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NEW RECTOR FOR THE BENEFICE APPOINTED

From Zululand to rural Suffolk

The Reverend David William Matthews has been appointed as the new rector of the Box River benefice.

David, who is aged 54, will be instituted as rector by the Bishop of Dunwich at a service to be held in St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield, on Tuesday 7th October at 7.30 p.m. He is married with two grown-up children, Sophie and Simon, both of whom are married. David and his wife, Joan, also have an adopted 13-year-old son, Yibanathi ('Yibi'). They will be living in the rectory at Boxford and plan to move in on 1st October.

Currently Mission to Seafarers Chaplain and Manager of the Seafarers Club at the port of Richards Bay, Zululand, South Africa, his early career was in the motor industry, first with British Leyland at Oxford and then with the Ford Motor Company of South Africa, to where he and his family moved in 1977.

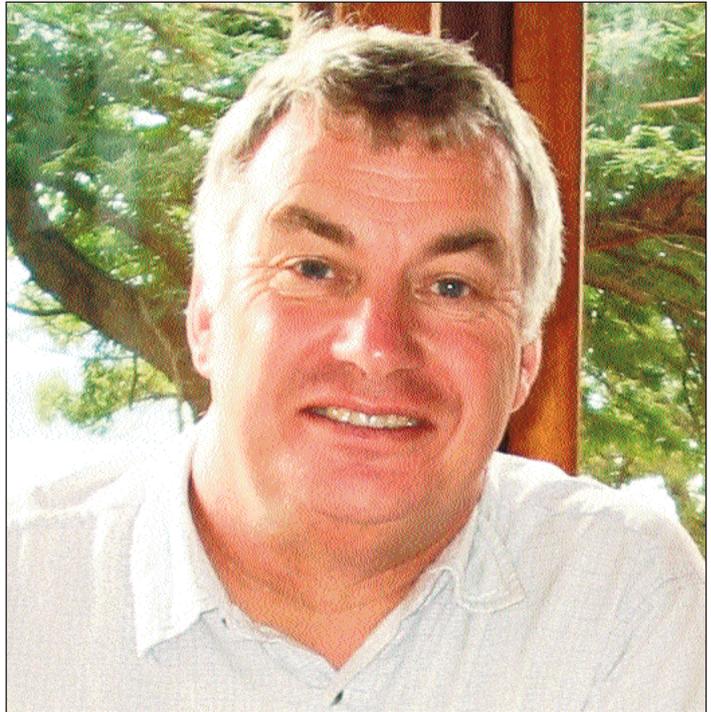
He trained for the ministry in Grahamstown, South Africa, and was ordained deacon in 1990 and priest in 1991. Between 1994 and 2000 he was the rector of a rural parish in the diocese of Port Elizabeth before leaving to take up his present post with the Mission to Seafarers.

After a 'whistle-stop' tour of the parishes in the benefice on 13 June, David was interviewed the following day by representatives of the five parishes, who were unanimous in recommending his appointment.

He lists his hobbies as cultivating Bonsai trees, fresh and salt water angling and "preparing oriental cuisine".

David is "very excited about the prospect of serving the benefice" and is looking forward to starting his new ministry in October.

See inside for more pics and part 1 of 'Dispatches From Africa'



NEWTON WELCOME HOME GULF WAR HERO

Newton has welcomed back from Iraq one of their village lads, Martin Schwenk, son of Peter and Rita Schwenk. Martin has been on active service with R.E.M.E, attached to the Seventh Armoured Brigade helping to keep the wheels and tracks rolling. Well done Martin, your a hero.

Suffolk Council Tax Rises Highest in the Country

Council tax has risen faster in Suffolk than in any other English county. Figures released reveal that between April 1st 2000 and this year the County Council has increased our rates by a whopping 46.4%. The Council defend the rise by saying they are investing in key services such as better social care but opposition councillors insist tax payers are not getting value for money.

BOXFORD Car Park Survey

The results of the car park survey will be made available through the Newsletter in September. If you wish to add your voice, for or against the scheme, you can request forms from David House on 210918 but it must be emphasised that the proposed car park was never considered as a solution to the problems of Swan Street and the Parish Council has never looked to install double or single yellow lines in order to ease movement of traffic. The Parish Council through the good offices of our District Councillor are looking to find an alternative solution.

However it is true to say that in the Babergh Plan the car park would be subject to certain traffic control measures but only as it effects the immediate streets around the school, village hall and church and even then it would only be for specific periods of time throughout the days of Monday to Friday.

The Parish Council wishes to thank all those who have taken the time to complete and return the forms it is certainly proving to be interesting.

David House Chairman -
Boxford Parish Council.

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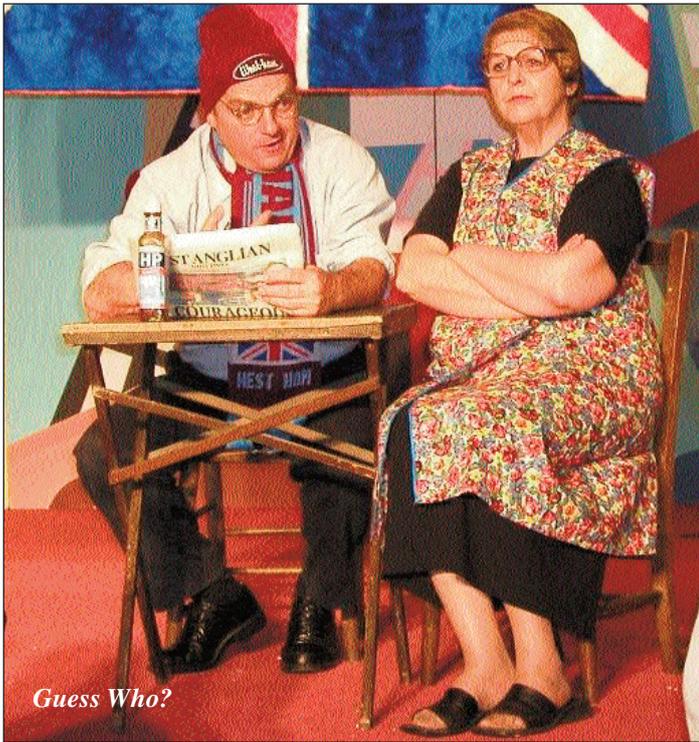
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Guess Who?

Boxford Drama Group 'Sixties Night Spectacular'

What a show!! The hall packed to the rafters enjoyed what was a truly memorable two nights of fun, music and frolics. The party atmosphere, the enthusiasm of the cast all added up to a wonderful night, topped up by some excellent food, it finished off the occasion to the 'T'. The Drama Group would like to thank you the people of Boxford for your support. We couldn't do it without you.

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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. Alex Garnett (saxophone, who is certainly a player to watch), Simon Thorpe (bass) and Ralph Salmins (drums) complete the Quartet.

Friday, 8th August, 8.30 Ticket £10 Chaz Jankel Quartet

Chaz formed the Blockheads with Ian Dury and was co-writer and performer with him and the band for over 20 years, playing guitar and keyboards. After Ian's untimely death he continues to be a member of the Blockheads, co-writing and developing various ideas. A prolific composer, Chaz has composed numerous film scores and released his first jazz album, 'Out Of The Blue' in 2001. His second CD is due to be released in 2003. The other members of The Quartet are Andy Crowdy (bass), Blockhead's Dave Lewis (saxophone) and Dylan Howe (drums).

