

Box River News

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Ballots for Parish and District Councils take place on 1st May. Do not waste your vote on polling day, remember the decisions made at the Ballot Box will determine the make up of your Parish Council and

Babergh District Council for the next 4 years. It will only take a few moments of your time and a good turn out will show you care. YOUR VOTE COUNTS so use it on polling day May 1st.

COMMUNICATIONS DISRUPTED

Telephone lines in Whitestreet Green went down on Saturday 28th March. The overhead cable was damaged by a digger being used by a contractor to lay a new drive down Spring Lane. The drivers company is apparently completely oblivious as to the damage and inconvenience this has caused. At least a dozen houses in White Street Green are without any line at all. BT say they have offered those affected the use of mobile phones until the fault has been corrected.

The repair work has been delayed because BT cannot replace the cables to the height required by yet another EU directive requiring them to be at a specified height from the ground, greater than the height they were originally set at. This would put them too close to the overhead power cables in the area, so they are having to be put underground.

BT are saying work will commence at the end of April but it looks as if large parts of White Street Green will either be without their telephones or suffering low quality signals for some weeks to come. Apart from the normal problems of voice communication, e.mail's either can not be sent, take ages to send and receive or are simply garbaged. Businesses operating from home have been badly affected

News in Brief:

NEW HOMES TO RENT

If you are interested in renting one of the new low cost houses to be built shortly in Boxford, you need to register with Babergh District Council without delay.

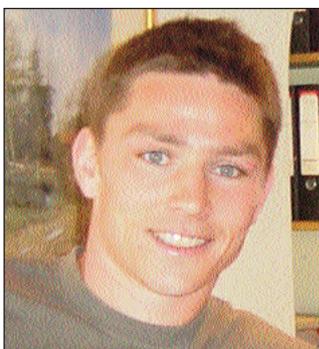
STREET LIGHTS

Any street light faults in Boxford should be reported directly to Suffolk County Council on 0800-591-055. The Parish Council is investigating reports that some lights have been out of action for several weeks.

SEEING RED

The slightly mad Pat and Bob Bowdidge from Groton have decided to dye their hair bright red with effect from 29th April till 6th May. This act of insanity is in aid of a good cause and so far they have already been sponsored for over £100 which will go to 'The Boxford Spinney'. If you should see them wandering aimlessly around Groton or cowering in corners in Boxford whilst attempting out of hours shopping, try throwing money at them and it will make them feel it is all worth while. They may even perform a few tricks!

IPSWICH TOWN PLAY AT STOKE CLUB



Ipswich Town Football Club held a Golf competition at the Stoke Club on Wednesday 16th April. Amongst the players were *Above left to right, Richard Hall, Jim Magilton, Martijn Reuser and Thomas Gaardsoe with: Lower left: the Towns captain Matt Holland*

Lets hope this relaxed them for the rest of the season and helps them get into the play offs.

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Box River News

It is almost three years since Boxford Newsletter was re-launched and after a short time it changed its name to 'The Box River News' after the inclusion of Newton Green following an overwhelming vote in favour by the villages residents. Thus the Box River News was recognised as the official Newsletter for the Box River Benefice.

Since its very first issue, after the re-launch, the BRN has thrived entirely on the revenue from advertising. It has not required subsidies from The Parochial church councils, Parish councils, Community councils or any other organisations, nor has it sought to raise funds by any other means. The equipment software and materials required for producing the BRN up to the point of producing film to go to the printer is provided by the publisher and The BRN is printed by a printer within the Benefice.

Only commercial organisations are charged for advertising. The various Parishes, Clubs and Organisations wishing to promote their events may not only have entries under 'Wot's On' and 'Forthcoming Events' but can have up to a quarter page ad without charge. They also have entries under the Directory of Clubs and Organisations and coverage of their events with copy and photographs, in subsequent editions.

The letters page has proved to be very popular and readers are encouraged to write in to express their views or simply to say thank you to friends and relatives etc. Letters included in the BRN will always have the name of the sender and in most instances will include the name of their village. Anonymous letters are unacceptable as are letters deemed to be mischievous or defamatory.

Remember, if its not in the Box River News it is because you have not told us about it. Make sure that someone in your organisation is responsible for keeping us informed of your activities and sends us reports and photographs of events that

have taken place and if you feel like penning a short article, please do so. We are happy to attend your events to take photographs and obtain copy but with so many events (there are 63 listed in the April Issue) it would be quite impossible for us to attend them all.

Remember the future success of the BRN depends on your continuing support.
Ed

Scouts News

Explorer Scouts Unit launched in Box Valley

A new youth organisation has been set up in Boxford to offer practical and outdoors activities for 14-18 year-olds.

The Explorers, which takes place in the old Venture Hut at the Spinney, gives young people the opportunity to learn and improve skills in a wealth of different areas. The unit, which caters for both boys and girls, is open to anyone in the Box Valley and beyond, and runs from 7.30pm to 9pm every Tuesday.

There is the opportunity to enjoy such activities as Orienteering, cooking, pioneering and practical challenges - as well as swimming, canoeing, climbing, sports and trips. We are currently organising a summer camp and a dry-slope skiing evening.

Former Scout Leader, Richard Robinson, organises the evenings with help from the 12 or so current members. He said: "We are very lucky to have such a marvellous facility as the Spinney in Boxford to utilise for this unit."

"Although the new group has Scouting firmly as its base this should not discourage people new to scouting to try out Explorers. I think young people will enjoy this new format as it enables a fresh look at skills and outdoors adventure."

The unit represents just one portion of a large Explorer Group which operates from Sudbury, Haverhill, Long Melford, Acton & Waldingfield and Great Cornard and members have the opportunity of attending other evenings throughout the district. Richard is also looking for leadership assistance and can be contacted on 01787 211114.



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. His clarinet playing is thoughtful and sensitive with a warm mellow tone akin to that of Sweden's Putte Wickman. He has recorded one excellent CD, 'I Won't Dance'. Mark is joined by John Pearce (piano), Colin Oxley (guitar), Matt Miles (bass) and Steve Brown (drums).

Friday, 9 May, 8.30 Ticket £10 Celebrating The Jazz Couriers

Celebrating the Jazz Couriers 'Through the night...' volume 2 (recorded live at the Fleece) underlines the excitement, virtuosity, and cohesiveness of the group's first recording proving that this band has become one of the great jazz groups and a worthy tribute to the classic iconic British modern jazz group co-led by saxophonist Tubby Hayes and Ronnie Scott between 1957 and 1960. The modern day Couriers are Martin Drew (drums), Momington Lockett (tenor saxophone), Nigel Hitchcock (tenor saxophone), Steve Melling (piano) and Andy Cleynbert (bass).

Friday, 16 May, 8.30 Ticket £13 Lee Gibson

Lee is a nationally and internationally acclaimed jazz singer who has delighted critics and fans alike with her delivery of the popular repertoire which she sings with enormous confidence and an intense yet subtle sense of swing. 2002 was a fantastic year for Lee and 2003 promises to be even more exciting with her first tour of the USA after an appearance in Canada in January this year with the Midlands Youth Jazz Orchestra. John Horler (piano), Mark Nightingale (trombone), Dave Green (bass) and Bobby Worth (drums) make up her band.

Friday, 23 May, 8.30 Ticket £9 The Jim Mullen Quartet

The great guitarist Jim Mullen is joined by Graham Harvey on piano, Matt Miles (bass) and Matt Skelton (drums) to guarantee a swinging evening where the pace will never flag.

Friday, 30 May, 8.30 Ticket £13 Alan Barnes Octet "The Sherlock Holmes Suite"

Saxophonist Alan Barnes has been fascinated since boyhood with the stories featuring Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's great creation, Sherlock Holmes. So much so that now he has written and recorded a jazz suite based around the characters. Taking his cue from Ellington/Strayhorn suites such as "Such Sweet Thunder" and "The Far East Suite". The work is for octet and a narrator (Alan), John Donaldson (piano), Bruce Adams (trumpet), Robert Fowler (reeds), Mark Nightingale (trombone), Stan Sultzman (saxes), Simon Thorpe (bass) and dark Tracey (drums).

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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Box River Soap Box

Writing, as I am, in the middle of a Spring heat wave, my mind, not unnaturally, turns towards holidays. As it happened, I was sunning myself on Southern shores during the closing phases or the Iraqi conflict. Modern technology being what it is, the battle in the streets of Baghdad was carried direct to the living room of the apartment I was renting, courtesy of satellite television. Watching the events unfold, knowing that I could slip outside and enjoy a glass of wine in the sunshine whenever I felt like it, was a very strange experience.

