

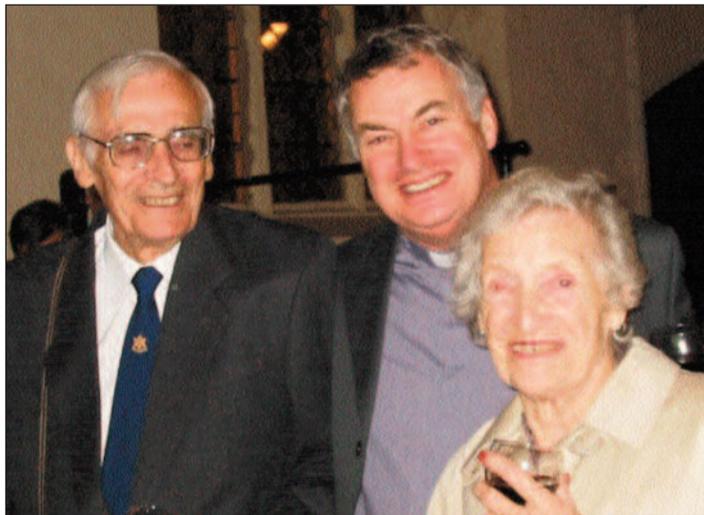
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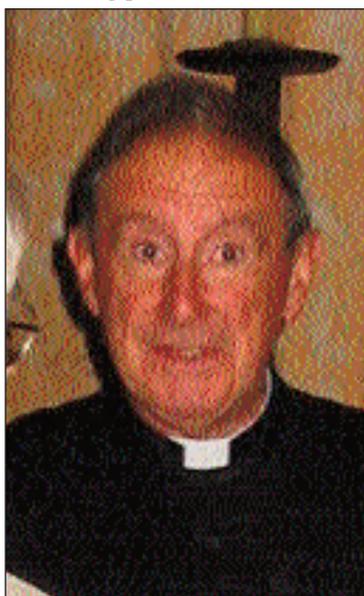
On Tuesday 7th October at St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield, The Revd David Matthews attended his institution and induction Service and His Honour The Revd Brian Watling QC his licensing as assistant priest by the Rt Revd The Bishop of Dunwich. Also in attendance were the Arch Deacon and the Rural Dean

The Church was full, not only with the congregation but also with beautiful flower displays, not to mention tables heavy with food for the reception to take place after the service. It was an impressive service conducted in a friendly atmosphere during which David met with his peers, lay leaders of the Churches within the Benefice and civic leaders from the Benefice villages.

After the service there was an informal reception held in the church when David and Brian, together with the Bishop and officiating priests were able to mingle with the many parishioners and guests, enjoying a glass of wine and getting to know one another.

Amongst the guests were David's Mother and Father pictured with him above. They were both understandably very proud of their son. Meanwhile, Yibi, adopted son of David and Joan Matthews, was appointed Bishop of Richards Bay and can be seen in the picture top right with fellow Bishop, The Bishop of Dunwich.

Pictured left is The Revd Brian Watling QC who will be giving David his support in the work that needs to be undertaken within the Benefice



The Bishop of Dunwich greets Yibi the Bishop of Richards Bay.

CHRISTINA GAUSSON

At the time of going to press we received news of the death of Christina Gausson, Post Mistress and Champion of Local and National Charities. Unfortunately it was too late in the production process to write a full Obituary. This will now be published in the next issue of Box River News.

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Jazz at the Fleece Boxford Suffolk

Friday, 7 November, 8.30 Ticket £10

The Hanson-Mullen Quartet

The combination of two such great guitarists as Mick Hanson and Jim Mullen, together with pianist Jim Watson and bass player Andy Trim makes this a truly unmissable gig. Mick is an entirely self taught player who has over the years developed a highly distinctive style absorbing elements of swing, bop, fusion and Latin. He has the priceless ability of being able to play in whatever style of music he is challenged with. Jim Mullen is a dynamic and forceful player who has spent years in jazz-rock and his deep affinity with the blues gives his music a quality of earthy excitement.

Friday, 14 November, 8.30 Ticket £12

Damon Brown, s International Quintet

One of the UK'S most versatile musicians, Damon's unique trumpet sound and approach to music has earned him the admiration of both musicians and audiences in a surprisingly wide variety of musical settings. This crossover with dance and pop culture has been an important factor in his development as a composer. Damon's style blends British and American influences in a highly personalized approach to jazz. While rooted firmly in the blue note tradition his continued reference to wider musical settings create complex and emotional music. Christian Brewer (tenor sax), Alee Dankworth (bass), and from Finland Markku Ounaskarri (drums) and Janno Savolainen (piano).

Friday, 21 November, 8.30 Ticket £11

Christian Garrick Quartet

Violinist Christian Garrick was a joint winner of the Daily Telegraph competition at seventeen. Having come through the Royal Academy of Music where he picked up a hat full of prizes, he went on to be awarded the coveted John Dankworth Special Award at the 1999 BT British Jazz Awards. Christian is a player who can move effortlessly between classical, hot-club, swing, be-bop, contemporary jazz, blues, fusion and rock. With David Gordon (piano), Denmark's Ole Rasmussen (bass) and Tom Hooper (drums).

Friday, 28 November, 8.30 Ticket £10

Denny Ilett / Katya Gorrie Quintet

This Quintet believes firmly in the merits of the great standards played simply with the emphasis on swing and melody. Denny's main influences are Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra, Wes Montgomery and trumpeter Harry James. Guitarist, singer, arranger and Big Band leader Denny is a member of Lillian Boutte's group in Europe and the USA. Canadian vocalist Katya Gorrie is an exciting and fresh new voice on the jazz scene in the UK. She brings her unique style of sultry vocals and a touch of cabaret to each performance. Mike German (piano), Neville Malcolm (bass) and Dylan Howe (drums) make up the Quintet.

Friday, 5 December, 8.30 Ticket £10 0

Alee Dankworth Trio

Composer, bass player and arranger Alee has recorded with a who's who of the UK jazz scene as well as many leading International artists. He comes to the Fleece with his band of Julian Arguelles (saxophones) and Phil Robson (guitar). Alee tells us "I have always liked playing in groups without percussion. The extra space brings challenges and opportunities".

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Vigilance pays off

Our thanks must go to the members of the village who reported to the police the sightings of some shady looking characters around the villages of Boxford and Groton in June and in particular to that member of the village who reported the vehicle number of the same shady characters attempting to gain entry to the Community Council container on the playing field. Fortunately they were disturbed sufficiently to cause them to abandon their attempts and we were left with just a damaged padlock to replace.

As a result of the reportings, these characters were apprehended and found to be in possession of stolen goods. I have received a letter of thanks from the police who inform me that these characters are now serving time at Her Majesty's Pleasure.

Peter Hibben

Chairman Boxford Community Council

Groton Harvest Supper

4th October 2003 at the W.I. Hall, Groton

Oh, what a splendid party it was! - as indeed it always is. Lots of friendly company and lovely knife-and-fork hot food, and wine. It is always a very good meal at Groton 'do's'. It was an ideal occasion to welcome the new Rector David Matthews and his family to Groton, and to see the church at the heart of village life. After we had eaten our fill, we were much entertained by a quiz with wide-ranging subjects delivered by a master of character and, dare we say, of control? Many thanks are due to all the loyal, long-serving, hard-working team who helped to make it such a happy evening. *Joy Sellers*

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding

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Please call us on 01473 824172 to find out more.

The Boxford Spinney

There is a new paperbank at the Spinney. As ever all your paper (including things like telephone directories) is welcome but this service will be more efficient than the last one and there will be no more full banks awaiting collection, but no cardboard please...

The Boxford Playing Fields

The playingFields committee are planning to have more sports and races at next years 'Sports and Fun Day' Details will follow

shortly but in the meantime please put 12th June in your diaries for the Sports and Fun Day.

Boxford Bells and Ringers

As many people will be aware, Ann and David Jessop have moved from the village. For one group of people this brings a double feeling of loss. Firstly losing good friends and secondly, for those of us who are ringers, the loss of two fine practitioners of the art not to mention that Ann was also an excellent teacher of the art not to mention that Ann was also an excellent teacher of the local towers could still do with more support so, if you would like to find out more about bell ringing get in touch with Richard Gates, (him in the Boxford Post Office)

In the meantime all ringers wish Ann and David all the best in their new home.

Dog mess

One of the curses of modern society is the way some dog owners do not seem to care about what their dogs do or where they do it. In this latter case one of the places dog owners should not leave their dogs mess is childrens play areas, it being a major health hazard to anyone who gets mess on their person. Consequently, as far as the village playing fields are concerned, the committee is going to implement a policy of naming any dog owner of whom they have undisputed evidence that the owner has made no attempt to clean up after their dog..



David, Joan and Yibi Matthews tuck in at the Groton Harvest Supper well served by L to R: Pat Bowdidge, Barbara Riddleston and Peter Kennedy Scott.

Photo David Lamming

A MEMORIAL SERVICE

for Dr Angela Strahan, who died last month after a long struggle with Alzheimer's, will be held in St Mary's Church, Boxford on Saturday 8th November, at 2.30 pm

NATS Air Space Change Proposals

I have looked at the papers made available by NATS and others and in my view most of the proposed changes make sense in air traffic terms and may help environmentally in some respects. For example, one aim is for smoother, more continuous descents thus minimising noisy levelling off. But it is important to note that these plans make no provision for future expansion so any extra noise agreed now can only get worse.