Friday, 15th August, 8.30 Ticket £10 Carole Burgess Quartet

Our very own Carole Burgess returns after her sell out gig of last year. Her lyrical and sympathetic interpretation of a wide range of standards is performed not only with great warmth and sincerity but also with the clarity of Ella the passion of Billie and the humour of Blossom. Arranger, composer and Carole's musical director Michael Spearman (guitar), Mike German (piano) and Karen Sharpe (tenor sax) complete the quartet.

Friday, 22nd August, 8.30 Ticket £11 Frank Williams African Jazz Quintet

It's a very warm welcome back to this scintillating Quintet with its roots in South African township music. Drummer Brian Abrahams and tenor saxophonist Frank Williams did indeed begin their careers in the band "District Six" in Cape Town. Guitar hero Winston Delandro, Alistair Gavin (piano) and Michael Bailey (bass) complete this wonderful band.

Friday, 29th August, 8.30 Ticket £10 Polly Gibbons

A Fleece debut for a young Suffolk singer with a strong soulful voice. Polly has been working under the guidance of Britain's premiere male jazz singer, Ian Shaw, who having produced her debut album says of Polly: "This talent is one in a million - miss her gigs at your peril!" She is accompanied by James Pearson (piano), Thad Kelly (bass) and Mark Fletcher (drums).

Friday, 5th September, 8.30 Ticket £11 Lennie Bush Quintet

Lennie Bush is arguably the top bassist of his generation, having recorded and toured with an endless list of luminaries.

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Box River Soap Box

Were you at the village hop in Little Waldingfield last month? Held on the playing fields under skies that were positively Mediterranean, around 250 people danced to the music of The Beavers at one of the most spectacular small village events I have ever attended. It was, of course, held to raise money for institutions within the village, such as the playing fields and the parish rooms. Inevitably, there was a raffle.

I do not know why it happens this way, but raffle prizes seem to elude me. It was the same at the Brent Leigh tennis tournament. This is another great local event, which, though not strictly speaking in our benefice, nevertheless attracts a great deal of support from those who live in the five parishes.

It is also well organised and great fun. And I didn't win a raffle prize there either. Of course, not all prizes are worth winning. I have certainly experienced that feeling of mild embarrassment when I have spotted a bottle of inferior wine, taken by me to a neighbour at a dinner party, turn up amongst raffle prizes. And it is the same with premium bonds. If the Tora family is anything to go by, then it would seem that Ernie has an overriding preference for women. My wife has comprehensively outgunned the three male members of the household in terms of prize money.

Premium bonds have become a popular savings vehicle recently. Perhaps it is the uncertainty of the stockmarket that has led to their rise in popularity, but such has been the demand for this form of National savings that the upper limit has been increased by £10,000 to £30,000. With interest rates as low as they are at present, it makes sense to me to lend money to the Government through a vehicle that might just produce that extra special prize. If it does, I bet it will be for my wife.

Such is her record at raffle prize-winning that, when I support a raffle, I tend to give her the tickets, hoping that whatever God of Chance who dictates the winners will have presumed I was buying them for her in the first place. And it is not just in raffles that her luck emerges. Many years ago, she entered a competition (for want of a better name) requiring those who took part to drink at least a half pint of beer in around 70 pubs belonging to a particular brewer. Fortunately there were several weeks to accomplish this feat, the reward for which was a tracksuit branded in the brewer's name.

But this was only half the story. The real hook that persuaded hundreds of people to traipse around the countryside in search of pubs that they would not otherwise have visited was the prospect of a two week holiday, all expenses paid, in California. To win this was not a wholly random event. Indeed, all who entered had to name their favourite pub amongst those visited and say in no more than 12 words why it had been chosen.

Elizabeth won, of course, and we had a great holiday. Her favourite pub had been The Magnet. I am not knocking her description - it worked for her, but I cannot help but wonder what might have happened if I had submitted the entry. The Magnet was her favourite because, on leaving, she felt strangely drawn back to it. And that was good enough to get us to Los Angeles and beyond.

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

BOXFORD BOUNTY DRAW RESULTS May - June 2003

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank Members of the Boxford Youth Club, for drawing the following winners during their meeting on 9th July 03

1st Prize	£160	Jane Martin Ash Street
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

BOXFORD SUNFLOWER PLAYGROUP

The sun shone on 21st June and helped to make a memorable day for our 30th Anniversary. So many past members of staff and friends came down "Memory Lane" with us. The old photographs and registers caused much interest and amusement - "did we really look like that?" - and the children had fun with the bouncy castle and craft activities.

It was well into the evening before people finally started to head home and the general opinion from visitors and present staff was that it was a great success and maybe we should celebrate every year!

Thank you to everyone who came and to all who helped to make it such an enjoyable day. We are also celebrating for Lolly Nice, who has succeeded in gaining her NVQ level 3.

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.C010 5ER (01787 210263)

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

Save the Children Fund

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning at 50 Daking Avenue was very well attended and £288.40 was raised for 'Save the Children Fund'. Many thanks to all who helped on the day or contributed in any way, *Joan Smith, Ann Holdgate and Jean Saunders.*

AN INVITATION from HADLEIGH RUFC

COME AND JOIN US NOW HRUFC IS A FRIENDLY, PROGRESSIVE CLUB THAT HAS ENJOYED TREMENDOUS SUCCESS SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1985. Hadleigh 1st XV currently play in London 3 NE and are Suffolk Cup Holders. The 2nd XV play in the Suffolk League Division 1. Training is at Layham Road every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:15pm beginning 8th July Hadleigh RUFC is keen to foster and maintain links with the local community and runs a thriving mini and youth section. Junior training is on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.

WE WANT NEW MEMBERS, BOTH PLAYING AND NON-PLAYING, JUNIOR AND SENIOR, TO HELP US MAINTAIN OUR SUCCESS. WHY NOT COME ALONG AND JOIN IN? Call Alan Murray 01473 652448 (juniors), Neil Prentice 07967304344 (seniors), or John Winders 01473 824359 www.hadleighruffc.com

Great Waldingfield WI

At our July meeting we heard of the experiences of Jean Smith, the Cycling Granny. Starting at the age of 60, she has cycled 16,795.4miles solo round the Britain collecting over £18,000 for charity. Her first trip (no idea of starting small), was East to West, from Clacton to Aberystwyth and back for the Olympic association, then only 8 months later from Clacton to the Isle of White to raise money for the school roof. Completing two rides per year, she has travelled to Inverness, Fort William, the Welsh coast and South Coast; Lands End to John O Groates (literally) and most of the counties in between. From September 1998 she has concentrated her efforts into collecting for Macmillan Nurses, raising £9000 and is available to give talks to those armchair travellers interested in her adventures (call Jean Smith 01255 820226)

For our next meeting the Members Meeting, we have been invited to Molly's at Blossoms, Garrison lane, lets hope for a lovely summer evening, that's 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th August. September 3rd again at 7.30pm will be an Open Meeting entitled "Tour of East Anglia via the Victorian Lantern", speaker being Rev John Robinson. *Linda Lutz 01787378888*

Boxford Fleece Jazz Club

Sept 20th Dance in the Boxford Village Hall to the Ray Gelato Jazz Band Tickets £13 inclusive supper.

PlayingFields News

Having had a successful "Fun Day" the Playingfields committee is now looking to the future and is preparing a report about its long term plans.

