

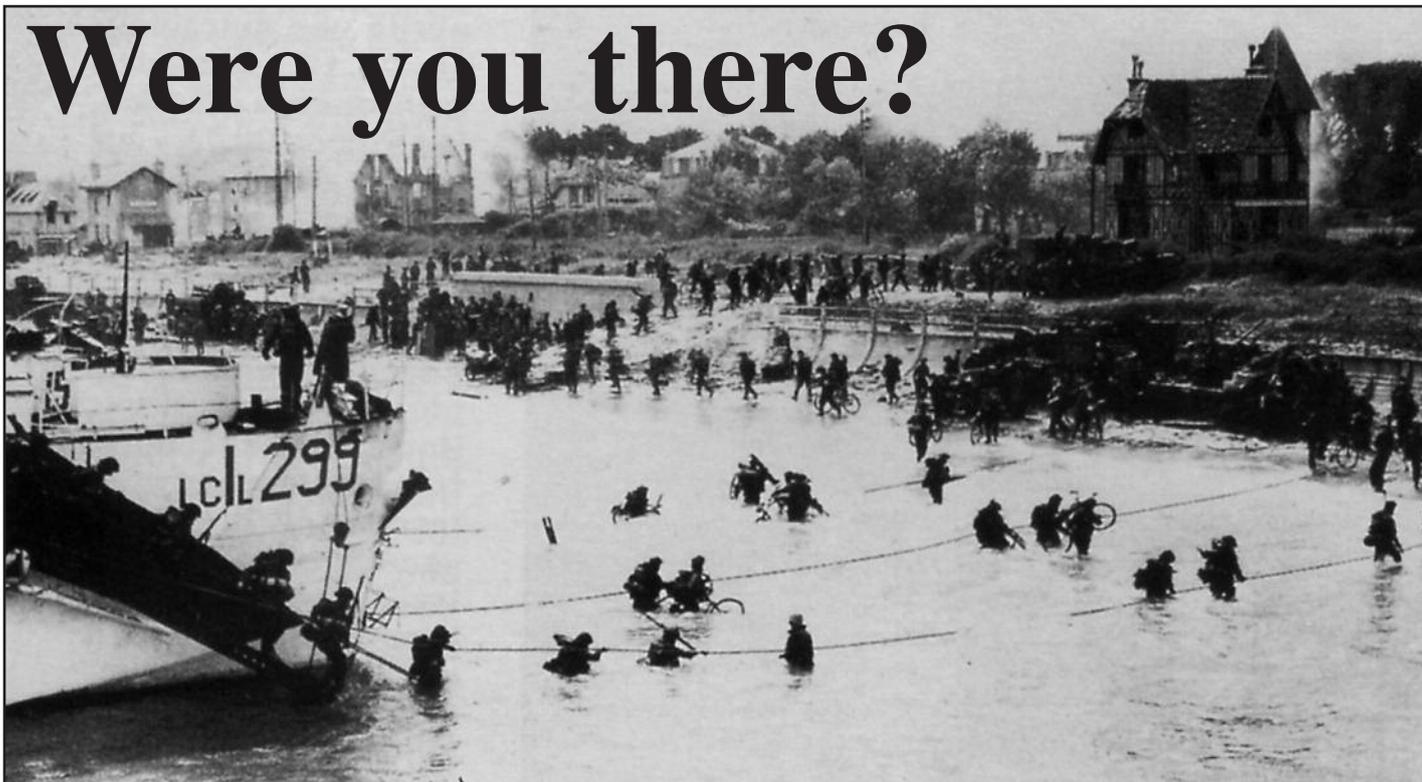
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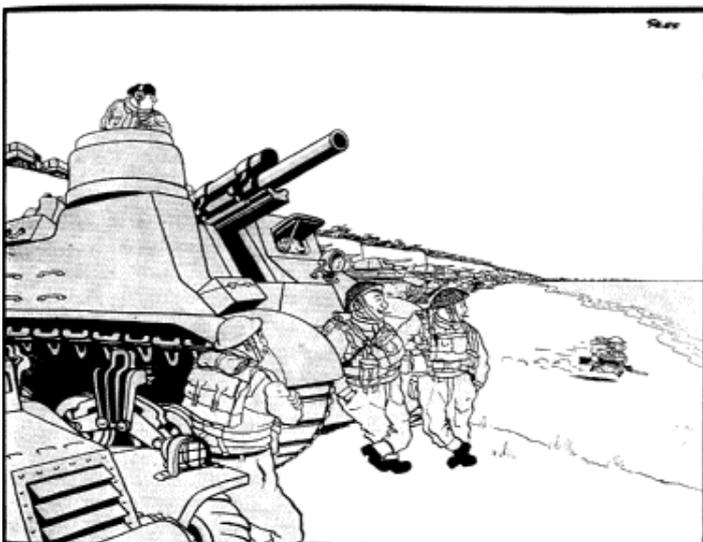
Were you there?



D-Day, 6 June 1944 Were you there?

Were you in uniform at the time? Serving anywhere in the world? If you live in Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Little Waldingfield or Newton, the Box River Parishes would like to know so they can plan their celebrations for the Diamond Anniversary of this historic day. So far we are aware of twenty nine men and women - three of whom actually landed on the Normandy Coast on D-Day! We think there are more and we don't want to miss anyone out. We plan to invite you to a special service of remembrance

and to publish a souvenir leaflet recording your experiences. If your name is already on the list no further action is needed but if not (or if you know of anyone) please contact Barrie Thorpe on 211346 as soon as possible.



There e' goes-says he's going to get this ruddy invasion over, then get some leave!

Sunday Express, May 14th 1944



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Visitors from Across The Pond

Nine Guides from Boxford MA, together with their parents and leaders visited Boxford UK for the day last month. The Guides on a tour of Paris, London and Boxford were attending a Global Fair at the Scout headquarters in the Boxford Spinney. Stalls manned by Boxford Guides were promoting fair trade, and the perils of fast food, excess sugar, and salt etc. and one stall receiving much attention showed the awful effect of Coca Cola on liver.

The party totalling 35 in all had an enjoyable and for the parents, relaxing day in Boxford and whilst the guides were at the Spinney, enjoyed a meal and drinks at 'The Fleece' around a roaring fire. During the short time of the visit many invitations were extended to visit Boxford MA as guests of these incredibly hospitable folk from New England.

During the visit last year of 21 villagers from Boxford to Boxford MA the girls, pictured above, entertained their visitors to traditional songs.



Friday, 2nd April, 8.30 Ticket £10
David Tugham

We kick off our new programme with the most exciting new male jazz singer on the current UK scene. Having just signed to OT Records his CD, "just in time", highlights his captivating style and unique interpretation. It is the perfect vocal jazz album which has rightly been receiving extensive radio interest. With David tonight are Jonathan Gee (piano), Dominic Howells (bass), Steve Kaldestad (sax) and Winston Clifford (drums).

Friday, 9 April, 8.30 Ticket £10
Lewis Wright Quartet

The transition from drums to piano and finally vibraphone have produced a young 15 year old musician who defies belief. Lewis leads his quartet of Simon Brown (piano), Andy Doyle (bass) and Will dark (drums) on their Fleece debut. A combination of great technical skill and highly complex material promises that this will be an amazing gig. Not to be missed!

Friday, 16 April, 8.30 Ticket £14
Bill Bruford's Earthworks

Bill is one of the legendary drummers in British rock whose name will always be associated with the likes of Yes, King

Crimson, Gong, Genesis and Pavlov's Dog. His group Earthworks was formed in the 1986 as a deliberate return to his roots in jazz. The band found its direction through serious live playing. Having effectively jettisoned electronic percussion it is now revisiting the broadly acoustic sax-piano-bass-drums line up. Gwillam Simcock keyboards and piano, ex Chick Corea saxophonist Tim Garland and Mark Hodgson bass make up Bill Bruford's Earthworks.

Friday, 23 April, 8.30 Ticket £10
John Etheridge

One of the finest guitar players around plays solo again at the Fleece tonight. Pat Metheny, Barney Kessel, Herb Ellis, Mundell Lowc, Stephane Grappelli, John Williams, Jim Mullen, Andy Summers, Dizzy Gillespie, Nils Pederson and Yehudi Menuhin are among the "A" list of celebrated musicians who have all had the benefit of his brilliant playing, either on record or on stage.

Friday, 30 April, 8.30 Ticket £16
Andy Sheppard

Andy is one of the most assured, versatile and least flashy saxophonists on the scene today. A multi-instrumentalist he is a formidable and fearless jazz improviser who has travelled worldwide and has met with an extraordinary range of musical partners along the way. Tonight sees him with Steve Lodder (keyboards and piano) and Chris Laurence (bass).

Friday, 7 May, 8.30 Ticket £12
Tina May

"She's the greatest", was how legendary American pianist Ray Bryant described Tina at the launch of her new CD, "Tina May Sings The Ray Bryant Songbook", at the Jazz Standard on 116 East 27th, New York City earlier this year.

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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Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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. .

QUARTER PEAL

At Edwardstone on Saturday February 21st between 10am and 11am a band of visiting Bell ringers from Speldhurst in Kent rang a Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Minor in Memory of the late Christopher Porteous of Edwardstone

During the Quarter Peal his ashes were interred in the Graveyard by the Reverend David Matthews in the presence of the family

Dove Barn gears up for wedding belles.

Dove Barn, the recently refurbished timber framed barn at Castlings Hall, Groton is gearing up for 2004/05 with plans to do more wedding receptions and civil ceremonies at the venue as well as continuing with small conferences.