The proposed diversion of flight paths away from Dedham Vale to Boxford / Bildeston on the other hand appears to offer no benefit operationally. Indeed, the charts show that on most routes the distances flown and the number of course changes made will actually increase.

It does indeed seem disingenuous for Neil Greig, in complaining to the Box River News last month to stress the words "and all of Babergh District". He wrote to Babergh Strategy Committee on 17 July, "Incoming flight will now be routed north of the Vale as they access the ABBOT (which is over Sudbury) Hold. This is to be welcomed in that there will be a reduction in the over flying of the Vale." and later, "In moving incoming flights northwards there will be increased activity over the Bildeston/Boxford area..... It is unfortunate that other areas will be affected, but in campaigning for a shift of emphasis away from Dedham Vale it was clear that flight paths would have to be accommodated somewhere." Further on he wrote, "NATS are asked to make further efforts to eradicate all overflying of the Dedham Vale Area...." **If this doesn't add up to a reason for full discussion by those affected I don't know what does.**

Babergh discussed the proposed changes in December last year and there has been plenty of time for consultation. If they were not properly consulted then I believe that all parish councils concerned should be protesting in the strongest terms to the District and County Councils. Instead, Babergh Planning seems to have taken the views of Dedham Vale at face value without consideration for other equally beautiful parts of the District.

The Air Space changes are due to come into effect in March 2004. Unless there is any safety or operational reason of which I am unaware I see no reason why the diversion of air traffic from Dedham Vale to Bildeston/Boxford should not be put in abeyance until it has been properly considered in a democratic manner, and I urge all the Parish Councils concerned to make sure that this is done.
Barrie Thorpe, Boxford

The proposed meeting with a representative of NATS has not been arranged mainly due to a lack of support from some of our Parish Councils. Jeremy Pembroke, our county councillor is prepared to arrange a meeting in Boxford Village Hall providing it is supported by the Parish Councils and there is a clear indication that enough members of the public would support it. The meeting would not be a protest meeting, merely to provide information so that we may be better aware of what we might expect in the future. Indicate your support by telephoning the BRN 211507.

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER *Harry Buckledee*

The surface of lawns is dry and hard at the moment and like everywhere else, in need of rain. The rain when it comes is more likely to run off the hard surface rather than soak in. If possible, try and spike the surface with a fork, it may be difficult at the moment, but if you can only penetrate a couple of inches it will allow some of the water to soak in rather than all running away.

Although roses can be planted at any time during the dormant period, they are best planted in November and they establish more quickly while the soil is still warm. Make sure the planting hole is wide enough to take the spread of all the roots and is of such a depth so that the plant where the green stems emerge from the rootstock is one inch below the level of the surrounding soil. This will anchor the bush and prevent wind rock which is often the cause of roses failing to grow successfully.

Climbing and rambling roses should be planted 15" away from a wall or fence, and to avoid dryness the roots should be sloped away from the wall. Standard roses should not be planted deeper than the original soil mark on the stem. Drive in a good strong stake and use a proprietary plastic strap to secure the stem as close as possible to the head of the rose.

Geraniums, both ivyleaf and zonals can be removed from summer flowering baskets and tubs. Use a sharp old kitchen knife to cut them out of the compost with enough root so they can be potted up into 3.5 - 4 inch pots and over-wintered in the greenhouse. Trim the tops back a bit and remove all dead leaves. Water the [pots just enough to prevent them drying out completely and avoid splashing the foliage. Dampness during the winter months is the main enemy of geraniums.

The trailing Surfina petunias can be treated in much the same way. Cut the top growth back to about 4 inches after labelling

them for colour. Cut the plant out of the compost with a root about the size of a 3 inch pot then pot up into a 4 inch pot. Keep them frost free and they will produce cuttings in the new year which are easy to root and can save you quite a lot of money.

Sow broad beans of the variety Aquadulce to over winter and give an early crop next May-June. The end of the month is about the safest time to sow them to ensure they come through winter safely. Earlier sowings can be successful if we get a favourable winter but often they get too forward and succumb to wind and frosts in March.

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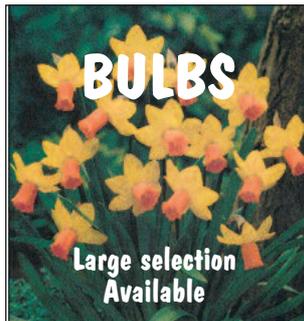
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October 2003

<p>27 Boxford over 60's</p> <p>November</p> <p>1 Boxford Community Council 1 Boxford Village Hall 6 Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust 8/9 Boxford Art Group 8 Newtoneers 10 Boxford over 60's 12 Ltl Waldingfield Luceon Club 15 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room 15 Christingle Market 19 Newton Fete 22 Boxford Society 22 The Great Sanil Race 23 Table Sale 24 Boxford over 60's 26 Edwardstone over 60's lunch 27 Newtoneers 28 FOB's Xmas Fayre</p> <p>December</p> <p>3-6 Mother Goose 6 Wine and Cheese Party 8 Newton Whist Drive 10 Partners Whist 13 Church Christmas Sale 13 Ltl Waldingfield over 60's 27 Newton Church Christmas Sale 14/15 Fobs Santa Run 31 Boxford Village Hall</p> <p>February 2004</p> <p>7 Boxford Rovers Quiz Night</p> <p>April</p> <p>Boxford Rovers Dance</p> <p>May</p> <p>22 Groton's Garden Gala</p> <p>June</p> <p>12 Sports and Fun Day 25/26 Mid summer with the Beavers</p>	<p>meeting</p> <p>Firework Display Guy Fawkes Dance and Bar Tri Annual Meeting Annual Exhibition</p> <p>Meeting</p> <p>Photo Quiz / Cheese & Wine Preston St Mary First Meeting Coffee evening and Speaker The Bumble Bees Polstead Village Hall Speaker</p> <p>Boxford Drama Group Groton PCC</p> <p>Edwardstone Parish Hall Newton Green Coffee Bring and Buy sale</p> <p>Biggest Village New Year Bash</p> <p>St Bartholemews</p> <p>Boxford Playing Fields Edwardstonw millenium Green Trust</p>	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>Boxford Playing Fields Boxford Village Hall WI Hall The Fleece Newton Village Hall Village Hall Susan Nisbett, Wood Hall Parish Room Priory Barn Village Hall The Fleece Leavenheath Village Hall</p> <p>Village Hall Edwardstone Parish Hall Newton Village Hall Boxford School Hall</p> <p>Boxford Village Hall WI Hall Village Hall Parish Hall Village Hall Newmans Hall Newton Village Hall</p> <p>Boxford Village Hall</p> <p>Boxford Village Hall</p> <p>TBA</p> <p>On the Green</p>	<p>2.30pm</p> <p>6.30 after the fireworks 7.30pm 10am to 5pm 10am 2.30pm 12noon 7.30pm 10am-3.30pm 8pm 8.00pm 7.00pm 12-4pm 2.30pm 12noon 10am</p> <p>7.30pm</p> <p>7.30om 10am 10.30am 10am</p> <p>8 till late</p> <p>TBA</p> <p>TBA</p> <p>TBA</p> <p>TBA</p> <p>7.30pm</p>
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Readers Letters

Sir

Joyce Alecock and family would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to Gordon during his illness. Also for the cards of sympathy and donations. Almost £700 was donated to Hospice Home Care and to the Cancer Research Fund
Thank you very much

Joyce Alecock

Sir

I would like to thank everyone for their gifts, cards and good wishes on my recent retirement. It was very touching to realise how much I will be missed and that my work was appreciated by the people on my round. I think my colleagues at Boxford Post Office for the lovely plants they gave me, They obviously want to keep me busy, and my family, all of whom escorted me on my last delivery.

I thank Royal Mail Sudbury for the mediocre letter, on non-headed paper, thanking me for my 18 years service and listing various excuses why no one from head office could be at Boxford on that day! Bearing in mind they had known about my leaving for several months. I find it a bit tardy to say the least.

I am really enjoying not getting up at 5.00pm six days a week and being able to plan whole weekends instead of just a Sunday.

Once again to all 'My' people, thank you so much

Sylvia Preedy

Sir

Barbara and family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for the many cards, messages of sympathy and flowers received following the sad loss of Peter

We were overwhelmed by all your kindness and support which was a great comfort to us all

The Hills Family, Edwardstone

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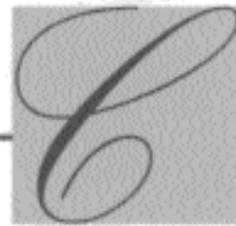
Sooty (Black cat with half a tail)

Tiger (Ginger cat - long haired)

Both cats are two years old and have been missing for 14 days and 11 days at the time of going to press on 20th October. They are much loved so any information would be appreciated. Thank you from all at The Compasses

Boxford Village Hall October Draw Results

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November Events

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General Secretary *Thelma Williams* 01787 210118

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11th January Village Newsletter

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Newton Green Whist Drives

The dates for the next whist drive is 8th December

A CHANCE TO PERFORM

Sudbury Festival

Talented musicians, dancers, and speech and drama enthusiasts of any age have their chance to perform at the annual Sudbury Festival of Music, Speech and Dance. The 2004 Festival starts on 14th February and finishes on 14th March. The syllabus is widely available, free, from libraries, information centres and performing arts shops in the area, and has been distributed to schools throughout East Anglia. Anyone can enter, either as part of a group or as an individual. Closing date for entries is 8th November. The Festival offers about 400 classes in the three main branches of the performing arts, for soloists and groups of any size. Most classes are competitive, but there are some non-competitive for those who prefer. The Festival is open to all age groups, and people with a wide range of abilities from all over East Anglia take part each year. They benefit enormously from the experience learning their piece, taking the stage, and watching and listening to their peers. There is a team of experienced adjudicators who give friendly and helpful assessments to each performer.