Part of these plans include the refurbishment of the 'play area'. The committee would still like to hear from anyone who uses the playing fields for their ideas and input. Contact Richard Gates on 210432.

EDWARDSTONE'S OPEN GARDENS:

Thank you to everyone who opened their gardens, some with teas and plants, and to all those who came to visit; the event was an enormous success. We made just under £1,000 and we estimate nearly 240 people came into Edwardstone to see the gardens that afternoon.

We heard many complimentary comments as people wandered around. I have to say that our garden has never been so tidy!!

We are sending a cheque for £500 to the Macmillan Cancer Relief at Bury St Edmunds and a little under that will be put towards the new roof needed at the Parish Hall. Daphne Clark, Edwardstone Parish Hall Committee

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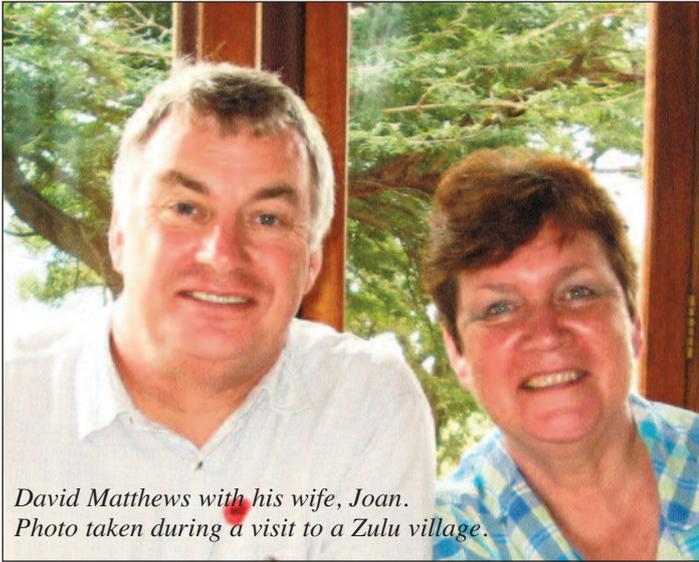
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Dispatches from Africa Part 1



David Matthews with his wife, Joan.
Photo taken during a visit to a Zulu village.

When we first left for South Africa people we knew sent us off with their best wishes and the ones that were truthful told us we were mad. Some had a picture of South Africa which was of the dusty streets complete with the wild animals they had seen in the Tarzan movies.

We went for two years, which were supposed to be a working holiday where I would work and the fruits of that labour would provide us with funds to see South Africa. The whole country at that time had begun an inflationary spiral which made sure our financial resources never stretched sufficiently to cover the grand trips that we had envisaged. My spirit of adventure led me to the beach with my fishing rod.

At that time I was not a Christian except by baptism (sharp intakes of breath from my new flock) but I thought I was. At that time, Sunday was my fishing day and I religiously packed my rods and tackle early in the morning and headed for the best spots. At the same time, my wife Joan scrubbed the offspring and headed to one of the local churches. In all those months of fishing, although I enjoyed being by the sea, I never did catch



Yibi, the Matthews adopted son,
with a Zulu Chieftan

anything. Every Sunday lunchtime I would return home having caught nothing, and while I was not sad, there was no smile on my face. I don't know why I never noticed it before, but on returning from one of those trips I noticed that Joan was so happy she was quite literally glowing. I put it out of my mind, but from then on, I noticed that she was glowing every Sunday and I think subconsciously I began to feel jealous. Then one day my four year old son came to me and said that he thought it was very unfair that I could go fishing when he had to go to church. He thought I would say he could come fishing with me, but something inside me wanted to see what was making Joan glow. I said I would go with him, which led to the same kind of astonishment my coming back with fish would have had! Truly the Lord has a sense of humour.

Sunday best clothing donned, we entered St. Hugh's in Port Elizabeth and I could not believe my eyes. All the people who were there were happy to be there. There was animated chatter all round the church and a sense of expectation. The thought crossed my mind, "Am I in an Anglican church, or have I walked into the lair of some weird sect?" My previous experience of church had been in England as a bored junior choir boy who's only part in the service was to soprano his lungs out when the need arose. Maybe I missed it, but I never saw people passing the time of day with each other inside or outside of the church let alone smiling. Those days left me with the impression that church was not something to be enjoyed, let alone looked forward to.

The truth was God had chosen to nudge me into a church in the middle of a revival which hit South Africa in the 70's. At that time there was a small crucifix on the wall of the Lady Chapel which was found when the church was built. As work began on digging the foundations the small cross was unearthed and obviously seen as a good omen. I think it was because over the next four or five years eleven men, including myself entered the ordained ministry.

God's richest blessings

Rev David Matthews

Dispatches from Africa part 2 will be in the September issue

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GARDENING IN AUGUST *Harry Buckledee*

Keep plants well fed to maintain healthy growth. Hose-end feeders are useful for feeding plants in borders or a lawn. Plants absorb nutrients through the leaves as well as the roots and a good foliage feed acts as a pick me up for ailing plants. Feeding is especially important for container and pot grown plants, with their restricted root run they are entirely dependent on the grower to supply their needs. Plants need water to absorb plant food and liquid fertilisers are the quickest way to supply nutrients for them to use immediately. Chempac Fertilisers supply a large range of formulas for different plants and stages of growth.

At this stage of the season when plants should be growing well a high potash fertiliser is needed to encourage flower and fruit.

Take cuttings of geraniums early in the month in preparation for next summers display, if left any later they may be difficult to root as the weather turns cooler. Short cuttings about 3 inches in length with two leaves are best. Trim the cuttings below a leaf joint and remove the bottom leaf. Remove the leafy stipules which form on the stem around the base of the leaf joints as these usually die off and can cause rotting. Use clay pots filled with a gritty compost and water enough to settle the compost. Dip the cuttings in hormone rooting powder and insert them around the edge of a five inch pot. Do not plant too deeply and place the pots in a shady position.

Evergreen hedges of conifers, yew, holly and laurel should be clipped this month. A better job is made of laurel if pruned with secateurs rather than clipping with shears.

Some herbaceous plants such as Anthemis and Gaillardia are often severely weakened by their profusion of flowers and allowing them to produce seed will only further weaken the plants, cutting them down to ground level will encourage new basal growth and will help rejuvenate the plants.

The hot weather has produced an increase in green fly and all sorts

of other sap sucking aphids - a spray with systemic insecticide will give protection for up to a month.

Vegetable growers should be on the look out for the usual attack on brassicas by caterpillars of the cabbage white butterfly. A severe infestation can completely defoliate plants in a few days. Usually one spray of systemic is enough to see them off.

Because of the hot, dry weather, onions have begun to die down early and should be lifted without delay. Drought followed by a heavy rain can cause the bulbs to expand rapidly and cause many of them to split, rendering them useless for long keeping. Continue to feed and water tomatoes, cucumbers and courgettes. Any roots that come through the surface should be covered with compost or soil to prevent the hot sun burning them up..

