

Box River News

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN FOCUS

Mr Mitchell Bradshaw, Public Transport Manager of Suffolk County Council, attended the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th October in Bell House. He addressed a packed meeting, in fact it would have needed a large shoe horn to get anyone else in. He outlined the role of the Transport Manager and the transport situation as it is at present in so far as Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton and Newton were concerned.

The objective of his department was to achieve minimum service levels of public transport, ie they try to set levels of public transport that suit the requirements of the local community dependant on demand. They also try their best to ensure that the community is served adequately with public transport and look at innovative ways of providing transport for small communities where the traditional Big Bus is not the answer. However they have no legal control over commercial bus services, simply registering the services and keeping records.

Their main job is to monitor every public transport service in the county in order to gauge what is happening in our public transport both commercial services and the ones that they control. There is constant contact with the operators to find out what and how they are doing and whether they are struggling or trying to improve their services. If they recognise a hole in the services where a community is not perhaps getting its minimum level they put money towards providing a service in that area and spend over £3,000,000 annually, a budget that is already overspent.

Strong support is given to community based transport especially in the small rural communities. These are not traditional bus schemes but mini bus or even car based schemes.

In Boxford and district, Barry Rules service is very local commercial service that has run for a very long time and county are aware that the service has reduced over the years. Recently it has run on Wednesday's via Assington and on Thursday's via Milden. It became apparent that the service was not paying and last year a survey was carried out of usage. The survey considered where passengers were getting on and what fares were being earned on the services over a period of two weeks. The figures showed that there were very few passengers being picked up between Edwardstone and Little Waldingfield and it became clear that this was a difficult area to cover on a commercial basis concluded that there was no way the County Council could subsidise that route or the Assington Route and sadly the county had to agree with the withdrawal of the Rules Service,

The County recognised the problem for Edwardstone, Groton, Little Waldingfield, Assington and Newton and a deal has been negotiated with other community transport schemes to take in the affected area,

The other services through Boxford and District are operated by Beestons. They operate services 90/91 Ipswich Sudbury Service roughly about every hour and a half throughout the week simply dipping off the A1071 into Boxford. The County Council run the 706 sponsored service from East Bergholt all the way through to Sudbury which diverts through Kersey, Edwardstone, Groton and

Boxford on it's way to Sudbury every Saturday with one trip in to Sudbury in the morning and one trip out just after lunch recognising that we do need a shopping trip into Sudbury. Because of the position of Boxford related to the 1071 it gets 10 buses a day, twice the level of service it should expect as against 4 per day were it to be less accessible. Edwardstone and Groton get the minimum service level together with the community bus service on demand.

The County representatives were at the meeting to listen to what the villagers have to say and will take on board any comments for consideration.

The bus stop at the junction of Cox Hill and Ellis Street was discussed and since the change of priorities it's positioning is less safe for passengers and other road users than before. An alternative position for this stop is to be considered by Boxford Parish Council and Suffolk County Council.

A resident pointed out that there is no way that you can get to Sudbury from Edwardstone or Groton for a 10.00am appointment in fact you can not get in to Sudbury before 11.00am and return at 12.30 leaving no time for shopping with out making the journey into the centre of Boxford. The next bus back is at 2.00pm meaning that passengers can not get back to their villages in time for lunch. At least once a week a bus is needed to go round the villages at a time to get passengers into town by 10.00am to allow for shopping and return at mid day.

The Hadleigh Community Bus only goes to Hadleigh and few wished to shop in Hadleigh for hours on end? The Hadleigh service is a proper bus system but the Sudbury Community Service uses cars on demand.

An approach should be made to Beestons to at least provide a service on Thursday's (Sudbury Market Day) collecting around the villages of Groton, Edwardstone and Mill Green at an appropriate time to facilitate market day shopping, in fact consideration should be given to this happening on a daily basis. Suffolk County Council promised to look into this together with Jeremy Pembroke our County Councillor and report back. If anyone had any other ideas how to improve the service please communicate with Jeremy Telephone: 01787 210416.

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to every home in Boxford, Groton, Edwardstone, Newton, and Little Waldingfield and available to residents in Assington, Leavenheath, Gt Waldingfield, Polstead, Milden, Lindsey Stoke by Nayland, Kersey, Preston St Mary and parents of children at Boxford School.

BABERGH'S NEW PINK BAG SCHEME

Babergh District Council has announced the details of its new fortnightly collection scheme for its pink bags. The pink bags, into which residents can place dry recyclable material, will be collected by four new waste vehicles from the beginning of December onwards, operating on an alternate week basis in different parts of Babergh.

Babergh is dividing the district into two areas - one will be a 'Yellow Week' area and the other a 'Blue Week' area. The vehicles will collect the pink bags on alternate weeks in each of them. Residents will be informed which of the two areas they are in by the relevant coloured sticker being attached to their bin from the middle of November onwards. They will also be receiving information as to when the Yellow and Blue Weeks begin, as outlined in the table below:

	BLUE WEEK AREAS	YELLOW WEEK AREAS
Week commencing 2nd December	Yes	
W/c 9th December		Yes
W/c 16th December	Yes	
W/c 23rd December		Yes but with Christmas delivery variations
W/c 30th December	Yes but with Christmas delivery variations	
W/c 6th January		Yes
W/c 13th January	Yes	
W/c 20th January		Yes
W/c 27th January	Yes	

Babergh will be sending out an initial batch of 25 pink bags from November onwards to every house and thereafter to all participating households. The Council plans to include a leaflet outlining the changes with the batch and again in the next issue of Babergh Matters! (the new name for Babergh Focus - the

Council's district-wide magazine). There will also be a public information campaign involving advertisements in the local media.

"The objective behind the Blue and Yellow Weeks is to ensure residents know which week to put out their pink bags. If they get the wrong date - they shouldn't worry but put the bags out the following week" outlined Malcolm Firth, Babergh's Head of Environmental Services. (M/F)

"We will be notifying all households as to whether they are in a Blue or Yellow Week Area in the very near future."

"We believe that the bespoke collection of pink bags will help increase Babergh's recycling rates, will address the requirements of residents and further improve the district's green credentials" he added.

Non-recyclable waste will still be collected on a weekly basis as before.

The extra resources needed to support what will be an interim scheme has come from a combination of sources, including Babergh itself and from a number of new Suffolk County Council initiatives. In the longer term, Babergh has pledged itself to a 'two-bin' solution, with one bin for recyclable waste (and hence a replacement for the pink bags) and one for other waste. This new scheme is due to be introduced in late 2003 or early 2004.

Babergh District Council's Strategy Committee recommended that the Council adopt the two-bin system of domestic waste collection - in order to make further improvements to its recycling rates. Babergh has already agreed to introduce the new and improved pink bag scheme from December 2002 onwards and it is estimated that the 'alternate week' two-bin system will be fully up and running a year or so later.

Under the alternate week two-bin scheme, each household will have a larger bin into which dry recyclable materials are placed and a smaller bin for the residual waste. Each of these will be collected every alternate week. *For further information: Paul Simon, Communications & PR Officer (01473) 826634*



Friday, 1 November, 8.30 Ticket £10 Ingrid Laubrock Quartet

One of the best young saxophonists on the scene who originally hailed from West Germany, but now resides in this country. She was nominated as rising star in 1999. Ingrid also finds time to co-lead two Brazilian bands with Monica Vasconcelos, 'Nois' and As 'Meninas'. She has also recorded two CDs under her own name. Another rising star, Karim Merchant is featured on piano, together with Larry Bartley (bass) and Tom Skinner (drums).

Friday, 8 November, 8.30 Ticket £10 Gilad Atzmon and the Orient House Ensemble

A towering presence drenched in passion and energy, his music is a rich and passionate blend of many world influences, Middle Eastern, North African and Eastern European all in a jazz idiom. The sax and clarinet virtuoso finds time to play in the Blockheads, be a record producer and now an author. Gilad and his band of Frank Harrison (piano), Arnie Somogyi (bass) and Asaf Sirkis (drums) are guaranteed to whack you between the ears.

Friday, 15 November, 8.30 Ticket £11

Peter King Quartet

A quite brilliant soloist in the be-bop tradition and possessed of a talent that relates him closely to Charlie 'Bird' Parker, his great technical virtuosity and swing, advanced harmonic elements have made him into one of the world's greatest players. Steve Melling is a phenomenal exciting and dedicated pianist. Jeremy Brown (bass) and Stephen Keogh (drums) add dramatic atmosphere to the compositions.

Friday, 22 November, 8.30 Ticket £11 Annie Whitehead Quartet

Annie, the Oldham born, irrepressible trombone player with one of the most characteristic deep bass sounds in jazz, has established herself as one of the leading players of her generation. She has played for leaders as diverse as Joan Armatrading, Paul Weller, Deep Purple, The Spice Girls, Elvis Costello and Carla Bley. Expect to hear a mix of African music, jazz and funk. Her latest CD, 'The Gathering' was recorded live with her road band of Steve Lodder (piano / keyboards), Ian Maidman (bass) and Liam Genockey (drums)

Friday, 29 November, 8.30 Ticket £10 David Gordon Trio

A truly international trio led by classically trained David Gordon who combines his jazz activities with harpsichord playing in the Baroque world. The trio's third CD will be recorded at the end of the present tour. The trios other two CD's are, highly recommended by us. Bass player Ole Rasmussen is a resident of Copenhagen and is in constant demand through out Scandinavia, while American drummer Paul Cavaciuti is a

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Parish Council Matters

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

AN APOLOGY from The Chairman

Thank you to all those readers who spotted the not so deliberate error in equating 50kph. to just under 19mph., I should have typed 30kph. and I apologise for this. It is good to know that the Newsletter is read but I am a little concerned that the main point that motorists should drive at 20mph. in the built up areas of our village was not taken on board by the readers.

As I type this missive I see from the East Anglian Daily Times (Monday 7th. October) that on the previous day i.e. Sunday three lives were lost on the regions roads and no doubt speed had its part to play in all these accidents.

You may feel 20 m.p.h. is to slow but there are more and more villages in the region invoking just such a speed limit, the latest one being Coddenham but equally so Nayland were looking at a scheme. Nayland Parish Council appear to have rejected it not because they did not believe the speed limit necessary but that the scheme offered by Suffolk County Highways had signing which was considered inappropriate for their village

Therefore the message to be sent out by all residents of Boxford is that all motorists should treat the maximum speed limit in our village as 20mph. If in educating people to drive at a reasonable speed it may be the Parish Council will not have to look at draconian measures to see that drivers do give consideration to other road users.

David House, Chairman (It may only be until next April, not long eh!)

