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SIR CONRAD SWAN RECEIVES A SECOND KNIGHTHOOD



Far Left:
Sir Conrad outside the orphanage with members of the orphanage staff and some of the children



Left:
The Cross of a Knight of the Order of the Grand Duke Gediminas presented to Sir Conrad by President Valdas Adamkus of the Republic of Lithuania on February 16th

Sir Conrad Swan of Boxford House, Stone Street, has received his second knighthood, this time in Lithuania. Sir Conrad has been awarded the Cross of the Knight of the Order of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas for his help with an orphanage. Valdas Adamkus, The President of the Republic of Lithuania, presented Sir Conrad with the award at his palace in Vilnius on the 16th February, the anniversary of Lithuania regaining independence from the Soviets.

Sir Conrad said "Among the Great and the Good invested on this occasion (some 200) there was a young girl, I'd say 12 years old. She had saved someone from drowning. And if that was not good enough a small boy perhaps 10 years old, was called up to the President who had to kneel down to invest him. The boy had saved his entire family from burning to death. At that, I felt I should not really have been there, but one must be humble!"

Sir Conrad's grandmother was Lithuanian and she owned a manor which employed estate workers. Ten years ago Sir Conrad helped start an orphanage in the village of Krakes, near Kaunas, in central Lithuania, which is home to many descendants of the people who worked on his grandmother's estate. Fifty boys and girls aged between seven and 17 stay at the home. Some of the children are literal orphans, others the flotsam of alcoholic parents, some have simply just been 'dumped'. It was due to Sir Conrad's continued interest - he visits the children and staff on average yearly - that he was awarded the equivalent of a Knight Commander. Sir Conrad, a former Herald, was Knighted in Great Britain in 1994.

STOP PRESS - Boxford Drama Group

Due to unforeseen circumstances the forthcoming production of Alan Ayckbourns "Relatively Speaking" due for April 24 to 26 will now take place at the end of the Summer. If you have bought tickets for Relatively Speaking, please call into Boxford News for a full refund.

FUNDING IN PLACE FOR HOUSING

The bid for funding to build the low cost housing for local people has at long last been successful. News of the funding was received on Friday 14th and this represented the biggest hurdle that had to be crossed before the development went forward to the planning stage. Through the Parishes of Boxford and Groton, applicants for the Low Cost Housing will be invited to prepare their application during the next two or three weeks.

Some 22 homes for local people are to be built on land at the rear of Homefield, Boxford and now that the funding is in place a planning applications will be prepared and put forward for the urgent consideration by the officers of Babergh District Council's planning department. It is hoped that construction work will start mid to late summer.

There will be a speaker from 'Flagship' the Housing Association at the Annual Boxford Parish Meeting in the Village Hall on 28th April.

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Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop

THE Boxford Fleece Jazz Club has a reputation for presenting some of the finest musicians in the world. During its 10th anniversary it has been attracting sell-out audiences.

For the past five years the Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop has been working behind the scenes. This is a jazz workshop for enthusiasts and has been equally successful.

Paul Stubbs, the workshop tutor and the small group of amateur jazz enthusiasts meet on Wednesday evenings to play their own kind of music hopefully to improve their skills. Anyone who is interested in playing jazz is welcome, all that is necessary is the ability to read music, no matter how modestly, and to have some knowledge of their chosen instrument.

The organiser, David Mayhew, says that anyone who has an interest is welcome to come along, just to listen if you want to but ideally to join in. David is one of the founders of the club along with enthusiast saxophone playing journalist Peter Scaife.

They had been involved in a similar venture at Colchester which unfortunately ran into difficulties in finding a suitable venue. He had played with the Colchester Jazz Band when he was a teenager not really knowing much about what he was playing and having no idea what notes he should or could play and with no idea how to construct a solo. After serving in the Royal Air Force and following a career in business management he later discovered that his lip had gone and the trumpet had seized up and it was not until he took early retirement that the chance came to start again having acquired a taste for modern jazz.

The Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop opened in September 1997. Five years on and most of the regulars are still there while others have come and gone and members range from teenagers to pensioners.

Paul Stubbs who is a well known trumpeter in the Cambridge area is settling in well and says he's enjoying it. There are some quite good musicians and some of them have reached intermediate standard, but it's mainly about getting better while

enjoying themselves. There are trumpeters, trombonists, all the saxes, flutes, guitars, drums, keyboards, basses, plus a vocalist or two. They could do with a good drummer or two and bass players.

The club meets on Wednesday evenings. It costs £5 a year plus £5 on evenings when there are tutorials and it's free on rehearsal nights. Anybody who plays a bit and likes jazz and feels like making music is welcome to join in. All they have to do is contact David Mayhew on 01787 248585.



Vic Rice addresses the AGM of 3PR the Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton First Response unit with from left to right, Doreen French, Treasurer, Shelagh Smith, Secretary, Vic Rice, Chairman, Andrew Barlow, Community Paramedic, and Sandra Burdett, Community Paramedic Co-ordinator.

There were over 50 representatives of 3PR, Glemsford First response and Long Melford First Response teams present at the meeting held in Boxford Village Hall on Tuesday 18th February



Friday, 4 April, 8.30 Ticket £11

Marlene Verplanck

Marlene is one contemporary singer who can stand comparison with the greats of yesterday. Her superb voice is matched with a flawless technique, her choice of material is highly individual but always displays impeccable taste and her musical accompaniment is always of the highest order. Even by her own high standards Marlene's new CD 'Speaking of Love' is exceptional. Billy Verplanck is responsible for the top class arrangements and has contributed original songs and produced and conducted the recording sessions. Her band is Geoff Eales (piano), Roy Babbington (bass) and Mark Fletcher (drums).

Friday, 11 April, 8.30 Ticket £10

Roger Beaujolais Quintet

Vibraphonist Roger is a naturally gifted musician, he plays by ear and is now regarded as one of our leading players. He first came to prominence with the Chevalier Brothers in the 1980s, a band he co-led for 6 years. His more recent band Vibraphonic was one of the original and most successful Acid Jazz bands. Outside his own projects he has worked with artists as diverse as Roni Size, Fairground Attraction, Paul Weller, Kirsty McColl, Tony Remy, the Jazz Percussion Quintet and Tim Richards' Great Spirit. His busy

schedule includes sessions for CD'S and films. Mark Lockheart (saxophones), Robin Aspland (piano), Tom Herbert (bass) and Winston Clifford (drums) make up the quintet.

Friday, 18 April, 8.30 Ticket £10

John Etheridge

One of the finest guitar players around plays solo at the Fleece tonight. Pat Metheny, Bamey Kessel, Herb Ellis, Stephane Grappelli, John Williams, Nigel Kennedy, Jim Mullen, Dizzy Gillespie, Nils Pederson, and Yehudi Menuhin are among the "A" list of celebrated musicians who have all had the benefit of his brilliant playing, either on record or onstage

Friday, 25 April, 8.30 Ticket £12

Clare Teal

Since being signed to Candid Records 2 years ago Clare has proved to be one of the most talented newcomers to hit the jazz scene in years. Not only is she a wonderfully gifted singer, but is also a melodic and witty songwriter. Her second CD 'Orsino's Song' has received rave reviews. Clare's influences of Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holliday are clearly reflected in her material. Accompanying her are Simon Wallace (piano), Trevor Whiting (reeds), Nils Solberg (guitar), John Day (bass) and Rod Brown (drums).

Friday, 2 May, 8.30 Ticket £10

Mark Crooks Quintet

If you like uncompromising, straight-ahead jazz played with vigour, honesty and commitment this is the gig for you. Mark's saxophone playing has a flair for melodic phrasing, which has echoes of Stan Getz and his clarinet playing is thoughtful and sensitive.

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

The Boxford Over 60s was just the beginning. It has been a wide and varied audience I have been addressing in recent weeks. From business men in deepest Devon to members of the Society of Financial Advisers swatting for their exams, it has been my lot to intone the mantra that investment is good and markets are efficient, even though the world I have inhabited for these last four decades appears to be falling around my ears.

Opinions on speaking in public tend to be polarised. There are those who leap to their feet to stand in front of an audience at the drop of a hat, let alone a performers fee. Others would prefer having their dentistry delivered by a Black and Decker, as Lawrence Olivier did in Marathon Man, to speaking in public. The middle ground is small indeed, confined to those prepared to perform providing they are able to spend sufficient time in preparation and others who simply do not understand the problem, because they have never had the need to face an audience.

Unsurprisingly (perhaps regrettably for those who hear me speak in public) I belong to the "leap to my feet" category - with some qualifications, though. There are limits to my willingness to address an audience. Although I enjoyed brief notoriety as a member of the Little Waldingfield Bad Companions (a dramatic group which gave a whole new dimension to the term "amateur" but which nonetheless should be encouraged to rise again) my preference is for speaking only on a topic I fully understand and primarily in the role of an educator, rather than an entertainer.

It is much easier to make people smile when you are endeavouring to inform. When people expect you to make them laugh, an altogether tougher task is in prospect. I well remember the contrasts of speaking to old boys (and girls for that matter given that co-education was introduced into the school I attended a decade or so after I left) on the occasion of an old chums elevation to the presidency of the Old Boys' Association, and a hastily assembled wedding speech.

The first public speaking event was held in my old school's dining hall. As I lack the ability to read a script - or even notes for that matter - I had assembled in my mind a selection of anecdotes concerning my friend's earlier life. On the spur of the moment, I launched them by contrasting his bachelor status with my own married condition. Referring to 30 years of happy marriage - but then qualifying it by pointing out that it had been to three different women - I gained the immediate sympathy of the audience and had a easy ride for the rest of the evening.

It seemed natural to repeat this approach at the wedding which was held half way up a mountainside overlooking a sea loch in the Highlands of Scotland. On this occasion, I was acting in loco parentis for an ex-colleague, performing what amounted to the role of the bride's father. The Scots, in stark contrast to my Southern audience, greeted my acknowledgement of 30 years of happy married life with a hearty round of applause before I had a chance to attempt the punchline. I struggled with how best to continue, but decided it was too late to change. You can imagine how flat it fell.

And how were the Boxford Over 60s for me? My experience could probably be best summed up as a mixture of embarrassment, relief and bemusement. Embarrassment, because I had to ask for help from a lady some years my senior to position my screen on the stage because I was unable to clamber upon it - because of a recent knee operation, honestly. Relief, because the computer equipment worked first time - a rare event in my experience. And bemusement - well, I still have no true idea as to how my talk was received. But I enjoyed it.

