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BOXFORD SCHOOL SAYS "THANK YOU FOR SAVING SAM"



Above: Trudy Harper receives a cheque for £650 from Sam Chapman and Willow Bland on behalf of the pupils of Boxford CEVC School.

When Sam Chapman got Chicken Pox as a toddler his parents thought that, like most children, he would be off song for a day or two and then back to his normal mischievous self. Sadly Sam was one of the very few children who suffered complications and need the specialist care and skills of Addenbrooke's Paediatric Intensive Care Unit to restore him to full health.

Sam made a full recovery and is now an energetic schoolboy at Boxford CEVA Primary School but his parents haven't forgotten the unit that helped their son and asked the friends of the school to donate part of the funds raised from their annual Christmas collections at the school's Nativity Play and 'Santa Run' where Father Christmas rides round the villages on a decorated float.

The Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Addenbrookes is the only such unit in East Anglia and takes children from a very large area encompassing Kings Lynn, Milton Keynes and Colchester in the south. Children are treated following accidents, with major infections and those needing specialist care following major surgery. The unit has a reputation as a centre of excellence but relies quite heavily on donations from schools, clubs, companies and individuals to buy additional medical equipment, send staff on relevant courses and finance research projects. At the moment they are striving to raise £10,000 to buy two flow drivers which are special ventilators with highly sophisticated sensors and feedback systems which support babies and small children with bronchitis and pneumonia.

On Monday, 3rd February, Trudy Harper from the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, visited the school and talked to the pupils about the children on the unit. She bought some colouring books so the children could learn about some of the equipment and explained how the money will be spent on ventilators to help babies breathe."

LOCAL NEEDS HOUSING

After lengthy negotiations with the landowners, agreement has been reached to purchase 2 parcels of land within the Boxford Ward (Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone) on which local need housing can be built.

The housing association at this moment is applying for funding for this project which, if successful, will result in the building of 22 homes for local people. A planning application will follow which the officers at Babergh District Council will deal with as quickly as possible.

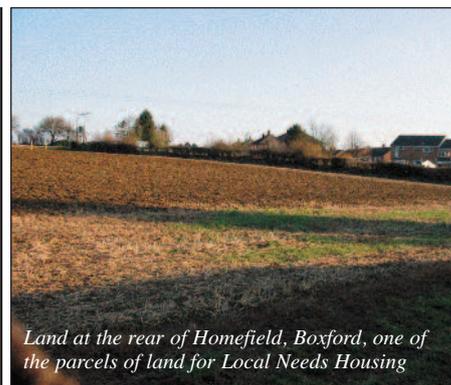
Edwardstone has already been surveyed to ascertain who is in need of housing and if the bidding for funds is successful, Boxford and Groton will be surveyed in March. It is intended to have a speaker from 'Flagship' the housing Association at the Boxford Annual Parish Meeting on 28th April

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LOCAL BUS SERVICES

Bryn Hurran, Babergh District Councillor for Boxford Ward is making every effort possible to try and secure a better service for the local travelling public in our rural community

including Boxford and surrounding villages. Government (Public) money is now available and with the help of our parish councils it is hoped we can apply for funding to achieve a better service. If any parishioners has anything they wish to discuss with Bryn Hurran he can be contacted on 01473 822737.



Land at the rear of Homefield, Boxford, one of the parcels of land for Local Needs Housing

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THREE PARISHES RESPONSE



**Boxford
Edwardstone
& Groton
First Response Team**

The AGM of 3PR was held in Boxford Village Hall on 18th February. following the AGM the meeting was addressed by Sandra Burdett from the East Anglian Ambulance Trust.

The team are looking for more members to be trained as Responders. The next training sessions for Responders is to be on Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th and Saturday 22nd March. Contact *Vic Rice* on 01787 210504 for more details.

There is also to be an intensive one-day intensive 'Hands On' training session, probably early in April. A make up man will be in attendance to make it more realistic. Anyone attending should wear old clothes as there will be theatrical blood and several incidents to deal with. Watch this space.

3PR Members and members of the public are also invited to attend the Illegal Drugs Training Session at the Boxford Village Hall on Tuesday 25th March at 7.30pm.

Recent donations to 3PR include £500 from the Hadleigh Charity Shop, £250 collected following the appeal made at the memorial service held in St Mary's Church for Percy Rose and a donation is to be made by Newton Parish Council. For more information you can also phone *Sheilagh Smith 211017*

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL FEBRUARY DRAW RESULTS

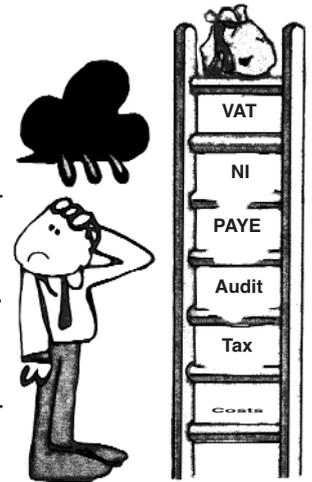
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Saturday, 1 March, 8.30 Ticket £14

Claire Martin Quartet

At long last it's a great pleasure to welcome Claire back to the Fleece doing what she does best - singing jazz! She achieved instant recognition in 1992 with her debut CD 'The Waiting Game'. Since then she has become one of the most important jazz singers on the jazz scene. A remarkably versatile singer Claire's repertoire ranges from R&B to free music, incorporating along the way the great standards of which she is such an accomplished interpreter. Her new CD - 'Too Dam Hot!' is her best yet. With Gareth Williams (piano), Laurence Cottle (bass) and Clark Tracy (drums).

Friday, 7 March, 8.30 Ticket £9

Pat Crumley Quartet

Oxford born Pat started in the rhythm and blues field when he first turned professional working with, among others, The Animals, Zoot Money and Chris Farlowe. He is now recognised as one of the country's leading hard bop saxophonists and was one of Ronnie Scott's favourite players. With Nick Weldon (piano), Tim Wells (bass) and Mark Fletcher (drums).

Friday, 14 March, 8.30 Ticket £12

Tommy Smith and Brian Kellock

Tommy's early influence was John Coltrane, but his style soon transcended this direct influence and in 1988 he became the first UK musician to be signed to the prestigious Blue Note label for which he produced four albums. With a style recalling players as different as Jan Garbarek and Bobby Wellins. He is accompanied by pianist Brian Kellock, whose trio CD 'Live at Henry's', won the best album at the 2002 BBC Jazz Awards.

Friday, 21 March, 8.30 Ticket £9

Jamie Cullum Trio

With a debut album of standards, Jamie is a singer pianist who likes to work in the jazz trio setting. He also plays keyboards in the highly rated four-piece rock group Taxi. This he says keeps him fresh on the jazz side of things and brings more energy to his performances. Asked if there was a need for another standards album he replied, 'No, but the songs are so good you can invest them with your own personality'. Geoff Gascoyne (bass) and Sebastiaan de Krom (drums) make up the trio.

Friday, 28 March, 8.30 Ticket £11

Snake Davis

The UK'S top soul saxophonist (You've heard Snake with M People, Eurythmics, Paul McCartney, George Michael, Cher and Ray Charles) brings his band of Paul Birchall (keyboards), JJ Belle (guitar), Winston Blisset (bass) and Pete Lewinson (drums) for an evening of extreme groove and melody. Snake is a brilliant, passionate and bluesy sax player whose musical skill seems to have no limit.

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

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

Box River Soap Box

Boxford Over 60s Club kindly invited me to address them last month. "Don't make it too complicated" I was asked. The worry was that if I started spouting about price earnings multiples, discounted cashflow, redemption yields and the like, the collective eyes of Boxford's senior citizens would glaze over. Talking about the mysterious world of the City was clearly a challenging prospect.

Conveying financial information in an accessible way is not easy. Some years ago when I was broadcasting for BBC Radio Suffolk, Ivan Howlett, who was then station boss, said that the media was crying out for someone to stand in front of a television camera, wearing a comfortable pullover, and de-mystify the financial services industry. Since then a positive plethora of people have tried – with varying degrees of success. Perhaps the most noteworthy is Alvin Hall, a black American with a showbiz glamour approach. He certainly didn't wear a pullover.

The programme that has endured – and where pullovers probably are the order of the day even if, as it is on the radio, we listeners do not get to find out – is BBC Radio 4's Moneybox. More than a generation of savers and investors have heard the likes of Louise Botting, Vincent Duggleby and currently Paul Lewis dispense advice and information in a straightforward, no-nonsense fashion. If you want to learn about what is important in the investment and savings market – and not feel threatened by the information – tune to Moneybox.

