

# Box River News

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## IT WAS THAT MONTH AGAIN

There may not be Millennium Celebrations or a Jubilee but The Benefice has been busy enjoying itself all the same. The pictures on the front and back pages and reports in this issue of BRN show some of the events that took place during June.



The first Newton Car Boot Sale of the season was on 28th May and was a resounding success, this was followed by another on 21st June and the next is on 26th July



The Boxford Spinney 'Family Fun Day' enjoyed fantastic weather and attracted large numbers to its exciting Grounds for a very successful day. The archery attracted many young prospective bowmen and as always the Sledge run provided excitement throughout the day. Crowds watched the Raft Races on the lake and were rewarded with many duckings to cheer. Cycling events, Pony Rides and Side shows and Face Painting topped up with a BBQ, Ice Cream and Refreshments ensured the success of this Bi-Annual event.



*The Boxford Gardens Open Shuttle Bus*

Boxford's Gardens were open on Sunday 1st June on a pleasant bright Sunday. Some 350 visitors view the record 25 gardens that were open and enjoyed cream teas at Falcon House in Swan Street where the demand was so great they sold out. A community bus was in operation throughout the day delivering visitors to outlying gardens and for those in need of a little relaxation there were floral displays and an Organ Recital in St Mary's Church. All in all a very successful day with over £1500 being raised in aid of St Mary's Church



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## THE BOXFORD SPINNEY FUN DAY

The Management Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Fun day such a fantastic success.

Thank you to those who helped to run the day and also to everyone one who came to enjoy the activities.our lovely grounds and the wonderful sunshine!

We made a profit of £1,550, a valuable addition to our funds which are used to maintain the hall and the grounds for the benefit of many local youngsters.

We are also most grateful to Pat and Bob Bowdidge for their brave red hair challenge which also raised £750 for the Spinney. Winners of the raffle were (names as given on the tickets)

**1st** Hamper Richard Robinson **2nd** Cookery Course at the Swan, Monks Eleigh Mrs Arthur. **3rd** £20 Waitrose voucher Mrs Brown **4th** £10 Tesco voucher **5th** £5 Roy's Voucher A. Bourner **6th** Quaser tickets Mrs Isaac **7th** Rollerworld tickets Mr Blount **8th** Colchester zoo tickets. Mrs Gant Dora George Fun Day Co-ordinator.

## BOXFORD SUNFLOWER PLAYGROUP 30 YEARS ON

June 2003 was a very special time for us as we celebrated our 30th Anniversary. The Playgroup has become an important part of village life despite a fire 11 years ago which destroyed the Pavilion and all our equipment.

We have had a very busy time recently fund-raising for the improvement of our equipment and to have an area paved and fenced for outside play. The grants have come mainly from local parish councils, and village organisations. We have now purchased new tables and chairs, storage cupboards and to the delight of the children are in the process of expanding, updating and improving the play equipment. Our outdoor play area has also proved a great success.

With qualified and experienced staff and membership of the Pre-school Learning Alliance, being part of the Early Years Development plan, and Ofsted inspected, we continually update ourselves so that we can offer the best to the children and parents of the Playgroup.

So here's to the next 30 years!

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**Friday, 4th July, 8.30 Ticket £10**

### **Christian Brewer Quartet**

A passionate alto saxophonist, Christian is a fiery hard-bop player with a soulful and beautiful tone to his playing. Outside of jazz Christian has worked with an impressive range of star musicians including Spanish pianist Chano Dominguez, The Ragga Twins, Jamaican reggae star Rico Rodriguez, rap band Push, and top blues guitarist Otis Grand. Completing tonight's distinguished quartet are Leon Greening (piano), Tom Herbert (bass) and Seb Rochford (drums).

**Friday, 11th July, 8.30 Ticket £12**

### **Patrick Villaneuve Trio**

Patrick is probably best known to Fleece audiences as the brilliant pianist who accompanies Tina May with her French band. Classically trained, Patrick teaches jazz harmony at the Sorbonne. Switching tonight to the Hammond B3 organ his mastery of this wonderful instrument is demonstrable. John Etheridge (guitar) is simply one of the very best players around. The Frenchman with the flying drumsticks, Tristan Maillot, completes the trio.

**Friday, 18th July, 8.30 Ticket £11**

### **Joan Viskant**

Born and brought up in Chicago, Joan began singing

professionally in the clubs of her hometown before relocating to France and then to London. Her vocal career took her through Europe, where she received encouragement from Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra, as well as the respect of many influential jazz musicians. Wooife Phillips who was musical director for Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole and Judy Garland said of Joan, "The finest jazz singer I've heard in the last thirty years". With Robin Aspland (piano), Frank Griffith (saxophone), Malcolm Creese (bass) and Ralph Salmins (drums).

**Friday, 25th July, 8.30 Ticket £10**

### **Laurence Cottle Quartet**

Generally considered to be one of the finest electric bass players this country has ever produced, Laurence has played with many of the world's great monosyllabic musicians such as Sting, Cher, Seal, Eno and Jaco. Working with Michael Kamen he has performed for films like Lethal Weapon and Mr Holland's Opus. Musical versatility - playing bass on Headless Cross with Black sabbath, the Hanson Christmas album and the soundtrack for Britney Spear's movie Crossroads. Other big names that have played and recorded with Laurence include Eric Clapton, The Bee Gees, Procul Harum and Mike Oldfield. Gareth Williams (piano), Ben Castle (saxophone) and Ian Thomas (drums) make up the Quartet.

**Friday, 1st August, 8.30 Ticket £10**

### **Brian Dee Quartet**

Pianist Brian Dee has accompanied many of the biggest names in the history of popular and jazz music since making his mark on the London music scene during the late 1950's. His new CD 'Centurion' is his third album of original compositions. With this album and band, Brian deserves to be viewed in a different light by his peers, critics and fans alike.

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# Box River Soap Box

We all have our shortcomings. Tiny character defects that single us out, one from another. In the case of my wife, it is punctuality. Not that she is ever late, you understand. But she does live on the edge when it comes to arriving anywhere on time. I have become used to it. When we succeeded in missing a ferry which was to return us to England from France by a full 24 hours, I realised that she was beyond redemption.

My problem is short-term memory loss. Little things like forgetting the name of my brother when he telephones I find irritating. I have mentioned before my membership of the CRAFT Club (Can't Remember a Flipping Thing) but at least I am reaching the age when some absent mindedness is considered acceptable. When you are running a business, though, you are expected to retain better recall.

Good leaders usually have good memories. While you can generally cope, if you are deficient in the memory stakes, it does make your life tougher. I remember joining a new company many years ago. Run by a Baronet and a Lord (the City was like that in those days), there was a retirement party held for a long-standing employee during my first week. The Baronet, who was chairman, delivered the eulogy, but had to peer at a slip of paper secreted in his hand to ensure he had the correct name of the retiring staff member. At the time I was appalled. Now I have sympathy with his plight.

The reason for me focussing on my inability to remember things is the upcoming anniversary of my entry into the City. It was 40 years ago this month that I first emerged from Liverpool Street station to take a job as a stockbrokers clerk. This was no employment gained through family influence or personal contact. Instead I had scanned the "jobs vacant" columns of The Evening Standard and came across three advertisements that caught my fancy.

Faced with the choice between a shipping agency, the Tote, and a firm of stockbrokers, I chose the latter, a fortuitous decision for which I have long been grateful. And as for why it was the City that beckoned - it was not because it's streets were perceived to be paved with gold. Rather, it was the convenience of travelling in from South Essex to the East side of the Capital. My first job, by the way, was marking computer punch cards with a pencil. The rest, as they say, is history.

