

# Box River News



Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton Green M

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## FLIGHT PATH PROTEST

The Edwardstone Parish Council meeting on Monday 19th April was packed out with villagers protesting about the noise from the new flight path and demanding a public meeting Mrs Garwood from the village claimed the constant noise of aircraft, many flying low over the village had become intolerable. It has been suggested that any public meeting should be held in Boxford with a view to creating a public group, similar to the Dedham Vale Society, representing the 19 villages affected by the recent flight path changes that came into effect in March. It is hoped that a meeting will be organised to take place in June. See the next Box River news. For more information contact the Garwoods on 01787 211118



## LOCAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMPLETED

The Low Cost housing development in Edwardstone has been completed and by the time you read this most if not all of the new keyholders will have moved in. If you have not seen the houses, they are well worth a visit. They blend in well and have been well finished right down to the 'garden shed'.

The Groton development is moving on with work now in progress on the infrastructure. The development is expected to take about 10 months. Babergh will be conferring with Groton Parish Council to select a suitable name for the estate

Six months after agreeing a price in camera for the land mentioned in an earlier issue of BRN Babergh have still not revealed the agreed price despite a promise to do so!,

## BOXFORD 4 BROADBAND

**Total of registration to date – 179 (51.14%)**

Bildeston has recently reached their 400 trigger level set by BT. They achieved this in a couple of months. Until we can get our own website up and running (I am learning how to do this as fast as I can!) they have invited us to use extra pages on theirs.

**If you have already registered, please re-register at the site shown in the Form in this issue of BRN**

- It is a good idea to re-register on the new website as we have found that not all registrations have been recorded; your location may be one that has not been included. The ISP will pass the details onto BT and will send me a confirmation email.

- 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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We will be placing this flyer into local magazines and through every door. This way we hope to achieve our target faster.

We have to move fast as this approach is being used almost everywhere now and communities are reaching their trigger levels daily.

**The latest downside to emerge is that house prices are being affected where the local exchange is not broadband enabled.**

Please help us by registering your support. Daphne Clark 210698 email: [daphne.clark@btopenworld.com](mailto:daphne.clark@btopenworld.com)

## D-Day, 6 June 1944 Were you there?

**Last Chance to Register**

Were you in uniform at the time? Serving anywhere in the world? If you live in the Box River Benefice, we would like to know so we can plan our celebrations for the Diamond Anniversary of this historic day. So far we are aware of thirty five 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 your experiences in the June BRN. If your name is already on the list no further action is needed but if not or you know of someone please contact Barrie Thorpe on 211346 as soon as possible.

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*Left: Members of the Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club at their AGM held on 31st March, relaxing before tea is served*

## Little Waldingfield Over 60's AGM

Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club held its Annual General Meeting in the Parish Rooms on Wednesday March 31st with a good turnout of members on a lovely sunny afternoon. During the business session the committee was returned unopposed to serve for another year, seconded by Mr Len Manning. New committee member, Mrs Margaret Lister was also voted in unopposed. Member of the committee are:- president/Chairman, Mrs Shirley Hobson; Vice President, Mrs Maureen Game; Secretary, Mrs Anne Miller; Treasurer, Mrs Peggy Pell; Mrs Olive Heard and Mrs Margaret Lister, the club

also gained two new members.

After business was concluded, the speaker, Mrs Stella Bixley who replaced Mrs Betty Kotz at very short notice, said she lived in Hong Kong for several years before and after the historic handover of the colony by Britain to China in 1997. She showed some interesting slides of life in Hong Kong, including the popular and colourful market where all varieties of food were sold including some livestock such as frogs and snakes.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the dates of most of the 2004 outings have been changed. For further information please telephone Mrs Peggy Pell on 01787 247238 *Shirley Hobson*



**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. There she captivated an American audience with her smooth delivery, flawless pitch, control and dramatic but relaxed style. With Nikki lies (piano), Alec Dankworth (bass) and Tristan Maillot (drums).

**Friday, 14 May, 8.30 Ticket £14**

### **Tommy Smith Quartet**

Saxophonist and composer Tommy Smith is Scotland's foremost jazz musician and composer. An internationally recognised soloist and bandleader since the late 80s, he is the musical director and driving force of the Scottish National Jazz Orchestra. Tommy has a style recalling players as diverse as Jan Garbarek and Bobby Wellins. His quartet is completed by Steve Hamilton (piano), Aidan O'Donnell (bass) and John Blease (drums).