The Festival starts with the Dance section, from 14th-19th February. The Speech and Drama section is from 6th-8th March, followed by the Music classes from 9th-14th March. The venues are all in Sudbury – Uplands Middle School, the Town Hall, and St Peters. The grand finale will be the Festival Concert at Sudbury Upper School on 28th March, when a selection of the best performers will be on stage. There is more information on Sudbury's website, www.sudburysuffolk.com.

Little Waldingfield Parish Rooms

Thank you for your support at the Walking Treasure Hunt. We raised another £271 towards our repair fund.

Our next exciting event is the Photo Quiz/Cheese and Wine on 15th November at 7.30pm. This will be a little different to the last one. To find out why you must come along. Tickets available from Mary, Richard and Sue.

Don't forget the Silver Towel Memorial Fund. Only £5 a "brick". Please contact Chris Bowden. He doesn't mind how long the scroll has to be, so there is plenty of room for more names to be recorded for posterity.

Richard Mitchell

Hadleigh Choral Society

Franz Joseph Haydn's The Creation, an oratorio in three parts, is perhaps the composers greatest, most ambitious and most popular work. Whilst visiting London Haydn heard oratorios by

Handel and these no doubt inspired him to write a work of a similar scale. Written for four-part chorus, three soloists and scored for the full 18th Century orchestra it is was an instant success. To celebrate Haydn's seventy-sixth birthday in 1808 the work was performed and afterwards the thirty-eight year old Beethoven knelt to kiss the frail older composer's hand!

Hadleigh Choral Society along with the Colchester Orchestra, all under the baton of Christopher Phelps, will be performing this great work on Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Hadleigh. Tickets (£8, £6, and £4) are available from The Idler Bookshop, High Street, Hadleigh or by telephoning Loveday Perceval-Maxwell on 01473 824419.

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If you are splitting plants or re-arranging your garden, pot up your spares for Groton's Gigantic Garden Gala. If you are raising seedlings, make some extra trays. This will help raise funds for Groton Church, at the Garden Gala, to be held at the Church on Saturday May 22nd 2004. *Bob Bowdidge*

Primrose Wood

The paths in the woodland are now much improved. Vic Rice has spent hours cutting back the hedges and mowing the path. A considerable task! The contractor has also achieved a considerable improvement to the main paths so we are now making real progress. We are organising a visit to the Woodland on Wednesday 19th November leaving the Village sign at 2.30 p.m., please join us if you would like to know more about the woodland. If you are unable to join us on that occasion please contact us and we will arrange a second visit.

On that Wednesday we are also leading a walk round Edwardstone, starting from the Fox and Hounds at 10.30 a.m. Returning there for lunch. Ian Lindsley (210 520) and John Harris.



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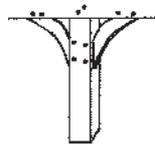
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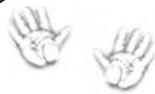
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

To the Box River Saints

Joan, Yibi and I would like to thank the people of the benefice for the wonderful welcome and all the help we have received. Our house, although relatively unfurnished was brightened by all the cards, flowers, pot plants and other thoughtful gifts. Everywhere we have been there has been a tremendous welcome and it has done so much to make us not only feel a part of the area but also to know that God has been instrumental in our being here.

I often have people telling me that the Bible is nothing more than a fairy story and that the stories it contains are just myths rather than truths. This is not helped in this day and age by prominent people within the Church denying major sections of accepted Christian belief.

I like to think of the Bible as a love story, which starts with a blind date at the Book of Genesis ("In the beginning...") and ends with the consummation of a marriage and the bride carried over the threshold at the end of the Book of Revelation ("I saw a new heaven and a new earth..."). In between the Bible's start and finish is the story of God's stormy love affair with mankind. It tells the story of how God's bride, humankind, runs away to have affairs with other lovers and yet God the bridegroom loves her so much that he keeps searching for her and welcoming her back to himself. After many ages of sacrificial love our God in Jesus Christ sacrifices himself to provide a way back to him even for those who do not believe they deserve his love.

It is true that the Bible was written by ordinary fallible human beings over many centuries and that each one was writing from their own particular point of view, however each one was writing about their own experience of God. So although many different people have written the Bible there is a solid thread and a constant truth that runs from the first word to the last. That thread is God and the truth is his love for humankind, despite the fact that we are not worthy of his love. Much of what is written in the Bible is verifiable history and historically quite accurate. But it contains much more than history, because there are more ways of communicating the truth than just recording facts. The Bible contains poetry, songs, myths, stories and letters all of which can be powerful ways of putting across the truth. The story of God at work throughout human history is expressed through the very creative gifts that our God has blessed us with. How often have we seen a play, or a film or read a novel and said how true it is of our own human condition? The dramatist has presented our human condition in a far more powerful way than the literal truth would ever have done. My own belief in the truth of the scriptures doesn't depend on as one person has put it, "the credibility of Adam or the edibility of Jonah", but on the truth of God's love which is a part of my daily life.

There are those who believe every word of the Bible is literally true, as if it is written by the personal hand of God, and I believe they do both the Bible and themselves a disservice. There are those who select texts to justify their own beliefs and points of view. For example, those who believe in capital punishment will use the Exodus reading of an eye for an eye to justify themselves even though it is not a justification for punishment, but a limitation of punishment.

To get the real truth from the Bible, we need to read it knowing that we have a God who loves us warts and all. We need to read it as a love letter from God who is the embodiment of love and who says, "This is how much I love you and this is what I have in store for all those who will take just a small step towards that love".

God's richest blessings

David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden: Ruth Kingsbury, as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH – It Could Be You:

The description of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles uses fellowship in the context in which everyone has their part to play in building up the Body of Christ. Some will do one thing, and some another, others show particular acts of hospitality and support. The point is that God has given us each other, and sufficient gifts among us to be his Christian Fellowship in this place. We need to discover them and use them. 1 Corinthians is a letter that deals with many of the practical issues raised in living out this task - one body with many parts is how St. Paul described the Church. In Chapter 12, verse 7, he writes "The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all". So it is not really a case of "it could be you", rather "it is you" - for you and your gifts are needed. CK

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE SERVICE - 9TH NOVEMBER:

The Service of Remembrance commences at 10.45 a.m.

"We can truly say that the whole circuit of the earth is girdled with the graves of our dead, ... and in the course of my pilgrimage I have many times asked myself whether there can be more potent advocates of peace upon earth through the years to come than this massed multitude of silent witnesses to the desolation of war" King George V - visiting Flanders in 1922

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH:

There will be a Family Service at 11.00 a.m. Everyone is warmly welcome. CK

BOX RIVER CLUB:

Meets in the school hall at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 2nd, 16th and 30th of November. New members are most welcome. *Janet Daniels*

Daniels

SMILE LINES:



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elders:

Antony Dodd 210397 Peter Welstand 210525

REGISTERS: Blessing of Marriage, 27 September, ANDREA BIBA de CLARKE and ADAM CLARKE

PARTNER WHIST DRIVE:

There will be a Partner Whist Drive in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Wednesday 10 December starting at 7.30 p.m. Entrance £1 to include light refreshments. There will also be a Christmas Raffle. Please contact Pauline Cox on 211030 for details. In aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall.

OVER 60s LUNCH:

There will be a lunch for the over 60s in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Wednesday 26 November at 12 noon. All welcome. Tickets £4 to include a glass of wine. Bookings only. Please phone Daphne Clark on 210698.

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

Nov 2: Mr Saddleton/Margaret & Roy Richardson;

Nov 9: Mr Currey/Margaret & Roy Richardson;

Nov 16: Mrs Dodd/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

Nov 23: Combined Benefice Service (Box)/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

Nov 30: Mrs Tregear/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett.



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elders:

Tim Harbord 247034

REGISTERS: 20th September, Marriage, LUISA SMITH of Newton Green to COLIN GRAY

21st September, Baptism, OWEN MARRIOTT

HARVEST SUPPER AND QUIZ - 4TH OCTOBER:

Thank you to everyone who came along to make the evening such a happy and successful event and especially to Millie for her hard work in preparing such an excellent meal. Sandra Harbord

SERVICE OF INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION - 7TH OCTOBER:

We were given the privilege of holding the service at which the Reverend David Matthews was instituted and inducted as our new Rector and the Reverend Brain Watling was licensed as his Assistant Priest. The great success of the evening would not have been possible without the hard work and contributions of many people from both within the Parish and across the Benefice. Very many thanks to all concerned. *Sandra Harbord*

FLOWERS:

Thank you to the ladies who decorated the church ready for the Harvest Festival and Induction Service. The many compliments received are a testament to all your hard work. Sandra Harbord

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Nov 2: Mrs Miller & Mrs Carse/Mrs Bridges;

Nov 9: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Grunsell;

Nov 16: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Harbord;

Nov 23: Combined Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Fernando-Martin;

Nov 30: Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/Mrs Ewen.



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 378009*

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY:

Saturday, December 6th 7.30 p.m., W.I. Hall

It is amazing that we are already getting ready for Christmas and beginning to think about the Cheese and Wine yet again, but the usual formula will be in place: Pat and Gerald, and their team, running the Bar, the Gift Table, The Raffle, the popular Auction and of course, the FOOD which Groton is so good at preparing; so get your tickets (£5 each) now, from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat/Bob Bowdidge [211553], or any member of Groton P.C.C. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

GROTON'S GIGANTIC GARDEN GALA!

