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ILLEGAL DRUGS

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The session is free. You are welcome if you are a young person, an older person, a parent, a youth leader, a family, a group of friends, a club, an anxious person, a user, a concerned person, a curious person or a Responder.

The session will be run by Robin Herne of the Suffolk Drug Action Team. **ALL** will be welcome to attend this most important meeting. Don't shut your minds to it, drugs are in our villages and we need to be able to recognise the signs and cope with the problems.

Light refreshments will be served at the meeting.

Please come at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th March 2003 to Boxford Village Hall.

PLAYING FIELDS PROJECTS

The Boxford Playingfields committee have put forward proposals for the future of the playing fields including the proposal to build a new Sports Pavilion which could also double as a Village Hall. These proposals are forward looking and deserve your close consideration. Please attend the meeting to be held in the Pavilion on Tuesday 4th March at 8.00pm to express your views.



*Left:
Ken Mazdon,
Newton Green Golf
Club Secretary who
has retired after
eight years in the
post following
periods as Club
Vice Captain and
and then Club
Captain in 1994
after his retirement
and home move to
Newton.*

NEWTON GOLF CLUB SECRETARY RETIRES

Ken Mazdon, Newton Green Golf Club Secretary has retired after eight years in the post. Ken and his wife Jenny moved to Newton following his retirement from Lamborghini in Norwich. Before joining the club Ken and Jenny spent two years restoring their cottage opposite the 12th Green. After joining he quickly found himself on the committee and after a short spell as Vice Captain became Captain in 1994 following the clubs expansion to eighteen holes. Club Secretary was a part time job occupying all hours. He will have more time now to play the golf he loves.



David Ayres, Waitrose Section Manager hands Vic Rice Chairman of 3 Parishes Response, a cheque for £1000 on behalf of the company at the presentation meeting held in Boxford Village Hall on 17th December. Also in the above photo is Brenda Clapburn of the British Heart Foundation with the new defibrillator for which the Sudbury Branch contributed half the cost. Also in the foreground of the photo is Andy (the buck stops here) Barlow of the East Anglian Ambulance Trust who has been largely responsible for getting First Response schemes up and running in our part of Suffolk.

3PR are to hold their AGM on 18th February at 8.00pm in Boxford Village Hall. Sandra Burdett, Area Co-ordinator for First Response and Paramedics in the East Anglian Ambulance Trust is to be the guest speaker.

Remember we always need new volunteers for training and if you can not find the time to be a responder a small contribution to the teams funds would be most welcome. For more information contact Vic Rice on 01787 210504 or Sheilagh Smith on 211017.

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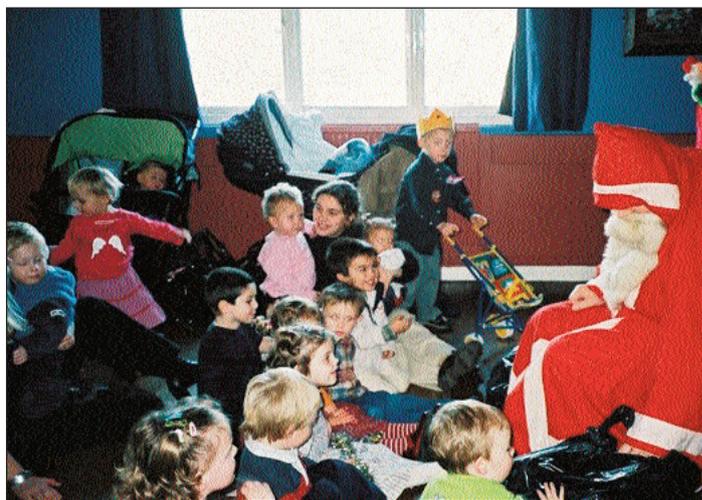
The Party of all Parties



Above: After lots of falling down water these revellers got down on the floor and formed two rowing boats and danced on their bottoms.

Boxford's Biggest Bash on New Years Eve proved to be a resounding success. The hall was decorated in true Disco fashion complete with mirrored walls, coloured lights pulsating in time to the music and even cannons firing streamers and fireworks - because of all this the photo above is a bit blurry and dark but it gives an indication of just how much the people of Boxford know how to party!

By the reaction of the people (slightly over one hundred turned up) the Village Hall Committee are encouraged to make this an annual event. The kids of all ages had a real ball and let off steam for a couple of hours before exhausting themselves, but the best thing was to see entire families on the dance floor together enjoying themselves.



Mother and Toddlers Christmas Party

Boxford's Mother and Toddler Christmas Party was a resounding success with children from around the Benefice, seen above, eagerly awaiting their names to be called out by Father Christmas.

Dawn Kurtz, chairwoman, wishes to thank everyone who helped to make this a great occasion.

Boxford Youth Club

Are you between 13 and 16 years of age? Do you live in the Box River Benefice area or surrounding villages?

Then why not join the new Boxford Youth Club

The Club meets in The Village Hall every Wednesday from 7.15 to 9.30pm and has Indoor Games, a Pool Table, Table Tennis, Football and a Playstation.

there is also a coffee bar with soft drinks and refreshments.

For more information contact John Broughton 01787 377404



Friday, 31 January, 8.30 Ticket £12

Victoria Newton

Britain's premier male jazz singer defies stereotyping with a voice containing an orchestral spectrum of tones and timbres. Ian's range extends from a velvety baritone to a startling falsetto and he can vary his vocal texture from smooth to rough edged in accordance with emotions he wants to communicate. With James Pearson (piano) Thad Kelly (bass) and Mark Fletcher (drums)

Saturday 1 February, 8.30 Ticket £12

Stan Tracey Quartet

Pianist, composer, arranger, accordion and vibes player Stan Tracey OBE is one of the most outstanding figures that Britain has given to the jazz world. Inspired by Ellington and Monk he has consistently displayed a distinctive, sometimes quirkily personal touch in his playing. With saxophone of Bobby Wellins, the bass of Andy Cleynert and the drums of Clark Tracey.

Friday, 7 February, 8.30 Ticket £14

Stacey Kent

"One of the finest singers to have appeared in the last four decades. The depth, subtlety, emotional shading and irrepressible swing that she brings to every song marks her out as something special" - The Guardian. A relaxed swing singer whose assured

interpretation always respects the composer's intentions. With David Newton (piano), Colin Oxiey (guitar), Jim Tomlinson (saxophone) and Dave Chamberlain (bass).

Friday, 14 February, 8.30 Ticket £12

Tina May Quartet

Valentines Day sees the official launch of Tina's new CD, which features USA saxophonist Scott Hamilton. Tina builds her repertoire with a careful eye for melody, lyric and mood and her rare talent raises the quality of her material to new heights. Tonight she is joined by Nikki lies (piano), Alee Dankworth (bass) and Tristan Maillot (drums).

Friday, 21 & Saturday 22 Feb, 8.30 Ticket £13

Martin Taylor

Without doubt one of the world's greatest guitarists, Martin makes a swift and very welcome return to the Fleece. Repeatedly referred to as a guitarists guitarist, his swinging improvisation with chords, walking bass lines and melody have consistently left audiences stunned and amazed.

Friday, 28 February, 8.30 Ticket £12

Clark Tracey's "Tribute to Art Blakey"

The very best British Jazz musicians return with a gig which we just simply had to repeat! Having played opposite Art Blakey on many engagements up until his death in 1990 The 'Tribute to Art Blakey' group now comprises giants from the UK scene - Peter King (sax), Alan Barnes (sax). Mark Armstrong (trumpet), Steve Melling (piano) and Dave Green (bass).

Saturday, 1 March, 8.30 Ticket £14

Claire Martin Quartet

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

01787 211865

All cheques (with S.A.E. please) to:

Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR

Parish Council Matters

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Calling all internet users

The East of England Development Agency has £3million to spend on you. It is in your interest to visit www.demandbroadband.com

Broadband is coming very slowly to rural areas because BT is concentrating on centres of population first. We could be left years behind the towns. Yet more and more of us use the internet to work from home, to run our businesses, to access education and information. Please visit the above website and register your interest in Broadband. At the same time e.mail ann.jessop@btopenworld.com to register your interest with Boxford Parish Council. We are entering the EEDA competition to bring broadband more swiftly to this area. The deadline for entries is 28th February and we need all your support before then. Please join this campaign which is so important for our area. Many thanks.

Election Year

1st May 2003 there will be local elections for Parish Councillors and District Councillors. Consider whether you would be prepared to stand. There will be more information later.

LOCAL DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2003

Make your mark on 1st May 2003?

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Boxford Scout Group

As another year begins the Boxford Scout Group is still suffering from its own success and consequently is still looking for leaders or helpers for the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers units which all make up the Group.

Yes, it does mean giving some time to the Scout movement but it is also very rewarding besides being a positive way of helping future generations.

For further information contact the Group Scout Leader (Richard Gates) on 01787 210432

The Scout Group AGM will be held on Friday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Spinney Hut.

Polstead Art Group

The Polstead Art Group is a friendly and informal group of men and women with various abilities. Any beginner or experienced artists are welcome to come along for a free afternoon to see if you'd like to join, if you do there will be a joining fee.

The group meets on Tuesday afternoons between 2.00 and 5.00pm in Polstead Village Hall Enjoy a relaxing few hours with like minded people

For Further information phone *Maggie Miller on 01206 26245*

Newton Green Village Hall Theatre Group

As part of our fund-raising for the village hall refurbishment we've booked the theatre group.

PLEASE BOOK NOW - "We will have to cancel if we do not have an audience"

The basic details are:

Newton Green Village Hall

Matinee: 5 April 2003 at 2.00 p.m.

Performance time 2 hours plus interval - bring your own refreshments

Adults £6.00 Children (under 14) £3.00

Tickets from Janet Weavers on 01787 377652

FOBS Annual Quiz Night

Saturday 5th April 2003, 7.30pm in the School Hall.

A fun quiz for teams of up to 8 people. The cost is £4.00 per head. Light refreshments will be served and a licensed bar is available. Team names please to Stephanie Atkins (Tel 01787 210444) or Mr Giles at the school (Tel 01787 210332). We already have several teams booked and places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Boxford Community Council

10th INDOOR FUN GAMES NIGHT 2002

Saturday 8th March 2003 7.30 for 8pm

Don't forget to register your team for the next Boxford Community Council's Fun and Games Night on Saturday 8th March. It's very popular and we can only fit in 16 teams!

