

Box River News

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



What can one say about the Boxford School Nativity Play other than it is one of the most moving occasions one can attend. An entire school performing possibly the most important event in the Christian calendar can move one to tears, and did.

Above: Some of the huge cast in the Boxford School Nativity Play performed in St Mary's Boxford.

Below: Trouble in the farm yard! Cows Ducks and Chickens mix it up with middle eastern folk during the Nativity play



Above: Father Christmas makes his annual visit to the Newton Green Village Hall for the Church Coffee Morning and Sale.

Below: Ladies of the Little Waldingfield Over 60's and Friendship club make their purchases at their Bring and Buy sale on Saturday 13th December



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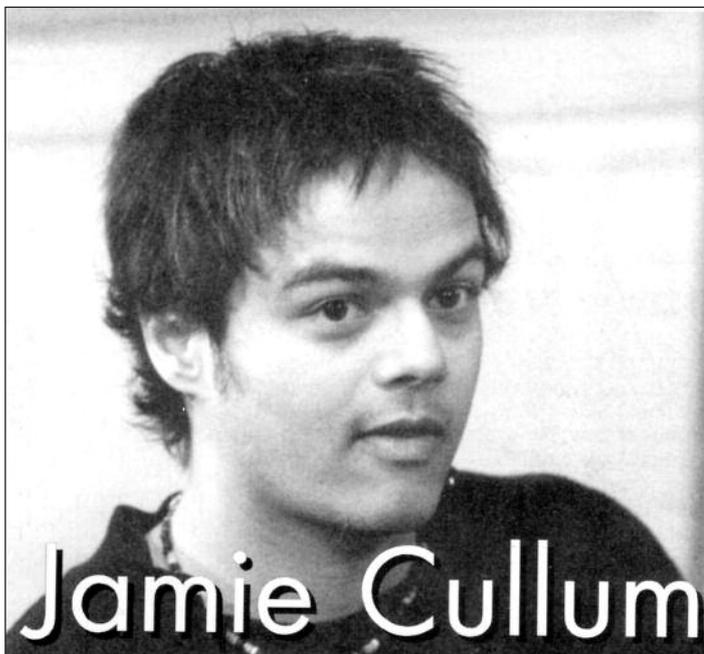
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Jamie Cullum

Royal Command Performance Star 'Jamie Cullum' whose recent Album 'Twenty Something' has been a tremendous success in the Album Charts, is coming to Boxford to perform at the internationally famous 'Jazz at the Fleece' Jazz Club on Friday January 2nd

The Queue stretched all around the inside of the Fleece when tickets went on sale at the Fleece at 7.30pm on Friday 28th November, just before the Denny Ilett/Katya Gorrie Quintet were due to start their Friday Night Gig. They sold out within 10 minutes. He is due to perform at the Ipswich Regent in the New Year but this will not have the same intimate atmosphere as the function room of the Boxford Fleece with its beamed and arched ceiling with seating for only 90.



**Friday, 2nd January, 8.30 Ticket £11
Jamie Cullum**

What a wonderful start to the New Year at the Reece!
"Watching him on the television show I was reminded of the first time I ever saw the young Dudley Moore", says Michael Parkinson. Jamie's new album 'Twenty Something' brilliantly captures his personality and talent and the choice of repertoire reflects his own diverse musical inspirations. "Jazz really means something. Only jazz let's me incorporate the energy of a rock and roll band, which I think is missing from a lot of jazz with the traditional and the modern". With bassist and arranger Geoff Gascoyne and drummer Sebastiaan de Krom.

**Friday, 9th January, 8.30 Ticket £10
David Newton**

The name David Newton has become a cast iron guarantee of pianistic invention, exceptional technical ability, allied to melodic, harmonic and rhythmic sophistication, precision of touch and warmth of tone. Now ranked as one of the great pianists in contemporary jazz he has proved his sheer class in every situation performing and recording solo, duo, trio contexts as well as working with the likes of Martin Taylor, Don Weller, Mick Hanson, Carol Kidd, Stacey Kent and Alan Barnes. David has also played in backing groups for many visiting jazzmen including Art Farmer, Bud Shank, Shorty Rogers and Nat Adderley.

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**Friday, 16th January, 8.30 Ticket £11
John Law Quartet**

John Law is renowned as one of Europe's finest improvising pianists. John Fordham in the Guardian described him as a "brilliant pianist who plays like a hybrid of Cecil Taylor and Keith Jarrett", Jazz Podium Germany as "a virtuoso improvisational tour de force", while Cadence New York said, "Creative music at a level not often heard. A formidable technique". John studied classical music and has been active in playing improvised music since 1988. With Julian Segal (saxophone), Steve Watts (bass) and Dave Wickins (drums).

**Friday, 23rd January, 8.30 Ticket £12
Alan Skidmore / Peter King Quintet
'In Honour of Bird 'n Trane'**

This new quintet brings together two legends of British Jazz, Peter King and Alan Skidmore, to honour the genius of the musicians who inspired them - Charlie Parker and John Coltrane. Peter King is the finest alto saxophonist that Britain has ever produced and one of the finest in the world today. Alan Skidmore's performance can go a considerable way to recreating the atmosphere of John Coltrane's gigs. But this is no slavish tribute it is vibrant 21st century jazz inspired by the best there's ever been. Intricate arrangements lead to a magnificent ensemble featuring coruscating solos from all five accomplished musicians. With Steve Melling (piano), Amie Somogyi (bass) and Paddy O'Flaherty (drums).

**Friday, 30th January, 8.30 Ticket £10
Mark Lockheart Quartet**

Mark, a saxophonist and composer, is one of the most distinctive and creative musicians on the current British music scene. His band is Nic Weldon (piano), Steve Watts (bass) and Tim Giles (drums).

To buy tickets for any gig, obtain further information or add your name to the mailing list please telephone the BOX OFFICE:

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After Christmas we will be canvassing those part-villages that are on the Boxford exchange to raise awareness of our campaign. If you know the exact location within your villages where the boundaries lie (Lindsey, Milden, Leavenheath and Polstead), I should be grateful if you would contact me.

Please send confirmation of registrations to daphne.clark@btopenworld.com

On behalf of Boxford, Edwardstone & Groton

CLEANER NEEDED:

We urgently need a cleaner for Edwardstone Parish Hall. The Hall is normally cleaned once a week with extra cleaning if necessary and by agreement.

For one hour each week the wages are £25 (to be reviewed) per calendar month. Please contact Daphne Clark on 210698 if you are interested.

