response (Appendix D) to the Tree Preservation Order planning application submitted by LWPC to reduce the crown of 2 lime trees in the closed churchyard and to fell 2 of the remaining 4 and replace with suitable replacements. The councillors re-considered their reasoning on supporting the report submitted by the tree surgeon that the 2 trees proposed to be felled added little in amenity value and replacements would minimise the impact of damage to the neighbouring property. The councillors considered that the tree surgeons report still offered the best long term solution in terms of amenity, safety and maintenance cost to the parish and it was agreed that Cllrs Coomber and Sheppard would meet with Revd Sweetman to review the proposal.

Future Development in Village: The councillors agreed the framework for developing a Community Led Plan for future development in the village. It was agreed to hold a public meeting with residents on Saturday 24th September 2016 in the Parish Room starting at 10am in order to start the engagement process, with Cllr Tim Sheppard taking the lead at the meeting. Following the meeting a survey seeking all residents' views will be undertaken.

Defibrillator: The councillors were extremely pleased that Colin Spence had agreed to allocate his Locality Budget to Little Waldingfield in order to cover the cost of a defibrillator and cabinet from Community Heartbeat Trust. LWPC would need to finance the cost of providing an electrical supply to the unit, and cover operating costs of £130 per annum. The councillors requested the Clerk to write to the Parish Room trustees seeking their permission to install the cabinet in the porch of the building.

Highways and Footpaths: The councillors agreed to respond individually to the footpath consultation if they have any views on the subject.

LWPC Assets: The councillors agreed to review LWPC's asset in the village over the summer and report any issues at the next meeting. Cllrs Braybrook and Andy Sheppard will undertake the installation of the 2 new dog bins.

Christmas Tree: Plans are still ongoing for a Christmas Tree in the village this year.

Welcome Card: Cllr Foster and the Clerk will obtain quotations for printing 50

quality cards for the next meeting.

LWPC's Document Retention Policy:

The councillors reviewed the document retention periods proposed by the Clerk and resolved to adopt the policy from the 19th July 2016.

LWPC's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The councillors reviewed the changes proposed by NALC to LWPC's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders and subject to the words "and other consultants eg tree surgeon" being added to 11.1a i of the Financial Regulations, resolved to adopt the changes to both from the 20th July 2016.

Grievance and Disciplinary policies: The councillors reviewed the Grievance and Disciplinary policies proposed by SALC and resolved to adopt the policies from the 19th July 2016. The councillors also resolved that the Chairman write to the Clerk including reference to the new policies in his Contract of Employment.

Questions to Chair: No issues were raised.

Standing Order 3d: The councillors resolved that in accordance to LWPC's Standing Order 3d the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of interviews for the councillor vacancy and the Clerk's Contract of Employment

Clerk's Contract of Employment: The councillors reviewed the agreement reached by the National Joint Council on the cost of living rises from the 1st April 2016 and the 1st April 2017 which equated to 1% each year. The councillors noted the agreement and resolved that the Clerk was eligible to both increase under his contract of employment on the dates specified.

Next Meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday 20th September 2016.

The meeting closed at 10.02pm.

Appendix D PCC Response

The PCC considered carefully the planning application regarding the trees, taking into account views expressed at the Parish Council meeting which I and some PCC members attended, and here is a copy of our resolution.

"The PCC is unanimous in its approach to Planning Application No. B/16/00724 from the Parish Council. The PCC supports the proposals to reduce the crowns of trees T1 and T3 by 25%. With respect to T2, on grounds of safety the PCC supports Suffolk Tree Service's observation that this tree should be at least pollarded and will support and pay for the pollarding of this tree on this occasion as a gesture of goodwill. T4: the PCC does not support the application to fell T4 since there is no safety issue with this tree. The PCC is also willing to seek the necessary permissions from the Diocese for the work. We await the Parish Council's agreement in order to proceed."

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Parish Council Matters

MINUTES of MEETING of **BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL** held on Monday 8th August 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), J Moles, R Balls, S Impett, C Hughes, D Waspe, A Sargeant and D Hattrell (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: were received from D Talbot-Clarke.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: A Sargeant declared an interest in respect of the quotations for tree work in the Cemetery.

MINUTES OF 18th JULY 2016: Accepted as correct.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: No members of the public were present.

FINANCE: It was agreed to increase the August payment agreed to our Cemetery maintenance contractor, M A Crighton to £255 as this included the wild flower area.