CURRENT LIST OF BOXFORD COUNCILLORS

David Gasson	Cecil Hughes	Suzanne Impett
Joan Cull	David House	Veronica Hobbs
Vic Rice	Keith Paxman	Pauline Stacey

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The community bus from the Lavenham Area should have arrived with service starting soon. If you wish to make use of this facility contact *Ken Bragger*, Lavenham Area Minibus Scheme on 01787 370083

The next meeting is on Thursday, 31st October at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

SUFFOLK DRUG ACTION TEAM

The Clerks of local Parish Councils have been approached by the Team who are offering a free training session to local communities in the problems associated with drug abuse. The evening programme, which can be tailored from 1 to 2 hours in length will give information on recognising symptoms of drug misuse and offer guidance on how to deal with this within the context of a family or other relationship.

The Team will deal with the drugs available; Class A drugs, "recreational substances" and "nose candy" and the safe disposal of needles when found in public places or in the home.

To make a viable session, 20-30 people constitute the ideal size. Local Parish Councils can team up, together with local residents to make a worthwhile session.

If you would be interested in attending, please contact a Parish Councillor or your Parish Clerk.

Community Achievement Awards 2003

Wanted Excellent Community Workers

Young people up to 18 years and Adults over 18years

These awards are presented in February each year to recognise outstanding community work in the Babergh District. Nominations for awards can only be made through

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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Telephone: 01787 211214

e.mail: rosey.nicolls@btinternet.com

Woodward at the address below.

Gainsborough's House, 46 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 2EU Telephone: 01787 372958 Fax: 01787 376991 Email: mail@gainsborough.org

The Poppy Appeal Needs You

Could you spare the time to help the Poppy Appeal.

Collectors will be required during the period 26th October to November 9th 2002. Please call your local organiser *Mrs Evie Fletcher* on 01787 210557 now, to find out how you can help.

The money raised will help care for ex-service men and women and their dependants

SCOUTS

Scouting is undergoing changes at the present with the older age ranges altering. Scouts are now 11 to 14 yr old with the new Explorer Scouts being 14 to 18 yr old. Beyond that, at 18 to 25 yr old, is the Network section.

We are looking for new leaders in all sections throughout the Sudbury district and particularly at Boxford where the Explorer section is beginning. I would be pleased to hear from anyone, ex scouts, ex leaders, ex guides or any adults interested in promoting the development of young people as good citizens. Boxford Scouts and Guides are strong units serving the local society, please do your bit to promote the continued operation of this important movement. I can be contacted on 01787 210108 and would be pleased to discuss the requirements with you at any time. G. Edgar Sudbury District Scout Commissioner

Time to entre the Sudbury Festival

Talented musicians, dancers, and speech and drama enthusiasts of any age have their chance to perform in front of a sympathetic audience at the Sudbury Festival of Music, Speech and Dance. The syllabus for the 2003 Festival is now widely available, free, from libraries, information centres and specialist shops in the area, and has been distributed to schools throughout East Anglia. Anyone can enter, either as part of a group or as an individual. Closing date for entries is 9th November. The Festival offers about 400 classes in the three main branches of the performing arts, for soloists and groups of any size. Most classes are competitive, but there are some non-competitive for those who prefer. The Festival is open to people of all ages, and people with a wide range of abilities from all over East Anglia take part each year. They benefit enormously from the experience - learning their piece, taking the stage, and watching and listening to their peers. There is a team of experienced adjudicators who give friendly and helpful assessments to each performer.

The Festival starts with the Dance section from 15-20 February. The Speech and Drama section is from 8-10 March, followed by the Music classes from 11-16 March. The venues are all in Sudbury - Uplands Middle School, the Town Hall, and St Peters. The grand finale will be the Festival Concert at Sudbury Upper School on 30 March.

Newton Fete 2002

The proceeds from the 2002 Fete have been distributed as follows:

Village Hall	£1,088.64
Church	£652.00
Mothers & Toddlers	£186.36
Newtoneers	£186.36

The Mothers and Toddlers decided to give their share to the Village Hall.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II GOLDEN JUBILEE JUNE 2002

As I did for the Millennium Celebrations I am currently creating an album of photographs showing what we did as a village to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee . If anyone has a photograph or photographs that they feel would be appropriate to be placed in this permanent record of what happened in Boxford then please let me have them with a suitably short anecdote if you so wish to go in the album .

Just put them through my letter box at 14 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford
David House Chairman Boxford Parish Council

Club Theo - To Help Each Other

This is a small and growing social club for the younger widowed person under 65, based in Sudbury. We have members from Sudbury, Gt. Cornard and the many of the surrounding villages. Our members have been kept busy enjoying themselves with various activities and outings organised by the club's leader, *Linda Palmer, Club Leader, on 01787 377495.*

Well done Boxford.

Ten cyclists pedalled for Boxford Church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust on 14th September and so far £334 has been collected. The Box River Club members walked round the Sudbury Churches, they have collected a total of £101.50, an excellent achievement. I am writing this prior to the closing date for submitting sponsorship money so I hope we may improve on this grand total of £435.50 so far. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the day.
Jennie Lindsley

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER *Harry Buckledee*

An unusual hardy deciduous shrub or tree is *Halesia Carolina* (snowdrop tree), native to China and North America. It has pale green pointed leaves and the wide spreading branches are clothed in pendant bunches of glistening white bell shaped flowers during April and May, similar to small snow drops. It likes a slightly sheltered position in soil that is not too alkaline and a minimum amount of pruning is necessary.

Another fairly unusual shrub of Chinese origin is the *Sarcococca*. The most common varieties are *S. Hookeriana digyna* and *S. Hookeriana humilis*. Both are evergreen with slender pointed leaves and have small, sweet smelling, white or pink tinted flowers during the winter months. An ideal shrub for small gardens as it rarely exceeds a height and spread of more than two feet. Plant in a shady position where the soil is not too dry and it will remain trouble free for several years.

Choisya ternata (Mexican orange blossom) a hardy evergreen shrub which will quickly grow to a height of five feet and a similar spread. The trifoliate glossy green leaves are aromatic when crushed and large clusters of fragrant orange blossom like white flowers appear in May and intermittently throughout the year. Like its companion, *Choisya sundance*, they prefer full sun in any well drained garden soil, although they will tolerate partial shade. No regular pruning is required but they can be cut back quite hard if they become overgrown.

November is usually the best month to plant roses and deciduous trees and shrubs, The soil is still dry enough to work on and is warm enough for the roots to become established before winter. However, they can be planted at any time between leaf fall and bud burst in spring provided the ground is workable and not frost hard. If it is not possible to plant immediately, trees can be stored in a frost free shed, after covering the roots with moist sacks to stop them drying out or becoming frozen. If the roots are dry,

soak them for a few hours before planting and cut off any damaged roots with secateurs. Make sure there is some fine soil packed round the roots when planting, to encourage the formation of a fibrous root system. The large roots are the anchor roots, it is the fine fibrous roots on which the tree depends to take up food and water.

When planting fruit trees which are grafted on to root stock, make sure that you do not plant the point of union below soil level so that the scion makes its own roots to spoil the effect of the root stock. As a general rule all trees should be planted at the same depth as they were on the nursery. Where a tree is a bit lopsided the best side should be planted towards the prevailing wind, This will assist in the formation of a better shaped tree. Keep a circle free of grass around newly planted trees. Young trees suffer badly from the competition from grass for food and water.

MIDWINTER PHOTOGRAPHY



SUFFOLK LANDSCAPES Exhibition and Sale of Photographs

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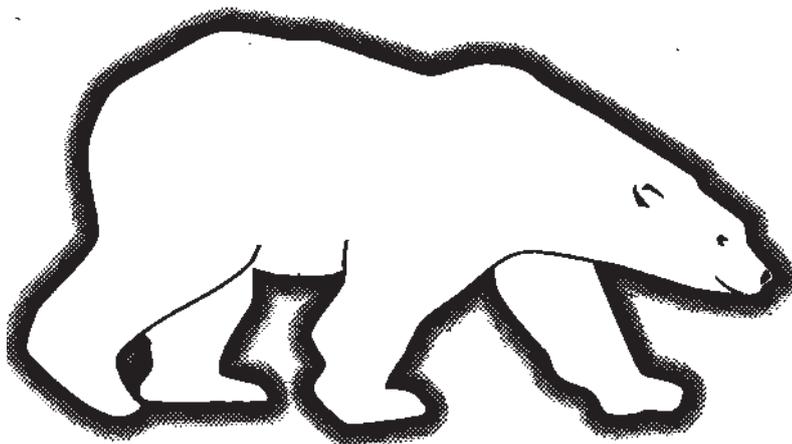
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November 2002

2 Newton Children's Club
 2 Boxford's Fireworks Spectacular
 4 Boxford over 60's
 5 Boxford Playing Fields
 6 Gt Waldingfield WI
 9 Boxford Scouts and Guides
 9 Ltl Waldingfield Bonfire Night
 13 Groton WI
 13 Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club
 13 Edwardstone Christmas & Craft Fayre
 18 Boxford over 60's
 20 Sunflower Group open day
 22 Ltl Waldingfield St Lawrence
 23 Hadleigh Choral Society
 25 Newton Whist
 28 Governors AGM
 29 FOB's Christmas Fayre
 30 Ltl Waldingfield Cheese and Wine
 30 Celebrity Autograph Auction

The Police
 The Future
 Annual General Meeting
 Clear up and tidy day
 Afternoon Meeting
 Win a Bake
 Salvation Army Band
 Concert
 Boxford School
 Boxford School
 East Anglia's Children's Hospice

Village Hall 10am
 Playing Field 6.30pm
 Village Hall 2.30
 The Pavilion 8pm
 2pm
 The Spinney
 Playing Field 6.30pm
 WI Hall 2.30pm
 Evergreen 12am
 Village Hall 10.30am -3pm
 Village Hall 2.30
 Boxford Pavilion 10.00
 In Church 7.30pm
 St Mary's Church 7.30pm
 Village Hall
 School
 Parish Room 5-7pm
 ?
 Old School Long Melford 1.00pm

December

1 Christmas Craft Fayre
 4-7 Boxford Drama Group PANTO
 14 Gt Waldingfield WI
 7 Newton Church Christmas Sale
 7 Groton Wine and Cheese party
 9 Boxford over 60's
 13 Gt Waldingfield WI
 14-15 Santas Float
 27 Boxford over 60's

Hansel & Gretel
 Christmas Dinner
 Christmas Dinner
 London Visit
 Boxford and District
 Regents Panto

Leavenheath Village Hall 10am-4pm
 Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm
 Saracen's Head 7.30pm
 Village Hall 10.00am
 WI Hall 7.30pm
 The Brewers Arms TBA
 8.30am
 TBA
 1.15

January 2003

4 Newton Mothers and Toddlers
 31 New Years Eve Party

Boxford Village Hall Committee

Regent
 Village Hall 10.00am
 Village Hall 8 till late

February

1 Newton Village Hall Committee

Village Hall 10.00am

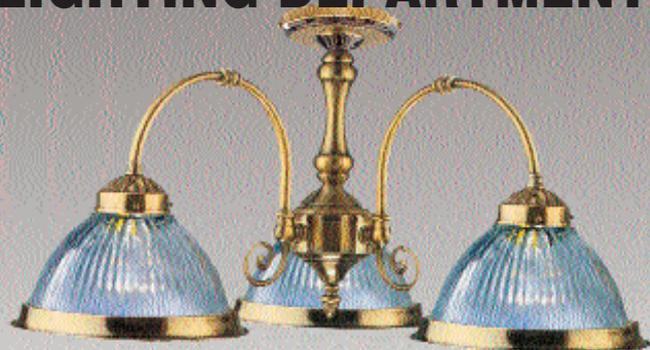
June

7 Summer Fun Day Boxford Playing Fields

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

It has been suggested that organisations might like to book the dates and times of their events for next year well in advance to avoid double booking and consequential loss of attendance at important fund raising occasions. Let BRN know your plans well in advance and we will publish and up date the diary monthly.