To join in, all you need do is gather seven other adults around you who would like to play variations of indoor games such as table tennis, skittles, darts, trivia, kill the rat, etc with the odd quiz thrown in and let me, Doug Impett, know on 01787 210035. If you don't have seven others to play with you, don't be put off, give me a ring I may be able to put you in touch with others who are looking to make a team or fit you into a team which is short of players.

The games we will be playing on the night may not be the games suggested, all will be revealed on the night. The evening is a fast moving fun evening 16 teams of 8 adults, there's a lot of friendly rivalry and loads of fun.

After 8 rounds of games the team with the highest total of points receives the coveted Fun and Games Night trophy. Will your team be able to surmount the challenge? Come and find out. Tickets are £40 per team, which includes some light refreshments and there will be a licensed bar too. Spectators are welcome.

Doug Impett

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THE PLAYINGFIELDS COMMITTEE

The playing fields committee are looking for a new **caretaker/cleaner for the pavilion.**

This job is probably ideally suited for a couple of any age although the committee will be pleased to hear from any person who might be interested in the position.

To get further information please write to:

*The secretary, The Playing Fields Committee
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Box River Soap Box

Do you like the new title? I was never happy with "Brian Tora's Column". As a heading it lacked imagination and smacked of narcissism. Not that "Box River Soap Box" is the height of literary wit. But having rejected "Waldingfield Witterings" and sundry other naff titles, it was the best I could come up with. I am not proud, though, so if you have a better title, let me hear it.

In trying to come up with a more meaningful heading to this column, I started to wonder why I was writing it in the first place. (*Because I asked you to: Ed*). I am not a tub thumper - even though I do hold strong opinions on a variety of topics. However, working in a world where regulation is ever present has made me cautious over how best to express any views I wish to get across. Moreover, my line of expertise is primarily investment, finance and City. Enough of you have told me that this is too dull a subject for them to read to convince me I need to tread warily. There again, the schoolteacher in me tells me I should persuade you to take the whole business of savings and investment more seriously. In the end I need to write what you wish to read. There is no other reason for putting pen to paper.

Bob Darvell, before he departed these shores for France, provided an opinionated editorial to the pages of the Free Press. He became a "love him, hate him" figure. That approach does not interest me. It is not just that there is more of the spaniel in my character than I care to admit, but there are things I have learned that I wish to share with you. Sometimes this shared knowledge might prove useful.

Take the subject of "with profits" funds - I know we're back in the financial arena, but this is a financial product that many of us own. Unfortunately, few people fully understand what exactly one is. "With profits" funds - most commonly purchased in the form of endowment policies - were the backbone of mortgages for many years. Those who lend money to finance the purchase of a house need the reassurance that, if something happens to the breadwinner, the mortgage is paid off.

Life Assurance is, of course, the answer, but those clever insurance people came up with repayment strategies as well - putting together the combination of an endowment policy - a savings vehicle into a "with profits" fund - with decreasing term assurance. Complicated? Not really. It means that you insure your life for the amount of the mortgage, but that this insurance cover decreases steadily until final repayment, by which time the savings contract (into the "with profits" fund) will have accumulated sufficient capital to discharge the mortgage. It provided cheap life cover and guaranteed loan repayment. That, at least, was the theory. "With profits" funds are in a spot of bother just now.

The theory behind a "with profits" fund is that you spread the money around a variety of asset classes (government stocks, ordinary shares, cash, property) to gain proper diversification of risk and then only commit a proportion of any profit in a single year to the policy as a "bonus", holding back any surplus to make up the difference in bad years. In the end, though, fund managers tend to invest in whatever asset is likely to give the best return. During the 1990s it was no contest. Equities made the running. By the end of the last millennium, these life assurance funds were heavily committed to the stock market. Sadly the stock market has not proved a happy place in which to hold your savings for the past three years.

Take Britannic as an example. Last month they not only cancelled the dividend to shareholders, they also failed to declare a bonus on the "with profits" fund. This is rare indeed. The whole idea of "with profits" is that you can always declare a bonus, regardless of the returns achieved. And since not all markets move together, these funds are not normally dependent upon a single asset class, such as equities, to deliver the goods.

But the excellent returns that were achieved from the stock market during the 1990s encouraged insurance companies to leave more and more money there. Rebalancing the portfolio as

the bear market set in proved not to be as easy as many hoped. The result has been poor recent investment performance and the likelihood that, whatever the retentions were in the good years, they will be insufficient to make up for recent losses in share values.

If I have a beef about "with profits" funds (and it is only a small one because in the past they have served me well) it is that they are opaque in the extreme. These policies have their value determined by actuaries - those people who reputedly found accountancy too exciting. The actuarial profession is, I am sure, well meaning, well regulated and value generating, but in the end, they have to make judgements based on arithmetic formulae despite the subjective nature of the underlying data. But since the future direction of markets is never certain, should we really be surprised that there will, occasionally, be dislocation between actual returns and projected rewards?

If all this sounds too dull and complicated to take seriously, then just check to make certain you do not own some endowment policies or investments in "with profits" funds tucked away somewhere. When Equitable Life hit the buffers - a clear example of a life company that had not been sufficiently prudent in the good years to cover the shortfalls in the bad years - I was amazed to discover how many friends and neighbours were policy holders. I am not being wise after the event, but nothing would have persuaded me to take out an Equitable Life policy. As an organisation I felt they were economic with the truth. They claimed not to pay commission. This was true - they did not distribute through the Independent Financial Adviser market - but they did pay bonuses to their sales staff relating to the business they attracted, which amounted to commission in my view. Claiming a non-commission approach was merely playing with words.

The investment world is tough at present. Worse, it is hard to see where any catalyst exists to lead to better times. More conflict in the Middle East seems inevitable, terrorist attacks cannot be discounted and in a few short weeks we will all face a higher tax burden, courtesy of a prudent Chancellor who has quietly upped taxes without trumpeting the consequences. Soap box? Well, if it gives me the chance to sound off about too much regulation, stealth taxes and the lack of transparency in a number of financial products, then I welcome it. But in the end, I would like you all to learn just a little more about what life is like in the real financial world. Who knows, you may even find it useful.

Brian Tora is Chairman of the Little Waldingfield Parish Council and a regular writer and broadcaster on investment and financial matters

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

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GARDENING IN FEBRUARY *Harry Buckledee*

Deciduous hedges, like privet, hawthorn, and beech which have become overgrown and difficult to clip, can be cut hard back to the main stem on one side, leaving the other side until next year or the year after.

Clear the dead tops from herbaceous plants. Fork lightly between the plants and feed with a slow acting fertiliser like John Innes Base fertiliser, hoof and horn or any long lasting fertiliser which is high in Phosphates and Potash but low in Nitrogen.

Chrysanthemum stools which have been left in the ground should be checked to make sure they have not been lifted loosened by the frost. Remove all weeds from around the stools and re-firm the soil around the roots. Scatter slug pellets around the plants as slugs can cause a lot of damage to the young shoots emerging from ground level.

Complete the pruning of fruit trees and hardy shrubs. Wall fruit trees should be given a dressing of bone meal and a general fertiliser, stone fruits will benefit from some hydrated lime. The buds of wall and bush fruits are frequently attacked by bullfinches, cotton, intertwined amongst the branches will deter them. Pruning of silver foliage plants and shrubs is best left until April as severe frosts can damage young shoots.

Weather permitting, Hybrid T and Floribunda roses should be pruned at the end of the month. Cut out all diseased and frost damaged wood and prune healthy shoots back to two buds. Hard pruning produces better blooms and prolongs the life of the bush. After pruning spray the stumps with Armillatox, used as directed by the manufacturers, to kill off spores of black spot which may be lying dormant ready to infect new shoots as they form. There will still be the need to make the fortnightly preventative sprays throughout the growing season against black spot, mildew and rust. Although Armillatox has proved to be a safe and effective

fungicide, the powers that be have decided for some reason to ban it. It is still on the shelves at the moment so it might be a good idea to get some before it disappears altogether.

Dormant fuchsias should be cut back to within three buds from the base, have all the old compost shaken off the roots and washed clean. Washing off all the old compost from the roots is one way of ensuring that you get rid of any vine weevil grubs which may be lurking there. Any large roots can be trimmed back and always re-pot down to one size smaller pot. Place the pots on the bench with a bit of bottom heat and spray the wood with tepid water twice a day to encourage new shoots.

If the weather is kind at the end of the month we should see the first blooms of crocus, primroses and polyanthu.

These blooms often attract the attention of small birds, all that is needed to protect them is a few strands of cotton supported by small twigs.

FOUND - END NOVEMBER 2002:

A pair of spectacles, gold metal frames with tortoiseshell ends, in a soft navy case has been found in Edwardstone Church. Please contact Margaret Richardson on 210981.

CHILDREN

If you are aged five to twelve years.