AUDIT UPDATE: The Clerk confirmed the Internal Audit was successfully completed and the report will be made at the September full meeting. The forms for the External Audit were submitted on time and one query resulted which has been responded to.

TREE WORK IN THE CEMETERY: S Impett confirmed quotes had been obtained as agreed to reduce 2 sycamore trees to previous pruning points and to fell 1 sycamore in the vicinity. In the process of getting quotes, a diseased beech tree was identified which needs urgent attention. Members considered the 3 quotations and agreed to instruct Rick Osborne to carry out the work subject to approval by Babergh District Council - Action Clerk. S Impett will advise the unsuccessful contractors. An urgent memorial request where the original papers had gone astray was duly approved in respect of the late Anthony Haythornthwaite. It was agreed to include "Cemetery Winter Priorities" on the Agenda for the October full meeting - Action Clerk.
The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held on 5th September

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council will be held on Monday 3rd October.

Public Forum: Items raised included the soak away arrangements, the new pavement and the surface of the bridle path all in the vicinity of Station Field. Concern was then expressed regarding the lack of awareness of the "Building a Sustainable Future" Event held by Babergh District Council in the Village Hall.

District Council Report: Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and spoke of the interim arrangements at the District Council until the appointment of a new Chief Executive. Deborah Cadman Chief Exec of the County Council and Lindsay Barker, Deputy Chief Exec at the District Council are covering. Work continues to agree a new Head quarters for both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. Devolution goes on following the consultation. The Ash Street flats will not remain as sheltered housing in the future, however Cllr Hurren has asked whether they could be retained for local needs housing. The allocation at Station Field was discussed.

Correspondence: A report of correspondence had been circulated ahead of the meeting. It was agreed for Cllr Moles to chase the long awaited work by County Highways to the surface of the Wash Lane ford near Stone Street.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, the reports from the Internal and External Auditors were received. No issues arose affecting the Audit, however, some future recommendations were made by the Internal Auditors. The Parish Council agreed to take these points on board.

Cemetery: Approval is currently awaited for work to sycamore trees bordering the Cemetery. Once approved the work will be scheduled to include the felling a diseased beech.

Reports: Concern was expressed about the nature of hedge cutting on the Football field. It was agreed to follow up with the Playing Field Committee. Cllr Moles reported concerns about lack of school places for Village children.

Planning: The Planning Authority confirmed permission was granted for rear extension at 32 Homefield. Listed Building Consent was granted to replace windows and for internal alterations at 3 Swan Street. Permission was granted for change of use of bed and breakfast to hair salon at The Fleece and amendments at Goodlands had been approved. The Parish Council had No Objections to removal of condition 2 at Simbos Gun Dogs and Grooming and proposed work to reduce walnut tree at 28 Cox Hill.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

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Comments should be made in writing only and received by Monday 31st October 2016.

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Readers Letters

Sir

Tissa and John Rigby thank all our friends who contributed in various ways to the celebrations for John's 90th birthday and our Diamond Wedding, and for the many cards. Vey heartwarming !



Sir

Joan Knewell, wife of the late Cab'ot, Formerly of Boxford (Family Butcher - Graham House) passed away, aged 95 years on August 31st at the Grange Care Home, Goring on Thames, Oxfordshire. Beloved mother of Clive and Susan.

Susan Bussey (Ne Knewell)

Joan was born and bred in Boxford until the last 6 years of her life when she moved into the Grange Care Home to be near to family.

It is hoped that her ashes will be brought back to Boxford in the near future



Sir

Barry Gosden

Thank you for enabling me to write a few words about my husband, Barry Gosden, who dies at Friars Hall Nursing Home, Hadleigh on 30th August.

You may remember him; we lived in Swan Street, Boxford from 1996 - 2009.

Barry of course was disabled, but he really enjoyed taking part in village life, and we have made lots of friends.

I would like to thank all the people in Boxford who made our years there so happy

Margaret Gosden



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THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - OCTOBER 2016



This month we meet two soldiers who died in the month of October and one who died in the month of November. I have had to include the November casualty this month simply because of the way their date of death coincides with a service in the church of their home village. The

three deaths represent the first three years of the War, 1914, 1915 and 1916, and thus three very different stages of the conflict. Also represented are three different ranks, Private, Lance Corporal, and Sergeant, two major parts of the Army, the Infantry and the Cavalry, and three of our five villages, Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton. So far, our three soldiers have little in common, but what unites them is that all of them have no known grave.