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Readers Letters

Sir

As a resident of Polstead, car driver and cyclist, who for the past 37 years has journeyed to or through Boxford, may I comment upon the letter from David House, Chairman of Boxford Parish Council on the subject of the Cox Hill junction and road safety generally in the village. Firstly 50 kilometres per hour equates to just over 30 miles per hour and not the 19mph as stated, and so is not of help in easing the dangers in Boxford's narrow streets. My concerns are particularly those of a cyclist who does his best to observe the rules and priorities of the road, not least because of the wish to stay alive. However, the re-arranged Cox Hill junction presents a 'Russian roulette' scenario for any cyclist proceeding from the village centre and up the hill towards Polstead. There is limited visibility up Cox Hill until you are half way across the junction, and by that time you are very vulnerable to any car which might be coming down Cox Hill at the perfectly legal speed of 30mph. There is no refuge in the centre of the road, and the considerable slope makes it impossible to accelerate out of potential danger, bearing in mind the distance needed for a car to come to a stop from that speed. In my opinion therefore this junction now presents much greater potential hazard for cyclists than it did before re-arrangement. I can appreciate that the problems of traffic management are not easy but bearing in mind the emphasis which is being given to greater use of the bicycle to aid the environment and ease congestion, perhaps it is reasonable to ask that the well-being of the cyclist too is taken into account.

Brian Orriss, Polstead.

Dear Groton PCC

"Thank you Groton PCC for a really enjoyable evening. You gave everyone such a warm welcome and the food was real home-made deliciousness and there were second helpings ! The Pearly King of Streatham, Gerry Baxter, and his lovely daughter Charlie and son Andrew were a very special treat with a lot of London charisma and warmth - I think everyone enjoyed the singalong. A great success all round. Thank you to all those who contributed to the success of it all." By the way, if you would like to forward your spare pearl buttons to the pearly king, their address is The Old Bakery, Debenham, Suffolk IP14 6GRE

Maureen Cooling

Sir

I would like to thank all my many friends for their cards and gifts during my recent stay in hospital. The support of everyone has been much appreciated.

Nell Suckling

Sir

Children With Lukaemia

Maggie and Trevor would like to give a big thank you on behalf of 'Children with Lukaemia' to everybody who attended and made the Charity Dance and Fish Supper in the Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 21st September, such a resounding success.

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Maggie and Trevor



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BOXFORD OVER 60'S

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

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Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at 'The Brewers Arms' on the 9th December.

OUTINGS

27th December. Our yearly Pantomime at Regents Theatre, Ipswich leaving The Fleece at 1.15pm. Cost £12.50 (members) £13.50 (non members)

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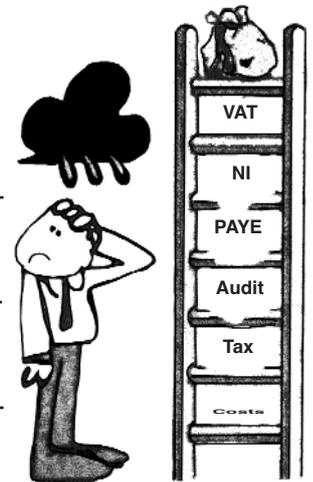
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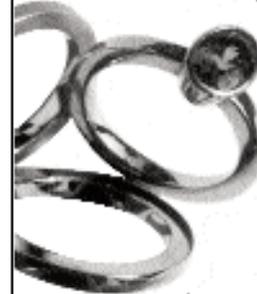
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Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD
Tel: 211236 Fax: 211238 e-mail: ChrisKingsC@aol.com

Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

While there is no Rector working here please refer all matters concerning Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals to the Rural Dean of Sudbury: The Reverend Canon Lawrence Pizzey, The Rectory, Christopher Lane, Sudbury CO10 6AS, tel 372611 email: 1rp.sudbury@virgin.net



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as christopher above

Dear People,

Things that have been written here over the years spring from my conviction that Religion is not concerned with small particular "religious" things. Rather it is concerned with our relationship with all that is, the Universe, the Totality, the Other, the Mystery of Life - indeed the Ground of Our Being as it was once famously called. For us to be related with that great mystery by ever deepening bonds of awareness, interest, thankfulness, love and wonder is for me true Religion.

"These brighter regions which salute mine eyes
A gift from God I take. . .

...But that they mine should be who Nothing was,
That strangest is of all; yet brought to pass."

At the very heart of the Totality is Our Lord Himself For me He is the dearest and surest part of it. When I peer into the truths that make life possible, there He will always be living fully, loving wastefully. There is humanity played out for all its worth ...including His own life. I suppose I am more thankful that Our Lord was crucified than for any other single event in all human history. For me it is the only image of God that makes sense. And it bears on all that we all have to suffer and ennoble it.

"For God's sake look after our people"

It is the responsibility and privilege of the office of Parish Priest often to be with people during the dark times of life. And that experience has shown me time and time again that suffering itself somehow becomes transformed into something different. And that something is wondrous to behold - even if, as St Mark puts it

"...trembling and astonishment had come upon them"

RKT

Personal: The Bishop has accepted my resignation from this job as from 1st November. Thank you for the love and support that you have given with such abundance to Sarah, Lucie and me over nearly twenty years. We hope to remain living nearby.

REGISTERS:

19 September Burial VERNON FREDERICK ELIKIAN LEEDER, aged 89 years;

12 October Burial of Ashes FRED SKINNER.

THE REVEREND RICHARD TITFORD:

We were saddened to learn in September of the resignation of our Rector, the Reverend Richard Titford. His very many years of service to the churches and community in these Benefice villages will be greatly missed. Our prayers, gratitude and best wishes are with Richard, Sarah and Lucie as they plan their life ahead.
Christopher Kingsbury

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 10TH NOVEMBER:

The Service of Remembrance commences at 10.45 a.m., and at the War Memorial for the 11.00 a.m. silence.

ChristopherKingsbury

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

The sayings of Jesus cover every kind human experience - sometimes His sayings are wide-ranging, more often intimate and gentle. They remind us that He is our King but also very much our close friend. He guides, He loves, He rules. Those quiet, meant-for-your-ears only sayings of His remind us of the intimacy of God. "As the Father has loved me, so I love you".

ChristopherKingsbury

CHORAL EVENSONG 17TH NOVEMBER - 6.30 P.M.:

On Sunday November 17th the choir of St. Peter de Vinacula, Coggeshall will join us for a combined choral evensong at St. Mary's.

The music will include "The Heavens are telling" by Haydn, and the Evening Canticles by Basil Harwood.

Coggeshall Church choir recently sang the services at Norwich Cathedral with the Choir of St. Nicholas, Witham, and our own choir are looking forward very much to their visit, and singing with them.

The organists will be Mr. Keith Gamble-Beresford, organist of St. Peter's Coggeshall, and our David Richardson. I do hope that you will make a special note in your diary to be with us for this special service. *David Felstead*

MATTERS OF FAITH:

The Apostle Paul, writing to the Romans said " I have complete confidence in the gospel. It is God's power to save all who believe..For the gospel reveals how God put people right with himself: it is through faith from beginning to end. As the scripture says, "The person who is put right with God shall live" Romans 1: 16-17. *Christopher Kingsbury*

BOX RIVER CLUB:

Our next meeting is 10.30 a.m. -12 noon on 8th December. Newtoners - November 4th at Newton Green Village Hall 4.30 p.m. -6.00 p.m.

New members are made very welcome. Janet Daniels

SMILE LINES:

A sign seen in front of a ceramic tile shop: " Just say no to rugs.
Christopher Kingsbury



Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

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*Antony Dodd 210397
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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

REGISTERS:

7th September Baptism MATILDA CATHERINE VICTORIA STEWART GRIFFIN; Blessing of Marriage THOMAS WILLIAM DYER with JENNIFER JOY DYER;

29th September Baptism JEMIMA AMELIA COX

ROTA - SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

November 3: Combined Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

November 10: Mr Dodd/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

November 17: Mr Currey/Margaret & Roy Richardson;

November 24: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Margaret & Roy Richardson;



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:

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Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261
George Thaw
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Lay Elders:

*Pauline Lamming 210360
Joy Sellers 210275*

REGISTERS:

17th September Burial of Ashes MAISIE VERA GOWLAND, aged 82 years

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER:

We didn't just knock 'em in the Old Kent Road, we wowed 'em in the W.I. Hall at Groton when the star of the Harvest Supper was the Pearly King of Streatham accompanied by his son, Prince Paul and daughter Princess Charley. On the "royal visit" Pearly King, Gerry Baxter, revealed that the "pearlies" were set up to raise money for charities and that is what they are still doing very successfully. The creation of the pearl button encrusted suits takes hours of sewing thousands and thousands of buttons and the outfits weigh about as much as chain mail armour. (Finding genuine mother-of-pearl buttons is a real problem so anyone who wants to help the cause should have a quick sort through their button box. Pat Kennedy Scott (210319) will pass donated buttons to the pearly royals.) And after that, lots of fun in a very enthusiastic sing song. As usual the food was great - none of your boiled beef and carrots. WE had cottage pie au gratin, apple tart with whipped cream and (keeping it royal) victoria plums stewed to perfection. Another triumph for the fund raising team.