This anniversary is designated Ruby - appropriate, my friends might say, given my fondness for port. Forty years is a long time in this business - but it is not record breaking. Brian Winterflood, who runs the eponymous market making firm, left school at 15 and recently clocked up a full half Century. His first job was as a messenger, yet he finished as Chairman of his company and a multimillionaire to boot. Anyone who considers the City to be the provenance solely of the privileged and connected should examine Brian's career and realise how open a society it is.

But if I celebrate this ruby jubilee, will I be able to remember the names of all from my past who might attend? Little chance, if current experience is anything to go by. On second thoughts, perhaps I will use the excuse of a poor memory to abandon the idea of a celebration. Dinner with my wife at the Great House seems a better way of recording the event. Remind me to tell her that the table is booked for at least an hour before we are expected to arrive.

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

## Boxford Village Hall May Draw Results

|     |      |        |             |                |
|-----|------|--------|-------------|----------------|
| 1st | £ 40 | No 170 | S Grimwood  | Swan Street    |
| 2nd | £20  | No 94  | A Lewis     | White St Green |
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## 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 *Either Jo On 01787 379031, or Siobhán on 01787 311028.*

## Boxford Mother & Toddler Group

We would like to announce that we now have a baby changing unit installed in the ladies toilets at Boxford's Village Hall. Many thanks to Paul Rose who managed to find time in his busy schedule to install the unit for us free of charge. It has already been put to good use and we, at Boxford Mother and Toddler Group are all very grateful.

## 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

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## 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 the the school.

## Little Waldingfield Parish Room

The Trustees held the AGM on 3rd Of June. Present were four trustees and a villager.

The Minutes were read, approved and signed.

The Chairman gave his report and reiterated that our external refurbishment plan was still our main priority and that we must raise at least half the cost before we can apply for a grant. Our two fund raising events proved very successful and brought in £781. This included generous donation arising in respect of the quiz night.

The Treasurer reported we now had a much healthier balance of £2,469.77.

The Election of Officers then took place. Mary Thorogood and Chris Grunsell were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. Glen Cooper tendered his resignation as Chairman having held the post for 7 years and been a trustee for 11 years. Richard Mitchell was elected Chairman. Glen indicated his wish to remain involved and so was elected as a committee member. Sue Mitchell was also made a committee member.

We could do with three more committee members. Any volunteers?

Other business. After holding our prices for 6 years it was decided that our fees would have to be reviewed in the light of increased expenses. They are now: -

|   |            |              |
|---|------------|--------------|
| <b>Village Charities</b>                  | £5         | (No deposit) |
| <b>Villagers (24 hours)</b>               | £30        | (No deposit) |
| <b>Non-villagers (24 hours)</b>           | £50        |              |
| <b>Elections</b>                          | £75        |              |
| <b>Children's Parties (villagers)</b>     | £10        |              |
| <b>Children's Parties (non-villagers)</b> | £20        |              |
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The Keyholders will in future be Richard Mitchell, Mary Thorogood, Chris Grunsell, Anne Miller and Glen Cooper.

The above details and more will be displayed in the window by the door.

Fund raising in the coming year was discussed. Watch this space for details of more super events.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm 1st July in the Parish Room.

## CHRISTIAN AID Little Waldingfield

I would like to thank very much all the collectors and all who gave so generously to Christian Aid in the recent house to house collection. The total raised was £282.42. Neil Rattee

## RINGING FOR GLENDA

On Sunday 1st June 2003 in Boxford Church, the bellringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles for Evensong. This consisted of 1260 changes and the piece lasted 46 minutes. This quarter peal is dedicated to the memory of Glenda Winter, who loved to hear the bells. The ringers were: E Hynard (conductor); K Bellman; A Jessop; D Jessop; S Pilsbury; C Ablitt.

## GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on 28th August to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881! Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Boxford, Sudbury.CO10 5ER (01787 210263)

Applications from organisations serving the above area will also be considered.

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**Robert Chapman lives in Boxford  
so has a personal knowledge  
of the local area**

## Boxford APM Cont'd

Ipswich. He wished to pay tribute to the retained fireman and military personnel and senior officers of the Fire Brigade who worked so hard keeping the County safe during the strike. Regionalisation was still with us and the Government proposed an Assembly in the East of 32 members, representing 5.5m people and they would be selected from a political list and have no individual constituency. Bearing in mind we have at present 56 MPs, this reduced number of members could hardly make for better accountability or effect a closer relationship with the populace. Also a review of the Divisional Boundaries was under way and the Cosford Division would be bigger and have different borders.

Mr Kench enquired what would become of the site and Councillor Pembroke replied a good price would be sought.

**REPORT FROM POLICE: PC 489, Ruth Finbow** who had held the post of Community Police Officer for us and 24 other villages on a temporary basis, would be handing over to PC Ben Coombes, (whose position was temporary also). She had enjoyed a warm welcome from Boxford and had tried to patrol the area as frequently as time would allow. There had been 55 recorded crimes during the year, 12 of which had been detected in Boxford. Assaults, harassment and thefts have been detected, whilst the crime most undetected is theft from motor vehicles.

Mr Barry Thorpe was keen to ask the police constable why there had been so many changes in the CPO position for the area in the last 12 months. PC Finbow explained that she had to return to her original areas and she would report the disappointment of yet another change to her superiors. She could not reassure the meeting that PC Coombes would remain in the area but felt he would do his best for crime prevention in Boxford.

At this point in the meeting, Mr Ian Lindsley wished to bring us up to date on the Primrose Wood project - it was established as part of the Villages Millennium Celebrations. Some 3000 trees have been planted and these vary in height from 2' to 15', depending on their bit of soil and the species. Interestingly, the 400 trees provided and planted by the villagers are doing especially well as are the three Oak circles planted by the children from the primary school. The area includes some seven acres of open wetland meadow, grazed for the first time by cattle, last summer. The wood is partly managed by a local group of volunteers with Vic Rice, Dave Gasson, Joan Cull and Jennie Lindsley taking the lion's share and supplemented by a small group of faithful supporters, John and Joyce Harris and Peter Kendrick. Anyone interested in being involved can join the group and would be very welcome. Regular meetings take place with the Woodland Trust local officer and at a recent conference for volunteers, it was learned how even more ancient woodland would be lost - the inclusion of Gatwick in the London Airport Expansion plans meant that three Woodland Trust Ancient Woods would be endangered.

Mrs Jennie Lindsley asked the meeting whether there were any plans for a skateboard park in the village. The chairman replied that the enquiry was best directed at the Playing Fields Committee and that the cost of such an amenity would be in the region of £15-25,000.

## Notes from the Minutes of Newton Parish Council Meeting for May

Councillors elected to office on the 1st May completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form to be retained in Parish records. Both Colin Poole and David Smalley completed a Register of Member Interests in accordance with 'The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001'.

**Election of Officers** Cllr. John Taylor was re-elected unchallenged as Chairman by all members of the Council. The motion was proposed by Harry Buckledee and seconded by Alan Vince. All members of the Council elected Cllr. Janet Crimmin as Vice Chairman. The motion was proposed by Harry Buckledee and seconded by Rita Schwenk.

The Chairman welcomed Collin Poole and David Smalley to their first meeting as newly elected Councillors and Janet Crimmin as Vice Chairman. He went on to express his gratitude to Harry Buckledee for the years of expert support he has given in the role of Vice Chairman. His help, advice, reliability and the numerous official duties performed have been invaluable.

**Declaration of Interest** - The Chairman declared an interest in Section 8 Finance item Boxstore that was duly recorded in the

Register of Conflict of Interest.

**Locality Budget** The Clerk confirmed our application has been successful and funds have been received for the refurbishment of the Children's Playground.

**Play Area Safety Inspection Report** A copy of the report has been sent to Sid Scammell to investigate and quote for the necessary remedial action. A further copy of the report was given to David Lovatt to enable him to focus his inspections of the play area.