**Friday, 21 May, 8.30 Ticket £10**

### **Georgia Mancio**

Georgia is a very stylish young vocalist with a lovely honey toned but passionate delivery. An accomplished linguist she

sings and speaks Italian, Portuguese, French and Spanish. Ronnie Scott's owner Pete King described her as "faultless". Harrison Ford recently chose her to sing at his exclusive film premiere party. Georgia's quartet is completed by Tim Laphorne (piano), Anders Christenson (bass) and Dave Ohm (drums)

**Friday, 28 May, 8.30 Ticket £10**

### **Bryan Corbett Quartet**

Bryan Corbett is a highly gifted and naturally talented trumpeter with a sound that touches and communicates. His influences are Dizzie Gillespie, Nat Adderley, Freddie Hubbard and Miles Davis. He brings with him Levi French (piano and keyboards), Ben Markland (bass) and Neil Bullock (drums). If there is any justice in the jazz world he will certainly become a name to reckon with

**Friday, 4 June, 8.30 Ticket £10**

### **Tony Smith Quintet**

Described by the Evening Standard as, "Roy Ayers' slick guitarist". Tony is arguably the funkier guitar man in the UK. Tonight sees him leading his own quintet of Gary Sanctuary (keyboards), Gary Poole (vibes), Basti Alien (bass) and Jerry Brown (drums) and promoting his third solo CD release "Backlands", described as Soul / Funk meets Blues and Jazz with a strong 70's influence

**Friday, 11 June, 8.30 Ticket £11**

### **Victoria Newton**

Victoria is one of the best Latin / jazz singers in the country. She was the vocalist with dance band "Strike", who had a string of hits in the 80's. A charismatic performer, with a powerful voice and boundless energy. Her band includes Simon Colam (piano), Dominic Ashworth (guitar), Steve Rose (bass) and Mike Bradley

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



*Above: John Sayers, Sudbury Mayor calls in for a Blood Pressure Check*

## Rotary Club of Sudbury

**SUCCESS OF STROKE AWARENESS DAY IN SUDBURY**  
264 came to the Town Hall on Saturday to have their blood pressures checked. The medical teams referred almost one third to their doctors for further advice.

The Rotary Club of Sudbury, who organised the event, would like to thank the doctors, nurses and para-medics for the help they gave throughout the day. Also Upbeat Heart Support and New Hope whose stands in the foyer helped to make this such a successful event. *Chris Proffitt 01787 374289*

## BOXFORD AND EDWARDSTONE BELLS

We are very lucky in this area to have two churches with sets of bells to be used for services and special occasions

At Edwardstone we have six bells light and easy to ring Sarah Titford and her band of helpers took lots of time and trouble raising money so these bells could be restored for use

At Boxford we have eight bells heavier than Edwardstone but when rung have a deep lovely tone to them the people of Boxford also spent much time and effort to raise money so these bells could be rung

Sadly the problem arises that these bells could remain silent because of the lack of ringers to use them

There are quite a few lapsed ringers in the area and they would be most welcome to come and ring with us again

If there is anyone in the area who would like to learn to ring they too would be most welcome to join us

It would be so sad if these bells could not be used for services or weddings etc

Anyone interested in learning please contact Richard Gates on 01787210432 or [Richard@gates1066fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Richard@gates1066fsnet.co.uk)

## Lt Waldingfield Parish Room

The Silver Trowel Fund has now been closed and we have raised the magnificent sum of £1,065. On top of this we will gain just under £250 through reclaiming tax under the Gift Aid Scheme. Thank you so much to everyone who donated. We will let you know when the scroll has been printed.

Our AGM is on 11th May at 7.00 in the Parish Room. All are welcome.

## BRIDGE DRIVE/CREAM TEA:

The Bridge Drive, held at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Wednesday 24th March made a profit of £330. This was shared between the Three Parishes First Response Group (3PR) and Edwardstone Parish Hall. Enormous thanks are due to Joyce Alecock, Alan Vince (the bridge Director) and all the players for helping to make such a magnificent amount. Thanks also to the Parish Hall Committee members for their help with the cream teas – we served nearly sixty teas at breakneck speed!

Edwardstone Parish Hall could not continue without the very welcome grant towards the cost of our insurance from Edwardstone Parish Council and fundraising events. Last year the Hall cost over £1,600 just to keep it open, and this year, with the increase in insurance charges, it will be much more. Painting and replacement of furniture etc. is not included in this amount. This year we are planning to buy more fold-down tables and replace some of the oldest chairs. Edwardstone Parish Hall, which has facilities for the disabled, is available for hire – please contact Fiona Raymond on 01787 210461. Daphne Clark

## Club Theo

This last month has been rather a busy one for the club, membership has grown to 38 now here in Sudbury; so we are helping more and more people.