Book now for next year! P.S. Don't miss the Wine and Cheese on December 7th and anyone who doesn't make it to the Kelvedon Singers' evening concert on December 15th will be a very unhappy budgie. *George Thaw*

GROTON WINE AND CHEESE PARTY:

It's hard to believe that Christmas is approaching once again, and that means our usual jolly time in the W.I. Hall! Please keep

Saturday December 7th free, 7.30 p.m., W.I. Hall. There will be all the usual things - Auction, Raffle, Gift Stall, Bar (run by Pat and Gerald, aided by Andy and Sheena and young Sam too) and the food will naturally be up to Groton's usual high standard. So, get your tickets (£5 each) from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat/Bob Bowdidge [211553], or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to Church funds. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

ROTAS:

November

December

Flowers:

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THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens:

*Sarah Kelsey, The Priory; tel 247335
Anne Miller, Archers Farm; tel 210704*

Lay Elders:

Tim Harbord 247034

& Neil Rattee 247528

REGISTERS:

28th September Marriage CLINTON CANSDALE with ANDREA JAYNE PEASE;

12th October Burial of Ashes MARGARET SEABROOK

CONCERT:

On Friday, November 22nd at 7.30 p.m. there will be a concert by the Lavenham Salvation Army Band in church. Please see 'Wot's On' for further details. *Betty Rattee*

COLOURED POSTCARDS of The Parish Church of St Lawrence, Little Waldingfield, are available in the Church, price 25p each. *Anne Miller*

ROTAS - SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

November 3: Combined Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Pell;

November 10: Mrs Pell/Mrs Storar;

November 17: Sandra Harbord/Mrs Gardiner;

November 24: Anne Miller/Mrs Grunsell;

Dec 1: Mr & Mrs Rattee/Mrs Clive.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:

*Lionel Humm:
2 Long Gardens 310047
& Diana Stock:
12 Links Green, 312828*

Lay Elders:

*Jean Green 373383
& Diana Stock 312828*

REGISTERS:

25th September Funeral GRACE EVELYN THAME, aged 100 years (West Suffolk Crematorium)

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER:

Please join us for a Quiz Evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. There will be light refreshments. Tickets £4 on the door.

Diana Stock

GENERAL BENEFICE NEWS:

DEANERY: Chapter 12 November Great Cornard; Synod 26 November Sudbury St Gregory, 2000.

**Copy date for Church News section in the December
Box River News: Please, no later than 15th November 2002**

Thank you. Daphne Clark 210698
e-mail daphles.clark@eggconnect.net

What's On

Leavenheath Village Hall

Bookings are now being taken for the Christmas Craft Fair to be held in the Village Hall on Sunday December 1st from 10am to 4pm. £7.50 per table, please telephone 01787 210888

Hadleigh Choral Society

On Saturday 23rd November Hadleigh Choral Society along with the Colchester Orchestra conducted by Christopher Phelps will perform works with an Italian theme. The choir will sing the Beatus Vir by Monteverdi and the operatic Messa di Gloria by Puccini. The orchestra will play the overture to Rossini's Il Barbiere di Siviglia and Autumn and Winter from Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

The concert will take place in St Mary's Church, Hadleigh beginning at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 (concessions £6 and £4 for children 16 yrs and under) are available from the Idler Bookshop, 37 High Street, Hadleigh or by phone 01473 822872 and at the door. Reserved seating for advanced bookings.

FOBS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 29th November 5pm- 7pm in the School Hall

The Fayre is full of festivities and includes:

Stall such as; Home Produce, Cakes and Sweets, Tombola, Bran Tub, Stocking Fillers, Christmas Crafts, Face Painting, Gifts, Refreshments.

A Glass of wine is served while the children visit Santa's Grotto. Supervised Creche for Babies and Toddlers. Everyone Welcome

FOB's Santa Float

Santa's Float will be doing its rounds again this Christmas on 14th and 15th December. Details in next months BRN

Multiple Sclerosis help comes to Sudbury & District

Sudbury & District Volunteer Centre has established a new S.H.I.M.S group in the area. S.H.I.M.S stands for Suffolk Help in Multiple Sclerosis. The group is already well established in Ipswich, and with their help a group is now established at The Christopher Centre, Gainsborough Street, Sudbury.

The group meets every second Tuesday of the month at 11.00am to 12.30pm and is an informal chance to simply 'drop in and chat' with other MS sufferers and carers. It is hoped that at each session a Physiotherapist or Reiki Practitioner will be in attendance. For further information, transport assistance or to let the group know that you may be coming then contact either *Neil Dobie* on 01473 241592 or *Matthew Beales* on 01787 880711 (email sudburyvc@thecc.fsnet.co.uk).

Little Waldingfield Cheese & Wine

There is to be a Cheese & Wine evening in the Parish Room on Saturday 30th November. We need photos of villagers, taken up to the age of 10, so that we can run a competition for you to guess who they are. Please hand them to the Chairman, Mary Thorogood, Secretary, Chris Grunsell, Treasurer or any other Trustee. We will look after them carefully. The cost of the evening will be £5 (Concessions £4) for the cheese and first glass of wine. The Parish Room will be 100 years old next year and is in need of some major repairs. We must raise half the cost, before we are entitled to any grants. Please give us your support.

OPEN GARDENS IN EDWARDSTONE 2003:

We are planning to have Open Gardens, Teas etc. in Edwardstone probably the second Sunday in June.

We should like to hear from anyone who would like to open their garden. It does not have to be large, or even packed full of flowers. If you love your garden, so will other people.

Please contact either *Daphne Spittle* on 211940 or *Daphne Clark* on 210698 for more details. Edwardstone Parish Hall Committee

Edwardstone Christmas & Craft Fayre

Edwardstone Christmas & Craft Fayre will be held on Wednesday 13 November 2002, in Edwardstone Parish Hall, from 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be many stalls to choose from for your Christmas presents and the usual wonderful array of home cooking. If you would like to order your Christmas pudding in advance please telephone *Jan Paul* on 210972.

"Winter Blues ???"

come along and lift some weights at my circuit classes. Recent research shows that lifting weights not only helps you look firm and fit, but also gets rid of stress as effectively as a cardiovascular workout. Apparently these studies have shown that using barbells and free weights guarantee you body transformation three times faster than most exercise classes. You will work aerobically as well as weight train at these mixed circuit classes - Monks Eleigh village hall, Tuesday's 7.00 pm and Little Cornard Nursery, Mondays 7.30 pm. Call for more information, 01787 211822

Maureen Cooling

East Anglia's Children's Hospices

Celebrity Autograph Auction

There will be a Celebrity Autograph Auction on Saturday 30th November at The Old School, Long Melford, Suffolk starting at 1.00pm Viewing, on day of sale, from 10.00am entry is free and a printed catalogue is available for £1.50. Over 200 lots - sport, show business, politics, art & literature ~ from Beckham to 'Bad Girls' to Claudia Schiffer and Ipswich Town FC to The Wombles! Refreshments; Raffle: Secondhand Book Stall

Contact *Lee Marchant*, Tel 01787 282510

Great Waldingfield WI

It was our pleasure to host the Autumn Group Meeting in Sudbury Town Hall on 25th September and welcome as our speaker Mr Michael Hills. He gave a very interesting talk on the history of Sudbury, illustrated by the display of the "Sudbury Regalia", among which were the Maces, first presented in 1397 and a loving cup (looking more as we would expect a tankard to be) with the coat of arms of Charles II engraved on the side. Just a reminder about the WI basket scheme - parcels can be made up and delivered all over the UK (if there is a WI participating in the scheme), non-members are also welcome to use the scheme. Also more cooks and producers for the WI markets are needed - how about putting all those culinary skills to your advantage.

Our next meeting will be on Wed 6th November at 2.00pm - it will be our Annual General Meeting (and social hour, if that sounds a bit serious). The London trip will be on Wed 13th November, picking up at the Post Office at 8.30am (back at about 9.00pm) cost £9.00 - still some seats left. Stall in Sudbury on Saturday 14th December from 8.30am - goods and volunteers please !

We will celebrate our Christmas meal at the Saracen's Head on Wed 4th December at 7.30pm - cost £14.95 (but price to members only £10.00, can't be bad) *Linda Lutz* 01787 378888

Little Waldingfield Playingfield
Committee

Little Waldingfield

Bonfire Night

Celebration

on

the Playing Field

Saturday November 9th

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Boxford School News

It seems hard to believe but as I sit here writing this news it is the final day of yet another half term.

This half term is dominated by our Harvest Festival celebration in the church. Many thanks to everyone who sent in harvest gifts and attended the service in church. Congratulations to staff and pupils for putting on another excellent show. This year's display was bigger than ever. As in previous years the produce was shared between people in the local area and the St Helena Hospice in Colchester. As well as the harvest goods children in Mrs. Dainty's class raised around £240.00 for the Hospice through a sponsored pumpkin grow. Special thanks to Veronica Hobbs who grew the pumpkins for the children.

Many of you who have had the opportunity to come into school recently cannot fail to have noticed our new purpose built play area. We all know that physical activity is an important aspect of all our lives but with the current Government focus on academic learning has come a decline in the time available for P.E. and Games. This decline has also, in many cases, meant that facilities for P.E. and Games have been neglected as tight budgets inevitably means difficult decisions have to be made when deciding on spending priorities. Our new play area bucks this trend and ensures that our children have access to another first class facility, as I am sure you will agree.

Finally we were all very sorry to hear that Richard Tifford planned to leave his post as our local vicar at the end of October. He has been a great friend of the school for over twelve years and has worked with the children and regularly taken assemblies. All of us in school have greatly appreciated having Richard in school, as I am sure have many of you in the village. I sincerely hope that he will still be a regular visitor to both the school and the village and all of us in school wish him the very best in whatever both Richard and Sarah decide to do in the future.

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Trees in the Boxford Conservation Area

Tree works within the Boxford Conservation area require the approval of Babergh District Council. There have been a few incidents in the past year of unauthorised tree felling, reduction in height and lopping of branches.

If you live within the boundaries of the Conservation Area [shown on the plan & which also embraces the built area of Stone Street] and you wish to perform tree work, you must give 6 weeks Notice of Intent to the District Council [Planning Department]. Telephone 01473 822801 and ask for a form. The purpose of the Notice is to give the Council the opportunity of making a Tree Preservation Order, but you may still be permitted to reduce the height of the tree and remove major branches.

It is an offense to cut down, top [reduce in height], lop or uproot or wilfully damage any tree within the Boxford Conservation Area and the penalties are severe: fines of up to £20,000 in the Magistrates Court on the landowner and any contractor employed.