**Proposed Speed Management Measures** Following rejection of the scheme on the grounds of possible noise pollution, the Clerk has written to Suffolk County Council (SCC) and requested a basket of proposals to be presented at a future meeting of Newton Parish Council. However, SCC, who confirmed the budget would not be available until 2004/5 for new proposals, has rejected this. The Clerk has responded to SCC expressing concern with this unsatisfactory situation. No reply to date.

**Waste Management Strategy** Following some lively discussion, Cllr. Gwen Smith volunteered to respond on behalf of Newton Parish Council (NPC) to the proposals documented.g) **Nicholsons Court pavement.** The recent work completed is not to an acceptable standard. The Clerk was instructed to approach the Highways Department in this regard and request repair work is undertaken at the School Bus stop in Plamplin Close.

**Planning a) Motts Farm - Babergh District Council (BDC)** has confirmed that action is underway with solicitors having It was noted a horse is grazing on the old allotments and must be kept under control by the owner and confined to the field.

Concerns were raised that the Pippins is now being used as a large builders yard and was no longer a small family business, possibly operating without appropriate planning permission.

BDC have advised investigation will be a long process and will report in due course.

Barn at Mascal's Farm - ongoing, no decision from Planning Committee. It was noted that the damaged barn is now under repair. The Clerk is to check with BDC that they are aware of the materials being used.

Wrenwood Sudbury Road - Planning permission for erection of a 1.8m fence has been refused by BDC. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the legitimacy of the fence erected at the bottom of Newton Lodge.

Brooke House Newton Road - Newton Parish Council raised no objections to the re-designation of the property to residential use.

Church Road - Newton Parish Council raised no objections to the proposed extension to the property.

Newton Lodge Newton Road - Newton Parish Council raised no objections to the proposed extension to the property.

Jarvis Farm - Newton Parish Council raised no objections to the erection of a Mobile Phone Ariel.

Dormy Newton Road - Although, Newton Parish Council raised no objections to the building of the proposed new house it was not a unanimous decision. Concerns still remain that the size of the building will not be in keeping with the Listed Cottages and due consideration for neighbours views are paramount.

**Babergh Local Plan** - The Chairman reported that there are no plans for permitting additional building in Newton. The Green on Newton Road in the vicinity of Links View and the ground opposite the Saracens Head are now protected areas.

St Michaels the Green - Concerns were raised that a tennis court surround and flood lighting have been erected without the appropriate permission. The Clerk was instructed to investigate with BDC.

**Election of Representative for Outside Bodies.** Members of the Council elected Cllr. Colin Poole as the Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee. The motion was proposed by Alan Vince and seconded by David Smalley.

**Police Report** The reports for March and April were reviewed. A male was arrested for driving whilst disqualified and forced entry was made to a shed at the Golf Club.

**Village Hall Grant Application progress** Cllr. John Taylor gave an overview of a recent meeting he had with Business Link. Funds are available from the Rural Facilities Scheme. John Eggenough and Tim Passmore will supply additional Information.

Cllr. Colin Poole gave an update on the progress of local efforts to raise funds, specifically the successful celebration of St George evening and the recent car boot sale. He reported that there have been no further developments with the Lottery Grant Application.

# GARDENING IN JULY *Harry Buckledee*

The sun is the most effective weed killer you can get - so make good use of any hot dry weather by regular hoeing with a Dutch hoe. Most weeds will die in a few hours and even the more persistent perennial weeds will not stand continual hoeing in dry weather.

Although at the moment every thing in the garden is in need of water, it is essential to avoid the every day little and often watering. This does more harm than good as it puts the plants under stress by encouraging the roots near the surface where they are prone to drying out in the hot sun. Plants which appear to be coping with the dry weather and are not under any stress are best left alone.

Dahlias need water and feeding this month to make good strong plants. Some dis-budding is necessary to obtain long clean stems and good flowers otherwise stems will be too short to cut for floral arrangements. Remove the two small buds below each main bud leaving the terminal bud to develop into a flower.

Dig up and divide Iris that have been undisturbed for more than three years. Replant new single rhizomes from the old clumps in soil which has been cleaned of all weeds and enriched with old manure and compost, Together with bone meal or a general fertiliser. Plant with the tops of the rhizomes above ground level and firm the roots in the soil below. Cut the top half off the leaves to prevent evaporation and wind rock. Planting distance should be 6 - 10 inches depending on the height of the variety.

Summer pruning of roses should consist of cutting blooms for indoor use and removing faded blooms. This procedure encourages new, strong shoots to assist in the development of the next crop of blooms. The leaves produce the food for strong healthy growth do do not remove more than is necessary. Ideally cut only one third of the flowering stem produced this year. Keep up the fortnightly spraying against mildew, rust and black spot.

In the vegetable garden there is still time to make sowings of French Beans, carrots, lettuce, red beet and turnips.

After harvesting peas and broad beans, cut off the stems leaving the roots in the soil as these have valuable nitrogen nodules which will be of benefit to the following crop, which can be sprouting broccoli or spring cabbage.

Half ripe cuttings of many shrubs can be taken now and rooted in a cold frame. Pull off shoots with a heel of wood attached, trim the heel and remove lower leaves. Insert the cuttings round the edge of a pot and cover with a polythene bag to conserve moisture. Hydrangea cuttings are best rooted individually in 3.5" pots. Take 3 inch long cuttings of well ripened non-flowering shoots severing them immediately below a leaf joint and removing the lower leaves.

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## Readers Letters

*Dear Little Waldingfield Folk*

Betty and I enjoyed at the end of May a lovely four night break at the Ivy Farm Hotel near Lowestoft, where we were superbly looked after by the staff, but which we could never have afforded without the generosity of those, who contributed to my retirement collection as a lay elder. The weather was well nigh perfect for three of the four days. The break did us both a power of good, having been confined for so much of the last eight months at home.

So very many thanks once again.

*Neil Rattee*

*Sir*

### **GLEND A WINTER.**

Jonathan, James Claire, Daniel and all the family send their grateful and sincere thanks to everyone for the many cards, letters, messages of condolence and offers of help that they received on the very sudden and sad loss of Glenda on May 8th.

We Thank the Rev Laurence Pizzey for the funeral service at the Crematorium and all those who attended the service.

We thank Karen, Veronica, Margaret and Janice for their unstinting help and support.

The Bell Ringers for their tribute on Sunday 1/6/03 when they rang a Quarter Peel for Evensong in Glenda's memory.

The Staff at Hillside School whose help was invaluable and which continues to be so.

Those people whom kindly sent flowers and donations.

We have very much appreciated all that has been done to help us.

Thank you all.

*Jonathan Lewis and family*

*Sir*

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported me on my recent walk especially the Villagers of Little Waldingfield and Shirley of Great Waldingfield Post Office. I managed to raise just over £300.

Thank you

*Sandra McGuinness*

*Sir*

Through the columns of the Box River News I should like to thank the Boxford Scouts under the able leadership of Sylvia Preddy and Adam for the very good work the eight lads that worked really hard and cheerfully clearing the weeds from my pathway and Garden. They did a very good job with Sylvia's help and are a credit to her and the Scout movement. A very big thanks to you all

*Cynthia Johnson*

*Sir*

### **Boxford Community Council Annual Senior Citizens Mystery Outing**

This was a well organised outing and our thanks go out to all the volunteers who made it such a success.

We had a wonderful tour of the Suffolk countryside which ended at Giffords Hall.

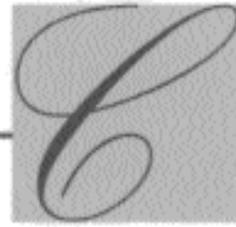
We were treated like V.I.P's and had a delicious tea. This was followed by wine tasting! and a video and talk about the hard work that goes into the grape growing and harvesting.

Then there was a tour of the farm and vineyard

Later we had a drink and raffle at the Brewers Arms, all paid for by the Community Council.