'We have just received the official paperwork from Suffolk County Council which means we are now licensed to perform civil ceremonies at the barn' said Adam Dixon-Smith. 'For those who do not want a traditional church ceremony we think the barn offers a spectacular alternative. The timber-framed barn is the perfect place to exchange vows and the courtyard and adjoining barn offer great facilities for receptions and parties. There is ample car parking available and pretty views across farmland towards Kersey'

Dove Barn opened in June 2002, hosting Groton's Jubilee celebrations. Since then it has been used for conferences, dinners and training days.

Adam continued 'Because we are a new venue for weddings and receptions we still have weekend availability during the summer and autumn of 2004, although September is looking busy. We hope to attract people either looking for a civil ceremony or a reception venue after a service in one of the beautiful local churches.'

For more information please contact Adam or Anna Dixon-Smith On 01787 210007 or email to: info@dovebarn.com

Club THEO

The social club for those under 65 who have been made single by bereavement.

The weather may be wet and miserable but the atmosphere down at Club THEO is warm and welcoming to its members. We have had 4 new friends join our club this month as they start on the path to rebuilding their social lives following the loss of their partner.

Recently Mary, our Treasurer, hosted a very enjoyable curry night at her house for members; it's always a good laugh when Mary's around. Members have also taken part in a rather wet but still enjoyable Sunday walkabout in Christchurch Park, organised by Sue and Andy, followed by a welcomed pub lunch and the chance to dry off! Tenpin bowling sessions, pub quizzes, discos; drinks at the pub, walkabouts and meals out are a regular monthly feature for our members.

On Friday 5th March, Les King, Sudbury's Crime Reduction Officer visited our group to talk on all aspects of home, garden, car and personal safety issues to our members. The talk was very informative and well received by our members. It was reassuring to know that we live in the safest county in England.

Andy, in his new role of Newsletter Editor, has designed a new-look newsletter for the club. It's in booklet form and benefits from the inclusion of the clubs monthly programme and photographs, which highlights the club and it's activities for prospective and existing members.

Linda, our Chairman, is in the process of applying for funding, from various bodies, to develop 2 further branches of Club THEO

within the county and for training in web page design. It is hoped that by the spring we shall have our own web site up and running. The site will extend as the club continues to grow by carrying details of the two new branches we wish to open in Bury-St-Edmunds and Haverhill later this year.

Sudbury meetings take place at 7.30pm, on a Friday at the Christopher Centre; future dates are 19th March, 2nd & 16th April. If you, or someone you know, are under 65 and have been made single by bereavement and could benefit from Club THEO in either Sudbury, Bury-St-Edmunds or Haverhill, then please get in touch with Linda for more information on 01787 377495.

Lent Lunch Little Waldingfield

Jacky and Anne Miller wish to thank all those who attended our Lent Lunch. Your generous donations amounted to £200 which will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Fund, a cause close to Jacky's heart.

Newton Green Village Hall

Despite the lack of any visible signs of progress with the refurbishment of the village hall, the sub-committee is continuing to work hard on the project pursuing the grant application and taking further professional advice. The time this is taking is frustrating for both the village and the committee, but we shall get there in the end. Our fund raising activities are continuing and we do still need the help and support of the village to bring the refurbishment to fruition.

The Burns Night was a great success and after the Irish/Welsh night this month we have the theatre group presentation of 'Radio Days and TV Times' on Saturday 15th May @ 2.00pm. Tickets are £7 each (£3.50 child) and we do need to sell these well in advance to cover the cost of hiring the group. Please ring either Janet (377652) or me (373963) if you would like tickets. This is good family entertainment.

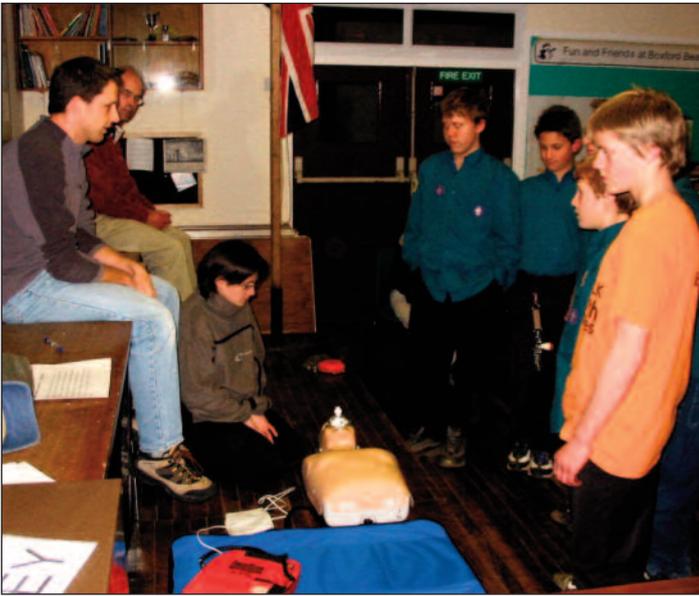
We shall be holding the car boot sales again this year, the first one being on Saturday 29th May. The whist drive held on Monday 15th March was quite well supported with 5 tables in play. The prize winners were:

Joan Crisell 174	Beryl Mauldon 171
Cynthia Winch 170	Sue Frost 169
Diana Stock 167	Ruby Biggs 136

It was Wendy Turner's birthday and she kindly provided birthday cake for the refreshments; in return we sang happy birthday to her! Given this level of support, I will continue the whist drives in the Autumn and the provisional date for the next one is 27th September.

The Village Hall needs a new cleaner for 2 hours on Tuesday mornings. If anybody is interested please phone *Janet* on 377652.

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On 24th February The Boxford Scouts had a demonstration of CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and the use of a Defibrillator in the event of a Heart Attack. The demonstration was carried out by Richard and Davina Gomersall with the help of Annie, 3PR's Dummy and their training Defibrillator.

Following the demonstration the scouts were shown how to place a patient into the recovery position when a patient has recovered sufficiently to be able to breath unassisted and only requires to be monitored.

It is hoped that this demo will be the first of many to be carried out for organisations within the Box River Benefice and anyone interested in organising a demo and 'hands on' evening should contact Vic Rice on 01787 210504



3PR AGM.

3PR Held their AGM on 18th February in Boxford Village Hall. About 40 members and guests attended and Davina Gomersall introduced a demonstration of CPR by members of the team.

Bill Horne gave a brief impassioned talk about why he had become a first responder and as soon as we can get him to put pen to paper, BRN will be only to pleased to publish his talk.

A pleasant social evening followed the brief meeting and a buffet prepared by Veronica Hobbs and friends was enjoyed by all. Since the meeting a further 4 volunteers have come forward.

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GARDENING IN APRIL *Harry Buckledee*

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Rambler Roses need feeding and mulching with manure to encourage the production of new flowering stems to replace the old stems in Autumn. Try and keep, new, non flowering stems separate from the old wood by securing them to a bamboo cane. This will simplify the removal of old wood in Autumn and to tie in the new growth to the permanent support.

Feed spring flowering bulbs when the flowers have died off, to build up the bulbs for good flowering next year. Do not knot the leaves of daffodils, this practice prevents them from continuing to put energy back into the bulbs.

Cuttings of delphiniums can be taken now and rooted in a heated greenhouse. Select a shoot about 4 inches long with a piece off the crown of the plant, shoots taken higher up have a hollow stem and are unlikely to root.

Fuchsias that were cut back earlier should now have produced

shoots which can have the tips removed and used as cuttings.

Green peppers, are almost as easy to grow outdoors as tomatoes. Sow the seed now in a heated greenhouse to raise plants for planting out in a sunny part of the garden at the end of May.

Towards the end of the month sow Runner Beans, French Beans, Marrows and Courgettes in pots in the greenhouse for planting out end of May when the danger of frost is past.

Seeds of hardy annuals can be sown in borders now. Rake the ground down fine and sow the seed in shallow drills about six inches apart in irregular shaped patches. Seed should be lightly covered with fine soil or sand. It may be necessary to put a few strands of cotton over the patches to prevent birds disturbing the seeds.

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Forthcoming Events Diary

March	31 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club AGM	Parish Room Ltl W	
April	3 News Views and Coffee 7 Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club 10 Boxford Rovers Dance 14 Newton Fete 14 Groton WI 21 Boxford Over 60's 21 Clothes you love to live in 24 Stoke By Nayland Primary School 26 Boxford Over 60's 28 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club 28 Boxford Community Council	Newton Village Hall Speaker McMillan Nurses Visit to Bury Collection at Edwardstone Village Hall Speaker Club Perrywood Nurseries AGM	10.00am 12noon 8.00 till Late 8.00pm 7.30pm 10am 10.30am 2pm 2.30pm 8.00pm
May	1 Dance to the Beavers 2 Walk The Thames 2 Boxford Bowls Club season starts 6 Boxford Playingfields AGM 9/15 Christian Aid Week 10 Boxford Community Council 15 Radio and TV Times 21 Boxford Toddlers 22 Groton's Garden Gala 25 Boxford over 60's 26 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Club	The Boxford Community Council Anyone interested turn up Council Meeting Newton 2.00pm and Boxford 7.30pm Easter Egg Hunt St Bartholemews Boat Trip Visit to Maldon & Goldhanger in Essex	Boxford Village Hall Boxford Bowls Club The Pavilion White Hart, Boxford At the Village Halls TBA 8.00pm TBA
June	6 Boxford Gardens Open 6 D Day Celebrations 7 Car Boot Sale 11 Clive Paine Lecture 12 Sports and Fun Day 13 Open Gardens 19 Hadleigh Choral Society 25/26 Mid summer with the Beavers 26 Fete Coffee morning 30 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	St Mary's Church, Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust Boxford St Mary's Boxford Playing Fields Edwardstone Concert Edwardstone millennium Green Trust Newton Fete Felixstowe	12-3pm TBA Boxford St Mary's On the Green Village Hall 10am
July	3 Boxford Church Fete 10 Beavers Dance 10 Newton Fete 28Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Fields Committee Fakenham	Boxford Rectory Garden TBA TBA Newton Green

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Readers Letters

Sir

Fred Smith, Homefield

On behalf of myself and my son Stephen I would like to thank everyone for the letters, cards flowers and donations to Somersham Cancer Unit at Ipswich following the death of my dear husband, Fred.