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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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 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 211656

e.mail: lanemotivate@aol.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

BOXFORD SCHOOL

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Whether you have children or Grand children at the school, should you sneak out of the benefice to shop at Tesco's or eat those wicked crisps, please be sure to collect your Vouchers for Schools and pass them on to the school.

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For more information, or to make a home party booking, contact *Cass White* on 01787211457.

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

will commence the 2003 season on Sunday 27th April at 2.30 p.m. Newcomers are welcome. Instructors will be present and bowls are available to use. Why not come along and have a try - all ages welcome. Les Clark 210698

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Annual Presentation Day is at Stoke by Nayland Club 15th June.
Scouts: Steve Taylor reported that the situation with lack of Scout Leaders is not improving. A warranted leader who was meant to stay until Christmas has pulled out due to other commitments and a meeting for parents had recently been held, but nobody is coming forward to take on responsibility on a weekly basis. The situation is not getting any easier, despite hard work being undertaken by Stephanie and her working party who have explored lots of avenues to no avail. This is not just a Boxford issue but appears to be affecting the whole Sudbury area. This situation is being given focus by the Suffolk Free Press which will hopefully prove fruitful, especially as there are such excellent facilities available at the Spinney. There are currently 15 Scouts, 13 Cubs and 9 Beavers. The District Group of Explorers have taken a number of "old" Scouts which has further exacerbated the problem. Anyone interested in getting involved would be extremely welcome.

Boxford Playingfields Management Committee: Steve Taylor reported that the Open Meeting held on 4 March had not been as well attended as hoped for but there was a largish contingency who wanted improvements to the Play Area which should be moved forward. It was mooted that the football changing rooms should be moved from the pavilion to a purpose built building situated above the allotments which would include extra storage for the Club. AGM: 7.30 for 8.00pm on 1 April (not a joke!).

Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club: Sally stated that the first match will take place on 27 April. There will be a pre-season get together on Fri, 11 April at The White Hart. Colts will start on 30 April.

Boxford Parish Council: (See full report in BRN)

Sunflower Playgroup: Ann Porter reported that all is going very well with the Playgroup opening 5 mornings a week with several new children on the books. Fundraising is now being undertaken which is bringing in valuable income and there will be a cake stall in the village on 29 March. The container is to be sited this weekend. Work on the outside play area cannot commence until the ground has dried out. The 30th anniversary is on 21 June and works of art being produced by the children will be turned into invitations.

Jazz Club: David Gasson reported that the Club had recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and 13 of the 16 gigs on the current programme had sold out. A double page spread in the East Anglian had featured the Club and there are now 2000 on the mailing list.

Edwardstone Parish Council: Ted Rides reported that not too many exciting things were happening at the moment, the biggest development being the completing of the contract for sale of land for affordable housing. 6 units in total.

Edwardstone Millennium Green: Ted said that a bold decision had been made to buy grass cutting equipment in the form of an ancient Ferguson tractor at around £1750. It is hoped that there would be sufficient helpers to actually carry out the work! A grant to help meet the costs is forthcoming from Suffolk County Council. Need to replace Richard Titford so searching for a trustee.

Boxford Society: Jill Rose attended but had nothing specific to report. Jill would like to see a list of our grants published in the newsletter and this should be printed shortly after our AGM.

Boxford Parochial Church Council: Philip Rich was welcomed tonight and reported that the process had started to find a new rector. However, this was expected to be a lengthy process and could take around 18 months. Every church was holding services with lay readers and a non-stipendary minister, Rev Brian Watling, has moved into the area who is a fully-licensed priest. Open Gardens taking place on 1 June Annual Church Fete taking place on 5 July at Parsonnage Farm.

Boxford Village Hall: David Phillips was welcomed tonight and reported the good news that the hall is being used more frequently. Then he reported the not so good news that prices were going up. However this is the first time that hire charges had increased since 1993 and only for private party bookings and not

for regular/local organisation bookings. The price changes would take place from April. Forthcoming fundraising events: 2 Quiz Nights, New Years' Eve Biggest Party in Boxford

It was also hoped to open the Village Hall straight after the Fireworks Spectacular for a party.

Boxford Mother & Toddler Group: Dawn Kurtz was introduced and given a grant application form as she would like to apply for funding towards baby changing facilities in the village hall.

Boxford Youth Club: Peter Hibben's report from John Broughton stated that numbers were fluctuating around 30 at present. 24 had gone on a theatre trip to the Mercury to see The King and I. There has been a minor problem with children saying they were attending the Youth Club but not turning up. They have now been confronted, put under peer pressure to attend and a letter regarding this behaviour and its implications has been sent to ALL parents. Trip to Great Yarmouth pleasure beach, with Sudbury Youth Club Members, has been planned.

Edwardstone PCC: Doreen French had nothing to report.

Boxford Drama Group: Doreen French reported that a comedy called Relatively Speaking is to be performed on Thurs/Fri/Sat, 24/25/26 April. Following on from the very successful 50s Night last year, there would be a 60s Night on 4/5 July.

3PR: Doreen said that cover has extended to Newton and Assington. 27 now qualified with more on the way. Ideally over

1st Boxford Guides: Stephanie reported on the previously mentioned Evening of Entertainment on Sat 29 March. Spinney Fun Day being held on 14 June and various outings and camps have been organised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

10.1 8.00pm, Wed, 14 May 2003 at The White Hart.

Annual General Meeting 8.00pm, Tuesday, 29 April at the Pavilion, Boxford Playingfields including Refreshments and glass or 2 of wine. Guest Speaker: David Brown on Broadband.



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GARDENING IN APRIL *Harry Buckledee*

Now is the right time to prune Autumn flowering Ceonothus. Varieties like Burkwoodii, Autumnal Blue and Gloire Versailles should be cut back hard and they will then produce new shoots which will grow on all summer and the flowers will appear on the ends of them in the autumn. If they are pruned earlier than this there is always a danger that young, new tender shoots may be damaged by late frosts. Do not prune the early flowering ones - those that flower in May and June - until flowering has finished.

Lavender of the dwarf Hidcote and Munstead varieties can be cut down to two or three inches from ground level as these varieties will shoot from ground level. Care must be taken with other varieties, as if cut back to hard leafless stems they may well fail to produce new shoots.

Other plants that will appreciate a trim as they are beginning to grow again are sage, Phlomis, Santolina, Phygelius and Penstemons.

Lawns should be mown every week from now on but don't be tempted to cut too low just yet. 1.5" is low enough at first, lower the cut by .5" at each successive mowing to .75". Vary the direction of the cut each time. Use a light roller to firm newly seeded lawns and to roll any small stones into the ground to avoid damage to the mowers blades. It is seldom necessary to roll established lawns, over use of the roller only compacts the surface, keeping out air and water.

Camelias are well budged up now and nothing will cause the buds to turn brown, shrivel up and drop off quicker than dryness at the roots. Keep them moist at all times especially those grown in containers or those planted up against a brick wall.

If you have the time, it is useful to remove faded flowers from daffodils, narcissus and Tulips to prevent them wasting energy producing seed. Small bulbs like snowdrops, crocus, scillas, chinodozas and muscaris should have their seed pods left on to

allow the seed to fall and produce more plants.

Divide old clumps of michaelmas daisies, much finer flowers and healthier growth come from young plants selected from the outside of the clump, after lifting the clump always dig the ground deeply working in plenty of moisture holding material. This will help prevent mildew which michaelmas daisies are prone to. Dust the whole area with two ounces per square yard of a fertiliser which is low in nitrogen and high in phosphates and potash.

Rambler roses need feeding and mulching with manure to encourage the production of new non flowering stems to replace the old stems in the autumn. Do remember to water newly planted trees and shrubs. More plants are lost in April through lack of water than for any other reason.

Keep the Dutch hoe going between plants to control annual weeds. The hoeing action aerates the soil and encourages plants to grow as well as retaining moisture.

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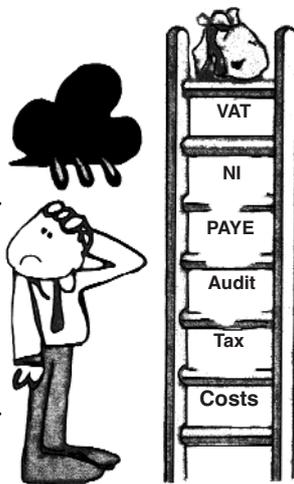
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March	29 Cake Stall 29 Boxford Guides	Boxford Sunflower Playgroup Evening of Entertainment	Outside Boxford News The Spinney	9.00am
April	1 Playingfields committee AGM 2 Gt Waldingfield WI 5 FOB's Quiz Night 5 Newton Drama Group 9 Groton WI 9 LtL Waldingfield Luncheon Club 11 Boxford School 11 Edwardstone & Boxford C.C. 12 Children With Lukaemia 12 Table sale Gt Waldingfield WI 14 Boxford over 60's 18 St Lawrence Church LtL W 23 Newton Village Hall /25/26 Boxford Drama Group 26 Edwardstone PCC Cheese and Wine 26 Boxford Rovers Fun Run 27 Fly the Eye - Walk the Parks 27 Edwardstone & Boxford C.C 27 Boxford & District Bowls Club 28 Boxford Annual Parish Meeting 28 Edwardstone Annual Parish Meeting 28 Whist Drive 28 Boxford over 60's 29 Boxford Community Council AGM 18 St Lawrence Lt Waldingfield	Surprising Suffolk Antiques Road Show Term Ends Pre Season Meeting Charity dance and Fish Supper Talk and Slides The Easter Story St Georges and Shakespear day Murder Mystery Boxford Footpathers First Match of the season Season Opens Newton Village Hall Community Fire Safety The Easter Story	Pavilion Village Hall Boxford School Hall Village Hall WI Hall Evergreen White Hart Boxford Village hall Village Hall Village Hall In Church Newton Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Depart Boxford Bowls Club Village Hall Village Hall Village Hall Pavilion	8.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 2.00pm 7.30pm 12-2pm 8-12midnight 10.30-2.30pm 2.30 9.30am 7.30 TBA 7.45am 2.30pm 8.00pm 2.30 8.00pm 9.30am
May	1 Local Elections 3 Dance to the Beavers 3 Fireside Club 9 1st Boxford Scout Group AGM 12 Boxford Parish Council AGM 14 Boxford Community Council 15 Little Waldingfield Parish Council 22/24 Fare trade stall	Boxford Community Council Newton Green (Refreshments available) Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall Spinney Bell House Boxford White Hart Parish Rooms Marys House	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm
June	1 Boxford Gardens Open Day 4 Boxford Community Council 7 Summer Fun Day 7 Edwardstone Church Concert 14 Spinney Fun Day 15 Boxford Rovers 15 Edwardstone Gardens Open 17 Save the Children 21 Boxford Sunflower Group 21 Summer Fete	Boxford PCC Senior Citizens Outing Boxford Playing Fields Presentation Day Coffee Morning 30th Anniversary Celebrations Groton PCC	Boxford Stoke by Nayland Club 50 Daking Avenue Boxford Pavilion Groton Manor	10.30am
July	4/5/6 Boxford Drama Group 5 Boxford St Mary's Fete 5 FOB's Summer Dance 12 Presidents Day 12 LtL Waldingfield Playing Field 20 FOB's Fun Day	60's Nights Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club 'Beavers Dance'	Boxford Village Hall Parsonnage Farm Nayland Village Hall Boxford Playing Fields The Playing Field Boxford school playingfield	8.00pm 2.00pm 7.30pm 2.00pm 8pm-12 2-6pm
September	18/2 Oct Boxford to Boxford IV	Visit to Boxford MA		
October	4 Harvest Supper 18 Annual Dinner Dance	Groton PCC Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club	WI Hall The Stoke by Nayland Club	7.30pm 7.00pm
November	1 Boxford Community Council 1 Boxford Village Hall 28 FOB's Xmas Fayre	Firework Display Guy Fawkes Dance and Bar	Boxford Playing Fields Boxford Village Hall Boxford School Hall	6.30
December	6 Wine and Cheese Party 14/15 Fobs Santa Run 31 Boxford Village Hall	Groton PCC Biggest Village New Year Bash	WI Hall Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm 8 till late
	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			