Lance Corporal Leonard Pattle of Boxford 7730, 10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars, died on 31st October 1914; **Private Henry Gant of Groton**, 20126, 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) died on 9th November 1915 and **Sergeant Charles Frederick Everitt** of Edwardstone, G/2782, 7th Battalion The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) died on the 5th October 1916.

Leonard Pattle was the second man from our villages to die in the conflict just three months into the War, which until around the time of his death, was not expected to last for very long. It was still, in those autumn months of 1914, a relatively fluid fast moving conflict. All of this was to change around the time of Leonard's death and to understand this we need to go back to thorny subject of the origin of the War itself, though this will be, of necessity, a somewhat superficial account.

The assassination in Sarajevo of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary and his wife, Sophie, by Serbian nationalists at the end of June 1914 is usually identified as the trigger for the outbreak of the War. Itself a relatively small, though shocking, event in the context of the wider European stage, it unleashed a pent up belligerence that had been festering in the seats of power throughout Europe for a decade or more. The key players were Austria-Hungary, Germany, France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy and the Ottoman Empire. Excepting the Ottoman Empire, these imperial nations were bound together by a series of complex treaties which caused Austria-Hungary and Germany, the Central Powers, to unite in opposition to Russia in the west and France in the east. Hostilities began far away in the Balkans when Austria-Hungary attacked Serbia in response to the assassination. Russia defended Serbia and, to help shore up the crumbling Austro-Hungarian empire, which could never have defeated Russia on its own, Germany entered the conflict against Russia. Russia was allied to France and so war with Russia meant war with France. Theoretically, Italy would also enter the War allied to the Central Powers, but it believed its alliance with Austria-Hungary and Germany to be defensive and would not support the aggressive stance of its two allies, so it declared a policy of neutrality at the beginning of August.

No amount of diplomacy during July was sufficient to prevent the ensuing conflict, indeed, some readings of this period argue that the efforts to contain the move to 'world' war were at times half hearted. Much of this belligerence was driven not so much by territorial claims in Europe, but by the competing interests of the empires in the wider world, particularly Africa, the Far East and the Middle East. All the same, there were also simmering tensions from as far back as 1870, when France suffered a humiliating defeat in the Franco-Prussian war and had to cede the territories of Alsace, centered on Strasbourg, and Lorraine, centered on Nancy, to Prussia. By 1914, Prussia was the driving force in the newly unified Germany, and now, as a result of finding itself at war with Germany, France implemented a long established plan to recover Alsace and Lorraine and settle old scores. But Germany had other plans also drawn up after 1870.

On the 4th August Germany invaded neutral Belgium with the intention of using the country as a bridgehead to reach France, the ultimate goal being the capture of the capital city of Paris and thus achieve what it had been stopped from doing by the negotiated settlement of the Franco-Prussian war. So far the United Kingdom was a spectator on the events across the Channel, but it held a treaty, dating back to 1839, which protected Belgium's freedom and thus, after due ultimatums to withdraw were ignored, Britain declared war on Germany. (The irony is that the treaty with Belgium was set up to protect the newly independent state, formerly part of the Netherlands, from French aggression). So, by the

beginning of August every major country between the Pacific in the east and the Atlantic in the west was at war and by the end of the year the Ottoman Empire had joined the fray supporting the Central Powers. Italy followed in 1915, but supporting Britain and France, having secretly negotiated with them to benefit territorially at the end of the War.

Great Britain sent the relatively small British Expeditionary Force (BEF) to support France in trying to hold back the German advance in Belgium and several significant battles were fought, but the German forces were strong, well organised, well equipped and very determined. The BEF withdrew westwards and at the Battle of the Marne near the beginning of September, the German army was finally halted just 50km east of Paris. The German troops began to dig in, a harbinger of the extensive use of trenches that was to develop later in the year, and this was the first indicator that this was not going to be a quick war. Both sides then began an attempt to outflank the other northwards into Flanders and reach the Channel coast and they met just east of the city of Ypres. The first Battle of Ypres lasted from 21st October to the 11th November and consisted of three major engagements; the Battle of Langemarck, the Battle of Gheluvelt and the Battle of Nonne Bosschen. Both sides were struggling to break out and push the War back into the sort of moving conflict for which all the armies involved were equipped and trained and with which the Generals commanding were familiar. However, it ended in stalemate and, as both sides dug in, they set the pattern of the War in France and Flanders that would last until the Armistice in 1918 and create the Western Front which would eventually stretch as a network of trenced fortifications from the Channel coast to Switzerland.