Our thanks to all concerned who made it such an enjoyable evening

*Eileen Sargeant*



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### BOXFORD OVER 60'S

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7th July Garden Meeting Mrs Barbara Hamling 6 Marsh Road  
17th July Trip to Bressingham 9.30 The Fleece  
21st Garden Meeting, Mrs Maisie Tricker 29 Homefield  
For more information contact *Maisie Tricker* on 01787 210045

### 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.

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### Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

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This year's theme is: 'A Floral Display of World Cultures'.  
*Betty Rattee*

### PLANTS FOR SALE:

There are a variety of plants for sale outside Rose Cottage, Edwardstone. Come along and have a look or contact me if you require assistance. All proceeds to Edwardstone Parish Hall.  
*Daphne Clark 210698*

### Club THEO - To Help Each Other

The social club for those under 65 and made single by bereavement. We have seen 3 new members join our growing club since our last press report and enquiries are continuing to come in. The club meets alternate Fridays at 7.30pm in the Common Lands Room, Christopher Centre, Sudbury. For more information contact *Linda Palmer* on 01787 377495

### NEWTON FETE 2003

The fete will be held on Newton playing fields on Saturday 12th July between 1pm and 5pm. Please dress as a character from the "Roaring 20's" as you will be entered into the fancy dress competition, with prizes for the best-dressed child and adult.

This year we have 3 major attractions:

- Suffolk Royals Marching Band & Majorettes
- European Folk Dancers
- Kung Fu display

as well as the child rens races.

There are plenty of further attractions for the children with face painting, bouncy castle, carousels, slides, football and netball shoots, tombolas etc and the adults will also be well served. There will be plenty of food and light refreshments as well as the odd tittle the bar should that take your fancy.

Towards the end of the afternoon we shall be holding the draw for the raffle with first and second prizes of £100 and £50. If you would like raffle tickets ahead of the Fete, please call Janet on 375085. With the proceeds of the Fete going to the Church, Village Hall, and Newtoners your support will help the Newton village community as a whole.

All in all it's an event not to be missed, so put it in your diary. Look forward to seeing you on the day.

### Little Waldingfield Over 60's Club

If you would like to join us please telephone *Mrs P Pell* on 247238

### Gt Waldingfield WI

Off we went on a Mystery Tour for our Birthday Meeting! About 25 of us were transported through the by-ways of Suffolk, being regaled with interesting tales where would we end up - Bury St Edmunds, perhaps - but no - was that Rattlesden? Under the Orwell Bridge still no clue - but the place we ended up was really as pretty as a picture - you've got it Dedham! ( we even found a good hostelry, perfect evening).

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd July when Mrs *Jean Smith* will talk on "The Cycling Granny" so, on your bike, don't miss it.

### Leavenheath Village Hall Fundraising Committee

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### GROTON WI

Lacking a speaker at our June meeting, provided us with time and opportunity to discuss our own affairs, requirements and possibilities, a fruitful Hour or so.

July will be the occasion of our annual garden meeting, Wednesday, 9th, 2.50 p.m.

### The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding

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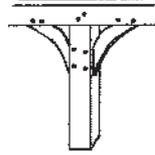
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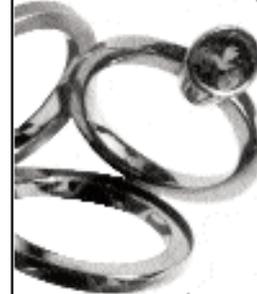
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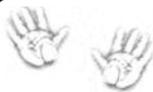


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*Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use . Thank You*

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



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwarden:**

*Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above*

Dear All

As I sit writing this piece just before Ascension Day it seems a good time to reflect on the earthly life of Jesus and the immediate effect on his followers.

From the start of his ministry when he was aged about 30, from then until his crucifixion aged 33, his work is well documented. His appearances after the resurrection were less well defined, a number of people saw him in different places, at different times and it would seem in different forms. Quite what these forms were we are not really sure. Some it seems instantly recognised him, others by contrast did not recognise him until he gave some sort of clue, a speech or a recollection of an event that happened. Whatever form he took there was no doubt about the resurrection.

The effect on his followers must have been quite dramatic, the fear of the trial and crucifixion, the despair of that Saturday and the joy of realising that he was in fact alive and the sadness at his departure on Ascension Day, his earthly work completed. The feeling of being left alone with the tremendous responsibility of carrying on the work of ministry. Then the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the realisation that they, the disciples, were now empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out God's work here on earth. The same holds true for us; Jesus is with us today some can recognise him working through others, whilst for some the recognition is not that easy.

The fact remains that we by faith are empowered to do God's work here in this place and for all those we meet in our daily lives.

*Graham Brook*

### COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:

12.30 p.m. 20th July 2003. Tickets £5 (£3 for under 15) from Margie Holden 211077. Please see General Benefice News for further details.

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

John's gospel (ch. 17, v20) tells us of this prayer Jesus offered to his father: "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one. Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me..." CK

### BOX RIVER CLUB:

Dates for your Diary: The Family Service June 29th at 11.00 a.m. July 5th we have a pink and purple stall. Keep collecting those pink and purple things.

August 6th: Still a way ahead but keep the date clear. We are booked for a Family Activity Day at the Cathedral Discovery Centre Bury St. Edmunds. The Newtoners are joining us and it will be fun. New members to the Club are very welcome.

*Janet Daniels*

### MATTERS OF FAITH:

"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it,... said unto them, suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God". (Mark 10,13,14).

What an amazing thought! *Of such is the kingdom of God.*

What truth was Jesus impressing upon His hearers? Surely it was that the simplicity, honesty, and trustfulness of a little child are qualities necessary in all who would become children of the Heavenly Father - a beautiful concept. *Christopher Kingsbury*

### CHURCH FETE:

Saturday 5th July, from 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m., at Parsonage Farm, thanks to the generosity of Mr & Mrs Russel Ross. With traditional stalls. Jazz Band, School Choir, Madrigals, Pony Rides, Donkey Cart, Fancy Dress Competition, Raffle, Bouncy Castle and lots more. CK

### CHRISTIAN AID:

Very many thanks to all who helped with the Christian Aid campaign this year. £967.00 has been collected from house-to-house collections and at church services and other events. RK

### OPEN GARDENS:

A very big thank you to all who opened their gardens on June 1st. We were blessed with a fine and warm day. It is always a delight to look at how well our neighbours' gardens are kept. "The afternoon went by too quickly" was a common complaint! The flowers in the church filled the air with their perfume and our organists' music made a visit into church during the afternoon a wonderful interlude from the walking round. The cream teas were also excellent. £1500.00 was raised for the work of the church. CK

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| <b>ROTAS:</b> | <b>Readers</b>      | <b>Sidesmen</b>           |
| 6th           | B Thorpe<br>Priest  | B Thorpe<br>M Clover      |
| 13th          | P Rich<br>M Bishop  | P Rich                    |
| 20th          | P Patrick<br>Priest | A Kingsbury<br>J Lindsley |

**SMILE LINES:**

From a church newsletter: "Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help". CK



**THE PARISH OF  
ST MARY THE VIRGIN,  
EDWARDSTONE**

**Churchwardens:**

*Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397*

**Elders:**

*Antony Dodd 210397 Peter Welstand 210525*

**COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:**

12.30p.m. 20th July 2003. Tickets £5 (£3 for under 15) from Pam Dodd 210397.

Please see General Benefice News for further details. *Antony Dodd*

**ROTAS - SIDESMAN/CLEANING:**

**July 6:** Mr Saddleton/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

**July 13:** Mrs Dodd/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

**July 20:** Combined Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

**July 27:** Mrs Tregear/Mrs Clarke & Mrs dark;

**Aug 3:** Mr Currey/Mrs Clarke & Mrs dark.



**THE PARISH OF  
ST BARTHOLOMEW,  
GROTON**

**Churchwardens:** *Barbara Riddleston:  
Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261  
David Lamming Lodge Farmhouse 210360*

**Elders:** *Pauline Lamming 210360  
Joy Sellers 210275*

**COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:**

12.30 p.m. 20th July 2003. Tickets £5 (£3 for under 15) from Pat Kennedy Scon on 210319. Please see General Benefice News for further details.