I got to know Frances MacDonald, one time producer of Moneybox, through her association with a reprobate World Service announcer who was an acquaintance of mine. As a consequence I learned that openness and accessibility are not always the virtues we would like to believe. Back in the mid 1980s the programme decided to run a feature on a money manager that appeared to be making promises that they could not fulfil. The manager was Barlow Clowes. The financial product was an actively managed portfolio of gilt-edged stocks, as British Government securities are known.

Mindful of the legal implications of rubbishing a financial firm, the programme's content was carefully crafted. With the benefit of hindsight we now know that Barlow Clowes was a fraudulent operation on a grand scale, but then the wise approach seemed to be to emphasise the principle that if something looks too good to be true, it probably is. Mind your eye, was the message. It stimulated Moneybox's biggest ever postbag. The trouble was, nearly all the correspondents wanted to know how they could get in touch with Barlow Clowes to invest in their gilt plan. Greed too often subverts common sense

So, you can see how important understanding financial products can be. In this business a little learning can truly be a dangerous thing. Remember, back at the beginning of 2000 it was the public who was rushing to invest in technology. Did I manage to demystify the City for the Boxford over 60s? If you were not there, you will have to wait to find out – as will I, deadlines being what they are. I would like to think I can manage it. Now, and if you will now excuse me, I have a date with the great and the good of the fine village of Boxford.

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

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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

Boxford Spinney Booking Arrangements

All Booking enquiries & Requests should now be directed to the new booking secretary, details below:

Mrs Sonja Lane, 20 Fenn Street, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5HL

Telephone: 01787 211214

e.mail: rosey.nicolls@btinternet.com

Newton Mother and Toddlers Group

We are a friendly group meeting every Wednesday 10am to 12 noon. The charge is £1 per adult. New members are always welcome. Just pop along to the Newton Green Village Hall. Should you have any questions, please ring *Liza on 374182.2*

Boxford Spinney Management Committee

We are busy planning for another activity filled year supporting local Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. The leaders of these groups have plenty to do organising meetings and other activities so the Management committee do their best to look after the buildings and the grounds of this magnificent site.

Extra help is always welcome, either on a one off basis at our regular workdays or as a member of the committee. We are currently looking for a minutes secretary but any enthusiastic offers of help would be welcomed.

For further details contact *Dora George on 01787211789*

Newton Green Golf Club

Ladies Section COFFEE MORNING

Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Raffle. At the Golf Club on Wednesday 12th March 10am. All will be welcome *Alan Vince 01787 373963*

BOXFORD SCHOOL

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BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

'100 CLUB' WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY:

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GARDENING IN MARCH *Harry Buckledee*

The invasion of moss in lawns is quite a serious problem now. The cause may be bad drainage or impoverished turf. Mowing too close in the Autumn can cause moss to grow and smother the grass. Steps should be taken to correct the poor physical conditions and treat the lawn with lawn sand. Aerate the turf by raking it several times to remove dead grass, debris and moss, then spike the whole area with a four prong fork. This action is important to maintain good drainage so that rain is not allowed to remain on the surface and create conditions ideal for disease. Watch out for patches of Fusarium disease which shows up by patches of dead grass, up to a foot in diameter with a mass of pinky white threads over the patch. Treat with a propriety brand of fungicide, following the manufacturer's instructions. Several applications may be necessary to affect a cure. A good home made mix of Lawn Sand can be made up by using the following: 3 parts Sulphate of Iron, 5 parts Sulphate of Ammonia, 8 parts dry sharp sand or dry fine grade peat. Mix thoroughly and apply to the grass at a good handful per square yard. The Sulphate of Iron will kill the moss and the Sulphate of Ammonia will encourage the grass to grow above the moss. Some blackening of the grass may occur especially if there is no rainfall for two days, but this is only temporary.

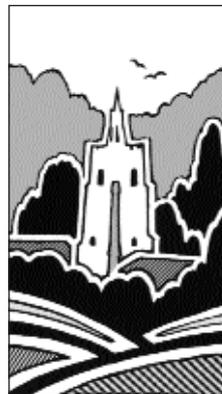
The buds of Rhododendron's, Azalias and Camelias which turn brown and fail to open, can be caused by one or two things. It can be frost damage, in which case the damaged buds are soft and can be easily pulled away from the shrub. Or it can be a condition known as Bud Blast, in this case the buds are brown and covered in black hair like growth. The buds remain firmly attached to the shrub and do not rot. Cutting off and burning the affected buds and spraying with a fungicide will help control the disease. Spray with an insecticide to destroy the leaf hopper which is thought to

spread the disease from plant to plant. In the case of Camelias, the browning of buds is more likely to be frost damage. Keeping the plants watered in dry weather will help them withstand an attack.

The heavy winter rainfall will have washed much of the nutrients out of the soil. Over wintering, like sprouting broccoli and spring cabbage will need a two oz per square yard dressing of a quick acting nitrogenous fertiliser like Sulphate of Ammonia, Nitro Chalk or dried blood. Loosening the soil around the plants with a Dutch Hoe will aerate the soil and promote good growth as well as the control of weeds.

Spring flowering pansias, polyanthus, daisies and wall flowers will all benefit from similar treatment.

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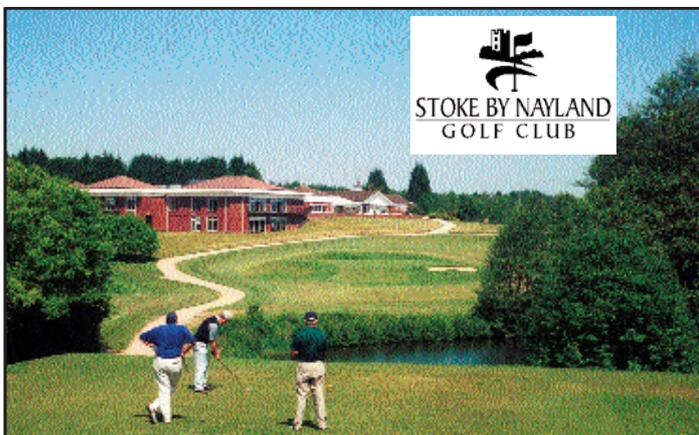


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| March | <p>1 Talk on Arthritis Research 3 Boxford Over 60's 4 Playingfields committee open evening 4 Polstead, Eastern Angles 6 Little Waldingfield Parish Council 8 Fun and Games Night 11 Cake Stall, Boxford 12 Boxford Community Council 12 Newton Green Golf Club, Ladies Section 12 Boxford Sew & Sew 12 Boxford Mothers and Toddlers 15 Fun Line Dance Evening 15 Boxford Drama Group AGM 15 Boxford School 15 Boxford and District Bowls Club 17 Boxford Over 60's 17 Whist Drive 22 Quiz Evening/refreshments 25 Illegal Drugs 27 Quiz Night 29 Cake Stall 17 Boxford Over 60's</p> | <p>News Views and Coffee Quiz, Mrs Flora Johnson The Lasdt Laugh' Council Meeting Boxford Community Council Save the Children Coffee Morning Learn to Cross Stitch Kentwell Hall Swimathon Race Nite Newton Village Hall Groton PCC Boxford Parish Council Newton PCC Boxford Sunflower Playgroup</p> | <p>Newton Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Pavilion Polstead Village Hall Parish Rooms Village Hall. Contact Doug Impett 210035 Mary's House White Hart Golf Club Newton Village Hall Village Hall School Pool Boxford Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Village Hall WI Hall Boxford Village Hall Newton Village Hall Outside Boxford News Boxford Village Hall</p> | <p>10.00am 2.30 8.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 9.30-12 noon 8.00pm 10am 7.30pm 7pm 8pm 2.30 8pm 7.30pm 9.00am 2.30</p> |
| April | <p>1 Playingfields committee AGM 5 FOB's Quiz Night 5 Newton Drama Group 11 Boxford School 12 Children With Lukaemia 18 St Lawrence Church Lt W 24/25/26 Boxford DG Spring Play 26 Edwardstone PCC Cheese and Wine 27 Fly the Eye - Walk the Parks 28 Boxford Annual Parish Meeting 28 Edwardstone Annual Parish Meeting 28 Whist Drive 29 Boxford Community Council AGM 18 St Lawrence Lt Waldingfield</p> | <p>Term Ends Charity dance and Fish Supper The Easter Story Boxford Footpathers Newton Village Hall The Easter Story</p> | <p>Pavilion Boxford School Hall Village Hall Boxford Village hall In Church Boxford Village Hall Depart Boxford Village Hall Village Hall Pavilion</p> | <p>7.30pm 7.30pm 2.00pm 8-12midnight 9.30am TBA 7.45am 8.00pm 8.00pm 9.30am</p> |
| May | <p>1 Local Elections 3 Dance to the Beavers 3 Fireside Club 9 1st Boxford Scout Group AGM 12 Boxford Parish Council AGM 15 Little Waldingfield Parish Council</p> | <p>Boxford Community Council Newton Green (Refreshments available) Annual Parish Meeting</p> | <p>Village Hall Spinney Bell House Parish Rooms</p> | <p>10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm</p> |
| June | <p>1 Boxford Gardens Open Day 7 Summer Fun Day 7 Edwardstone Church Concert 8 Edwardstone Gardens Open 14 Spinney Fun Day 17 Save the Children 21 Boxford Sunflower Group 30th Anniversary Celebrations 21 Summer Fete</p> | <p>Boxford PCC Boxford Playing Fields Provisional booking Coffee Morning 30th Anniversary Celebrations Groton PCC</p> | <p>Boxford 50 Daking Avenue Boxford Pavilion Groton Manor</p> | <p>10.30am</p> |
| July | <p>5 Boxford St Mary's Fete 5 FOB's Summer Dance 12 Presidents Day 12 Lt Waldingfield Playing Field 20 FOB's Fun Day</p> | <p>Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club 'Beavers Dance'</p> | <p>TBA Nayland Village Hall Boxford Playing Fields The Playing Field Boxford school playingfield</p> | <p>TBA 7.30pm 2.00pm 8pm-12 2-6pm</p> |
| October | <p>4 Harvest Supper 18 Annual Dinner Dance</p> | <p>Groton PCC Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club</p> | <p>WI Hall The Stoke by Nayland Club</p> | <p>7.30pm 7.00pm</p> |
| December | <p>6 Wine and Cheese Party</p> | <p>Groton PCC</p> | <p>WI Hall</p> | <p>7.30pm 7.30pm</p> |
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Readers Letters