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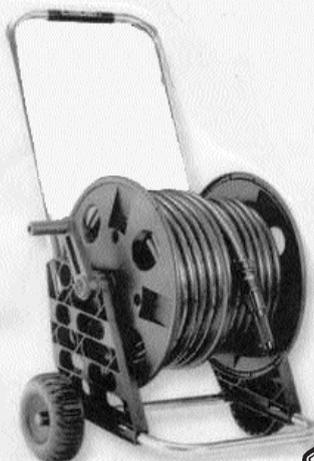
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August			
4 Boxford over 60's	Speaker	Village Hall	2.30pm
5 Leavenheath WI	Visit to Bologne		
11 Boxford over 60's	Garden Meeting	Chequers	2.30pm
13 Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club		Felicity Gardiner	12.00noon
14 Leavenheath Village Hall	Table top sale	Village Hall	1-4pm
18 Boxford over 60's	Meeting	Village Hall	2.30pm
28 Boxford over 60's	Outing Prairie Woods	The Fleece	1.30pm
29/30 Boxford Drama Group	'Relatively Speaking'	Boxford Village Hall	8.00pm
September			
5/6/7 Ltl Waldingfield Flower Festival		St Lawrence Church	10am to 6.00pm
9 Leavenheath WI	Visit to Windsor Castle		
13 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room	Walking Treasure Hunt	Parish Room	5.00pm
14 Table top sale	Leavenheath	Village Hall	1pm to 4pm
18/2 Oct Boxford to Boxford IV	Visit to Boxford MA		
20 Boxford Jazz Club Dance	Ray Gelato Jazz Band	Boxford Village Hall	8.00pm
27 Boxford Village Hall Quiz Night		Boxford Village Hall	8.00pm
October			
4 Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	WI Hall	7.30pm
7 Induction of Rev Matthews	At St Lawrence's Church	Little Waldingfield	7,30pm
11 The Spinney	Spinney Goes Posh	Dinner in the Spinney	TBA
18 Annual Dinner Dance	Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club	The Stoke by Nayland Club	7.00pm
25 Wish Upon a Star Quiz	Pop Quiz	Boxford Village Hall	8.00pm
November			
1 Boxford Community Council	Firework Display	Boxford Playing Fields	6.30
1 Boxford Village Hall	Guy Fawkes Dance and Bar	Boxford Village Hall	
15 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room	Photo Quiz/Cheese & Wine	Parish Room	7.30pm
28 FOB's Xmas Fayre		Boxford School Hall	
December			
6 Wine and Cheese Party	Groton PCC	WI Hall	7.30pm
14/15 Fobs Santa Run			
31 Boxford Village Hall	Biggest Village New Year Bash	Boxford Village Hall	8 till late

Second Monday each month **Boxford Parish Council Meetings** in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford
 Third Monday of each month, **3PR Training** in the Village Hall at 8.00pm

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A special thanks to Brian Howe who loaned me his Mac G3 when the power supply on mine failed. Without his help this issue would have been very late. Editor

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Please consider us

Sue Green, Swan Street

Sir

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our relatives and friends for all the lovely flowers and gifts received on our Diamond Wedding Anniversary on June 14th and for calling in on the 'open day'. It all made for a lovely day.

Also many grateful thanks to our daughter Ann for doing all the hard work in arranging it all. Without her we wouldn't have had such a lovely time.

Thanks also to our son-in-law Brian and cousin Verena for all their help on the day

Dorothy and Tommy Twilton

Sir

Tina Jenny and Adrian would like to thank everyone very much for their get well cards, phone calls and messages following Chris's accident. He is in Stanmore Hospital Spinal Injury Unit and is making progress

Thanks once again

Tina

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Reader: Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD
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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
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PARISHES WELCOME NEWS OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW RECTOR FOR THE BENEFICE

As reported on the front page, the Reverend David Matthews has been appointed as rector of the Box River Benefice and will start his ministry here in October.

Brian Watling wrote in this column in June of the qualities required of the new rector and the panel of ten parish representatives who interviewed David Matthews in June were unanimous in their view that they had found the right person to take over responsibility for the pastoral care of the benefice and provide the necessary focus of leadership for the church's ministry, enabling and encouraging the existing team of ministers and lay people.

The pastoral scheme creating the new benefice of five parishes was formally approved by the Privy Council in 2002, so that David will be instituted as Rector of the benefice, not merely licensed as Priest-in-Charge. This will take place at a service at Little Waldingfield on Tuesday 7 October when Bishop Clive will commit to David the 'cure of souls' of all the people who live in Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Little Waldingfield and Newton. All are welcome to this service, which will be followed by refreshments. Also at that service, Brian Watling will be licensed to serve as a non-stipendiary minister in the benefice.

David's ministry here will be very different from his current work as the chaplain to seafarers at a port in South Africa. He and his wife, Joan, are moving back to England after 26 years abroad and inevitably they will face a time of adjustment to a very different environment. Let us pray for them and for Yibi as they prepare for their move in September.

This is an exciting time for the benefice as we look forward to David's institution. In the words of the service, let us pray, too, that as David prepares for his new ministry "he may have joy, courage and hope; and for ourselves, that we may be renewed in the work of God's kingdom."

The Rural Dean writes about...

TELLING THE TRUTH

Morality seems to be quite unfashionable. Government ministers no longer "do the honourable thing" and resign from office when they or their Departments are found to have misled either Parliament or the general public. District and County councillors cynically manipulate the (formerly democratic) process of local government to impose taxes and systems which they know would never stand a chance of gaining popular support. We read increasingly in our local newspapers of a lessening of respect for other people and their property. In its place, we see an alarming increase in the blame culture, and in people seeking compensation for the loss of their supposed 'rights.'

It seems to me that these things go together – that where the leaders of a nation (politicians, leaders of industry and the Trades Unions) are seen to be obsessed with power for its own sake, rather than being interested in exercising that power for the benefit of the people they lead; then people will follow that lead and become increasingly selfish, because those who should care for them are failing to do so.

Of course, this is not a new phenomenon. It is simply a repetition of a situation that has developed many times during history. The Bible tells of it happening frequently during the millennium prior to the birth of Jesus, and it has led to the collapse of many countries and empires since.

However, I am not disposed to simply echo the words of The Teacher, "There is nothing new under the sun;" but believe that we should be prepared to be unfashionable and to live by the Golden Rule of doing to others as we would have them do to us – and expecting (and calling for) our leaders to live by it also.

Lawrence R Pizzey

Copy date for Church News section in the September
Box River News: Please,
NO LATER THAN 15th August 2003
Thank you. Daphne Clark 210698



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

FETE: Thank you everyone who organised, helped and supported the fete. *Graham Brook*

BOX RIVER CLUB: On 6th August we shall be joining with the Newtoners club for a trip to St Edmundsbury Cathedral where we shall be taking part in a family activity day and picnic. On 13th September we shall be joining a sponsored walk in Sudbury. This is being organised in conjunction with Historic Churches Trust sponsored bike ride. After the summer break the next club meeting will be on 21st September. *Janet Daniels*

TALENT SCHEME: As you read in the July BRN we have launched a talent scheme to help raise money for the church and to provide some social events. Ideas so far include lunches, coffee mornings, plant sales, cake making and cross-stitch work. Each has a talent, let us use in God's service in this place. *Graham Brook*



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elders:

Antony Dodd 210397 Peter Welstand 210525

REGISTERS:

26th June Burial: TUBAL GORDON ALECOCK, aged 88 years.
10th July Burial of Ashes: CHRISTOPHER JAMES FOSKETT, aged 32 years.