Also special thanks to the Rev David Matthews and everyone who attended the church Service.

Also the Doctors and staff at Mill Surgery, not forgetting the quick response of the 3PR team who were just wonderful

Many Thanks once again

Joyce and Stephen Smith

Sir

In Praise of Jazz at the Fleece

Once again I feel a mention should go to the Boxford Jazz Club and recognition of their efforts for obtaining the services of such brilliant musicians.

I attended the gig on Friday 27th. February featuring Clare Teal and on the night she was quite remarkable but so were the band, Brian Dee (piano), Mark Crooks (reeds), Nils Solberg (guitar), John Day (double bass) and Rod Brown (drums).

Clare Teal's voice and humour made a great evening and Rod Brown's, literally hands on drumming was something in it's self. I am led to believe Clare is due to appear again towards the end of December, I urge you to see her but not before I've booked my tickets.

Thank you again Boxford Jazz Club.

Yours truly,
David House

Dear Boxford UK Folk

From all the folk in Boxford MA to all our friends in Boxford UK. We want to thank you all for the Carpet Bowling game you donated to the Seniors of Four Mile Village in Boxford MA

We play on Saturday mornings in the Community Room and have two teams and spectators. We have a lot of fun and so far there has been no violence!

Again thank you for your thoughtfulness as we continue to enjoy your kindness.

Minny Johansen
for Four Mile Village

Sir

Barbara Hills

Keith, Pauline, Neil, Wendy and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their love and support, following the very sad loss of Barbara. Also special thanks to Pauline Lamming for the wonderful service.

Wendy Hills

In last months Box River News there were two letters from the Running Waters Estate. One was from 3 Brookhall Rd and the other from 3 Holbrook Road, unfortunately I managed to use the Brookhall Road address for both of them. Please accept my apologies for this error
Editor

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Saturday May 22nd 10.30am Groton Church

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FAITHWORKS - DIFFERENT

On 22nd October 2004 at 7.30pm Steve Chaike, national broadcaster and writer, is bringing his Faithworks Different Tour to Hadleigh United Reformed Church. Steve says, "The Faithworks Different Tour explores the very practical and vital issue of how churches can get even more involved in their local communities - serving all unconditionally, respecting differences, not imposing their faith and yet being authentically and distinctively Christian." Put the date in your diary now, look out for more information later or contact Nigel (822208). Hadleigh United Reformed Church www.hadleighurc.org.uk

Newton Fete - Saturday 10th July 2004

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
dave.crimmin@btinternet.com

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL NOTES

We shall also shortly be selling tickets for the **Time of Our Lives** theatre performance on Saturday May 15. This was an excellent show last year, so we anticipate the tickets will be in great demand again. Please make a note of these dates now and contact me or Janet for tickets. *Alan Vince* 01787 373963

Car Boot Sale

SUDBURY RESOURCE CENTRE, Northern Road, Chilton Industrial Estate, Sudbury. Sunday 11th April 9am - 12noon
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Great Waldingfield WI

'Thereby Hangs a Tail!' "My Life and Dogs" was the title of our February meetings talk given by Mrs P Durson. What an interesting life and what dogs. Mrs durson has been breeding dogs for 60 years and had lots of photos of the many different breeds, including her special long haired dachshunds. Some distinguished owners included Peter Sellers and The Shah of Persia, but here we must paws! It may have been a dogs life, but not always that easy - wartime shortages involved collection of innards for feed by first train and then pony and trap (quite a smelly affair I would imagine)

I am sure everyone enjoyed their 'pampering day' at West Suffolk College - thanks Joyce for organising it so well. After Facials, manicures, hairdoes and a fantastic lunch, nothing spared - pheasant ,pigeon, hair (sorry no hare - the hair was earlier!!) - including puds and wine - there was certainly a happy - glamorous crowd on the minibus home.

April 7th 7.30pm Bells and Bell Ringing of all kinds

April 24th WI Jumble Sale - Village Hall

May 14th Auction (with cheese and wine) Village Hall

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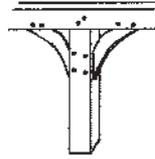
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

To the Box River Saints

At our recent United Benefice Service at Groton The Revd. Brian Watling asked a very pointed question. "If someone came up to you and asked why you believe in God, how would you answer them?" He then proceeded to give us an understanding of why we should believe in God. Below is a summary of the main points:

"Why do I believe in God?"

Here are six factors which convince me of the existence of the divine being whom we call God:-

1. The structured order of the universe. The planetary system and the stars fixed in space; the rising and setting of the sun and the moon; the tides which rise and fall; the seasons which come and go - winter and summer, seed-time and harvest. These things did not happen by accident - there was a mind behind them.

2. The biological complexity of living creatures. A series of designs of great beauty in the construction of living bodies from simple cellular creatures, through insects and small mammals to man himself.

The secrets in nature which slowly reveal themselves - only in the twentieth century was it realised that each person has both a unique fingerprint and, as late as the 1970's, a unique chemical profile which we call 'DNA'.

3. Man cannot create life; life is a gift from God. Even a test-tube baby is only an amalgam of pre-existing living organisms - an egg and a sperm - to create the beginnings of a foetus.

Once anything or anyone is truly dead, -man cannot restore them to life. The Christ, in His earthly life as Jesus of Nazareth did so three times - Jairus daughter, the Widow of Nain's son and Lazarus who was four days dead. And then rose Himself at Easter. He did this because He was God made man.

4. Man's intellect is unique. No animal has any perception of the idea of God. Man could not possess in his mind the idea of God - whether he believes in Him or not - unless the idea was put there by God Himself.

A computer may have a larger memory than any single human being but the knowledge stored depends on that 'click of the mouse' and the memory can very easily be lost.

5. The desire to worship and to pray. Man has an inborn desire to worship something. That desire may be perverted - eg into worship of money - or it may be subverted - eg given over to self-indulgence in sex, drink or drugs.

But in times of fear or danger or distress even the greatest unbeliever will often find himself calling on the God in whom he professes not to believe to save him. And prayer is answered. Those who were healed in the miracles of Jesus knew that. This desire can come only from God and has been the experience of countLess millions down the ages.

6. Man's aesthetic sense and his sense of morality. Man alone can distinguish instinctively between right and wrong, good and evil - though he can stifle that instinct which can only come from God. Man alone can appreciate beauty in all its forms- ask your selves why this so and where this capacity comes from?

What do you think?

Brian Watling

Bearing this in mind, remember that we have an ALPHA course beginning soon where you will be able to objectively decide for yourself about a number of issues. Issues such as the existence

of God, the truth about Jesus, the relevance of Christianity today and many other soul-searching questions will be addressed. All of this will be done in a relaxed, low-key and non-threatening setting. More news on this in a later issue.

God's richest blessings

David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Love is the measure of the Christian because Jesus loved unto his very death, which is about as far as it goes. We are made for love and it is this love which will save us and our world.

Christopher Kingsbury

BOX RIVER CLUB:

LEARN about Jesus through fun and games. The Box River Club meets in the school hall in term time. It starts at 10.30 a.m. and lasts for 1_ hours. All school age children are welcome to come along to see what it is all about. The next meeting will be 25 April. *Janet Daniels*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:

This year is 9 - 15 May. Collectors are needed. Please contact Janet Daniels on 210798 if you could spare a little time. Please do help! *Christopher Kingsbury*

EASTER LILIES:

Donations for Easter Lilies in memoriam to Jill Nation or Ruth Kingsbury please. *CK*

APRIL AT ST. MARY'S:

4 April, Palm Sunday

11.00 a.m. Combined Benefice Service with distribution of Palm Crosses.

9 April, Good Friday

2.00 p.m. Good Friday Devotion Service

11 April, EASTER DAY

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Common Worship)

On Easter Sunday the church is decorated with flowers after the muted time of Lent, and the spring outside bursts into the church as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his power to bring us into God's presence. Do come and join us in celebrating the Christian message of new life, new beginnings, a new start.

Christopher Kingsbury

SMILE LINES:

"My one regret in life is that I am not someone else" *Woody Allen*

Copy Date for Church News section in the May 2004 Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 15th April 2004

Thank you. Daphne Clark 210698, email -

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elder:

Antony Dodd 210397 Peter Welstand 210525

ANNUAL MEETINGS – 20 APRIL 2004:

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 20 April 2004. This meeting, which is open to anyone on the local government electoral register, is to elect Churchwardens for the coming year. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow this immediately. This meeting, which is open to anyone on the electoral roll of the church, is to receive a report on the work of the PCC during the past year and to elect members of the PCC for the coming year. Antony Dodd
NEW COLLECTION OF WEEKENDERS (Clothes you love to live in):

Wednesday 21 April 2004, in Edwardstone Parish Hall. Please arrive by 10.30 a.m. sharp.