Sir

MONA CHARLSON POTTS

She was born Mona Charlson on 8th August 1922 at Haydock, Lancashire. Her father, who died when she was only 6 months old, worked in a colliery office and her mother was a weaver. When Mona was a few years old, and her sister 6 years older, the family moved to Hollinwood, Oldham, where her grandparents lived. I first met Mona when she was about 8 years old and we were near neighbours, living in Chadderton, Oldham.

In those days, there was no Widow's Pension, so Mona's mother had to support herself and her 2 children by working as a weaver which was hard physical work. For the following 12 years they lived in rented accommodation, at no fewer than 13 different addresses. During that time, my family moved to Hollinwood and we discovered that the Charlsons lived nearby. My father was choirmaster at the local Methodist Church in Hollinwood. Mona started attending the church and our friendship grew until we were married there in 1947. During the war, as many men were called up, I learned to play the organ. Our organist then joined the R.A.F. I replaced him as organist and Mona joined the choir. All through the war, we had a flourishing youth club of about 30 young people and we organized shows, reviews, etc., and raised money for the church. The fellowship we experienced then still exists to this day. Mona was Sunday School secretary and collected for the Red Cross and The National Children's Home (now The Children's Society). Mona was a machinist by trade and made many other own clothes. She was also an excellent knitter and her mother was a skilled dressmaker.

In 1956, Mona and I moved to Colchester, and whilst I was house-hunting, prior to Mona joining me, her mother died. We settled in Lexden, attending Culver Street Methodist Church and joined the choir. During the next 20 years we were both members of the Colchester Choral Society and Mona studied singing at the Colchester Institute. We took part in many musical events in the church and the town.

In 1977 we moved to Leavenheath and started attending St Mary's Church, Boxford where, in 1978, we were confirmed. We were soon welcomed into the choir and I served for 13 years as organist and choirmaster. In 1994 I retired as organist but we remained in the choir until 1999 when we both had heart attacks and had to resign.

Mona was a lovely person, scrupulously honest, full of fun and very considerate of other people. She developed osteoporosis and had difficulty in walking, but she never complained. Mona enjoyed crosswords and reading although her sight was affected by cataracts. She was always interested in other people and was very fond of children; she would have been an excellent teacher. She supported The Children's Society and many other charities. Mona will be sadly missed by her many friends and relatives.

"Life is empty without you". *G. Stuart Potts*

Sirs.

What a good idea, a permissive footpath on the field beside the road between Boxford and the Groton Fox, safe walking at last. However having walked it today we were disgusted by the huge quantity of dog muck on the path, it was quite the most revolting walk we have ever done, and we got off the path onto the road as soon as we could- thereby negating the point of separating walkers from vehicles.

Come on dog owners be responsible, clear up after your dogs so that we can walk the path without having to watch the ground all the time, or worse, be forced to walk the road again, heading towards an accident that is waiting to happen.

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March 2003

3rd Village Hall 2.30pm, Quiz Mrs Flora Johnson

17th Village Hall 2.30pm

31st Village Hall 2.30pm

For more information contact *Thelma Williams* on 01787 210118

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup

The playgroup is now open 5 mornings a week 9.15 am - 12.15pm, during term time. We are also running a lunch club for children that attend at the end of the morning session. If you would like more information or to visit the playgroup at the pavilion please ring our secretary *Moira Grant* on 211513.

We are having a cake stall outside the newsagents in the Village on SATURDAY 29TH MARCH, 9.00am until sold out. So if you would like a cake for Mothering Sunday come down early.

Please remember that the Playgroup will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary on SATURDAY 21ST JUNE at the playing fields from mid - afternoon. We would love to see friends old and new and existing, for fun, food and enjoyment. There will also be a prize draw on the afternoon.

Do you have any information or photographs that we may be able to use in a through the years display for the anniversary, do you feel you could help with the display or on the day, for more details please contact *Ann Porter* on 01787 210581 or *Moira Grant* on 01787 211513.

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.

Little Waldingfield Playing Fields

BEAVERS DANCE

The Beavers are coming to Little Waldingfield on July 12th. They will be playing from 8pm until Midnight. Tickets are available from Phil Hart on 01787 248021 at £12.50 each and well worth it to dance and enjoy East Anglias Greatest Band.

Mary's House - 5 Swan Street

Mary's House is open for coffee Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, 9.30 am. - 12.30pm. On Wednesdays there is an informal communion service at 10.00am., with coffee afterwards. Do pop in any day - there is always a hostess - or host! - to chat! A welcome rest after shopping!!!

Hadleigh Choral Society

The choir will be performing Elgar's Music Makers and Alan Ridout's Canticle of Joy on Saturday 12th April at St Mary's Church, Hadleigh. If you are interested in joining us please contact the Secretary, *Peter Sankey* (tel: 01473 822872) for further details.

Friends of Boxford School

QUIZ NIGHT 5th April 7.30pm

FOBS will be holding their annual Quiz Night on 5th April in the School Hall at 7.30pm. This is always a most enjoyable evening with a wide range of questions to suit all tastes. The 'music' round has become legendary. Bookings for teams of up to eight people are now being taken. To book contact *Stephanie Atkins* or any member of FOBS direct. Places are limited so early booking is advisable.

Boxford Sew and Sews

As part of National Sewing week we are holding a Learn to Cross Stitch Evening on Wednesday 12th March 2003 at 7.30pm. Everything to get you started will be provided. Contact *Paula Stacey* on 01787 211488 for more information and to book your place.

POLSTEAD: Eastern Angles

present "The Last Laugh" by James Vollmar at Polstead Village Hall on TUESDAY 4 MARCH at 7-30pm. Eastern Angles can be relied upon to give a thoroughly enjoyable and imaginative performance. Tickets, from the Polstead Community Shop or on 01787 210029, £7 or £5-50 concessions.

Cake Stall

There will be a cake stall at Mary's House" - 5 Swan Street - on Tuesday 11 March. 9.30-12.00am. in aid of Save the Children Fund. Please come along and support this good cause - all contributions welcome! *Pauline Lamming* 210360

Fair Trade Stall

Advance Notice There will be a Fair Trade stall at Mary's 22-24 May - watch for further info. nearer the time!

Please note - all the takings go back to the suppliers for the producers - no profit to us! *Pauline Lamming* 210360

SAVE THE CHILDREN

There will be a coffee morning at 50 Daking Avenue on Tuesday 17th June at 10.30am. Cakes • Savories • Preserves • Book Stall • Tombola • Raffle • . Al will be very welcome. Coffee in the garden, weather permitting.

Bury St Edmund's Bach Choir

Choral and Orchestral Concert in St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Saturday 22 March.

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Sudbury Choral Society

SPRING CONCERT

Requiem and Dolly Suite, *Gabriel Fauré*, Dona Nobis Pacem, *Ralph Vaughan Williams*, Soprano, Vivien Brooks, Baritone, Mark Saberton, Conductor, David Butcher. St Peters Church, Sudbury, Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50, Concessions £5.50 Children and Students £1.00. Available from 'Compact Music', North Street, Sudbury or from any member of the society. Also available at the door.