Little Waldingfield Charities'

Little Waldingfield Charities' have made donations to anyone over 65 years old and have resided in Little Waldingfield for more than one year and feel they would be entitled to such.

Please ring 247238 for further information.

Little Waldingfield Over 60's and Friendship Club held its last meeting for the year on Wednesday, November 26th in the Parish Rooms. The speaker was Mr David Deacon of Lavenham whose subject was "Suffolk Squit", a variation of the Suffolk dialect which brought a great deal of laughter and amusement. Towards the end of his very funny portrayal, the audience was given a written test on the meaning of certain words in the dialect such as cop: throw-out, thumping: large, screws: aches and pains and Dickey: a donkey.

Mr Alt Finch of Little Waldingfield, who had the highest score was presented with a very large cauliflower by Mr Deacon, which brought peals of laughter as he was expecting a bouquet of flowers.

One puzzling aspect of the dialect was a reference to a long bag known as "The Long Melford" - but which came first, the bag or the village? Perhaps someone with this knowledge could contact Mr Deacon.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Anne Miller, Secretary of the club who thanked Mr Deacon for bringing some joy to the village during a very sad time.

Members and friends are reminded of our annual Christmas lunch which will take place on January 21st at Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club. Anyone wishing for more information and to book should contact our treasurer Mrs Peggy Pell on 001787 247238. The Chairman and Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Shirley Hobson*

LEAVENHEATH SNAIL RACE A GREAT SUCCESS.

Leavenheath Village Hall was filled to capacity with supporters of "The Great Snail Race", the first large event held to raise money for an accessible toilet in the hall.

The guest of honour the Reverend Michael Tillett opened the event. The microphone was then passed over to the commentator Nigel Taylor. He kept the supporters entertained with his banter for every "runner" and the racing commentary throughout the evening.

Obviously the stars of the evening were the snails, they performed to the best of their ability to entertain the crowd, although the hurdles were too tough for some of them!

Our helpers on the night, performed a wonderful job. Thanks to the snail movers Kae & Mark, as well as the rest of the Village Hall Committee and their families who were "volunteered" to assist for the evening. The supper supplied by Peyton Plaice of Sudbury was enjoyed by all of the supporters, as was the licensed bar. The Bumble Bees would like to thank the sponsors. Without these people, the evening could not have gone ahead and been the great achievement it was:

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Special thanks, are also given to local businesses and people who donated raffle prizes for the event. I Kerridge of Nayland. Anglia Landscapes of Boxted. J Sainsbury's of Tollgate. Gay Amott for making the snail Christmas cake. Ray West who donated a bird house for the raffle and made the snails for the event, although the snails attitudes were contributed by Kae Ingleby.

We are pleased to announce that from your wonderful efforts, we raised a total of £1,400 for our cause. Thanks to you all and we hope to see you on New Years Eve. *Mary Ingleby*, Secretary VHC Bumble Bees.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride - results for Boxford.

Seven individuals plus the Box River Club raised £601.25, an excellent result. Many thanks to all those who contributed to this success. Half the money raised remains with the Trust, the other half is handed back to St. Mary's for repairs to the fabric of the building *Jennie Lindsley*

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Another annual Cheese and Wine Party was held on Saturday, December 6th. The occasion was a sell-out with some travelling from beyond Hadleigh and Sudbury to enjoy an enormous hot and cold collation prepared by members of the P.C.C. fund-raising committee, all in aid of St. Bartholomew's Church. A Raffle, together with the Auction, the highlight of the evening under the loud and raucous hammer of Bob Bowdidge aloft the W.I. Hall ladder, helped to swell the profits to around £700. A gilded [or guilty, as Bob put it] mirror commanded top price of £40 — a sale which sealed a most successful evening where the buyers' premiums were paid in laughter.

Peter Kennedy Scott.

Groton's Harvest Supper:-

The final total for the Harvest Supper was £415. *Pat Kennedy Scott.*

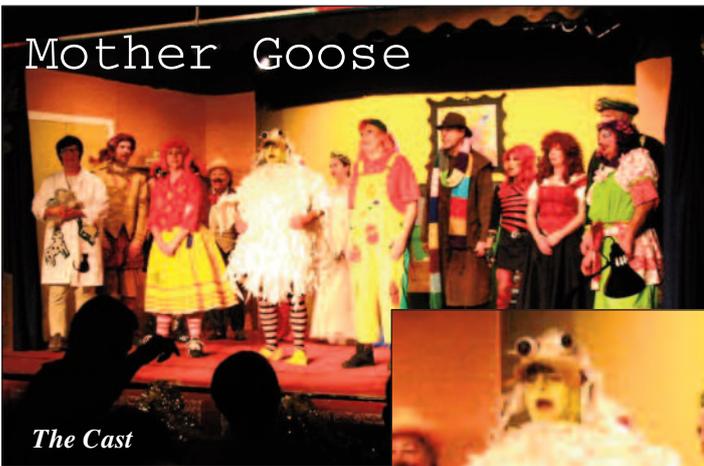
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Mother Goose



The Cast

Yet another Successful Panto from the Boxford Drama Group has completed its pre Christmas run. Mother Goose, written and Directed by Joe Barrett played to packed audiences with the Saturday performance being a complete sell out.

The cast of 15 saw strong performances from Will Carpenter as Mother Goose, Derek Butler as Geraldine the Goose, David Phillips as Mr Goldplonker with Coralie Brown and Sally Phillips, two very plausible villains as Vinyl and Rexene the heavy mob, not people you would like to meet after dark!

The entire cast and production team are to be congratulated on yet another success story. and special mention has to be made of the very hard working catering team whose mouth watering Lasagne followed by Christmas pud went down a treat.



Derek Butlers Goose



Joy and John Sellers pictured with Pam Dodd and the painting of 'The Forge' commissioned by the groton PCC as a leaving present, presented at their leaving party at Groton House on 25th October

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GARDENING IN JANUARY *Harry Buckledee*

There is still much to do in the way of general maintenance. Check tree atskes and loosen ties if necessary. Check also posts on Pergolas and other garden structures. A little time spent on repair now will prevent the collapse of plants in summer when heavy in leaf and difficult to pull upright. Inspect stored bulbs, corms and tubers and remove any that are showing signs of decay.

Remove fallen leaves from around the crown of alpiners, it only takes a very small number of leaves to cause roe in wet weather. Loosen the soil around the plants with a small hand fork to give good drainage and prevent water settling around the crowns.