Come and see a presentation, try on the clothes followed by Light Lunch including glass of wine. Lots of fun, Raffle. Tickets £5. Proceeds to Edwardstone Church. Please contact Pam Dodd on 210397 to reserve your ticket.

OPEN GARDENS:

The 2004 Open Gardens in Edwardstone will be on Sunday 13th June, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Light lunches and teas will be available with various plants for sale. If you would like your garden to be included, please contact me on 210698. In aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall and Edwardstone Church. *Daphne Clark*

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA:

Would you be willing to join our rota for church cleaning? Please contact Daphne Clark (210698) or Margaret Moore (211492).

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

Apr 4: United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

Apr 11: Mrs Dodd/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

Apr 18: United Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

Apr 25: Mrs Tregear/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

May 2: United Benefice Service (New)/Mr & Mrs Saddleton.



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*

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:

Groton's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on **Thursday 22nd April at 7.40 p.m.** in the WI Hall. It will be preceded at **7.30 p.m.** by the **meeting to elect churchwardens** for the coming year. At the APCM the PCC report and accounts for 2003 will be presented and PCC members are elected. The meeting provides an opportunity to ask questions about parochial church matters or to bring about a discussion on any matter of parochial or general church interest. It will be the first APCM chaired by our new rector. Anyone on the church electoral roll is entitled to attend this meeting and vote. The roll is currently being revised, and any new application for enrolment must be received by 4 April: please contact David Lamming if you are not sure if your name is on the roll.

GROTON'S GIGANTIC GARDEN GALA: (PLANT SALE)

Saturday May 22nd 10.30 a.m. Groton Church

Are you all **TOOLED** up for the Groton Plant Sale? We need to **RAKE** in the Plants and sow the seeds, to provide a **SHEAR**

delight for the coming summer. We need the visitors to **FORK** out, so that we can raise the funds for Groton Church. As you can see, we have a fine selection of garden tools to sell, and also, with your help, large numbers of Plants of all kinds, as well as Flower vases and pots, and many other items of Garden Memorabilia, not to mention Refreshments etc. So put the date in your diaries now, and come and have an enjoyable day out on May 22nd All plants for sale will be gratefully received by the Fund-Raising committee:--please phone Pat/Bob Bowdidge on 211553 or Pat Kennedy Scott on 210319. *Bob Bowdidge*

ROTAS:

April

May

Flowers: Mrs Scriven (Easter)

Mr B Bowdidge

Cleaning: Mrs Scriven

Mr B Bowdidge

Sidesman with Sacristan:

Mr & Mrs J Sellers

Mrs B Riddleston



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elder:

Tim Harbord 247034

GOOD FRIDAY – 9 APRIL:

As in past years, following the Service at 9.30 a.m., there will be hot cross buns and refreshments served in the Parish Room.

Sandra & Tim Harbord

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 28 April. All lay persons whose names are entered on the parish electoral roll are entitled to attend and take part in the proceedings. *Sandra & Tim Harbord*

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Apr 4: United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Ewen;

Apr 11: Mrs Rattee/Mrs Squirrel;

Apr 18: United Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Pell;

Apr 25: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Storar;

May 2: United Benefice Service (New)/Mrs Clive.



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

ANNUAL MEETINGS:

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held on Thursday 29 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Church. This meeting is to elect Churchwardens for the coming year. This will be followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting when the Parochial Church Council will present the Annual Accounts and a report on the work of the past year. This meeting also elects members to the PCC for the coming year.

All parishioners are very welcome at this meeting. *Diana Stock*

LENT LUNCH:

There will be a Lent Lunch on Tuesday 30 March at 12 Links View, Newton, Please join us from 12 noon to 2 p.m. In aid of Cancer Research. *Diana Stock Tel. 312828*

CANCELLATION OF QUIZ EVENING:

The Quiz Evening which was planned for 13 May has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. *Diana Stock*

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

Palm Sunday, 4th April at 7.00 pm: Bach's St John's Passion, sung by the Abbot Consort of Voices, at St John's Church, Bury St Edmunds. Tickets (£8.00) available at the door

Local Walks

Sunday 18th April. Wormingford Walk with Trevor and Ellen. Meet at the Village Hall Wormingford for a 2pm start for a two hour walk. Leaders Trevor and Ellen Nicholas

Ramblers association Walks

Sunday 4th April Nayland-Wormingford-Bures-Stour Valley walk. Meet at Harpers Hill Layby on the A134 at Nayland (GR TM 967 345) to make a 10am start. South of the River and back along the North side pm. Choice of pubs or picnic in Bures. No dogs please. Approx 10 miles.

Leader Alan 01206 230791

Thursday 15th April. Lavenham Circular Walk. Meet for a 10am start at the public car park opposite the church in Lavenham (GR 913490) for a circular walk via Brent Eleigh. Please bring food and drink for the day. Approx 10 miles. Leader Janet 01787 227929.

Thursday 22nd April. St Edmunds and Stour Valley Paths. Meet at Harpers Hill layby, Nayland on the A134 (GR TM 967344) to make a 10am start. Lunch in Bures. 10 miles approx

Leader Alan 01206 824541

Notice Leavenheath Parish Council have now appointed a Footpath Officer to cover the area. Should you come across a footpath problem in the Leavenheath district please report it to Mike Rumsey 01787 211975



BOXFORD ROVERS players and parents spent Saturday with Ipswich Town, with the players having a training session at the club in the morning and the party enjoying a packed lunch before watching the game against Millwall in the afternoon. The club is currently seeking the Football Association club Charter Standard, which involves all managers and coaches completing a five-day course in coaching, first aid, child protection, and many other aspects of youth football development.

Readers Letters

Dear Sir

What do I have to do to get on the Box River Soap Box? Is being the chairman of Waldingfield Parish Council a precondition? or will a quick £50 and nothing said suffice? Or is some other quality required? As Private Eye would say "I think we should be told"

Yours

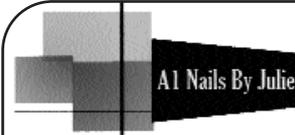
Richard Gates

Well Richard, You have asked the questions so I will answer it as best I can

Back in the days before I retired I used to travel to work in Colchester and always tuned in to the morning News programme on Radio Suffolk. and most mornings the then presenter, Chris Opperman, would introduce a financial slot which was presented by a certain Brian Tora. He would do his piece from wherever he happened to be at the time, often on a train to London or waiting on the station. I discovered that when Brian reported I actually understood what he was talking about but it was not until I became involved with the Boxford Newsletter, later to be known by its present title, 'The Box River News', that I became aware Brian was not only living in the Benefice but was also the Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council and had the good sense to live right next door to 'The Swan'.

With tongue in cheek I contacted Brian to ask if he would write a regular financial column for the BRN and to my delight he agreed. Brian is a regular writer and broadcaster on investment and financial matters and was quite a catch for our Newsletter especially since he so generously agreed to waive his fee!

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Regular readers of the BRN will know that Brian has been writing for us for over three years now. He has never missed an issue and his copy is always on time, fits the space and never needs editing. He is a real pro.

A few months back Brian asked if he could change the title and style of the column to reflect more accurately its content and release him from the severe restrictions on financial comment. It was Brian who chose the title Box River Soap and since its introduction his subjects have ranged from Currys to Weddings and Budgets to Booze. Most readers find the column amusing, educational and informative. It is not a public debating Soap Box and, no Richard, being Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council is not a precondition, and back handers are not accepted. The only requirement is the ability to write with skill and flare on a wide range of subjects that will be of interest to the readers of Box River News. That being said, The Box River News has never refused to publish anything from readers living in the Benefice unless the copy supplied has been deemed to be Mischievous, Defamatory or simply Irrelevant. Whilst as both Editor and Publisher I have the final say, it is now more often the case that if I have doubts over copy supplied, a member of the publishing committee, whose names are published elsewhere in this issue, will be consulted.

Richard, to date, has never submitted copy other than on behalf of the Playingfields management committee or Scouts so I have difficulty in understanding the implication in his letter that favouritism is being shown to the Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council, a regular columnist, or that back handers may be required! Other Parish Council Chairmen are welcome to submit copy for publication as they have done in the past and hopefully will continue to do in the future.

Eddie Kench Editor

Parish Council Matters

Babergh Launches Expanded 'Brown Bin Scheme'

Babergh is all set to give residents who want more choice in dealing with their garden waste an extra way of recycling. Last year the Brown Bin Scheme was introduced as a trial and following its success when over 150 tonnes of garden waste was composted, Babergh is now offering more households the chance to get involved. Demand is expected to be high.

"Babergh has a very high percentage of households that compost their garden waste and we want to encourage them to continue doing that. At the same time, there are a significant number of households that for one reason or another do not wish to home compost. The Brown Bin Scheme offers them the convenient way to get rid of their garden waste and contribute to helping the environment, since all such waste will be composted" explained David Botwright, Babergh's Brown Bin Project Manager.

The Brown Bin Scheme starts in early June and will provide fortnightly collections for subscribers. The annual cost has been reduced to only £30 inclusive of the cost of the bin, which equates to little more than £1 per collection. Babergh have decided to make a small charge for the service, rather than subsidising it through Council Taxpayers, which means the user pays.

"We would urge anyone interested in taking advantage of this scheme to call us immediately on 0800 0185989 to request this service. We expect a high level of demand for the service and would urge households to sign up as soon as possible" added Mr Botwright.