To see a war played out on television in real time shows how society has changed. Particularly dramatic were the pictures of the statue of Saddam Hussein being pulled down in the centre of Baghdad. It completely eclipsed the other great event of that day - the Chancellor's budget. In the end, our prudent finance minister had little to say that was of any interest. My immediate reaction was that he had missed an opportunity. If ever a day existed to bury a tax increase, Wednesday April 9th was it.

Sad to say, I fear more tax increases could be on the way. If the Chancellor had little of substance to deliver in the form of tax changes, he had much to impart on the current state of our economy and on what he thought was likely to happen. His hopes are still firmly pinned upon growth resuming in the UK. For all our sakes, I hope he is right. So far the jury is not just out, it has not even been assembled. But if his judgement is not sound, then it will be all of us who pay the price.

Take his assumptions on export growth, for example. This must, I know, sound boring in the extreme - the stuff of high falutin' economists with little understanding of the real world. But the truth is that what we sell abroad does influence what happens at home. Even more important, how much we can sell abroad will be an indication of what is happening to our currency. The magnitude of the rise the Chancellor is expecting suggests that sterling could fall. It has already pulled back against the Euro significantly (as no doubt my credit card bills will make clear when they arrive after my holiday), and I would have thought a further fall unlikely, given the poor state of European economies. Still, if we are to achieve robust sales abroad, can we do it against a background of a strong pound?

The problem is that if the Chancellor is wrong and growth is more anaemic than he expects, he will not raise enough money to finance an ambitious spending programme. Already, he has had his knuckles rapped by the International Monetary Fund over his likely borrowing needs. They consider him to be over ambitious in his expectations of how much tax he will receive. If he is discouraged from borrowing, then the only alternative is higher taxes. Perish the thought.

Actually, higher taxes are already here. Those of us in work are likely to be paying more in National Insurance contributions from the beginning of this month. The rise is 1%. It does not sound much, but it is a tax increase nonetheless and will produce billions for the Exchequer. There is no such thing as a free lunch in this life and better public services need to be financed. What we have to hope for now is delivery. Sadly I am not holding my breath.

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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Boxford Community Council Annual Senior Citizens' Mystery Outing

Boxford Community Council will be holding our Annual Senior Citizens' Mystery Outing on Wednesday, 4th June this year. This is open to all Over 60's in the parishes of Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton and, as in previous years, will be fully funded by the Community Council. The evening will start at 6.00pm when we will be leaving the village centre and tea will be provided during the evening.

If you wish to be included in what is always a very enjoyable evening, please add your name to the list which will shortly be available in the Post Office, or contact Stephanie Atkins on 210444 or David Gasson on 210796.

As usual we are looking for drivers for the evening and, if you would like any more details or wish to volunteer, please contact Stephanie or David on the above telephone numbers. Many thanks,
Suzanne

BOXFORD SCHOOL

Tesco and Walkers Vouchers for School

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.

Boxford Village Hall

Announcements and Help!

The number of bookings for private parties in the hall is steadily increasing which we believe is due to the improvements made in the last two years. We therefore hope that the number of people queuing up to join the committee will match the popularity of the hall.

Due to commitments on other groups Veronica Hobbs has regrettably left the Village Hall committee which means we are now in need of Two new volunteers. In addition Mike and Carol Burgess, Treasurer and Secretary respectively have expressed a desire to leave the committee when we hold our next AGM in September.

Boxford has a very healthy range of groups who provide support for the village and it's surrounding area all of which have committees and consequently it is not uncommon for individuals involved to be on two or more such groups. However there must be some individuals out there who are not at present involved in any way and we would appeal to any of them who can spare about four evenings a year for committee meetings plus the odd week end evening to help out with fund raising.

So come on step forward and join our group.

We are sorry to lose Veronica who has been a stalwart supporter of the village hall and we are certain that in some way she will still be contributing to it's growing success. She certainly had a very strong involvement in the success of our New Years Eve bash, which the committee has agreed, is worth repeating this year.

Fundraising events for the year are: -

17th May, Quiz Night

28th June, Pete Hylands Gig (A one off Family & Friends Rock Group)

27th September Quiz Night

1st November, Post bonfire Karaoke/Disco.

New Years Eve, 'Biggest Bash in Boxford II'.

At it's last meeting the committee reviewed charges for Party Bookings which have not been increased since 1993 and as a result we will be charging more from 1st June this year as follows:- Existing New Parties - Local residents £40 £50 Non Residents £60 £75 Weddings - Local Residents £80 £100 Non Residents £100 £120 Political Elections £70 £100

To Hire The Hall

Telephone Shirley Grimwood on 01787 210682

HELPING HANDS

is the support group for the SUDBURY RESOURCE CENTRE - a provision for people with learning difficulties. Our most recent contribution was the provision of a vehicle that is used by clients

to collect recycling materials in the Babergh area. The vehicle cost £19,000.00 and of course there are always on going costs. Mrs Joyce Israel has agreed to sell tickets in the Boxford area for our concert by the Ipswich Gilbert and Sullivan Society to be held at Sudbury Upper School on Saturday June 14th, 7.30pm and she can be contacted at 13, Brookhall Road Boxford Tel 211303.

787 377495 for further details about joining the club.

BOXFORD SUNFLOWER PLAYGROUP

We are having a very exciting time as we Celebrate our 30th year. With the recent arrival of the container for extra storage and a Grant from the Countryside Agency, to replace the Table and Chairs and other vital equipment that the playgroup requires. We would like to say a very big thankyou to the Playingfields Management Committee for their continued support. They very kindly allow us to display the children's work and educational posters to create a bright environment for the children to develop in. We would also like to thank all our supporters in Boxford and the surrounding Villages. The current committee are looking forward to meeting past members who have worked or attended the playgroup at the 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Pavilion on Saturday 21st June, 4pm start. The Celebration afternoon is not fundraising with lots of low cost activities planned for the children, there will also be a BBQ, Licensed bar, tea, coffee and cakes available to help the adults while the children enjoy themselves. The Grand Draw will take place at 7pm. Prizes so far include a portable colour television, tickets for the Zoo, Day pass for Stoke by Nayland golf and leisure. Tickets are available from the playgroup in advance of the day if you would like to purchase any. For further details of the Anniversary celebration or information for the playgroup please phone, Moira Grant: 01787 211513 or Ann porter: 01787 210581

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Boxford School News

This time of year for us all in school is a very exciting one. With the long winter months behind us and the summer ahead it is a time to look forward. Over the next three months the children will be engaging in many exciting events including a residential visit to North Norfolk, a visit to London to see the Lion King, numerous sporting activities and the chance to spend play and lunchtimes on the field.

Last weekend was the annual FOBS Quiz Night and eighteen teams spent the evening battling it out in the school hall. The eventual winners were a team called the Originals, with the Tan Toffs second and Mix'n'Match and Outside Chance a creditable third. This year's event was probably one of the best attended and the reason for this, I am sure, is the excellent balance of questions set by Ian and Stephanie Atkins. A good quiz sees all teams being able to answer the majority of questions with only a few extra challenging questions to separate the teams and this was certainly the case with only a few points separating the winners from the rest. Well done and thank you to FOBS, Ian and Stephanie Atkins and to all of you who supported the event.

Last month you may remember I made reference to the appalling budget settlement that schools in Suffolk have received this year despite a major rise in Council Tax. Since the letter there has been a major public awareness campaign by people in education and the Secretary of State for Education is fully aware of the problem. Whilst there is unlikely to be any changes to budgets this year we are all hopeful next year things will improve. Watch this space.

When we come back after Easter children in Year 2 will be subjected to the annual round of Government tests, commonly known as the SATS. These tests are lengthy, time consuming,

stressful and do not tell us anything we did not already know. This could potentially be a very anxious time for our children but the small matter of drinks and biscuits whilst the tests are taking place does seem to help! It is interesting to report that schools in Wales have recently decided that these tests are of little use to anyone so have decided to stop testing at seven. The feedback I get from parents would suggest that they do not value the tests and that they would rather rely on the judgement of the teacher to report on their child's progress as is the case in Wales. Perhaps our own Government will listen to the people, for once, and this unnecessary yearly time consuming event will cease. I live in hope.

Many thanks to all those who have sent in Tesco Computer's for Schools vouchers. The response has been incredible. We have also started collecting empty ink jet cartridges. If you have any to dispose of please send them into school, we would be most grateful.

Finally with the end of term only one day away may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Easter break.