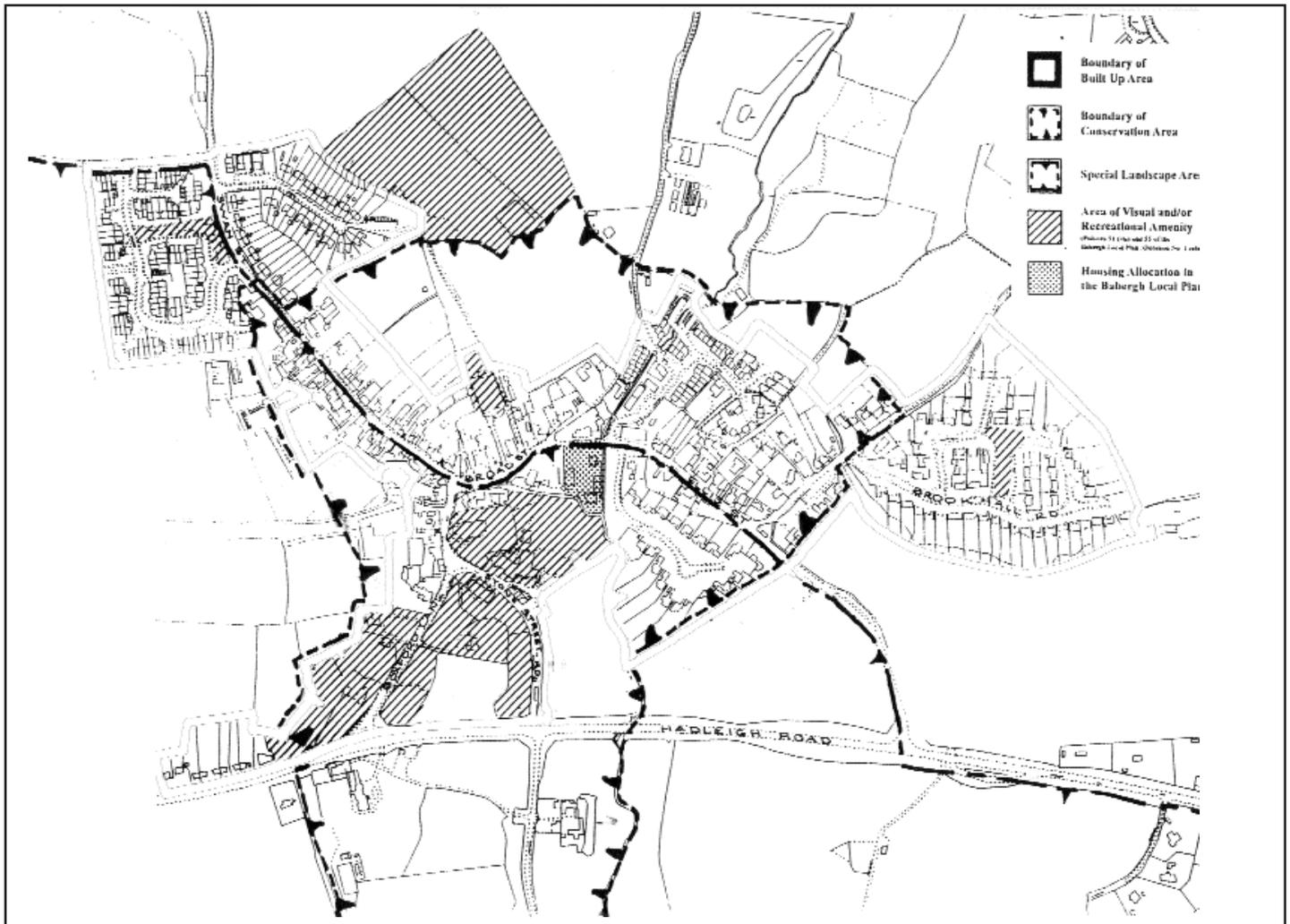
These requirements do not apply when any tree is dead, dying or has become dangerous, nor when the diameter of the tree does not exceed 75mm [3"] measured at a point 1.5 metres [5'] above ground level. The District Council are always reasonable and normally would not prohibit tree works for safety and amenity reasons nor where the tree or roots are affecting a house.

If you have any doubts about the work you propose, or whether the restrictions affect you, contact the Tree Officer at Babergh District Council.

Martin Wood

Clerk to the Council November 2002

The map below is reproduced from the ordinance survey map with permission of HMSO. Stone Street Hamlet, Calaise Street and Hagmore Green have not been included. Residents in these areas should consult The Babergh Tree Officer. Ed



Box River Sports

Got a sports story? Telephone: 01787 211507 or e-mail ed.kench@virgin.net

Local Walks

Langham Sunday 10th November

Usually meet at the Community Centre for a 2pm start. Easy walks at a relaxed pace. Return to the Centre for tea & cakes. NB Some uncertainty as to what arrangements have been made to replace Charles as leader *Phone 01206 263986* for an update.

Wormingford Sunday 17th November

Meet at Wormingford Village Hall (GR TL 935315) to make a 2pm start. Walking with the footpath Warden on the Essex side of the Stour Valley. Walking at an easy pace, duration about 2 hours. Contact *Trevor & Ellen Nicolas 01206 241993*

Lavenham Rambling Club 2002

Sunday 3rd November. Meet at Bildeston Market Place (GR TL 992 495) The Church and the Hill beyond! Contact *Brenda 01787 248253*

Sunday 17th November. Meet Rodbridge Picnic Site (GR TL 857 437) Contact *David 01787 248147*

Sunday 1st December Meet Milden Church (GR TL 959 465) Folly Farm & Stackyard Green. Contact *Victor 01449 740680* Everyone is welcome to join in these walks which all start at 2pm and last for about 2hrs. For general enquiries phone *Graham 01787 248128*.

Ramblers Association Walks

Sunday 3rd November. Meet at 'The Behive' Little Horkesley (GR TL 962 321) Making a 10am start (NB Suggest checking the afternoon start) A figure of eight around Leavenheath & Wormingford. Distance 4 miles and 3 miles. Lunch at 'The Beehive', bar snack meals or Sunday roast available. Contact *Judy & John 01206 855244*

Thursday 7th November. Meet at the main car park in Dedham (GR 058 333) for a 10am start. A circular walk in the Boxted & Langham area. Lunch stop at 'The Rose' Thorington Street. Distance 10 miles. Contact *Joyce & Michael 01206 514190*.

Sunday 10th November. Remembrance Day Walk. Meet Hadleigh Railway walk car park Raydon (GR TM 060 404) for a 10am start. A circular walk in the Suffolk countryside. Lunch 'The George' Hintlesham. 10 miles. Contact *Graham 01206 241632*

Sunday 17th November. Meet Dedham public car park (GR TL 057 335) to make a 10.30am start. Walking to Flatford along the River Stour bank. 5 miles. Leader *Laurie Burroughs 01787 375597*

Wednesday 20th November. Meet Cavendish Church (GR TL 805 465) for a 10.30am start. A six mile walk Clare/Cavendish. Contact *Margaret Taylor 01787 880875*.

Wednesday 20th November. Meet Gun Hill layby off A12 Langham (GR TM 042 334) Morning walk starting at 10am via Langham & Boxted. Lunch at 'The Rose' Thorington Street. In the afternoon return via the Stour Valley Path. 8 miles. Contact *Ted 01206 384727*.

Sunday 24th November. Wormingford circular. Meet car park west of Mount Bures Village Hall (GR TL 905 327) for 10.30am start. Morning walk to include the Stour Valley Path. Lunch at 'The Beehive' Little Horkesley. Return via Chapple Viaduct. 11 miles. Contact *Ian 01206 864120*.

Wednesday 27th November. Meet Fordham Heath car park, Eight Ash Green off A1124 (GR TL 944 264) Starting at 10am for a morning walk around Fordham returning along the River Colne. Lunch at Fordstreet, choice of pubs. Distance 8 miles. Contact *Ted 01206 384727*

Sunday 1st December. Meet Long Melford Old School car park 10.30am. around Melford area 5.5 miles *01787 370019*

Boxford Fireworks Spectacular 2002 2nd November 2002

The Torchlight Procession this year will be led by the 1st Colchester Boy's Brigade Band, will leave the village at 6.30pm for the Playing Field where you will be able to purchase hot dogs, burgers, hot and cold drinks etc. There will of course be a bar in the Marquee.

For the children, there will be swings, roundabouts, Candy Floss and of course, sparklers and light ropes.

The barbecue will again be provided by FOB's who will take away their share of the profits.

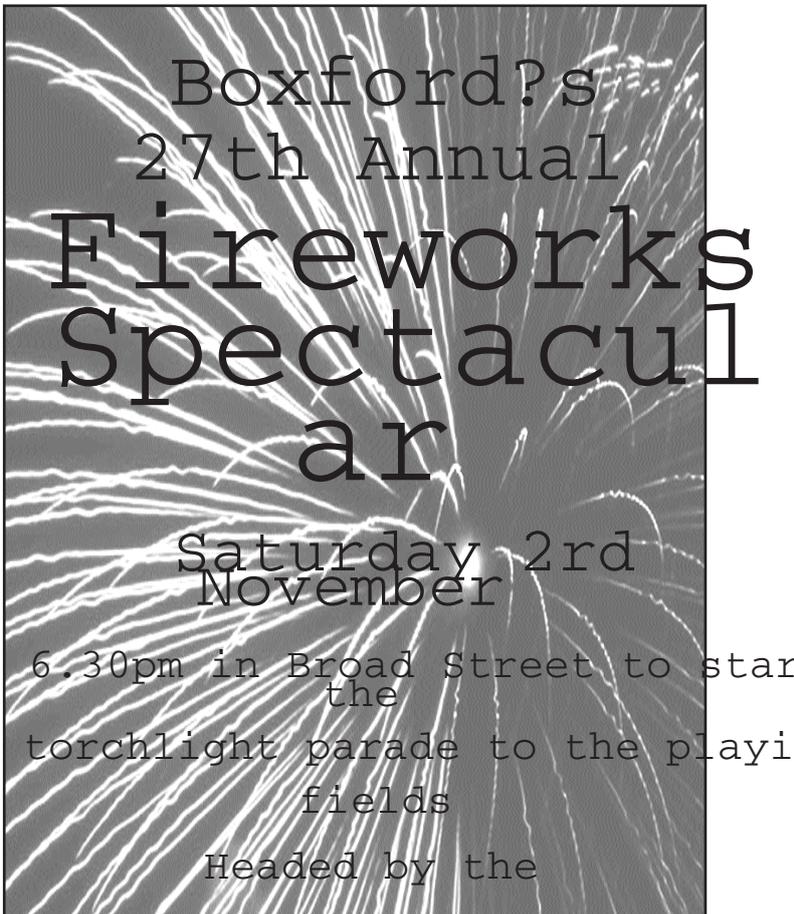
We could still use help from other village organisations and clubs that then raise funds for themselves at this event by running bottle stalls, cake stalls etc. This is a good opportunity to raise money in a very short period of say 2 hours or so at an event attended by over 2000 people.