Amidst this vast backdrop of international events Leonard Pattle, son of a Suffolk horse trader, just 23 years old, found himself on the front line near Ypres with his regiment as part of the 6th Cavalry Brigade within the 3rd Cavalry Division. They had landed at Ostend on the 8th October and were quickly deployed to Ypres. Twenty-three days later Leonard was dead, killed on the last day of the Battle of Gheluvelt, 31st October. Leonard was born in 1891, probably at Brick Kiln House, Kersey Tye, as the first son and fourth child of Lazarus and Edith Pattle. Lazarus, also the son of a horse dealer, was born in 1865 at Orford on the coast, and Edith, born 1864, came from Higham, north of Hadleigh. By 1901 the Pattles, living in Groton Wood Lane on the edge of Boxford, had five daughters and three sons, including William, brother to Leonard, who also died in the War, and whom we shall encounter in August 2018. The 1911 Census records the family still in Groton Wood Lane, but with only the four youngest children resident (including the charmingly named youngest son, Golden) the others by then making their own way. Leonard had enlisted into the Regular Army at Ipswich in November 1911. It was his father who collected his back pay and effects in March 1915, and again it was Lazarus who collected the War Gratuity due to Leonard in June 1919, as no doubt he did for his other lost son William.

As mentioned earlier, Leonard, like the other two men this month has no known grave and so is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial. This memorial is in the form of a vast gateway over the road out of Ypres (nowadays known as Leper) towards Menin and is one of four commemorating those who died on Flanders' fields. It stands on the site of the old Menin Gate into the city through which hundreds of thousands of service men would have passed on their way to the Front. To this day each night at 8 pm the traffic is stopped at the Menin Gate while members of the local Fire Brigade sound the Last Post in the roadway under the Memorial's arches. As well as Leonard's, it bears the names of more than 54,000 other officers and men denied the dignity of a known resting place on this earth by the brutality of the War.

The circumstances of the deaths of our other two villagers require much less scene setting than we have had to do for Leonard Pattle, because both of them died in theatres of the War which we have encountered before.

Henry Gant is one of a large family centered on Groton, which we have met before when we outlined the life of Walter Raleigh Tricker in July and August. It is not altogether easy to identify particular individuals of this extended family in the Census records and there remains some uncertainty as to the true identity of Henry. He has been identified by family genealogists as Harry Gant, the step brother to Walter Tricker, son of Walter and Emma Gant of Groton, and who seems to have had several aliases, including Harry Morgan Gant and Henry Gant. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission identifies Henry Gant as the son of Peter Gant of Colchester, and yet I can find no record of a Peter Gant of a suitable age in either Essex or Suffolk up to 1911. More likely is that our soldier was the Henry/Harry Morgan Gant I have just mentioned, born in Groton in 1877 at Maltings Farm. What we can be certain about is that Henry/Harry married Annie Steady in 1908 and they are found residing as H.M. and A. Gant in 1911 at Brightlingsea, Essex, with their one year old son, Percy Harry Gant. This does concur with the

Commonwealth War Graves Commission who identify Henry as the husband of Annie Gant of 3 Love Lane, Brightlingsea. Certainly it is Annie Gant, widow, who is recorded as collecting his effects and back pay in March 1916 and his War Gratuity in June 1919. Annie was the daughter of John and Jane Steady, John being an agricultural labourer and living in Cherry Street Brightlingsea.

Henry/Harry Gant enlisted in Colchester, probably in early 1915, and with his regiment forming part of the 32nd Brigade, 11th (Northern) Division, he embarked from Liverpool on 30th June aboard the Empress of Britain or the Aquitania bound for Gallipoli, from which he never returned. His death on the 9th November occurred in fighting in the vicinity of an area known as Lala Baba near the southern coast of the peninsular, by which time a stalemate had been reached with both sides entrenched and suffering from the effects of an increasingly severe winter. He was aged 39 when he died and is commemorated on the Helles Memorial at the south-western tip of the peninsular overlooking the Aegean Sea, along with the thousands of his compatriots who have no known grave.