Both our quiz teams, down at the Waggon & Horses, have had financial success with the rollover jackpot questions during the last few weeks. Linda has now received the funding for web page design training and the 1st page of our web site is now up and active at [www.clubtheo.org.uk](http://www.clubtheo.org.uk). Watch this site as it develops over the next few months. Linda was also featured in newspaper articles recently about the support and social benefit Club THEO brings to local widowed people and her plans to expand the club to Bury-St-Edmunds and Haverhill. Following these press reports she was asked to speak live on Suffolk Radio about the club, it's activities and it's plans for the future. This was so well received that her telephone has been very busy with many new enquiries. A day trip to Felixstowe to visit the Sunday market proved to be a good day out. An after dinner walk along the promenade down to the Spa Pavilion was very enjoyable. If you or anyone you know, is under 65 and made single by bereavement, and could benefit from Club THEO then please contact Linda on 01787 377495 for more details.

## Boxford Playingfields

### SUMMER SPORTS & FUNDAY

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## SESAW

Spring is now upon us resulting in the usual crop of young birds and animals being born and meeting up with various accidents. If you notice a young bird or animal that appears to have been abandoned, unless it is in immediate danger leave it for awhile as hopefully the parent will return and either feed it or lead it away to safety.

If you have not had your young cat either spayed or neutered, now is the time to quickly get it done before it decides to wander off and find itself a mate. This is the time of year when unneutered male cats go missing, get into fights and generally caused mayhem.

An unneutered male cat is not a particularly attractive pet owing to its distinctive odour and habit of invading the neighbours house and leaving his calling card. They are also the cause of some pretty hefty vets bills as the damage and suffering they can cause to the object of their desire or a rival suitor need to be seen and paid for, usually by the owner of the cat that has been attacked.

Fighting males can also spread diseases such as FIV or feline leukaemia, it only takes one infected cat, so to have your cat spayed or neutered makes sense as they are less likely to fight resulting in fewer vets bills.

We have started the usual round of fund raising events for the year, to pay our vet bills, somewhat larger than the average family bills. The money raised by last year's brilliant Open Gardens in Leavenheath is being put towards the extension of a power supply to all the animal runs for light and heating thus enabling us to use all the runs throughout the year.

We have forsaken most of our jumble sales this year to try out the benefits of having a stall on Sudbury market occasionally. We have just had a stall at the Antique Fair at Long Melford and will be there again on 3rd May, followed by a quiz night at Fingringhoe at the end of May, with a Spring Market at the Guild Hall Hadleigh on Saturday 12 June.



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# GARDENING IN APRIL *Harry Buckledee*

Make three plantings of Gladioli at fortnightly intervals to give a supply of cut flowers during summer and early autumn. As well as making excellent cut flowers gladioli are a great way to provide extra height and colour to summer bedding. They need a well drained soil and sunny position. The corms should be planted four to five inches deep or even deeper if your soil is very light and sandy. The tall spikes when heavy in flower are likely to blow over if planted too shallow. Plant the corms six inches apart in clumps and mark each position so as not to cut off the new shoots before they appear above the ground.

Sow dwarf french and runner beans in the open ground - by the time they have germinated the danger of frost is fairly remote. Sow, also late greens such as savoys, white and purple sprouting broccoli, autumn cauliflowers and winter hardy cauliflowers using varieties like St George and leamington for cutting next April and the variety May Queen to extend the cutting period until June.

Hardy biennials such as wallflowers, Sweet Williams, Forget me nots should be sown now on the vegetable garden for planting out in the autumn. Alternatively they can be sown in seed boxes and the seedlings pricked out into boxes for eventual planting out in a nursery bed. This method gives more control over germination and is useful if the soil is cold and wet at sowing time and by allowing them to be planted singularly makes sturdier plants.

Thin out vegetable and hardy annual seedlings as soon as they are big enough to handle, failure to do this results in the plants that are left being weak and spindly. Carrots are best thinned in the evening to avoid the carrot fly which is attracted to the smell of the foliage, spraying with a weak solution of Armillotox is a good deterrent.

Prune Forsythia by cutting out some of the old wood and cutting back the flowering stems to two buds. Remove suckers from roses, trees and shrubs, especially lilacs. Lilacs flower better if grown on a single stem allowing suckers to form seriously

reduces the vigour of the plant and its capacity to produce good flowers.

Gooseberries are prone to attacks of mildew which can render the fruit useless for eating. Keeping the soil moist at the roots by providing a thick mulch will help prevent an attack. Watch out for caterpillars of the Magpie Moth which usually attack the centre of the bush and can completely defoliate the bush in a few days. Spray with Derris to control.

Roses are beginning to make good growth and already greenfly are attacking the succulent young shoots and if steps are not taken to control the plant will be severely weekend. Spray regularly with a combined insecticide to protect the bush from all pests and diseases.