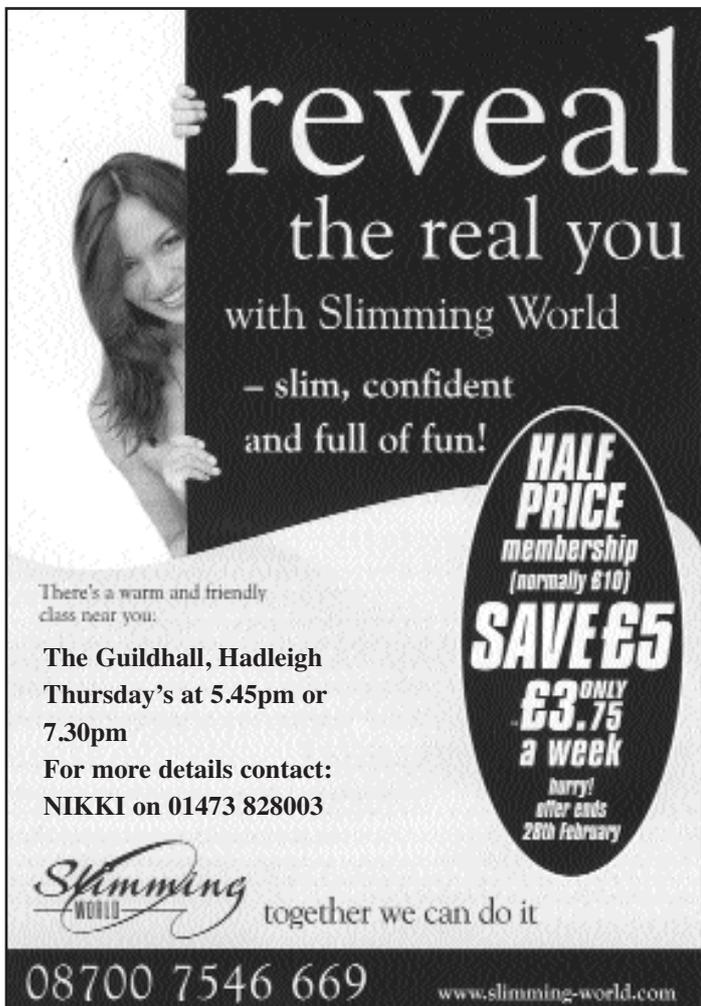
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2003				
January				
	25 Burns Night Supper	Village Hall Funds	Newton Village Hall	7.30pm
	31 New Years Eve Party	Boxford Village Hall Committee	Boxford Village Hall	8 till late
February				
	1 Newton Village Hall Committee	cooked breakfast and bric a brac	Newton Village Hall	10.00am
	3 Boxford over 60's		Village Hall	2.30pm
	17 Boxford over 60's		Village Hall	2.30pm
	17 Newton Whist Drive		Village Hall	
March				
	1 Talk on Arthritis Research	News Views and Coffee	Newton Village Hall	10.00am
	4 Playingfields committee open evening		Pavilion	8.00pm
	8 Fun and Games Night	Boxford Community Council	Village Hall. Contact Doug Impett 210035	8.00pm
	12 Boxford Community Council		White Hart	
	15 Fun Line Dance Evening		Newton Village Hall	
	15 Boxford Drama Group AGM		Village Hall	
	22 Quiz Evening/refreshments	Groton PCC	WI Hall	
	25 Illegal Drugs	Boxford Parish Council	Boxford Village Hall	8pm
April				
	1 Playingfields committee AGM		Pavilion	7.30pm
	5 FOB's Quiz Night		Boxford School Hall	7.30pm
	5 Newton Drama Group		Village Hall	2.00pm
	24/25/26 Boxford DG Spring Play		Boxford Village Hall	TBA
	27 Fly the Eye - Walk the Parks	Boxford Footpathers	Depart Boxford	7.45am
	28 Boxford Annual Parish Meeting		Village Hall	8.00pm
	29 Boxford Community Council AGM		Pavilion	8.00pm
	18 St Lawrence Lt Waldingfield	The Easter Story		9.30am
May				
	1 Local Elections			
	3 Dance to the Beavers	Boxford Community Council		
	3 Fireside Club	Newton Green	Village Hall	10.00am
	9 1st Boxford Scout Group AGM	(Refreshments available)	Spinney	7.30pm
	12 Boxford Parish Council AGM		Bell House	7.30pm
June				
	1 Boxford Gardens Open Day	Boxford PCC	Boxford	
	7 Summer Fun Day	Boxford Playing Fields		
	8 Edwardstone Gardens Open	Provisional booking		
	14 Spinney Fun Day			
	21 Boxford Sunflower Group 30th Anniversary Celebrations		Boxford Pavilion	
	21 Summer Fete	Groton PCC	Groton Manor	
July				
	5 Boxford St Mary's Fete		TBA	TBA
	5 FOB's Summer Dance		Nayland Village Hall	7.30pm
	12 Presidents Day	Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club	Boxford Playing Fields	2.00pm
	20 FOB's Fun Day		Boxford school playingfield	2-6pm
October				
	4 Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	WI Hall	7.30pm
	18 Annual Dinner Dance	Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club	The Stoke by Nayland Club	7.00pm
December				
	6 Wine and Cheese Party	Groton PCC	WI Hall	7.30pm
	Second Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford			7.30pm
	Third Monday of each month, 3PR Training in the Village Hall at 8.00pm			

Directory of Clubs and Organisations in the Box River Benefice

As a companion to the forthcoming events diary and 'Wots on' it would be useful if we could produce a simple directory of clubs and organisations within the Benefice together with details of where they are based, and the name and telephone number of a contact.

If you are a chairman, secretary or organiser of please e.mail, write or telephone to let us have details for publication.

Examples:

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Readers Letters

Sir

Phyllis, Carol and Rhona wish to thank all their relatives and friends for the many messages of sympathy and condolence they have received following the death of a wonderful husband and father, Percy Rose, on the 2nd of January this year.

The service and celebration of his life was held in Boxford St Mary's Church on Monday 13th January and the Church was filled with his many friends and members of the family, for which we are most grateful.

We would especially like to thank Louise Goodchild, a young girl and complete stranger to us who was so helpful to mother at her time of stress following Dads heart attack. We would also like to express our thanks for the help given by the ambulance men who attended following the emergency call and even more so, the help and comfort given by our own 3PR First Response team whose efforts together with the ambulance crew to revive Dad were unfortunately in vain.

Thank you all so much

Carol Simpson

Dear Eddie

I was very interested in the photo you published in the December BRN of the lid of the tomb in the South Porch of St Mary's Church in Boxford. I was just too late to take a photo myself as the restorers were too quick for me and covered it up again very quickly.

Your comments under the photo are partly correct, the tomb is medieval but there is no reason to believe that the tomb or the stone was moved out of the church before the porch was built. Unfortunately, there were no inscriptions to be seen on the lid of the tomb. The tomb probably belongs to one of two gentlemen called Cowper, as there are two Wills from the late medieval period:"

On 22 February 1465, John Cowper made his Will and bequeathed £13. 3. 4, (in those days a very large sum indeed) to the new porch where he desired to be buried. He was actually Buried in 1473

In 1476 William Cowper left £2 to build the new porch and asked to be buried there. These Wills reinforce the records that the South Porch was built in the 15th Century.

The source of these comments is taken from an unpublished paper on Boxford Church by Mr. Martin Wood.

Philip Rich
Boxford

Sir

Robert and I would like to express our grateful thanks to everyone for their kind words and help received since my recent accident, not forgetting hospital visitors, also a special thank you to all the staff for doing a wonderful job at the busiest time of the year (I really didn't plan it, *honest!*)

Joy and Robert Stowe,
Boxford Village Stores

Sir

George and Iris Havis would like to thank most sincerely all friends and neighbours for the cards and gifts together with all the kind offers of lifts during Iris's prolonged stay in hospital. Hopefully she is now on the road to recovery and will soon be back home.

George Havis



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GROTON W.I.

Our first meeting of the New Year and our speaker, Mr. Gary Egerton was early, so we happily relaxed before the normal business, to enjoy his "Great Spy Stories" unfortunately his notes had been "lost" in Liverpool! However, we were vastly entertained by his substitute, talk - reminiscences of nearly 50 years in the police force. A cadet at 16; a policeman for real at 19 - on the beat for two years, when every door was checked on night duty end daily police presence on the streets was taken for granted. Afterwards came work as a special branch tactical officer, entailing training with fire arms, providing protection for royals and celebrities at home and abroad. Gary has obviously enjoyed his career (we'd like to make him an honorary member !) and proud that his son also joined the force three years ago and is already a sergeant.

Wednesday, 12th February, 2.50 p.m. W.I. Hall, Mr. Durland will tell us about his "Visit to Iceland" Visitors are always welcome. *Joan cooper. Press officer*

BOXFORD OVER 60'S

Has The Boxford Over 60's become the victim of it's own success? It is with regret that we have to announce that owing to increased applications for membership we must sadly limit these to Boxford Residents only.

May we therefore take this opportunity of thanking our many friends for their interest, and extending our very best wishes and apologies for any disappointment caused.

On a lighter note we are happy to announce that 2003 marks the club's Fortieth Birthday. WATCH THIS SPACE.

February 2003

3rd Village Hall 2.30pm

17th Village Hall 2.30pm

For more information contact *Thelma Williams on 01787 210118*

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup

An enjoyable performance from the children of the playgroup for their Christmas nativity play 'Here we go up to Bethlehem' brought a tear to lots of parents eyes. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you again to Margi Bull who suggested, organised and co-ordinated the play for us.

More news from the Playgroup

The playgroup's open 5 mornings a week 9.15am - 12.15pm. The fenced outside play area should hopefully be completed in the early part of the new year if the weather dries up long enough for the work to be done.

Future dates

February 18th 9.30am to 12noon Photographer visiting for family and individual pictures

Saturday 21st June 30th anniversary celebration if you would like to help with this please contact:

Ann Porter on 01787 210581 or Moira Grant on 01787 211513

Finally we would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year.

St Lawrence Church, Little Waldingfield

FRIDAY - 18th APRIL 2003

We hope to perform a dramatic presentation of the Easter Story during the 9.30 a.m. service at St. Lawrence, Little Waldingfield. In accordance with previous years hot cross buns will be served in the Parish Room after the service.

We would like to invite all young children and young adults in the Box River benefice to come along and take part. The first rehearsal will be on Saturday 8th March 2003 from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. in St Lawrence Church, Little Waldingfield.

Please telephone either *Linda Cutts on 01787 370242 or Sandra Harbord on 01787 247034* if you would like to come along.

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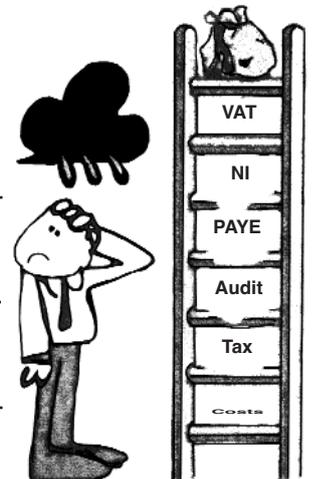
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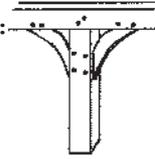
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ENJOYING LIFE

There are always (at least) two ways of viewing any event or situation. People who always expect the best are called optimists, whilst those whose outlook is predominantly negative are termed pessimists. The optimist says, "It's a lovely sunny morning, so it should be a fine day" and the pessimist replies, "It's too bright too early, so it's bound to rain later."

I find pessimists a great trial. They have a way of dampening the atmosphere on even the happiest occasion and casting a cloud on the brightest of days....but over-optimism can be wearing too. The person who really believes that, if they commit themselves to it, they are certain to win the jackpot in the National Lottery (every week!)...and consequently can't afford the basic necessities of life for their family, because they put their money where their mouth is....can be really exasperating.

We all know people who fall into both categories; but probably most of our friends don't fall into either category, and are best described as realists. They accept life's ups and downs with equanimity, because this is how life is – not all joy, and not all sorrow either, but a hotchpotch of experiences.