The Firework Display will start, at the latest by 7.45pm and advance tickets are on sale at the Boxford Newsagents at a reduced price (note ticket prices have not been increased).

Finally, we were grateful for the extra help and support we received last year with clearing up after the display and we should be pleased if we could have the same level of help and support again this year.

The police have requested that on the night of the firework display and to facilitate an easy flow and avoid accidents by the Torch Light Procession, please could car owners park only on the Right Hand Side of Swan Street (looking up Swan Street from Broad Street)

Please telephone me on 210796 to pledge your help and also, to advise me of anyone wanting to have their own fund raising stalls. Thank you, *David Gasson, Social Committee Chairman*



Boxford's
27th Annual
**Fireworks
Spectacular**
Saturday 2nd
November
6.30pm in Broad Street to start
the
torchlight parade to the playing
fields
Headed by the

Readers Letters

Sir

In Memory of Fred Leeder, a Man Who Made a Difference.

Fred Leeder was laid to rest on the 19th September, in a corner of his beloved meadows, next to Primrose wood.

A horse and cart, bedecked with flowers, took Fred on his final journey, followed by his family and many of the people who's lives were touched by his and who had come to say their fond farewells to him.

As I stood there at Fred's graveside I reflected on what I had known of him. He was a very quiet man who rarely left the farm he had lived on with his family since the 1930's.

When I was a boy during the 1930's, I remember him as the postman who owned 'Goodlands' a small cattle farm.

Sometimes, when he finished his post-round he would be seen out collecting grass cutting's from the road verges which had been cut by hand by the roadmen, no machines used in those days. Nothing went to waste, Fred was very good at re-cycling.

After I became a Father, it was Fred and his wife, Primrose, who entertained the village children 'down the farm', my two girls included.

There was swimming, roller skating, a billiard room and giant slide also chicken's to feed, egg collecting to do and cow's to help milk. As well as Fred's 90 year old parrot and his many cats! It was a wonderful place for our children and I know that many of them have very fond memories of Fred and their time 'down the farm'.

Years later, I came into contact with Fred again when we were looking for somewhere to plant a wood for the millennium. The meadows, as we called them, were suggested. It was a place that hadn't been touched by modern agricultural practice and was ideal.

Fred was very keen for us to have it as our wood and did all he could to make it happen. I remember that once we had contacted him, he started to clear, by hand, what is now the footpath down to the wood. It was amazing to see a man of 80 plus working as hard as he did. I was very glad to see that the wood was named after his wife Primrose as he had wished.

The wood is a peaceful place where a lot of trees have been planted in memory of loved ones, and now Fred is nearby to look after them for us.

Fred was always a delight to chat to with all of his memories of Boxford and the people who lived here. Fred is now a fond memory in the mind's of those who knew him. He was a very quiet and unassuming man, but a man none the less who did 'make a difference'.

Vic Rice

I would just like to add as a postscript to my Father's article that many of us 'children' are now parents and in some cases even grandparents! And no money in the world could have given us the wonderful memories that we have of our childhood and teenage years down the farm, and of Fred and his family's, generosity in allowing us to be there.

He gave the children of Boxford, and in some cases Edwardstone and Groton the very special gift of a place to play, to explore and to be ourselves. For that his memory will live on in our hearts and minds. Thank you Fred! If anyone out there reading this spent part of their time down on Fred's farm, you might be interested in getting together to remember the 'good old days'!! This was an idea that came out of us all meeting up again at Fred's funeral when we realised what a wealth of wonderful memories we had between us. If you would be interested, please feel free to contact Elaine or myself on the following telephone numbers: Elaine Carpenter on 210601 or Linda Drake on 210850.

We look forward to hearing from you! *Linda Drake (Rice)*

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Alan Vince

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Contact Paula on (01787) 211488 for further information.

BOXFORD SCOUTS AND GUIDES

The Scout and Guide Spinney Committee are running the second of their two clear up and tidy up days on 9th November to move some fencing, erect posts, topsoil and seed areas etc. Your help would be very much appreciated. This is a fun occasion mixed with some work. We look forward to seeing.

G. Edgar Spinney Chairman

Groton WI

Two very good speakers were recently enjoyed by the members. In September we were full of admiration listening to Louise Brundel accompanying the slides of hearing dogs for the deaf. she was word perfect despite being totally deaf since her late 'teen.. It was fascinating to see how dogs are trained to recognise sounds and situations, communicating with a deaf owner and making such a difference to the enjoyment of life.

At the October meeting, we welcomed back Mrs. Margaret Thorpe, again demonstrating her expertise with ideas for plants as Christmas presents Having brought many examples, members could appreciate the simplicity but effectiveness of her very attractive arrangements.

The meeting on Wednesday, 13th November, W.I. Hall, will be the first of the afternoon meetings during winter, at 2.30 pm Visitors are always welcome.

Jean Cooper Press Officer

Boxford Drama Group

PANTO

This years Boxford Village Panto is Hansel and Gretel, written by Sally Phillips. Loosely based on the traditional tale but with the addition of a few extra characters (a pig, cat, postman, and even a singing Minstrel and of course a pantomime horse!) The show will run from Wednesday December 4th till Saturday December 7th. Thursday to Saturday nights a meal is included and will be served during the interval. Ticket prices for these nights will be the same as last year at 10.00. Starts at 7.30

However why not try our Family Night on the Wednesday, when tickets will be £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children under 14, free sweets as well as a few surprises are planned for this special night, which replaces the Matinee which will not take place this year. Starts at 7pm.

thursday December 5th to Saturday December 7th at 7.30pm - Tickets 10.00 (including a meal)

Look out for the posters, tickets will go on sale outside Boxford News on Saturday November 9th at 9am onwards.

BOXFORD BOUNTY DRAW RESULTS

July - August 2002

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank Organisers of the Groton March for Liberty and Livelihood for drawing the following winners during the Bonfire and firework display 16th September 02:

1st prize	£160	The Weiland Family	The Causeway
2nd prize	£75	D.C & M.A Bishop	Brookhall Road
3rd prize	£30	Mrs B Abrey	Edwardstone
4th prize	£15	Dr & Mrs M.D George	The Causeway

Tickets for the Boxford Bounty are available from Mark Miller 211596

HANSEL & GRETEL

Boxford Village Hall

Wed Dec 4th to Sat Dec 7th



FAMILY NIGHT - Wednesday December 4th at 7pm

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Thursday December 5th to Saturday December 7th at 7.30pm - Tickets £10.00 (including a meal)

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Boxford Guides

Trip to Norway!

We are Boxford Guides, we went to Norway in July 2002. Eighteen of us went but only fourteen from the Boxford lot, the other four from other units/regions. We travelled to Norway by plane and as we travelled north it didn't get darker! It was still light at 1.00 clock in the morning when we landed at Torp, a very small airport with 4 gates.

For the first night we stayed in a youth hostel and the next day we embarked on a 7 hour train journey to Bergen. This was where we stayed in another youth hostel. The next day we took a boat up the coast and into the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest one in Norway. We then arrived in Mundal where we spent some time in this old book town, the leaders sat in the hotel tearoom drinking fruit tea while we looked in all the old bookshops. We then put our bags into a taxi and hiked three long miles to a Glacier museum where we all caught the bus over the mountains and along the Nordje~ord and to Sandane. The first evening we were in Sandane the town was celebrating midsummer with some traditional activities and a fire by the fjord. In Sandane we stayed with families of some of the girls that we met in Switzerland in February 2001 and some of us stayed with other residents of the town. We stayed in Sandane for four days. During this time we visited a Glacier, had an English evening, a Norweigen evening and spent time with the families in the houses and around the town.

After this we returned to Oslo for a day and two nights. We spent the day in Oslo where we visited some Museums on Oslo Island and had our evening meal in a food precinct. The next day we travelled to Valebo 2002 which was a huge Scout and Girl Scout Jamboree where there were over six thousand people five hundred of which were international Guides and Scouts. We had an absolutely fabulous time at this camp. We made new friends, learnt new skills and achieved new challenges (rain mud and lakes mostly). We had to dig trenches around and in our tents to drain away the water and built washing lines in the dining shelter, but all in the name of good fun!

After the camp we were tired, wet and muddy but none of us wanted to go home. Our last night in Norway was spent in a luxury youth hostel, well it seemed that way after the mud city of the camp. The next morning we travelled to the airport and flew home.

The time we spent in Norway was challenging but fun and forever unforgettable.

First Boxford Guides and friends 2002.

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

October Draw Results

1st £40	No 115	R Powling, Holbrook Road
2nd £20	No 149	H Watts, 'The Fleece'
3rd £10	No 153	J Robinson, 'Chequers'
4th £5	No 76	David Whymark, Assington

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7th December

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4th January

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1st February

Village Hall Committee

1st March

Arthritis Research

5th April

Parish Council

3rd May

Fireside Club

For further details contact:

Nancy Harries 01787 374626 Alex. Stevens 01787 374093

Little Waldingfield

Salvation Army Band

The Concert to be given by the Lavenham Salvation Army Band will be in St Lawrence Church on Friday, November 22nd at 7.30 pm The Band will be joined by friends from Hadleigh, Sudbury and other guests for this very welcome return visit.

Their programme will include items for audience participation and promises to be an excellent evening's entertainment.

There will be refreshments served in the interval and there will be a retiring collection for the church. *Betty Rattee.*

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

This will take place on November 13th from 12 - 2 pm at the home of Mrs Mary Bullard, 'Evergreen', 8 Wade Crescent.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join us and we look forward to seeing you. If you wish to confirm, please telephone 247072. *Mary Bullard*

The future of the Boxford PlayingFields

Just a reminder that an Open Meeting is to be held in the Pavilion on November 5th at 8.00pm to discuss the future of the Playingfields and everybody is very welcome to attend, particularly anyone who thinks they might like to join our Committee! We urgently need at least two new members to come and join us.

Forward Planning

Don't forget to note in your diaries the date of our Summer Fun Day next year - Saturday 7th June.