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# Forthcoming Events Diary

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| April     | 28 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club<br>28 Boxford Community Council   | Perrywood Nurseries<br>AGM   | The Pavilion   | 8.00pm   |
| May       | 1 Dance to the Beavers<br>2 Walk The Thames<br>2 Boxford Bowls Club season starts<br>5 Gt Waldingfield WI<br>6 Boxford Playingfields AGM<br>9/15 Christian Aid Week<br>10 Boxford Community Council<br>10 Boxford Over 60's<br>11 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room<br>12 Boxford Community Council<br>13 Boxford Rovers AGM<br>14 Gt Waldingfield WI<br>15 Radio and TV Times<br>15 Cake Stall in Boxford<br>21 Boxford Toddlers<br>22 Groton's Garden Gala<br>24 Boxford Over 60's<br>25 Boxford over 60's | The Boxford Community Council<br><br>Anyone interested turn up<br>Resolutions Meeting<br><br>Council Meeting<br><br>AGM<br>Council Meeting<br><br>Silent Auction<br>Newton 2.00pm and Boxford 7.30pm<br>Edwardstone Parish Hall<br>Easter Egg Hunt<br>St Bartholemews<br><br>Boat Trip | Boxford Village Hall<br><br>Boxford Bowls Club<br><br>The Pavilion<br><br>White Hart, Boxford<br>Village Hall<br>Parish Room<br>White Hart<br>Boxford Pavilion<br><br>At the Village Halls<br><br>Village Hall | TBA<br><br>2.30pm<br>7.30pm<br>8.00pm<br><br>8.00pm<br>2.30pm<br>7.00pm<br>8.00pm<br>7.30pm<br><br>8.30am<br><br>TBA<br>2.30pm |
| June      | 6 Boxford Gardens Open<br>6 D Day Celebrations<br>7 Car Boot Sale<br>11/12 Boxford Drama Gp<br>11 Clive Paine Lecture<br>12 Sports and Fun Day<br>13 Open Gardens<br>19 Hadleigh Choral Society<br>19/20 Bygone Collectors Rally<br>25/26 Mid summer with the Beavers<br>26 Fete Coffee morning<br>3 Boxford Church Fete<br>10 Beavers Dance<br>10 Newton Fete  | St Mary's Church,<br><br>Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust<br>East London Evening<br>Boxford St Mary's<br>Boxford Playing Fields<br>Edwardstone<br>Concert<br><br>Edwardstone millennium Green Trust<br>Newton Fete<br><br>Ltl Waldingfield Playing Fields Committee                  | Millennium Green<br>Village Hall<br>about Boxford Church<br><br>Boxford St Mary's<br>Gt W Airfield<br>On the Green<br>Village Hall<br>Boxford Rectory Garden<br>Newton Green                                   | 12-3pm<br>7.30pm<br>TBA<br><br>TBA<br><br>TBA<br>30 Ltl July<br>TBA<br>TBA   |
| August    | 31 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club   | Holkham Hall   |  |  |
| September | 29 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club   | Frinton on Sea   |  |  |

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# Readers Letters

*Sir*

As you all probably know, the Village Hall is almost permanently strapped for cash and the committee is always looking for ways to raise money to keep the hall going.

We planned a quiz night for 17th April and we needed to attract as many people as possible to help with our funds. To this end, we bought (out of our limited funds) a banner which could be used to advertise functions at the hall. On Monday 5th April we proudly put our banner up outside the hall. By Wednesday morning it had gone. We don't know whether it was stolen or whether it was removed by someone who may have found it offensive. Either way, we'd really like to have it back or, at least, know where it went to. It wasn't cheap (we paid £80 for it) and we can't afford to buy another, which could possibly suffer the same fate.

A very dedicated team of volunteers look after the Village Hall and try to make it an attractive amenity for the village. To do that, we need to advertise our fund raisers. It is quite disheartening for our efforts to be snubbed in this way.

If you know anything about the whereabouts of our banner, would you please tell David Phillips (01787 210106) or Joe Barrett (01449 744008) or any other member of the committee who you know.

Thanks  
*Joe Barrett*

*Sir*

How noble of Brian Tora to defend HSBC and banks in general. The poor little multi billionaires must have been crying their eyes out at the knowledge that not everyone loves them and I'm sure they were comforted by Brian's kind and encouraging words.

Let me add my own congratulations to banks everywhere who help to increase their already obscene profits by hanging on to our money in transit for even longer than they used to, even now they could, if they wanted to, effect transfers in a nanosecond.

While I'm at it, thanks also for closing down branches, for jumping on the call centre band wagon at the first opportunity, for outrageous and unjustified charges and for their determination to never admit to a mistake.

Well done indeed.  
Sincerely,  
*Michael Burgess*

*Sir*

I suspect that the reason for the letter from Mr. Gates regarding the Box River Soap Box is his annoyance that a page actually exists in your publication that does not mention the word Rome, sorry. I mean Boxford.

Further criticism of our revered chairman, wondrous helmsman, overseer of the flame, beacon to all seafarers and bon viveur Mr Tora could result in a spot of marauding, beware, Little Waldingfield doesn't take prisoners.