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

Aug 3: Mr Currey/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

Aug 10: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

Aug 17: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

Aug 24: Mrs Dodd/Margaret & Roy Richardson;

Aug 31: Combined Benefice Service (Gro)/Margaret & Roy Richardson;

Sept 7: Mrs Tregear/Mr & Mrs Dodd.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:
Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261
David Lamming Lodge Farmhouse 210360*
Lay Elders: *Pauline Lamming 210360
Joy Sellers 210275*

REGISTERS: 31st May 2003, Marriage: AMANDA SKINNER with ANDREW HAZELL

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: The amount donated in Groton in the house-to-house collection during Christian Aid Week in May was £361.76. Several people completed the 'Gift Aid' declaration on the envelope so that, with the tax Christian Aid will recover, the actual total is over £400. This is an excellent result: many thanks again to all those who helped to 'change the world', by either giving or collecting. *David Lamming*

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY – 24th August: This year Groton's Patronal Festival falls on a Sunday. To celebrate this there will be a special service of choral evensong at 6.30 p.m. Preacher: The Revd. Ian Friars. We know little about Bartholomew other than that he was one of the twelve apostles sent out by our Lord to preach the gospel - the message that "the kingdom of heaven is near" (see Matthew chapter 10). The apostles were instructed to be "as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves" (Matt 10 v. 16) - words which are perhaps

equally applicable in Britain today as Christians seek to be 'salt and light' in our secular society. Legend has it that Bartholomew preached in Asia Minor, India and Armenia and was flayed alive - a reminder of the persecution that Christians still face in some parts of the world. What challenge does that give to us in 'comfortable' Suffolk? *D L*

BIKE RIDE - SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER: This is advance notice of the Historic Churches bicycle ride on 13th September. I will once again have sponsor forms for this annual event, which raises money for Groton Church and the other churches of Suffolk. Forms will be available in St Bartholomew's Church by early to mid-August. More details next month. *Peter Kennedy Scott 210319*

GROTON'S WIZARD FETE: Please see "write-up" of the fete in the main part of the Box River News; very many thanks to all our helpers, without whom this could not have been the success it was. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

ROTAS: **August**

Flowers: Mrs B Riddleston

Cleaning: Mrs B Riddleston

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr M Wood Mrs P Kennedy Scott

September

Mrs M Bloys

Mrs J Sellers



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elders:

Tim Harbord 247034

BAPTISM: 29th June 2003. During the Family Service ARCHIE HURRELL was baptised by the Revd. Brian Watling. *Sandra Harbord*

MARRIAGE: Congratulations to VICTORIA HALL AND DANIEL SHEPHERD who were married in St. Lawrence's Church on the 5th July 2003. *Sandra Harbord*

FLOWER FESTIVAL - 6TH AND 7TH 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:

Aug 3: Sandra & Tim Harbord/Mrs Pell;

Aug 10: Sandra Harbord/Mrs Storar;

Aug 17: Mr & Mrs Rattee/Mrs Gardiner;

Aug 24: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Grunsell;

Aug 31: Combined Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Clive;

Sept 7: Sandra Harbord/Mrs Farthing.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:

Diana Stock: 12 Links View, 312828

John Turner, Severn, Church Rd 372677

Lay Elders: *Jean Green 373383*

& Diana stock 312828

REGISTERS: Tuesday, 15th August, Funeral: HARRY SEARLES, aged 85 years.

GARDEN COFFEE MORNING – SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST:

There will be Garden Coffee Morning, by kind invitation of Lucy and Linda Cutts, at Sherwood, Links View, Newton Green, on Saturday 23rd August, commencing at 10 a.m. Cake Stall and Raffle. *Diana Stock*

NEWTONEERS: On Wednesday, 6th August, a visit to the Discovery Centre at Bury St Edmunds. Details from Linda Cutts on 370242.

COMING NEXT MONTH:

A musical evening at Newton Village Hall on Thursday 25th September. *Diana Stock*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

AUGUST 2003

Sunday 3 August, Trinity 7

Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP*	Peter Welstand
New	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. John Warburton
New	1100	Holy Baptism	The Revd. John Warburton
LtW	1100	Family Service	Tim Harbord
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. Brian Watling
Gro	1830	Compline	Pauline Lamming/Joy Sellers

Wednesday 6 August

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

Saturday 9 August

Box	1400	Wedding	The Revd. Alan Jones
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Sunday 10 August, Trinity 8

Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP*	Joy Sellers
New	0930	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Abel
Box	1100	Family Service & Holy Baptism	The Revd. Brian Watling
LtW	1830	Evensong	Tim Harbord
Edw		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 13 August

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
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Saturday 16 August

Edw	1500	Wedding	Cannon Lawrence Pizzey
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Sunday 17 August, Trinity 9

LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Abel
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW* (trad)	Antony Dodd
Box	1100	Motins	Christopher Kingsbury
New	1830	Evensong	Diana Stock/Jean Green
Gro		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 20 August

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

Sunday 24 August, St. Bartholomew

New	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Rutherford
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. Brian Watling
Edw	1100	Motins	Antony Dodd
Gro	1830	Patronal Festival Evensong	Pauline Lamming/Joy Sellers
LtW		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 27 August

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers
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Sunday 31 August, Trinity 11

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

SEPTEMBER 2003

Wednesday 3 September

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

Saturday 6 September

Box	1500	Wedding	The Revd. David Rutherford
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Sunday 7 September, Trinity 12

Box	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Rutherford
Gro	1100	Hymns & Readings	Pauline Lamming/Joy Sellers
LtW	1830	Songs of Praise	Tim Harbord
Edw	1830	Evensong	Antony Dodd
New		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

**Public Worship with Communion by Extension*

Boxford Wednesday services are held at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford

Readings: Year B, please, & track 2 when offered

NEWTON FETE 2003 12th July

With the Fete enjoying its brightest and warmest day for years, we had a large turnout for a very successful day. My thanks to all the people that helped throughout the day, starting at 6 am and ending at 6pm, without your help my job would not be so easy. Special thanks to all those of you who sold Raffle Tickets for Janet, which resulted in our best proceeds from the raffle for many a year. A final thank you to Ben Scammell who ran the football shoot for us. We will have to wait till next month before Brian James has the final account for the fete.

Along with the stalls and carousels, we were treated to displays from:

- **David Skates' Dance of the Dragons** - which stopped the fete during the act
- **The European Folk Dancers**
- **The Suffolk Royals Majorettes**
- **Team Haylock** - who traveled back from the Isle of Man to display his classic motorcycles.

The **Fete prizes** were awarded as follows:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Best Dressed Child - | Shana James |
| Best Dressed Adult - | Diane James |
| Colouring Competition up to 5 | - Matthew Robinson |
| Colouring Competition 6 to 10 | - ChelseaBond |
| Colouring Competition over 60's | - Reg West (only entry) |
| Football Shoot Adult | - Bob Rowland |
| Football Shoot Child | - Nick Brown and Louie Ralph |
| Golf - Men | - Roy Gardiner |
| Women. | - Sue Homigold |
| Junior | - Josh Green. |

NEWTON FETE GRAND DRAW 2003

1st £100.00 Teresa of Chilton Office Supplies

2nd £ 50.00 Brian Porter - Boxford..

Full list of other winners available from Janet Crimmin 375085

Dave Crimmin

Chairman, Fete Committee



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SOUTH SUFFOLK BROADBAND

Many thanks to all computer users in these villages who have registered an interest in the competition to win funding from the East of England Development Agency in order to provide Broadband to this area. After several postponements, EEDA now intend to publish the results of the competition on 23rd July. This will be too late to be reported in the Box River Newsletter but I hope it will be covered in the local press.