Boxford Playingfields Management Committee

Just a reminder that we are holding an Open Meeting in the Pavilion on Tuesday 4th March beginning at 8.00 pm to discuss our future plans and look forward to seeing you all.

A further note for your diary is our AGM to be held on Tuesday, 1st April at 8.00 pm in the Pavilion - we hope that representatives from all organisations who use the Playingfields will be present.

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:

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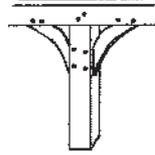
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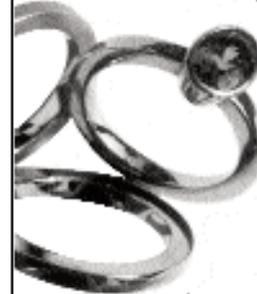
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

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



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

The Rural Dean offers

Some Lenten Thoughts

A few years ago I visited the exhibition, "London Bodies. The exhibition was a fascinating study of the way Londoners have lived over the last several centuries, as evidenced by many skeletal remains. One of the myths that the research occasioned by this exhibition has laid to rest is that the average height and life expectation of English men and women has been gradually increasing over the centuries, as health care and nourishment have gradually improved. That's a commonly held belief - but this exhibition showed it to be untrue. In some former centuries, infant mortality was very high (e.g. only one in five children lived to the age of 21 in eighteenth century London) but many of those who reached adulthood then lived to a ripe old age; and whilst many folk were short in former centuries, there were also many tall and well-built people in former times. Social conditions have not shown a gradual and steady improvement over the centuries. Anyone who has studied the civilizations of ancient Egypt, or of China, or of the Incas, or the Greeks, or the Romans, is aware of how they flowered, and then decayed. The social welfare of men and women around the globe has had many peaks and troughs. We twentieth century inhabitants of Great Britain are fooling ourselves if we think that we are the acme of centuries of gradual and continuing improvement in human living conditions. (Witness the reports of numerous court cases - or study the TV schedules!)

Lent is a good time to face reality - to cast aside false myths (no matter how widely held they may be) and to uncover the truth about our corporate and individual conditions. It's not a comfortable thing to do - it can lead you to utter despair and/or to a realization of the immensity of God's love. Remember that famous passage in St. John's Gospel (3,16-17).

'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

There is hope for humankind - it is offered to us all in and through Jesus. That's good news for those who can believe and accept it. Can you?
Do you?

Lawrence R. Pizzey

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Christians often need to be reminded that we are a worldwide church - the body of Christ; it is encouraging that many church leaders are showing courage in opposing war with Iraq and are responding to their prophetic challenge and vocation. Let us pray that the outcome of the crisis will be one of justice and peace. Christopher Kingsbury

ROTAS:

March 2:

Readers

M Houghton & P Rich

Sidesmen

M Houghton & P Rich

March 23:

M Clover & B Thorpe

C Cuthbert & B Thorpe

March 30:

M Bishop & G Brook

A Kingsbury & J Lindsley

BOX RIVER CLUB:

Meets in the school hall on Sunday 2nd and Sunday 23rd March at 10.30 a.m. We have games, stories, activities & lots more. New members are made very welcome. Janet Daniels

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

The AGM of the Parochial Church Council and election of churchwardens will be held on 13th April at 7.30 p.m., after the 6.30 p.m. evensong. CK

MOTHERING SUNDAY:

There is a Family Service on Mothering Sunday, 30th March, at 11.00 a.m. Everyone is very welcome. CJK

MATTERS OF FAITH:

One of the trickiest problems, or seeming problem with the Apostle Paul's letters, is his belief in the early return of Jesus. In his 1st letter to the Corinthians, (1 Corinthians 7:29-31) Paul is at his most explicit. Time is short, Jesus is surely imminent. Perhaps there is another way to read Paul. Perhaps Paul is actually urging his audience, both in the Corinth of 2000 years ago and today, to cultivate a sense of detachment from our worldly concerns. Just as Paul speaks to us across the centuries, Jesus too calls each of us to leave our nets, our boats and to follow him. CJK

SMILE LINES:

From a church notice board: "The cost of the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals". CJK



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elders:

*Antony Dodd 210397
Peter Welstand 210525*

CHEESE & WINE EVENING:

We are having a Cheese and Wine evening on Saturday, 26th April 2003.

Tickets £5 from Marlene Clarke (210689), Ineke Morris (210761) or any member of Edwardstone PCC. More details with venue next month.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - CONCERT:

There will be a concert in Edwardstone Church on Saturday 7th June 2003.

More details next month. Any enquiries to Jan Paul on 210972.

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

- March 2:** Mrs Dodd/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;
March 9: Combined Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;
March 16: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;
March 23: Mrs Tregear/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;
March 30: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;
April 6: Mrs Dodd/Margaret & Roy Richardson.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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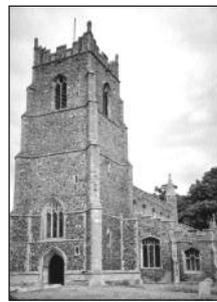
Lay Elders:

*Pauline Lamming 210360
Joy Sellers 210275*

GROTON QUIZMANIA - SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND, 7.30 P.M., W.I. HALL:

Plans are going ahead for the Quiz on March 22nd. The Quizmaster is preparing lots of challenging questions, which will not be too difficult we hope, but the evening will be FUN! The teams are to consist of 4 people, so get together with some of your friends to form a team; there are tickets for a team (£16) or anyone can come on their own for £4 and form up into teams on the evening; there will be a prize for the best "Team Name" and the winning team of course! There is a bar, and delicious refreshments provided, so get your tickets (Team £16 or individual £4) from Jayne Foster (211360) or Pat Kennedy Scott (210319). All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church. We look forward to seeing you all. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

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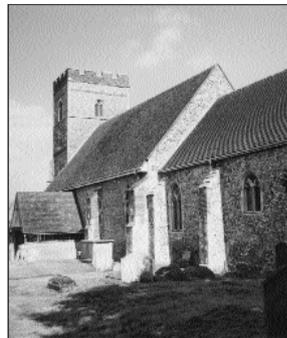
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Lay Elders:

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ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

- March 2:** *Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Grunsell;*
March 9: *Combined Benefice Service (Gro)/No flowers;*
March 16: *Mr Bowden/No flowers;*
March 23: *Mrs Pell/No flowers;*
March 30: *Anne Miller/No flowers;*
April 6: *Barrie Squirrel/No flowers.*



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

Lay Elders:

*Jean Green 373383
& Diana Stock 312828*

QUIZ EVENING –THURSDAY 27TH MARCH – IN THE VILLAGE HALL:

On Thursday, 27th March, at 7.30 p.m. we are holding another of our popular Quiz Evenings. There will be Light Refreshments and a Raffle.

Tickets £4 on the door. Please come to join us. *Diana Stock*

NEWTONEERS:

There will be two meetings this month, on Monday 3rd March and Monday 24th March. The meetings will be held in the Village Hall from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

For further information please contact Linda Cutts on 370242. *Diana Stock*

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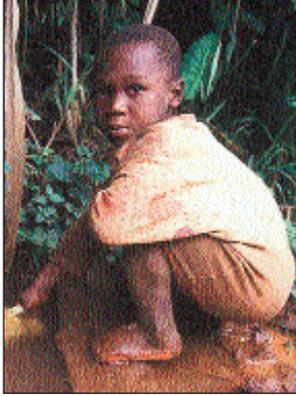
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Thank you. Daphne Clark 210698
 e-mail daphles.clark@eggconnect.net

Blue Peter Waterworks Appeal
Bring and Buy Sale at Boxford Village Hall.
Saturday March 15th 2 - 4pm

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We will be selling clothes, toys, CD'S, games, books, plants cakes etc. If you would like to donate an item please contact:

Hannah Carpenter - 210601.

Eliz Cave-211144.

ZacharyKerr-210528.

Shana James - 372732.

Readers Letters

My dear friends,

I am writing this letter to thank all of you so very much for the magnificent sum you contributed towards my retirement after more than eleven years as a lay elder in the Benefice. I would also like to say a special thank you to Tim Harbord and all those others, who helped to make the morning service on February 9th at St Lawrence, Little Waldingfield such a special occasion for me. It is something I shall always remember.

To remind me of my time as a lay elder amongst you, I received a beautiful inscribed copy of the new book of 'Common Worship', two CDS of some of my favourite sacred music and Christmas Carols, which I had asked for, and a complete surprise of a book of poems, one for every day of the year, from Richard Titford, with whom I have worked so happily during the whole of my time as an elder. I shall greatly enjoy reading this book, compiled by Nicholas Alberry, as it contains many of my favourite poems, one of which for September 3rd by a strange coincidence I had chosen for my retirement service.