Groton Wine and Cheese Party

It's hard to believe that Christmas is approaching once again, and that means our usual jolly time in the W.I. Hall ! Please keep Sat. Dec. 7th free, 7.30pm, W.I. Hall, all the usual things :- Auction, Raffle, Gift Stall, Bar [run by Pat and Gerald, aided by Andy and Sheena and young Sam too] and the food will naturally be up to Groton's usual high standard --so get your tickets {£5 each} from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat/Bob Bowdidge [211553], or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to Church funds.

Pat Kennedy Scott.

BOXFORD SUNFLOWER PLAYGROUP

We are holding a Coffee/Open morning at the Pavilion on Wednesday 20th November from 10.00 to 12.00. Do come and visit us - friends old and new, playgroup and non-playgroup children, auntie's and uncles and grandparents. You will all be very welcome. The staff will be there to answer any questions. If you are thinking of putting your child's name down then this is the ideal opportunity to meet us and see what we do. So come and have a coffee, have a go on the raffle and lucky dip - we look forward to seeing you!

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 2002

Sunday 3 November, 23 rd Sunday after Trinity			
Gro	0930	Holy Communion	DCLR
		<i>Combined Benefice Service</i>	
Gro	1200	Thanksgiving – Grice	JLT

Wednesday 6 November

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	JLT
LtW	1900	Compline	CNR

Saturday 9 November

LtW	1200	Baptism – Bacon	JLT
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Sunday 10 November, Remembrance Sunday			
Edw	0800	Holy Communion with Remembrance	DCLR
New	0930	Remembrance Service, then War Memorial	JLT/DMS
Box	1045	Remembrance Service	CJK/GCB
LtW	1045	Remembrance Service	CNR/TDH
Gro	1055	War Memorial	PML

Armistice Day, Monday 11 November

Edw	1055	War Memorial	PFW
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Wednesday 13 November

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	JLS
LtW	1900	Compline	TDH

Sunday 17 November, 2 nd Sunday before Advent			
Edw	0800	Holy Communion*	AJCD
New	0930	Holy Communion	DCLR
LtW	1100	Family Service	JLT
Gro	1100	Holy Communion	DBW
Box	1830	Evensong	CJK

Wednesday 20 November, St Edmund

Box	1030	Holy Communion	DCLR
LtW	1900	Compline	CNR

Sunday 24 November, Sun next before Advent			
Gro	0800	Holy Communion*	JLT
New	0930	Matins	GCB
Box	1100	Holy Communion	DCLR
LtW	1830	Evensong	TDH
Edw		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 27 November

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	AJCD
LtW	1900	Compline	TDH

DECEMBER 2002

Sunday 1 December, Advent Sunday (NB: Year B Readings begin)			
LtW	0800	Holy Communion	DCLR
Edw	0930	Holy Communion*	JLT
Box	1600	Christingle Service	CJK
New	1600	Compline	DMS
Gro		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 4 December

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	JLT
LtW	1900	Compline	CNR

* Public Worship with Communion by Extension

Boxford midweek services are held at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford at 1030
Readings: please, year A & track 2 when offered. From 1 Dec year B.

Newton Parish Council

Notes of Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 25 September

1) Matters Arising

- a) Timer to electric fires in Village Hall - Cllr. Vince reported that he had not yet received a quotation from Mr. Arthur Adams
- b) 'No-through' sign at entrance to Church Road. The Clerk reported no action had yet been taken by Suffolk County Council.
- c) Damage to grass verge on A1071 and structural maintenance of carriageway. The Council acknowledged work undertaken to date, however, it was agreed similar action is required on the opposite side of the road.
- d) Lloyds Bank Signatories Newton Parish Fund
- e) Commemorative Tree Plates - John Taylor thanked Rita Schwenk for the role she has played in the purchase.

2) Planning

- f) Matters arising from circulated material - none
- g) New seat Plamplin Close - Ongoing
- h) Code of Conduct - Response from Peter Holbrook.
- a) 4 Links View Garage and Workshop - permission has been granted
- b) Joe's Driving Range Extension to pitch & putt - permission has been refused.
- c) 1 Church Road - permission has been granted
- d) Flippets Sudbury Road - Newton Parish Council raised no objections.
- f) Dormy Sudbury Road - gone quiet
- g) 1 Pot Ash The Green - Newton Parish Council raised no objections.
- h) Land Rear of Wrenwood - Newton Parish Council has raised several objections.
- i) Nos 1 & 2 Hurrells, conversion of roof space - Newton Parish Council raised objections.
- j) Nos 1 & 2 Hurrells, tennis courts - Newton Parish Council raised objections.
- k) Nos 1 & 2 Hurrells - Newton Parish Council is concerned that original approvals for planning permission conditions have not been adhered to. Request for enforcement has been made.

3) Correspondence

- a) Boxford Playgroup, request for financial assistance Janet Crimmin informed the meeting that 12 children from Newton are involved in the activities of the group. A donation of £100 was proposed by Cllr. Crimmin and seconded by Cllr. Stevens.
- b) Permission for Mayor of Sudbury to wear Chain of Office in Newton was approved.
- c) Playing Field Inspection is scheduled for September 2002
- d) Freedom of Information - Clerk to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

4) Village Hall Grant Application progress

A letter has been received from Babergh. The Clerk reported that they could not guarantee any funds this financial year. If we are to receive a grant in the near future efforts must be stepped up a gear to raise funds locally. John Taylor said the recent increase in the precept can be allocated when the Clerk completes the 2003/4 Budget.

5) A.O.B.

- a) Village Pond -Harry Buckledee requested funds to continue with the restoration of the margins of the village pond. A sum of £50 was agreed for the planting of spring bulbs. John Taylor informed the meeting that the Trust have purchased a millennium seat and volunteers are wanted to assist with the installation. Rita Schwenk offered to donate some plants to the project.
- b) School Bus - Janet Crimmin expressed the concerns of parents whose children are using the morning school bus which is not equipped with seat belts. Clerk will raise the issue with the Education Authority.
- c) Millennium Medals -Janet Crimmin said the sale of medals has gone well and only 8 are left.
- d) Children's Play Area - Alex Stevens informed the meeting that David Lovett is leaving the village. As a consequence a volunteer will be required to keep a watchful eye on regular basis.

6) Date of Next Meeting: 27 November 2002 at 7:30pm

Boxford Parish Council Meeting 14th October

Transport Presentation see page one report of Editor.

Report from Suffolk County Council: [Jeremy Pembroke] He had from his Locality Budget given £1000 to the Boxford Sunflower Playgroup toward their costs of new equipment and furniture. On Wednesday 16th October he would be meeting with the Deputy Chief Constable and would carry the concerns of the Parish Council over traffic and parking to that meeting. Of the 13 parishes in his constituency, Boxford had by far the worst traffic problems. Bus stops in Boxford, he thought needed further consultation within the Parish and he would wish to be involved in that process, if it was thought he could be of help.

Local Needs Housing: Bryn Hurren reported that a site in Groton had now been identified but the dimensions and the boundaries remained to be determined. A letter from Flagship Housing proposed 15 units in a mix of 9 houses and 6 bungalows or 7 houses and eight bungalows. It was hoped to make the landowner an offer in the coming week. Questioned by a member of the public[Mr A Seager] Cllr. Hurren confirmed that the housing would be for local people, as would that at Edwardstone.

Community Car Park: Suzanne Impett reported that the sub committee appointed at the last meeting had met and they proposed a village survey by way of questionnaire to gauge the views of all residents. A questionnaire/survey was in the course of preparation which could be distributed with the Box River news. Collection points for completed surveys would be arranged. There had been a positive response from the Trustees who owned the majority of the land, indicating their intention to negotiate. A resident of Swan Street had carried out a parking survey in Swan Street and this was available to the meeting and the sub committee.

The Church clock had also been discussed and the Committee had read Ann Jessop's report and wished to explore the possibility of installing an electrical mechanism, which had been proposed in 1975. Cecil Hughes produced three designs for replacement fencing at the entrance to the Burial Ground and this would be circulated. The Boxford Society had agreed to contribute to the cost.

The Clerk reported that: County Highways were to trim the trees edging School Hill during the month and that he had notified Boxford School. He had reported damage to the bridge stanchion to County who were to undertake repairs. They may try and pursue the Company who had caused the damage. Babergh Council were seeking nominations for Community Achievement Awards. The Countryside Agency had produced leaflets on funding Green Open Spaces and this was available from him. The Information Commissioner had notified the Council that they were to have a scheme of availability of information held by the Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2001 in place by 31st December. Commissioner] Babergh Council were carrying out an Audit of Recreational Space in the District. It was agreed that the questionnaire be handed to the Chairman of the Playingfields Management Committee.

Crandon Construction of Cygnet Court, Swan Street had responded to a letter from the Clerk regarding parking places and deliveries to the development site. The letter indicated that there were difficulties over security, but that the company would be pleased to enter into discussions with the Council.

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup: The meeting agreed to donate £500 toward a play area and authorised the Clerk to write in support the Group's application to the Countryside Agency.

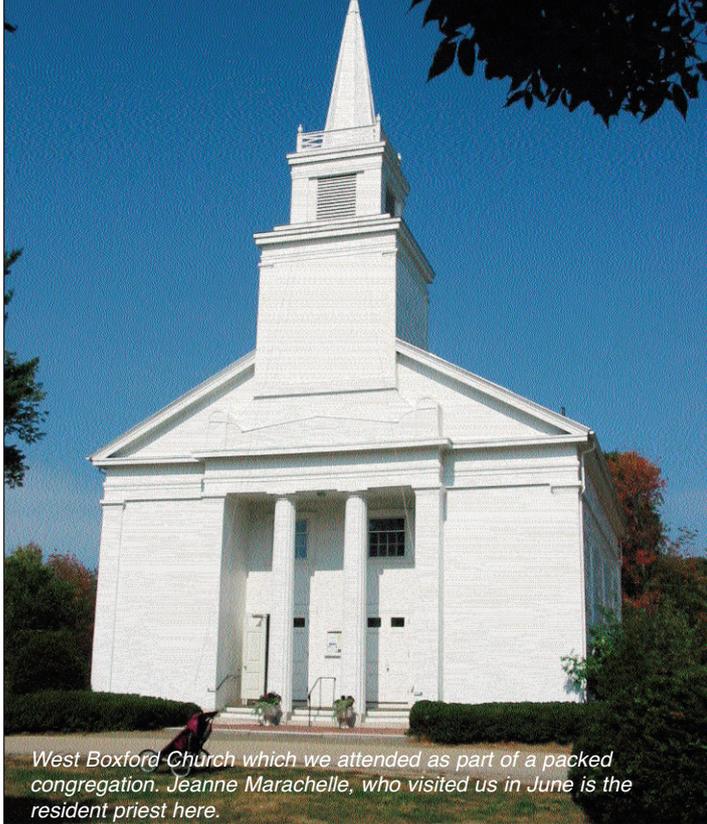
Boxford Youth Club: a letter had been received from the Treasurer reporting that 43 members had enrolled this year. The Council agreed to meet the costs of the Hall hire.