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| <b>ROTAS:</b>                   | <b>July</b>           | <b>August</b>    |
| <b>Flowers:</b>                 | Mrs P Kennedy Scott   | Mrs B Riddleston |
| <b>Cleaning:</b>                | Mrs Fearis/Mrs Foster | Mrs B Riddleston |
| <b>Sidesman with Sacristan:</b> | Mr G Thaw             | Mr M Wood        |



**THE PARISH OF  
ST LAWRENCE,  
LITTLE WALDINGFIELD**

**Churchwarden:**

*Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034*

**Elders:**

*Tim Harbord 247034*

**COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:**

12.30 p.m. 20th July 2003. Tickets £5 (£3 for under 15) from Sandra Harbord on 247034.

Please see General Benefice News for further details.

**RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**

On the 15th June 2003, David Rutherford conducted a service of Blessing to celebrate the Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Mick and Annette Gooding, parents of Amanda Clampin who lives in the village. *Sandra Harbord*

**FLOWER FESTIVAL - 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:**

Anyone prepared to help on the stalls or Church Rota over the

two days, please contact Sandra Harbord, telephone 247034, or Betty Rattee on 247528.

**ROTAS - SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:**

**July 6:** Barrie Squirrell/Mrs Bridges;

**July 13:** Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Fernando-Martin;

**July 20:** Combined Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Ewen;

**July 27:** Mrs Farthing & Mr C Bowden/Mrs Squirrell;

**Aug 3:** Sandra & Tim Harbord/Mrs Pell.



**THE PARISH OF  
ALL SAINTS, NEWTON**

**Churchwardens:**

*Diana Stock: 12 Links View, 312828*

*John Turner, Severn, Church Rd 372677*

**Elders:** *Jean Green 373383*

*& Diana stock 312828*

**COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:**

12.30p.m. 20th July 2003. Tickets £5 (£3 for under 15) from Rosemary Otto 370977

Please see General Benefice News for further details.

**GENERAL BENEFICE NEWS:**

**COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:**

After the Combined Benefice Service at 11.00 a.m., Sunday 20th July, there will be a Benefice Lunch at 12.30 p.m. at 'Chequers', opposite the Church, by kind permission of Miss Robinson. This is a further opportunity to get to know people from other parishes

Tickets, £5 for adults and £3 for under 15s, are limited, and early application is advised especially as drinks are included. Please see your own parish news to see from whom they are available. Please note that the ticket asks you to bring a garden chair, plates, knife fork and spoon to help the organisers. *Antony Dodd*

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**NOTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Monday 9 June 2003 at 7.30 pm at Bell House, Boxford**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Councillor House read a report from PC Coombes concerning the ducks in the village. A local dog had been attacking. A man had been exposing himself on the Hadleigh Road, driving a Lambretta and wearing a red helmet. There had been a spillage of diesel oil into the Groton Brook, it had been reported to the Environment Agency who will investigate. He reported an excellent attendance at the Local Needs Housing presentation by Flagship and Babergh D.C. and wished to record need for single dwellings.

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL:** District Councillor Bryn Hurren reported on the new Council at Babergh and felt that it would do good works; their two main themes being:- communicate with the public and get things done. Lambs bus service had only completed the pick up from Boxford once. No further trips had been made due to lack of demand. The coordinator had been ill and it was felt the fare was too expensive (£2 return to Sudbury). The Hadleigh Community bus had also stopped running. Councillors were disappointed at the lack of interest bearing in mind the many requests for a local service.

**BABERGH LOCAL PLAN ALTERATION N0.2** Second Deposit Draft: Councillors Hobbs, Impett and Stacey had been unable to attend the presentation but Mrs Impett had been through the Draft and reported positive comments concerning the proposed car park and thought there was nothing in the report to surprise the Council; overall she had found it "fluffy". Councillor David Eraser did attend one of the presentations. It was decided the Clerk should complete the response questionnaire in a positive manner and state that the Council was positive about a car park at the back of Swan Street - proposed by Mr House and seconded by David Gasson. All in agreement.

**CAR PARK QUESTIONNAIRE:** To date there had been 140 forms returned - 86 from residents and 54 from visitors and of the residents, 70 were in favour and of the visitors 49 were in favour. An overall average of 85% in favour.

**LOCAL NEEDS HOUSING:** It was reported by District Councillor Hurren that the planning application for the project

should be in front of Babergh in early July, with building to commence in October.

**ASH STREET BRIDGE:** Mr Hurren reported that Mr Norton had withdrawn his offer of financial support due to the fact that the Environment Agency had told him that he would need a Flood Risk Assessment in order to proceed.

**CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** She had written to Mrs Sara Atkinson who had been an unsuccessful candidate in the election, to thank her for her interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The street light sensors would be put in place in the near future and confirmation of our agreement to go ahead with the work had been forwarded. The sign for the Sunflower Playgroup had been refused by Highways, though it was suggested they may wish to apply to erect a sign on private land - the Clerk had informed the secretary of the group. It had been decided by Highways that the pavement irregularity outside The Village store was too small to justify correction (it had been inspected by them twice). She had reported the problem with the drains in Broad Street to Anglian Water.

**REPORT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:** Councillor Richard Gates pointed out that the meeting was running over the allocated time as laid down in the Standing Orders. The Councillors agreed to extend the meeting, proposed by Mr House and seconded by Mrs Impett. Councillor Gasson had been contacted by Anglian Water after the Clerk had reported the problem with the drains in Broad Street and it was anticipated that work would commence in two weeks; he would monitor the situation. Mr Hughes mentioned that Mrs Wallace Babergh DC had recommended an annual inspection of all our trees - this could be dealt with by Andrew Gentle also he noted that some speed signs were becoming obscured by the seasonal growth of trees and shrubs etc and the Clerk would give a reminder to Jim Nunn at Highways. Councillor Keith Paxman reported that the play area in Daking Avenue needed some attention as it was full of weeds. (The Clerk would deal with this.) Also the Doctor's surgery drive was still a problem even though some of the stones had been removed. Councillor David Eraser reported that Primrose Wood was becoming quite overgrown with weeds.



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# Parish Council Matters

## **BOXFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 28 April 2003**

**WELCOME:** The Chairman expressed his appreciation of the amount of people who were in attendance and his delight at seeing so many locals.

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** The year had been very busy in Boxford and proceedings had been disrupted considerably with the change of Parish Clerk. It had been fortunate that Ann Jessop, the previous Clerk, had been able to step into the breach at short notice until the new clerk, Maureen Cooling, could be trained. We had lost the services of Councillor Peter Haining who had served the Parish well over two decades. He had been replaced by Mrs Paula Stacey. Attendance at Parish Council meetings had averaged 90%. He welcomed PC Ruth Finbow but wished to add his dismay at the lack of police support for the area, bearing in mind he had read in today's East Anglian Daily Times that the Woodbridge area had received an increase in its police quota. The Council had arranged for the public to meet Inspector Pratt and discuss the lack of cover in the area, but the meeting had been very poorly attended. There were continuing problems of speeding in the village and whilst the Council promoted a voluntary speed limit of 20mph, irresponsibility still reigned. Parking was still a problem and this very night, the Council was commencing a survey to residents and visitors in order to gauge their reactions to a car park being built adjacent to the primary school. A report had been put to the Highways department as a result of a survey that had been undertaken on the Swan Street parking problem and we were waiting for a site meeting with them on this.