Those of us who believe that the world in which we live is God's creation and that it is basically good, though frequently marred by human irresponsibility and wickedness, try to follow Jesus' example of accepting the ups and downs of life as a learning experience. We recognise that over-optimism is totally unrealistic – and so is perpetual pessimism; but between these two extremes we discover the truth that life is a gift (which when abused can be painful,) to be celebrated and enjoyed. Enjoy this February!
Lawrence R. Pizzey



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"We are challenged to rid our nation and the world of poverty we must also find an alternative to war and bloodshed. It is no longer a choice between violence and non-violence. It is either non-violence or non-existence. And the alternative to strengthening the United Nations, and thereby disarming the whole world, may well be a civilization plunged into the abyss of annihilation" (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speaking at Washington National Cathedral, March 31st 1968) *Christopher Kingsbury*

ROTAS: Readers

Feb 9: TBA

Feb 16: M Bishop & B Thorpe B. Thorpe & D Simpson

Feb 23: R Whiting & D Day A Kingsbury & D Day

Sidesmen

C Cuthbert & J Lindsley

B. Thorpe & D Simpson

A Kingsbury & D Day

CHRISTMAS: A very big thank you to those who provided our flowers, supplied and put up our Christmas tree, cleaned the church, rang our bells and provided our music. Thank you also for the provision of the special service sheets, and to all who worshipped in St. Mary's over the Christmas season. Thank you to the Boxford School Choir, the headmaster and staff. *CJK*

THE REV. BRIAN WATLING:

We were delighted to welcome the Rev. Brian Watling to Boxford Church at the Midnight Communion service. *CJK*

THE CHURCH ORGAN:

During the past 18 months, various work has been undertaken to restore the swell organ to its original condition and design as intended by its builder, William Hill. Stage one was to clean and renovate the 2 ft. stop to its original position (which was changed over 30 years ago by a former organist), and stage two was to re-voice another stop, which had become very unbalanced due to age! Our organ builder, Mr Reg Lane, the former area manager of Messrs. Hill Norman & Beard, has now completed this work. The result is first-class. I should like to thank all those in the parish who helped financially to carry out this work. *DF*

CHOIR NEWS:

Thank you all for your best wishes for the Christmas and New Year season. Choir practices in February: on Fridays 7th 14th and 28th at 7.30 p.m. (subject to weather conditions!) *DF*

BOX RIVER CLUB: Meets again Sunday 2nd February at 10.30 a.m. in the School Hall. New members are very welcome. We had a very enjoyable visit to see Treasure Island Pantomime at Sudbury Quay Theatre on 4th January, and to the Newtoners Party at Newton Village Hall on 6th January. Thank you to all who arranged these events. *Janet Daniels*

MR. DAVID FELSTEAD: It is with much regret that we have to advise of the resignation of our church organist, David Felstead, from the end of February. David finds the travelling more difficult as time goes by. David has put much effort into encouraging and building up our choir and music life in the church. We wish him our very best wishes for the future. *CJK*

MATTERS OF FAITH:

Epiphany: It's one of the most "religious" words there is. The Bible gives us Paul's epiphany, the startling vision on the road to Damascus; and then there are those special things that super-spiritual people always seem to experience - epiphanies, words of knowledge, sudden bursts of God-clarity.

Epiphany is the liturgical season that has the unfortunate fate of falling between two far more famous church seasons, Christmas and Lent. Just what is Epiphany about? Jesus. During Advent we prepared for his coming. During Christmas we celebrated his arrival. During Epiphany, we are treated to readings that help us work out who Jesus is and why he came. The readings take us straight to the central theme of this season: Jesus extending God's grace to the whole of humanity. *CJK*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

The next meeting of the PCC is on Wednesday 19th February, 7.30 p.m. at Mary's House. The Annual Meeting for the election of Churchwardens and the Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Sunday 13th April at 7.30 p.m. - after Evensong. Nomination forms for proposing the election of a Churchwarden will be available from the PCC secretary. *CJK*

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP:

The group meets at the home of Peter and Margaret Holden. Please phone 210177 for information - do come. *CJK*

BOXFORD CHURCH BUILDING TRUST:

Please do contribute to the Trust whose aim is the long-term preservation of our church building. Forms are available in church or village shops. *CJK*

CONCERT IN ST.MARY'S: The next Suffolk Villages Festival concert will be on 30th March at 6.30 p.m.

SMILE LINES:

From a church newsletter: " For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs" *CJK*



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elders:

*Antony Dodd 210397
Peter Welstand 210525*

REGISTERS: 19th December 2002, Funeral, Violet Dorothy Blaber, aged 85 years. 2nd January 2003, Funeral and Burial, Blanche Ellen Simpson, aged 91 years.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: We are having a Cheese and Wine evening in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Saturday, 26th April 2003. Full details next month. Marlene Clarke & Ineke Morris

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

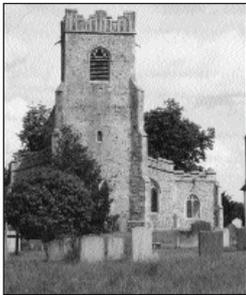
Feb 2: Mrs Tregear/Margaret & Roy Richardson;

Feb 9: Mr Currey/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

Feb 16: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

Feb 23: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

March 2: Mrs Dodd/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:

*Barbara Riddleston:
Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261
George Thaw
Moat Lodge, Parliament Heath, 211617*

Lay Elders:

*Pauline Lamming 210360
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CHRISTMAS AT GROTON:

A big " thank you " to everyone who contributed to celebrating Christmas at Groton Church. For those who gave, and decorated the tree, all those who arranged flowers - the church looked lovely. Our thanks also to all who took part in the various services, played our organ, and conducted the worship, some at short notice! and those who gave us refreshments! A great team effort - thank you! A cheque for £115 was sent from the Carol Service to S.A.S. (Success After Strokes). *Pauline Lamming*

KELVEDON SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

There was a very good audience to enjoy a delightfully varied performance by the Kelvedon Singers, under the good baton of Christopher Phelps, and with David Butcher at the organ and keyboard. The "Solemn Vespers" by Mozart was lovely, including the favourite well-known "Laudate Dominum". The second half - after refreshment! introduced us to Christmas, with joint carol singing, as well as a good mixture from the choir of old and new festive songs. Especially noted were the two items written by Bryan Barnes, using text by Laurie Lee, which were haunting, evocative and I found, very beautiful. It was good to have the words to follow. Our thanks to The Kelvedon Singers for such a great beginning to Christmas, and to all who came, and helped raise £145 each for Multiple Sclerosis and Water Aid. **PL GROTON QUIZMANIA Saturday March 22nd, 7.30 WI Hall** Come on all you "Clever-Clogs" - we need your brains for the

Quiz evening on March 22nd -general knowledge and trivia, but not too difficult!! So please get your teams together (4 people per team), and book yourselves in with Pat Kennedy Scott on 210319. More details about the quiz from Steve and Jayne Foster on 211360. There will be a prize for the best team "name", and of course for the winning team at the end of the evening.

There will be a bar, and, living up to Groton's reputation for food, a plate of delicious titbits in the interval; so this is an evening of fun not to be missed, and it doesn't matter if you aren't a Brainbox!! just come for the fun. More details next month, but do please put the date in your diary. There will be a charge of £4 per person. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES BICYCLE RIDE 2002:

The village contributed £511 to the Trust last year. The final payment was received just before Christmas. Our champion cyclist was unable to take part and so our total was less than the year before. In spite of this our fund raising in excess of five hundred pounds is a marvellous achievement - thank you to all who took part. *Peter Kennedy Scott*

ROTAS:

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March

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Mr B Bowdidge (Lent)

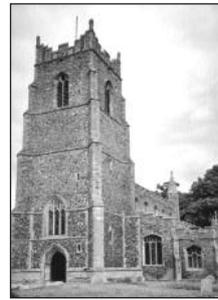
Cleaning:

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Mr & Mrs Bowdidge

Sidesman with Sacristan:

Mr R Mares Ms S Edwards



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens:

*Barrie Squirrel; tel 247705
Anne Miller, Archers Farm; tel 210704*

Lay Elders:

Tim Harbord 247034

NEIL RATTEE: Thank you to all within the benefice who have kindly contributed to Neil's retirement gift. It has been agreed with Neil that a presentation will be made to him during the 11.00 a.m. service on Sunday 9th February at St. Lawrence's. We would be delighted to see you at the service to commemorate and thank Neil for his sterling contribution, as Lay Elder, to the life and work of our church. *Tim Harbord*

CAROL SERVICE: The collection at the Carol Service on 15th December totalled £147, which was divided equally between the Salvation Army and the Bridge Project. Thank you to all who contributed. *Tim Harbord*

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING: Thank you to all who turned out to sing around the village and to all who gave money. We managed to collect £145, all of which was sent to CRISIS. *TH*

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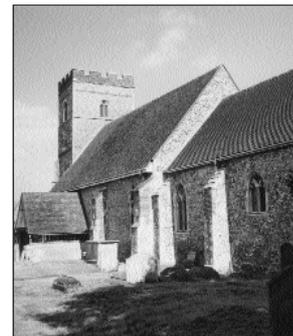
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March 2: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Grunsell.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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2 Long Gardens 310047
& Diana Stock:
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Lay Elders:

*Jean Green 373383
& Diana Stock 312828*

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY: On Sunday, 2nd February, we are having an extra service at 9.30 a.m. to celebrate Candlemas. We are hoping that some of our children will be taking part. The service will be followed by coffee and we will be pleased to see as many people as possible. *Diana Stock*

Pink Bags

Babergh Bags "Encouraging" early results from new scheme
Babergh district council has publicly thanked residents for supporting its new recycling scheme, with initial results showing a significant increase in domestic recycling levels. In early December 2002, Babergh District Council launched the dedicated recycling operation whereby its Pink Bags are collected on alternate weeks with the residual waste still being collected every week.

Results show that during the first six weeks of operation, over 380 tonnes of recyclable waste was recovered and sent to the recycling plant at Great Blakenham. This brings the average recycling rate from the Pink Bag Scheme up to 14% .

"We know that it is early days, but these increases are very encouraging indeed" enthused Malcolm Firth, Babergh's Head of Environmental Services. "I would like to thank local residents, our Parish and Town Councils, as well as the staff at Babergh, for having helped to make what could have been a difficult transition that much easier."

Babergh has divided the district up into two areas - Blue and Yellow Week areas - where recyclable waste is collected on alternate weeks. In doing so, its contractors, Cleanaway, are using four extra vehicles to collect the Pink Bags.

Our contractor Cleanaway does, however, offer apologies to all those householders who may not have benefited from their usual reliable service during the changeover but reassures us that the scheme will have settled in by the end of the month."