Whatever the result of the competition, the high levels of demand demonstrated right across the region have had a catalysing effect on suppliers of Broadband. In June, BT dropped trigger levels on all its exchanges by 50 registrations and will soon announce further reductions. Other suppliers are speeding up their roll out of commercial services.

SSBB, recognising that the stiffening of competition between suppliers must be in our favour, now see the need for an Executive Committee and an efficient organisational structure. Although it seems to me that the group has been working tremendously hard all this year, John Prescott tells me that the real work is yet to come. Please watch for developments and support the group however you can. *AJ*

EDWARDSTONE & GROTON - BROADBAND:

The date for the announcement of winners in the competition run by EEDA has been put back once again. Their latest date is now 23rd July. If you have registered on the demandbroadband.com website, and have not yet sent me your confirmation, my new e-mail address is daphne.clark@bopenworld.com.

Please contact me if you would like more information on how we hope to put broadband into our villages. Daphne Clark 210698

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Thursday 3rd July.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved. These and previous minutes can be inspected by applying to the Parish Clerk.

Correspondence included various planning applications. All were approved. Suffolk CC have put forward suggestions for traffic calming on B1115 at either end of the village.

The next meeting will be on 7th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

NOTES of the MEETING of

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

held on 14 July 2003 at 7.30 pm at Bell House,

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: On the subject of the Car Park Questionnaire, to date 1100 forms had been delivered and 201 had been returned. 73% were in favour of the car park but were not prepared to fund it. 140 of the forms were from residents in the village. 91% of the village had not responded.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Questions were asked about the proposed local housing needs development at Homefield. It was uncertain as to whom representations should be made as the development was for Boxford residents, being built in Groton and property (opposite the proposed development) was in Edwardstone. Their immediate mode of redress was to Babergh District Council. Concern was expressed in respect of the proposed access road but reassurances were given that County Highways Department would ensure every care was taken to see that the access road was built in the safest possible place.

Mr Eddie Kench asked the Council whether it would consider purchasing a water colour by Elizabeth Gardiner of Boxford St Mary's Church, as a gift to the people in Boxford Massachusetts, so that this could be presented when our group from Boxford visited them later in the year. The Council agreed that this be put on the Agenda for the meeting in September.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL: District Councillor Bryn

Hurren informed the meeting that the Planning Committee at Babergh had decided not to enforce the removal of the wall at the Old Chapel in Swan Street (now known as Stargate). The Council felt this was a dangerous precedent as property owners might be encouraged by this decision to carry out building works without first seeking the approval of the Planners. He reported that Mr Norton, together with BDC, would go ahead and finance the building of the bridge in Ash Street, with the Council paying for the basic bridge construction and Mr Norton, the owner of Brook House, funding the enhancements. The Blue Bin Scheme was going well. He felt the local housing needs project was a credit to the village and the designs were sympathetic to the area. He wished to remind the meeting about the Development Committee meeting in the Council Offices on 23 July at 9.30am when this development would be discussed. The Clerk enquired why our waste was now being sent to the Far East and apparently not being sorted at Blakenham. Councillor Hurren commented that due to market forces, the waste had to be disposed of wherever it was feasible. County Councillor Jeremy Pembroke commented that nobody wanted the waste that was produced here and so it had to be shipped overseas to countries that could use it.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Councillor Jeremy Pembroke wished to invite representatives from the Council as well as other local organisations to a talk about obtaining funds from organisations such as the Lottery. It would be some time in October and he would keep the Clerk informed. They were still looking for a suitable candidate for the post of Director of Education and as they had not met with success so far would be offering 6-month contracts to appropriate applicants. Endeavour House, the new property being built to house Suffolk County Council employees was under way.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: She informed the Councillors about a consultation by National Air Traffic Services (NATS) and the Ministry of Defence on the extension of controlled airspace over Southern East Anglia. The proposed changes to airspace were being made to increase the capacity available to provide for growth in air travel in the future. (These are in relation to central and southern UK airports and are not related specifically to any growth which might occur at Stanstead.) The proposed new air traffic arrangements would reduce aircraft flying over the Dedham Vale Area and move flightpaths north to Boxford and Bildeston. A report (C55) supporting the proposal, written by the Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development, Mr Neil Greig, (Babergh District Council) had been obtained by the Clerk and excerpts from it read out to the meeting: BDC had been consulted informally on the issues and it was noted that the consultation was specifically aimed at obtaining views on the environmental aspects of the proposals. The proposed changes to UK airspace are planned for introduction on 18 March 2004 and the consultation material will be available in the Members' Room (BDC). For more detail, go to www.babergh-south-suffolk.gov.uk/legaladni/ccpapers/reports/c055.htm. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of the Strategy Committee at BDC informing them of our objections to the proposal, bearing in mind Boxford formed part of a Special Landscape Area with the potential to become an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB); it was a large village and if aircraft flying above 7000 ft did not cause environmental problems then why were the residents in the Dedham Vale so concerned.

Suffolk County Council wished to establish a point of contact in each parish for information on 'public transport services'. Councillor Fraser volunteered to be the Parish Transport Representative for this purpose. The CAB would be having its AGM on Thursday 17th July and invited a representative, but no one was available to attend.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS Mr Gasson reported that the volunteers from the National Probation Service were willing to do works at the village hall, if so required. He would speak to the chairman of the village hall on this.

Box River Sports

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EDWARDSTONE AND BOXFORD CRICKET CLUB OFF TO A SHAKY START

Our new season has not exactly gone according to plan with league defeats against Horringer, and Mildenhall providing a slow sluggish start and few points on the board

Our first match this month was away at Hartest and Coldham and we were put in first. Runs were extremely hard to come by despite a short boundary and some wide bowling. Richard Gooderham held the innings together and scored a third of our total of 87 with a battling 30

Defending such a small total is never easy and without early wickets it was made ever more difficult. Hartests two South African imports saw the home side past the winning post with only one wicket down.

Brandon at home were the next line and being put in to bat was a blessing in disguise as skipper Malc Gooderham (97) and new boy Hugo Nesbitt (33) piled on the runs as a partnership of 113 provided the bulk of our 200 runs. Malcolm only had himself to blame after kicking the ball at middle stump. Ray Gibbons having no choice but to give him out at 3 short of his century.

Brandon found themselves in the middle of a bit of Edwardstone form as wickets tumbled amongst some top class fielding leaving them 56 all out. Greg Hayton picked up 4 and Charlie Phillips cleaned up the Rabbits with one over 3 for 0. Our first win was on the board.

Our match against Risby saw our batting slump again and we were reduced to 66 for 5 before battling through to 126 at the end of our innings. Our bowling failed and Risby were home by 8 wickets. *James Williams, Vice Captain 01787 210336*

BOXFORD NETBALL TEAM

It is with great pride and a lot of satisfaction that I am happy to inform everyone that the Boxford Netball Team came top of the third division in the winter league. This will place us in the second division this winter and hopefully onwards and upwards into the first division if we carry on winning! At the moment we are just about to finish the Sudbury league and have already finished the Ipswich one the results of which we will keep you all informed of. Next year will be our twenty fifth anniversary. I can't believe that we have been playing together for such a long time! We started even before some of our players were born!! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow players for their friendship, support and encouragement. We're still looking for our Mel Gibson look a like to be our physio but until he turns up we'll make do with a cold pack and a Diet Coke!! Last but not least a big thank you to our two umpires. We really do appreciate all you both do for us. Even though we have to cut off all our lovely long nails and behave ourselves on court! Many thanks. Well done girls I really am very proud of you all, lets keep up the good work and the determination to win.(No matter how young and fit the opposition look!!)