Yours  
Terry Western  
(vice chair Lt Waldingfield PC)

*Sir*

## Parish Churches and Public Toilets (Another Soap Box)

Eddie Kench's open invitation to contributors arising from Richard Gates' query is tempting. Hopefully the above subject is not mischievous or defamatory. Nor is it irrelevant, because I know of at least three parishes where the parishioners have already raised the subject in their parochial church council. For hundreds of years rural parish churches have suffered minor alterations: box pews have been added and removed, memorial windows to sundry benefactors inserted, Victorian tiles have been laid, under-floor heating installed and decorated tracery, of dubious authenticity, has been used to restore windows.

Many religious buildings of course now incorporate modern amenities: Norwich Cathedral has just opened a new wing with a cafe and but this is quite separate from the mediaeval nave and aisles; St Peter and St Pauls Felixstowe has a similar arrangement. These churches are in big towns however, and the addition of public conveniences has not changed the essential nature of the building. When a new church is built, like the Castle Methodist church in Colchester, it matters little if it looks more like a school.

I have seen other parish churches where modernisation has been less fortunate. St Osyth's has blocked off the tudor porch where my late mother-in-law used to do her courting, and the east end of the south aisle has been converted to a complete tea shop which has changed the whole character of their lovely mediaeval building. When I last visited Roydon Essex, where many of my family were married, baptised or buried, I noticed that they had put new modern pews facing north and not east towards the altar.

I have been told that government may bring in legislation for all parish churches to be provided with toilets; even those in the middle of fields and with small congregations. If this happens there will be every need to exercise care and discretion in the way it is done. With public lavatories in Sudbury and Stowmarket already being closed for vandalism we don't want those spending pennies taking coins from the charity box. To obey the law any parish council short of cash would surely be entitled to a grant with which to erect an annex, perhaps adjoining the Victorian vestry, which is often the latest addition to many churches. Consideration should be given also to building a small free standing hall with the desired facilities in any churchyard with land to spare.

*Robert Mares*  
Groton

*Sir*

I noticed the photo in the April issue of the Box River News titled "A March morning over the Benefice". Was that an attractive display of vapour trails from 'planes leaving Stanstead? If so, our thanks go to Tim Yeo, our loyal Conservative MP

Adrian Garwood  
Edwardstone

## Wot's On

### Newton Fete - Saturday 10th July 2004

Coffee morning on Saturday 26th June @ 10am in Village Hall. See you there. *Dave Crimmin* Chairman Fete Committee [dave.crimmin@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.crimmin@btinternet.com)

### NEWTON VILLAGE HALL NOTES

We are 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

### Great Waldingfield WI

The speaker at our March meeting was Mr E Crighton of Lacy, Scott and Knight, Auctioneers, with an interesting insight into the life of an auctioneer and the antiques he deals with. A touch of subtlety is needed when valuing items cherished for years but worth nothing, and of course when the old picture of Granny's in the loft proves to be a Rembrandt - if only! Of course, we've all seen the Antiques' Roadshow and always hope it's possible - as of course those members thought as they unpacked their precious items for his perusal. Well, Burglar Bill, don't get an ideas, we revealed no treasures but a lot of interest in the pieces we had brought along.

Our next meeting on May 5th at 7.30pm will be our Resolutions Meeting - come along and make your voice heard - there should be some lively discussion.

Friday May 14th : Silent Auction with Cheese and Wine, in the Village Hall *Linda Lutz* 01787378888

### Boxford Drama Group 30 Years of Entertainment

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Do come and enjoy a real knees up, put on your pearly King and Pearly Queen outfits, we'll love to see you all so be there to celebrate 30 years with us *Derek Butler*

### Boxford Gardens Open

Boxford Gardens Open - Sunday 6 June 2004, 2 - 5.30pm.

Pay £3.00 and pick up a map at the first 'Garden Open' sign you see. This year there will be plants for sale in the South Porch of St. Mary's which will be beautifully decorated with flowers and there will be organ music in the Church during the afternoon. One garden in Stone Street is that of our famous local artist, Elizabeth Gardiner and you will be able to view pictures in her studio.

There will be cream teas in the garden of Falcon House and tea and cake will also be available in three other gardens (marked with a tea sign) in Swan Street,

The shuttle bus will again be operating throughout the afternoon taking you to the outlying gardens including the bonzai nursery in Calais Street. Just tell the driver which gardens you wish to see. There are some new gardens this year, twenty in all and very varied. To include your garden or for more details call Margaret or Barrie Thorpe 211346.