Babergh is also keen to emphasise that even if households have run out of Pink Bags that they can still recycle. "If residents place their dry recyclable material in bags or boxes marked 'For recycling' then the bin men will collect them as before" explained Malcolm Firth. "The willingness of Babergh residents to take advantage of this improved Pink Bag Scheme bodes well when we switch over to a two-bin solution (one for recycling and one for residual waste) later on in the year" he concluded.

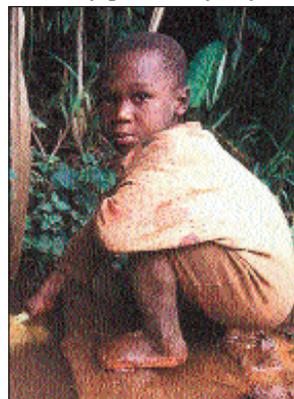
Blue Peter Waterworks Appeal

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Saturday March 15th 2 - 4pm

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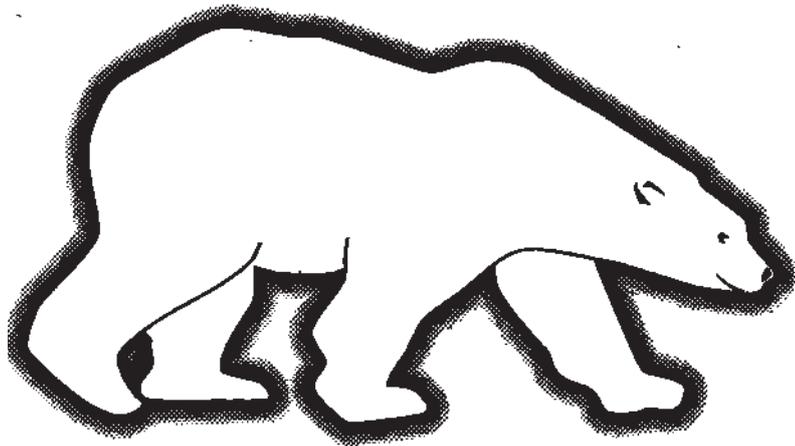
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Boxford School News

A Very Happy New Year to All

As usual the new term has started with a bang and it seems a very long time ago that we were enjoying the Christmas holiday. This year's holiday was very useful as it was long enough for both staff and children to relax after what is one of our longest and busiest terms. The end of year festivities were very successful and it was nice to see many of you at our various functions. Our concert in the church and the nursery concert in school were both well received. At Christmas we always encourage the children to think of others who may be less fortunate than themselves and this year money raised, £650 in total, through the FOBS Santa Run and the church collection will be going to the Picu appeal at Addenbrookes hospital which is raising money to improve facilities at the children's intensive care unit. A representative from the hospital will be coming into school at the beginning of February to receive the cheque.

As you will be aware from previous newsletters we have taken part in the Walkers Books for Schools and the Tesco Computers for Schools schemes. We have been very successful in collecting enough tokens for extra books for our library and computers for school. You in the community have been very supportive of this and we are most grateful. This year's promotions will be starting soon so any help would be much appreciated.

This term is a very busy one for school managers as we prepare our budget for the next twelve months. It is also a very anxious time as we await news of this year's allocation to schools by both the local councils and the Government. I am hopeful that this year's settlement will be a good one.

Finally may I remind all prospective parents of children who will be five during the academic year 2003/04 that they must register for their local school by March 2003 to ensure a place. If you haven't done so yet and require a place please contact us. Failure to do so may mean that your child's place may be taken by someone else.

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Local Walks

Lavenham Rambling Club

Sunday 9th February, meet Long Melford, Old School car park (GR TL 865462) for a 2pm start to walk Bolney Moors. *Leader Babs 01787 310269*

Sunday 23rd February. Meet Great Cornard Country Park car park (GR TL 892396) making a 2pm start to Cornard Country Park, Greys Hall and Abbas Hall Wood. *Leader Marie 01787 370392*

These walks are an easy pace and of about 2 hours duration.

Wormingford

Sunday 16th February. Meet Wormingford Village Hall (GR TL 935315) making a 2pm start for a two hour leisurely walk on the Essex side of the Stour Valley with the footpath Warden. *Leaders Trevor and Ellen Nicholas 01206 241993*

Ramblers Association Walks

Sunday 2nd February. Meet Long Melford, Cherry Lane Garden Centre car park (at end) (GR TL 870468) for a 10.30 am start to Chadbrook, Bridge Street. 6 miles. *Leader David Taylor 01787 880875*.

Wednesday 12th February. Meet The Beehive, Little Horkesley (GR TL 961321) for a five miles morning walk in the Stour Valley, starting at 10am. Lunch at The Beehive, pre-booked, check arrangements with the *leader, Derek 01206 222625*

Thursday 13th February. Meet at Bures Village Hall car park (GR 909338) making a 10am start. A circular walk to Lt Horkesley. Lunch at The Beehive or bring your own sandwiches. Approx 10 miles. *Leader Janet Penfold 01787 227929*

Sunday 16th February. Choice of two walks today.

Meet for a 10am start at Colchester Highwoods Country Park Visitor Centre (Off Turner Road) (GR TL 999275) Country Park circular walk of about 5 miles. *Leader Ingrid Kat 01787 370019*. Or - Meet at Stoke by Nayland playing field car park for a 10am start (GR 985363) to walk around Stoke by Nayland and Polstead. 8 miles approx, bring your own lunch. *Leaders Ann and Rowan Ward 01255 432027*

Wednesday 19th February. Again two walks to chose from Meet at Gt Cornard Upper School car park (GR TL 885398) to make a 10.30 am start for a 5 mile circular walk around Gt Cornard. *Leader Laurie Burroughs 01787 375597*.

Or - Meet at 'The Cricketers' Eight Ash Green (GR TL 945 262) for a figure of 8 walk 10 o'clock start. 4 miles. Lunch at The Cricketers. After lunch walk 4 miles. Check with *leader Barrie 01206 560616*.

Thursday 6th March Sudbury/Long Melford. Meet at Sudbury Railway Station car park (GR TL 877410) to start at 10am. A circular walk to Long Melford via Rodbridge. 10 miles. *Leader Joyce Pitts 01206 514190*.

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Our lifestyle has become very easy; anything that can be, is remote controlled, doors open for you and even cars are power steered. Food is prepacked and ready for you to pop straight into the oven with out even a thought of what it contains, or there is always the takeaway. This may seem good but this is creating a nation of unfit, overweight people. With Heart Disease and Obesity on the increase there has never been a better time to get fit change your lifestyle for the better.

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A BETTER PEST CONTROL SERVICE

Babergh District Council has pledged to maintain its £30k annual subsidy for the next financial year in providing a domestic pest control service – but will also make a number of improvements to its operation from April 2003 onwards.

In December, Babergh's Councillors backed a plan to continue funding the current callout service which will include both the use of a new contractor and a heavy publicity campaign aimed at encouraging residents to take suitable preventative measures to avoid attracting pests in the first place.

"Some councils have jettisoned their pest control service. That was not an option that Babergh's Councillors favoured and so we will continue with the current practical arrangements, albeit backed up by the better distribution of helpful advice, both in leaflets and on Babergh's website" noted John Kilgannon, Babergh's Environmental Health Manager.

The cost of a callout (and any associated treatment) will be £30, regardless of the nature of the infestation, whilst those on benefits will only have to pay £10.

The number of callouts in Babergh has fluctuated considerably over recent years; varying from just under 1350 in 1996/7 to nearly 3200 in 2000/1. The figure for 2001/2 was 1851.

The cause of callouts has also varied, with the proportion relating to infestations by mice falling – in part as a result of charges being introduced in 2001. "Residents tend to be more willing to take simple and cheap preventative measures if they know they may incur a cost for a callout – and our new publicity campaign aims to help them avoid many infestation problems. However, when they really need outside help – we aim to provide an even better service from April onwards" concluded John Kilgannon.

AMAZING ENERGY AND COURAGE" OF COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

Babergh District Council is due to formally recognise the hard work and inspirational activities of a number of unsung local heroes. Babergh is gearing itself up to celebrate the 2003 Community Achievement Awards, now in its 11th year, at a ceremony in February where it will present the 24 winners with their certificates and prizes.

The winners reflect the full range of the many diverse communities within Babergh: four residents are under the age of 19 and a number over 80 and there are people from Sudbury and Hadleigh as well as many from the surrounding villages such as Sproughton, Great Waldingfield and Washbrook.

The Awards ceremony, to which all the winners and their families have been invited, will take place at the Stoke by Nayland Golf Club on the evening of 26th February, at which Mark Murphy, BBC Radio Suffolk's breakfast presenter, will preside.

Volunteers wanted for HOME-START BABERGH

Anyone who has children knows how difficult life can be when the children are young; add illness, loneliness, disability or other problems and life can be very hard. Home-Start is a national voluntary organisation which offers support, friendship and practical help to families with children under five who need support for any reason.

Home-Start has been supporting families in the Sudbury area since April 1990 and in 2002 became Home-Start Babergh supporting families across the district.

We are at present recruiting volunteers for our next preparation course. The only qualifications needed to become a volunteer are to be a parent yourself, to have an interest in children and families and have a couple of hours to spare each week.

The next preparation course will start at the end of February in Hadleigh.

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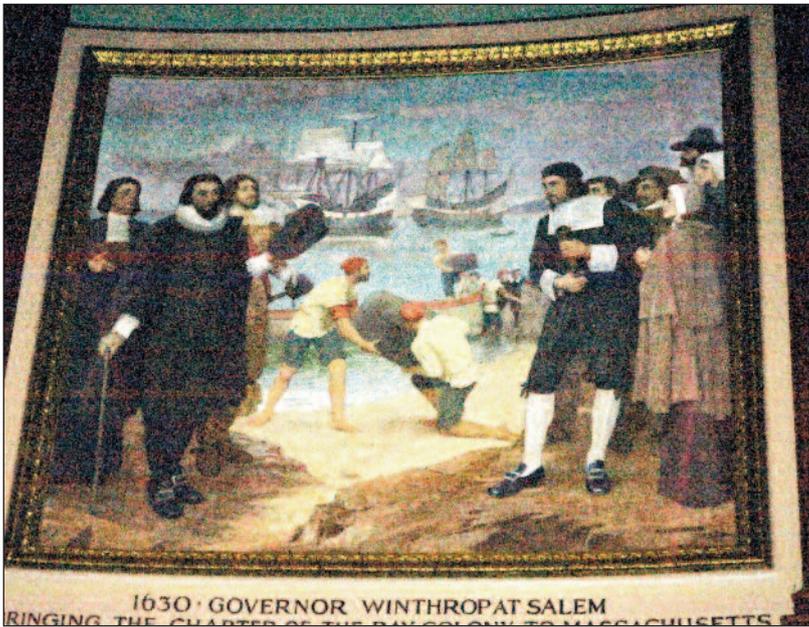
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The Father of New England

John Winthrop was born at Edwardstone in 1588, the year of the Armada. The family were rising in society. His grandfather, born to ordinary Lavenham folk, made his fortune in London and returned to Suffolk in 1544 as a gentleman, complete with a coat of arms, and the new owner of Groton Manor. He had then set about educating his children, so John's father, Adam, became a lawyer practising in and about Ipswich, Colchester and Cambridge.