Charles Frederick Everitt, more usually known simply as Frederick, presents us with no difficulties for identification in the Census records. He was born in 1891 in Priory Green Edwardstone. His parents were Walter Everitt, a farm labourer born in 1854 also in Edwardstone, and Frances who was born in Hundon north east of Haverill not far from the border with Cambridgeshire a year later. By 1901 the family is living in Mill Green as they were in 1911, by which time Frederick is working as a horseman.

Frederick enlisted in Sudbury in 1915 and by the time he died he had reached the rank of Sergeant. The 9th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), were part of the 55th Brigade, 18th (Eastern) Division, which reached France at the beginning of August 1915. They were engaged on the Western Front for the entire period of the war thereafter. Frederick's death on the 5th October 1916 returns us to the Somme. By the autumn of that year the Allied forces had made some progress eastwards, driving the German troops relentlessly back, but at enormous cost in terms of lives lost. In September the British forces had secured the high ground to the east of Thiepval and the village itself. However, the German forces' next line of defence controlled the valley of the Ancre river, a key route to further progress northwards and eastwards, and these defences included several heavily fortified redoubts. A redoubt was an area, usually rectangular or triangular in shape, having sides of several hundred meters, enclosed by a complex arrangement of trenches incorporating sets of heavy machine gun emplacements. As such, redoubts provided concentrated firepower over a considerable length of the front line and their capture was key to breaking through the line. Frederick's division was part of the force that took on the Schwaben Redoubt, so called because it was manned by troops from Swabia in south western Germany, and which was located on the Bazentin Ridge. This action was part of the Battle of Ancre Heights, which lasted from 1st October to the 11th November. The Redoubt was finally taken on 14th October, but by then Frederick had perished somewhere in the dreadful chalky mud which the battlefield had become with the onset of particularly poor late autumn weather. He was about 27 years old and he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Frederick Everitt will be remembered at the 09:30 service at Edwardstone on the 16th October, Henry Gant will be remembered at the 09:30 service at Groton on the 23rd of October and on the same day Leonard Pattle will be remembered at the service of Matins at 11:00 in Boxford.

Before ending this month, it is good to be able to report that my plea for more information about William Davey of Newton and whether he was associated with Newton Green Golf Club did not fall on deaf ears. Two residents of the village very kindly drew my attention to Alan Vince's The History of Newton Green Golf Club in which it is recorded that William Davey was the third professional employed by the club following Leonard Biles, who, like William, also came from Bungay, and then Sid Parmenter. Alan Vince tells us that the Club received a letter from William 'somewhere in France' and at the AGM on 11th June 1915 it was agreed to reply to him thanking him for his service to his country and to send him a parcel, presumably paid for by subscription, which was valued at ten shillings and sixpence. As we know, William did not return from the War, but one of his brothers, Arthur, five years his junior, became the fourth professional at the Club and remained so for more than 60 years.

As a footnote to this account, one of my correspondents knew Arthur and recalls how he used to gather apples from the apple tree in her front garden and how he spoke of his brother leaving to become the professional but being lost in the War. She also remembers her children visiting the Club's professional's workshop, which stood on the now overgrown ground opposite the Saracen's Head.

However, there remains a slight anomaly, because Alan Vince states that

William succeeded Sid Parmenter in 1910, but the 1911 Census shows William still to be resident with his parents in Bungay. Even if he had happened to be visiting his parents on the night of the Census, his occupation would, surely, have been shown as a professional golfer, rather than as is recorded on the census form, a greensman? Perhaps the good people of Newton can resolve this by next month, and it would also still be good to know if William lived in Newton, and, if so, where.

Whilst on the subject of feedback I can also record that I was contacted by someone in Cornwall, who had come across the Box River News on the web and whose husband is related to Lance Corporal William Edward Jordan of Newton, whose story we told in the May instalment of this series. The gentleman is the son of William's younger brother Robert Jordan, Robert being born in 1917 after William had died, and thus would have been William's nephew. My correspondent also tells me that there is another of William's relatives living in Buxhall near Stowmarket, who has in his possession William's 'Dead Man's Penny'. This is the Memorial Plaque or medallion made of bronze that was issued to the next of kin of all British and Empire service personnel who died as a result of the War. They were issued right into the 1930s as people continued to die from injury caused in the war. It is sobering to know that a total of 1,355,000 plaques were issued and that 450 tonnes of bronze went into their making.