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Bryn Hurren, District Councillor, Reports

With the co-operation of local folk I have managed to arrange for the Lavenham 15 seater Community Bus to run a service from Boxford (Homefield), Groton and Edwardstone to Sudbury on Tuesday 25th March starting from Homefield at 9.30am and picking up passengers from Groton and Edwardstone on the way through to Sudbury and getting them back again by lunch time. If this service is successful and proves of use to the residents of the three villages who have difficulty making the journey under other circumstances it may be possible to extend it to include another week day or to hire a bigger bus. Please contact me if you think this service will be of help to you or you think this service will be of help to you or should you wish to have the name of the local co-ordinator. You can get me on 01473 822737 or at Bryn Hurren, Sampsons Lodge, Hall Road, Kersey.

Good news concerning Housing is on the front page of this issue. PS I am standing for re-election as your Babergh District Councillor at the local elections to be held on May 1st. More details in due course
Bryn Hurren, District Councillor

DEMANDBROADBAND.COM - (EDWARDSTONE):

Edwardstone has joined up with neighbouring villages in an attempt to get broadband into our area. If you are interested, please contact me and I will deliver information sheets and details on how to register your interest. Only registered households can be included in the business case needed for the entry into a bid for funds for this area.

The competition, which closes at the end of April, is being run by the East of England Development Agency who have £3.3m to hand out in grants to the winners of the competition. The more people we get to register the better our case will be when the judging commences in May. Participating villages: Stoke by Nayland, Nayland, Leavenheath, Boxford, Groton, Edwardstone, Higham, Assington and Thorington Street.

Readers Letters

Sir

I should like to call your readers' attention to the complete vandalism of the bank below the Old Court House at Cox Hill, Boxford. This act was, I assume, carried out by the County Council in a misplaced effort to save money.

It's the first time, what is presumably, the essential cutting back of the young trees and bushes growing down the bank has been done in this way, ie quite literally to smash them to pieces with a flail until the whole site looks like a World War 1 battlefield, and will, I imagine, remain looking like this for months to come.

Surely the County Council in their wisdom - or whatever body is responsible - could have spared a few extra pounds to have the job done properly?

Virginia Budd, Boxford

Boxford Bounty Draw Results January - February 2003

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank the Community Council for allowing members of the community to draw the following winners during the fun and games night on 8th March 2003:

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BOXFORD OVER 60'S

The Boxford Over 60's Club meets fortnightly at 2.30pm in the Boxford Village Hall for talks, outings and various activities.

APRIL 2003

March 31st Village Hall 2.30pm

April 14th Talk with slides, Boxford Village Hall 2.30pm

April 28th Talk, Community Fire Safety, 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

Hadleigh Choral Society with members of the Colchester Orchestra will perform their spring concert on Saturday 12th April at St Mary's Church Hadleigh starting at 7.30pm. There will be a performance of Elgar's great choral work *The Music Makers*, which is based on Arthur O'Shaughnessy's poem of the same name. The second work to be performed is Alan Ridout's *The Canticle of Joy*, which was commissioned for the Three Choirs Festival in 1994 in honour of the composers 60th birthday. Elizabeth Stokes will sing the solo part in the Elgar and Timothy Kenworthy Brown and Howard Robinson the soloists for the Ridout. Tickets £8; concessions £6 and children (16 and under) £4 can be obtained from *The Idler Bookshop*, 37 High Street, Hadleigh or by telephone (01473 822872) and at the door on the evening of the performance.

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.

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.

Fair Trade Stall

Advance Notice There will be a Fair Trade stall at Mary's 22-24 May. Plenty of foodstuffs, jewellery, gifts and crafts on sale, to support fair trading suppliers across the world. Please come and browse. 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 • . All will be very welcome. Coffee in the garden, weather permitting. *Joan Smith, Anne Holdgate, and Jean Saunders*

Boxford Playingfields Management Committee

We look forward to seeing you at our AGM to be held on Tuesday, 1st April at 7.30 in the Pavilion - we hope that representatives from all organisations who use the Playingfields will be present.

At our Summer Fun Day to be held on Saturday 7th June we are hoping to hold a plant stall. We desperately need plants and seedlings and any contributions will be very gratefully received. Please contact *Fiona Phillips* on 210187

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm on Monday 28th April 2003

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL welcomes the people of Boxford to the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm on Monday 28th April 2003 in Boxford Village Hall. The chairman will report on the Council's activities over the past year. The annual finance statement will be presented. It is hoped the guest speaker will be *Mr Martin Aust* of Flagship Housing who will talk about the new social housing planned in Boxford. Questions from the public will be welcomed.

Boxford Toddlers

On Wednesday 2nd April there will be an opportunity to make Easter Cards and Bags. The bags are for the Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on Wednesday 9th April in Boxford Village Hall. Please join us! We run between 10:00am - 12:00noon every Wednesday during term time.

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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.

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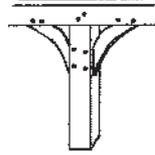
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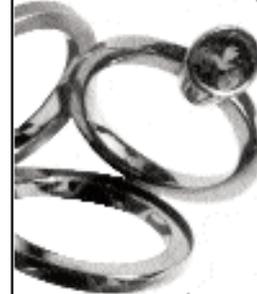
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

Dear All

As I struggle to write this, the world is on the brink of war, yet again, and all our futures look uncertain. Many will be anxious for the people of Iraq - how must they be feeling as they wait for the powers to decide their fate? How are the ordinary people going about their routine of life? I can only try and imagine their fear. Many of us will be anxious for friends and relatives involved in the fighting, and we hold all in our prayers and hearts. Whether we think war is right or not, all those involved in governments and armies need the wisdom and justice and humanity that comes from God, and not from politicians.

And Easter? What does the message of the risen Christ say to our world today? Easter resurrection came after the crucifixion of Good Friday, and I believe God's message to the whole world is that good and right and justice will triumph, but our crucifixion both in Iraq and in the rest of the world will be first - we all must share the sadnesses and horrors and guilt of an unequal world divided against itself. Life is never certain or predictable, never promises to be easy or painless; but. God holds us in His hands, and finally, "all will be well".

In the words of John Winthrop in 1630... "Beloved, there is now set before us life and good, death and evil, hatred and despair. Therefore, let us choose life and good that we and our seed may live together with brotherly love....."

With all the world we pray, this Easter:

"Lord Jesus, your sign of reconciliation is the cross in all its breadth and length and height and depth... Teach us to share it with you and our sisters and brothers, so that we may learn to act justly, to walk humbly, to love tenderly..... and so waiting upon the Spirit become instruments of your peace to the glory of the Father. Amen, so be it."

Pauline Lamming

There will be a time of prayer and vigil each **Saturday morning 9.00-9.30 a.m.** in Groton church, as we pray together for peace. PLEASE JOIN US, STARTING SAT. 22 MARCH.

GENERAL BENEFICE NEWS

FAIR TRADE STALL-ADVANCE NOTICE:

There will be a Fairtrade Stall at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, on May 22 to 24. Plenty of foodstuffs, jewellery, gifts and crafts on sale, to support fairly trading suppliers across the world. Please come and browse! Pauline Lamming

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Prayer is a dimension of peacemaking in which we can all engage. Prayer unites us to God, and works in us the mind of Christ. Prayer can also liberate us and lead us to a new space where God's perspective can enlarge our own. *Christopher Kingsbury*

ROTAS:

Sunday 6th:

Sunday 13th:

Easter Sunday 20th:

Readers

J Newble

D Day

R Whiting

P Rich

C Kingsbury

M Bishop

B Thorpe

Sidesmen

D Day

D Simpson

P Rich

C Kingsbury

B Thorpe

A Kingsbury

BOX RIVER CLUB:

New members are always welcome. Meets in the School Hall. *Janet Daniels*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 10TH - 17TH MAY:

Saturday 10th May: 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon - a coffee morning at Jenny Lindsley's home, Cox Hill Boxford.

Sunday 11th May: A Christian Aid service 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 17th May: A cake stall in the village from 9 am.

Collectors needed!: Please contact Janet Daniels 210798 or Brenda Lock 210217 to assist with this please. *Janet Daniels*

PCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13TH APRIL:

The meeting will be held in Church after the 6.30 p.m. Evensong Service on Palm Sunday 13th April.