John had a settled childhood in Suffolk where he lived with his three sisters, and attended the Free School in Boxford before following in his father's footsteps to Cambridge and then to the Bar.

In contrast to the tranquillity of these early years, John's adult life was to be eventful. He was a busy man working in London and Suffolk, and on the family front had been married and widowed twice by the time he was 30 leaving him the single parent of four children.

He was luckier in his third marriage to Margaret Tyndal. They married in 1618, the same year that he inherited Groton Manor. Strong in health and character, an excellent wife and mother, she was the perfect partner for the challenges that lay ahead sharing her husband's Puritan faith and pioneering spirit.

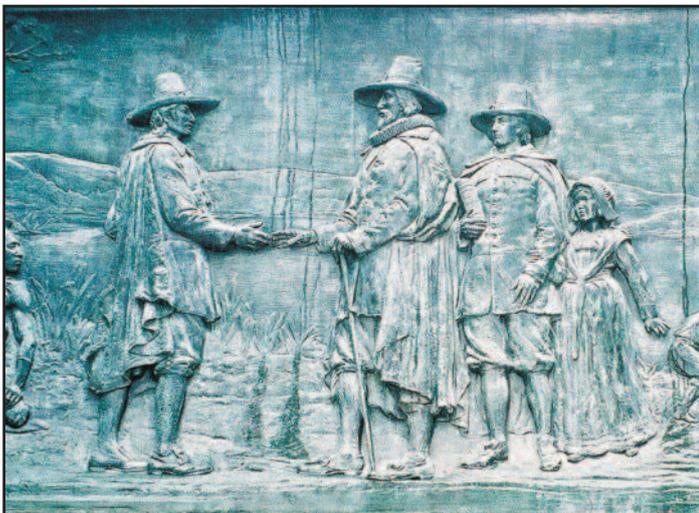
In 1629, England was going through a turbulent time. Charles I

Photo's

Top: John Winthrop arrives at Salem with the Charter in 1630. This picture can be found above the speakers chair in the State House Boston MA.

Bottom: The above scene to be found on the plinth of a statue close to State House.

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was becoming increasingly unpopular as King. Some feared that he had Catholic sympathies and their worries grew when, after many quarrels, he decided to rule without Parliament altogether,

John, with a group of like minded men, looked overseas to America where they had visions of founding a new colony based on Puritan values. Together they created The Massachusetts Bay Company sanctioned by Royal Charter, and elected John as Governor,

The voyage that ensued has become known as The Great Migration. It was a vast undertaking. John and his family left Groton filled with a sense of destiny to find the Promised Land. On 6th April, 1630, 17 ships set sail from the Isle of Wight with nearly a 1,000 settlers onboard, and after a ten week crossing they landed on a wild and desolate coast.

Despite the many hardships in those early years of settlement an orderly system of government was established which prioritised for the poor, the support of good causes, and education for all.

Soon the colony was thriving and over the next ten years attracted 20,000 more settlers from England. John

Winthrop played a major part in this success story as he founded the city of Boston and was re-elected 12 times as Governor of the State of Massachusetts.

He died in 1649, aged 61, and was buried at King's Chapel, Boston He had recently married for the fourth time as Margaret had predeceased him by a couple of years. In all, his four wives provided him with 17 children, but five died young.

Since his death, the Winthrops have continued to serve both sides of the Anglo-American community as magistrates, lawyers, diplomats, bankers, writers and scholars. Their ties with Groton have remained strong with financial support for the church where John's father and grandfather are buried. The Manor no longer exists but a mulberry tree planted by the grandfather still grows in the village, a poignant reminder of the family roots.

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Readers Letters cont'd

Sir

Car alarm noise in Boxford on 23rd December 2002

I would like to offer my sincere apologies to any residents close to Riddellsdell garage who were disturbed by a car alarm on 23rd December. My car was caught in floodwater that evening (thanks to an incorrect announcement from BBC Radio Essex) and after a lengthy wait for two AA vehicles it was finally towed to our local garage at 9.30pm. I left it there with a note under the windscreen containing my name, address and telephone number, saying that I would contact the garage on the morning of 24th. However, they contacted me at Sam to say that my car's alarm had been going off sporadically through the night and had annoyed many local residents. For this I apologise profoundly as I know how irritating car alarms in particular can be. However, on investigation it appears that the police were called to a disturbance in Swan Street late that same evening when a car alarm was also sounding. It worries me to think that nobody had contacted the police concerning my alarm, if it was really sounding for so long, or that they or the police simply ignored it. In my defence I had left full details on the car for anyone to contact me in case of need. Apologies once more.

P.S. The car's alarm will sound no longer as it has now been written off!

Ian Atkins, The Causeway, Boxford.

Sir

Sylvia and Ian Preedy and their family would like to thank everyone for their messages of condolence and sympathy on the death of Sylvias mother on the 31st of December. Thank you all very much

Sylvia and Ian Preedy

Sir

Mona Potts

I would like to thank most sincerely the many friends who sent cards and letters on the death of my dear wife, Mona on 7th December last year.

She was a gracious lady, a regular Church attender and once was a member of the Church Choir at Boxford St Mary's I would also like to thank Cannon Dunlop for the beautiful service he conducted

Stuart Potts

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Toddlers at Boxford

We meet every Wednesday morning from 10 -12noon during term time, at Boxford Village Hall. Parents, Nannies & Carers all welcome, only £1.50 per family and refreshments free. We cater for children from 0 - 5 years with a wide selection of toys. Please come along,

Dear Sir,

For several years I played the organ at Edwardstone, Groton and Little Waldingfield, when Richard Titford was the Rector. After I retired, he continued to send me the Parish News which later became "The Box River News". This has carried on after I left Suffolk and came to live in Hampshire, for which I have been most grateful.

My address has now changed again and it seems to be sensible for me to suggest that you discontinue sending me the "Box River News". Not because I am dissatisfied with it in any way, on the contrary. My links with Suffolk are now few and as much as I have enjoyed reading your very interesting Publication, I think the time has come when I have to say "Farewell" to my many friends in the Box River Parishes. I send to you and all your readers my very best wishes for the future and thank you for keeping me in touch with so many wonderful people and such a delightful area.

Yours very sincerely,

Derrick Hibberd
Southampton

Sir

My father Gordon Alecock who is eighty eight years old, required an operation at the end of last year, and as a result of this a further twenty visits to Adenbrooks Hospital in Cambridge over the next six weeks .

News of his health , and situation , obviously reached Les and Daphne Clark . They contacted a group of our village neighbours and organised a rota which left us with hardly any trips to make ourselves .

The long journeys and treatments were bad enough for Dad, had he had to wait for Hospital Transport to and from Cambridge , probably the whole day would have gone bye and I am sure that life would have been so much more difficult for him . Our family is so grateful to not only Les and Daphne , but also Charles Lowry-Corry , Anthony Dodd, Peter Welstand, Roger Powell, and Terry Squirrel the other drivers involved. I am certain that all their kindness will help in my fathers quick recovery . Who says village life dying? certainly it is not in Edwardstone .

Yours Faithfully Jane Whitwell

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FLY THE EYE - WALK THE PARKS - SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2003

The London Marathon is being held on Sunday 13th April 2003. As the run is going over part of the same ground as us in the London Parks and not wanting to lose any walkers who may wish to don trainers and start running we have decided to change the date of our trip to SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2002.

The coach will leave the Boxford Village Centre at 0745 am. Arriving at Jubilee Gardens about 10.00am The flight is booked for 10.30am. If the new date is no longer suitable to those who have already made a provisional booking, or are now able to come on the revised date, please tell John Harris 01787 210961 A.S.A.P

There are the following options:

- a). Eye & 7.5 mile walk b). Just 7.5 mile walk c) Eye & do own thing d). Eye & 4 mile walk e). Just 4 mile walk

Options d & e Walk to Kensington Palace.

Those planning to leave the main party are advised to have access to a mobile phone in case there is a foul up!

We return from a back street near Green Park between 5.30 &

6.00 pm. Bus driver will tell us location on our arrival.

COST Coach £12.00

Eye Adults £10.00 Children £5.50 (under 5 free)

Senior Citizens 60+ £9.00

(Prices include 50p booking fee.)

Bible Study Group

A Bible Study Group is held monthly at 47 Swan Street Boxford at 8.00pm for more information please telephone 211077.

BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP

We are holding our annual AGM this year on Saturday 15th March. This is really much more of a social occasion rather than an official meeting - if you or any of your friends have ever fancied getting involved in this growing group, then please come along and you will be made most welcome. For details call *John Kirby* on 01449 744008 or *Margaret Clapp* on 01787 210186

SPRING PLAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL

24th, 25th and 26th April. This spring we are doing Alan Ayckbourn's *Relatively Speaking* - a typical Ayckbourn comedy. Greg and Ginny are living together, but Greg is becoming suspicious that he is not the only man in her life. Little things like telephone calls that are cut off the moment he answers, a drawer full of boxes of chocolates, a pair of slippers that are neither his nor hers. He wonders about Ginny's plan to 'visit her parents' and decides to follow her: Ginny is really going to see a considerably older lover, but only in order to break with him. Greg on arrival mistakes the ex-lover and his wife for Ginny's parents. Ginny's arrival further confounds an already hilarious situation...