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB '100 CLUB' WINNERS FOR APRIL:

£47 - E Griffiths; £18 - Mrs Fitch; £7 - Mr R Comer

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GARDENING IN MAY *Harry Buckledee*

Sunny weather produces high greenhouse temperatures and often makes it necessary to water twice a day. Allowing plants to become too dry and stressed makes them vulnerable to pests and diseases. Aphids are already becoming active and should be dealt with immediately by spraying with a suitable insecticide to nip them in the bud before they become too big an infestation. Much of the problem can be prevented by keeping plants well fed and watered. A well fed and watered plant will withstand diseases and aphid attacks better than one that is undernourished.

Early in the month sowing of tender vegetables should be made in the greenhouse ready for planting outside at the end of May, these include marrows, courgettes, ridge cucumbers, sweet corn and french and runner beans. It should be safe now to [plant tomatoes in an unheated greenhouse, either in grow bags or direct into the soil.

Dormant Dahlia tubers can be planted outside now, it will be the end of the month before shoots appear above ground and by then the danger of frost should be over. Any tubers showing growth can have the shoots removed and used as cuttings.

Make fortnightly plantings until the end of the month of gladioli to stagger the flowering period.

Resist the temptation to plant out half-hardy bedding plants until at least the last week in the month. If you must buy them earlier leave them in the trays where they can easily be protected from frost.

Gardeners often have to plan a year ahead. By the end of the month wallflowers, daisies, forget me nots and polyanthus will be over and now is the time to think of sowing new plants for next spring. The best plants are raised from seeds sown in May.

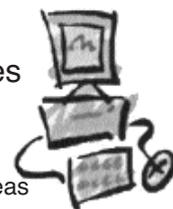
It is time also to think of next spring in the vegetable garden and make sowings of white and purple sprouting broccoli's. Winter hardy cauliflower can also be sown now. Choose suitable varieties like Walcheren, Winter Markanta and Myster and these will provide a succession of heads from April through until June.

Herbs such as dill, rocket, chervil, coriander can now be sown outside. Sow them in straight drills to make for easier weeding. If you prefer, they can be sown indoors in cell trays and planted out later, this may be preferable if your soil is on the heavy side.

Clumps of chives tend to become overcrowded and lacking in vigour after a few years. They can be given a new lease of life by lifting up and dividing into smaller portions and replanted into soil that has been nourished with compost and bone meal.

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April	18 St Lawrence Lt Waldingfield 29 Boxford Community Council AGM	The Easter Story	Pavilion	9.30a 8.00pm
May	1 Local Elections 3 Dance to the Beavers 3 Fireside Club 9 1st Boxford Scout Group AGM 12 Boxford Parish Council AGM 12 Boxford over 60's Bring and Buy 14 Boxford Community Council 14 Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club 14 Groton WI 15 Little Waldingfield Parish Council 17 Village Hall Quiz Night 17 Boxford Society AGM 22/24 Fare trade stall 23 Newton Village Hall 'Clerical Characters' 24 Boxford St Mary's Cake Stall	Boxford Community Council Newton Green (Refreshments available) WI Adviser Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall Spinney Bell House Village Hall Boxford White Hart Bell House, Humble Green WI Hall Parish Rooms Boxford Village Hall The Boxford Fleece Marys House	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm 2.30pm 8.00pm 12/2pm 7.30 8pm 8.00pm 7.30pm 9.00am
June	1 Boxford Gardens Open Day 3 Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust AGM 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 Groton's WIZARD Fets 28 Pete Hylands Gig	Boxford PCC Senior Citizens Outing Boxford Playing Fields Presentation Day Coffee Morning 30th Anniversary Celebrations Groton PCC	Boxford Edwardstone Village Hall Edwardstone Church Stoke by Nayland Club 50 Daking Avenue Boxford Pavilion Groton Manor Boxford Village Hall	8pm 10.30am 8.00
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 Parsonage 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	6/7 Ltl Waldingfield Flower Festival 18/2 Oct Boxford to Boxford IV 27 Boxford Village Hall Quiz Night	Visit to Boxford MA	Boxford Village Hall	8.00pm
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			

Readers Letters

Dear Sir,

May I use your columns to thank all those who attended the special service of prayers on Sunday, 23rd March 2003 in Boxford Church, for those about to engage in war in Iraq. It had been announced that all the proceeds from the Collection

would be sent to the three main Military Charities. My special thanks goes to those who gave most generously; £242 was donated to which we added the Tax element on Gift Aid Donations. Thus we were able to send £160 each to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, The Army Benevolent Fund and The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

Philip Rich, Lay Chairman,
Boxford Parochial Church Council."

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Readers Letters

Sir

We would like to express our grateful thanks to members of the 3PR First Response Team who came to our assistance on Saturday February 22nd. Once again thanking you all very much

Joyce Rice and Lionel Hobbs

Sir

I would like to thank all my friends and relatives for attending my 70th birthday party on March 22nd. Also to thank them for their kindness to me at the same evening.

It was for me a night to remember and one which will live in my memory for ever.

Thank you all so very much

Derek Butler

Boxford



Sir

With the help and support of family, friends, the people of Boxford and the surrounding villages, I have been able to raise £200.00 for Mental Health. I presented this money to the manager of Mistley Ward, at St Clements Hospital, Ipswich for the patients fund.

The money was raised by the sale of the book (That I wrote!) "You don't have to be mad to be in here"!

Thank you, to all who bought it and also to those who gave items for the prize draw.

Thanks to my publishers; David and Iain, and to Boxford Newsagents, who sold and re-sold my book. I am pleased that through the book, people are more aware of all aspects of mental health.

All this has proved to me, and to my family, once again, how wonderful it is that we live in such a great community. We are in our 21st year here and this is where we intend to stay.

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BOXFORD OVER 60'S

The club's fortieth Birthday Party was a great success. A generous buffet table was provided by the committee, together with friends and members, as were the raffle table prizes.

Members of Groton and Edwardstone club together with other valued friends were welcomed to the happy occasion. We were, however, sorry to lose Mrs Betty Plant, who is leaving the district after many successful years as the club's Chairlady. We wish Betty and Pip good health and every future happiness.

Thelma Williams 210118

Forthcoming Events

Monday May 12th. Bring and Buy at the Village Hall 2.30pm

May 26th Spring Bank Holiday, No meeting.

Occasionally events may be finalised too late for inclusion in "The Box River News". We do however aim to keep members fully informed via meetings.

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

For more information contact Thelma Williams on 01787 210118

The Boxford Society

The Annual General Meeting of Boxford Society will be held in the Function Room of The Fleece, on Saturday, 17th May 2003, at 8 pm. After the meeting, coffee will be provided, and then the Guest Speaker, Mr Adrian Walters, will give a talk entitled '&Sudbury Common Lands - their History and Preservation.'

This meeting is open to all members of the Boxford Society and anyone else who would like to attend, especially if they would like to hear Mr Adrian Walters talk about this very interesting subject.

Philip Rich

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.

Leavenheath W.I.

Outings 2003 Tuesday 20th May, GOURMET LONDON £19.00
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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.

THE PLAYINGFIELDS COMMITTEE

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

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

To get further information please write to:

*The secretary, The Playing Fields Committee
c/o Boxford P.O. CO10 5PA*

Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee SUMMER FUN DAY - SATURDAY 7th JUNE

Football & Tennis 10.30 - Side Shows & Stalls 12.00 noon

We hope that our Summer Fun Day this year will be even better than in the past and hope to see you all there on the day.

There will be all the old favourite stalls and side shows with a few new ones including Quad Bikes and an Assault Course which should prove entertaining for participants and onlookers alike.

The day starts with a 5-a-side Football Competition beginning at 10.30 and also activities on the Tennis Courts starting at the same time. The side shows and stalls are beginning earlier this year at 12.00 noon with the barbecue and licensed bar commencing at the same time.

Please park your car in the village and walk to the Holds as space in the car park is limited. There will be signs up for parking.

There will be plenty for everyone so please come along and support your local playingfields - all we need now is for the sun to shine !

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

The lunch in May will be at the home of Mrs Audrey Ewan, Bell House, Humble Green, Little Waldingfield on Wednesday 14th May from 12 - 2 pm.

Do please come along and meet fellow villagers and enjoy a good lunch and good company. A telephone call to confirm you will be coming along would be appreciated on 01787 247424.

Mary Bullard

Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

The Little Waldingfield Flower Festival takes place over the weekend of 6th and 7th September 2003 - do make a note in your diary now!

Groton WI

Members attending the April meeting very much enjoyed their own 'Antiques Roadshow'. Mr Stevenson, a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic 'antiquarian' gave each object brought for his appraisal, minute attention. Many and varied, we were all fascinated by the objects and the amount of information he was able to provide.

May 14th, W. I.Hall, 7.30 p.m. our W.I. Adviser will be guiding us through the "Resolutions" upon which we need to vote for the National A.G.M. in June, Visitors are always welcome.