One of the worst pests of plants such as Fuchsias, Cyclamen, Primulas, etc., which are overwintering in a greenhouse are the grubs of the vine weevil. If you have plants which show sign of roots then you can be fairly sure the trouble is vine weevil. Scratch around in the compost and you will find little white grubs, curled in the shape of a C, with brown heads. They are not always confined to greenhouses, but it is there that they are most noticeable.

They are quite hardy and survive severe winters outside. Attacks out of doors are most noticeable on plants grown in containers. The adults are most noticeable on plants grown in containers. The adults are black, wingless beetles and although they cannot fly they can travel quite fast over a fair distance. The beetles lay eggs in July around the base of plants and when they hatch the grubs feed on the roots of plants for several months before pupating. The adult weevils come out at night and feed on the leaves of plants. The usual signs of damage are irregular shaped notches around the edges. Beetles need somewhere to hide during the day and this can be provided by laying rolls of paper or a handful of straw which can be shaken onto a piece of white paper and any beetles shaken out can be destroyed. Outdoors

conifers can provide excellent hiding places during daytime and they can come out at night and attack more succulent plants.

There are several proprietary vine weevil control preparations on sale at garden shops which are affective.

Never use old, once used compost, for potting as this may contain eggs or grubs.

Put a layer of strawy manure around rhubarb and cover with a large box to encourage early growth. Lift one or two crowns and expose them to frost for a few days then plant them under the greenhouse staging. Keep them in the dark and they will soon produce an early crop. Once sticks have been pulled from forced crowns they should be replanted outside and allowed to establish for a couple of years before using again.

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December

31 Leavenheath Bumble Bees	New Year Barn Dance	Leavenheath Village Hall	7.30pm
31 Boxford Village Hall	Biggest Village New Year Bash	Boxford Village Hall	8 till late

January 2004

7 Gt Waldingfield WI	Mr Gardiner		2pm
11 Coffee morning	Newton Village Hall		10am
14 Boxford Community Council Meeting		White Hart	8pm
19 Boxford Over 60's	Village Hall		2pm
24 Burns Night	Newton Village Hall		7.30pm
31 Fun and Games Evening	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	TBA

February

2 Boxford Over 60's	Village Hall		2pm
6 Gt Waldingfield WI	Pampering Day	Bury	
7 Boxford Rovers Quiz Night		Boxford Village Hall	TBA
7 Newton Village Hall	Refurbishment coffee moening		10am
16 Boxford Over 60's	Village Hall		2pm

April

Boxford Rovers Dance		Boxford Village Hall	TBA
24 Dance to the Beavers	The Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	TBA

May

22 Groton's Garden Gala	St Bartholemews		TBA
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June

6 Boxford Gardens Open	St Mary's Church,		
11 Clive Paine Lecture	Boxford St Mary's	about Boxford Church	TBA
12 Sports and Fun Day	Boxford Playing Fields		
19 Hadleigh Choral Society	Concert	Boxford St Mary's	TBA
25/26 Mid summer with the Beavers	Edwardstone millennium Green Trust	On the Green	TBA

July

3 Boxford Church Fete		Boxford Rectory Garden	TBA
10 Beavers Dance	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Fields Committee		TBA

Second Monday each month **Boxford Parish Council Meetings** in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford

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Readers Letters

Sir

On behalf of the Southgate family we would like to thank everybody for the cards and welcome home wishes when Chris came home from hospital on the 27th October. The support from the village has been overwhelming and also from our friends.

A special thank you must go to Rhoma and helpers for putting on the charity dance, it was a marvellous night which we enjoyed very much, and we hope that everybody else who attended the evening enjoyed it as much as we did. Words cannot express our feelings for everybody who has offered help and support to us through this difficult time. With donations and the dance a grand total of £3,953.96 has been raised.

Chris is going to buy a lap top computer, digital camera and printer with some of the money, this will give him a chance to communicate with friends and family and learn new skills.

We wish everyone a happy new year

The Southgate Family

Sir,

Probably Europe's oldest garage!

I have smiled at the claims regularly made in the Riddelsdell Bros. ads in Box River News about Europe's oldest garage but it appears that the proprietor is beginning to believe them.

This is strange given that Benz and Peugeot cars were both being made from 1885 and Panhard and many others from the 1890's. Surely there were garages or workshops for them, particularly as these and other cars were taking part in the Paris to Lyons (300 miles) rally from 1890 and in the Paris-Bordeaux-Paris rally from 1895. Even the RAC was founded in 1897.

But what is even stranger is that 'Riddelsdell Bros & Co' is entered in the commercial section of Kelly's Directory of 1912 (i.e. 12 years after being established) as 'cycle agents' and not as a garage!

Somewhat tongue in cheek I would suggest that the garage might get in the Guinness Book of Records as 'probably the most expensive motor fuel in Europe'!

Incidentally readers of the Box River News may be interested to know that in 1912 Boxford not only had an active police station but no less than a Superintendent, Frederick Peck, and 2 constables. Those were the days.

David Bishop,
Stone Street

Sir

We would like to express our thanks to all our friends in Groton and amongst the Box River Parishes for the happy times we have shared together during our twenty years at the Forge, Groton, and especially for the kindness and generosity shown to us on the occasion of our leaving.

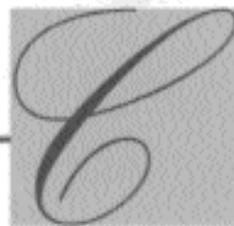
As we have moved not far away, we hope to retain contact and look forward to welcoming many of you to our new home very soon.

John and Joy Sellers

Sir

We have become very involved in the Felixstow History and Museum Society and are active volunteers in the running of the museum which is situated at Landguard Point, close to the Dock Viewing area. The museum is open from Easter to the end of October on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays and on Wednesdays from June to the end September.

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Little Waldingfield Parish Rooms

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

Richard

Mitchell

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

Please note that no lunch will be held in December. Have a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all at the next lunch in 2004. Alison Corse

Grotons Gigantic Garden Gala! (Plant Sale)

"Divide to multiply" and Think of the future.

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

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

Please note that no lunch will be held in January 2004. The first lunch of 2004 will be held on Wednesday 11th February from 12 - 2 pm at my home - Pink Cottage, Church Road. Please let me know 3 days before on 247585 if you plan to attend. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Alison Corse

WALK THE THAMES 2nd MAY 2004

The Boxford Footpathers have been invited to join Sudbury Ramblers on another London Walk on 2nd May. It is proposed that we catch a bus from Boxford to Battersea Bridge cross The Thames over five of the sixteen bridges ending at Tower Bridge. About seven miles easy going walking, will take about three hours.