Crime Report

Inspector Lincoln Pratt, Sector Commander

I am pleased to be able to report that crime across the Hadleigh Policing Sector as a whole has reduced by 22% when comparing February this year with the same month last year. The decrease of 7% continues when comparing April to end of February this year against last year. Hadleigh Town has 55% less crimes this February, compared with February last year.

Whilst most of us will not have enjoyed the weather throughout February, I am sure it has contributed to the decrease we have experienced through the month and we are not too proud to accept help in any shape that it comes.

There was a decrease in burglaries in February with 7 for the sector, just above our target. Vehicle crime was well down, with 9 under target coupled with criminal damage, which was again, well down at 16 offences below target. Overall, set against the crime, which we prioritise, we are about 10% under target.

Whilst the media frequently focus on the more serious crimes and most people take more notice of these types of crimes, neighbourhood disputes have come to the fore, including one series of incidents involving 5 households, which went through the Court system and made national papers. A second one, which has been running for a very long time, has ended with the offender being required by a judge to move from his own home. The latter case examples that we will support victims and pursue prosecution whenever possible. It is hoped that in these cases some reasonable quality of life can return to local neighbourhoods.

In Boxford during February three cars were broken into, one on the 6th and two on the 20th. There was also a theft from outside the shop in Broad Street.

No crimes were reported in Edwardstone or Groton whilst there was a common assault in Assington, Theft of a car, three assault and theft from a coat in Assington and two assaults and three thefts in Polstead.

There were no burglaries in these parishes in February although theft from motor cars has dramatically increased. Regarding assaults, four of the six reported have been detected and dealt with. Crime in the area is up this month compared with the last 4 months

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 22nd February.

The meeting was attended by 5 councillors and one villager.

We still have to meet our new policeman but he sent a report showing that there had been no crime in the village in the proceeding month.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

The dog litter bins are now in place near the village sign, at the Haymarket and in Church Road by the footpath beyond the 30mph signs. Please will dog owners note that now they are in place the Parish Room bin is no longer available. Please do not leave little "parcels" by the door.

Traffic calming has started with the installations of "gates" on the B1116 and rumble strips. Bollards have been erected at the Haymarket.

The next meeting will be on 30th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

NOTES of a MEETING of

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 8 March 2004, 7.30 pm at Bell House, Boxford

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: The seat, made by Mr Barry Lambert, had been installed in the bus shelter and everyone was very satisfied with the project. Mr Lambert had enquired whether we might still need the Boxford Beacon to be re-blasted – the council did not. The clerk was asked to write to him accordingly and request that a further waste bin be provided on the parking layby on the A1071 by Boxford Lane, (as well as the one to be installed in the layby on Sand Hill). This acquisition was proposed by councillor David Fraser (DF) and seconded by councillor David Gasson (DG). She reminded the meeting that the APM was booked for 26 April at 8.00 pm in the village hall. She had e-mailed both District Councillor Bryn Hurren (BH) and County Councillor Jeremy Pembroke (JP) to see whether they would be amenable to the council's suggestion that they each gave a report on the day to day duties of their jobs as councillors.

An e-mail from the treasurer of the youth club was read out confirming that attendance was good and a full report would be sent as soon as possible.

Mr Ian Lindsley had written to Tony Suckling, Sherbourne House, Edwardstone, to thank him for the work he had carried out on the hedge alongside the entrance to Primrose Wood and this was read out to council. The clerk was still in touch with the project officer in charge of the onesuffolk web presence. The project has a partnership approach and the team is working closely with SALC to ensure that the needs of the local councils are met. A further letter had been received from the Rural Services Officer of Suffolk ACRE on the subject of a Parish Plans presentation. We were to respond saying we would be in touch as and when we decided to call a parish meeting on the subject.

The clerk informed the council that a risk assessment of our graveyard had been carried out by the chairman, David House (DH) and councillor Veronica Hobbs (VH) and the clerk had made contact with the families whose gravestones were identified as a risk. Also those stones in the churchyard that were seen as a hazard had been laid down. A copy of an e-mail to JP had been sent to the clerk giving an update on the Swan Street traffic and school parking problems: draft ideas would be sent to us shortly. Also, concerning the parking layby on the A1071 at Boxford Lane, VH had complained to JP about people leaving their cars in the bay for long periods, making it difficult for residents leaving their drives to see oncoming traffic. In his e-mail, Mr Keith Bridges of Suffolk County Council (SCC) had said that as part of the public highway, there was no legal reason

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LOST MAIL

In the week commencing 9th February this year six birthday cards were sent to our son which failed to arrive at our house. Unfortunately five of these cards contained cash. All of the items were posted in different counties throughout the country and yet failed to arrive.

It was then brought to our attention that exactly the same thing happened to another family in Boxford, in this case seven birthday cards failed to arrive, all containing cash or cheques and this happened at the beginning of March. Naturally these incidents have caused a lot of distress to the intended recipients, both of them children, and to the senders as well.

Much time has been spent making telephone calls, completing forms and writing letters, so far to no avail. However we do intend to get to the bottom of this matter. We have naturally requested that a full investigation should be carried out at the local Sorting Office by both Royal Mail and Postwatch (the independent body). In addition the Police have also been advised.

In the meantime if anyone in this area has also been a victim of lost mail could they please contact me with details so that the appropriate bodies can be informed. If a number of complaints are received we believe the matter will be taken more seriously. Obviously it is not a good idea to send cash or valuable items through the post, although it may seem easier at the time.

Be warned!

Stephanie Atkins. Tel 01787 210444.

BOXFORD 4 BROADBAND Update

Total of registration to date - 151

Bilderston has recently reached their 400 trigger level set by BT. (They have achieved this in a couple of months.)

Until we can get our own website up and running, Bilderston have invited us to use an extra page on their website which they

have very kindly set up for us. The site is ready to take our registrations and there is a confirmation page with an information link. We aim to add information on the campaign to the link-page.

Bilderston's coordinator says that it is a good idea to re-register all our existing people on the new website as they found that not all registrations were recorded by BT possibly through system glitches etc. (Your location may be one that has not been included.) The ISP will pass the details onto BT and will also inform me of all registrations. This way we get all registrations added to our total.

If you have not yet registered for broadband, and live in the Boxford exchange area - 01787 210 and 211 codes, please register and help us reach our target of 350.

Could I please therefore ask if you would either register or re-register at

<http://www.bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband/boxford.htm> or let me have your consent to do it for you.

If your registration is already recorded at BT it will show as a duplicate and will not be added to our total.

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What's On

Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club

The Clubs preliminary 2004 timetable is as follows:-

Meetings:

March 31st - AGM with Speaker Mrs Betty Koltz on 'Cottage Crafts' **November 24th** - Speaker Mr C Miller on 'Suffolk Punch Horses' Outings: **April 28th** - Perrywood Nurseries & Garden Centre **May 26th** - Maldon & Goldhanger in Essex **June 30th** - Felixstowe, Suffolk **July 28th** - Pensthorpe Park, near Fakenham, Norfolk **August 25th** - Holkham Hall, Norfolk **September 29th** - Frinton-on-Sea, Essex

Note: Our Tea Party will take place on **October 27th**

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield and look forward to welcoming new members. Please telephone Mrs Anne Miller on 01787 249888 for further details.

Boxford Rovers Football Club Social Events

A Dance, the Village Hall, will be held on Saturday 10th April - dancing to live band 'The Gentry'. Please put this date in your diary. Ticket details will be available nearer the time.

Newton Green Village Hall 3rd April 10am

News Views and Coffee, Newton Parish Council

Councillors will attend in order to discuss, on an informal basis over a cup of coffee, any matters of interest prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. For More details phone Brian James 372732

Suffolk Villages Festival

Winter Concert Series 2004

Death and the Maiden

Sunday 31st May 6.00pm, St Mary's Church, Hadleigh

STOKE BY NAYLAND - BRIDGE FOR ALL

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.

Boxford Toddlers

Forthcoming events:

21st April Easter Egg Hunt The Wednesday prior to this we will be making Easter Bags and Cards at Boxford Village Hall.

There will not be any 'Babies & Toddlers on **7th & 14th April** as this is the schools Easter Holiday.

For more details please pop along to our Baby & Toddler Group Wednesday mornings during term time between 10 am -12 noon or contact Dawn Kurtz, Tel: 01787 210840, Sally Gooderham, Tel: 01787 211805 or email boxfordtoddlers@aol.com

Hadleigh Choral Society

On the 1st May 1904 the renowned Czech composer, Antonin Dvorak died and was mourned as a national hero. On Saturday April 3rd 2004 Hadleigh Choral Society and members of the Colchester Orchestra under the baton of Christopher Phelps will commemorate the centenary of this great composer's death by performing the *Stabat Mater*.

The *Stabat Mater*, (the Mother stood), is based on a mediaeval poem set to music by Josquin des Pres in the fifteenth century, and by many composers since. It describes the death of Christ on the cross and the anguish and deep sorrow of Mary, His mother. Despite the sombre subject and the fact that three of Dvorak's children died whilst the work was being composed, it is a beautiful rich work ending in a major key leaving the listener with a feeling of hope. The concert will begin at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Hadleigh but as there will be no interval doors will open 6.30pm and refreshments will be available until 7.20pm. Tickets (£8, £6, & £4) will be available from The Idler, High Street, Hadleigh or by telephoning 01473 824419.