I was also presented with a large cheque, which later in the Spring when the weather is warmer, will enable Betty and me to go away for a luxury break. At the moment Betty and I are just enjoying thumbing through the brochures. Betty is also very grateful for the lovely basket of flowers she received.

So very many thanks once again,

Yours sincerely,

Neil Rattee



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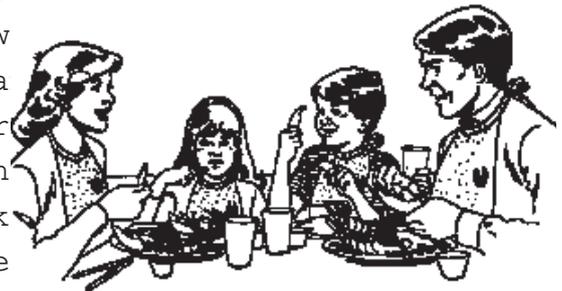
Mothers Sunday 30th March 2003

We are offering a delicious 3 course Carvery Lunch with coffee and mints with stunning views over the lake and Constable Country. If you have young children then you can relax after lunch while your children are professionally entertained in an adjoining room. All inclusive cost is £15.95 per person (members discounts apply) and £7.95 for children under 12.

Easter Sunday and Easter Monday

20th & 21st April 2003

This year The Stoke by Nayland Club is offering a delicious Traditional 3 Course Lunch with coffee and mints on both Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. It will be a wonderful treat for the family, with children's entertainment include an exciting Easter Egg Hunt to keep them busy whilst you relax after your meal. The all inclusive cost is £15.95 per person.



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Local Walks

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Sunday 9th March. Meet Newton Green Nr 'The Saracens Head' (GR TL 916407). Walking to Sackers Green and The Wrongs. *Leader Derek 01787 371068*

Sunday 23rd March. Meet Melford Garden Centre car park (at far end) (GR TL 870468) for a walk to Bridge Street and Hare Drift. *Leader George 01787 370325.*

Everyone is welcome to join these walks which start at 2pm and last for about two hours. For general enquiries phone *Graham 01787 248128.*

Wormingford

Sunday 16th March. Meet at Wormingford Village Hall car park (GR TL 935315) to make a 2pm start for a two hour leisurely walk in this area of the Stour Valley. *Leaders Trevor & Ellen Nicholas 01206 241993.*

Ramblers Association Walks

Thursday 6th March. Meet at the car park near Sudbury Railway Station (GR TL 877410) to make a 10am start for a circular walk to Long Melford via Redbridge. Lunch at Long Melford 10miles. *Leader Joyce Pitts 01206 514190.*

Tuesday 25th March. Meet at Harpers Hill, Nayland (GR TL 967344) at 9.50am for a walk leading towards Honey Tye and Assington. Sorry no dogs. Approx 10 miles. *Leader Alan 01206 230791.*

Sunday 30th March. Meet Foxearth village centre (GR TL 834445) starting at 10am for a walk with fine views of the Stour Valley. Lunch at Cavendish, choice of pubs. 10 miles. *Leader Gordon 01206 735395.*

Badminton

Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way (off High Road) Wednesday Evenings 8pm. 50+ Badminton Club Enquiries Frederick 01206 263986

Parish Council Elections

1st May 2003

Your chance to have your say in who is to represent your views on the Parish Council of Boxford

A number of current councillors will not be standing for re-election therefore this is an opportunity for you to serve your community and offer yourself as a candidate.

Please contact Ann Jessop, acting clerk to the council for details so do act now!!! (01787 210753)

Your current councillors are:-

Joan Cull, Keith Paxman, David Gasson, Suzanne impett, Victor Rice, Veronica Hobbs, Paula Stacey, Cecil Hughes, David House.

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| | | | | Mem | Non Mem |
| Intro to Chinese Massage | Sat 22 nd Mar | 2pm-4pm | 2 hours | £10 | £12 |
| Stability Ball workout (ball inc) | Sat 5 th Apr | 2pm-4pm | 2 hours | £22 | £25 |
| Nutrition Management | Thu 7 th Apr | 7.30pm-8.30pm | 6 weeks | £36 | £48 |
| Intro to Pilates | Sat 12 th Apr | 2pm-4pm | 2 hours | £10 | £12 |
| Abdominal Blast | Sat 26 th Apr | 2pm-4pm | 2 hours | £10 | £12 |
| Intro to Pilates | Sat 3 rd May | 2pm-4pm | 2 hours | £10 | £12 |
| Intro to Massage | Sat 10 th May | 2pm-4pm | 2 hours | £10 | £12 |
| Intro to Indian Head Massage | Sat 17 th May | 2pm-4pm | 2 hours | £10 | £12 |

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Parish Council Matters

Edited Notes of Newton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2003

Minutes of Meeting Held 27th November 2002 - Chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

- a) 'No-through Road' sign at entrance to Church Road. The Clerk reported that Suffolk County Council has agreed to inspect the area of the proposed site.
- b) Damage to grass verge on A1071 and structural maintenance of carriageway. Suffolk County Council have agreed to the placement of plastic posts to discourage the dangerous doubling up of vehicles on the exit of the A1071 into Newton Road. complete action with Barclays. Discharged
- c) New Seat Plamplin Close - Discharged. Installation has been satisfactorily completed.
- d) Play Area Safety Inspection Report - A copy of the report has been sent to Sid Scammell to investigate and quote for the necessary remedial action. A further copy of the report was given to David Lovatt to enable him to focus his inspections of the play area.
- e) Health and Safety Wheelchair user - The Clerk said the Highways Department has been in contact with the family seeking assistance in resolving a safety hazard that exists on the path along the A134.
- f) Proposed Speed Management Measures - Following rejection of the scheme on the grounds of possible noise pollution, the Clerk has written to SCC and requested a basket of proposals to be presented at a future meeting of Newton Parish Council.
- g) Grounds Maintenance for Jubilee Garden -The Clerk reported that letters have been sent out to obtain estimates for a regular maintenance contract on the Gardens, Play Equipment and Village Hall car park hedges.
- h) Tree House objections - Discharged. As the tree house is a manufactured toy, Newton Parish Council cannot assist the local residents affected.

Finance

- a) External Audit Report for 2001/2002. - The Clerk said the auditors, LubbockFine, require additional information, which will be supplied.
 - b) Precept for 2003/2004 - Members of the Council signed the form requesting payment in 2 stages by Babergh D.C.
 - c) Electricity Bill Village Hall - £132.35
 - d) Electricity Bill Street Lighting - £20.18
 - e) John Robertson Ltd (Bench Church Road) - £285.72
- Payment of items c, d and e above, was proposed by Cllr. Gwen Smith and seconded by Cllr. Rita Schwenk.

Planning

- a) Motts Farm - Babergh Council has confirmed that action is underway with solicitors having been appointed to progress the case of dereliction at the farm. The Clerk informed the meeting that an application for the Renewal of Planning Permission of the erection of two storey side and rear extension has been received. In the light of the outstanding serious issues, Newton Parish Council strongly oppose the proposal.
- b) Dormy Sudbury Road - Planning Committee has refused planning permission.
- c) 1 Pot Ash The Green - Planning Committee has refused planning permission.
- d) Barn at Mascal's Farm - ongoing, no decision from Planning Committee.
- e) Nos 1 & 2 Hurrells, erection of single storey extension to dwelling - Newton Parish Council has opposed planning consent due to over development of the site. Harry Buckledee reported on the outcome of the site visit and agreed to represent Newton Parish by speaking at the next Planning Committee Meeting on Wednesday 29th January. The Clerk will liaise with Harry to draft a letter to be sent to the Planning Office confirming Newton views.

f) 4 Nicholsons Court - Newton Parish Council raised no objections.

g) Willows End - Newton Parish Council raised no objections.

Correspondence

- a) Suffolk Accident Rescue Service - A request for financial support has been received. However, it has been decided to support Boxford 1st Response. John and Harry will liaise on behalf of Newton
- b) Pink bag update - The new initiative is reported to be a huge success. The Clerk holds a small stock of bags.
- c) 5 Alston Close - The Parish Council has been informed of a forthcoming vacancy and has been requested to put forward names via the Clerk.
- d) Revision of rural Bus Services Grant — No change for Newton
- e) C.A.B. - A letter of thanks has been received for the recent donation.
- h) Electoral Review - Newton Parish have no comments yet
- f) Home-Start Babergh — A request for a grant was declined.
- g) Register of Electors - New restrictions on use were discussed. A full copy will be held by the Clerk, which can only be viewed in the presence of the Clerk.
- h) Broadband Competition - The Clerk volunteered to look into the matter of connection in rural areas. It was noted that both Alan Vince and Janet Crimmin are already receiving the service.
- j) S.A.L.C. - Various correspondences were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would attend a networking event in February if available.
- k) Local Highway issues - letter from Mr. Brown - Issues overtaken by events.
- l) Letter of thanks received from All Saints Church.