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

is now open for the outdoor season. Why not come along at 10 a.m. any Monday morning and have a try. You will be made very welcome.

The Green is situated behind the Fleece PH. Les dark 210698

PLANTS FOR SALE:

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Daphne Clark 210698

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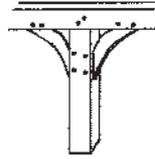
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use . Thank You

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

Dear All

This letter was written as the situation in Iraq has descended into lawlessness & looting. But earlier, a week or so into this war, there was the story that emerged which was deeply moving. An Iraqi lawyer had witnessed an Iraqi soldier beating a badly injured young woman American prisoner of war in a Basra hospital. He was filled with compassion. He wanted the woman's life saved and knew that if he did not act, she would die from the ill treatment she was receiving.

Quickly, he sent his wife and children away to a safe place, knowing that if he was caught in the plans he was making for the prisoner's rescue they, together with him would be killed. Having secured their safety he made his way at night to the nearest coalition forces. He told them where the woman was being held: he promised to come back with fresh and clear instructions on her exact location.

Several days later the woman was rescued. What became of the lawyer we do not know.

There are several striking things about this story. First, here was someone who practiced loving his enemies, as Jesus taught. Second, though he had no regard for his own safety, he wanted to ensure the well-being of his loved ones.

Third, he risked his life for a complete stranger. Jesus said, "greater love has no one than this, that they lay down their life for their friends". Would we have such courage, love and compassion? What we do know is that the Christian faith invites us to different ways of living: loving enemies, praying for those who do evil, practising forgiveness.

Jesus as he was dying on the cross, prayed for his enemies - "Father forgive them" he cried.

Jesus challenged the very concept of enemy, inviting people to see each other as "children of the same heavenly Father".

Jesus' death was an apparent defeat for God's way of living in the world. But Easter Day marks out a unique event in the human story. The resurrection of a man from the dead. Resurrection is not resuscitation, it is receiving back fully all that life gives. Jesus is given back to the world as a fully freely loving person, one who forgives and makes new relations with people possible. It was God's way of showing that Jesus was right and his enemies were wrong.

The resurrection shows a new face of God - a God who shows us in Jesus how to live. Jesus was given back to us on Easter Day, to give us the courage to follow him.

This year, in Christian Aid week, lets give the necessary financial support to the caring agencies at work in Iraq to the point where it hurts - at least just a little bit! And demonstrate the radical goodness of God's love.

Christopher Kingsbury (Reader)



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

God of all compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ laid down his life for us: may we who seek to follow you be inspired to change the world for good, so that our brothers and sisters in need may glimpse in us the hope of justice and the love of Jesus, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Collect for Christian Aid week service.
Christopher Kingsbury

BOX RIVER CLUB:

Next meets on Sunday May 18th, 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon in the school hall. New members are made very welcome. *Janet Daniels*

CAKE STALL:

Saturday 24th May. There will be a cake stall (adjacent to the newsagents) to raise funds for St. Mary's Church. Contributions gladly accepted please. *Jill Nation*

DAVID RICHARDSON:

Many congratulations are due to David, who has recently passed his grade 5 organist exam with merit. *CK*

CHURCH RESTORATION:

There are numerous, expensive repairs still to be carried out to the church building including retiling the chancel roof, restoring another two windows, re-boardng the spire together with ongoing maintenance. To help fund the work please pick up a Building Trust leaflet in church or village shop for details on how to donate towards these repairs and also to provide the church with resources for the future. *CK*

OPEN GARDENS, SUNDAY JUNE 1st:

There will be "Flowers in Church" for you to enjoy. Also an organ recital will be held during the afternoon in St. Mary's Church. Have a brief rest from touring the gardens, and enjoy the flowers and music - proceeds to St. Mary's church. The day's events will end with Choral Evensong at 6.30 p.m. *CK*

CHRISTIAN AID:

We support the work of this charity agency of the church, and with Christian Aid Week this month, it is felt important to let you know what Christian Aid is doing in Iraq. It is working with local partners, including the Middle East Council of Churches, one objective is to provide mobile water purification units and it also provides food and emergency relief through various reception centres. Please remember the people of Iraq in your prayers.

If you would like to send a contribution to support the appeal it would provide valuable assistance to their work. There is information in the church or at banks and building societies. Our collectors will also be distributing envelopes around the villages shortly for Christian Aid week. Thank you. *CK*

ACTIVITIES DURING CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:

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

Sunday 11th 11.00a.m. Christian Aid Service

Saturday 17th 9.00 a.m. Cake stall - next to the newsagents Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Collectors urgently needed. Please contact Janet Daniels on 210798, or Brenda Lock on 210217 to assist with this please.

Janet Daniels

MATTERS OF FAITH:

Lord, grant us eyes to see your presence and peace in strange places and unlikely people, even in ourselves. (Anon, USA) CK

SMILE LINES:

Sign on the door of a repair shop: "We can fix anything. (Please knock on the door- the bell doesn't work)" CK



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

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*Antony Dodd 210397
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EVENING CONCERT IN EDWARDSTONE CHURCH:

There will be an evening concert in Edwardstone Church on Saturday 7th June 2003. The organist will be Keith Bond from Aldeburgh Parish Church and The Kirbye Consort will be singing. Tickets £5 to include glass of wine and nibbles. All enquiries to Jan Paul on 210972.

ROTAS - SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

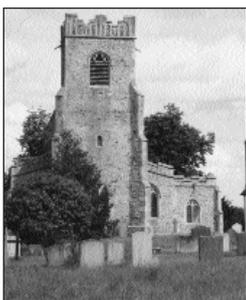
May 4: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

May 11: Mrs Tregear/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

May 18: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Clarke & Mrs dark;

May 25: Mrs Dodd/Mrs Clarke & Mrs dark;

June 1: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:

*Barbara Riddleston:
Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261
George Thaw
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*Pauline Lamming 210360
Joy Sellers 210275*

GROTON'S "WIZARD" FETE, SATURDAY JUNE 21st AT 2.30 P.M.

(With a Harry Potter theme to coincide with the new Harry Potter book) At Groton Manor, by kind permission of Carey Baldwin. Please put this date in your diaries, as it will be "Magical" afternoon! There will be stalls of all kinds for Harry Potter fans, and also plenty for the "Muggles" to do and buy e.g. cakes, books, cloaks, broomsticks, etc. Come and have your face painted as a Witch or Wizard! We hope to have a Bouncy "Hogwart's" Castle, and lots of activities for all ages. Also of course, cream teas, strawberries and magic potions etc. to eat and drink. Unfortunately J. K. Rowling was too busy to come, but we hope to have our own "Groton" Harry Potter instead. Raffle, children's races (Quiditch) and lots more - further details next month. The committee would love to hear of anyone willing to help in any way - on the day, ideas, cooking, sewing etc. Please phone Pat Kennedy Scott (210319), Pat/Bob Bowdidge (211553) or any member of Groton PCC. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

NEW CHURCHWARDEN: Groton has a new churchwarden. At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 3 April, David Lamming was elected as churchwarden to replace George

Thaw, who is standing down after 8 years in the post. Barbara Riddleston is continuing as Groton's other churchwarden. George will remain in office until the Archdeacon's visitation, which this year is to be held at St Peter's Church, Cockfield on Friday 16 May at 7.30p.m. The 'visitation' when all the churchwardens in the deanery are formally admitted to office, is conducted in the context of an act of worship, to which all are invited. The annual meeting expressed its thanks to George for his service to the church and the wider community: happily George is continuing as a member of the PCC where his wise counsel will be very much valued.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: At the APCM, which followed the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, the Parochial Church Council presented the annual report and accounts for 2002. The report acknowledged the enormous contribution to the life of the parish and benefice of Richard Titford, who resigned as Rector in October: we send our good wishes to him and to Sarah and Lucie as they move to Sudbury - happily not very far away! 2002 was also the year in which Mary's House - named as a tribute to Mary Every whose generous bequest enabled it to be purchased - became fully operational: it is proving to be a real asset to the benefice - a comfortable and convenient meeting place for PCCs and community groups, as well as somewhere to just 'drop in' for coffee in the mornings. The APCM also elected the PCC for the forthcoming year. Here again there was a significant change. John Sellers stood down after 20 years of membership, 11 as PCC secretary. We owe him a real debt of gratitude and at the same time thank Martin Wood for re-taking up the post of secretary.

NEW RECTOR: No news yet. The post is now advertised on the diocesan website (www.8tedmndgbrnrv.anylican.org) and last month it was included in a diocesan advertisement in the Church Times to 'Come to Big Sky Country'! Meanwhile, we thank all those priests, readers and lay elders who are leading our worship during the interregnum.