Sylvia Preedy (goal keeper)

DIVISION 3

	PTS	W	D	L	FOR	AGN	DIFF
BOXFORD	74	14	0	2	403	277	126
IPSWICH VETS	66	12	0	4	365	262	103
CRANES	55	9	1	6	343	302	41
PROFILES	47	8	0	8	341	375	-34
FELIXSTOWE 1	46	6	0	10	324	331	-7
DEBEN SYSTEMS	46	7	0	9	312	329	-17
LAYHAM	44	6	0	10	316	350	-34
GIPPING2	34	4	1	11	360	448	-88
C'CHURCH 3	34	4	2	10	298	398	-100

"Calendar Girls

Charity Fundraising can be many things, it can just be fun, or very necessary to the ongoing survival of a charity. It can also get a little boring sometimes to always have the same stall at the same fete. The ladies of the Rhyllstone W.I invented a whole new form of fundraising in 2000 with their "modesty with no clothes on calendar" but who is brave enough to copy them?

Well, twelve mums of children who attend Ladybirds Preschool in Leavenheath, a registered charity, which caters for children from all of the surrounding villages, are!

We have decided to create a calendar to reflect our lives and jobs. Anyone who has had children will know that after having a full time job, it is easy to lose your identity when you become "somebody's wife" or "somebody's mother". So each of the mothers pictured is modelling to reflect their former job, current job or something in their home life. So we have titles like "Hot and Steamy", "Bootiful", "Just your type" and "Hello ducky", the contents of which you are left to guess for now! You may even know some of the ladies featured!!

The project has been a lot of fun and challenging for all involved but the end result is a very stylish calendar for 2004 with a sense of humour. The calendar is a real community effort as each month has been sponsored by a local business, which we are very grateful for, the pictures have been taken by a local photographer and the calendar has been printed locally.

It will be available from the 1st September at Boxford News in Boxford and other local shops and all of the money raised will go towards providing an outdoor play area and some new equipment for the children. Buy your copy before they run out!!



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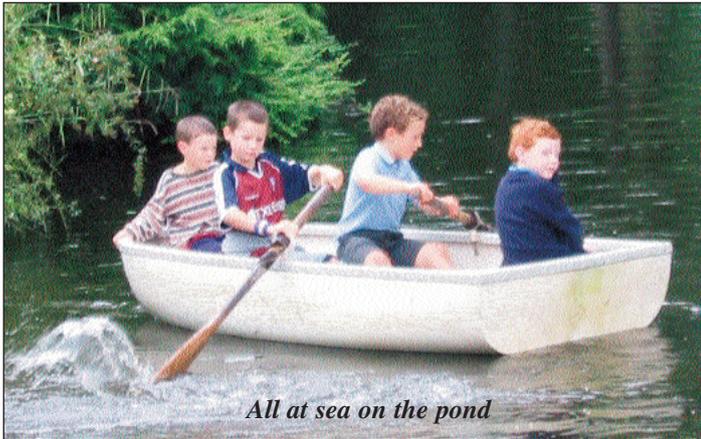
Boxford Church Fete, 5th July

This years Boxford St Mary's Church Fete was a resounding success. With Cowboys and Indians relaxing to watch Punch and Judy, pony rides, boat trips, bouncy castle, fancy dress competition, a chance to start up the 'blues and two's on a police van and all the usual stalls. These combined with brilliant performances by the Boxford School choir, the Madrigals and not least, the Stoke School Jazz band, and delicious cream teas served all afternoon all added to the enjoyment of the day

Our grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Russell Ross for the use of their beautiful garden and grounds, to all who worked so hard and those who came along and supported this event which raised £1.475.00 for church funds. We would also like to thank the music teachers and children of the Boxford School choir, Stoke Middle School Jazz Band and the Madrigal Singers for entertaining us with delightful singing and music and the Boxford Rainbows and Brownies for providing and serving such delicious teas throughout the afternoon C.W.



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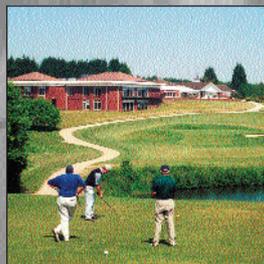
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GROTON SUMMER FETE

JUNE 21st 2003

The "Wizard" Fete at Groton was a resounding success, thanks to the kindness of Carey Baldwin for the loan of her garden, and to the Sunniest Longest Day.

Well before the 2.30pm Opening, parents and children were clamouring to join Harry Potter and his friend Ron Weasley. Looking round the packed garden, as Owls (beanbags) were flown, and hammers fell as young and old attempted to strike Hagrid's Bell, the scene brought back memories of fetes in the past. Pat Kennedy Scott in her voluminous many-pocketed skirt allowed children to pick her pockets for some special gift, while at the same time worked with Peter on her "Wizard Wardrobe" Stall, selling all manner of Hogwart's surprises.

Sitting in the courtyard garden just enjoying the summer sun and a Cream Tea or Strawberries and Cream was a delight in itself. Many visitors remarked on the number of children enjoying the races, with non-flying Broomstick Obstacle Race, Egg and Spoon with a Golden Snitch (Egg!), etc.

The Raffle went well as a delighted winner left clutching a copy of the new Harry Potter book and another with a signed photo of the three stars in the Harry Potter films.

The date of June 21st was chosen by the Groton church fund-raising committee long before the date was set for the launch of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix", but to take "Harry Potter" as the fete theme was a stroke of genius, as I think that this encouraged the youngsters to drag along their Mums and Dads.



Thanks to all the support from both helpers and visitors we were able to raise approximately £1000. R.B.



Left:
Harry Potter and his friend Ron Weasley.

Below:
Some of the many visitors to the Groton 'Wizard' Fete



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Our next production is Alan Ayckbourn's '**Relatively Speaking**' on August 28th and 29th. Tickets are on sale at Boxford News to include supper

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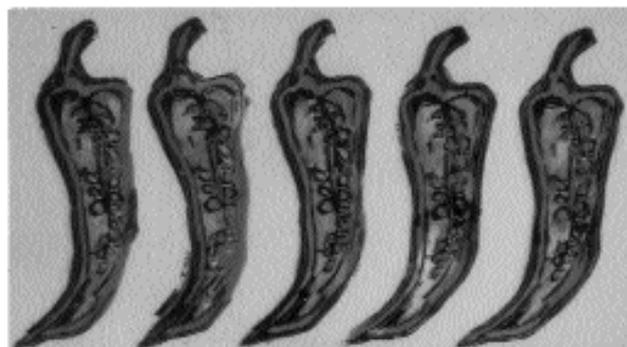
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Boxford School News

By the time you read this we will have probably broken up for the summer holidays but at the time of writing we are gearing up for the final push to the end of term. With only two weeks to go we are faced with three swimming galas, one music concert, one leavers concert and barbecue, a visit to Walton on the Naze, a Year 4 games day etc. etc. etc. How we manage to fit it all in and how the staff maintain their energy and enthusiasm is a mystery to me. Congratulations to our choir who, by all accounts, sang splendidly at the St Mary's Church Fete and Saturday afternoon. Well done and thanks to everyone who took part.