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ROTAS:

November

December

Flowers:

Mrs P Thaw

Mrs M Lethbridge

Cleaning:

Mrs P Thaw

Mrs Pat Smith

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr D Lamming Mr S Block

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



QUIZ EVENING:

There will be a Quiz Evening on Thursday, 6 November at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Light refreshments and Raffle. Please join us. Diana Stock

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:

Saturday 6 December in the Village Hall, commencing at 10 a.m. Come to meet Father Christmas. Cake Stall and Raffle and a good selection of Christmas Presents. Diana Stock

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Thank you. Daphne Clark 210698, email -

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Parish Council Matters

NOTES FROM THE MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 13 October 2003 at 7.30 pm at Bell House, Boxford

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: An amendment to page 143 under the Babergh District Council report - "Would the Council wish to consider a name for the road" referred to the Boxford local housing needs development, not Edwardstone. Also under the same heading the figure of £500 had appeared as being the amount to be contributed by the Boxford Society towards the Ash Street Bridge renovation. The Clerk had been contacted by the secretary of the Boxford Society saying they had offered £50 not £500. The meeting confirmed that £500 had been the sum stated at the last Parish Council meeting: therefore no amendment was made to the Minutes on this point. The Chairman made the appropriate amendment and signed the Minutes as being accepted by the meeting.

Chairman closed the meeting so Youth club could give their report :-

Mr Broughton informed the meeting that the Club had a strong membership with 40 members. However they were still not financially viable, charging only 10p per person, and relied heavily on grants and contributions. They had had several outings during the last year, to the theatre and the seaside and these had been a great success. Whilst they had been using the school playground during the summer months for skateboarding, they would need somewhere in the winter and commented that a car park would be ideal as it would probably have security lights which would enable them to use it at night. The children were kept well informed on drug abuse issues as well as health related problems. One of their members was a UK Youth Parliament member and they were due to have a Democracy Week when they would like members of the Parish Council to come along and tell the children about the workings of the Council. The Chairman thanked the group for attending and the Clerk said she would pass on as much information as possible concerning grants and funds available to the Youth Club treasurer, Mr Peter Hibben.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: She had received confirmation that the War Memorial was to be included in the Statutory List (Grade II) as having special architectural and historic interest. She had been in touch with the owners of the hedge at Brick Kiln Hill and was told they were in the process of making arrangements for the hedge to be cut back. A letter of thanks had been received from the Parochial Church Council for the grant awarded to them. The matter of responsibility for the gravestones in the Churchyard had been raised with the Clerk by a member of the PCC and the Parish Council confirmed they had responsibility for the maintenance of the grounds only – any concern about the gravestones that were in a state of disrepair had to be directed towards the families of the deceased and where these could not be contacted, then the stones would have to be laid down to ensure there was no risk to the public.

One of the residents of Swan Street had recently had the misfortune of having a horsebox hit her property and had written to the Council asking for their comments. The issue of Swan Street traffic had been raised with Highways in February and a site meeting had been promised. The Clerk was asked to ensure a site meeting be arranged asap.

A resident living on the edge of the A1071 had sent copies of correspondence with Highways about the obstruction to pedestrians caused by a group of Horse Chestnut trees on the east side of the bypass. He was also concerned about the speed of vehicles as well as the increasing tendency of traffic to overtake on this straight stretch of road, posing a hazard for those drivers exiting both from Calais Street and Roylands Lane. The matter was being dealt with by Highways.

The Clerk had registered with The Local Channel in order to ensure a Boxford website would become available and informed the Council that once up and running it would be best served if residents of the village made contributions and wrote letters/comments so that it could be seen as an active shop window for all the parish.

Air traffic over Boxford: Babergh District Council, Strategy Committee have sent an apology. It was confirmed that the Strategy Committee resolved to make different comments to National Air Traffic Services (NATS) than those recommended in the Consultation Paper C55 and this had been fully reported in the Box River News (October issue) and was available on the BDC website. The Chairman of the Strategy Committee wished to make it clear that the proposals from NATS and the Ministry of Defence were about increasing the airspace capacity to deal with future growth in air travel. When Mr Grieg (Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development at BDC) had discussed these issues with NATS and the MoD, they had made it clear that they

were always reluctant to move flight paths because of noise objectors as it only moved the problem elsewhere rather than resolve noise problems altogether. She wished to point out that outgoing flights would still be over the Dedham Vale, so having incoming flights elsewhere could be seen as giving a better degree of balance than existed at the present time. Her final paragraph is quoted :- *"I hope that I have clarified some of the matters for you. Babergh is concerned about its broader environment and the quality of life of people living in the whole area and will continue to do what it can in relation to aircraft noise. I must emphasise though that we have no regulatory powers on these matters and must rely, like your Council, on lobbying"* Sue Carpendale, Chairman of Strategy Committee, letter dated 30 July to Parish Clerk, Boxford.

The Clerk had since received full and comprehensive information from NATS answering her queries on flight volume, busiest times, noise levels, width of flight path when stacking and the frequency of air traffic. Copies of this had been forwarded to those members of the public who had attended the previous month's meeting. Should any parishioner wish to receive this information, she would gladly forward it to them. In the meantime, those residents who wished to make their objections known were advised, by the Chairman, to attend the proposed meeting that was to be chaired by the County Councillor, Jeremy Pembroke. (Unfortunately Mr Pembroke was not present to give information on this.) The improvements to Bell House had been carried out – the internal walls painted, heavy safe removed and the carpet was to be put down within the month. The majority of the work had been supervised and organised by Councillor Cecil Hughes and in his absence both Councillor David Gasson and David Fraser had helped. Access for the disabled to Bell House would be planned and discussed in 2004. The dog bin at Gunary Close had been repaired by Councillor Richard Gates. At this point the Chairman closed the meeting for a report from Mrs Daphne Clark on the subject of Broadband.:- See page 2

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC : Mr Eddie Kench presented a paper prepared by Mr Barrie Thorpe on 16 September on the subject of air traffic over Boxford and commented that there were many objectors to the proposed changes. He also wished to report that the trees and hedges on the A1071 Boxford Bypass needed attention as they were affecting visibility for drivers. The Clerk would deal with this.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: Mr Bryn Hurren commented that at the open Council Meeting the next day they were expecting many young people who would no doubt be asking for assistance with transport – this was a real problem in rural areas. He too had received complaints about the growth of trees on the bypass at Boxford. The low cost housing site at Edwardstone had now been cleared in readiness for building works to commence. A footpath was being created by the Homefield flats in Boxford so that residents would have easy access during building works on the low cost housing site. He gave a brief report on the help that BDC had given to the Southgate family in respect of their son who was shortly to come home from hospital and would need very special accommodation. He had personally become very involved and spent at least 30 hours with them discussing the options available to the family.

REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: Mr House suggested we might look into the feasibility of certain areas in Boxford becoming 20mph with the appropriate traffic calming measures. Councillor Fraser suggested that this be included for discussion when the Highways authorities came for a site meeting at Swan Street, hopefully in the near future. Memorabilia from the visit to Boxford, Massachusetts had been brought back and it was agreed that this be framed and put with the rest of the exhibits in the village hall. He requested that the Car Park Survey be put back another month to the November meeting. Councillor Fraser reported that the entrance to the Doctors' surgery was still a problem – the Clerk was requested to write again. Also, he requested that we put a seat for bus passengers in the bus shelter and the Clerk was asked to get a quote for an iron bench along one wall. He commented that the Council needed to make sure that items inserted in the BRN should go through the Clerk so that readers of the BRN would not mistake entries from individuals who happened to be on the Parish Council, as being the opinions of the Council – all were agreed on this point. Councillor Paula Stacey had received complaints about the growth on trees in Ash Street and Fen Street, Councillor Bryn Hurren would deal with this. Councillor Veronica Hobbs reiterated the complaints about the overgrown trees on the Bypass and in particular those that were adjacent to Rectory Park as pedestrians had to walk in the road as this point. She wanted Council's comments about asking Mr Barry Rules to do one more visit to the Eden Project in Sudbury (for the Youth Club). They all agreed. She would write to the Boxford United Charities Trust for financial help with this proposal and then, once she had spoken to Mr Rules, she would inform the Youth Club of the suitable dates. *M Cooling* Clerk to the Council

Parish Council Matters

Notes of Newton Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 24th September 2003

at Newton Village Hall at 7:30pm

Minutes of Last Meeting Held on 23rd July 2003 - The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

- a) Play Area Safety Inspection Report Work required to meet the conditions of the report have been completed.
- b) Plamplin Close pavement, Remedial action in the region of the bus stop has been undertaken. However, the quality of the job has raised concerns, referred to John Simpson SCC. Ongoing
- c) Peter Holbrook is to seek clarification of the blanket refusal for small properties to be extended in the Babergh plan. This only applies to small properties (2-bed or smaller) which have had permitted development rights removed when planning permission was originally granted.
- d) Peter Holbrook to look into the position with Babergh Planning Dept for the ongoing case of dereliction of Motts Farm. Waiting a response from the BDC Planning Department.
- e) Proposed Speed Management Measures Wayne Bryan to confirm recommendations for Speed Activated Signs and Carriageway Virtual Visual Narrowing for Newton has been accepted by Highways.
- f) Parish Transport Representative. The Chairman thanked Gwen Smith who has agreed to continue to manage the role which she undertook so successfully during her term as a Councillor.
- g) Replacement Street Lighting Timers. The Clerk reported that the free of charge offer from A M Street Lighting has been accepted subject to confirmation that there will be no hidden costs.
- h) Traffic Levels Rotten Row. Waiting for the recommendations following the check of signage by Suffolk CC.