WEBSITE: Talking of websites, Groton now has its own website at www.protonsBffQlk.eo.nk. Give us a 'hit' and let us know how we could improve the site!

SMILE LINES: (They're not exclusive to the Boxford column!): (1) If all the people who fell asleep in sermons were laid end to end, they'd be far more comfortable! (2) Last month a worldwide survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: &lft Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the world food shortage in the rest of the world?" The survey was a huge failure: in Africa they didn't know what 'food' meant; in Eastern Europe they didn't know what 'honest' meant; in Western Europe they didn't know what 'shortage' meant; in China they didn't know what 'opinion' meant; in the Middle East they didn't know what 'solution' meant; in South America they didn't know what 'please' meant; and in the USA they didn't know what 'the rest of the world' meant. *David Lamming*

ROTAS: May June

Flowers: Miss D Finch Mrs J Foster

Cleaning: Mrs B Riddleston Mrs Fearis/Mrs Foster

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THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

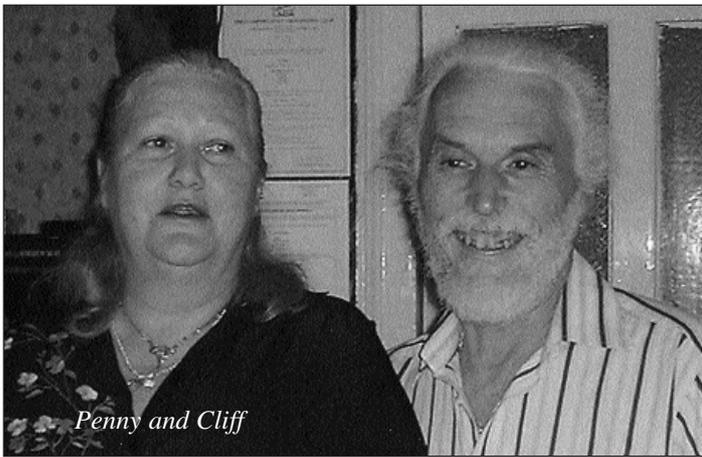
Anne Miller, Newman's Hall; tel 249888

Elders:

Tim Harbord 247034

THANK YOU TO THE PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE:

St Lawrence Church provided refreshments at their successful car boot held on the 13th April, with the proceeds in aid of the Church, and thank you to everyone who helped with the refreshments and stall. A further car boot is planned for late August. Once again thank you. *Rita Baker*

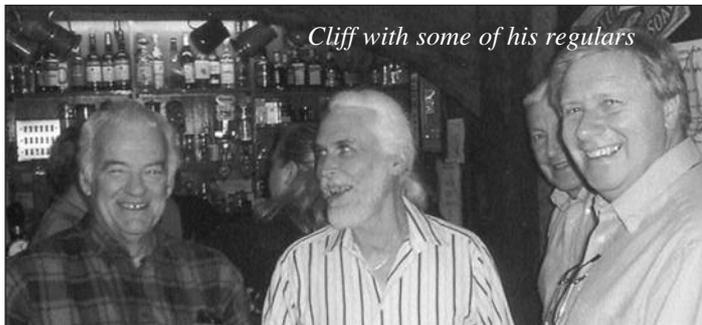


Penny and Cliff

20 YEARS AT THE WHITE HORSE INN:

On 29th March, Penny and Cliff Baker hosted a party to celebrate their twenty years at the White Horse Inn, Edwardstone.

On that March day, back in 1983, Bill Whymark gave a speech of welcome. Bill, a regular at the White Horse for over 70 years, was present with plenty of friends to once again celebrate with Penny and Cliff. Bill recounts that when he was a young boy in the village, he helped out at the pub by chopping wood and doing odd jobs. His payment - half of mild!



Cliff with some of his regulars

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Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 April at the Parish Rooms

Five Parish Councillors met under the chairmanship of Brian Tora, with apologies being received from Mrs, Sandy Coomber and Richard Mitchell. The new clerk, Millie Heptinstall, was welcomed and the outgoing parish clerk, Mary Thorogood, thanked for her considerable contribution to the Council. Mary presented the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2003, which were adopted by the Council.

The chairman reported that Sandy Coomber had resigned and it was agreed to write to express appreciation for her years of service on the Parish Council. As no new candidates had put themselves forward for the 1 May elections, this meant that a vacancy now existed on the Parish Council. It was agreed to advertise this to encourage a villager to come forward.

With Mrs. Coomber's resignation, a new footpath warden was needed, and Bob Berry agreed to fulfil this task. Preparations were put in hand for the Annual Parish Meeting, due on May 15, but with little to discuss other than routine parish business, the meeting concluded by 8pm.

REVISED LOCAL PLAN OUT FOR CONSULTATION

Babergh District Council has revised and updated its draft Local Plan -and is looking for feedback from the public. The Local Plan will guide the future development of the Babergh district up to the year 2016. Babergh has developed its draft Local Plan in order to achieve a number of key objectives:

- Provide a sensible mix including smaller houses for rent and to buy
- Provide for new employment opportunities in both the towns and villages
- Reduce the reliance on cars and encourage walking, cycling and public transport
- Secure new public open spaces and appropriate play equipment
- Protect valuable community facilities, including village pubs
- Protect the natural environment
- Protect air quality

Babergh is launching its public consultation campaign from 12 May 2003 until 23 June 2003. Copies of the plan are available for public inspection during normal office hours, free of charge at:
Babergh District Council, Corks Lane, Hadleigh/ Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6SJ

Sudbury Town Council, Town Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1TL

Hadleigh Town Council, The Guildhall, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 5DT

The plan can also be viewed during normal opening hours at Hadleigh and Sudbury libraries, or by contacting your local Parish Council/Meeting. It will also be available on the Babergh District Council website, at: www.babergh.gov.uk.

Babergh is also putting on public exhibitions to help explain the changes to the original plan - upon which the public is asked to comment. These are being held between 12.30pm and 6.30pm at:
21 May 2003: Sudbury Town Hall;

27 May 2003: Hadleigh Town Hall, and;

29 May 2003: Copdock and Waskbrook Village Hall.

Any supporting comments or objections to any of the revisions to the Plan must be sent to Neil Greig, Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development, at Babergh District Council, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 6 SJ at the latest by 23 June 2003.

**Little Waldingfield Mother seeks local lady to help with two young children, two days a week 9am - 5pm.
Mrs Long 01787 248337**

District Council Elections 1st May

E. Frances Bates

I have lived in the Waldingfield Ward (Acton, Chilton, Gt and Little Waldingfield) for 31 years and feel I am well placed to represent the Ward on Babergh issues. I have been involved in many different groups and organisations in this part of Suffolk including Parish Council, School Governor, Friends of Sudbury Hospitals, W.I. River Stour Trust and National Asthma Campaign. I am always available to listening to people and keep them informed on Babergh activities. Please vote for me on 1st May.
Ramla, Rectory Road, Gt Waldingfield, CO10 0TL
01787 375691

Bryn Hurren

As you may have already heard through the press there will not be a ballot for District Councillor in the Boxford Ward because I am being returned un-opposed. Whilst this is not entirely satisfactory, the new ward which now includes Lindsey and Milden can rest assured that I will continue to strongly represent their interests during the next four years

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me during the last four years, especially the retiring Parish Councillors in this ward. Finally may I remind everyone of the Annual Parish Meeting in Boxford on 28th April at 8.00pm when after the village reports have been completed, Martin Aust from the Flagship Housing Association will speak and answer questions regarding the plan to build 15 homes at Boxford and six in Edwardstone. These homes are for our local people and I hope everyone who has an interest in keeping local people living locally will attend

Many Thanks *Bryn Hurren 01473 822737*

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BOXFORD ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB, END OF SEASON

Success, commitment and potential for Boxford Rovers as the season comes to a close

As the curtain comes down on another season of successful youth football in Boxford we can be encouraged by some fantastic performances and some real potential. This village is in the fortunate position of having over 140 youth footballers ranging from minis right through to the under 16s. This is some achievement.

However, local people have to play their part too. On 8th May at 7.30pm Boxford Rovers Football Club will be holding an AGM and there are some serious issues under discussion. The Club will definitely be looking for a new Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Fixtures Secretary and the committee will be looking for new faces to fill these roles. Boxford Rovers simply cannot maintain these high standards without more local people or parents putting their names forward " please give it some thought.

Everyone is invited to attend the AGM which will take place at The Fleece in Broad Street. Remember, the club is there for the boys and everyone needs to support that notion.