Nomination forms for the election of churchwardens should be obtained from the PCC secretary. This year nominations must be received prior to the election at the AGM. *CK*

MATTERS OF FAITH: Luke 18:10-14

The more I remember to identify with the tax collector, the more grateful I am - because in and of myself, I am nothing. My life itself is a gift from Almighty God, and my sins, which are considerable, have been forgiven by my Lord, Jesus Christ. In gratitude, I try to live my life more in the imitation of Christ every day. But when I forget to do so, and that may be often, I have to rely on God's grace for daily forgiveness and strength. It isn't easy, but it's worth it. *CK*

SMILE LINES:

Notice outside a ladies dress shop: "Don't stand outside and faint at our prices, come inside and have a fit!" *CK*



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elders:

*Antony Dodd 210397
Peter Welstand 210525*

REGISTERS: 10th March Burial of Ashes
VERA LILY BLATCH.

ANNUAL MEETINGS – 24th APRIL 2003

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 24th April 2003. This meeting, which is open to anyone on the local government electoral register, is to elect Churchwardens for the coming year. This will be followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This meeting, which is open to anyone on the electoral roll of the church, is to receive a report on the work of the PCC during the past year and to elect members of the PCC for the coming year.
Antony Dodd

CHEESE & WINE EVENING, Saturday 26th April, at 7.30 pm

We are having a Cheese and Wine evening on Saturday, 26th April 2003, at Ladder Farm Hall by kind permission of Mr Peter Dawson.

Tickets £5 from Marlene Clarke (210689), Ineke Morris (210761) or any member of Edwardstone PCC.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - CONCERT:

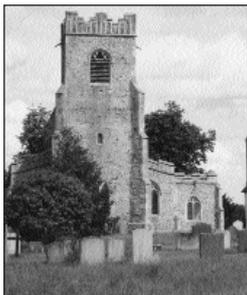
There will be an evening concert in Edwardstone Church on Saturday 7th June 2003.

The organist will be Keith Bond from Aldburgh Parish Church and The Kirby Consort will be singing. Tickets £5 to include glass of wine and nibbles. All enquiries to Jan Paul on 210972.

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

April 6: Mrs Dodd/Margaret & Roy Richardson;
April 13: Mrs Tregear/Margaret & Roy Richardson;
April 20: Mr Currey/Mr & Mrs Dodd;
April 27: Combined Benefice Service (LtW)
Mr & Mrs Dodd;

May 4: Mr Saddleton/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
Joy Sellers 210275*

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (for the election of churchwardens) will be held on Thursday 3 April 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the WI Hall. This will be followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will receive the annual report from the Parochial Church Council and the annual accounts. This meeting is your opportunity to ask questions about parochial church matters and raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. Anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll is entitled to attend the APCM. (If you are not sure if you are on the roll, check with the copy displayed on the noticeboard in the church porch.) The APCM also elects members to serve on the PCC for the coming year. Please put the date in your diary and come! *David Lamming*

GROTON CHURCHYARD:

With spring in the air the grass-cutting season is nearly upon us!

Indeed, writing this on 17 March there is already the smell of new-mown grass around the parish. Soon it will be time to start mowing the grass in the churchyard. Last year churchyard maintenance cost over £1,700 and the PCC is looking at ways to reduce this. One suggestion is to designate part of the churchyard as a 'wild' area where wild flowers would be encouraged to grow. This idea, which would still require a degree of active management, is being investigated but the remaining grassed areas of the churchyard would continue to need regular mowing and edge cutting. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this task. If you are willing to help for an hour or two a month, please contact Pat Bowdidge on 211553.

ROTAS:

April

May

Flowers:

Lent – Easter

Miss D Finch

Cleaning:

Mrs Y Skinner

Mrs B Riddleston

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr J Sellers

Mrs B Riddleston



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Anne Miller, Newman's Hall; tel 249888

Lay Elders:

Tim Harbord 247034

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER:

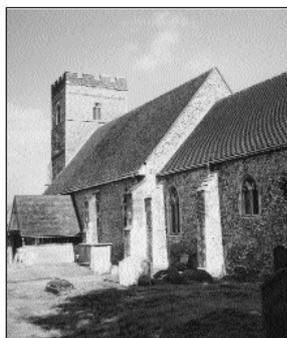
We shall be grateful for any help to decorate the Church for Easter please. *Anne Miller*

SERVICE - GOOD FRIDAY:

On Good Friday, 18th April at 9.30 a.m., there will be a short Benefice Family Service. There will be lots of participation for Children and Adults. Children please bring along Easter Card or Decoration made by yourself. The Service will be followed by refreshments and Hot Cross Buns in the Parish Room Church Road. Everyone Welcome. Sandra Harbord

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

April 6: Mr Barrie Squirrel/No flowers;
April 13: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Clive;
April 20: Mrs Gardiner/Mrs Farthing;
April 27: Mrs Farthing & Mr C Bowden
(Combined Benefice Service)/Mrs Bridges;
May 4: Mr C Bowden/Mrs Fernando-Martin.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:

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

Lay Elders:

*Jean Green 373383
& Diana Stock 312828*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH will take place on Monday 28 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Church. Churchwardens will be elected and the PCC will report on activities during the past year. There will be an election of PCC members for the coming year. All Parishioners will be very welcome. *Diana Stock*

NEWTONEERS:

Easter Special – Pizza Party. Monday 7 April from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. *Diana Stock*

**Copy date for Church News section in the May
Box River News: Please, no later than 15th April 2003**

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

What's going on in the spinney today?



1st Boxford Guides

The 1st Boxford Guides were established in 1956, meetings were held originally in the village hall but when the Spinney land was acquired, the guides moved into the hut.

Presently we have 35 girls from 10-16 years of age, who take part in a wide range of activities. Last year we enjoyed 8 holidays or camps the highlight being our 2 week trip to Norway, spending one week at a national Norwegian Scout and Guide camp and the other one travelling and staying in Sandane with Norwegian families.

Our older group, who have already gained their Baden Powell badges, are currently working for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. A new group have now begun their Baden Powell Trefoil.

The guide programme has changed considerably in the last few years to keep up with the times but the younger girls also participate in traditional guide activities for which the Spinney is so suited: their favourite still being outdoor cooking and camping.



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Boxford to Boxford IV, 18/9/03



Members of the party meet in the Fleece

Boxford to Boxford IV held its second meeting at the Fleece on Tuesday 11th March. Some 28 Boxfordians and others have now signed up for the trip and there is still room for more to join the party due to depart for Boxford MA on 18th September for a 5 day festival after which the main party will be dispersing over the USA for a period of ten days returning on 2nd October. Others will return earlier and some intend to remain for longer periods to tour the USA and even venture in to Canada.

A full programme awaits the party when they arrive in Boxford MA including the Apple Festival, Music Festival, a Whale Watch, Visits to Boston, B B Q's and an International Indoor Carpet Bowls Match in Village Hall at Four Mile Village in Boxford.

Thought is being given to flying Icelandair with a three day stop over in Iceland on the return journey, a nice break in the long journey over 'The Pond'.

Anyone interested in joining the party should contact *Eddie Kench* on 01787 211507



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FUTURE CHAMPIONS



The under 8s, managed by Malcolm Nice and trained by Andy Woodthorpe, recently played an away friendly against much fancied league opposition St. John's from Ipswich. The many parents that supported the team saw a superb performance from the young Boxford players Patrick Duveme scoring a hat trick, Toby Parsons x2, Dominic Holton and Sam Fovarge each bagging a single goal. The skill and passion shown by Joshua Short, Daniel Cromar, Jack Columb and Steven Nice in goal shows a good potential for next year when they too will join the league.

BOXFORD TENNIS CLUB

Membership: As summer approaches, it's time to renew your annual membership - or to join for the first time!

Prices remain the same for the third successive year : Adults £30, Juniors £15 and Families £50. Members are entitled to unlimited free use of the courts (subject to availability - booking is advisable on 211403), as well as subsidised coaching.

All existing members will be sent renewal forms to be completed and returned with payment by March 31st. Anyone wishing to join should contact *Ally Roberts (210212)*.

Coaching: Adult and junior coaching sessions with club coach, Richard Porter, have continued to prove extremely enjoyable throughout the year, made possible for the juniors during the winter months by our excellent floodlights. After two years' co-ordinating the junior coaching, Louise Renshaw has decided the time has come to "retire". These sessions are very popular with a great many children and for them to continue, we need someone (or possibly two people) to volunteer to take them over. If you are willing to help or would like information on any of the courses, please contact *Diana Hawke(211403)*.

We are planning to have the courts re-painted in the near future, providing an even better - and safer - playing surface. Funding from various local sources is anticipated, with the club itself covering a substantial proportion of the cost.

We are very lucky to have such an excellent facility in the village and the better the local support and involvement, the greater the improvements that can be made.

The club's AGM will be held on April 29th at 8p.m. at the Playing Fields Pavilion - anyone is welcome to come along to find out more about the club, to make suggestions or to offer help with its organisation.

Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club PRE-SEASON GET TOGETHER

The cricket season is fast approaching and with this in mind, the club will be holding its pre-season get together on Friday 11th April 2003 at 8.00pm at the White Hart Pub. So if you have played for the club in the past, playing for the club presently, or would like to play for us, please come along and join us for a pint (or two!). We are always keen to hear from new players. There will also be a bite to eat. For more information, please contact *Sally Gooderham on (01787) 211805*.

COLTS CRICKET COACHING

Colts will now run on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm-8.00pm at Boxford Playing Fields, cost £1.00. The first session starts on Wednesday 30th April 2003. The coaching sessions are for young people aged between 11-16 and both boys and girls are welcome. The coaching is provided by our qualified coaches and all aspects of the game are covered. All equipment is provided. Hopefully, the EBCC colts will be able to play some games against other colts sides as the season progresses. For more information, please contact *Adrian Gooderham, Colts Coach on (01787 211805)*.

123 CLUB RESULTS 1st prize £15, 2nd prize £9, 3rd prize £6

December 02 1st B Young 2nd J Williams 3rd A Williams

January 03 1st R Newson 2nd L Gibbons 3rd M Richardson

February 03 1st M Finlay 2nd G Gooderham 3rd Michael Gooderham

March 03 1st N Towell 2nd R Chidgey 3rd G Hayton

HOME GAMES

Sunday 27th April against Twinstead 2.00pm.

Sunday 4th May against Horringer 2.15pm.