Finance

Items to consider

- a) Council to approve audit of accounts to 31 March 2003 John Taylor thanked Dave Crimmin for the report he produced for the internal audit. It was agreed that the Clerk would address all actions required for the next financial year. The ledger had been signed at the APM on the 9th April 2003 although not formally recorded in the Minutes. Internal Audit Assurance was approved; proposed by Colin Poole and seconded by Harry Buckledee.
 - b) Church Maintenance donation request - £350 grant agreed; proposed by Colin Poole and seconded by Harry Buckledee.
 - c) FLOWERS Groundcare - £47. Payment proposed by Harry Buckledee and seconded by Colin Poole.
 - d) Clerk's expenses, April 03 to September 03 - Payment proposed by Janet Crimmin and seconded by Harry Buckledee
 - e) Hall hire - £42. Payment proposed by Rita Schwenk and seconded by Harry Buckledee
- Clerk reported that Part 2 of the Precept for 2003/4 has been received.

Planning

- a) Motts Farm - Babergh District Council (BDC) has confirmed that action is underway with solicitors having been appointed, to progress the case of dereliction at the farm. Ongoing
- b) 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. Ongoing - BDC have advised investigation will be a long process and will report in due course.
- c) Barn at Mascal's Farm - The new planning application submitted covers previous concerns. NPC has no objections to the proposed development.
- d) Wrenwood Sudbury Road - Babergh DC has confirmed that the fence erected at the bottom of Newton Lodge does not require planning consent.
- e) 5 Church Road - NPC has no objections to the proposed

development.

- f) Jarvis Farm - NPC has no objections to the new proposal for the erection of advertisement signs.
- g) Dormy Newton Road - Planning permission has been granted for the development of the site.
- h) 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. Ongoing, waiting a response from BDC.
- i) Langley Hall - NPC raised no objections to the proposed location for a tennis court.
- j) Stable on land rear of Wrenwood - NPC has no objections to the proposal provided concerns regarding access and the disposal of waste can be addressed.

Correspondence

- a) Website - Much discussion took place on options available to us following correspondence from Local Channel. It was agreed that the Clerk would talk to SALC to find out what is required of us as a Council.
- b) BDC meetings with Parish Councils. Colin Poole and the Clerk will represent NPC this year.
- c) Planning Training Day - On the 28th January the Suffolk Preservation Society will be holding an event at Haughley Barn near Stowmarket. Councillors wishing to attend should contact the Clerk.
- d) Flight Path changes - The Clerk was requested to contact Babergh DC and express objections to the lack of local consultation with regard to the decisions taken.

Police Report

PC Horton delivered the local crime report for the half year. 9 crimes were reported as undetected against a total of 6 in the previous year.

There were 4 burglaries and 5 vehicle crimes.

Rita Schwenk said she had reported the fire that had caused damage to the village field. PC Horton said she would follow up and report direct to Rita.

10. Village Hall

Cllr. Colin Poole reported, as it is not possible to raise funds from the Lottery there is much to be done locally. Work on the project to refurbish the hall will commence January next and will be broken down into bite-sized jobs. The first priority is to enable access and facilities to all such as: ramps, widening doorways and modifications to toilets and kitchen. It is hoped that the funding available will cover the cost of materials and villagers will donate all manpower. A project Manager has yet to be appointed.

A.O.B (Questions to the Chair)

The Clerk advised a need to discuss the level of Precept for the next financial at the next meeting. A draft Plan and Budget will be produced prior to the meeting. It is important that Councillors contribute proposals for inclusion as items/projects with costing to the Clerk by Wednesday 12th November.

Harry Buckledee reported that a ditch and hedge in Airy Close needs maintenance. However, there appears to be a dispute of ownership between the Housing Association and BDC (Doug Mullins useful contact). The Clerk will collate information for the next meeting.

Rita Schwenk said she has been approached by residents of Alston Close regarding the condition of the hedges at the rear of properties in Nicholson Court. John Taylor said he would confirm the position for the next meeting.

Colin Poole said there is a manhole cover requiring attention near his property on the green. Again ownership is an issue. Clerk will investigate before next meeting.

Concerns were raised about the cars and trucks parked in and around and on the pavement at the entrance to Plamplin Close at the time of collection of children from the school bus. Those concerned are asked to cease this activity. Not only does this cause damage to the recently repaired path it is a possible safety hazard for young children and other road users.

Dates of next Meeting Wednesday 26th November 7.30pm

Boxford School News

May I begin this month's news by offering my sincere congratulations to all those ex-pupils who took their GCSE examinations last summer. I was shown a summary of the results and was delighted to see that so many ex Boxford pupils had done so well. I look forward to similar excellent results at A. level.

At the end of September we held our Harvest Festival service in the church. This annual event involves all of our children, including Nursery, contributing to the service with songs and verse that they have learned. I always think that to get the children to such a high standard so early in the year is a considerable achievement and I thank both the staff and children for all their efforts. Once again we were able to put on an excellent display of harvest gifts for the church to enjoy over the harvest weekend. On the Monday parcels were sent to many elderly people in the village and to the St Helena Hospice in Colchester.

As you will be aware over the past fifteen years there has been many changes to our education system some good and some less so. Last month I had a copy of the Government's latest initiative called 'Excellence and Enjoyment'. The proposal being sent out to all schools seems to suggest that now that standards are at an all time high we now need to bring enjoyment of learning back into the curriculum. I would ask one simple question. What do they think we have been doing for the past ten years? We, as a school, have always felt that children learn best when they are in a stimulating and caring environment and in all our teaching we have never forgotten this. One of the ideas in the document is that children learn best when they are actively involved in their studies and it even dares to suggest that the integrated topic

approach is a good way for young children to learn. Thankfully we have never forgotten this and our children have always studied History, Geography and Science through extended units of work. Many of us in education feel that we are suffering from 'initiative overload' and that it would be really nice if we were left alone to run our schools in the way that we know is best for our communities and most important of all the children!

By the time you read this we will be beginning our preparations for, dare I mention it, Christmas. The FOBS are all ready making arrangements for the Christmas fayre. This year's fayre will take place on Friday 28th November and we hope that we will see many of you there. It is particularly nice to see ex-pupils and catch up with their news so please add the date to your diary and come along and see us.

Finally our football and netball teams were invited over to St Margaret's Preparatory School in Halstead for a sports afternoon. Our netball team, playing their first ever game, gave a spirited performance but lost 11 - 4. On the other hand our two football teams were very successful winning their games 11 - 0 and 6 - 0 respectively. Congratulations to all of the children who played well and conducted themselves admirably. They were a real credit to the school.

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Box River Soap Box

The problem with introducing the term "soap box" into the title of a column is that it suggests a modicum of tub-thumping. Instead, recent months have seen readers of this august journal subjected to personal reminiscences. Not that I am averse to thumping a tub when it presents itself. And one has turned up at just the right moment. Prepare to be harangued on the subject of pensions.

The coincidence of three pension stories emerging in a single week last month fired my interest. First was the introduction of Pension Credit, generally viewed as over complicated and demeaning for those who sought to supplement their State Retirement Benefit. Then came the announcement that a new Tory Government would re-establish the link with the increase in average earnings for the State pension, rather than remaining tied to the Retail Price Index. They declined to mention that it was a Conservative Government that broke this link in the first place, not that new Labour has sought to reverse their decision.

Finally came the news that the French had introduced a pre-funded State pension scheme. Not exactly the sort of news you would expect to have regulars in the Swan thumping their IPA on the bar in slack jawed amazement, crying "mon Dieu". But do not underestimate the importance of this news. For once, the French seem to have been quicker off the mark than we Brits.

State pensions in this country are funded on what is known as a "pay as you go" basis. That is to say people in work pay taxes which are then used to cover the cost of State Retirement Benefit, paid to those who have reached retirement age. Back when the Welfare State was first introduced, the life expectancy of a male attaining the age of 65 was less than a year, so the Government did not expect to be funding pensions for very long. Greater life expectancy, better health and a declining birth rate now means

that a shrinking work force is having to support a growing retired population.

But shifting from pay as you go to pre-funded is fraught with problems. The reality is that an unlucky generation or two may end up paying twice - once to pay the pensions of those already retired, and once to build a pension pot to live on when they cease work. Making this change has appeared sufficiently daunting for successive governments to rapidly move on to less challenging legislation. But the French, it seems, are dipping a toe into these uncharted waters.

We have been proud of our pensions industry in this country. Indeed, an argument against joining the European Union has been that we could end up paying for the inadequate pension provision of those on the Continent who had not put sufficient aside. Three years of declining investment returns and increasing Government interference is changing the shape of our pensions industry. Few people these days feel comfortable with their pension provision and all the bad news may not yet have emerged.

Personally I would prefer the Government to become less involved. Greater regulation is discouraging firms from maintaining final salary schemes. By moving to defined contribution - the technical term for pensions where benefits are not assured - employers are shifting the risk that sufficient will be saved should deliver a comfortable retirement onto their workforce. And it is hard to blame them.

Do not forget, either, that Chancellor Gordon Brown took £5 billion plus a year out of pension funds through his abolition of the ability to reclaim tax on dividends. Pensions really are a tricky area these days, and one well worth a tub thump. Whether you are already retired or still working, pensions are something you need to think about - carefully; Perhaps I'll stick to light-hearted reminiscences after all.