On the subject of flooding in the Ash Street area, matters were in hand to consider a scheme for rebuilding the Ash Street Bridge and Bryn Hurren was already looking into the flood defence work that had already been carried out. The Local Needs housing project had been a main objective for the Council. He was pleased that Edwardstone Parish had managed to obtain housing under the scheme and emphasised the Council's wish to involve itself in the selection process for the Boxford residents. On the administration front, more bureaucracy meant more work for Parish Councils and their Clerks: central government wanted more accountability but this did not necessarily result in increased keenness. Suffolk County Council were now responsible for our street lights and residents were able to phone a freephone number to report faults (0800 591055). Bus services for the village were under review with much effort being made by both our District and County Councillors. The Broadband facility was being monitored by Mrs Jessop and David Brown would be speaking on the subject at the AGM of the Boxford Community Council. The Eden Project for the youngsters in the village had been a success, although with reduced levels of supervision and thanks were due to Councillors Hobbs and Stacey, as well as Barry Rules for the continuation of this worthwhile service. (The Parish Council continued to give financial support to the Boxford Youth Club.) The Jubilee celebrations had been very successful with good financial planning by the Council and a great deal of effort from the many people involved was much appreciated. He wished to thank the Councillors for all their help and support over the last four years and as this year was election time, hopefully all those eligible would go out and vote.

He was very pleased to welcome our speaker, Mr Martin Aust from the Flagship Association. Appreciation and thanks were extended to the two retiring Councillors, Messrs Cull and Gates, both of whom were retaining projects on behalf of the Council for the coming year - Joan Cull would continue to monitor the wildflower section of the churchyard under the auspices of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust; and Vic Rice would remain responsible for the Footpaths (P3) project. He drew attention to the memorabilia that had been hung in the hall depicting our liaison with Boxford, Massachusetts and our thanks went out to Vic Rice and Ian Drake who had organized, mounted and hung the exhibits.

At this point, Mr Eddie Kench gave a vote of thanks to the Parish Council for all their hard work throughout the past year

**REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE OFFICER:** Mrs Ann Jessop wished to point out the healthy state

of the year end balance, with a total income figure of £26,000 - £20,000 coming from Babergh District Council. A sizeable sum had been received from the sale of Jubilee mugs, and after £24,000 expenditure during the year, the Council were left with a total balance of £19,660. She commented on the fact that an election was being held this year as we were losing two Councillors and had ten nominations for all nine vacancies which would incur expense for the coming year.

**REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Mr Bryn Hurren wished to emphasise the aims of BDC as highlighted in Babergh's briefings "Big Results from a Small Council". It had five objectives in carrying out its duties, namely to: 1. Establish a safe, secure and healthy community, 2. Promote a thriving, caring and inclusive community, 3. Protect and improve the environment, 4. Provide all services efficiently and effectively and 5. Listen to and involve local people. Under the first heading over £100,000 had been contributed in grants to improve local sports and leisure facilities; over 700 inspections of commercial premises had been made and 24 CCTV cameras in Sudbury and Hadleigh town centres were maintained and upgraded. For its second objective, work had already started on the third Very Sheltered Housing scheme at Stutton, providing 38 flats and community facilities for local frail elderly residents and was continuing to work in partnership with Parish Councils to develop local housing schemes for local residents on low to moderate incomes; 5500 half price bus passes had been issued. Many other schemes ranging from bus services to rate relief had been part-funded or received grants from the District Council (Details can be obtained by contacting BDC direct or by visiting their website on [www.babergh.gov.uk](http://www.babergh.gov.uk)). To protect and improve the environment, 350 abandoned cars had been removed the recycling rate had increased from 10 to 20%; investment had been made in an air quality monitoring station along the A12 and the Council had helped identify 11 listed buildings for the Buildings at Risk Register. A further £640,000 would be invested during 2003/2004 to launch the Twin Bin Scheme (watch the noticeboard). For item 4 above, over 4700 claims for Housing and Council Tax Benefit had been processed, involving a payment of £12m. £33.1m had been collected in Council Tax from 98.2% of the district's 36,697 domestic properties and £13.5m in business rates 98.6% of the 2679 business in the district. 2181 planning applications for the calendar year 2002 had been processed, compared with 2027 for 2001. BDC had received over 3000 replies to its "State of the District" questionnaire and introduced a public question time at full Council meetings in order to involve and listen to local people. A combination of all the service improvements (as detailed in the complete overview), provisions for inflation and increases in National Insurance and pension contribution costs has led to the Babergh element of next year's Council Tax increasing by 9.75%. However, because only about a tenth of the Council Tax is for Babergh's services and because the County Council and the Police have increases well above this, the total increase in Council Tax is 18.4%. Mr Hurren informed the meeting that his election as District Councillor had not been challenged and he was looking forward to his next term in office. He was pleased to see such a good attendance in the hall and was looking forward to hearing Mr Aust speak on the local housing project, particularly as he felt there had been some unreasonable delay in the implementation of the project. He wished to thank the Parish Council for their efforts over the last year and wished the retiring members well.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** Mr Jeremy Pembroke was also pleased to see such a good attendance at the meeting. He wished to inform those present that he had voted against the Council Tax increase of 18%, as Leader of the Conservative Group he had put forward an amendment at the Debate for an increase of 14% but the Labour/Lib Dem administration voted that this not be heard. Government had moved £14m away from Suffolk to the North and Midlands. He talked about the move of the County Council to a new site, leaving the five-acre site in Ipswich for sale. He approved of the purchase of the former TXU building in Portman Road as it was eco friendly and all departments would be in the same building; there would be savings on the running costs and the financing of the purchase meant there would be minimal impact on the Council Tax. He had spent considerable time going out into his area and seeing the community for himself from residential care homes through to fire stations and going out with the police in



*The train setting off for a tour of the Vineyard*

107 Senior Citizens, drivers, and organisers from Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton went on the Boxford community Councils Annual Mystery Outing on Wednesday 4th June and found themselves at Giffords Hall Vineyard. Teas were served in a marquee and the visitors were treated to a wine tasting and tour of the gardens and vineyard and the evening was rounded up with drinks at the Brewers Arms. Another very successful event blessed by good weather and brilliant organisation.



One of the 18 gardens involved in Edwardstone very first Gardens Open held on Sunday 15th June. The weather, blisteringly hot summer sunshine and the prospect of seeing so many gardens open for the first time brought out the visitors in their droves. The garden above was one of two that were also serving teas and home made cakes and in the garden of one of the organisers, Daphne Clark, there was an excellent display of plants for sale. With deer and Peacocks to see ponds to sit by and woods to walk through these gardens open were very imaginative. Lets hope they are open again next year.



One of the 'Casualties' being attended to at the recent day long training session for 'First Responders' in the Boxford School hall. Responder's from 3PR (Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton First Response Team) were joined by responder's from Glemsford and Lavenham for an intensive days training in first aid. It was hands on day with a group specialising in representing casualties with realistic make up. So good was the make up and acting that the responders felt they were dealing with actual casualties gaining invaluable experience honing the skills of these dedicated volunteer groups



## Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club

### Annual Awards at the Stoke by Nayland Club

Boxford rovers held their annual awards event at the Stoke by Nayland Club on the afternoon of Sunday 15th June. The event was attended by more than 300 players, officials, parents, relatives and friends of the more than 120 registered players. The club has just completed its 25th season in youth football based at Homefield Road. 7 teams played this season and all acquitted themselves well in the highly competitive Colchester and District Leagues. Next season they will be fielding 8 teams making them the biggest club in the league.

New players are most welcome at all levels and managers, coaches or parent reps are required to bring in new ideas for the future of this thriving club. Contact Roger Cunningham on 01787 211592 or the secretary on 01787 210075.