Police Report - The reports for November and December were reviewed. There has been no crime reported.

Village Hall Grant Application progress Cllr. Alan Vince gave an update on the progress of local efforts to raise funds. He reported that Colin Poole has submitted a Lottery Grant Application to Suffolk Acre for vetting before forwarding to the commission. A Burns Night is planned for the 25th January, a Line Dance for March and a Theatre Group in April.

Parish Council Elections May 2003

Timetable and agenda has been received. The Clerk was instructed to ensure an article is posted in the Village magazine.

A.O.B (Questions to the Chair)

- a).The Chairman reported that the Xmas parcels had been well received. He thanked Janet Crimmin and Shirley Taylor for all the hard work they had done delivering all aspects of the project.
- b).The Chairman acknowledged George Davey's contribution in resolving the flooding problem in Rectory Road in conjunction with local residents.
- c). Representations have been made regarding the overgrown verge on the left side of Rectory Road. John Taylor said he has raised the matter with Richard Brooks, although there has been no action taken as yet. He will pursue the matter at the earliest opportunity.
- d). John Boutcher, Area Manager Highways has been approached to assist in fixing the problems causing flooding at Boxford Corner. John Taylor will continue to pursue this issue.
- e). Alan Vince along with all members of the council expressed their regrets about the recent accident on the A134. John Taylor said the Highways Authority had rejected a footpath to Sudbury in the past. It was agreed that John Taylor would request that a verge with hedgerows cut back is the minimum we should expect and he will include this in his next meeting with John Boutcher.

Date of Next Meeting: 26th March 2003, Village Hall 7:30pm

Open forum a) George Davey said that potholes are appearing at the junction of Waldingfield Road. John Taylor reported that the job undertaken by Tarmac for Highways, is not yet closed. Action is to be taken following recent surveys.

b) The condition of Rectory Road is also causing concern as patchwork is disintegrating yet again. John Taylor said he would raise the matter with Highways.

Percy Rose

I was very touched and honoured to be asked by Phyllis to say a few words about her beloved Percy.

I knew Percy for over 20 years and I am also relaying some of the thoughts and memories of my wife Tamara and other members of the Peake family at Hill Farm, Boxford, where Percy spent almost all his working life.

Before Hill Farm he first worked as a driver ferrying about the Land Army girls and that was

where he met Phyllis. She has recounted to me in the past how he caught her eye and she his and the flutters began, they began courting and fell in love. They were married and on their wedding day moved to Balham House, Stone Street where they enjoyed 57 wonderful years of happy married life together.

After a spell in the building trade Percy began working at Hill Farm. Over the years he turned his hand to a multitude of skills and tasks that really demonstrated what a clever and capable man he was. He worked on the land as a tractor driver, he drove HGV lorries and vans and then made daily deliveries into London of the wide range of farm produce that was grown and packed at the farm.

He then turned his hand to his traditional building skills. Most of the work of converting and expanding buildings to cope with the growth of the farm and Copella in the 70's and 80's was carried out by Percy. Most notable was his role in the building of the Golf Club with the late Bill Peake. They were a great team and under Bills guidance they together created a building that won design awards and great recognition in the area.

Percy was indeed a very capable man who could turn his hand to almost any practical or skillful task and do it well. Nothing seemed to phase him; I remember discussing the layout of water gullies in the old Copella bottling Hall where we had to bring together flows from all sorts of directions and levels – but Percy quickly pictured the solution, explained what he planned to do and got on with the job. Of course it all worked out perfectly.

His capabilities were not limited to practical things. He was also a great reader both of books and newspapers. He was always interested in what was going on around him in the local area and was an avid reader of historical books and stories of rural life.

He and I went to a local farm sale a few years back and I remember his eyes lighting up as he saw old tractors and machines that were so familiar to him. He really had a great love for country living and the traditional ways of country life.

Coupled with his interest in reading and learning Percy had a fantastic memory of events and experiences that he had encountered. He would often laugh or chuckle away as he recounted some of the more bizarre and unusual circumstances that he found himself in; perhaps delivering fresh chickens to Harrods with Devora Peake or perhaps



A young Percy Rose

an encounter with extraordinary customers that he had met as he delivered them their organic fruit and vegetables.

Percy and Phyllis worked for the family for nearly 50 years over which time they really both became part of the family and were always there to help. More often than not Percy would drive Susanna, Tamara and Carmella to and fro from the local primary school or he would be taking the family to catch a boat or train to go on holiday or perhaps giving help in the house with some job that needed a strong pair of hands.

Over more recent years Tamara and I and have had the good fortune to see Phyllis and Percy on regular occasions when they came to visit and help us at home. Percy became almost like a second grandfather to our children Jessica and George. However amidst this busy life Percy was above all else a devoted and loving husband to Phyllis, father to Carol and Rhona and grandfather 5 times over and great grandfather 3 times over. Percy and Phyllis were a wonderful couple who were clearly absolutely devoted to each other as well as being the very best of friends – always together and enjoying each others company, always busy doing something.

Percy spent many many happy hours in his workshop which was almost like a second home to him – either building something, mending something, or planning his next project with sketches and diagrams. He also spent much of the summer days in the garden which he greatly enjoyed – once again there always seemed to be a project or plan on the go.

Percy was a gentle man yet he was also a man of tremendous strength. He was a man of great ability, honesty and integrity. A man who took everything in his stride and calmly got on with whatever needed doing. He was devoted to his wife and family and loved and respected by all those who had the privilege of knowing him. I know Phyllis, Carol, Rhona and all his extended family will miss him enormously – as will all of us. We can all count ourselves very fortunate to have known Percy and to have spent time in his company over the past years. We are all the better for it.

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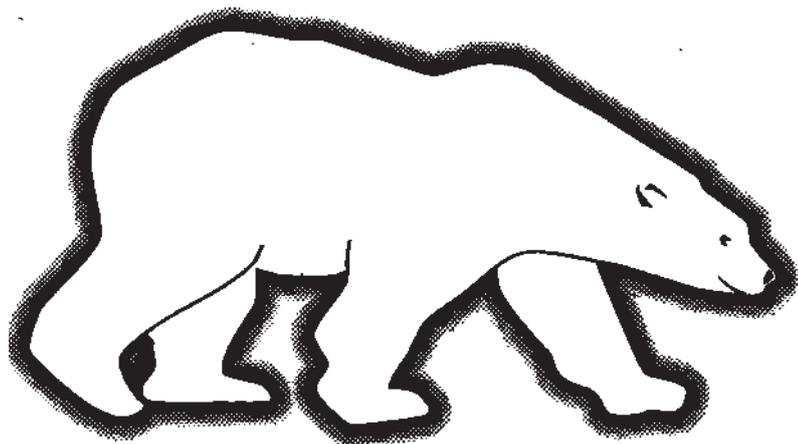
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1st March Arthritis Research
5th April Parish Council
3rd May Fireside Club

For further details contact:

Nancy Harries 01787 374626 Alex. Stevens 01787 374093

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...

We will have a bar and a 1 course hot meal will be served during the interval. Tickets from Boxford News in Early March £7.00

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| New | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP | The Revd. Brian Watling |
| Gro | 0930 | Holy Communion CW1 | The Revd. David Rutherford |
| Edw | 1100 | Matins & Holy Communion | Antony Dodd |
| Box | 1830 | Evensong | Christopher Kingsbury |
| LtW | | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> | |

Wednesday 5 March, ASH WEDNESDAY

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

Sunday 9 March, 1st Sunday of Lent

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| Gro | 0930 | Holy Communion CW1 | The Revd. Brian Watling |
| | | <i>Combined Benefice Service</i> | |

Wednesday 12 March

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| Box | 1030 | Holy Communion* | Antony Dodd |
| LtW | 1900 | Compline | Tim Harbord |

Sunday 16 March, 2nd Sunday of Lent

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| Box | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP | The Revd. Brian Watling |
| LtW | 0930 | Holy Communion CW1* | John Taylor |
| Gro | 1100 | Matins | Christopher Kingsbury |
| Edw | 1600 | Evensong | Peter Welstand |
| New | | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> | |

Wednesday 19 March

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| Box | 1030 | Holy Communion* | Joy Sellers |
| LtW | 1900 | Compline | Tim Harbord |

Sunday 23 March, 3rd Sunday of Lent

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| Edw | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP* | Peter Welstand |
| New | 0930 | Holy Communion CW1* | John Taylor |
| LtW | 1100 | Family Service | Tim Harbord |
| Box | 1100 | Holy Communion CW1* | Graham Brook |
| Gro | 1830 | Evensong | Joy Sellers |

Wednesday 26 March

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

Sunday 30 March, 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

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| Gro | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP* | Pauline Lanning |
| New | 0930 | Mothering Sunday Service | Diana Stock |
| Box | 1100 | Mothering Sunday Service | Christopher Kingsbury |
| LtW | 1830 | Evensong | Tim Harbord |
| Edw | | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> | |

APRIL 2003

Wednesday 2 April

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| Box | 1030 | Holy Communion* | Antony Dodd |
| LtW | 1900 | Compline | Tim Harbord |

Sunday 6 April, 5th Sunday of Lent

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| LtW | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP | The Revd. David Rutherford |
| Edw | 0930 | Holy Communion CW2 | The Revd. Brian Watling |
| Box | 1100 | Matins | Christopher Kingsbury |
| New | 1830 | Evensong | Diana Stock |
| Gro | | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> | |

**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 Wots On

Newton Village Hall Notes

Well, the Burns Night Supper turned out to be a great success which makes all the effort which was put into arranging it well worthwhile. A total of £466 was raised for the village hall refurbishment fund which is very gratifying, and we are already thinking about repeating the event next year.