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Sunday 2 February, Presentation of Christ in the Temple			
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LtW	0930	Holy Communion CW1	The Revd. David Rutherford
New	0930	Celebration of Candlemas	Diana Stock
Gro	1100	Matins	Pauline Lemming
Edw	1600	Evensong	Antony Dodd
New		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 5 February

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers
LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

Sunday 9 February, Epiphany 5 (BCP), 4th Sunday before Lent (CW)			
Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP*	Peter Welstead
New	0930	Matins	Diana Stock
LtW	1100	Family Service	Tim Harbord
Box	1100	Family (all age) Service	Christopher Kingsbury
Gro	1830	Evensong	Joy Sellers

Wednesday 12 February

Box	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Rutherford
LtW	1900	Compline	Betty Rattee

Sunday 16 February, Septuagesima (BCP), 3rd Sunday before Lent (CW)			
Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. Brian Watling
New	0930	Holy Communion CW1*	John Taylor
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW1	The Revd. Brian Watling
LtW	1830	Evensong	Graham Brook
Edw		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 19 February

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
LtW	1900	Compline	Betty Rattee

Sunday 23 February, Sexagesima (BCP), 2nd Sunday before Lent (CW)			
LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	Canon Lawrence Pizzey
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW2	The Revd. Brian Watling
Box	1100	Matins	Graham Brook
New	1600	Compline	Diana Stock
Gro		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 26 February

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers
LtW	1900	Compline	Betty Rattee

MARCH 2003

Sunday 2 March, Quinquagesima (BCP), The Sunday next before Lent (CW)			
New	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. Brian Watling
Gro	0930	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Rutherford
Edw	1100	Matins	Antony Dodd
Box	1830	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury
LtW		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 5 March, ASH WEDNESDAY

Box	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Rutherford
LtW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord

**Public Worship with Communion by Extension
Boxford midweek services are held at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford
Readings: Year B, please, & track 2 when offered*

More Wat's On

Newton Village Hall Notes

Sales of tickets for the Burn's night supper on 25th January have gone well, and it promises to be a very enjoyable evening. By the time this report is published, we shall know whether it was successful in both raising money for the hall and in providing a good evening's entertainment for the village.

The next event is the coffee morning on **1st February** When we are offering cooked breakfasts for £3 each, and hope to run a raffle and a bric-a-brac stall for which contributions would be much appreciated.

A fun line dance evening is 'lined up' for **15th March** and then we have 'The Best of Times' theatre group performance on Saturday **5th April**. Tickets for this are £6 adult and £3 child under 14, but because there is a cancellation fee we need to know by the first week in February whether there is sufficient support and demand to make the event viable. I think this should prove to be a very entertaining afternoon for young and old alike. so please give your village hall committee some support and come along. Tickets are available from me or Janet (377652), so please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested.

The Christmas whist drive was held on 16th December and was quite well attended and raised £30 for village hall funds. Thanks to all those who helped and donated refreshments and prizes.

The winners were:

Pat Robinson 168 Beryl Mauldon 165
Maureen Game 163 Phyllis Goody 164
Fred Robinson 162 Mary Jackson 162
Joan Crisell 156 Shirley 141

Future drives are on 20th Jan., 17th Feb 000000., and 17th March. Incidentally, we could do with a better electric cooker for the village hall. If anybody has one, in a good serviceable condition, please offer it to us before disposing of it! Thanks.

Alan Vince 01787373963

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

I'm more than pleased to say we have made £1,071 for 2002, a magnificent sum - but this couldn't happen if it were not for willing hostesses (I expect I've badgered than at times). I thank them very sincerely - and the attendance of regular partakers - always happy occasions. The £1,071 was donated as follows R.N.L.I. £57.00, MacMillan Nurses, £90.00 3PR £86.00 Long Melford and Lavenham Surgeries Amenities Fund £70.00 The Oaks £125.00, St Lawrence Parish Church £300.00 Asthma Campaign £63.00 T.W.A.M. £100.00 S.L.O.S. £100.00 The Woolverstone Project £80.00

The next lunch will be at Rita Baker's home, Hostler's, The Street, Little Waldingfield from 12 - 2 pm on Wednesday, February 12th. A telephone call to confirm is always appreciated on 01787 247931. We all look forward to welcoming you.

Mary Bullard

An Evening with the BUMPSTEAD BOYS

Saturday 29 March, Elmsett Village Hall 7.30pm

Making merry in song, wit, banter, step dancing, rural music and fun! Tickets £6 including ploughmans supper (please bring your own drink) Available from Elmsett Stores and Post Office or *Bella Challis 01473 658026* In aid of The Suffolk Horse Society and Village Hall Funds Also at:

Monks Leigh Village Hall. 1st March 7 for 7.30

£6 ploughmans Tickets from Angela Forest 01449 740414 and at post office. in aid of Village Hall and Macmillan nurses

Great Waldingfield WI

Happy New Year to you all! Our members already know what a varied selection of speakers and outings we have - some are yet to discover! If you thought it was all Jam and Jerusalem, think again - you don't need to know one end of a needle from another - there will be a topic to interest you, come along and find out.

We started the year with a mystery story - What do you know of

Gainsborough's mother? (Yes, Gainsborough's, not Whistler's). Miss Edith Freeman was certain there was a story there, and she was right. Why was she not included on the tombstone erected to her husband, in the space left for her name, and why did Thomas Gainsborough resemble a Sudbury doctor very close to the family. We were fascinated by her explanation and swept along with the story. She brought along books, too, full of historical information an Sudbury, which we shall explore with new interest.

Dates for the diary: Wednesday 5th February 2.00pm Mrs Margaret Grimwade will talk on Otters, Urchins and Orchids - Wildlife in Scotland Wednesday 5th March 7.30pm Mrs Pamela Adams on The Doll Lady

The PlayingFields Committee

OPEN MEETING

Following the open meeting to discuss the proposed future for the playing fields, the committee is going to hold another open meeting on Tuesday the 4th March at 8.00, prior to publishing its plans.

The committee would like to remind all users of the playing fields that the AGM will be held on Tuesday 1st April at 7.30pm in the Pavilion

The Boxford Scout Group

The Scout Group AGM will be held on Friday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Spinney Hut

Groton Quizmania

Saturday. March 22nd 7.30pm W.I.Hall

Come on all you "Clever-Clogs" we need your brains for the Quiz evening on March 22nd general knowledge and trivia, but not too difficult!! so please get your teams together (4 people per team), and book yourselves in with Pat Kennedy Scott (210319). More details about the quiz from Steve and Jayne Foster [211360] A prize for the best team "name", and of course for the winning team at the end of the evening.

There will be a bar, and, living up to Groton's reputation for food, a plate of delicious titbits in the interval; so this is an evening of fun not to be missed, and it doesn't matter if you aren't a Brainbox!! just come for the fun; more details next month, but do please put the date in your diary. There will be a charge of £4 per person. *Pat Kennedy Scott 210319*

Poetry festival. Smuggler's Restaurant Sponsors

The Hadleigh Poetry Festival will take place this year on Sunday March 9th and is sponsored by a local restaurant. Three major poets have agreed to give readings and, as last year, local poets will be given an opportunity to read their work. Children from local schools will again take part have been given by Hadleigh Charity Shop once more. The festival will take place in the Town hall, Hadleigh, and commence at 2.0pm. Tickets £3.00 available at "The Idler" or ring *01473 824928*.

All welcome at Sudbury Festival

The Sudbury Annual Festival of Music, Speech and Dance. The month-long Festival starts with the Dance section, from 15-20 February. The Speech section is from 8-10 March, followed by Music from 11-16 March. The venues are Uplands Middle School, St Peters and the Town Hall. The grand finale will be the Festival Concert on Sunday 30 March at 7.30 at Sudbury Upper School.

Boxford Gardens Open, Sunday 1 June 2003.

Last year's success (when it was combined with the American visit and the Jubilee) will be a hard act to follow but we have been saying that for the last six years! This year will be even better with some new ideas and new gardens. But do we know about yours? It doesn't matter if it's big or small, manicured or wild, because it is the variety of Boxford gardens which everyone enjoys so much. Do get in touch with Barrie or Maggie Thorpe on 211346 or *smece@aol.com* and help support St Mary's Church this summer. *Barrie Thorpe*

Parish Council Matters



£5,000 GRANTS

-Help is at hand as DIY giant B&Q offers a helping hand to local communities-

Charities and community organisations in our area have the chance to receive a big helping hand as the B&Q 'You Can Do It' Awards 2003 are launched today (30th January).

The awards aim to regenerate local areas, giving new life to buildings and landscapes used by local community organisations. Over the past seven years, the UK'S leading DIY retailer has already donated almost half a million pounds to community projects in these national awards and this year will award a further £100,000 worth of products between 20 projects across the country.

The twenty grants of £5,000 worth of B&Q products are to be given away to enable community groups to improve their facilities.

B&Q's chief executive, Bill Whiting, said: "The B&Q 'You Can Do It' Awards form just one element of the company's commitment to our stores' communities, giving local organisations the chance to embark on DIY projects which can make a real difference to your area. We want to build on our past achievements and give something back to the communities we serve."

Do you know a group in our area who would benefit from a colourful revamp over the summer? If you do, contact them now, as they have until 21st March 2,003 to send in their applications. Any community-based organisations, such as local charities, disability, environmental and youth groups are eligible. The planned renovation work must be completed by Sunday 14th September 2003. Anyone interested should contact the B&Q hotline number on 0845 300 1001. Alternatively, visit the B&Q 'You Can Do It' Awards page on the B&Q website at www.diy.com/awards

Volunteers wanted for HOME-START BABERGH

Anyone who has children knows how difficult life can be when the children are young; add illness, loneliness, disability or other problems and life can be very hard. Home-Start is a national voluntary organisation which offers support, friendship and practical help to families with children under five who need support for any reason.

We are at present recruiting volunteers for our next preparation course. The next preparation course will start at the end of February in Hadleigh.

If you would like to know more ring *Jane at Home-Start Babergh* on 01787 371 108.

Readers Letters

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Thank you to all who came to Edwardstone Church for the blessing of our marriage on 28th November 2002. After the service it was lovely to go back to Joyce's former home at the White Horse Inn for the celebration with so many old friends and family. Gordon and I would like to thank you all for the lovely presents and for helping to make the day so special for us.

Joyce and Gordon Alecock

- 18 metre indoor pool
- Sauna steam room
- Technology gymnasium
- Aerobics classes
- Bistro bar
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Promotion Ends 31st March 2003

Notes of Boxford Community Council meeting 15th Jan
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Agreed however it should be made clear the Executive of the Community Council who approved in principal the proposals being made by the Playingfields Committee.

MATTERS ARISING Peter Hibben with Richard Gates, Chair of the BPFMC, will find suitable place to erect the Ralf Tugman plaque. Suzanne has written letters of thanks to both John Campbell and Boxford News in respect of £25 donation received in respect of commission received from aerial photographs sale. A loss of £570 was made on the Fireworks Spectacular.