We will then board a boat from Tower Pier to Greenwich to join our coach for the return to Boxford

The charge will be in the region of £20.00 [this includes the single boat fare of £5.40]

A coach has been provisionally booked. Before any farther action is taken to finalise this trip numbers of those interested is required. Details and firm costs will be notified to all interested when known. Interested? If so please let John or Joyce Harris know by 15th Jan 2004 [01787] 210961

Newton Fete 2004

The date has been set for this year's Fete - it will be held on Saturday 10th July with a theme of "The Orient", so book this date in your diary now.

This year we will require one or two people to organise and run the raffle, which is the main fund raiser of the Fete activities. With tickets being sold from April onwards, a person with good communication and organisational skills, who has a little spare time, is being sought. If you would like to discuss this role further please contact Dave Crimmin on 375085.

At our next meeting on Wednesday 18th February 2004 @ 8pm in the Village Hall we will finalise the distribution of the Fete proceeds. All organisations wanting to be considered for a share of the proceeds are asked to send a representative to the meeting. Other Fete dates for your diary are:

- Meeting on Wednesday 14th April @ 8pm in Village Hall
 - Coffee morning on Saturday 26th June @ 10am in Village Hall.
- See you there. Dave Crimmin Chairman Fete Committee

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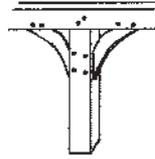
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

To the Box River Saints

By now for most people Christmas is just a dim memory remembered in deflated balloons, inflated waistlines and depleted bank accounts. Most of the turkey has been eaten, but I suspect that there is still some lurking in fridges and freezers awaiting decisions on what to do with it next. The sad thing about this season is the regret that many people feel when it comes to an end. Thoughts of how to manage until the next payday or how to lose the extra weight, the drudgery of putting the house back in order especially for those who have gone to town on Christmas decorations.

But Christmas should not be about regret and it should never come to an end. We don't give gifts at Christmas because people need an extra pair of socks, or a badly knitted jersey. We give presents as a reminder of the gift God gave us on that first Christmas. His gift never loses its shine, the batteries never go flat and pieces never fall off. The gift God gave us in Jesus Christ is the gift that keeps on giving. His presence among us is as real and as fresh now as it was when he was born and walked this earth. Christmas is the time to revive the reason for his coming, and to actually promote peace on earth and good will to all men. It is no coincidence that families reunite at Christmas or that old scores are often forgiven, that is the influence of the Christ child.

Many think that because Jesus was born over 2000 years ago his experience on this earth is out of tune with our modern age. He was born into a fairly comfortable family whose breadwinner was a carpenter, which in those times could be equated to a modern builder. Jesus knew what it was to live the good life. We have the homeless with us today, even in a progressive and welfare orientated country like ours. During his ministry, Jesus wandered homeless through the land of Palestine. We have the hungry with us not only in the poorer countries of the world, but here in this green and pleasant land. During his wanderings Jesus knew what it was to be hungry. In this land where equality and political correctness are the order of the day, we still have those who are abused and marginalized. Jesus knew all about this as he was arrested and beaten even before charges were laid against him. He was tried by a kangaroo court and killed to appease a mob.

There is no situation even in our technological age that the experience, love and compassion of Jesus cannot be applied to. For the Christian, Christmas is where we celebrate the gift of God in Jesus Christ; the rest of the year is when we try to use that gift for the benefit of others.

So don't ever regret Christmas, instead give it its rightful place in your lives and seek to live its message of sacrifice, love, and joy throughout the whole year.

Please note that we will be holding a prayer meeting at 19.00 each Tuesday evening to pray for the benefice. For the month of January these will be held at Mary's House. In subsequent months the meeting will be held in other parishes within the benefice.

Please also note that my day off is Monday, which I guard jealously, and barring deaths, serious illness, or aliens landing, I am not available on that day.

God's richest blessings,

David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"Every day is a fresh beginning,
Listen my soul to the glad refrain.
And, spite of old sorrows
And older sinning,
Troubles forecasted
And possible pain,
Take heart with the day and begin again". *Susan Coolidge*
(1835-1905)

BOX RIVER CLUB:

The Box River Club meets in the school hall on Sunday 11th and Sunday 25th January at 10.30 a.m. New members are most welcome. *Janet Daniels*

PRAYER MINISTRY:

Please let the Revd. Brian Watling know of anyone who needs to be remembered in prayer. Tel 01787 211690

CHURCH RESTORATION:

We are planning to carry out repairs to the spire boarding this year and also need to re-tile the chancel roof and complete the final phase of window restoration. Please support the Building Trust to enable funds to be available to carry out these vital tasks. Details about the Trust are available in church or from village shops. *Christopher Kingsbury*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2004:

June 6th Boxford Open Gardens
June 19th Hadleigh Choral Society Concert in St. Mary's
July 3rd Church Fete - in the Rectory Garden by kind permission of the Revd. David and Mrs Matthews

SMILE LINES:

An observation on life: "Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, for they will never cease to be amused".

Christopher Kingsbury



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elders:

Antony Dodd 210397 Peter Welstand 210525

REGISTERS:

7th Nov, Funeral - CHRISTOPHER PORTEOUS, aged 82 yrs
20th Nov, Funeral and Burial - CORA GREEN, aged 91 yrs
CORA GREEN:

The family of Cora Green would like to give heartfelt thanks for all the kind letters and cards expressing sympathy and support sent to them at this sad time. We were all greatly touched by the large number of friends who, with us, attended the service to give thanks for her life.

Mum worshipped at Edwardstone Church for over seventy years, and in accordance with her wish, all donations together with the collection at the service, which amount to over £600, will be given to the church she loved so much.

We should all like to thank her friends for the help given to her after she collapsed in church. *Brenda Green & Family*

CLEANER NEEDED:

We urgently need a cleaner for Edwardstone Parish Hall. The Hall is normally cleaned once a week with extra cleaning if necessary and by agreement.

For one hour each week the wages are £25 (to be reviewed) per calendar month. Please contact Daphne Clark on 210698 if you are interested.