Sunday 18th May against Mellis 2.15pm.

All home games are played at Boxford Playing Fields and we look forward to seeing you!

Local Walks

Lavenham Rambling Club

All walks on Sundays twice monthly. Programme for April - May has not yet been received, but phone *Graham on 01787 248128* for details. Everyone is welcome to join these walks which start at 2pm and last for about two hours.

Wormingford

Easter Sunday Walk. 20th April. Walk with Trevor and Ellen in this beautiful area of the Stour Valley. Meet at Wormingford Village Hall making a 2pm start for a two hour walk at an easy pace. Leaders *Trevor and Ellen Nicholas 01206 241991*

Ramblers Association Walks

Tuesday 1st April. Turn Right at the Wrongs - meet at the Recreation Ground, Blackhouse Lane, Great Cornard off B1508 for a circular walk in Stourdale. Pause for a shortlunch stop in Sudbury. 10 miles. Leader *Derek 01206 570168*.

Sunday 6 April. Hadleigh/Boxford Meet Hadleigh car park 10am start. Walk to Boxford via Pitches Mount and Groton. Bring picnic lunch. No dogs, 11 miles *Alan 01206 230791*

Sunday April 20th Bures/Mount Bures meet Community Centre car park beside Bures Village Hal. Figure of eight. 10am start Overhill farm back via Ager Fen PM start 13.45 to Mount Bures, back via Ferrers Barn. Lunch Bures 5.5 and 4.5 miles. Leader *Jean 01206 392740*

Thursday 24 April Pebmarsh area Figure of 8. Meet at the new Village Hall car park, adjacent school.. Bar snacks available at 'The Kings Head' Pebmarsh or picnic nearby. AM walk starts 10.00 approx 5.5 miles. PM walk starts at 13.00 or when lunch finished, 4.5 miles Leader *Janet 01787 227929*

Parish Council Matters

Lt Waldingfield PC

The Parish Council met on Thursday 6th March.

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

Finance. We have received £584 from Suffolk CC, being our share of the Local Budget and this will be put in the Church Wall Fund. £8.70 was received from the Bottle Bank.

Correspondence received from Suffolk Accident Rescue and Care & Repair requesting donations. Donations of £25 and £30, respectively, were agreed.

PC Ruth Horton advised us that there had been no crimes reported but that a motorist passing through the village had failed a breath test. She is hoping to do a speed check in the Street soon.

Our Parish Clerk, Mary Thorogood, has sadly resigned after looking after our affairs most efficiently for 5 years. As a mark of our gratitude, the councillors presented her with a card, an Acer and a garden voucher.

We are lucky to have recruited Millie Hepinstall to fill the vacancy and look forward to working with her in the future.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 16th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

BROADBAND FOR COMPUTER USERS

Our attempt to bring Broadband to this area via the East of England Development Agency competition continues. We have joined forces with the nearby parishes of Nayland, Stoke by Nayland, and Leavenheath to make a combined entry. I am very grateful for the effort and the expertise of our neighbours as I fear that my own skills would not be sufficient for this very complex project, to say nothing of the necessary commitment of time which I would not have been able to meet. The deadline for completed entries has been moved back to 30th April 2003. The results should be available in July.

Thank you to all those who registered with www.demandbroadband.com and then sent their details to me. I sometimes hear from people who say they have already applied to BT or to NTL. These people, if they wish to support this local effort, which might be our only chance of getting broadband for many years to come, should please register NOW at the above e.mail address and when they have received an emailed receipt, could they please contact me at ann.jessop@btopenworld.com with their details. Although the project is now well advanced, the more applicants we have on the EEDA website, the greater our chance of success. If you are not sure if you want Broadband anyway, the website will give you some information.

Boxford Parish Council thanks you for your help. *AJ*

STREET LIGHTS IN BOXFORD

As from 1st April 2003, Boxford Parish Council will contract out to Suffolk County Council the care and maintenance of the parish owned street lights. From this date, any reports of faulty lights should not be reported via the parish clerk but can be reported directly to SCC at any time using the freephone number **0800 591 055**. This number will be found on the lighting columns. Please give the serial number or the exact location of the light when making a report. Boxford Parish Council thanks you for your help.

BE SURE YOU ARE NOT CONNED

Here's the picture You're sitting comfortably at home Knock at the door. You respond and find a smartly dressed lady, somewhat troubled. She explains that her car has broken down and she needs to contact her husband to come to her aid. Can she use your phone? You agree to this but being the observant NW type you Stand by ss she makes the call She dials a number, asks to be put through to Mr X. She hangs on for about 30 seconds then continues "in that case can you ask him to leave the meeting for

a minute? I need to speak to him quite urgently" She apologises to you explaining they are getting him out of a meeting. A couple of minutes go by and she starts to speak to her husband She explains the situation to him , tells him what has happened to the car, is annoyed because she can't get to her meeting and asks what she should do now. She listens for a few seconds and then says "Well as soon as the meeting finishes you can come to paradise road (or whatever) where the car has broken down?". Another few seconds go by "OK I'll see you in about twenty minutes then". She puts the phone down and thanks you ever so much for your kind assistance even offering you a pound for your trouble but of course you decline saying it's no trouble. She leaves and everything is fine. Or is it.

The day or week before knocking on your door she set up her own premium rate line with a telephone company at a cost of about £150 and has dictated that calls to that number should be charged at £50 per minute. She has dialled that number. The conversation she has had with her husband was entirely fictitious - there is a pre-recorded voice message on the other end to give you the impression she is talking to someone. She has been on your phone for about five minutes - that call just cost you £250 the majority of which goes into her pocket. The first you know about it is when you get your bill a month later. To rub a bit of salt into the wound, she hasn't even committed a criminal offence. You've given her permission to use your phone.

This happened on at least five occasions in Luton, so why not anywhere in Suffolk!

FORWARDED IS FOREARMED!

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm on Monday 28th April 2003

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL welcomes the people of Boxford to the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm on Monday 28th April 2003 in Boxford Village Hall. The chairman will report on the Council's activities over the past year. The annual finance statement will be presented. It is hoped the guest speaker will be Mr Martin Aust of Flagship Housing who will talk about the new social housing planned in Boxford. Questions from the public will be welcomed.

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 10 March 2003 at 7.30 pm

SWAN STREET PARKING: In response to a letter from the Assistant Clerk, Mr Nunn of Highways had replied stating his observations on the situation and suggesting the best way forward would be for the Councillors to have a site meeting with their Traffic Management Technician, Mr Adrian Carden to discuss possible solutions. At the same time, the provision of a disabled parking space could be addressed. The Council agreed.

POLICE REPORT: The Clerk read out a report from PC Finbow - there had been theft of diesel on 11 February and the vehicle involved had been found alight in a field off the A1071. Another vehicle had been "interfered with" in the layby on the Sudbury side of the village and soon after that a vehicle was stolen from Fen Street and subsequently found in Ipswich. Suspects had been detained. On 21 February another vehicle "was entered" in the village and play station equipment taken; enquiries were ongoing. PC Finbow also pointed out that she had been asked to oversee both the South Hadleigh villages as well as those in North Hadleigh. She would do her best to attend our meetings but they did coincide with other village meeting dates.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: Mr Hurren reported that he had received notification of work to be carried out on the forecourt of the garage in Ash Street and would commence in March/April. It was still being discussed as to the exact location of the Stone Street noticeboard - planning permission may be required and the matter was passed to the Environment Committee. There was nothing to report on Local Needs Housing . Plans to modify the Ash Street bridge at Brookside were passed around - it would cost in the region of

Boxford Community Council

Notes of executive committee meeting 12th march

MATTERS ARISING

The Ralf Tugman plaque has now been erected in the pavilion. It has been confirmed that Boxford Community Council is the owner of the pavilion at the Playingfields.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Peter has received a letter from Revd. Malcolm Prescott suggesting the St Mary's Church, Boxford, be used as a "village hall". Peter is to respond that this is a good idea in principle but fairly impractical bearing in mind the fixed pews and heating costs.

Peter further reported that the Grants Committee had met earlier to discuss the application received from Boxford Village Hall in respect of construction of disabled toilets and general refurbishment. A pledge of £500 was agreed towards the £8000 projected costs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephanie reported that current situation is:

Current Account £1543 Capital Reserve £2076 Deposit Account (COIF) £2561 TOTAL £6180

Plus Boxford Bounty income of £4857. However, it should be noted that the majority of this year's funds are now in but prize money of around £1500 for the year has to be paid out (£270 in total per draw). This gives a total balance of £11037.

Outstanding commitments:

- Money held in respect of skateboard project - £96
- Car park commitment - 5 times £500 over 5 years
- Senior Citizens' Mystery Outing - around £8-900.
- £500 pledge made to Boxford Village Hall Committee for disabled toilet installation.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT David Gasson reported that the Fun & Games Night held on 8 March went very well and thanks to all who helped and participated, particularly to the Hibben family who ran the bar, Doug Impett and Stephanie Atkins, and the catering ladies. A profit in the region of £850 was

made. The next event is the Beavers Dance on 3 May. Tickets will be sold from Boxford News (when priced and printed!) around 3 weeks beforehand - further details will be found in the April Newsletter. The Senior Citizens' Mystery Outing has been finalised and will take place this year on 4 June. Any Senior Citizens from the 3 parishes very welcome - likewise any volunteer drivers! Date of 1 November has been set for this year's Fireworks Spectacular.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

FOBS: Debbie Miller was welcomed to her first meeting and gave out list of this year's events:

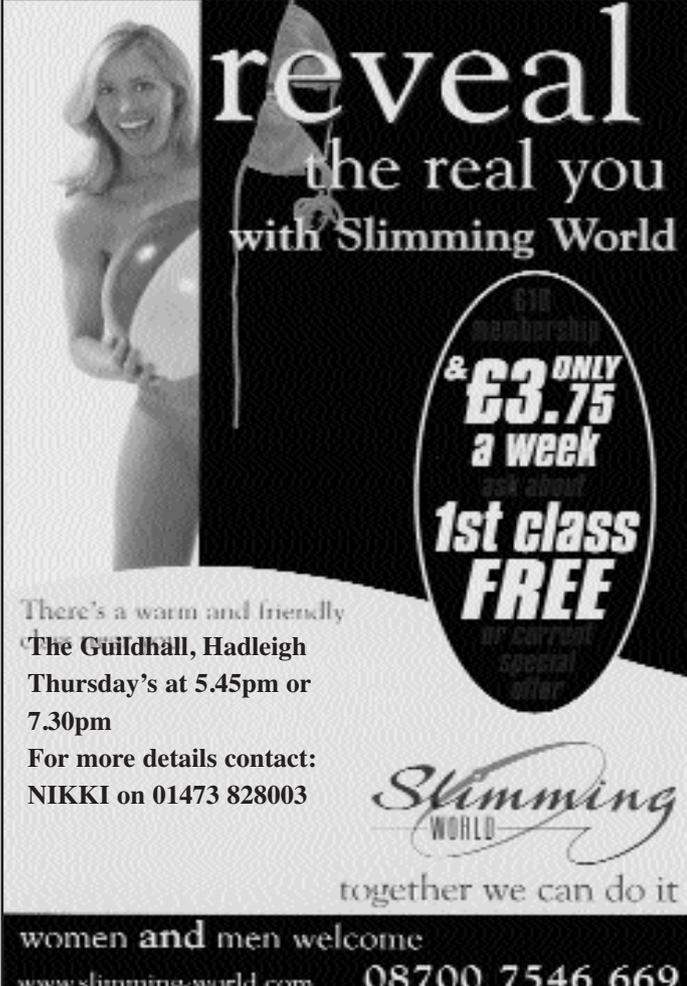
- Sat 5 April: Quiz Evening - fully booked.
- Sat 5 July: Dance with Band at Nayland Village Hall.
- Fun Day at the school will be held on 20 July and all welcome.
- Christmas Fayre - 28 Nov.
- Santa Run - 14/15 Dec.

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL: John Kent reported that in addition to the new road signs there would be "Unsuitable for Heavy Good Vehicle" signs at both Spout Hill and Pound Lane. Bus hardstanding is being pushed for at Park Corner and Parliament Heath. The footpath from Groton Church to the mulberry tree has been officially diverted. Elections looming on 1st May and volunteer councillors are being sought.

BOX RIVER NEWS Local Organisations Directory printed in last newsletter with over 60 Boxford groups listed. Demand for the newsletter has gone up and the print run has been increased.

BOXFORD TO BOXFORD IV: 28 definitely travelling to Massachusetts.

BOXFORD ROVERS YOUTH FC: Roger Cunningham confirmed that there were 7 teams in the leagues and a huge swarm of minis. The U8s recently played a friendly against St Johns (who are second in their league in Ipswich) and, as this was their very first match, they didn't know what to expect. Boxford won 7-2, easing up when 4-0 ahead, which sounds very promising. Next event is 3 mile Fun Run on 26 April. This will take place around and to the north of the Playingfields and is being organised by Greg Deeks.



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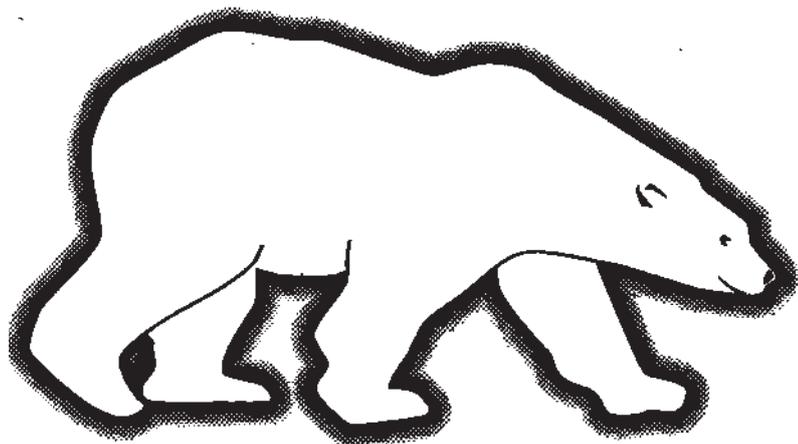
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5th April

Parish Council

3rd May

Fireside Club

For further details contact:

Nancy Harries 01787 374626 Alex. Stevens 01787 374093

Bible Study Group

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

FLY THE EYE -WALK THE PATHS

SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2003

The coach will depart from two points = Boxford Village Centre 7.45am and Sudbury, Kingfisher Car Park 8.00am

The flight has been booked. It is, therefore, essential that we are not late. It is regretted that it will not be possible to pick up en route. If any member of the Boxford Group wish to board the Bus at Sudbury please tell John Harris prior to the 27th. The bus will depart at the time stated.

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club will meet again on the 9th April from 12 - 2 pm at the home of it's founder Mrs Mary Bullard, 'Evergreen', 8 Wade Crescent, Little Waldingfield. Do come along and support Mary, meet other village folk, catch up on all the news and enjoy lunch together.

STOP PRESS - Boxford Drama Group

Due to unforeseen circumstances the forthcoming production of Alan Ayckbourns "Relatively Speaking" due for April 24 to 26 will now take place at the end of the Summer.

We are planning a Murder Mystery entertainment for Friday April 25 and Saturday April 26, complete with a quiz, raffle and prizes and of course a bar. Supper or a light snack will be available during the interval. If you have bought tickets for Relatively Speaking, please call into Boxford News for a full refund.

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON THE POSTERS WHICH WILL BE UP SOON!

BOXFORD SUNFLOWER PLAYGROUP

At last we have our new storage container at the pavilion, which will help enormously with our bulging over crowded cupboards, we would like to thank Steve Taylor for all his help with obtaining the container and especially on Sunday 16th March when he came and gave up his valuable time to site it for us.

Our next project- the outdoor fenced play area- will be started at the end of the month, weather permitting! This is a very exciting time for us all - children and staff!

Plans are now well in hand for the playgroups 30th Anniversary on Saturday 21st June. The fun will start at 4pm with the Grand Draw at 7pm. There will be a licensed bar, barbeque, teas, and plenty to occupy the children, so please come and join us to celebrate this special occasion. We would love to see past parents, staff, and children as well as the present and future ones, for further information please contact *Moira Grant on 01787 211513.* (playgroup secretary)

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APRIL 2003

Wednesday 2 April

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

Sunday 6 April, 5th Sunday of Lent

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>	

Wednesday 9 April

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

Sunday 13 April, Palm Sunday

New	0800	Holy Communion BCP*	John Taylor
Gro	0930	Holy Communion CW1	The Revd. Brian Watling
Edw	1100	Matins	Peter Walstand
Box	1830	Evensong	Graham Brook
LtW		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 16 April

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

Thursday 17 April, Maundy Thursday

Gro	1930	Holy Communion CW1 & Stripping of Altar	The Revd. David Rutherford
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Friday 18 April, Good Friday

LtW	0930	Family Service (Hot Cross Buns) <i>Please see 'What's On'</i>	Tim Harbord
Edw	1200	At the Foot of the Cross	Peter Walstand
Box	1400	Meditations	Revd. Brian Watling

Sunday 20 April, EASTER DAY

Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP*	Antony Dodd
Gro	0930	Holy Communion CW1*	Pauline Lemming/Joy Sellers
LtW	0930	Holy Communion CW1*	John Taylor
New	0930	Holy Communion CW1	Revd. David Rutherford
Box	1100	Choral Communion CW1	Revd. Brian Watling

Wednesday 23 April

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

Sunday 27 April, Easter 1 (BCP), 2nd Sunday of Easter (CW)

LtW	0930	Holy Communion CW1 <i>Combined Benefice Service</i>	Revd. Brian Watling
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Wednesday 30 April

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

MAY 2003

Sunday 4 May, Easter 2 (BCP), 3rd Sunday of Easter (CW)

Box	0800	Holy Communion BCP	To be advised
LtW	0930	Holy Communion CW	" " "
Gro	1100	Matins	" " "
Edw	1830	Evensong	
New		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 7 May

Box	1030	Holy Communion	To be advised
LtW	1900	Compline	" " "

**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 Wot's On

Newton Village Hall Notes

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*

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*

CHILDREN WITH LUKAEMIA

Charity Dance and Fish Supper

Saturday April 12th 8.00 till 12.00 at Boxford Village Hall. Music by Prism Tickets £10 on sale 01787 211899 or at Boxford Village Stores & Post Office. Good Raffle.

SUFFOLK FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Great Waldingfield WI

When some-one says that they make dolls, you expect to see the typical rag doll - but not those produced by Mrs Adams, the "Doll Lady". She brought well over 20 of her beautiful hand-crafted dolls to our March meeting. Would you believe that she produced them totally from scratch, from their ceramic faces down to their stocking-shod toes (stockings knitted with cotton on no 16 needles!) As if that wasn't enough she has plans to make shoes for them in the future - clever lady!

We were pleased to celebrate Gladys and Gerry Ball's Golden Wedding Anniversary with one of Molly's delicious cakes and a lovely arrangement of flowers from Sheila - I hope there was some cake left for Gerry!

Next month we will be meeting on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30 for a talk on "Surprising Suffolk" - places to show to visitors - useful for those summer outings.

We will be holding a Table Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday April 12th from 10.30am to 2.30pm. The cost of a table will be £5.00 booked in advance or £6.00 on the day.

Linda Lutz 01787 378888

Boxford Art Group

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The first of May will be an important turning point for the future of local councils after a year of so much publicity about possible reorganisation of local government, quality parish status, codes of conduct etc. It is vital that plenty of people are willing to stand for election as well as turn out and vote. This will demonstrate that there is such a strong desire to participate in local government at the grass roots and extend the roles which parishes and small towns already play in improving local communities.

The Suffolk Association of Local Councils is urging everyone to make every effort to encourage both existing members to stand again and new ones to come on board with contested elections if appropriate. The measure of local interest in the well-being of small communities is often shown by high voting figures rather than campaigns for more local powers so:

**PLAY YOUR PART STAND FOR ELECTION
MAKE SURE YOU VOTE ON 1st MAY**

ELECTION IN BOXFORD

Boxford Parish Council requires nine councillors. At the time of writing this, it is not certain whether we have nine candidates. The deadline for candidature is 1st April 2003. If we have more than nine candidates, there will be a ballot on Election Day on 1st May.

Some of the prospective candidates have submitted a short introduction of themselves for this newsletter in case there is a ballot and these are reproduced below.

Richard Gates

I came to the village in 1955 and would now welcome the chance to serve on Boxford Parish Council. I am employed in the village and am currently involved in the Scouts, the Playing Fields, the First Responders, the Bellringers and others.