Despite the snow and treacherous conditions we decide to go ahead with the coffee morning on 1st February. The breakfasts were very popular and well received on such a cold morning, and the event raised over £100.

The next event planned is the fun Line Dance evening on Saturday 15th March at 7.00pm, tickets £3 each. If you've ever wondered about giving line dancing a try this is your chance, so why not give it a go. Because the Hall is not very big, numbers have to be limited to 35, so it's first come first served. Please book your tickets now with either myself or Janet (377652), and by 1st March at the latest.

Demand for tickets for 'The Best of Times' on Saturday 5th April at 2.00pm has been encouraging and the performance will definitely go ahead. This promises to be a most entertaining afternoon, suited to the whole family, so again if you would like to come please get your tickets now, price £6 adults, £3 children under 14. There will be a raffle and donations of prizes would be most appreciated.

We intend to run the car boot sales again this year, but if there are others events you would like to see take place in Newton please let us know and say whether you are prepared to help with them.

The next whist drive will be on Monday 17th March, and I hope to hold one further drive for this season on 28th April.

I hope to be able to report on the progress of our Lottery funding application next month. *Alan Vince 01787373963*

An Evening with the BUMPSTEAD BOYS Saturday 29 March, Elmsett Village Hall 7.30pm

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 Eleigh 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

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 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

Plans are going ahead for the Quiz on March 22nd —the Quizmaster is preparing lots of challenging questions, which will not be too difficult we hope, but the evening will be FUN! The teams are to consist of 4 people, so get together with some of your friends to form a team; there are tickets for a team (£16) or anyone can come on their own for £4 and form up into teams on the evening; there will be a prize for the best "Team Name" and the winning team of course! There is a bar, and delicious refreshments provided, so get your tickets, team £16 or individual £4, from *Jayne Foster 211360* or *Pat Kennedy Scott 210319* All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church. We look forward to seeing you all. *Pat Kennedy Scott.*

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. The prizes 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. 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*

Boxford Mothers and Toddlers

On Wednesday 12th March we will be meeting at Kentwell Hall, Long Melford. The cost is £1.50 per adult. It's a great opportunity for the children to see farm animals during the lambing season. If you'd like to join us or find out more about the visit, please come along to Boxford Village Hall on a Wednesday during term time before 12th March.

CHILDREN WITH LUKAEMIA

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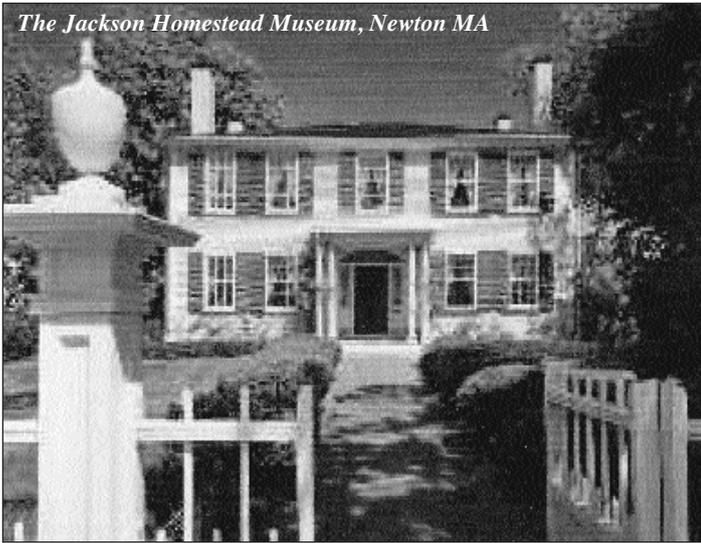
Saturday 5th April 2003 at 2.00pm in the Village Hall

Performance time about 2 hours, plus a short interval for refreshments – please bring your own. There will be a raffle – donations welcome.

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The Jackson Homestead Museum, Newton MA



Newton Massachusetts

Newton MA, now a city with a population of in excess of 80,000, had its origin in the mid 1630's as an offshoot of Cambridge on the edge of the Charles River and close by Boston.

As the early settlement was sparse residents were forced to travel to Cambridge, home of the world famous Harvard University, but as the number of settlers increased the village, then known as Cambridge Village, was granted its independence from Cambridge and a meeting house was at the corner of what is now known as Centre and Cotton Streets.

The origination of the name is unclear but almost certainly derived from Newton in Suffolk since there were known to be many folk from our area and recent documents have come to light known as 'The Hammond Papers which are now housed in 'The Jackson Homestead, Newton's Museum and Historical Society.

Thomas Hammond and his wife, Elizabeth, were both born in Lavenham. In the 1630s they emigrated to Hingham, Massachusetts where they lived for a number of years before moving to Newton (then Cambridge Village). There, with a Vincent Druce, Hammond they bought several hundred acres of what is now known as Chestnut Hill. He and Druce held the land in common until 1664. When they divided it, Druce took his share mostly in Brookline, and Hammond took his, which included a pond that bears his name, in Newton.

Thomas and Elizabeth had two sons, Thomas (1630-1678) and Nathaniel. Nathaniel built a house in 'Old Orchard Road', now the second oldest house in Newton and, until it was modernized after World War I, an outstanding example of an early colonial farmstead. Thomas Jr. and his wife, another Elizabeth, had many children, among them another Thomas (1666-1738). This Thomas's wife, Mehitable, has the (posthumous) distinction of having her grave marked by the only slate marker in Newton initialled by its carver, John Noyse.

Thomas and Mehitable's son, John, was one of the earliest residents in part of Newton known as Newton Highlands. An area almost entirely unsettled until the second quarter of the eighteenth century, it was part of the one-thousand-acre grant to a John Haynes in 1634. When, shortly afterwards, Haynes moved to Connecticut (where he became the first governor), he kept the farm. It was handed down through successive generations (none of whom lived in Newton) until just over 300 acres was inherited by the Reverend Jared Eliot. It was this land that John Hammond bought. Eliot, a grandson of the 'Apostle to the Indians,' was a person of note in his own right, and his signature on his deed to Hammond is a welcome addition to the Homestead's document collection.

Joshua and Elizabeth had one son, William, who left Newton in 1808, taking, it seems fair to assume, the family papers with him to Maine, where they remained for 188 years until 2002 when the family presented them to the Jackson Museum.

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Box River Benefice, directory of clubs & Organisations