WHIST DRIVE:

It was surprising that people ventured out on such a cold and misty night. Thank you to Pauline Cox and her helpers for such an enjoyable evening. The total raised for Edwardstone Parish Hall was £100. Very well done. *Les Clark*

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

Jan 4: Mrs Tregear/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

Jan 11: Mr Saddleton/Margaret & Roy Richardson;

Jan 18: United Benefice Service (LtW)/Margaret & Roy Richardson;

Jan 25: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

Feb 1: Mrs Dodd (United Benefice Service)/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 378009*

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY:

Another annual Cheese and Wine Party was held on Saturday 6th December. The occasion was a sell-out with some travelling from beyond Hadleigh and Sudbury to enjoy an enormous hot and cold collation prepared by members of the P.C.C. fund-raising committee, all in aid of St. Bartholomew's Church. A Raffle, together with the Auction, the highlight of the evening under the loud and raucous hammer of Bob Bowdidge aloft the W.I. Hall ladder, helped to swell the profits to around £700. A gilded (or guilty, as Bob put it) mirror commanded top price of £40 - a sale which sealed a most successful evening where the buyers' premiums were paid in laughter. *Peter Kennedy Scott*

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER:

The final total for the Harvest Supper was £415.

Pat Kennedy Scott

GROTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA – PLEASE HELP:

Our monthly cleaning rota needs re-furbishing. Please ring Barbara Riddleston on 210261 if you can help. Thank you.

GROTON'S GIGANTIC GARDEN GALA:

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If you are raising seedlings, make some extra trays.

This will all help raise funds for Groton Church, at the Garden Gala, to be held at the Church on Saturday May 22nd 2004.

Bob Bowdidge

ROTAS:

Flowers:

Cleaning:

Sidesman with Sacristan:

January

Mrs M Lethbridge

Mrs Pat Smith

Mrs D McCorkell



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elders:

Tim Harbord 247034

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Jan 4: Mrs Miller & Mrs Carse/Mrs Squirrel;

Jan 11: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Pell;

Jan 18: Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell(United Benefice Service)/Mrs Storar;

Jan 25: Mr Squirrel/Mrs Clive;

Feb 1: United Benefice Service (Edw)/Mrs Bridges.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:

Diana Stock: 12 Links View, 312828

John Turner, Severn, Church Rd 372677

Lay Elders: *Jean Green 373383*

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NEW YEAR WISHES:

All good wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year to everybody in the benefice. *Diana Stock*

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

NEW YEAR WISHES:

All good wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year to everybody in the benefice. *Diana Stock*

*Right: Santa at the
Newton Green Church
Coffee morning
Below: We three
Kings at the Boxford
School Nativity*



*Below: Santa on Night duty with
FOBS*



Parish Council Matters

HOME-START BABERGH

For many families living locally, isolation, lack of transport and loneliness make life very hard.

Home-Start Babergh is a local voluntary organisation that supports families with one or more children under five years old across the district who are going through a difficult time for any reason, including isolation, illness, and disability.

Support is given through volunteers who themselves receive support, training and expenses. The volunteers are matched one to one to support a family for as long as they are needed.

We are currently recruiting volunteers in the area to join the next Preparation Course at the beginning of March 2004 in Hadleigh. The only quality to be a volunteer is to be a parent or have parenting experience, enjoy children and young families and have a couple of hours to spare each week.

If you would like to know more about Home-Start and becoming a volunteer please ring 01787 371108.

Lt Waldingfield PC

A full council met on 2nd December.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Dog litter bins have now been ordered and will be erected after Christmas.

We hope to received £400 from the Locality Budget and this will be put towards the Churchyard Wall Fund. Our County Councillor is dealing with this.

It was unanimously decided to "freeze" the Parish Precept for 2004/5.

Nothing more has been heard from the County Council regarding the Traffic Calming and they have been reminded of their promise to start within 6 weeks from 1st November.

The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Readers Letters

Sir

Could I through your letters column thank everyone who sent me get well cards and flowers during my recent spell in hospital. To my daughter and her husband for all the help and hard work they took on. I appreciate it all very much and will never be able to thank them enough for what they did in those three months. Also thanks to my cousins Verona, Pat and Harry for their help and to the friends who gave their time to bring my daughter to visit me.

Thank you all once again

Dorothy Twilton

Sir

Nell Suckling wishes to thank all her friends for their Christmas cards and wishes them all a happy New Year

Pauline Sanderson (Nells Daughter)

To All Contributors and Distributors

As always I have run out of space to properly thank all you wonderful people who contribute to the Box River News, especially Harry for the Gardening notes, Brian for Box River Soap Box, Daphne for the Church News, and Rob for the School News.

A very special thank you to our many distributors in the Benefice Villages without whose help, you the reader, would not get your copy.

Last but not least, thank you readers for your continuing support Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

Eddie



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Boxford School News

Every morning I begin the day by going through the post. For the most part there is a selection of advertising material, the odd letter from the LEA and occasionally something from the DfES or OFSTED. At this time of year it is different because there are many extra envelopes containing Christmas cards from our many friends and colleagues. However there is one noticeable absentee, a card from the Minister for Education Charles Clarke with a message of thanks after what has been an extremely difficult, demanding and challenging one for all involved in education this year. The poor budget settlement has caused many problems across many schools all over the country and has led to managers having to make some very difficult decisions. A small thankyou would not have gone amiss!

Instead of the card we did receive a report from David Bell the Chief Inspector of Schools about the progress of the National Literacy and Numeracy Strategies. Over the past five years primary schools across the country have worked very hard to raise standards in these two key subjects so imagine my shock to hear on the news that fifty percent of all literacy and numeracy lessons are not up to standard. This according to the media was based on this report. However what the Chief Inspector actually said was that over fifty percent of all lessons were good with a further third being satisfactory. What the headline should have reported was that over eighty five percent of all literacy and numeracy lessons are up to standard or better. Why is it that our media has to try to knock education at every turn? There are many positive aspects to our education system not least of all the dedication and commitment of our teaching force who are in many cases working in very challenging situations especially in our inner cities and socially deprived areas. A little recognition of this occasionally would be much appreciated!

Christmas in the primary school is a very exciting time for all and it would not be the same without the school nativity concert. This year's concert was based around the story of the Grumpy Sheep and featured a selection of new songs alongside the traditional nativity classic Away in a Manger. The sight of around one hundred of our youngest children all on the stage dressed in a wide range of costumes singing the first verse of Away in a Manger is very special for all involved and sure to bring a small tear to the corner of the eye. It is a memory that every parent, I am sure, will treasure. At the end of the concert we have a collection, which we donate to a chosen charity. This year the money will go into supporting local charities.