*Bottom Left: Part of the large audience at the event.*

*Below Right: Freddie Hawkes receiving the Presidents Cup*

*Below Left: Alex Stevens receiving a special award for Courage and Determination following a serious illness Earlier this year.*



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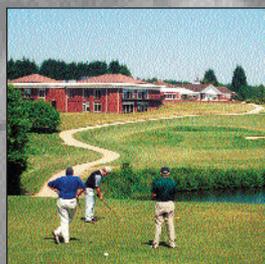
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## Newton Village Hall Events

The English night was a great success and raised over £320 for the refurbishment fund. The 'Schooldays' evening planned for Saturday 28th June also promises to be great fun and tickets are still available.

The first car boot sale this year was held on 28th May and we were particularly lucky to have such a beautiful morning for it. We had almost 90 car boots turn up and raised a total of over £550 which included the profits from the excellent refreshments provided by Molly and her team in the village hall. We hope to have a stall selling ice creams at future sales, the dates for which are 21st June, 26th July, 6th September, and 4th October. If you would like to have a pitch to sell off all your surplus items just turn up at 8am on the day. A pitch costs only £5.

Our special thanks go to Peter Haylock for a donation of £30 from the sale of a fridge and freezer advertised in last months newsletter. What a lovely gesture and a brilliant idea for raising funds for the village hall. Would anyone else like to follow suit? Thanks also to the person who made a very generous donation under the buy-a-brick scheme. The total raised by this method is now £885 and the scheme is still open to anyone in the village who would like to make a donation to help towards the funds for our refurbishment plans. Our lottery application has been acknowledged and we have provided some further information which was requested. Now we must keep our fingers crossed and await further developments.

## VILLAGE GOLF

The annual match between the Golf Club and a team made up from village players will take place on Friday 11th July at 4.30pm. May I please make the usual request for any golfer living in the village who would like to play in this match please let me know as soon as possible so that I can get a team together. The match is traditionally followed by a meal and drinks in the club bar.

On Monday 13th July the Berni Symons Memorial golf day

takes place with the proceeds going to charity. The day starts at 10am with bacon rolls and coffee in the Saracen's Head, followed by 18 holes of golf and then dinner, with live music and a raffle afterwards. The cost of the day is £30 and if you would like to play please let Theresa know, or give me your name and I will pass it on.

If you play golf and live in Newton please support these village events. Alan Vince 01787 373963

## Boxford Playingfields Family Fun Day

### Boxford Playing fields Management Committee

Once again our Summer Fun Day held on Saturday 7th June was a great success and we thank everyone for their support and attendance. The weather was perfect, not too hot and certainly not cold and no rain! Our funds have been greatly improved as a result and this will be used for ongoing work and general maintenance of the field.

Just one thing we would like to mention - we understand that there were rumours in the village that we were charging an admittance fee of £2.50. The Playingfields Committee have never charged, and never will charge, for admittance to our Fun Day.

A very big thank you to all who helped in any way, your contribution of time and effort is much appreciated, not only before and on the day, but clearing up afterwards.

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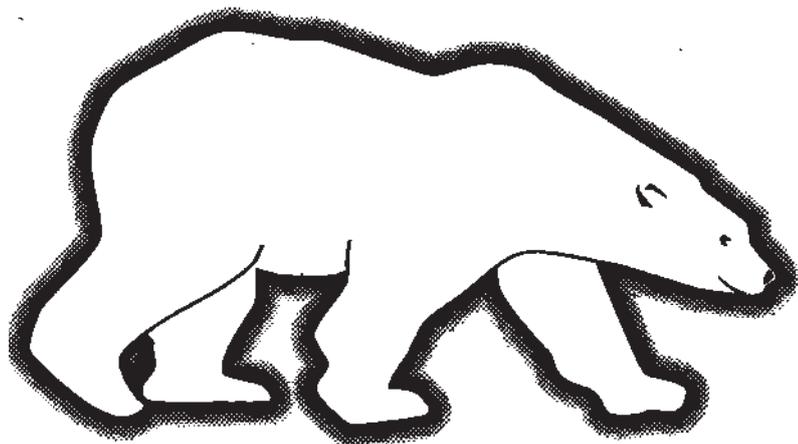
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### Newton Green,

#### News Views and Coffee

in the Village Hall at 10 a.m on Saturdays.

#### For further details contact:

Nancy Harries 01787 374626 Alex. Stevens 01787 374093

### Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 9th July from 12 noon - 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs Anne Miller, Newmans Hall Farm. Everyone is welcome to join us. If possible, please ring to confirm you are coming. Alison Carse 01787 249888.

#### THANK YOU:

Sadly, Mary Bullard has decided to step down from organising the Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club. I am sure that everyone who has enjoyed all the lovely lunches held over the past years would like to say a sincere thank you to her for all her sterling efforts which have been much appreciated.

Thank you Mary and look forward to seeing you at the next lunch. Alison Carse

### 'Wish Upon a Star' Quiz

There will be a Pop Quiz in Boxford Village Hall on 25th Oct at 8.00pm. Teams of 8 are invited to compete at £4.00 per head.

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### JULY 2003

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

Saturday 5 July

|     |      |                |                       |
|-----|------|----------------|-----------------------|
| LtW | 1530 | Holy Matrimony | The Revd. Brian Close |
|-----|------|----------------|-----------------------|

Sunday 6 July, Trinity 3

|     |      |                                 |               |
|-----|------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| LtW | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP*             | Tim Harbord   |
| Edw | 0930 | Holy Communion BCP*             | Antony Dodd   |
| Box | 1100 | Holy Communion CW               | To be advised |
| New | 1830 | Evensong                        | Diana Stock   |
| Gro |      | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |               |

Wednesday 9 July

|     |      |                |                            |
|-----|------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Box | 1030 | Holy Communion | The Revd. David Rutherford |
|-----|------|----------------|----------------------------|

Saturday 12 July

|     |      |                |                       |
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| Box | 1500 | Holy Matrimony | Canon Lawrence Pizzey |
|-----|------|----------------|-----------------------|

Sunday 13 July, Trinity 4

|     |      |                                 |                            |
|-----|------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| New | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP              | The Revd. David Abel       |
| Gro | 0930 | Holy Communion BCP              | The Revd. Brian Watling    |
| Edw | 1100 | Matins                          | The Revd. David Rutherford |
| Box | 1830 | Evensong                        | Graham Brook               |
| LtW |      | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |                            |

Wednesday 16 July

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

Sunday 20 July, Trinity 5

|     |      |   |                            |
|-----|------|---|----------------------------|
| Box | 1100 | Holy Communion CW<br><i>Combined Benefice Service</i> | The Revd. David Rutherford |
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Wednesday 23 July

|     |      |                |                            |
|-----|------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Box | 1030 | Holy Communion | The Revd. David Rutherford |
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Sunday 27 July, Trinity 6

|     |      |                                 |                         |
|-----|------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Box | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP              | The Revd. Brian Watling |
| LtW | 0930 | Holy Communion CW               | The Revd. David Abel    |
| Gro | 1100 | Matins or Family Service        | Graham Brook            |
| Edw | 1830 | Evensong                        | Peter Welstand          |
| New |      | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |                         |

Wednesday 30 July

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

### AUGUST 2003

Sunday 3 August

|     |      |                    |               |
|-----|------|--------------------|---------------|
| Edw | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP | To be advised |
| New | 0930 | Holy Communion CW  | To be advised |
| LtW | 1100 | Family Service     | To be advised |
| Box | 1100 | Holy Communion     | To be advised |
| New | 1100 | Holy Baptism       | To be advised |
| Gro | 1830 | Evensong           | To be advised |

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## More Wots On

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|--------------------|--|
| 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<br>(Young organist of the year, Suffolk 2000) |
| Sat 13th September | Annual Orgathon 10am/4pm Free Entry                              |

### BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP COMEDY NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Friday August 29 and Saturday August 30. Alan Ayckbourn's *Relatively Speaking* - a typical Ayckbourn comedy, much in the style of his early comedy hits. Confusion, mistaken identity and a pair of slippers all play a part in this hilarious slice of middle class manners.