Veronica Hobbs

I am a Boxfordian, married with a teenage daughter. I am a teaching assistant at the Primary School and I also work at Boxford News. I have been a Councillor for the last four years. I have set up the Boxford connection to Eden Project Youth Club in Sudbury, organised the transport and I regularly escort Boxford teenagers there. I represented the Council on the Village Hall Committee and helped with the recent improvements. I helped to research and I supported the improvements to the cemetery. I try to respond to the concerns of the parish. If I am re-elected I hope to continue to help the people of Boxford.

David House

I have been in Boxford for 32 years and my wife Jacky and I have raised our three children here. I am the current chairman of the Council and am in my third year of office. I have been involved in the Scouts, the Community Council, the Village Hall, the Playing Fields, the Cricket Club, the Rovers, the Spinney, the Youth Club and the Millennium, so I know the parish well. I am fully behind the Affordable Housing Scheme and if elected shall want the Parish Council to active in the selection of the tenants. I believe in the Community of Boxford.

Paula Stacey

I was co-opted onto the Parish Council in May 2002 and I am one of the "younger" councillors. I am married with a son and daughter and have lived in Boxford/Groton most of my life. I would like to continue as a Parish Councillor because I love living in Boxford and care what happens to the village and the villagers.

David Gasson

My family and I moved to Boxford in 1972 and we feel very privileged to live in this village. Since 1973 I have been involved with the community council and for most of that time I have been chairman of the social committee which raises funds to provide grants to local Village Organisations. Also since 1973 I have been involved with the Scouts, the Village Hall, The Playing Fields, Woodland 2000 and for the last 10 years I have been treasurer for the very successful 'Boxford Fleece Jazz'. I am at present a Parish Councillor and I should like to continue in this roll. Please vote for me on May 1st

David George Fraser

My family and I have lived in Boxford for over 21 years. I am a retired Police Officer, and now have my own business as a Private Investigator. We have had good times as well as some bad times, and it is at times like that when a community show its true feelings, and for that I will be eternally grateful. I now feel it is time for me to put something back into the community and have agreed to stand for election to the Boxford Parish Council. David Fraser, 23 Daking Avenue, Boxford

Sarah Atkinson

I moved to Boxford when I was 5 years old and my parents still live in Stone Street. I returned here with my family and our three boys attend Boxford School.

I work part time as an NHS Manager in Ipswich. I believe in maintaining local services to keep the village and community alive.

FOUND—CAMERA CASE.

Found in Howe Road, Groton, an empty camera case, with an unused film inside; "Victory" written on the front, and "Vanguard" written on the side.
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- Are you on the Electoral Register?
- Do you care how your parish is run?
- Are you interested in helping to improve the quality of life in the parish?
- Ever thought about becoming a Parish Councillor?

If you want to be involved in making decisions on issues in your parish then become a candidate in the parish elections on the
1st May, 2003

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Footpaths	Law & Order

Nominations have to be submitted between 25 March and 1 April, 2003 Application forms are available from the Parish Clerk: 210181

Box River Benefice, directory of clubs & Organisations

Boxford Clubs & Organisations

1st Boxford Beaver Scouts	Diana Taylor 210239
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 Fleece Jazz Workshop	David Mayhew 248585
Boxford Gardens Open	Barrie Thorpe 211346
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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	Maureen Cooling 211822
Parochial Church Council	CynthjaWanniarachy 211182
Poppy Appeal	E Fletcher
Primrose Wood	Ian Lindsley 210520
SESAW	Maggie 210888
Toddlers at Boxford	

Newton Clubs & Organisations

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

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

Groton Clubs & Organisations

Groton PCC	Pat Kennedy Scott 210319
Groton WI	Joan Cooper

Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

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

There are still many clubs and organisations in the Benefice that have not provided their details and some above that may need updating. Please be sure you are not left out. Either phone.01787 211507 or follow the editorial instructions on front cover

Boxford Village Hall

March Draw Results

1st	No107	A Gunn, Homefield,	£40
2nd	No 62	Mr Young, White Street Green	£20
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£6000. A meeting had taken place at the White Hart on the subject of a bus service for the village: Barry Rule had offered to provide a bus taking up to 29 people once a week into Sudbury at a cost of £100. It would pick up villagers from Daking Avenue then Groton and Edwardstone There might be funds available from the Community Transport Scheme but once these ran out, then money would be required from the precepts of the three villages in order to keep the service running. We could apply for a grant to run the service for three months. The Chairman would approach Edwardstone and Groton Parish Councils, discuss the subject with them and revert to the next meeting. Mr Hurren reported there was a service available that came from Lavenham but this was thought unsuitable as it carried only 15 people and would not reach Boxford until midday.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: Mr Pembroke reported that Council Tax would rise by 18% and this increase was mainly due to the demands in Social Care, (the elderly and children), Road maintenance (oil based products) and Public Sector pay increases. He informed the meeting that £14 million had been diverted by the Government from Suffolk into the Midlands and this had had an enormous impact on the Council's budget. Suggestions for restructuring this budget had been proposed by him but this had been disallowed. He reported on the plans to move County Hall into the TXU Energy building and how it would improve the everyday working situation presently experienced by County Council workers.

FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS: Discussion took place regarding the clarification of the Risk Assessment aspects. A motion will be proposed to accept these at the next meeting.

STREET LIGHTING: All necessary correspondence confirming our acceptance of the Standard contract with the County Council had been finalised.

BT BROADBAND: The Assistant Clerk would endeavour to go to all possible meetings on this subject and report accordingly. She would be attending the next one on 12 March.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: Church clock - Mr Nutt had inspected it and we awaited his quotation. Churchyard - A letter had been received from Mr Mortimer to say he would not be willing to undertake the work on the fence only. It was decided that this work be done by the National Probation Service workers. The Clerk would write to the NPS to ask them to do this in the near future. Concerning the trees, no estimates had been received from Messrs Clifford or Mortimer so it was suggested the Tree Specialist at Babergh District Council, Beverley Wallace be contacted for advice.

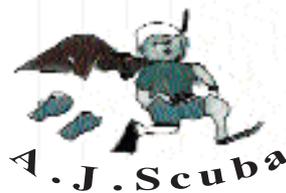
STONE STREET FOOTPATH: The Clerk had had a site meeting with Mr Russell Ross and liaised with Mr Nunn of Highways with the information obtained. An assessment needed to be carried out and this would be done by a Mr Keith Sampson

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3): Mr Rice reported that he had received the appropriate forms for funding for the new year from the Clerk and proposed to the meeting that he continue with the work on P3 for a further year. This was unanimously agreed by the Council. It was further agreed that the National Probation Service workers be given £20 per day for travel expenses whilst they carried out the footpaths project.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: A letter had been sent to the Department of Culture, Media & Monuments in connection with the War Memorial in the churchyard, requesting Ancient Monument status. The local Youth Club had written to thank us for our cheque and would endeavour to send a representative in the near future to a meeting to make a report.

REPORT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS: Mr Rice confirmed the American memorabilia would be put up in the second week of April. Mrs Cull reported that the wild flower area in the churchyard would soon be cut by Mr Crighton. Mrs Hobbs reported that she had received only four replies to her letter concerning the new arrangements at the Eden Project in Sudbury. (That children under 13 would no longer be required to stay within the confines of the building and so could wander)..o

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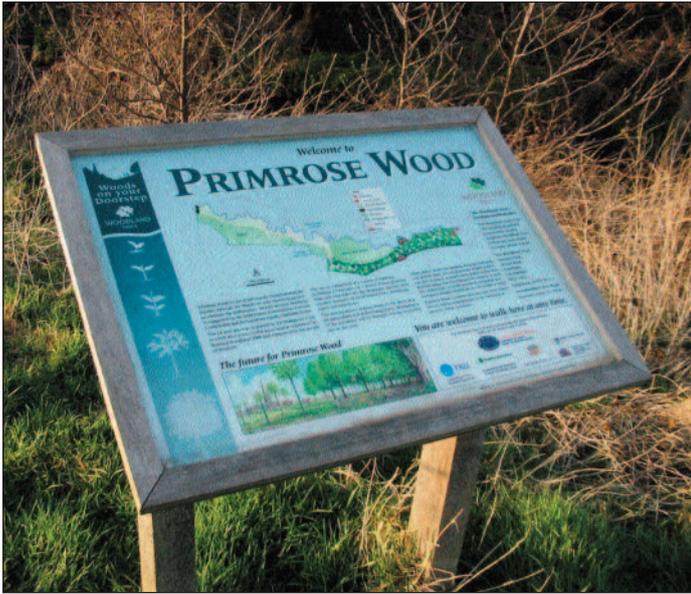
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Primrose Wood



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The next working party will be on Monday 14th April, meeting in the woodland at 2.30 p.m. The tasks will be light but important, cleaning out the tree guards so bring gardening gloves and checking the trees. Further details from *Jennie or Ian Lindsley* (210 520), all are welcome and advice and support will be on hand.

Mic. Ryder, the new Woodland Trust Officer, who is responsible for Primrose Wood and indeed for all the other woods they own in Suffolk and Norfolk will be joining us for the afternoon so this is your chance to get to know him. If you are interested in helping but cannot make that session please contact us.

Jennie and Ian attended a conference on the work of the Woodland Trust in March at Stevenage. The Trust officers described the many exciting projects they have underway at present and the way in which the Trust is changing its organisation to meet the many new demands upon its time and funds.

They are particularly concerned about the number of ancient woodlands which were replanted with conifers in the period from 1930 to 1950. They are working to return them to their former glory and undertaking research as to the best way of achieving this. This work is being undertaken in partnership with the Forestry Commission and many private owners.

They are working on several projects to link the fragmented remains of several ancient woodlands to see how natural regeneration can be achieved. They also have large scale work being undertaken at Tring Park to look at ways of increasing the biodiversity of the area.

A considerable effort is being made to track the impact of global warming on the timing of the seasons and how this is changing the distribution of various species. Attractive materials have been produced to enable individuals to join in this work.

Several people from this village are involved in the preparations to create a large new woodland at Fordham, at present this involves surveying the flora and fauna of the area and carrying out a detailed archaeological survey of the area.