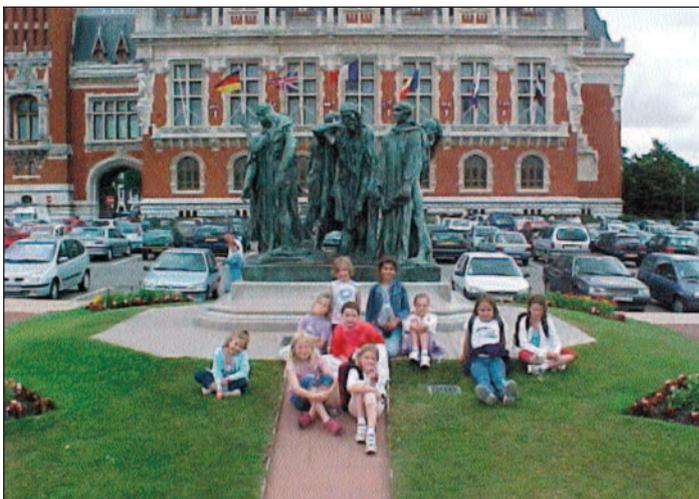
At the beginning of July we took ten of our French Club children off to Calais for the day. Leaving school at 6.45 am. in the morning we set off for Dover and the ferry to France. Once in France we had lunch in a French Restaurant and took the children to see the Rodin statue in the centre of Calais. We finished the day by climbing to the top of the seafront lighthouse, which provided us with magnificent views of Calais and the English Channel. The day was rounded off with a MacDonaldis on the way home and return to school at 8.30 pm. A full report with photographs can be viewed on our website at www.boxford.suffolk.sch.uk. It was a most enjoyable trip and I am indebted to Diana Goodchild and Liza Devlin who run our French Club and accompanied the children on the trip.

Our football team continued their run of success last week by playing a series of away games at Glemsford School. Once again our children were very successful, playing four games and winning them all. This year we have played a total of twelve games and during that time have won ten and drawn two. Well done to all of the boys and thank you to all those who have helped with transport and the washing of the kit.

When we all look back on our school days it is often the extra things we did that provide us with the most vivid memories. Most people have some memory, good or bad, of their school sports days. My own recollections are of hot days, egg and spoon races and of parents cheering their children on as they ran down a track. I am not sure whether I enjoyed them or not! Last month we had our annual sports days and once again they proved very enjoyable for both children and parents alike. Our younger children took part in a round robin type event where their sporting and teamwork skills were put to the test through a number of carefully planned events. The older children also took part in a round robin event but this time the individual stages were based on more traditional races and skills challenges such as a hockey dribble relay. Both events were extremely well attended and it was a real pleasure to meet and have the chance to talk to so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school. My thanks go to all of the staff and helpers and to Mrs. Dainty who organised the younger children's event.

As this is my last village newsletter article of the academic year I would like to just say a few words of thanks. When I first came to Boxford over ten years ago it was a small village school with just over one hundred children. Over the years the school has grown considerably and is nearly twice as big now. However it is still the same village school with that very special village school ethos and atmosphere. The success of the school over this time is down to a number of factors not least the superb teaching and non-teaching staff that I have the pleasure to work with. Alongside this comes the magnificent support we receive from our parents and friends of the school who give up considerable amounts of time and energy to help in and raise money for the school and to our Governors who quietly and effectively oversee the management of the school. My very grateful thanks to you all and to all of the wonderful children, who over the course of this year have contributed so much to the life of the school.

Finally may I wish all those who are leaving us the very best wishes for the future and to simply say, please keep in touch especially if you are leaving the state system. We do like to know how you are getting on.



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In the front of
the Rodin Statue*



*Left:
On top of the
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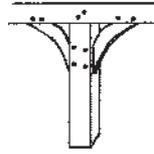
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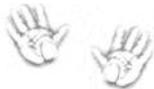
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Mary Bullard and the Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club

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I began the Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club in 1985 and in 19 years we have raised £9,704 which has been donated to various charities. My grateful thanks for all the support over the years and may the lunches continue to flourish under the new leadership. I will attend whenever possible.

God bless you all.

Mary Bullard

Newton Parish Councillors Farm Visit

Newton Parish Councillors, their husbands and wives, spent an interesting and informative farm visit at 'Rogers' and 'Siam Hall'

at the kind invitation of the chairman, John Taylor.

Stephen Taylor gave a talk on crop rotation and marketing of cereals.

He also explained the method of grassland and hedgerow and spinney management. Although the primary object was to make a profit, visitors could not have failed to be impressed by the Taylor families enthusiasm for the conservation of wildlife. There was plenty of this to be seen.

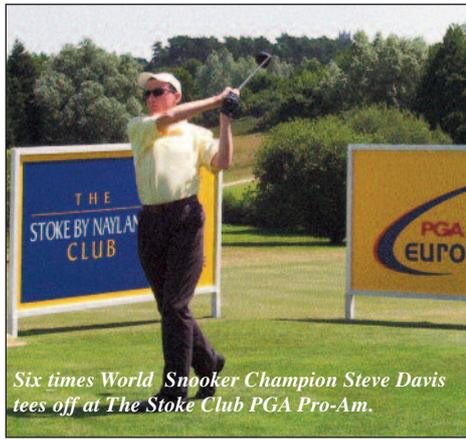
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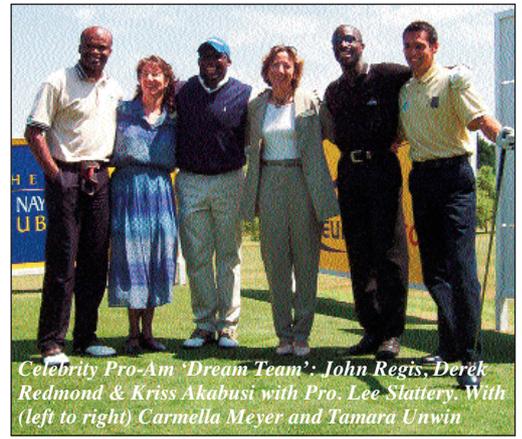
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Celebrity Pro-Am 'Dream Team': John Regis, Derek Redmond & Kriss Akabusi with Pro. Lee Slattery. With (left to right) Carmella Meyer and Tamara Unwin

The three-day tournament ended on a high note (July 3rd) with some exceptional golf having been played. Course records were smashed daily and a total of three holes-in-one were scored. These rising stars of professional golf gave appreciative spectators a glimpse of what to expect for the future of the game and they will undoubtedly have some of the top ranking players glancing over their shoulders at such stiff up and coming competition.

Nineteen year-old Thomas Aiken from South Africa narrowly clinched the trophy and picked up a cheque for £10,000 in a sudden death play off against Ian Keenan (Royal Liverpool). Both players finished on 14 under, but Aiken sank a brilliant putt in the play-off on par to Keenan's unlucky bogey. Aiken also goes into the play-off for a new Peugeot 206 after sinking a hole-in-one on the 11th on the second day. Tied in third position were Matthew King (Toft Hotel) and Craig Lee (Baltimore) both on 13 under.

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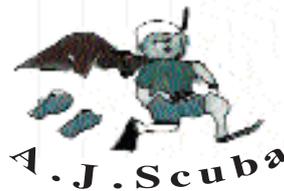
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