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

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On Friday 25th June we are having an evening of childrens entertainment, also in the marquee and will include a disco.

Make a note in your diary and watch this space for more details in future issues of Box River News

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GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY Saturday, December 6th 7.30pm, W.I.Hall

It is amazing that we are already getting ready for Christmas and beginning to think about the Cheese and Wine yet again, but the usual formula will be in place: Pat and Gerald and their team running the Bar, the Gift Table, The Raffle, the popular Auction and of course, the FOOD which Groton is so good at preparing; so get you tickets [£5 each] now, from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat/Bob Bowdidge [211553], or any member of Groton P.C.C. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church..

Pat Kennedy Scott

Boxford Rovers Football Club Social Events

The very popular Quiz Night will be repeated in 2004 on Saturday 7th February in the Village Hall.

A Dance, also in the Village Hall, will be held on Saturday 10th April - dancing to live band 'The Gentry'.

Please put these dates in your diary. Ticket details will be available nearer the time.

BOXFORD SOCIETY

The Society will be holding a Coffee Evening in the Function Room of The Fleece on Saturday, 22nd November 2003 at 8 o'clock. We have invited as Guest Speaker, Mr. Mac Dowdy, well known as an architectural historian, who will be talking about "The Growth of a Village", with reference to South Suffolk. All members and their guests are cordially invited to the meeting. The evening will be open to anyone else who wishes to attend.

Philip Rich

Boxford Art Group

Two Day Art Exhibition and Sale

The Boxford Art Group are holding a two day Exhibition in the Function Room of 'The Boxford Fleece' on Saturday 8th 12noon to 5.00pm and Sunday 9th November 10am to 5pm.

The Bumble Bees

The Great Snail Race

Saturday, 22nd November 2003 at Leavenheath Village Hall. First race starts at 7.00pm sharp. Fish and chips or chicken and chips supper available. Licensed Bar and Raffle. Cash prizes for winning snails. Tickets £7.00 each. When booking please let us know your choice for supper. Pre-booking advised as limited spaces available. Please contact Richard on 01206 263997

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Our training is ongoing with monthly sessions to extend our knowledge of first aid issues, and of course we have to be re-assessed every 6 months to remain qualified as a responder. As you can appreciate, it is imperative that we are able to find any house within the 3 parishes within those vital first 8 minutes following a heart attack or any other serious condition. To this end we had an 'in-car' training evening in August finding various locations, designed to improve our map-reading skills and to enable us to reach patients as quickly as possible. We were welcomed at most destinations and would particularly like to thank Dr Jack Debenham who waited outside his house to make sure that none of us got lost. Disappointingly however, there was one man who made us very unwelcome and refused to give us any access to his drive, even though this had been pre-arranged with the householders concerned the day before.

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Inevitably, we have lost some responders during the year due to life changes, work pressures, etc., as is to be expected. Obviously to enable us to provide 24 hour cover we urgently need new recruits. If you would like to help and become one of the team you would be made most welcome. Please call me if you would



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like more information.

Finally, I would like to say a very heartfelt thank-you to all our responders who have given their time so freely to 3PR and to our community. Without them we would not be able to run this service. Vic Rice, Co-Ordinator, 3PR 01787 210504

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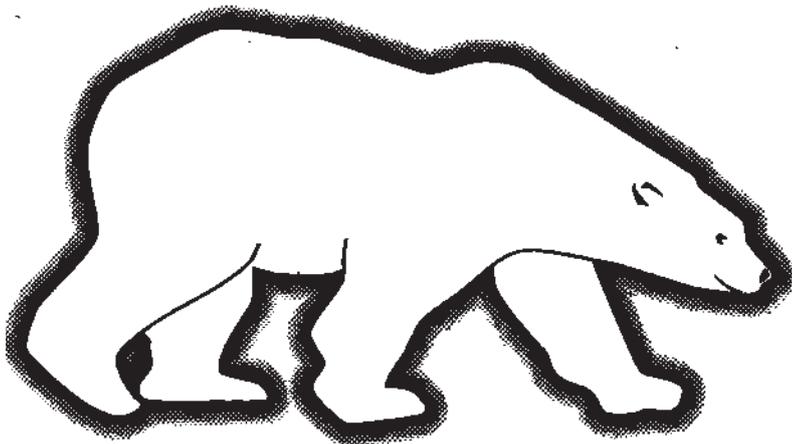
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More Wots On

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Once again this year our Firework Spectacular is on Saturday 1st November on the playing field, procession commences at 6.30pm from the village centre. This is a large event to organise and takes part of Friday and all Saturday to set up.

I am appealing for help from anyone who can spare a couple of hours particularly after the event when we have to clear the field in preparation for the football matches on the Sunday.

If you could help in any way please call myself on 210819 or David on 210796 or just turn up, this will be very much appreciated.

Peter Hibben

Chairman Boxford Community Council

Boxford Drama Group

The Boxford Drama Group are holding their version of the pantomime "Mother Goose", written and directed by Jo Barratt. The shows will take place from the third of December through the 6th (Wednesday to Saturday). Tickets will go on sale at Boxford News on the morning of 8th November at (9.00am on a strictly first come first served basis.

Tickets for the Wednesday night which is family night, are priced at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.

For Thursday, Friday, and Saturday tickets are priced at £10 including a two course dinner. Hope to see you there. Derek Butler, Producer 01787 210884

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

The next lunch will be on Wednesday 12th November from 12 – 2 pm at the home of Mrs Susan Nisbett, Wood Hall. All those planning to come MUST confirm their attendance to Mrs Nisbett (01787 247362) 5 days prior to the lunch. Many thanks.

Alison Carse

Newton Fete 2004

The first meeting to arrange the 2004 Fete will be held on Wednesday 19th November at 8pm in the Village Hall. The committee would like to see as many people as possible at this meeting, as there are a number of important issues to resolve and roles to be filled. All organisations in the village are urged to be represented at this meeting in order that all views can be incorporated into the plans for the Fete next year.

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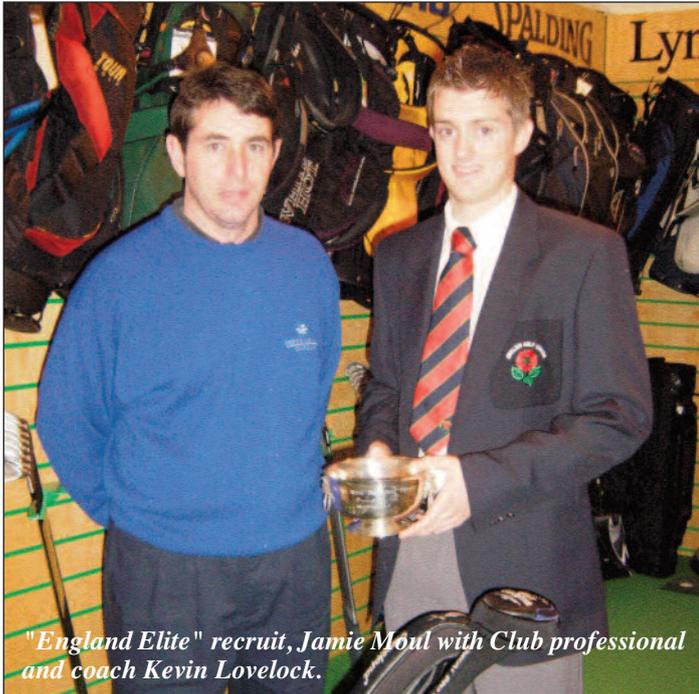
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Stoke by Nayland Golf Club is a "Hot House" for High Achievers



"England Elite" recruit, Jamie Moul with Club professional and coach Kevin Lovelock.

A string of success stories has been emanating from Stoke by Nayland Golf Club over recent months, culminating this month with the awarding of a place in the prestigious 'England Elite' squad of the English Golf Union - for Stoke's 18 year old Jamie Moul, (see photo). Earlier this year he gained 2nd place in the Irish and 3rd place in the Welsh amateur championships, and plays off a staggering plus 3 handicap. He is now off to represent England in the Greek Amateur Championship at Glyfada and aims eventually to be selected to play for the Walker Cup in the USA in 2005.

21 year old Andrew Tokely has also exceeded himself as a scratch player and turned professional this month. He joins fellow assistant professional Roly Hitchcock at The Golf Club. Andrew was part of the Suffolk County men's team until now, and significantly 5 of the 8 Suffolk squad are Stoke by Nayland members, all of whom have had coaching with Kevin Lovelock at some stage.

Ten Club Juniors are currently involved in County golf in various age groups, with Greg Hills and Paul Pengelly winning the Suffolk Junior Foursomes. The scratch and handicap teams were successful in winning both cups and the scratch team qualified for the Junior Club Championship at Woodhall Spa in October. They won this national event last year playing against 40 counties throughout England, an amazing achievement. Another team of six has qualified for the finals of the Sunday Telegraph Trophy also in October. Will Crisell won the Under 16 group and Liam Brace won the Under 14 group of the Suffolk Junior Championship. Four players qualified for the national Weetabix Trophy with Liam Brace finishing fourth overall.

And it's not just the Juniors who are the high achievers at Stoke. The Stoke by Nayland team won the County Stenson Shield for the fifth year running. This is a scratch competition between 28 clubs from all over Suffolk. Andrew Tokley and Kieran Canham were runners-up in the Suffolk Amateur Foursomes, and two lady members, Kirsty Soar and Laura Lowe, have progressed through to the final round of the Daily Mail foursomes.