The woodland Trust are also deeply involved in the many changes to the landscape caused by new housing and the new developments for London's Airports, the inclusion of Gatwick has meant that three of the Woodland Trust's woods in that area are now in danger. They have appointed a full time officer advising them and others on evidence that should be laid before the various Inquiries, at present he is involved with some 231 cases.

Jennie and Ian Lindsley

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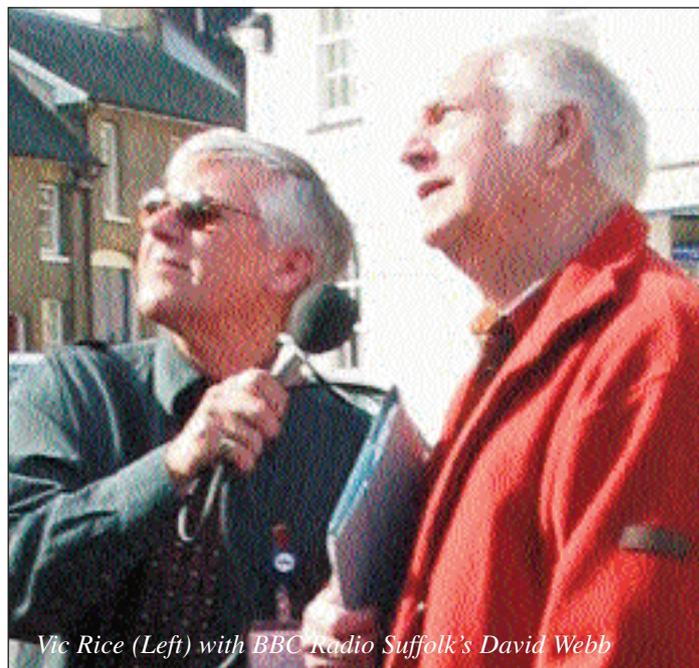
Anyone who was watching the television on Friday 14th March could not help but be affected by the many cases of hardship illustrated on the Red Nose Day evening show. Throughout the year in school we support a number of charities and fundraising events and this year's Red Nose Day is one of the most enjoyable.

In keeping with the theme this year the children were invited to attend school with a 'wacky hair do'. Some of them were a sight to behold! In total we raised a very impressive £237 and had a great fun day in doing so. Well done to all.

On Saturday we took part in the annual Swimathon. This involves five individuals each swimming 1000 metres continuously. As in past years we entered two teams one consisting of Year 4 children, the other adults. You will be pleased to know that everyone completed their 1000 metres in impressive times. Most notably Hattie White, a pupil, who finished in just over 26 minutes, putting me to shame, and Liz Fitzgerald who finished in just over 23 minutes. Congratulations to them and also to Elliot Smith, Henny Box, Alex Miller and Daniel Atkinson, our pupil team, and to Karen Smith, Sarah Atkinson and Annabel Hathaway who together with myself made up the adult team. Money raised this year will go to support cancer charities. I will let you know how much in due course.

As you will know our contribution to this newsletter details school events and activities so this next article is rather out of keeping but I feel so strongly about the issue that I had to include it. I am sure that like me you watch the news, read newspapers and keep abreast of what is happening in our country and around the world. Also like me you will have heard that the Government is spending more money than ever on health and education, or so it claims. The reality in Suffolk this year seems to be very different and what is written below illustrates very clearly the crisis that is about to hit our schools.

Over the coming weeks you will probably read in the press or hear on the news about the appalling budget settlement for Suffolk Schools this year. This is due to a number of factors including changes to employer's pension and national insurance contributions from 1st April detailed in last year's budget, and a change to the way in which Central Government funds local education authorities. This has impacted on our budget and we have had to make savings of somewhere in excess of £20,000, just to maintain the status quo. However, prudent financial planning in the past means that the impact on our school this year is manageable. We have had to make some small adjustments to classroom support and some cuts in spending on resources and staff training which is regrettable but far less than many schools who may have to consider cuts in teaching staff! In the long term because of the use of our reserves in this year's budget such a shortfall in funding is unsustainable. We are, as you will imagine, very angry about this and our Chair of Governors, has written a very detailed letter to all of the political parties and local councillors outlining our disgust at such a low settlement. Over the past years with the excellent support of parents and the local community we have worked very hard to ensure that our children have access to a first class education with superb facilities. This appalling settlement threatens to undermine all we have worked so hard to achieve and it is important that something is done about it.



Vic Rice (Left) with BBC Radio Suffolk's David Webb

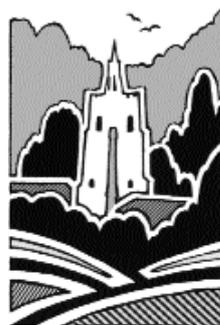
BBC in Boxford Again

BBC Radio Suffolk were in Boxford again in the shape of David Webb, their popular presenter, who was in Boxford to interview those responsible for the Boxford Village Sign.

Peter Haining, Vic Rice, Percy Fletcher, and Ken King told stories of how the sign was conceived and reminisced about Tornado Smith whose image is depicted on the sign.

The interviews went out during the Tuesday 18th March afternoon programme, presented by Rachel Sloane. One of a series of outside broadcast reports on Village Signs. A previous programme involved the Newton Green Village Sign.

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

For more information contact: John Broughton 01787 377404

More Wot's On

Groton WI

Eight members attended the W. Suffolk Annual Federation Meeting held at the Corn Exchange, Bury, on 27th February. Nearly 70 Institutes were represented and Chris Cuthbert, as delegate, gave us a comprehensive report of the day.

After the disappointment of the 'absent' speaker at the February meeting - mistaken time - at the March Meeting we were more than compensated by Mr Chris Miller talking about the Suffolk Punch. His knowledge of these magnificent horses bred in this county, made a compelling subject, enhanced by slides.

The April meeting, Wednesday, 9th, 7.30pm., W I Hall, Groton sees the return of a favourite speaker - Mr. B R Stevenson and his own "Antiques Roadshow" Visitors are more than welcome - especially with a personal 'antique'!

Joan Cooper, Press Officer

Newton Village Hall

The line dance evening scheduled for Saturday 15th March almost had to be cancelled in view of the poor response from the village. However Jean and Ted of J.T.Steppers brought along several of their regular dancers and in the end the event was very successful raising £203 for the Village Hall refurbishment fund. Sincere thanks to Jean and Ted for the substantial effort they put in to making the evening worthwhile.

They run a beginners line dance session every Tuesday evening in the village hall, and anybody wishing to take part should turn up at 7.30pm.

The tickets for The Best of Times' theatre group performance on 5th April are sold out. This promises to be a most entertaining show. The ticket price will only just cover the cost of the group so we are hoping to have a good raffle to raise some funds. Donations of prizes would be appreciated.

On 23rd April we hope to put on an evening in celebration of St George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday. Tickets will be £5 each - please buy yours as soon as possible.

I am pleased to report that we have received some very generous donations to the buy-a-brick scheme for refurbishment of the hall. If you have not yet made a donation, how about it? It is your village hall.

It is intended to run the Car Boot sales again this year and the first proposed date is Saturday 31st May. More about this next month.

The prize winners at the Whist Drive held on Monday 17th March were:

Phyllis Goody	179	Beryl Mauldon	169
Eve Dainton	166	Sue Frost	166
Colin Knock	164	Wendy Turner	138

This was the last whist drive of the present season, but we hope to start again in September. *Alan Vince 01787373963*

Friends of St Peter, Sudbury, Suffolk

From Swell to Great Summer organ concerts 2003.

Sat 3rd May Andrew Lucas (St Albans Cathedral)
Sat 14th June Dr Dennis Townhill OBE

(Organist Emeritus, Edinborough Cathedral)

Sat 28th June Martin Ellis (St Martins, Dorking)

Sat 26 July Tom Cogan (Holmwood House Colchester)

Sat 2nd August Dr Michael Nicholas (St Mary Le-Tower)

Sat 16th August Kathrine Hambridge

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Saturday 12th April

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Any tickets left after that time will be sold in the shop

For more info contact David Gasson 210796



Easter Sunday & Easter Monday

20th and 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 all the family, with children's entertainment - to include an exciting Easter Egg hunt to keep them busy whilst you relax after your meal.

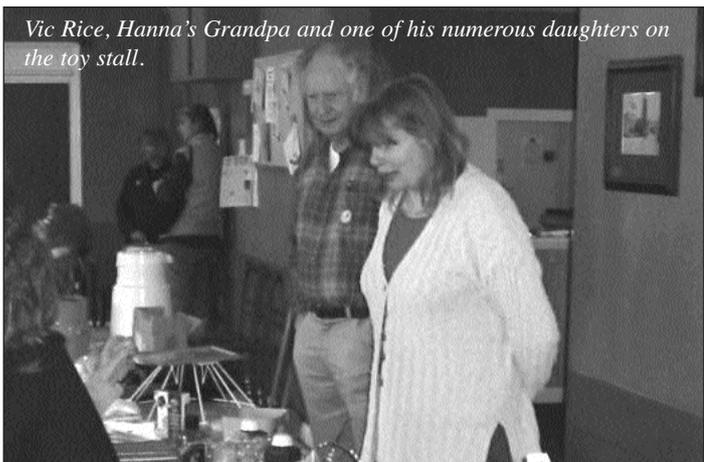
The all inclusive cost is £15.99 per person

(members discounts apply)



Kriss Akabusi tests his skills at Stoke Club

World, European and Commonwealth Champion and Olympic hurdles and relay medallist Kriss Akabusi MBE paid a visit to The Stoke by Nayland Club recently to play a round of golf with sister directors Tamara Unwin and Susanna Rendall as well as Stoke Golf Professional Kevin Lovelock. Kriss, who is a regular guest on BBC's "A Question of Sport", and presenter on "Record Breakers" was visiting the Club with a view to holding a motivational day conference there in the prestigious Devora Suite at which he would be the key speaker. Being a keen golfer it did not take much to persuade him to bring his clubs and have a quick lesson with Kevin on the way round!



Vic Rice, Hanna's Grandpa and one of his numerous daughters on the toy stall.

Great Success for Blue Peter Water Works Appeal

I would like to say thank you to everyone who came and supported us and to everyone who donated items, cakes and prizes and to the Village Hall for allowing us to use it without charge. The total from the sale £237 was much greater than had been expected and will make an even bigger difference to the children in Tanzania and Uganda.

Thanks also to all the helpers on the stalls - we couldn't have done it without you
Hannah Carpenter

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