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 7th April at the Parish Rooms, Church Road, Little Waldingfield from 12 - 2 pm and will be hosted by myself. Please phone me on 01787 247585 at least 4 days prior to the lunch to confirm your attendance. Many thanks.

Alison Carse

Can't Get to Church on a Sunday?

Then join the Churches Together in Sudbury prayer breakfasts on the following Saturdays, 8 to 9.30 am. March 6th at All Saints, contact Virginia Bonner on 373427. March 13th Sudbury Baptist Church, contact Eleanor Ridge 379329. March 20th Apostolic Church contact, Haydn Greenow 313825. 27th March Comard Christian Fellowship, call Nick Harcourt Powell 313410.

A great opportunity to get to know your local churches!

WALK THE THAMES 2nd MAY 2004

The Bus and Boat have been booked. All is arranged, except for a guaranteed sunny day. A route map will be distributed on the bus. The party will be split into two groups on arrival at Battersea. The leader of each group will point out items of interest as we progress. Lunch will be taken in the area of The Eye. Plenty of facilities to purchase lunch or a snack. Bring a packed lunch if you wish.

BUS DEPARTURE TIMES

Boxford Fleece 8.00am. Sudbury Long Term Car Park 8.20am

If you wish to catch the bus at Sudbury please notify John Harris. Please make a note of the following Mobile Phone numbers for use on the walk in case of any emergency.

Laurie Burroughs 07814661746 Walk Leader

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TALKS DURING LENT

Churches Together in Sudbury have organised a series of Lenten talks. They are held at the Friends House in Friars Street in Sudbury on Wednesday evenings between 7.45 and 9pm. All are welcome. Subjects for the remaining 3 talks are—17th March, **Reconciliation**. 24th March, **Sanctification**. 31st March, **Fellowship**. For more details call Chris Proffitt 01787 374289

Boxford Community Council

AGM at The Pavilion, Boxford Playingfields, 8.00pm 28th April Boxford Community Council Annual General meeting will be held at 8pm at Boxford Pavilion on Wednesday 28th April. Wine and nibbles will be served. Our guest speaker will be Yvette Gallagher from Connexions Suffolk which offers grants to voluntary and community organisations for young people 13 to 19 years of age. Yvette will be bringing some application forms along and will assist with completion so all local youth visitors should attend to find out what grants may be available to them. The Next Boxford Community Council Meeting will be held at the White Hart on Wednesday Wednesday 12th May at 8pm

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Were you one of the lucky people able to see the Webb Ellis trophy on the Sweet Charity Tour in Suffolk? Rugby's World Cup came to Sudbury and Ipswich last month. I was there, as Max Boyce would have said, in Sudbury Rugby Club, wondering how people can possibly stomach pints of bitter in the early morning. Children queued to be photographed alongside the trophy. So did I.

Watching rugby around the other side of the world would have been fun last Autumn, but sadly was not on my agenda. I did travel out to the World Cup nine years ago when it was held in South Africa. Travelling with local friends, we attended the opening game at Newlands, outside Cape Town, and then followed the England team to their Durban based games. Victory eluded us on that occasion, but it was a most enjoyable trip with more than the odd frisson of excitement – in one case a consequence of a marital misunderstanding with very nearly disastrous consequences. Today, eight years on, this is still a banned topic in our household.

This year my wife and I had to content ourselves with watching the final in a hotel bedroom in a very rain sodden Isle of Wight. The weather did not dampen our enthusiasm for the nail-biting final. No doubt the hotel is still wondering how the two dents in the ceiling got there. It was, you've guessed it, our reaction to that last minute drop goal from Jonny Wilkinson. The 2003 World Cup was a truly memorable occasion.

We all rejoiced in the success of the England team in the World Cup. Success should be celebrated. Sadly this is not always the case in the world of business. Last month saw banking giant HSBC post the largest profit ever reported by a UK company, but instead of earning plaudits for demonstrating its credentials as a

world class bank, accusations of greed and profiteering appeared in the press. Why, when there is achievement on such a scale, do we denigrate our achievers?

Banks are too often an easy target for those anxious to take a swipe at capitalism. They have, in the past, been subject to windfall taxes from the Chancellor the Exchequer – perhaps in the knowledge that the electorate is unlikely to weep many tears. But success in any sphere should be recognised and applauded. HSBC has built itself into a mighty financial institution. Shareholders and employers alike should have benefited as a consequence.

Of course, there are examples of corporate greed that have not done the stock market in particular, or capitalism in general, any favours. The worst excesses have emerged from America, although we have had our fair share of dodgy characters in the past. These are, fortunately, the exceptions, but they make good headlines. It would be wrong to tar all business with the same brush, though.

Winning is something precious – something good to get used to, not an event to be ashamed of. When the company for which I worked first became involved with Sudbury Rugby Football Club as sponsors, they were a winning side. We maintained our sponsorship even when Sudbury slipped down the tables and still enjoyed the association. It was nicer when they were winning, though. It is good too, when you pick winning shares – like HSBC. I shall be looking forward to the 2007 World Cup, hoping for a winning streak that retains the Webb Ellis Trophy in England for a second term.

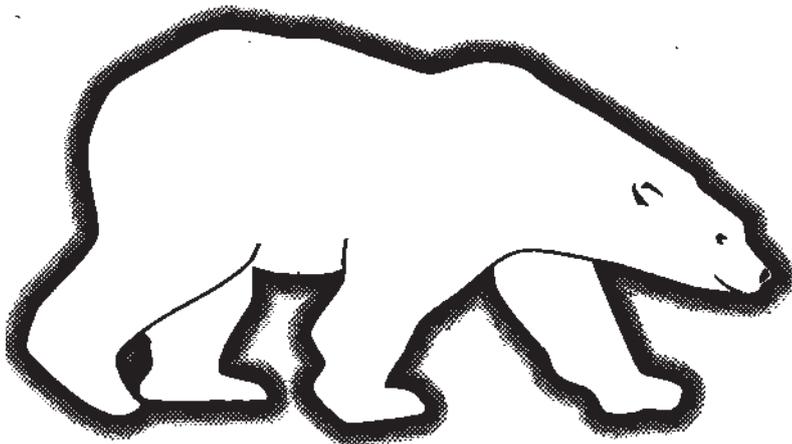
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What's On

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Boxford Over 60's Club

Dates for April

Monday 12th Easter Monday, no meeting
Wednesday 21st Outing to Bury Meet at Fleece 10am
Monday 26th Speaker, Village Hall 2.30pm

Dates for May

May 10th Speaker Village Hall 2.30pm
May 24th Speaker Village Hall 2.30pm
May 25th a boat trip. Leaving the Fleece at 1pm to sail from Ipswich at 2pm. This is an opportunity not to be missed by members and non members alike. For more information please contact *Maisie Tricker* on 01787 210045.
Thelma Williams, Secretary, 01787 210118.

PLAYINGFIELDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Playingfields committee will be held on Tuesday April 6th in the pavilion. The meeting will begin at 8.00 pm and refreshments will be provided. The committee welcomes the attendance of anyone who uses the playingfields. The meeting will report on the activities undertaken by the committee in the last year and will present reports from the various organisations which use the amenities.

PLAYINGFIELDS SPORTS AND FUN DAY

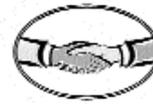
This is a reminder that the date for the Sports and Fun Day is Saturday 12th June and details of the programme for the day will be in the next B.R.N.

Boxford Drama Group

Our Theme Night this year is an **EAST END THEME NIGHT**. This will take place at Boxford Village Hall some time during June, dates to be arranged, it should be quite a hoot. This years Panto will be **Sleeping Beauty** which will be written and directed by Sally Phillips. The Panto will take place from 1st to 4th December. So there you are, please support us and we'll do our best to entertain you. We couldn't do it without you.
Derek Butler 01787 210884

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Netball Clubs 25th Anniversary Year Boxford Netball Club

The winter season for us has been a season of highs and lows. The team playing in the Ipswich league 2nd division have struggled a bit this season with flue, injuries, and inability to get to matches that are early starts and as far away as Woodbridge or Stowmarket for the people who have to work till 5.30pm or later and then rush home to see their families, if they can.

They have won 9 lost 8 and drawn 1. I say lost, but in almost all cases its only by a couple of goals and the wins are high scores. We have never been completely white-washed and are held in some respect by the opposition who often complement us on our play at the end of a match.

Our Sudbury league team have also won over half the matches in their fixture list. The Sudbury league differs from the Ipswich league in the fact that there are only two divisions. If you are in the second division you play matches in your normal position, if you play in the first division however, you have to pick your position for that game out of a hat, a bit like a lucky dip. So they play in different positions every match. To play out of your normal positions and win is a great achievement.

One of their players has recently had a knee operation but is getting better and will soon be able to play again.

I am so proud of all the Boxford Netball girls. We will play in the 1st division this summer, Well Done! We don't practice and we don't have a coach. We just turn up and play the games.

The opposition is pretty tough at times but we always give a good account of ourselves whether we win or loose. We enjoy the game and each other and I thank them all for making it such fun for me. The club is in its twenty fifth year now! Its hard to imagine we've been together as a club for so long. Thanks again girls, and heres to the next twenty five!!!

BOXFORD TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

By now, all existing members should have received re-enrolment forms. The cost of membership remains the same for yet another year (Adult: £30: Junior: £15: Family:£50) and, with the opportunity for subsidised club coaching and unlimited free use of the courts, we feel it represents excellent value for money.

Anyone wishing to join for the first time should contact Ally Roberts on 210212. All enrolment forms should be returned with payment by April 1st.