Alongside the main nativity the Nursery children do their own play, which this year was called Humph, the Camel. The sight of our very youngest children acting out the story in front of their parents is very special. How Mrs. Gibbens and Mrs Luness manage to get such young children to remember all of the songs and actions is a real mystery to me. Congratulations to them both.

Another tradition at Christmas is the Christmas Fayre. This is always one of our most successful events raising a huge amount of money for the school. This year's fayre was no exception and my thanks and congratulations go to the FOBS, especially Moira Gant for all the hard work that went into the event. What is always very special about the fayre is the number of ex parents and pupils who support it. It was very nice to see people again and to catch up with their news.

At the end of what has been yet another hugely enjoyable and successful year I am indebted to everyone who has worked so hard to ensure that our school continues to thrive and go from strength to strength. I feel very privileged to be able to work with such a dedicated and talented staff and to have the fantastic support of our parents and the local community. Many thanks to everyone. Before I finish may I just say a special thankyou to Eddie Kench who produces this newsletter and gives me the opportunity to publish our school news every month. I show this newsletter to many people and they are all hugely impressed by

its content and presentation. I do not know of any other village where there is a monthly newsletter of such quality.

Finally I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy new year.

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Notes of Newton Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 26th November 2003 at Newton Village Hall at 7:30pm
Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting Prior to the meeting, David Smalley identified the old edition of the parish map had been circulated by Countryside Agency. The Clerk has had assurances this will not happen again and confirmed the correct map can be found on the Ordinance Survey website.

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 who has confirmed no further action is planned. Clerk will continue to raise the matter.

Peter Holbrook to look into the position with Babergh Planning Dept for the ongoing case of dereliction of **Motts Farm**.

Proposed Speed Management Measures - Wayne Bryan was to present the plan he has forwarded for comment. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting. The plan was included in the circulated material for comments to be collated by the Clerk.

Replacement Street Lighting Timers - AM Street Lighting are due complete a survey of the lights concerned during December 03.

Traffic Levels Rotten Road - Suffolk CC confirmed no further action can be taken without disadvantaging local residents.

Website - One Suffolk is the new vehicle for E- Government and we will be joining this initiative. All agreed the Domain name.

Flight Path changes - NPC comments were forwarded by the Clerk.

Ditch Airey Close - The Clerk reported that Mr Steve Ellwood of BDC has accepted responsibility for the maintenance of the ditch and will ensure it is included in schedules.

Budget 2004/5 - Colin Poole and the Clerk presented a proposed-budget for the coming financial year. To maintain existing spending with no additional for new projects an income of £6428 is required. It was agreed that the only scope for reduced spending is in the area of grants and subscriptions and lower reserves.

Precept 2004/5 - As a result of the need to raise income, it was agreed by all, the Precept would be raised by £4.76 per household for-2004/5. Proposed by Cllr: Alan Vince and seconded by Cllr: Janet Crimmin

Path adjacent Village sign - To ensure crossing the A134 for access to the village hall can be made safe for all, it was agreed by all that

NPC will support a joint project to be funded by Suffolk CC, Newton Trust and the Parish.

Planning

Motts Farm - Babergh District Council (BDC) has confirmed that no action will be taken against condition of the land following recent legal opinion. **Pippins** - Babergh District Council has concluded that a breach of Town Planning control has occurred. Following normal procedures, an invitation has been extended for the submission of a planning application in order that the Council might formally consider the case.

Barn at Mascal's Farm - The new planning application submitted covers previous concerns. NPC has no objections to the proposed development. **Church Road** - The new planning application amendment submitted. NPC has no objections to the proposed development. **Jarvis Farm** - Permission has been granted for the erection of advertisement signs.

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. **Langley Hall** - NPC raised no objections to the proposed location for a tennis court.

Stable on land rear of Wrenwood - The new planning application amendment submitted. NPC has no objections to the proposal.

Jarvis Farm Tea Rooms - NPC has no objections to the proposed development. **Butlers Farm** - Consent for alterations to listed building. NPC has no objections to the proposal. **Butlers Farm** - Alterations to existing building and erection of carport/store. NPC has no objections to the proposal. **2-3 The Row** - Consent for retention of replacement windows and re-rendering to listed building. NPC has no objections to the proposal.

Play Area Safety Inspection Report - A number of low risk discrepancies have identified. the Quality Parish initiative.

Newsletter - It was decided that Publication of Councillor's names and telephone numbers in the local Newsletters is not appropriate, as contact should be through the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

Village Hall Colin Poole said an application to BDC has been made for funding

Dates of next meetings: **Village Hall 7,30pm**

Wednesday 28th January 2004

Wednesday 24th March 2004

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On Friday 25th June we are having an evening of children's 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

Please ring *Clare Britcher* for more info on 211324

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.

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Come along to Stoke by Nayland Village Hall on Thursday afternoons from 2-5 pm for a friendly game of bridge. We are trying this out to see how many people would like to come along for some bridge in the afternoon.

Please phone either June Tytherleigh on 01206 263495 or Jonquil Mieville on 01206 337320, for further details.

Gt Waldingfield WI

Friday 6th February - possible "pampering day" at Bury St Edmunds college -hair-dressing, nails, waxing, with lunch at the Bistro.

someone will be sure to run you over!"

Keep on the move - Merry Christmas! *Linda Lutz*

Burns Night Supper

Newton Village Hall

There is to be a Burns Night Supper at the Newton Village Hall on Saturday 24th January starting at 7.30pm. All proceeds are for the Village Hall Funds. For further information contact *Alan Vince* on 373963 or *Alex Stevens* on 374093. Reserve your place early to avoid disappointment.

Boxford Over 60's Club

A note for your New Year Diary:- Club meetings fortnightly at the Village Hall will re-commence on Monday January 19th when in addition to the usual raffle we will be holding a 'Bring and Buy' table at each meeting - plus of course interesting speakers and other events leading us on to Springtime happenings.

Meanwhile our warmest wishes to all for a Happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.. *Thelma Williams 01787 210118*

The VHC Bumble Bees

The VHC Bumble Bees would like to invite you to celebrate New Years Eve with a "Barn Dance" featuring The Hose Pipe Band, at Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way, Leavenheath 31st December 2003. from 7.30pm till 12.30am. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Tickets: Adults £6.00 Children (over 5) £3.00 or buy a family ticket (Two Adults and Two Children for the special price of £15.00). Tickets can be booked in advance from Richard on 01206 263997 (Limited Numbers Available). Come along and have a great night. All proceeds go towards the disabled facilities, needed at the Village Hall.