It was reported that of the **Three Parishes Response [3PR]** had 4 call-outs since they had become active. There were now 22 Responders and he hoped a further 6 would undergo training.

Planning Matters: The Council supported the application for works at The White Hart Inn, with reservations concerning parking. 41 Swan Street. The meeting closed at 10.17 pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th November

Hands Across the Water



West Boxford Church which we attended as part of a packed congregation. Jeanne Marachelle, who visited us in June is the resident priest here.

Janet and I were invited to visit Boxford MA following the highly successful visit of 31 members of our Sister Town in the USA for the Queens Jubilee in June. We crossed over the pond in mid September in time for their Apple Festival. Our Hosts, Barbara and Bob Was, our guests in June, greeted us at Boston airport and advised us that it had been agreed our visit should be known as Boxford to Boxford III. From that time on, and in the nicest possible way, our feet did not touch the ground.

The hospitality we received was endless and so warm that we felt everyone we met and especially those that entertained us, had always been our close life long friends. If you have not experienced New England Hospitality you have not lived. What a beautiful State Massachusetts is with attractive small towns and a coast line, in places like Suffolk with its estuaries and rivers filled with private leisure craft.

What impressed us most was the size of Boxford MA. With a population of around 9000, possibly going to increase to 12,000 over the next few years, the Town of Boxford is 15 miles long and up to 10 miles wide. If superimposed on a map of this area it would stretch from Little Waldingfield in the West and encompass Ipswich in the East and from Stowmarket in the north to Nayland in the South. The two churches in the Town are 20 minutes drive apart. Boxford is attempting to create a Town Centre with a new police station just opened and work beginning



A view of the Apple Festival in East Boxford. Over 9000 attended the event. and over 2000 hamburgers were sold.

on a new Town Hall alongside and there are plans for a new library. At present the village is centred on the two churches in East and West Boxford. Each end has a Fire Station, a shop/post office/cafe a library and of course a church. There are also two Town Halls. The Police and Fire departments are administered by the Board of Selectmen who meet every Monday. There is a Boxford Community TV station and meetings of the Selectmen are broadcast live.

Another thing that surprised us was the amount of soccer (Association Football) that is played at all levels, in fact there were more soccer pitches than American football pitches to be seen in New England.

When it came to food we were thoroughly spoilt, Barbara Was ensured that we did not eat the same breakfast twice and the combinations of pancakes, waffles, bacon, egg, Maple syrup and Charlie Killams Raspberry Jam on many different kinds of bread were alone worth the trip across the pond. We seemed to be eating all the time and once it was known we liked lobster we had it in many forms including Lobster Rolls, Bisque, Chowder, Ravioli and Boiled Lobster.

During our stay we visited the White Mountains in New Hampshire, The coasts of Massachusetts, Main and New Hampshire, we went to National Parks, The State House in Boston with Representative Brad Hill, had lunch in Cheers an art exhibition and a private view of 'Old Ironsides' in the harbour. We went on walks on local farms, visited the first industrial centre in the USA, went whaling and found ourselves amongst dozens of Hump Back Whales. The list is endless.

Why not join us next year. We are preparing a visit to be based around their Apple Festival in September 2003 and it has been designated Boxford to Boxford IV. There will be a five day Festival planned for our visit with a further 9 or 10 days during which you will be able to do your own thing. Plans are at an early stage but already 22 folk have expressed a wish to join the trip Contact me (Eddie) on 01787 211507 for more information.

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The Retirement of Rev. Richard Titford

It is twenty years since the Rev. David Woodward left the living of Edwardstone with Groton, then a benefice of just two parishes. As the Church of England was already suffering from falling income and a shortage of priests the benefice was increased about this time by the addition of Little Waldingfield, and in 1983 Richard Titford became Priest of these three parishes. He had worked in business before ordination and came to East Anglia after a curacy in Manchester. For the first time he had a patch of his own, and found his true vocation - to love and serve all the people in his benefice. His utter devotion to this quickly became apparent and as the years have gone by he and Sarah have more and more won our love and appreciation.

The years here have seen such an increase in the pace and pressures of life, with people turning to the Church and the priest only in times of 'sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity'. At such times Richard has always been there to bring comfort, hope and tranquillity. This he has done by showing us the relevance of our Christian beliefs to the stresses and strains of life today.

When it became apparent that his three parishes were finding it difficult to pay the quota due for a full-time incumbent he volunteered to remain in post on half stipend while continuing his work as a priest on a virtually full-time basis. He did this for five years only reverting to full stipend when the benefice was enlarged to five parishes in 2000 by the addition of Boxford and Newton.

Richard has been closely involved in many aspects of daily life in his benefice - with the children through regular visits to Boxford school, and through support for many social activities including Boxford Community Council, Edwardstone Millennium Green, Groton Educational Foundation, Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust and Little Waldingfield Village Trust. It was mainly at his initiative that in 2000 Groton had for the first time a War Memorial, and he ensured that Remembrance Day was honoured with reverence and respect in all his parishes. He strongly supported the establishment of a daily presence for the church at the hub of the new benefice with the purchase, out of the bequest of the late Mary Every, of 5, Swan Street, Boxford, now called Mary's House. Amongst other interests, both Richard and Sarah have been involved with 'Cruse', a charity devoted to the support of the bereaved.

Richard's work within the benefice ends on 31st October. Throughout his ministry he has foreseen the growing problems which the Church has faced and dealt with them in his benefice in an essentially practical way. He foresaw that, with fewer ordained priests becoming affordable and available, a greater involvement of the laity in all aspects of ministry is inevitable. It is through his foresight that in the present benefice there are now three Lay Readers, and eight Lay Elders, all of whom may conduct services and undertake pastoral care. They will continue to serve the benefice during the interregnum.

Accordingly Richard leaves behind a spirit of co-operation and of encouragement to face the future with open eyes. His leaving is a sorrow for us all. We will miss him but we will remember with great affection so much from his years of ministry here - his love for, and devotion to the well-being of all those in his benefice, the endless time and patience he brought to the care of those in need of help, his compassion and support for the bereaved, the dignity and reverence with which he invested all his services - and so much more. Our wish for him, Sarah and Lucie is for joy and happiness in their new life.

Joy Sellers

Late Breaker: Newton Fete 2003

The 2003 Fete will be held on Saturday 12th July, with committee meetings arranged on the following dates, in the Village Hall at 8pm:

13th November 2002 **15th January 2003**
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Boxford Rovers

Boxford Rovers boosted by performances..and sponsors!

The new football season is well underway and Boxford Rovers have already put in some fantastic performances at all age groups. The Under 10 team are currently unbeaten, the Under 14 are showing real promise and the minis team have been boosted in numbers.

Boxford Rovers have also recently started a new initiative which sees Colchester United coach, Tom Henderson, working with all age groups on across a series of Saturday morning sessions. This would not have been possible without a recent extremely generous £500 donation from Boxford News.

The Under 13 team will soon be ordering some brand new wet weather training jackets thanks to a similarly generous £200 boost from the Stoke-by-Nayland Club. Groton-based Norton Organic Grain have also confirmed their sponsorship of the Under 15 squad. Everyone involved in the club appreciates these fantastic donations.

The club is now celebrating its 25th year and is keen to hear from anyone who has memories or pictures of playing for the club from its formative years right through to the present day. Get in touch with their Press Officer, *Richard Robinson*, on 01787 211114 for more details.

For up-to-date news on the club and the results of games spanning the age groups log on to www.intheteam.com/boxfordrovers. This resource is also handy for players and managers to put their thoughts on line.

Finally, the next Boxford Rovers Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday 14th November at Mary's House.

HOW DID WE LIVE THROUGH IT

Looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have.

As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of Dads truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

Our baby cribs were painted with bright coloured lead based paint. We often chewed on the crib, ingesting the paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets (or brakes). We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We would spend hours building our carts & scooters out of pram wheels and ball-races and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning go to a park or field and play all day, as long as we were back before dark. No one was able to reach us all day. We walked to school to save the bus fare for sweets and used an outside loo at school,

We played Cowboys and Indians and Soldiers with home made guns and bows and arrows and would often be hurt.

We had high cholesterol and high protein Foods without knowing it. We had fat on our meat, skin on our chicken, and had bread and butter and drank Tizer and Lemonade, but we were never overweight;

We were always outside playing Dare and Knock Down Ginger. Football and Cricket teams checked us out, and not everyone was selected. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with the disappointment.

Our generation produced some of the greatest risk-takers and problem solvers. We had the freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

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Readers Letters

Sir

FIRST RESPONSE IN ACTION

On Monday 9th September, during the evening, I was sufficiently unwell to alert my wife, Betty, to dial 999.

Within minutes there was someone at the door

We had forgotten about First Response, and here was David Phillips of Boxford, in the flesh, and a smart uniform! He quickly ascertained my condition and was in touch with the paramedics on their way from Haverhill. (the nearest available at that time). David was there to "keep a eye on me" and generally find out about me pending the paramedics arrival. He was very re-assuring and knowledgeable. In no time at all, (I'm told that it was 35 Minutes from call), the ambulance was outside. That is fantastic if you consider the journey.

Two young men, very pleasant, and very efficient carried out some tests and decided I should go to hospital for further checks. I elected to go to Colchester General where they already had a file on me. I think we arrived there about 7.30pm.

Within minutes I was being attended to, and for the next few hours monitored continuously. By about 3.45am it was decided that I could go home. A taxi became available about 4.00am and I was on my way home.

I am told that I was the first client for the First Response team. What a marvellous idea and what great ladies and gents to take on what will surely sometimes be a very traumatic job indeed. Thank you very much.

As it is a purely voluntary set up they do need funds for running costs. I'm sending a donation, to Vic Rice who is, I believe, the leader. Perhaps you will too?

Stan Bacon, Groton

Editors Note: There have been 6 call outs since 3PR went live. Waitrose recently donated £1000 to our funds. We still need more volunteers and the next training session is in November. Contact Vic Rice on 01787 210504



Sir

I thought the readers of BRN would be interested in this photograph of the truck that completely blocked Swan Street on the morning of September 3rd. It seems that in manoeuvring into position the truck managed to break down causing a lengthy hold up

David Lamming, Groton

Boxford and District Bowls Club

100 Club Winners for October

£65 - L Mills; £25 - E Griffiths; £10 - E Josh