The courts have recently been pressure-washed and the lines are due to be re-painted by mid-April both these procedures should provide an even better playing surface with superior grip We have also invested in new nets.

To maintain the quality of the courts it is very important that they are used only for tennis, netball or basketball. They are not designed for football, skateboarding, cycling or any other activity which damages the surface and the nets. To restore their condition would simply involve greater expense for the Playing Fields Association whose funds are better spent improving the facilities on the Playing Fields themselves.

COACHING

Adult coaching with club coach Richard Porter, continues throughout the year with sessions on Tuesday's and Fridays. These lessons have always proved popular and highly enjoyable. All standards are welcome. Anyone interested should contact Diana Flawke on 21 1403 for further details.

Junior coaching sessions have been very efficiently co-ordinated for the past three years by Louise Renshaw. Many children aged

6-13 have benefited from these lessons and if they are to continue, we need one person or a group of people to take over from Louise. If you can help, please contact her on 210298.

Summer is nearly here so we expect to see many more people taking advantage of this excellent village facility and playing some tennis!

For any further information or to book a court, contact Diana on 211403.

EDWARDSTONE AND BOXFORD CRICKET CLUB

The start of the cricket season is quickly approaching and we are always keen to hear from new players. So if you would like to come along and play, please contact our Club captain. Ray Gibbons on (01787) 210544 for more information.

Colts cricket coaching will start on Wednesday 5th May at Boxford Playing Fields from 6.30pm-8.00pm. Its open to both boys and girls aged 11-16. Please contact our Colts Coach, Adrian Gooderham on (01787) 211805 for more information.

Finally, our first home game is on Sunday 2nd May at 2.00pm so come along and support your village team.

On Saturday 10th July The Edwardstone and Boxford Cricket will be holding its Club Presidents Day at the Boxford Playing Fields starting at 2.00pm

Sally Gooderham, Secretary, EBCC sally.g@lineone.net

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

February Draw Results

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Good Friday, 9th April at 6.00 pm: Stainer's *Crucifixion* at Holy Trinity, Long Melford (organised by Churches Together in Sudbury).

Sunday 9th May at 6.30 pm: Christian Aid Service at Sudbury United Reformed Church.

Ascension Day, Thursday 20th May: Open air deanery service at Assington, followed by 'bring and share' meal.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

APRIL 2004

Sunday 4 April, PALM SUNDAY		
Box	1100	<i>United Benefice Service</i> – Holy Communion CW
		The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling

Tuesday 6 April
Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers & Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday 7 April
Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion* Antony Dodd
LrW 1900 Home Communion* Tim Harbord

Thursday 8 April
Gro/WI 1930 Passover Supper
Hall

9 April, GOOD FRIDAY

LrW 0930 Family Service (Hot Cross Buns) The Revd. David Matthews
Box 1400 One Hour Devotions The Revd. Brian Watling

Sunday 11 April, EASTER SUNDAY		
LrW	0800	Holy Communion BCP* Tim Harbord
Gro	0930	Family Communion CW The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Holy Communion CW The Revd. David Rutherford
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW The Revd. Brian Watling
Edw	1100	Matins with Baptism The Revd. David Matthews

Tuesday 13 April
Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 14 April
Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 18 April, Second Sunday of Easter		
Box	0800	Holy Communion CW The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	1100	<i>United Benefice Service</i> The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling
Box	1830	Evensong The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1945	Baxford AGM

Tuesday 20 April
Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 21 April
Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion* Antony Dodd
LrW 1900 Compline Tim Harbord

Sunday 25 April, Third Sunday of Easter		
Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Morning Prayer Diana Stock/Jean Green
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW* Christopher Kingsbury/ Graham Brook
LrW	1100	Family Service with Baptism The Revd. David Matthews

Tuesday 27 April
Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 28 April
Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion The Revd. David Matthews

MAY 2004

Sunday 2 May, Fourth Sunday of Easter		
New	0930	<i>United Benefice Service</i> The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling

* Public Worship with Communion by Extension
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Parish Council Matters

Boxford Parish Council Meeting Notes Continued:

other motorists could not use the facility for the general purpose that it was currently being used.

A certificate to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Babergh Parish Tree Warden Scheme had been received and it was suggested this be given to Fiona Bonnie. The clerk had reported the breaking up of the road surface around the sewer cover opposite Boxford Stores and SCC would inspect this as well as the one up School Hill. She distributed envelopes from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust for the recycling of print cartridges.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL: Bryn Hurren reported that building work had started on the Local Housing Needs project at Homefield. An alternative, temporary footpath had been made enabling walkers to use the public right of way to the Fox at Groton. He confirmed that Mr Norton had received planning permission for the change of use of his premises at Ash Street. It was thought that work on the bridge would commence within the next two months. The increase in council tax seemed set at 2.8%. BDC were hoping to receive additional funds for the speedy turnaround of planning applications though this had not yet come through. He anticipated that the planning discussions on the proposed Tesco supermarket in Hadleigh could run on for two years – there were major problems on access to the proposed site. Charging for car parking was still being debated. DG asked BH when the toilet facilities at Hadleigh would be completed. He informed him they were almost completed and pointed out that there were alternative facilities elsewhere in the town. Chairman DH asked why we were not being kept informed on the developments of the housing project at Homefield, bearing in mind it was a project campaigned for by Boxford Parish. He appreciated that the site was in the parish of Groton, but felt we should still be part of the information loop. BH would look into this. CH enquired whether the gardens to these properties would be fenced at the rear, adjoining the footpath. BH confirmed this would be the case.

CYGNET COURT AND LANE ADJOINING 39 & 41 SWAN STREET: A letter had been received from the surveyor acting for Crandon Construction in Cygnet Court, suggesting that the lane leading to Cygnet Court be named to enable visitors to find the address. Tinkers Lane had been proposed by the owner of the lane, Mrs Johnson, in memory of her father. Suitable name plates would need to be placed on the dwellings either side of the lane and all this would need to be discussed with the residents of the properties as well as BDC. The council had no objections to any of these proposals and the clerk would respond accordingly.

BELL HOUSE: RG had circulated a paper just before the meeting, highlighting some points for discussion in connection with the council building. The chairman recommended the councillors consider the points and bring their thoughts on the subject back to the meeting in April.

BOXFORD GRAVEYARD: The clerk had produced and circulated a paper outlining her concerns in connection with all the aspects of managing our graveyard. She felt particularly concerned that we were not giving the subject enough attention - the medium and long term aspects were being neglected. Councillor Impett suggested a working party be set up immediately – proposed by SI and seconded by VH.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: VH reported that the money left over from the Edens Project was used to purchase a printer and a scanner for the youth club. Also the street light at the top of School Hill was not working efficiently – DH would look into this.

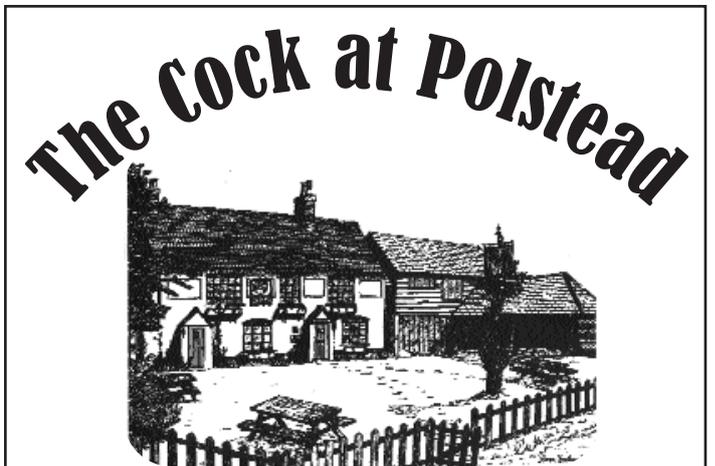
Councillor David Fraser (DF) had spoken to all concerned re the street light near 65 Daking Avenue and confirmed that the light gave adequate illumination where required and the complaint made about inadequate lighting referred to a private alleyway and was not therefore the responsibility of the county council. VH would report accordingly to the residents who had complained about the situation.

The chairman told the council that a memorable evening had been enjoyed by all those who had attended the Community Service Achievement Awards ceremony with Babergh District Council. Both Peter Hibben and Vic Rice had felt very appreciative of their nominations (Mr Rice had sent a letter of thanks)



Boxford Rovers Fun Run

Boxford Rovers held a Fun Run on Saturday 6th March to raise funds for the main soccer pitch at the Boxford Playing Fields which needs to be suitably drained. 58 children and their parents took part in the event with ages ranging from six years upwards.



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1st Prize	£160	Rober Moore, Sherbourne Street
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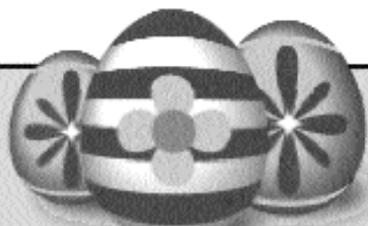
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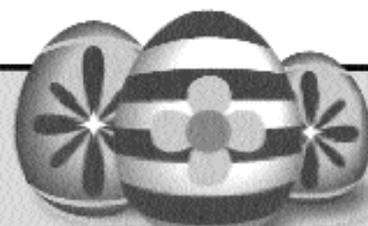
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It is free to join, you may have on loan up to 10 books at any one time for up to a month. And, reserving books not in stock is also free to residents.