Tickets will be available from the middle of July.

We will have a full bar and a meal will be served during the interval. Tickets from Boxford News

### Hadleigh Choral Society

On Saturday 28th June at St Mary the Virgin Church, East Bergholt, Hadleigh Choral Society will be performing their Summer Concert in aid of St Mary's organ fund. Works will include *In Windsor Forest* by Vaughan Williams, *Hymn to St Cecilia* by Howells, *Jubilate Deo* by Benjamin Britten and a number of songs from shows such as *the Rhythm of Life*. Tickets cost £10 and include a glass of wine/soft drink and strawberries and cream following the concert. Tickets can be obtained from Grier & Partners, The Street, East Bergholt or by telephoning 01206 298718 or 01206 299964. The concert will begin at 7.30pm.

### Leavenheath Open Gardens

Sunday 6th July 1.00 - 4.30pm

Admission by programme £2 (children free) available on the day at the Village Hall, also Parking, Teas, Coffee, Cakes and a good raffle. The event is in aid of SESAW our local animal re-homing centre Reg No B823. For more information please contact *Jenny Jackson* on 01206 263266

### Boxford Art Group

The Boxford Art Group is a friendly and informal group of men and women with various abilities.

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*

### Charity Quiz Night

Sat 19th July

There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of SESAW Animal Rescue at the Assington Village Hall on Saturday 19th July Tickets £3.50 including light supper. Bar-Raffle.

Tickets available on 01787 210888 or your local Post Office/Stores

Boxford Drama Group

### NEWS FLASH

There are still a few tickets available for the "Swinging Sixties" at Boxford Village Hall on the 4th and 5th July starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 including light supper from the 'Boxford News'. Don't miss this Sixties Spectacular, a night of fun, music and frolics. Well you know what the Boxford Luvvies are like

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## Boxford School News

With only six weeks left to the end of yet another year we are all gearing ourselves up for the big push to the end of term. It is hard to believe that over the next six weeks we will be arranging two sports days, three swimming galas, a music evening, a leavers concert and barbecue, an open day, a cycling proficiency course, a trip to Walton and even a trip to France. People who doubt the need for the long Summer break should spend some time in education!

During the week before half term Miss Harris and myself took a party of Year 4 children on a residential visit to North Norfolk. Although we were not blessed with ideal weather conditions we nevertheless had a wonderful time staying in a Youth Hostel in Hunstanton and visiting various places within the area. Highlights included a trip to see the seals of Blakeney Point and a walk around the Queen's house in Sandringham. Once again the children were a pleasure to take away. Their behaviour was outstanding throughout, so much so that the manager of the gift shop at Sandringham, and the owner of the cafe in Cley, made special points of coming out to congratulate us on the way the children were conducting themselves. Clearly such visits require an enormous amount of preparation and planning and we are all indebted to Miss Harris for her work in ensuring the smooth running of the visit. My thanks also to Mrs. Mayhew and Mrs. Bonner who bravely left their families to accompany us. All of the photos from the trip are on display in the entrance area and also on our website. Please feel free to come into school and view them.

Last Wednesday the children in our Year 4 class were treated by FOBS and taken to see The Lion King in London. By all accounts it was a wonderful experience for the children, many of whom, had never seen a show in London. Whilst on this matter when new parents first arrive at the school they are always hugely impressed by the outstanding facilities we have. Much of this is due to the fantastic support we receive from FOBS and I am indebted to them once again for a cheque of over £5,000 for the interactive whiteboards in classes R/D and 1/D and a new cooker for the cookery club. Thankyou. Some of the money for these whiteboards has also come from yourselves in the local community so we will be offering any interested people the chance to come into school on our Open Afternoon on the 4th July. Please feel free to join us.

Last week our school football team played against St. Mary's Primary School from Hadleigh. Despite their children being a year older than ours we played very well, winning three games and drawing one. A big well done and congratulations go to all the boys who took part.

This term's main event for FOBS is the Summer Dance, which will be taking place in the Nayland Village Hall. Once again there will be a live band and an excellent supper. Tickets can be obtained from school or from any FOBS committee member.

Finally thanks to the very generous support from parents and yourselves in the community we collected around 18,000 computer vouchers this year. We have been able to order one complete computer system and a drum machine. Thankyou



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## 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 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               | Jean Saunders 210725          |
| 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 | Adrian Gooderham 01787 211805 |
| 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

|                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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                               | Rosemary Otto 370977        |
| 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                    | Martin Wood 210181          |
| Groton Educational Foundation | Anthea Scriven 01787 210263 |
| Groton WI                     | Joan Cooper                 |

## Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

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

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# Parish Council Matters

## *Newton Parish Council Notes Cont'd*

Cllr. Colin Poole is to attend a Village Hall Fund Raising Roadshow on the 23rd June.

### **A.O.B (Questions to the Chair)**

- The Clerk confirmed that in future Minutes of Meetings and Agenda would be distributed to all by email with the exception of Cllr. Harry Buckledee.
  - David Smalley informed the meeting that for some two days, remote controls for his vehicles would not work. He will continue to monitor the situation. It is thought that powerful local radio signal strength can be the cause of this problem.
  - It was reported and duly noted that residents with garages in Plamplin close have been inconvenienced by the school bus blocking the road during pick up time of the children.
  - There have been complaints about the levels of noise created by dogs left out during the day unattended at a residence in Church Road. It is understood action is being taken by the owners to eliminate this nuisance.
  - Colin Poole suggested that the goal posts on the football pitch be moved to allow the grass to recover. John Taylor said this would be raised at the next meeting of the Village Trust.
- Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting are:**
- 1. Parking on the common** by parents waiting for School bus.
  - 2. Jubilee Garden Hedge** to be opened out to encourage use of the amenity.
  - 3. Traffic Levels Rotten Road** - Clerk to seek options for next meeting.

**Dates of Meetings** - To be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on:

Wednesday 23rd July 2003  
Wednesday 24th September 2003  
Wednesday 26th November 2003  
Wednesday 28th January 2004  
Wednesday 24th March 2004

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

## **Local Walks**

**LAVENHAM RAMBLING CLUB**, The programme will resume in September: Enquiries please to Graham 01787 248128 **Wormingford**. Walks every 3rd Sunday of the month. Please phone for details to Trevor or Ellen Nicholas 01206 241991

### **RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION WALKS.**

**Wed 2 July** Meet Anchor Nayland 10am Start for a morning circular walk via Wissington Church and Grange. 6.5 miles  
Contact Julia and Regina 01206 541375

**Fri 11 July.** Meet Gun Hill Layby to start an evening walk at 18.45 in the Langham & Higham area. 5 miles.

Contact Sally and Graham 01206 241632

**Sunday 13 July.** Meet Chappel & Wakes Colne Railway Station to make a 10.30 start of a mystery tour. 12 miles  
Contact Mags 01206 363869.

**Friday 18th July.** Meet at the 'Beehive' Little Horkesly to start at 18.45. A circular evening stroll. 5 miles.

Contact Dave 01206 797860

**Sunday 20th July.** Stratford St Mary to Withermarsh Green. Meet in Stratford St Mary beside the river/weir to start at 10am. A circular walk. Sorry no dogs. 8.5 miles.

Contact Eileen & Brian 01206 880678

**Thursday 24th July.** Bures to Sudbury. Meet at Bures St Mary Village Hall to make a 10am start for a delightful undulating linear walk following the Stour Path. Return by train. 7 miles.  
Contact Joyce 01206 852381

**Sunday 27 July.** Making a 10.30 am start for a circular walk Lavenham for a circular walk. Sorry no dogs. Approx 10 miles.  
Contact Alan 01206 230791.

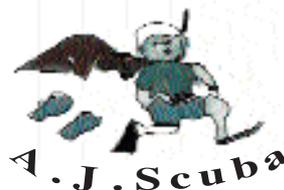
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