On a far more positive note the Boxford ranks have blossomed with talent this season and there is still a good chance of league honours and silverware in some age groups.

The minis are gearing up for another game in the coming weekend (12th April) and have so far shown a great deal of potential. Many of these Under 7 and Under 8 players will be playing youth league football in years to come and our future looks in good hands!

The Under 9s have already finished their season in 4th place and this is a very creditable position. Manager, Andy Cromar, was particularly pleased to see so many of his players achieving their potential. Ross Waugh, Callum Craig and Daniel Atkins impressed Ipswich Town and have been rewarded with places in their academy scheme.

The Under 10s are the Clubs glory boys. Not content with finishing Newman League runners-up last year the boys have given themselves the task of eclipsing that feat this season and they are still very much in the running. The Under 10s are also leading the charge for club cup honours with a place in the semi-final of the League Cup. This squad have five boys involved with Ipswich Town one of which (Tom Cromar) has been training with the elite team. This team's ongoing success is an enormous achievement for Colin Cromar and his thriving squad.

Claire Prescott's **Under 11s** have worked hard in the most difficult of leagues. The boys were elected to the (EA, Division and have battled to stay with the pace. However, they've won the last two of three matches and although they will probably finish in the drop zone the team have shown fantastic commitment and teamwork.

Player absence and an ever changing starting eleven have hampered the **Under 13s** chance of honours this season. Nevertheless, Tony Excell, has been delighted with his team's attractive passing football. The boys have also been true ambassadors for Boxford football with their outstanding behaviour and temperament. The team are likely to finish around mid table.

The Under 14s are another team who are on the verge of very great things. They are currently in joint second place in the (EC, Division and have shown real resilience and commitment. One notable performance is the goal tally of striker Chris Wilde. Chris has notched up a staggering 64 goals (to date) from just 19

games. Although Duncan Comell has recently suffered a re-occurrence of his knee problems things look very bright for Mark Lane's squad.

The Under 15s have made important inroads since their problematic last season. Although the boys are aiming for a mid table position " this really does not tell the whole story. They made it through to the fourth round of the League Cup and have picked up some notable scalps on the way. Joe Eady's horrendous ankle injury was a low point but new-boy Dominic Emery and in-form Joe Daniels have kept spirits up. Richard Robinson will be looking to retain this squad, which is cram-packed with potential, ready for an assault on the (EC, Division next season.

The Under 16s are set to finish in 6th place after some great recent performances. Matt Garman has impressed this season and he will be joining Tom Grunsell and Neil Murkin in receiving long service awards from the league. These three lads have played for Boxford for an unbroken seven season period and their awards are much-deserved. New Keeper Richie Burnham is another player who has earned the praise of his manager John Mayhew.

All in all a fantastic season for Boxford Rovers. The boys can now all look forward to the Fun run in late April (organised by Greg Deeks on 210075), the Presentation Evening at Stoke by Nayland Club in May and the many five-a-side tournaments which lead to another season of Boxford football.

Richard Robinson, Press Officer, Boxford Rovers Football Club.



THE STOKE CLUB IS TO HOST EAST ANGLIA'S FIRST WORLDWIDE TELEVISED PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.

A PGA Euro Pro Tour championship is to be held at the Stoke by Nayland golf Club which will be seen on TV in 105 countries from 1st to 3rd July. 156 pros from around the world including USA, Australia, South Africa, South America and many European countries will be competing for the £40,000 prize money. Spectators can view the event free of charge and presents a rare opportunity for East Anglian enthusiasts to watch rising stars on their doorstep. It is hoped that the Stoke by Nayland Club will be a regular venue on the PGA Euro Pro Tour calendar.

There will also be a Pro-Am event on 30th June in which golfers are invited to play with the International Professionals. (cost per team £200 or £75 per individual), If you are interested in joining this competition telephone 01206 262836.

BABERGH LOCAL PLAN (cont'd)

in the centre of the village. It can be viewed on www.babergh.gov.uk <<http://www.babergh.gov.uk>> and local exhibitions will be held on 21 May at Sudbury Town Hall and 27 May at Hadleigh Town Hall and 29 May at Copdock and Washbrook village hall, between the hours of 12.30 and 6.30 pm. You can also phone 01473 825872/825784 and speak to Sue Dawes or Simone Woodrum for further information or write to B.D.C., Corks Lane, Hadleigh, IP7 6SJ

NEW BUS SERVICE - Both Groton and Edwardstone Parish Councils had reported they would not be interested in joining up with Boxford in the proposed service. Once the local parish elections had taken place and the new parish council was in place, they could consider the matter and observe the Lamb's service (mentioned above under BDC report).

STANDING Orders & Financial Standing Orders- were passed
BROADBAND - The assistant clerk reported that there had been 70 people at the recent meeting at Nayland.

BELL-HOUSE - Chairs for the public had been ordered and arrangements for additional more comfortable chairs for visiting executives were in hand with two of the Councillors.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - Clock - It would cost £550 to repair the church clock and this would be carried out in June. It would need to be serviced each quarter. Churchyard - a quotation for the tree work had been received and while this was being considered, it was decided that Councillor Hobbs would discuss the problem of the overhanging trees on the school boundary with the Headmaster before any decisions were made on the sycamores being chopped down.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - The speaker from Flagship had been confirmed. The meeting would commence at 8.00 pm in the village hall.

ELECTION - All was in place for 1 May and there were ten nominations for the nine Councillor positions. The Chairman wished good luck to all concerned.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE - A letter from a resident of Clubs Lane to the Head of Planning at BDC had been copied to Boxford Parish Council and this was read out at the meeting. Notification of meetings on the subject of "Renewable Energy and the Planning System" had been received, following the launch of the Government White Paper on Energy, encouraging a strong move towards low carbon generation of energy. It is hoped that the meetings arranged throughout the East of England would assist parish councils to engage in better informed debates about new energy.

Correspondence from the Sports Development Officer of BDC had been received about assisting local groups who were planning to run a Summer playscheme. Support could be given in providing activities from tennis to rounders to multi-sport sessions, as well as arts and crafts. Groton Parish Council had confirmed they did not wish to install a dog bin at the top of the path that runs from the Playing Field north to Groton (near Charlie Partridge's Dutch barn).

REPORT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS - Mr Hughes advised the meeting about the overhanging hedge all along the length of Brick Kiln Hill as well as the ongoing problem with litter and unhealthy rubbish being deposited on the laurel bush up The Croft. Mr Gasson reported the parking of vehicles on the pavement outside Riddlesdell Garage. Mrs Hobbs confirmed that she had informed Suffolk County Council on several occasions about the street light needing attention at 5 Fen Street and yet nothing had been done; it had been out of action since January. Also she reported the unevenness of the slabs outside the village shop. (The Clerk would report to Highways.) There had been some concern about the drive leading up to the doctors' surgery as users found it very difficult to manoeuvre pushchairs and wheelchairs on it. (The Clerk would write to the practice manager.) [At the March meeting, Mrs Stacey had reported the concern from the owners of Brook House about their fence dropping into the river at the bottom of their garden.]



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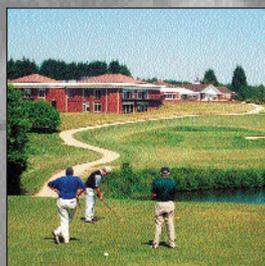
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More Wots On

Newton Village Hall, "Clerical Characters"

Friday 23rd May at 7.30pm.

On Friday 23rd May at 7.30pm, Roy Tricker will be giving a talk entitled "Clerical Characters" in Newon Village Hall.

There will be a raffle and light refreshments will be available Admission £6.00. All proceeds in aid of All Saints Church, Newton.

Diana Stock 01787 312828

Groton's " WIZARD " Fete

(With a Harry Potter theme to coincide with the new Harry Potter book)

Saturday June 21st 2.30pm

At Groton Manor

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Also of course,

Cream teas, strawberries, magic potions etc. to eat and drink. Unfortunately J.K.Rowling was too busy to come, but we hope

to have our own " Groton " Harry Potter instead. Raffle, children's races (Quiditch) and lots more; further details next month. The committee would love to hear of anyone willing to help in any way — on the day, ideas, cooking, sewing etc. Please phone Pat Kennedy Scott (210319) Pat/Bob Bowdidge (211553) or any member of Groton PCC.