Mary Ingleby Village Hall Fundraising Committee.

SHIMS (Suffolk Help in Multiple Sclerosis)

Meets every month at The Christopher Centre, 10 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury Generally every 2nd Tuesday of the month between 11-12.30pm (please do phone beforehand to check the meeting is definitely on for that month as usual)

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Newton Green NEWS, VIEWS & COFFEE

Saturday 7th February

HOSTS: Hall Committee -We intend to embark upon an exciting period of refurbishment work this coming summer. So why not come along and see our initial drawings? Discuss them with members of the Committee & enjoy a coffee at the same time.

Contact: *Alex Stevens* - 374093

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Boxford Villagers have raised more than £4000 for eighteen year old Chris Southgate who is now confined to a wheel chair following his fall from his bike back in June when he broke his back.

Villager and family friend Rhona Baggs from Calais Street, rustelled up support from villagers, shops and local businesses in the area to raise money for Chris who has been paralysed from the waist down. Rhona together with her friends Sally Robbie , Jackie Iliffe and Graham Gooderham (pictured above with Chris set about raisin money through a Charity dance and Raffel which together raised over £3000 and local businesses contributed a further £875 which together with other donations amounted to more than £4000. Chris's Mum, Tina claims they have been overwhelmed by the support they have received.

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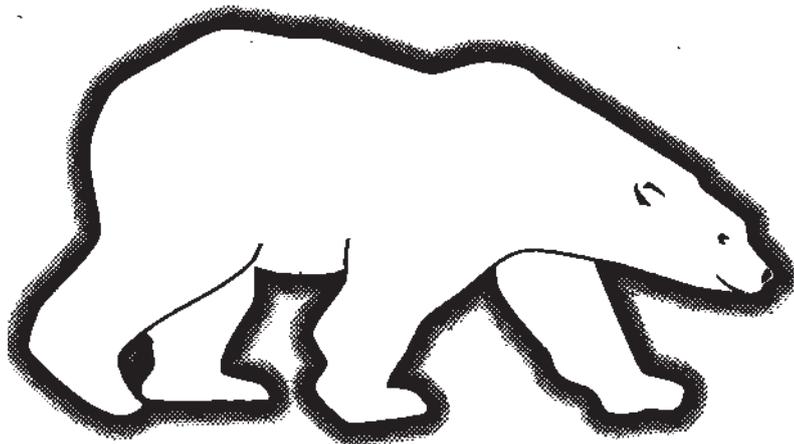
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Box River Soap Box

When a recent survey disclosed that Britain's favourite food was actually chicken Tikka Marsala, it may have come as little surprise if, like me, visits to the local curry house are a regular feature of your social calendar. Still, it makes you think. Whatever happened to fish and chips? We must accept that Indian food really has become part of the British culture. And it has developed a degree of respectability and sophistication that would have been hard to imagine 40 years ago. It was then I first sampled beef madras, following a lengthy evening at the rugby club when far too many pints of ale were consumed.

The traditional Indian restaurant of flock wallpaper, discordant music and a "one sauce fits all" philosophy to cooking has largely been consigned to the history books. Visiting Sudbury's latest curry house, I was struck not only by the pleasantly light and airy surroundings, but also by the fact that itn was packed - on a Monday night too. It also made me think of the many and varied Indian meals I had consumed over the years, not all of which have been good for my health.

Amongst the more bizarre experiences was an occasion more than 20 years ago in a quiet country town - Wantage, in Royal Berkshire. Visiting the area's then sole Indian establishment, with the landlord of a local hostelry, I was alarmed to see the waiters shed their jackets and march, armed with pick axe handles, into the main restaurant to eject unruly diners. It was, admittedly, past closing time - we were guests of a publican, after all - but when several minutes later, a brick hurtled through the plate glass window at the front of the restaurant, I swiftly revised my opinion of Wantage. As to whether it was a good meal, I confess I have no recollection of the food whatsoever. The excitement generated as the police arrived dominates my memory of the evening.

India was, of course, the jewel in the crown of the British Empire, but I wonder how many people realise that the strong spices that give a curry its distinctive flavour were originally introduced to disguise the taste of poor meat. Curry may be Indian in origin, but recent innovation in curry houses is largely driven from this country. The popular balti dishes were apparently dreamt up in the back streets of Birmingham. A decade or so ago, not long after balti cooking started to attract culinary headlines, I endeavoured to visit the Indian restaurant with the highest reputation for this particular approach to cooking, only to find that few taxi drivers would venture into that part of Birmingham where the balti houses were clustered. We eventually succeeded, but only on the understanding that we did not leave the restaurant until our taxi had returned and was waiting for us outside.

Aside from the popularity of Indian restaurants for eating out, what drinks party would be complete these days without a plate of samosas and onion bhajis? As we seek to gratify an ever more sophisticated palate, so it seems

we have moved away from more traditional dishes. Cucumber sandwiches and cheese and pineapple cubes have been replaced by pakoras and kebabs, meat and two veg. superseded by dishes that will deliver a sensory assault on your palate. Sad as it may be to see fish and chips usurped as the Nation's favourite dish, overall I view the advance of multi-cultural cuisine as a good thing. But no longer do I wash my curry down with copious quantities of lager. These days my vote for the drink to accompany such food will go to Chardonnay or Viognier.

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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Wat's On

WELCOME TO THE SUDBURY FESTIVAL 2004

A feast for lovers of the performing arts, the Sudbury Festival of Music, Speech and Dance, will take place between 14 February and 14 March 2004. Talented performers of all ages, from all over East Anglia will be coming to Sudbury to take part, and everyone is welcome to watch.

This year there are nearly 1400 entries in some 400 classes, for both soloists and groups, covering the three main branches of the performing arts. Performances will range from classical ballet and tap to creative dance and song and dance groups, from choral and solo verse and prose reading to dramatic monologue and group drama, from solo instruments and chamber ensembles to operatic arias and songs from the shows. Most classes are competitive, but there are some non-competitive for those who prefer.

People with a wide range of abilities take part each year and 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.

Competitors will be coming from places as far away as Kings Lynn, Lowestoft Cambridge and Frinton. This year for the first time the Festival was publicised on the Internet, which has attracted a number of new entries, including one from Japan.

Over 70 cups and awards are there to be won - 39 for dance, 24 for music and eight for speech and drama - including three new cups in the speech and drama section and a new £100 cash prize attached to the Belchamp Bowl for string players. In addition, the Sudbury Festival Award for Excellence will be given to an outstanding young performer.