Boxford Clubs & Organisations

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| 1st Boxford Brownies | Moira Grant 211513 |
| 1st Boxford Cub Scouts | Mark Miller 211596 |
| 1st Boxford Guides | Lil Benton 210809 |
| 1st Boxford Rainbows | Janice MacMillan 210595 |
| 1st Boxford Scout Group | Richard Gates 210432 |
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| 1st Boxford Explorer Scouts | Richard Robinson 21114 |
| 3 Parishes Response | Vic Rice 211017 |
| Allotments | Andy Scott 211595 |
| Bellringers | Ann Jessop 210753 |
| Boxford Art Group | Philip Ingram 210771 |
| Boxford Babysitting Circle | Susanne Excell 210572 |
| Boxford Bible Study Group | 211077 |
| Boxford Bingo Club | Les Gunn 210994 |
| Boxford Bowls Club | Les Clark 210689 |
| Boxford Bounty | Mark Miller 211596 |
| Boxford Carpet Bowls | Derek Thomhill 211201 |
| Boxford Community Council | Peter Hibben 210819 |
| Boxford Conservative Assoc | Patrick Galvin 211897 |
| Boxford Drama Group | Margaret Clapp 210186 |
| Boxford Gardens Open | Barrie Thorpe 211346 |
| Boxford Netball Club | Elaine Powling 211243 |
| Boxford Over 60s Club | Betty Plant 210133 |
| Boxford Playing Fields | Richard Gates 210432 |
| Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion | 210756 or 211716 |
| Boxford Recorder | Philip Rich 210605 |
| Boxford Rovers Football Club | Tony Excell 210572 |
| Boxford School | Bob Giles 210332 |
| Boxford Society | Philip Rich 210605 |
| Boxford Spinney | Sonja Lane 211214 |
| Boxford Sunflower Playgroup | Moira Grant 211513 |
| Boxford Sew & Sews | Paula Stacey 211488 |
| Boxford Study Centre | Bob Martin 210837 |
| Boxford tennis Club | Diana Hawk 211403 |
| Boxford to BoxfordMA IV | Eddie Kench 211507 |
| Boxford United Charities | Dr J. Debenham 210540 |
| Boxford Village Hall | David Phillips 210106 |
| Boxford Walks | Ian Lindsley 210520 |
| Boxford Youth Club | John Broughton 377404 |
| Box River Club | Janet Daniels 210798 |
| Box River News | EddieKench 211507 |
| Carers Support Group | Phillip Ingram 210771 |
| CE Vol Con School & Nursery Unit | Bob Giles 210332 |
| Community Police Officer | Keith Warren |
| County Councillor | Jeremy Pembroke |
| District Councillor | Bryn Hurren 01473 822737 |
| Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club | Malcolm Gooderham 01359 231327 |
| Fleece Jazz Club | David Gasson 210796 |
| Friends of Boxford School | |
| Mary's House | 210026 |
| Mill Surgery | 210558 |
| Mother and Toddler Group | Moira Grant 211513 |
| Over 40's Exercise Class | Sue Beven 210021 |
| Parish Council | AnnJessop210753 |
| Parochial Church Council | CynthjaWanniarachy 211182 |
| Poppy Appeal | E Fletcher |
| Primrose Wood | Ian Lindsley 210520 |
| SESAW | Maggie 210888 |

Newton Clubs & Organisations

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| Newtoneers | Linda Cutts 370242 |
| Newton Fireside Club | Molly Watson 373353 |
| Newton Golf Club | 377217 |
| Newton Green Trust | Neville Birchenough 311551 |
| Newton Keep Fit Club | Linda Buckledee 210772 |
| Newton Mothers and Toddlers | Lisa Devlin 374182 |
| Newton News Views & Coffee | Nancy Harris 374626 |
| Newton Village Hall | Alan Vince 373963 |
| Newton Village Hall Theatre Group | Janet Weavers 377652 |
| PCC | Jean Russell 378433 |
| Police Liason Officer | PC Ruth Horton 01284 774307 |
| Surgeries | Boxford Mill 210558 Meadow Lane 310000 Hardwicke House 370011 Siam 370444 |
| Whist Drives | Alan Vince 373963 |
| Willow Montessori Nursery | Tina Boyes 375423 |

Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

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| Edwardstone Open Gardens | Daphnie Spittle 211940 |
| Edwardstone Parish Hall | Fiona Raymond 210461 |

Groton Clubs & Organisations

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| Groton PCC | Pat Kennedy Scott 210319 |
| Groton WI | Joan Cooper |

Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

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| Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club | Mary Bullard 247217 |
| Gt Waldingfield WI | Linda Lutz 378888 |

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Parish Council Matters

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Thursday 23rd January

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

Correspondence was received from Suffolk County Council declining our request to extend the footpath to the Lavenham road.

Freedom of Information Act 2000, The council elected to adopt the Parish Council Model Scheme.

Elections for District and Parish Councils take place on 1st May. Nomination Papers must be with BDC by Noon, 1st April.

The next meeting will be on 6th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on 15th May.

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Boxford Parish Council is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Parish Clerk as from 1st February 2003, Mrs Maureen Cooling, 24, White Street Green, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 5JN. Tel: 01787-211822. email: mec.boxpc@virgin.net

All parish matters should be addressed to Mrs Cooling. As before, correspondence may be left at Bell House if preferred. Ann Jessop will continue to work for the Council for a limited period until Maureen takes over fully.

NOTES of the MEETING of

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 10 February 2003 at 7.30 pm at Bell House, Boxford

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mr Kench reported a good response for the trip to Boston, MA and there would be a Civic Reception for the guests during the visit.

POLICE REPORT: PC Warren intended to prepare a report for each meeting covering the previous month. He presented a report covering the period 12 to 31 January 2003 : There had been several general incidents locally and his advice to the community was to ensure vehicles, sheds and garages were secured at night. On the subject of school parking, this was an ongoing problem and although there had been a police presence at the school several days before, appropriate measures still needed to be enforced, as requested previously by the Council. PC Warren would be liaising with the school headmaster to ensure this was done in the future. Traffic cones would be placed at appropriate locations.

COUNTY COUNCIL/DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS: In the absence of Mr Pembroke, Mr Hurren reported as follows, both for County and District matters :-

Goldings had agreed to reinstate the road surface in Club Lane. There would be some funding for the local bus service and perhaps links could be set up so that the villages of Edwardstone and Groton would be better served.

On the subject of Planning, he reported that 14 Homefield were going to Appeal. Nothing to report on the White Hart development. The car park plans would go before the Strategy Committee on 13 February.

The Local Needs Housing project was to go ahead (15 units in total) . The Council would be kept fully informed. It was envisaged all the properties would be rented. A further survey of housing needs would be forthcoming.

The Pink Bag Scheme was seen as a success. They will eventually be replaced by bins.

He reminded the meeting of the next BDC Planning Meeting on 26 February at 7.00pm, should anyone wish to attend. Members of the public were welcome also.

STREET LIGHTING: Two types of contract were available from County - Standard and Basic. Mrs Jessop recommended Standard as insurance cover would be included in the cost (but

not storm damage) and there would be one telephone number for problems/faults. Standard cover is recommended because we own a high proportion of columns which require more attention. Council agreed to sign up for the Standard contract. The handover would take effect on 1 April this year. The Council wanted to know how long it would take to convert the old time switches to the new photocells. The Acting Clerk would report back on this.

BT BROADBAND: The Acting Clerk joined forces with other interested parties from Stoke by Nayland and went to a meeting with Mr David Brown.. There would be a combined application and a questionnaire would go out to those who had registered an interest. needed to go out. The application needed to be submitted by the end of the month. It was noted that rural areas could be left behind by market forces but that EEDA funding could redress the balance.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: Churchyard - The quotations from the two contractors were presented to the meeting and it was decided that Mr Mortimer be given the work for the new fence near the village hall and Mr Crighton would take on all the other jobs contained in the tender. Discussion took place about the ivy growing up the trees in the churchyard that overhang school property. Sean Clifford and Ron Mortimer would be asked to advise on the best possible treatment of these trees and report back to the Council.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: It was suggested that Flagship be approached for a speaker for the evening.

ELECTION: The Acting Clerk would order Polling cards. There were over 1000 voters in the Parish.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: A letter had been received from the Probation Service and it was decided that their offer of help should be offered to the Village Hall and the Footpath Warden.

A letter had been received from Anglian Water assuring the PC that the contractors using the Lane that serviced the sewerage plant had been asked to use smaller lorries so that further damage would not be incurred. Mr Kench would liaise with Anglian Water, should he observe any infringements of this agreement.

The Rules Yard sign was now in place.

Bus Stop on Sand Hill - there had been a majority decision by Councillors not to move the stop.

Ash Street Bridge - The survey had been completed and BDC would revert with quotes.

REPORT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:

Mrs Hobbs reported that the Eden Project in Sudbury now had an "open door" policy for children over 13 years of age which gave cause for concern as it meant that the younger children who were visiting the Project with her on Friday evenings would be allowed out into the town. She would report back to the Council.

Mr Gasson asked whether there would be any more pink bags delivered to the village. Mrs Jessop said that Babergh had not replied to this question.

Mr Hughes had reported that the tree in Crofts Lane had been cleared of rubbish. Also he told the Council that Mr Russell Ross was prepared to give over some of his land for a public footpath to run alongside Stone Street to the next paddock so that walkers would be in less danger from the traffic. A letter would be sent to SCC to seek their views.

Mr Rice reported that 3PR was operating well. He and Mr Kench had given a talk to the Over 60's on 3PR and were given a donation of £30. Details had been given to the Hadleigh Charity Shop as a result of this presentation and a cheque for £500 had been received from them. Footpath maps were being printed and would be available in the newsagents. The American flag and other memorabilia was being framed and would be displayed in the village hall.

PLANNING : Babergh have approved 2 Applications at 33 Swan Street. The Parish Council approved revised application at 41 Swan Street.

Date of next meeting 10th March 2003 at 7.30pm in Bell House, Stone Street. **Annual Parish Meeting** 28th April Boxford Village Hall. **Parish Council AGM** 12 April Bell House, Boxford