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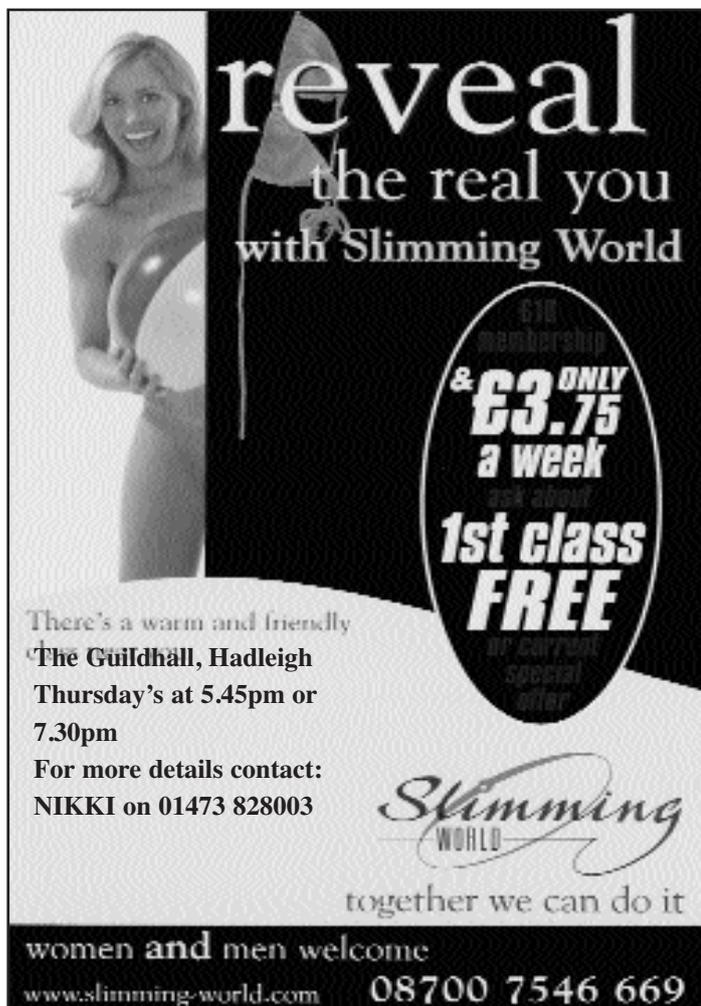
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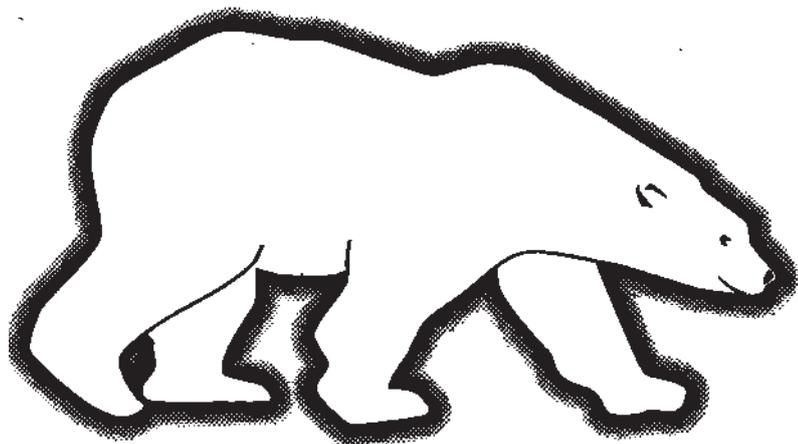
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There will be a quiz in aid of S.E.S.A.W. the Suffolk, Essex Small Animal Welfare at the 'Hare and Hounds' Leavenheath on Saturday 31st May at 8pm. Raffle and refreshments

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust

AGM 3rd June 8pm at the Edwardstone Village Hall

A note for your diaries. The Millennium Green Trust will be holding its 2003 AGM on 3 June starting at 8pm at the Edwardstone Village Hall. AGMs are sometimes perceived as a trap for the unwary, if not as a bore.

But it is hoped that this will not be the case here! Now that we have completed the original development plan we want your participation - in particular your ideas on where we go from here. Needless to say there are limitations on what we can do, not least because the terms of our Trust deed are fairly restrictive and because we are not exactly rolling in money. But we will be there to listen and to try to realise some of your ambitions for the Green, in particular, ways in which it might be further developed and used by the community. We really want your input and we would like to see you there, glued to your chairs and transfixed with anticipation.

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May 11: Sandra Harbord/Mrs Ewen;
May 18: Anne Miller/Mrs Squirrel;
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CLERICAL CHARACTERS:

This is the title of a talk to be given by Roy Tricker on Friday 23rd May at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Village Hall. There will be a raffle and light refreshments. Admission £6.00. In aid of All Saints Church. *Diana Stock*

NEWTONEERS:

Next meeting is on Monday 12th May in the Village Hall from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. More information from Linda Cutts on 370242.

GENERAL BENEFICE NEWS

JOHN TAYLOR:

John Taylor has "retired" as a Reader attached to our benefice and will assist at St. Gregory's, Sudbury. We owe him considerable thanks for his ministry to us over the past three years. *Christopher Kingsbury*

FAIR TRADE STALL-ADVANCE NOTICE:

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

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

MAY 2003

Sunday 4 May, Easter 2 (BCP), 3rd Sunday of Easter (CW)		
Box	0800	Holy Communion BCP
LtW	0930	Holy Communion CW*
Gro	1100	Family Service
Edw	1830	Evensong
New		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>
		<i>The Revd. Brian Watling</i>
		<i>Tim Harbord</i>
		<i>Joy Sellers</i>
		<i>Antony Dodd</i>

Wednesday 7 May		
Box	1030	Holy Communion
LtW	1900	Home Communion*
		<i>The Revd. David Rutherford</i>
		<i>Tim Harbord</i>

Sunday 11 May, Easter 3 (BCP), 4th Sunday of Easter (CW)		
Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP*
New	0930	Holy Communion CW*
LtW	1100	Family Service
Box	1100	Christian Aid Week Service
Gro	1830	Evensong
		<i>Peter Weirland</i>
		<i>Linda Cutts</i>
		<i>Tim Harbord</i>
		<i>Graham Brook</i>
		<i>Joy Sellers</i>

Wednesday 14 May		
Box	1030	Holy Communion*
		<i>Joy Sellers</i>

Sunday 18 May, Easter 4 (BCP), 5th Sunday of Easter (CW)		
Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP*
New	0930	Holy Communion BCP
Box	1100	Family Service and Holy Baptism
LtW	1830	Evensong
Edw		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>
		<i>Pauline Lamming</i>
		<i>To be advised</i>
		<i>Christopher Kingsbury &</i>
		<i>The Revd. David Abel</i>
		<i>Graham Brook</i>

Wednesday 21 May		
Box	1030	Holy Communion
LtW	1900	Compline
		<i>The Revd. David Rutherford</i>
		<i>Tim Harbord</i>

Sunday 25 May, Easter 5 - Rogation (BCP), 6th Sunday of Easter (CW)		
LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW
Box	1100	Matins
New	1830	Evensong
Gro		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>
		<i>The Revd. David Rutherford</i>
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		<i>Christopher Kingsbury</i>
		<i>Diana Stock</i>

Wednesday 28 May		
Box	1030	Holy Communion*
		<i>Joy Sellers</i>

Thursday 29 May, ASCENSION DAY		
Box	1930	Holy Communion
		<i>The Revd. David Rutherford</i>

Saturday 31 May		
Gro	1400	Holy Matrimony
		<i>Canon Lawrence Pizney</i>

JUNE 2003

Sunday 1 June, Sunday after Ascension (BCP), 7th Sunday of Easter (CW)		
New	0800	Holy Communion BCP
Gro	0930	Holy Communion BCP
Edw	1100	Matins
Box	1830	Evensong
LtW		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>
		<i>The Revd. David Rutherford</i>
		<i>The Revd. David Abel</i>
		<i>Antony Dodd</i>
		<i>Graham Brook</i>

Wednesday 4 June		
Box	1030	Holy Communion*
LtW	1900	Home Communion*
		<i>Antony Dodd</i>
		<i>Tim Harbord</i>

Sunday 8 June, WHITSUNDAY (BCP), Pentecost (CW)		
Edw	0930	Holy Communion
		<i>Combined Benefice Service</i>
		<i>The Revd. Brian Watling</i>

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

More Wots On

Boxford Gardens Open, Sunday 1 June 2003.

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

Boxford Art Group

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

The group meets on Thursday afternoons between 2.30 and 5.00pm and in the evening between 7.30 and 10pm in The Boxford Fleece. Enjoy a relaxing few hours with like minded people. For Further information phone *Pam Dodd 01787 210397 or Philip Ingram 01787 210771*

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 31 st 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 (Young organist of the year, Suffolk 2000)
Sat 13th September	Annual Orgathon 10am/4pm Free Entry

Polstead Crafts and Rural Skills

Sunday 4 May 12 - 5pm and Monday 5 May 10 - 5pm. Crafts made by local craftsmen, Horse shoeing on Sunday, Country Dancing and Children's entertainer on Monday. Refreshments both days. Come and enjoy. *Sue Wigglesworth* chairman Polstead village hall committee

EDWARDSTONE OPEN GARDENS:

We are holding our first Open Gardens in Edwardstone on Sunday 15th June.