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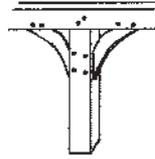
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*Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use . Thank You*

To the Box River Saints

I think the most wonderful thing about being in England at this time of year is that the feast of Easter coincides with spring. New life is burgeoning everywhere, lambs are bouncing in the fields, the birds are in their prettiest plumage, the rape fields are beginning to put on their sunny face and nothing can stem the tide of spring. In South Africa Easter is celebrated in autumn when everything is closing down for the winter, which can be very cold and drear in places and does not fit the ethos of Easter. Easter is about the new life only found in Christ and so it is right that all creation should be involved in this rite of new life and echo the joy and hope of the resurrection.

My answer to those detractors who say that there was no resurrection is to point them in the direction of the explosion of faith, which happened just after the crucifixion. Ask yourself if you would have gone through the trials of those early disciples and stuck your neck out to promote a lie. That Jesus was a historical figure is not in dispute, it is a historically recorded fact. That Jesus died on a Roman cross is not in dispute, it is once again a historically recorded fact. That he rose from the dead is proved to my satisfaction by the effect, which followed. A tiny group of Christians, despite tremendous persecution, carried Christ's message of love, forgiveness and hope to every corner of the known world and that is also a historically recorded fact. Because of the resurrection, humanity was given an understanding that there is more to life than just life and Christianity spread across Asia, North Africa and Europe like a benevolent plague of love and hope. None of these facts need the Bible for corroboration either, they are historically recorded details.

We live in a world where there is so much sadness and where we are constantly bombarded by the media with negative messages. The whole world seems to be in a spiral of despair and hopelessness that we try to change by filling our lives with material things we don't really need and which in the long term are no solution. Human beings have a tremendous spiritual dimension which cannot be satisfied with the material, our spiritual void has to be filled with the spiritual, which in the end is the only way to know true joy, hope and peace. That spiritual dimension is accessible to all and is found in Jesus Christ and his resurrection.

On Maundy Thursday the Benefice held a Passover supper and our thanks go to the Daughters of the King for providing the requisites for the formal Passover meal, a sumptuous buffet and also entertaining us with Israeli dancing. In addition they taught us some dances and even the dual left footed Rector had a go. The symbolism of this ancient Jewish meal when seen in the light of our own faith was amazing and I am sure that many who attended found that their faith was deepened.

In March we had an ALPHA course presentation by The Revd. Leonard Payne who is the ALPHA coordinator for this diocese. The course is planned to begin in late September or early October and will be open to all who would like to know what the Christian faith is all about and also those who want to strengthen their faith by learning more about it.

The highlight of our June calendar will be the D-Day service held at Boxford church on the 6th. We have many in the benefice who were in the forces at the time of D-Day and some who were actually on the beaches offering their lives to free Europe from

tyranny. I know that the service will be a popular one and I just hope that Boxford's church will be big enough!

God's richest blessings

*David*



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwarden:**

*Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above*

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." 1 Corinthians 15: 21,22

### BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:

Dates for your diary: next term we meet on May 9th, May 23rd, June 13th, June 27th, July 11th as usual in the school hall 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon. *Janet Daniels*

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9-15 May:

Help wanted:

We do need helpers with collecting - please contact Janet Daniels if you can give a little of your time.

By supporting Christian Aid week, you are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept. Your actions, commitment and contributions will bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world. Thank you. *Christopher Kingsbury*

**SATURDAY 8TH MAY:** A Coffee morning and bring and buy for Christian Aid will be held at Jenny and Ian Lindsley's house, Cox Hill, on Saturday 8th May, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, everyone welcome. **CK**

**SUNDAY 16TH MAY: 11.00 a.m.** Family Service for Christian Aid - All Welcome.

**SATURDAY 22ND MAY:** Cake Stall - for Christian Aid - by Boxford Newsagents.

**SUNDAY 6TH JUNE -** A special Benefice Service to commemorate D-Day, 6th June 1944:

There will be a commemoration service at 10.30 a.m. at St. Mary's - all are welcome. Full details in the June edition. *Christopher Kingsbury*

### OPEN GARDENS DAY:

Gardens open throughout Boxford on Sunday 6th June from 2.00 p.m. *Christopher Kingsbury*

### SMILE LINES:

Notice in a supermarket: "If we do not stock the bread you want you can have it free". **CK**

**Copy Date for Church News section in the June 2004 Box River News:  
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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
*Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397*

**Lay Elder:**  
*Antony Dodd 210397*

### 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.  
Please contact me on 210698 if you would like your garden to be included this year.  
In aid of Edwardstone Church and Edwardstone Parish Hall.  
*Daphne Clark*

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA:

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

### CAKE STALL IN BOXFORD:

There will be a cake stall in Boxford on Saturday 15th May from 8.30 a.m.  
Proceeds to Edwardstone Parish Hall. *Fiona Raymond*

### GARDENERS' QUESTIONS:

We will be holding a 'Gardeners' Questions' evening in Edwardstone Parish Hall in the autumn. Please start thinking about the questions you would like to put to the expert panel. More details next month. In aid of Edwardstone Church.

### ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

**May 2:** United Benefice Service (New)/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;  
**May 9:** Mr Currey/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;  
**May 16:** Mrs Dodd/ Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;  
**May 23:** Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;  
**May 30:** Mr Saddleton/Mr & Mrs Dodd;  
**June 6:** United Benefice Service (Box)/Mr & Mrs Dodd.



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** *Barbara Riddleston:  
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David Lamming Lodge Farmhouse 210360*

**Lay Elders:** *Pauline Lamming 210360  
Joy Sellers 378009*

### LENT LUNCH:

THANK YOU...to all those who came to the Lent Lunch. We raised £270 for The Oakes Holiday Centre, Sheffield, and enjoyed a good natter and lunch! *Pauline Lamming*

### GROTON'S GIGANTIC GARDEN GALA. (PLANT SALE) SUNFLOWERS Children in Need

Groton's Plant Sale will be seen as an ideal setting for the Sunflower appeal - Radio Suffolk and The East Anglian Daily Times are sponsoring this appeal with the seeds provided by Thompson and Morgan - There will be a stand where children and grown ups can buy seeds so when you come to buy your plants, spare some money for this good cause.

Bob Bowdidge will be all dressed up for the plant sale with his Panama hat and string tied trousers? (see Wot's On)

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| <b>ROTAS:</b>                   | <b>May</b>       | <b>June</b>   |
| <b>Flowers:</b>                 | Mr B Bowdidge    | Mrs D Finch   |
| <b>Cleaning:</b>                | Mr B Bowdidge    | Mrs Y Skinner |
| <b>Sidesman with Sacristan:</b> | Mrs B Riddleston | Mrs A Scriven |



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwarden:**  
*Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034*

**Lay Elder:**  
*Tim Harbord 247034*

### ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

**May 2:** United Benefice Service (New)/Mrs Clive;  
**May 9:** Mr Squirrel/Mrs Bridges;  
**May 16:** Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Grunsell;  
**May 23:** Mrs Miller & Mrs Carse/Mrs Harbord;  
**May 30:** Mrs Rattee/Mrs Fernando-Martin;  
**June 6:** United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Ewen.



## 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*

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## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

**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.

## Boxford Art Group

Arrangements have been made with the Boxford Fleece for members paintings to be displayed in the main bar and restaurant area providing an ongoing venue to exhibit their paintings throughout the year which is a first for the group and a facility that other art groups are able to offer their members. The Fleece will be responsible for hanging the paintings all of which will be for sale.

Paintings will be changed periodically and there should be plenty of space for every member to be able to display.

# Parish Council Matters

## Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 1 April 2004.

Five Councillors attended, under the chairmanship of Brian Tora, along with one member of the public. Apologies were received from two councillors and the community policeman responsible for the village.

No crimes had been reported since the last meeting, the minutes for which were approved and signed. Amongst the matters arising, it was noted that the footpath across Churchfield had not yet been reinstated. The chairman agreed to (and subsequently did) talk to Richard Aberly, the landowner.

Financial matters included the payment of the Parish Clerk's salary and expenses and the receipt of the Locality Budget of £140, which has been assigned to the churchyard wall fund.

No objections were raised to the planning applications regarding the erection of a double garage at 2, Church Road or the felling of a tree at Maltings Farm. Correspondence concerning the safety of the building plot adjoining 2 Church Road was also considered, with no action felt necessary.

Concern was expressed regarding the clearance of land at Bell House, Humble Green, but the Council agreed to await receipt of the expected planning application. (NB. This has now been received and is being considered. However, the building work undertaken by the owners of the property before the District Council had even considered the application was a particular worry, both to the Parish Council and to local residents).

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was set for Tuesday 18 May at 7pm and residents of Little Waldingfield are invited to attend. As usual it will be followed by a regular Parish Council meeting.

Full copies of those minutes will be displayed on village notice boards or are available from the Parish Clerk, Camilla Heptinstall.

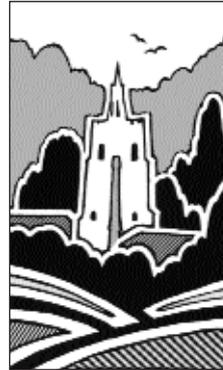
## 60th Anniversary of VE Day 2005

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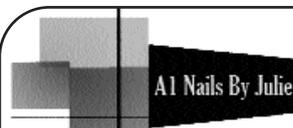
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# Parish Council Matters

## Notes of a meeting of Newton Parish Council held on Wednesday 24th March at 7.30pm

**2. Apologies for Absence** - Peter Holbrook

**3. Declaration of Interest** - None

**4. Minutes of Last Meeting** Held on 28th March 2004 - The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

**Questions from the public.** Mr Paul Page of Pond Cottage said as a result of the hedge and Elm tree maintenance, adjacent to his property, privacy has become an issue for his family. He requested that all future events held on the sports field such as car boot sales and the fete be sited further away from the ditch/hedgerow. All agreed the wishes of Mr Page would be respected.