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Wednesday 5 Nov. Meet the Green Belchamp St Paul 10am. Lunch 'The Cock' Clare . 10 miles Contact 01787 222914.

Sunday 9 Nov. Remembrance Day walk. Two minutes silence at 11am. Meet Bures Railway Station car park 10am. Morning walk to Wormingford via Bures Hamlet & Mount Burs. Lunch 'The Crown' 10 miles contact 01206 241632.

Sunday 16 Nov. Long Melford, figure of 8. Meet Long Melford car park 10am. Circular walk. 6 miles lunch car park. Afternoon 2pm start. 4 mile circular to car park. Contact 01255 812724.

Wednesday 19 Nov Edwardstone figure of 8. Meet Groton Fox & Hounds 10.30am. Return to Fox for lunch or bring packed lunch. Afternoon walk to Primrose Wood to see progress. Overall 5 miles Contact 01787 210961.

Sunday 23 nov. Meet at 'The Anchor' Nayland 10am for figure of 8 walk. Lunch at Anchor or own sandwiches. Six Miles. Afternoon after lunch 5 miles Contacts 01206 855244.

Wednesday 26 Nov 10am. Stour Valley Circular Walk. Meet Bures Village Hall car park 10am. Lunch at 'The Swan' Henny Street or picnic by the river. 9 miles. Contact 01787 227929.

Sunday 30 Nov. Lavenham/Brent Leigh. Meet lavenham car park 10am. No Pub stop Please bring own food. Approx 10



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Monks Eleigh Village Hall. The 2nd Monday of the month through the Winter.

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Boxford Village Hall

The Boxford Village Hall will be hosting a FREE family disco on Saturday 1st November after the Cummunity Council Fireworks display is over. Licensed bar until midnight with soup and hot grub available.

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PARTNER WHIST DRIVE:

There will be a Partner Whist Drive in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Wednesday 10 December starting at 7.30 p.m. Entrance £1 to include light refreshments. There will also be a Christmas Raffle. Please contact Pauline Cox on 211030 for details. In aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall.

EDWARDSTONE OVER 60s LUNCH:

There will be a lunch for the over 60s in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Wednesday 26 November at 12 noon. All welcome. Tickets £4 to include a glass of wine. Bookings only. Please phone Daphne Clark on 210698.

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Sunday 7th December 6.00pm, St Mary's Church, Boxford

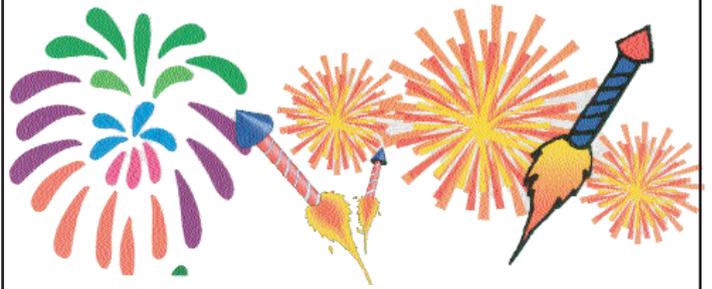
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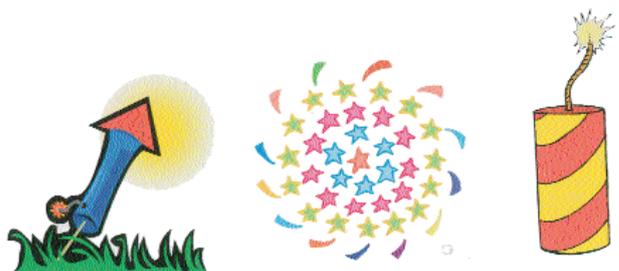
Boxford Firework Spectacular

Saturday 1 November 2003

Now in it's 29th year, Boxford's Firework Spectacular is no ordinary village firework display. In fact those who have been before say its the best for miles around! The evening organised by Boxford Community Council in association with the Parish Council starts at 6:30pm with an atmospheric torchlight procession through the streets of Boxford. The procession leaves the village centre for the playingfield where there will be childrens rides etc. and you will be able to purchase refreshments such as hot dogs, burgers, hot doughnuts, hot and cold drinks, etc as well as sparklers and novelties from a well stocked stall. Then at approximately 7:30pm there's the fabulous 25 minute firework display.....well, what can we say, we think you'll be impressed.

This is an evening we know you will enjoy. But don't take our word for it, come and find out for yourself and bring your friends. Advance tickets are available from Boxford Newsagents at: £2-00 for school age children (under 4s free) and £4-00 adults (£3-00 and £5-00 respectively at the gate on the night).

For further information contact David Gasson on 01787 210796.





Left to Right: Rachel Sloane, Jim Bowman, Sally Goodwin, Managing Editor Gerald Main, Alan Bramwell, Karn Hare, Lesley Dolphin

BBC Radio Suffolk is Station of the Year

Once again BBC Radio Suffolk are celebrating after scooping three prestigious awards at the Frank Gillard awards, the BBC's equivalent of the Oscars.

The station was named "Station of the Year" at the award ceremony held in Bradford in October. Judges praised the way the station developed its style to compete so strongly with bigger and better resourced stations. It was clear the judges said, that staff worked consistently hard year by year and it is paying off. One of the programmes submitted for judging involved a Boxford family during the gales.

The Station also got a gold award for Best Interactive programme, Rachel Sloane in the afternoon and a silver for the Suffolk Action team with Karen Hare and Alan Bramwell. Earlier this year Mark Murphy received a Gold Award.

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1st Boxford Scout Group
1st Boxford Scouts
1st Boxford Explorer Scouts
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Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion
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Boxford School
Boxford Society
Boxford Spinney
Boxford Sunflower Playgroup
Boxford Sew & Sews
Boxford Study Centre
Boxford tennis Club
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Boxford United Charities
Boxford Village Hall
Boxford Walks
Boxford Youth Club
Box River Club
Box River News
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Community Police Officer
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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 2003

Sunday 2 November, 4th Before Advent

Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Hymns & Readings	<i>To be advised</i>
Box	1100	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
LtW	1100	Family Service	Tim Harbord

Wednesday 5 November

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
LtW	1900	Home Communion	The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 9 November, Remembrance Sunday

Edw	0800	Holy Communion CW (trad)	The Revd. Brian Watling
New	0930	Matins	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1045	Remembrance Service	Tim Harbord
Box	1045	Parade Service	The Revd. Brian Watling/ Christopher Kingsbury
Gro	1045	Remembrance Service	Pauline Lamming

Tuesday 11 November

Edw	1055	Remembrance Service/At War Memorial	Peter Welstand
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Wednesday 12 November

Box	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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Sunday 16 November, 4th Before Advent

New	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	0930	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Abel
Edw	1100	Matins	Peter Welstand
Box	1100	Family Service	Christopher Kingsbury
LtW		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 19 November

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

Sunday 23 November, Sunday next before Advent/Christ the King

Box	0930	Holy Communion CW <i>Combined Benefice Service</i>	The Revd. David Matthews
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Wednesday 26 November

Box	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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Sunday 30 November, Advent Sunday

Box	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. Brian Watling
Gro	1100	Matins	Antony Dodd
Edw	1600	Evensong	Peter Welstand
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

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Colonel Cairne's Cross

By the time you receive this newsletter the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will be under way. This may not mean much to some of the younger people, but to 18 million older people in this country, it potentially means everything. Since its creation the Royal British Legion has worked to safeguard the welfare, interests and memory of all those who served in the Armed Forces.

This year once again our servicemen and this time service women as well have been called on to risk their lives in Iraq, where

they served with distinction, a credit to themselves and our country. We must admire the girls who have gone out there and endured the blinding sandstorms and the suffocating Khamsin wind that comes with them.

This year marks the ending of the Korean War, the first war to be fought under the direction of the United Nations. It was a bloody and brutal struggle against communism fought under harsh conditions, some of which are best described by my friend Ted Beckley whom I met in 1950 when we were called off Army Reserve for service in the Korean war. Ted was taken prisoner on the first of January 1951 when hordes of Chinese communist forces swarmed down like ants over the 38th parallel to attack British and American positions.

He writes - Although our position was desperate, and I am not a particularly brave person, I do know I was not frightened, I was sad - desolate. It was 2am and I was thinking of Frances and Carol (my wife and daughter) and I figured they would probably be having tea now. Our Chinese captors did not seem ill-disposed to us at first, although later they gave us a severe fright, they made us kneel in front of a ditch and it did seem just then that we did not have much of a future. In the event they merely came and felt for weapons. We slept for a couple of nights in a large building the windows of which had no glass, just wire netting. In Korean winter temperatures fall to 40° below zero with up to 70° of frost. The toes of both Charlie Sadler's feet were frost bitten.

We assembled as a column to march North. We marched at night to avoid the attention of the American Air Force who had mastery of the sky. The nights seemed endless, each night we were given a meal of rice and prepared for another night's march.

Oh those Korean hills, so steep, so high, when you got to the top of one you saw another range even higher than the one you had just climbed. There always seemed to be another hill to climb a bit higher than the previous one. On we marched sleeping by day and marching by night through that bitterly cold Korean winter. Charlie Sadler's feet were now in a dreadful state due to his frost bitten toes. He had difficulty in walking, we took turns, two at a time to support him, it was a pretty awful experience. The journey was bad enough just supporting ourselves, with those awful hills which we always seemed to have to climb over, never around. Charlie was in constant pain sometimes weeping, other times praying. We had to help him, if he could not walk he would probably have been shot.