Great Waldingfield's February newsletter has reported a fall in the number of mobile library users in their area. If this trend continues we may all be faced with: "Use Us or Lose Us"

The following dates/time for visits is shown. If you can't make the location nearest you on that Wednesday, remember that you are welcome to call on the mobile library at an alternative location during the day. Please give this valuable service your full support.

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Wrights Way	3.45
Maple Way	4.15
Hare and Hounds	4.30
Cox Hill estate	5.00
White Hart	5.45

Calling on Wednesday 2004

June 9, 23; July 7, 21; August 4, 18; September 1, 15, 29; October 13, 27; November 10, 24; December 8, 22

Boxford School News

Recently I have also written at quite some length about the extreme disruption and stress that is caused by OFSTED inspections. It seems that someone is listening and that moves are afoot to make changes. However any changes that are made will not be in time to save us from three days of very intensive scrutiny that we are about to undergo in only five days time. The work and time that all of the school staff have put into these three days is incredible and for their benefit alone I hope they get the report they richly deserve.

Last Saturday we took part in the annual Swimathon and our team of five children were joined by five of our parents in completing this year's swim. Our pupil team consisting of Joshua Short, Callum Craig, Amy Lane, Joshua Bryant and Dominic Holton completed the 5,000 metre swim in around two and a half hours and our adult team of Andrew Hathaway, Lucy Willer, Liz Fitzgerald, Elaine Moss and Debra Bryant completed the swim in two hours. A fantastic effort by all and I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to all who gave up part of their Saturday evening to take part.

As I look out of the window I can see forty of our youngest children sitting on a coach about to leave for a visit to Kentwell Hall. Much is written in the press about standards in literacy and numeracy nationally and I am sure we would all agree that these two curriculum areas are the backbone of our education system and essential to every child's future. However school is about so much more than just literacy and numeracy and educational visits are an extremely important part of our overall curriculum. Over the next few months leading up to the Summer holiday our children will be going on a residential visit to Kent, a theatre visit to the Lion King, a day at the seaside, a trip to Calais etc. etc. etc. These visits are something to remember for the children and staff and despite the problems that are being highlighted nationally by various bodies, including one of the teaching unions long may they continue. My sincere thanks to all those staff and parent volunteers who work so hard to ensure that they do.

Whilst on the visit theme twenty-two of our children were lucky enough to be able to go and see Ipswich Town play a couple of Saturdays ago. Like my own team Ipswich have been rather unpredictable of late but fortunately the children did see them win and from what I hear had a thoroughly enjoyable day. My thanks to Phillip Taylor and his team for accompanying the children and ensuring they had a good time.



A March morning over the benefice

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Boxford Gardens Open

Boxford Gardens Open Sunday 6 June 2004

What better day could there be for visiting the gardens of Boxford than the 60th Anniversary of D-Day! Or indeed for opening yours. Big or small, manicured or wild, it's the variety of Boxford gardens which everyone enjoys so much. If we don't already know about your garden please get in touch with Barrie or Maggie Thorpe on 211346 or smece@aol.com and help support St Mary's Church. A shuttlebus, 'Plants in the Porch', an art exhibition and teas available in several gardens are some of the attractions of this year's event. Please put it in your diary now before you forget!

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Thank you to everyone for donations on 'Daffodil Day' in March. The local group of MCCC will be at the table sale in Monks Eleigh Village Hall on Wednesday 7th April from 6pm.

Please note too that we shall be the charity stall of the day on the Market Hill in Sudbury on Saturday 24th April, we shall be pleased to see you at either event or better still - come along to both! Help the work of these wonderful nurses who come into your home and provide gentle, expert care for the patient whilst supporting the whole family at times of great distress.

For more information about the local group please contact Mr and Mrs Maguire on 01787

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Wat's On

Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club

Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club held its first meeting for the year in The Parish Rooms on Wednesday, February 25th when only seven members braved the freezing weather to attend, and they were not disappointed judging from the many questions asked of the speakers, Roy and Betty Collins, whose topic was 'Isle of MacCaskin' in Scotland. Mr Collins showed some interesting slides of this small and remote uninhabited island - apart from sheep - where holidaying there with his family was going back to basics. Driftwood was collected from the beach to make fires for heating and cooking, and water fetched from a spring on the other side of the island by boat. Pots and pans were taken down to the beach for washing. A boat was also necessary for replenishing stock from Lochgilphead on the mainland in spite of inclement weather. The most delightful of the slides were scenes of the loch at dawn and sunset.

The next meeting is the AGM on Wednesday, March 31st at 2:30 pm in The Parish Rooms, followed by guest speaker, Mrs Betty Kotz, Chairman of Sudbury Cottage Crafts. The Club's first outing is on Wednesday, April 28th with a coach trip to Perrywood Nurseries and Garden Centre in Essex.

For further information and bookings please ring *Mrs Anne Miller* on 01787 249888



VHMC Bumble Bees.

The VHMC Bumble Bees are pleased to announce the Pearly King Anthony Perkins, Pearly Queen Herbie Whalley and the Pearly Pride consisting of Jean, Elizabeth, Kathleen, Geraldine, Ida and Susie.

They are opening the charity "Cockney Mite" festivities on Saturday 15th May, @ 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

The Pearly Pride's featured at the Harvest Festival for the Whitechapel Mission.

An orphan called Harry Croft, started fundraising in 1862, after spending his childhood in the local workhouse. He was one of the street hawkers originally called the "Costermongers". The Origin of sewing mother of pearl buttons on their battered bell-bottomed trousers, waistcoats and caps was to mimic the "Royals".

Come along to our sing song, we will supply the song sheets, you only need to bring your singing voices. All proceeds go towards the accessible toilet, which has to be completed before October 2004. Tickets are £7.00 each, which includes bangers and mash supper and dessert. Ticket numbers are restricted, so book early to avoid disappointment. phone Richard on 01206 263997 who will be only too pleased to assist.

Mary Ingleby VHMC Bumble Bees.

Palm Sunday, 4th April at 7.00 pm: Bach's St John's Passion, sung by the Abbot Consort of Voices, at St John's Church, Bury St Edmunds. Tickets (£8.00) available at the door.

Good Friday, 9th April at 6.00 pm: Stainer's Crucifixion at Holy Trinity, Long Melford (organised by Churches Together in Sudbury).

Sunday 9th May at 6.30 pm: Christian Aid Service at Sudbury United Reformed Church.

Ascension Day, Thursday 20th May: Open air deanery service at Assington, followed by 'bring and share' meal.

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The Master Composter programme is run by HDRA Consultants in conjunction with Suffolk County Council and The National Trust. Volunteers are required to provide local, friendly advice and support to people whom already compost and those who want to start.

Becoming a Master Composter is a great way to meet new people, learn valuable skills and benefit from being part of a team that makes a difference. Anyone over the age of 18 can become a Master Composter; you don't need to be an expert Composter (or be composting at all) or have any volunteer or community group experience.

As a volunteer you will receive training in home composting and related environmental issues (provided by HDRA – the organic organisation), a Master Composter resource pack and day trips including visits to a composting site at one of The National Trust properties. All training expenses will be paid for; you only need to provide your time. Once the training has been completed, you will be expected to spend 30 hours over the following year promoting home composting. These activities will be tailored to your individual skills and could be anything from giving a demonstration to your next-door neighbours to giving a presentation to a class of school children or helping promote further compost bin sales. Upon completion of the training and 30 volunteer hours you will be awarded the title Master Composter and be invited to receive your certificate at an award ceremony.

The first events for Suffolk will take place in April 2004 over 3 weekends in locations across Suffolk. There are very limited spaces available as training is carried out in small groups. If you are interested in becoming a Master Composter and would like further information please contact: Louise Woolnough Waste Awareness Campaigns Officer Tel: 01473 583143

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What's On

Newton Fete 2004

The Fete will be held on Saturday 10th July with a theme of "The Orient", so make sure you keep the day clear in your diary. At our last meeting it was agreed that any proceeds from this year's Fete will be distributed as follows:

Church	50%
Village Hall	40%
Newtoneers	10%

The Raffle organisation is still causing problems so anybody who can spare some time ahead of the Fete, or on the day itself, is asked to give Dave Crimmin a call on 375085. Any offer of help in organising or running the Fete, no matter how small, will be appreciated.

At our next meeting on Wednesday 14th April @ 8pm in Village Hall we will be discussing all the events, sideshows and stalls for the Fete, so please come along if you have any ideas or want to run a stall.

Other Fete dates for your diary are:

- Coffee morning on Saturday 26th June @ 10am in Village Hall. See you there. *Dave Crimmin* Chairman Fete Committee
dave.crimmin@btinternet.com

Groton WI

We welcomed- Mrs. Patsy Johnson to our meeting on 10th March as a representative of the "Air Ambulance Service". Just being aware of their existence, it was extremely interesting to learn more about the service and how many lives have been saved, and will continue to be saved by reason of the speed the seriously injured reach hospital. As a fundraiser, Mrs Johnson was able to detail the cost of keeping the helicopter flying - thousands a year! Some institutions make donations to help supply specific items of equipment, etc. We will look out for the yellow helicopter in future.

For the April meeting at the W.I. Hall, 14th April, we shall be reverting to 7.30 p.m. Our speaker will be a representative of the MacMillan Nurses. Visitors are always welcome.

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EDWARDSTONE GARDENS OPEN:

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BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB:

Boxford & District Bowls club will be opening their Green on Sunday 2 May 2004 at 2.30 p.m. Anyone interested in bowling is welcome to come along and have a try - qualified Instructors will be present. Bowls will be provided; all you require is flat shoes.

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