The gardens are very diverse; we even have a garden with resident deer and peacocks for you to see.

There is a private meadow with a pond for you to sit by and watch the wildlife and then perhaps a stroll through the adjacent wood to listen to the birds.

Some gardens will be offering teas and there will also be a host of plants for sale. Look for our advertisement next month. Daphne Spittle 211940/Daphne dark 210698

TRAIDCRAFT SALE

TRAIDCRAFT will be at *Mary's house,*
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South Suffolk Broadband NEWS

SSBB or South Suffolk Broadband is a group of local volunteers who are aiming to win the competition run by EEDA, the East of England Development Agency, in order to finance the advent of Broadband to our villages. Our group has 150 serious expressions of interest but we need more. If you have already registered, please ask your friends and colleagues to do the same. Go to www.broadbandbrokerage.com/bbb-register/ <<http://www.broadbandbrokerage.com/bbb-register/>>

This is not to be confused with BT's site of similar purpose. After registering on the EEDA site, please respond to your emailed verification and let me know on ann.jessop@btopenworld.com that you are with us. If you have told me that you are interested but have not yet registered please do it now.

The group is currently working hard to meet a 30th April deadline to qualify for the next stage of the competition. They are assessing proposals from three suppliers for turnkey provision for broadband network. The three will include one hard wired and one wireless solution. For more details of SSBB's work so far, please visit www.ssbb.co.uk <<http://www.ssbb.co.uk>> A presentation by Invisible Networks at Nayland on 10th April was well attended and other presentations are pending. At present all the work of the group is falling on a few shoulders and this will have to change if the project is to succeed. We need people who can spare a little time and have legal/contracting, accountancy, project planning, IT, marketing and other sorts of expertise which they can lend to SSBB.

I am happy to be the contact point for Boxford. Daphne dark is looking after Edwardstone and Groton, is well informed on the progress of the project and contributes greatly to the group. In Boxford, David Brown has come in to look after our interests and work for the group. David will speak about Broadband and the competition at the Community Council AGM on 29th April.

If we do not win the competition money from EEDA some other rural group will get it instead. I feel we have a very good case and my colleagues in SSBB are very competent. I also feel this is a very important step for our community to have access to the best available IT technology. Please support the project. Do not assume that BT will never bring broadband here - there are other suppliers. Don't take my word for any of this - visit the websites and see.

Ann Jessop

Edwardstone folk pse phone Daphne Clark 01787 210698 or e-mail: daphles.clarkdSjeggconnect.net

Notes of a meeting of Boxford Parish Council Monday 14 April 2003

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - Concern was raised about the work recently carried out by Babergh on the river bank at the back of Fen Street in order to prevent flooding in the area. Local residents criticised the expense of the recent works as well as the effectiveness of them and thought the money would have been better used to increase the capacity of the Brookside bridge in Ash Street. Our local District Councillor, Bryn Hurren, explained that the matter is being explored thoroughly and the reconstruction of a bridge more in keeping with a conservation area would be more suitable at Brookside. He would discuss the subject with Babergh as well as the owner of Brookside who is keen to assist in the matter. He would report back to the residents in the area.

POLICE REPORT - Given by PC Ruth Finbow. She now has to cover 25 villages and will do her best to ensure we get a reasonable service, with the help of her colleagues. There has been seven recorded crimes, all of which are in the process of being detected. Theft from the village shop is also being dealt with (the suspect appears to have committed crimes in other areas).

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL - Bryn Hurren reported that the Lavenham bus run by Lambs ran on Tuesday with eight

passengers from Boxford including a wheelchair user who had been unable to get out for some time. Mention was made of the Sudbury Community bus service - this would kick in later on in the year. A speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting on the 28th from Flagship the housing association, has been confirmed. A flyer will be delivered to each home in the Parish, asking residents to state their needs for consideration in the new homes - contact Janet Carter at Babergh on 01473 825765 for an application form.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - Jeremy Pembroke reported that it was likely that the decisions on the new Boundary proposals would go for a higher number of Councillors, and not less, as he had preferred - a more expensive outcome for the area. He had agreed to the funding of a baby changing area in the village hall for the Boxford Toddler's Group from the County budget.

BABERGH LOCAL PLAN - 2nd Deposit Draft - Babergh is putting a revised local plan out for consultation and a notice

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Boxford Clubs & Organisations

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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
1st Boxford Scouts	Richard Gates 210432
1st Boxford Explorer Scouts	Richard Robinson 211114
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
Boxford Netball Club	Elaine Powling 211243
Boxford Over 60s Club	Nell Suckling 210250
Boxford Playing Fields	Richard Gates 210432
Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion	210756 or 211716
Boxford Recorder	Philip Rich 210605
Boxford Rovers Football Club	Tony Excell 210572
Boxford School	Bob Giles 210332
Boxford Society	Philip Rich 210605
Boxford Spinney	Sonja Lane 211214
Boxford Sunflower Playgroup	Moira Grant 211513
Boxford Sew & Sews	Paula Stacey 211488
Boxford Study Centre	Bob Martin 210837
Boxford tennis Club	Diana Hawk 211403
Boxford to Boxford MA 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	Cynthia Wanniarachy 211182
Poppy Appeal	E Fletcher
Primrose Wood	Ian Lindsley 210520
SESAW	Maggie 210888
Toddlers at Boxford	

Newton Clubs & Organisations

Newtoners	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

Boxford Village Hall

April Draw Results

1st	£ 40	No 65	Steve Skinner	Gt Cornard
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Sunday 18th May Leavenheath/Stoke by Nayland joint village walks. Walking some of the footpaths of Leavenheath. Meet at Leavenheath Village hall car park to make a 2pm start for a two hour walk, returning to the Village Hall for tea and cakes. All are invited to join the walk

LAVENHAM RAMBLING CLUB

Sunday 4th May. Leavenheath/Nayland (airfield) & Wisington. Meet at Leavenheath Village Hall car park (GR TL 948 364) for a 2pm start.

N.B. This walk is longer than the usual - up to about 2.5 hours. Leader *Jill 01206 263751*

Sunday 18th May meet Bury Road Lavenham lay-by, north of water tower (GR TL 913 520) using the disused railway track towards Cockfield and Smithwood Green, Leader *Brenda 01787 248253*

Sunday 1st June. Meet at Glemsford, Tye Green (GR TL 826481) for a walk towards Cavendish. Leader *Pam 01787 282327*

All walks start at 2.00pm and last for about two hours.

For general enquiries phone *Graham 01787 248128*

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION WALKS.

Saturday 3rd May. Part of the Essex area '100 mile walk'. Meet at Bures Village hall (GR TL 908338) at 9.30am to catch the coach to Long Melford. Walk track along the Stour Valley 11 miles. Leader *Jill Burdett*

Sunday 4th May Colne Valley. Meet at heath Road car park, Fordham Heath (GR TL 944 264) to make a 10am start for al walk along the Colne Valley. Lunch stop at Chappel. No dogs. About 10 miles. Leaders *Ann and Rowan*.

Monday 5th May. May Day Ramble. Around Stoke by Nayland. Meet at the playing field car park (GR TL 986364) for a 10am start. No dogs. 10 or 15 miles. Leader *Alan 01206 230791*.

Sunday 18th May. Circular Walk to Long Melford. Meet free

car park opposite Waitrose, Sudbury (GR TL 876411) Lunch at Long Melford 10 miles. *Salley and Graham 01206 241632*

Thursday 22nd May. Stratford st Mary, figure of eight (Start times 10am or 1.30pm) Meet at the car park at the 'Black Horse' pub at Stratford St Mary (GR TL 043337). Coffee will be served at 9.45am and orders taken for lunch. 11 miles in total. Leader *John 01206 323916*.

Monday 26th May. Bank Holiday Ramble. Meet Sudbury Station (GR TL 875411) to start at 10am for a circular walk via Bulmer, Wickham St Paul and Belcham Walter. Lunch at the Victory Inn, Wickham St Paul. 11 miles.

Wednesday 4th. Stoke by Nayland. Meet at the playing field car park (GR TL 986364) for a 10am start. Morning walk via Polstead and Bower House Tye. Lunch 'The Fleece' Boxford. Afternoon walk along the Box Valley. 10 miles. Leader *Roger 01206 524979*.

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