We finally reached a village on the Yalu river which was to be our home for the rest of the war. The food was awful, we were fed mainly on a cereal called sorghum, it comes in several varieties and everyone we had the misfortune to encounter was revolting. It smelled foul and was vile to taste. I had always

thought that if a man is hungry he will eat anything. I was wrong. Many young Americans who had enjoyed a rather soft existence in Japan just could not and would not eat it. If anyone in the British company tried to decline his food, his mates would bully him into eating it. We had to eat it to survive, it was the only way to stay alive.

Charlie Sadler was now quite ill, his feet were gangrenous, he could not eat and he died a few days later.

Every evening, I said to myself the first verse of the hymn Abide With Me. I used it as a prayer, the words being appropriate to the situation I was in.

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, Lord abide with me.

Lovely words, so comforting in those circumstances a prayer that said everything for me.

This is just a very small part of Ted's story. He died two years ago, and like many more, in his latter years he was grateful for the help and support he received from the Legion.

Please give generously to the Poppy Appeal to ensure that as long as British servicemen and women are risking their lives for our country there will always be a Royal British Legion to support them and their dependents. *Harry Buckledee*

Top Left: The picture is of a cross carved from grey Korean stone. It is a Celtic cross because its maker was a Cornish man, Colonel Carne VC of the Gloucester Regiment. The stone was carved in captivity using only nails and a primitive hammer. The sides of the cross were rubbed smooth on the concrete steps of a Korean Schoolhouse by the Yalu River. It stands 10 inches high and is now to be seen in Gloucester Cathedral.

In a prayer of blessing the following words were used "May all who look to it with faith and love be given grace to endure unto the end". It is hoped that the cross will remain in its present resting place for centuries to come. *Ed*

HANDEL: SAMSON

(The Messiah you've probably never heard)

The Bury Bach Choir and Orchestra will perform Handel's oratorio Samson in St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 7.00 pm on Saturday 15 November. (Please note the starting time.)

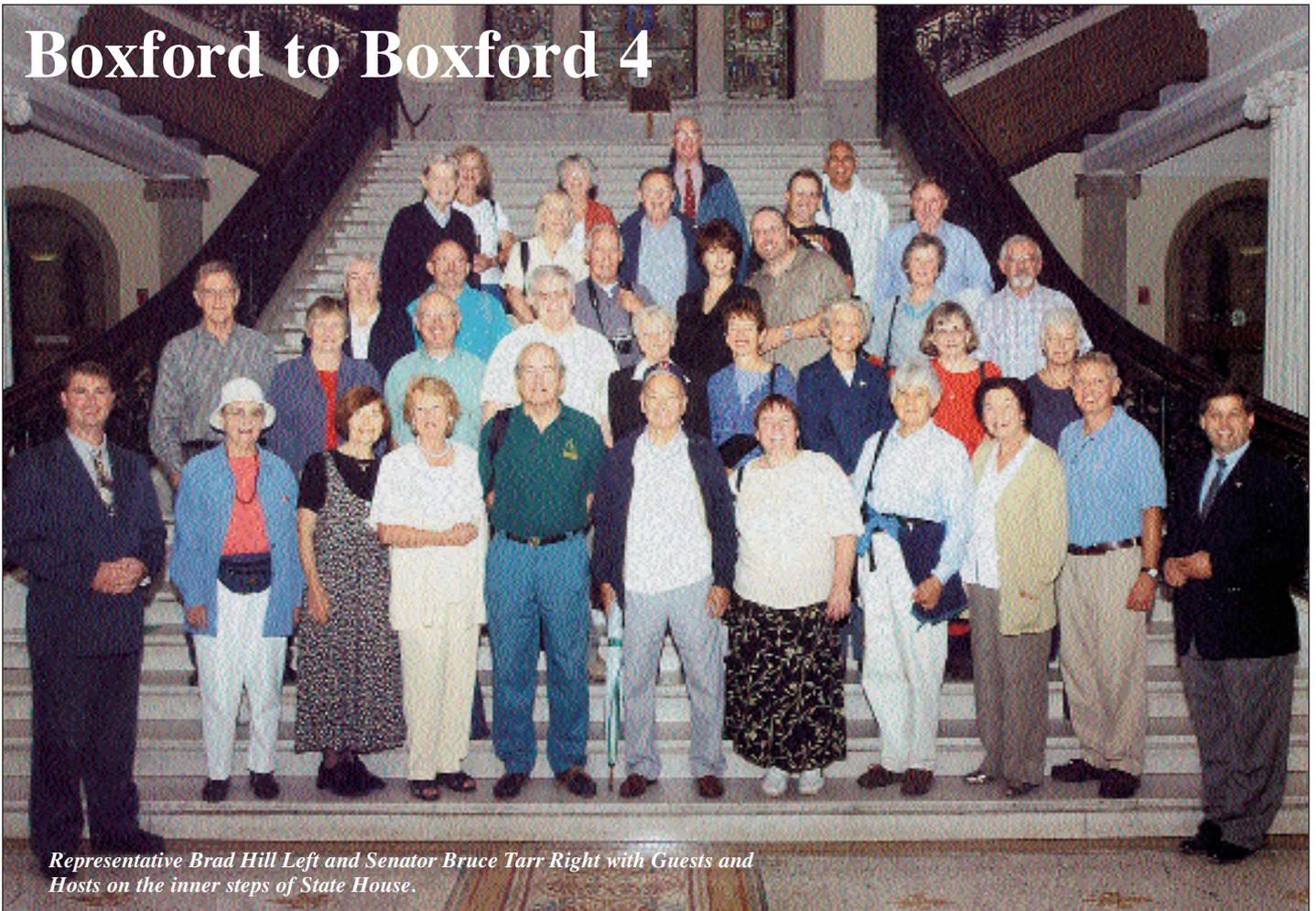
Handel wrote Samson hot-on-the-heels of Messiah. Of the two, Samson gained the better reception, and Handel preferred it!

Samson tells the story of a super hero. It's an astonishing piece, fast moving, varied and energetic, with wonderful choruses for the choir and many true masterpieces for the soloists. If you've never heard it, don't miss this chance.

Conducted by Philip Reed, with soloists Richard Edgar Wilson as Samson, Dominique Thiebaud as Delila, James Huw Jeffries, Adrian Powter and Simon Kirkbride.

For tickets, costing £7 (side aisle) or £10 or £14 (reserved centre aisle), please ring:

Boxford to Boxford 4



Representative Brad Hill Left and Senator Bruce Tarr Right with Guests and Hosts on the inner steps of State House.

It was Paul Revere who gasped the words “The British are coming”! Well we arrived!

On 18th September, despite Hurricane Isabel which had closed Eastern seaboard airports, 21 Brits from Boxford Suffolk arrived in Boxford Massachusetts for a whirlwind of activities laid on by their hosts.

On Friday the 19th we were bussed in to Boston for a visit to the Massachusetts State house where we had a tour of the building conducted by Representative Brad Hill Senator Bruce Tarr. During the tour and a visit to the House of Representative’s, David House and Veronica Hobbs, Chairman and deputy chair of Boxford Parish Council, sat in the Speaker and deputy speakers chairs with David enacting the part of speaker. In the Senate Chamber they sat in the Senate Presidents chair where Brad Hill presented Boxford UK with a parchment commemorating the visit.

After lunch near Fanuel Hall we visited The USS Constitution ‘Old Ironsides’ and were entertained by our hosts to dinner in the evening.

The following day the weather was beautiful and following a short hike along the Boxford Trails and a visit to Appleton Farm in Waldingfield Road, it was off to the ‘Boxford Apple Festival’ where some 9000 visitors were enjoying this popular annual event. Plans had been made for the male visitors to ‘Man the Grill’ (B B Q) and the ladies took it in turn to serve Apple Pie and ice cream. Over 3000 portions were sold during the event. In the evening it was out for dinner in and around Gloucester after which most of us attended a play at the Gloucester Stage Theatre.

Everyone attended the Church service at the 2nd Congregational Church in West Boxford. The church was full and lessons were read by Barrie Thorpe and Martin Wood. An excellent lunch was held in the Church hall after which we were taken on a tour of houses in the town, and a reception at Kelsey Arboretum where we were entertained by a choir of Girl Scouts who are due to visit Boxford UK in February next year. The evening was spent in 4

Mile Village which is a small village within Boxford built for retired residents. After a tour of some of the superb houses a ‘Pot Luck’ dinner was enjoyed (All the hosts prepared a dish) followed by an International Carpet Bowls Match in which a team of Boxford UK Ladies with little experience thrashed a team of US males!

Monday was ‘Whale Watch’ day and thank goodness the Hurricane was long gone. It was a beautiful still day allowing us to venture 25 miles off shore where we saw Dolphins and a pair of huge Fin Back Whales. Even if we had not seen any whales the trip would still have been most enjoyable with great weather and good company, cameras did not stop clicking.

Our last official night of the visit was to a reception organised by the Boxford Historical Society at the Holyoak French house, their headquarters. An excellent Buffet was followed by presentations all round with every visitor receiving amongst other things a polo shirt with a badge embroidered on it illustrated below.

It was a great event, thoroughly enjoyed by all and many lasting friendships have been made. Thoughts are being given to other exchange trips in the future and wouldn’t it be great if we could get a team from the Boxford MA Soccer Club over here to play against



*Above: The Polo shirt badge
Left: Veronica receives declaration of friendship from Brad Hill*