CORRESPONDENCE A letter was received from the editor of the Vintage Sports Car Club Bulletin requesting details of how to obtain Tornado Smith booklet. Doug has dealt with this.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Peter reported that David Gasson has received a letter from Norton Organic Grain Ltd who has written to the Community Council at the request of Babergh DC regarding change of use of Butchers Lane Surgery. The secretary to write back and confirm that we have no use of it and know of no other organisations interested.

TREASURER'S REPORT Stephanie reported that the state of play at the start of the year is:

Current Account	£268
Capital Reserve	£2490
Deposit Account (COIF)	£2561
TOTAL £	£5319

Stephanie is waiting to hear from Mark Miller regarding Bounty income so far this year and hence the Building Society balance. Funds are fairly depleted now as the fireworks have been paid for and the grant to the FOBS.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT David Gasson stated that there was not much to report since the last meeting. A sub-committee had met to sort out the games for the Fun & Games Night to be held on 8 March. The next event would then be the Beavers Dance on 3 May.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS FOBS: A provisional date of Sat 5 April has been set for the FOBS quiz evening.

Groton Parish Council: John Kent reported that there are some new signs pointing towards Castlings Heath and Lyndsey and shortly there would be two new signs in Groton; at the Fox and Wolves Cross Wood. Progress for the footpath from the Fox to Boxford has now been complicated by Charlie Partridge's footpath on the other side of the road and the proposed new housing development.

Box River News: Now the running diary is going well, Eddie is suggesting he be sent up-to-date organisation details, including contact nos. which can be periodically updated.

Boxford to Boxford IV: A good meeting had taken place on Tuesday 14th Jan around 30-34 people have expressed an interest in the trip to Boxford Massachusetts.

Boxford Rovers Youth FC: Steve Taylor confirmed that Quiz Evening taking place this Saturday, 18 Jan and it is the Club's 25th anniversary this year; planning some sort of special event later in the year. Bad weather has prevented much play this year.

Scouts: Steve Taylor reported that there are a few problems with Scout Leaders and a working party are hoping for greater things with the start of the new term. Volunteers for all age groups welcome.

Boxford Playingfields Management Committee: Steve Taylor brought up the subject of fixed assets and who was the owner of the pavilion and the new floodlights. It was decided that a joint meeting of the Community Council Executive and BPFMC (and hopefully David House) should be held to agree details. Currently the BPFMC run these facilities and insure them, but they are not fixed assets on their accounts. There is a figure in the accounts entered as Fixed Assets which the treasurer has tried to track down, but without success, and it has been decided to write off this figure. Committee are looking for a new caretaker for the pavilion. Next Open Meeting: 4 March – please try to attend. ALL AGM: 1 April Fun Day: 7 June.

Boxford Youth Club: New session starts tonight and Peter produced an activity calendar which is to be given to members. A new table tennis table has been purchased. There are a couple of parents interested in assisting and are going through police checks at present. It is hoped they will form the basis of a liaison committee. 40 people on the books from last year and a good turn out is hoped for tonight. The Treasurer is writing to the Parish Council requesting financial help for this year's Village Hall hire costs.

Sunflower Playgroup: Stephanie read report from Moira Grant that they are very close to getting full funding for outside play area and work would commence depending on the weather conditions. It has been established that planning permission would not be required for the container. It was suggested that confirmation in writing to this effect be obtained from Babergh DC. 30th anniversary on 21 June.

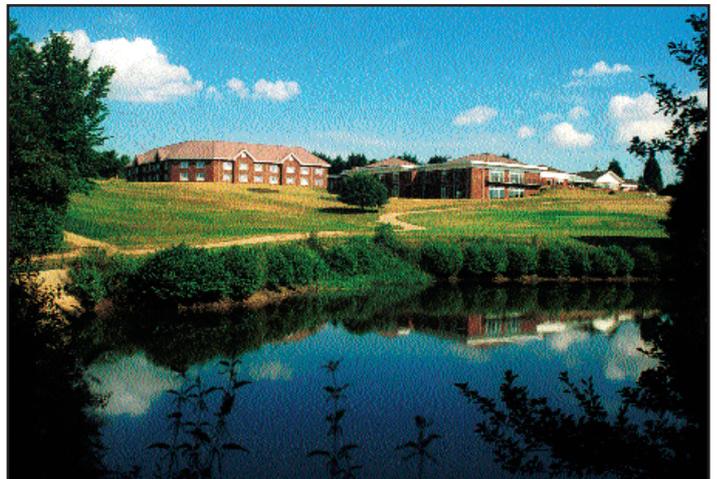
Jazz Club: David Gasson reported that the Club is celebrating its 10th anniversary in February. Part of the original committee have been photographed for an article in the East Anglian. There is a special anniversary programme lined up and 5 gigs in the next 3 months are already sold out.

Edwardstone Parochial Church Council: Doreen reported that the PCC also had a meeting tonight which she would report on at our next meeting.

3PR: Doreen reported that 3PR have had 25 call outs so far; 2 at the same time on one occasion. It was good to see Jill Rose back at our meeting who confirmed that Boxford Society would like to finance the entrance to the burial ground

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that no representative from the Village Hall had attended meetings for some time. Philip Rich to be contacted to see if representative from Boxford PCC would now attend our meetings. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 8.00pm, Wed, 12 March 2003. Venue: The White Hart. **DATE OF AGM** 8.00pm, Tuesday, 29 April at the Pavilion, Boxford Playingfields



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Parish Council Matters

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL MONDAY 13TH JANUARY

Suffolk County Council Mr Pembroke asked for Council's response for the document he had circulated relating to school parking. Council accepted the report in the main and was particularly in favour of preventing parking which obstructed the school buses. Mr Pembroke is to meet Inspector Pratt and Council asked him to point out that if police measures were taken to promote considerate parking, these measures should be continued, followed up and enforced.

Babergh District Council Mr Hurren reported that the demand for council houses exceeded the supply. Babergh may increase their budget to 9.5% for the coming year in order to maintain services and invest in some capital projects.

The Local Needs Housing project for Boxford had slowed down as negotiations with the landowner were not complete.

There was no news on the proposed White Hart development but an Environmental Survey was pending.

Probation Service Workforce The chairman introduced Mr Alastair Fox who explained to village organisations present the possibilities of using a free workforce of offenders doing community service. Conservation gangs had a maximum of eight members with a supervisor. The hiring organisation would normally pay £15 a day towards transport costs. Interior and exterior decoration could be done. There was a need for individual placements, eg in charity shops. The workers were carefully chosen for suitability. The aim was for a high standard of work but this might not reach professional standards. The parish clerk could be contacted for application details.

Questions from the Public Mr Kench reported mud on the road on Wash Lane. Mr Hurren said he would get Babergh officials to look. The clerk was asked to write to the Anglian Water, copied to Babergh, to complain about the damage caused by the sewage lorries. A question was raised about baby facilities and disabled facilities at the village hall. Mrs Hobbs believed these were to be installed within the next few months but said the proper person to answer the question was the village hall chairman.

Drugs Council endorsed the arrangements made by the chairman and clerk to hire the village hall on Tuesday 28th March at 7.30pm for a presentation on illegal drugs and related matters, to be delivered by the Suffolk Drug Action team.

Street lights Council accepted the clerk's and Mr Pembroke's recommendation that Boxford should join the county's scheme of management and maintenance of the parish owned street lights. This change may or may not be a financial saving. The motive for moving is to transfer some of our legal responsibilities and liabilities to the county. On taking on our lights, the county would carry out an audit on the condition of the lights. In both our present scheme and the county scheme, EPN is promoting at its own expense a faster replacement of the old timeswitches with photocells.

Broadband The clerk reported that she still had not enough names to enter the first part of the competition. It was hoped that Boxford School would support the campaign. Further publicity was needed.

Environment committee Mr Hughes reported that he and Mr Gasson had visited all the churchyard sites listed in the quinquennial report and had drawn up a list of recommendations. He would invite two contractors to tender and he would confer with the clerk to draw up a list of jobs to put to tender. Some work on our own cemetery was still pending, including the new fence near the village hall. Mr Hughes also recommended cutting back the hedge along the new part of the cemetery.

Clerk's report and correspondence A letter had gone out to all Swan St residents inviting their opinions on traffic problems in Swan St. As the election is 1st May the Parish Council AGM will be 12th May. It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting would be on 28th April.

The Playing Fields Committee invited the Council to send a representative to their meeting on 1st April. Mr House agreed to go. B&Q were offering awards of materials to community organisations and the clerk said she would send details to the Newsletter.

Flood The clerk had visited Ash St during the flood on 1st January and saw that Babergh had sandbagged up the houses most at risk and these just escaped flooding. The stream which ran between the Spinney and some Fen St houses had been modified by a local work party and the situation there seemed OK on this occasion. Some garages in Butchers Lane were flooded. All the residents were out and about watching the water levels. Everyone who spoke to the clerk was adamant that the main cause, though probably not the only cause, was the constriction at the bridge to Brookside. After consulting the chairman, the clerk emailed Babergh to report that, in spite of the recent works to the stream and to Butchers Lane drainage, there was still a risk to property in the Ash Street area and that local people could not understand why the small bridge had not been modified to take more flow. On receipt of the email Mr Schliep and Mr Jones had visited the site and contacted the clerk. Babergh agreed the bridge was a problem but said they had no available funds for its modification. They had previously applied to DEFRA for help but were refused. They had no authority to oblige the new owner of the property to take action although they had contacted him. The Parish Council agreed that it was necessary to keep the pressure on Babergh and on DEFRA and the clerk was authorised to make further representations.

Reports and questions from members Mr Hughes suggested the Probation Service workforce could be used on the footpath network, especially the path behind Running Waters. Mrs Hobbs reported that lorries were constantly damaging the verge and tree opposite nos 15-17 in Ash Street. A resident suggested this area should be converted to a hard standing. The clerk is to write to Babergh.

Planning Babergh have allowed: Pollarding at School House. Pollarding at Little Orchard. Tree works at 8 Causeway. 28 Homefield extension. Playing Field container for Sunflowers Playgroup. **Babergh have refused:** 2 applications for development at 14 Homefield. **The Parish Council approved:** Leylandi trimming at Kiln Place. Leylandi work at 4 Causeway. Norton Organic Grain had written to ask if the Parish Council had any community use for Brookside as he was applying for a change of use permission. The clerk is to reply stating there was no envisaged community use. Mr Hughes had studied the extensive plans for alterations at Knollgate and recommended approval. He reported that apart from closing off one door, the main house would look just the same. The coach house conversion to office and garage would not change the external appearance. The parish council recommended approval but advised that the windows should be protected during renovation as there were signs they were being damaged.

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