The Festival starts with the Dance section, from 14-19 February,

followed by Speech from 6-8 March and Music from 9-14 March. The venues are Uplands Middle School, St Peter's and the Town Hall. The grand finale will be the Festival Concert on Sunday 28 March at Sudbury Upper School.



Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our traditional Team Quiz Night will be held in February. The date has not yet been fixed so please look out for posters and the February issue of Box River News.

Boxford Over 60's Club

The Boxford over 60's club recommences fortnightly meetings on Monday the 19th January in the Village Hall at 2.30pm with a speaker.

May we wish all our members a Happy and Healthy New Year
February 2nd Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30pm
February 16th Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30pm

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FUN AND GAMES NIGHT SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 2004

This event will be held in Boxford Village Hall on the above date. The doors open at 7.30; there is a licensed bar and an excellent buffet will be served. A fun packed evening of fast moving games for teams of 8 adult players. This ever popular evening is back to its regular spot in January. Book now to avoid disappointment; first come first served. Entry fee £40 per team. As this evening needs a great deal of manpower to run anyone available to help on the night would be most welcome. Don't delay book your team now.

Please contact either: *Doug Impett* 01787 210035 or *David Gasson* 01787 210796 The Boxford Community Council would like to congratulate Rhona, Sally and all those who helped to raise over £4,000 for the Chris Southgate Appeal.



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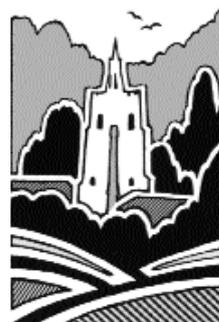
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"KARATE CLAN EXCELS AT PEAKE FITNESS"

The Stoke by Nayland Shotokan Karate Club, recently held their first "in house" grading at their Dojo at Peake Fitness Health Club, where they train every Tuesday and Thursday. The grading was preceded by a very hard training session by Sensei Charlie Naylor, (6th Dan.) who then carried out the grading of the students. The training was attended by 30 students and included visiting students from other Karate Clubs in the region. All 9 students who took the grading passed with full grades and are to be congratulated on the very high standard achieved. The Club at Peake Fitness was started in January 2001 and now has a full membership 16 students. It is now widely considered to be the most important Shotokan Karate Club in Suffolk.

The students who took the grading are as follows: Fiona Mellish, Robert McGinn, Jonathan McFinn, Lindy Faldo, Edward Pollack, Philip Toogood, Geoffrey Sheard, Stuart Banks and Steven Harris.

New members are very welcome and the age range is 7 years and upwards. For further information please telephone Peake Fitness at The Stoke by Nayland Club on 01206 265820.

Local Walks

Lavenham Rambling Club

Please contact Graham on 01787 248128 for details of walks for this month.

Wormingford Walks

Sunday 18th January. Meet Village Hall car park (GR934 316) to make a 2pm start. Two walks take about two hours at a steady pace. Leader Ellen Nicholas 01206 241993 or 240961

Ramblers Association Walks

Thursday 1st January. Sudbury Meadows. Meet at Sudbury Railway Station (GR TL 877411) for a 10.30 start. 4 miles. Leader Laurie Burroughs 01787 375597.

Sunday 4th January. Raydon - Upper Layham. Meet at free car park at Hadleigh Swimming Pool (GR 029426) A varied walk leaving at 10am along the disused railway line. Please bring your own lunch. Distance 7 miles. Leaders Gill and Derek.

Wednesday 7th January. Groton, Edwardstone, figure of eight. Meet 'The White Hart, Boxford for a 10am start. Lunch at the White Hart, 5 miles am and 4 miles pm. Leader Julia 01206 541375.

Thursday 8th January. Dedham. Meet at Gun Hill lay-by Dedham (GR 042 333) for a delightful walk along part of 'The Essex Way' to Boxted and on to 'The Shepherd and Dog' Langham for lunch. Distance 8.5 miles. Leaders Pat and David 01206 752766.

Tuesday 13th January. Bures/Lamarsh meet for a 10am start at the Village Hall Bures (GR TL 908 339) for a walk along the Stour Valley going through Lamarsh where a brief pub stop will be made, but please do bring a picnic lunch. Distance approx 12 miles. Leader Janet 01787 227929

Thursday 22nd January. Stoke by Nayland. Meet at the car park behind the Church (GR TL 985 263) to make a 10am start for a circular walk to Polstead via Willermarsh Green. Distance 10 miles Leader Alan 01206 824541

Wednesday 28th January. Wormingford, figure of eight meet at 'The Crown' Wormingford (GR TL 931 316) to make a 10am start to experience the 'Wonders of Wormingford' - be there dragons?

Order lunch at the pub before going on the walk. Own food may be eaten in the garden. Distance am 5 miles pm 3 miles. Leader Ruth 01206 765842

Sunday 1st February. Dedham-circular walk. Meet Mill, Lane car park Dedham on B1029 (GHR TM 058 333) for a morning circular walk to start at 10am. Lunch afterwards - choice of pubs in Dedham. Distance 5 miles. Leader Derek 01206 57-0168

Thursday 5th February at 10am, Fordham Heath. Meet at Heath Road car park (GR 943 264) for a circular walk around the Colne Valley. Pub lunch at Ford Street or at Mill Race Garden Centre. Distance 9 miles. Leader Jo 01206 504808.



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Box	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. Brian Watling
LtW	1100	Family Service	Tim Harbord
Gro		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Tuesday 6 January

Box/MH 1900 Benefice Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 7 January

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

Sunday 11 January, Baptism of Jesus

Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. Brian Watling
New	0930	Plough Sunday Service	Roy Tricker
Edw	1100	Matins	Antony Dodd
Box	1100	Morning Prayer	C Kingsbury/Graham Brook
LtW		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Tuesday 13 January

Box/MH 1900 Benefice Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 14 January

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
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Sunday 18 January, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

LtW	0930	<i>United Benefice Service</i>	The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling
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Tuesday 20 January

Box/MH 1900 Benefice Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 21 January

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord

Sunday 25 January, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

LtW	0800	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	0930	Holy Communion CW*	Pauline Lanning/Joy Sellers
New	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. Brian Watling
Box	1100	Family Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Tuesday 27 January

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Wednesday 28 January

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
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FEBRUARY 2004

Sunday 1 February, Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Edw	0930	<i>United Benefice Service</i>	The Revd. David Matthews
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