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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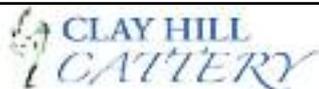


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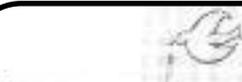
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This season the Edwardstone Old Guard of Tim Beven, Ray Gibbons, Iain Young and Charlie Partridge were on occasions 20 years older than the next youngest player in the squad. Ray has yet again been producing fantastic playing surface at Homefields and organised some great fixtures to keep the players keen.

Chairman Charles has been keeping the club focused and the committee keen to improve the club. Tim Beven continued coaching the junior section of the club and playing a few games while taking wickets in every match that he has played. Iain Young (Coach) has been inspirational throughout the season with his experience and his solid displays with the bat and also with his gruelling pre match practice.

The skipper Jack Clark has had a good season in the field, making game changing decisions and managed to grab a few wickets with his spin bowling and achieved a half century in only the way he can. Sam Whymark came back to ECC and bowled very well achieving over 20 wickets and managed keep teams from scoring well, whilst brother Rob boosted the run rates in games with his own attacking style of batting. Tom Whymark managed to lead the bowling and achieve 25 wickets and occasionally contribute with the bat while claiming to be our next all rounder. Ryan Farthing hit the biggest 6 we have ever seen at Homefields and like Rob put on runs when needed but also bowled when required. Our expert fielder Harry Young has been setting example in the field with some fantastic catches and blocks and kept the team amused in the field with his wit. James Thorogood a former Colt has been explosive with the bat probably hitting the most sixes and has been an option with the ball when required. It's been a particularly great year for Sam Chapman who has broken many Edwardstone records with his excellent batting, achieving an average of over 60 runs for the year with a highest score of 173 runs and will be going to play cricket in Perth, Australia in October.

It has been a breakthrough year for youngsters Milo Kirkham, Tom Davey and Lewis Davey who have had a fantastic first full season developing and learning the game and continue to improve and gain confidence.

The Edwardstone CC Colts section has once again been extremely busy with 47 players signed on. There were matches played against local clubs East Bergholt and Hadleigh, which helped new players to gain more experience of the game following on from their training on Saturday mornings at Homefield in Boxford. Boys and girls were able to improve their batting, fielding and bowling skills over the summer and we hope they will return in 2017. We must thank Tim Beven, Adrian Gooderham, Barry Dakers for their invaluable work in training what is becoming a talented group of players. It is also great to see Tim, Adrian and Barry being assisted by past Colts players, Milo Kirkham, Sam and Will Beven, Sam Chapman, Ryan Gooderham and Sam Bishop. While many village clubs struggle to attract enough players, we are proud of our record of promoting Colts players to the league team. In the past 3 years we have had 10 Colts players move up and play games for the mens team and we hope this progression of players through the different levels of the club continues.

Some of you may have noticed that the old all weather pitch has been removed. We have been able to fund this project with the help and hard work of Anne Wise and David Burden from the Playing Fields committee, the Parish Council and district councillor Bryn Hurren. We thank them for their great support. The new pitches will help to provide more cricket for our young cricketers and a better playing area for the whole club. A great step forward.

The next off the field event is our AGM which is on the 2nd October at the Homefields Club Pavilion, 7pm start to those who would like to get involved and have a say. The club would like to thank all the supporters we have had travel to games this season and Steve and the team at The Fox and Hounds for catering for us after games. If anyone is looking to play some cricket next year please contact:

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BOXFORD BOWLS OPEN TOURNAMENT



The winners of the Boxford Bowls Tournament; Heather Daultrey, Marion Hibben, Peter Newsum and Colleen Newsum

Over 100 people attended Boxford Bowls Club's Annual Open tournament on Sunday in which 18 teams competed in an all day competition.

The weather for the day was dry and warm and teams from around the local area had a thoroughly enjoyable day competing in a friendly and competitive manner.

The winning team from Boxford captained by Colleen Newsum was presented with the Competition Shield and winning prize of £100 by Les Clark, Club President. The runners up from Capel St Mary received £50 and the losing semi finalist teams both received £25.

The prize money was generously donated by club sponsors, G.J Watts, Blake's Property Management and Theobald Associates.

The day was also supported by local businesses who donated very generous prizes for the raffle.

During the day a 'spider' competition was held where all present were invited to pay £1.00 to see who could bowl one wood nearest to the jack in the centre of the green. The winner received a bottle of whisky and proceeds from this competition (in the region of £80.00) will be donated to the local Boxford Scout Group.

As well as enjoying the bowling, players and visitors alike were well looked after all day by the 'Boxford ladies' who provided a splendid lunch and tea.



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