### 5. Matters Arising

a) Matters Arising from circulated material – None

b) Proposed Speed Management Measures – Wayne Bryan was welcomed to the meeting. Following much discussion, it was agreed that the proposals from SSC will not have the required effect on traffic calming unless speed indicators are provided in each direction at the beginning of the 30 mph limit. The Clerk said consideration for the traffic increase as a result of the Sudbury new housing developments is paramount. A letter qualifying the Council's additional requirements and concerns will be sent to David Chenary SSC. It was noted that the budget for the project may restrict any changes requested.

c) Replacement Street Lighting Timers - A M Street Lighting are due to complete a survey of the lights concerned in due course. d) Parish Plan – The Clerk will invite a speaker from SALC to cover the merits of the Quality Parish Council initiative which will include a Parish Plan.

e) Path Adjacent to Village Sign – Request for Locality Budget on the basis that Newton Parish Council is to contribute £1000 to the project has been submitted.

f) Newton Welcome Pack – Waiting on printers. Distribution with April newsletter is anticipated.

g) Cars Parking on the Village Green – David Smalley reported that the problem has improved. Monitoring

h) Village Sign – The Clerk reported the Highways Department would replace the missing sign at their expense.

i) Register of listed building – An up to date list is now held by the Clerk. Discharged

### 6. Finance

Items to consider

a) Powergen (Street lighting) - £20.18

b) Citizens Advice Bureau - £50

c) Village Hall Porch Fund - £2500

d) Village Notice Board - £130

e) Clerks pay and expenses - £669.03

f) Hall hire - £30

Payment of items a-e above was proposed by Cllr. Harry Buckledee and seconded by Cllr. David Smalley

g) WW2 60th Anniversary Reunion grant - £25

Payment proposed by Cllr. Janet Crimmin and seconded by Cllr. Alan Vince.

### 7. Planning

a) Barn at Mascal's Farm – The new planning application submitted covers the need for natural development of the site. NPC has no objections to the proposed development.

b) 5 Church Road – A new planning application amendment has been submitted. NPC has no objections to the proposed development.

c) St Michaels the Green – Application for flood lighting of the tennis court. NPC has no objections to the proposed scheme.

d) Stable on Land Rear of Wrenwood – permission granted.

e) Jarvis Farm Tea Rooms – New application to be submitted.

f) Potash 1 – Consent request for alterations to listed building. NPC has no objections to the proposed change.

g) Potash 1 - Application for the erection of a first floor side extension. NPC has no objections to the proposed development.

### 8. Correspondence

a) Notice of Meetings

b) Training and Development – Folder included in circulated material.

c) Home – Start, Babergh – A grant request was rejected on this occasion.

d) Tree Warden Scheme – A certificate of recognition for 10 years participation has been awarded to Newton and will be displayed in the Village Hall.

e) SALC AGM – Invitation received and included in circulated material for consideration.

f) One Suffolk - The Clerk said we can expect to be offered our website early in April.

g) Parish Paths Partnership Scheme – It was noted that the Countryside Agency has withdrawn funding. However, some money can be made available from Babergh DC.

h) National Awards for Voluntary Endeavour – Posters to be displayed

i) Grants for Grade II Listed War Memorial upkeep – English Heritage have made funds available for the refurbishment of memorials. Cllr. David Smalley and Cllr. Harry Buckledee agreed to complete a survey, which will include structural integrity.

j) Chilton Development – Following action initiated by Peter Holbrook and followed up by the Clerk, Newton will now be included in the consultation process and will receive the next draft of the proposals for comment on the development. Both this project and the Cornard housing project are likely to generate increased traffic levels through our village.

k) Material for Circulation

### 9. Police Report

All welcomed PC 270 Darren Marshall to the meeting. He presented the local crime report for January and February. It was noted the crime rate has recently gone up and much of this can be attributed to malicious damage to our Golf Course. Action is being taken. PC 216 Scott Lee-Aimes will shortly join the local community team.

Cllr. John Taylor said some properties on the Hadleigh Road have powerful night-lights, which can distract drivers. PC Marshall agreed to follow up this issue. PC Marshall can be contacted on 01284 774340.

### 10. Village Hall

Cllr. Collin Poole reported that Nicholas Moulton has been retained to quantify the materials required for Phase 1 of the refurbishment. This will include, toilets, rear exit, re-roofing and a new front entrance porch. Alan Vince said the Irish Welsh Night has raised a further £395 for the cause.

John Taylor said things are looking promising and reminded all that funding could be available from the Countryside Agency. He expressed his thanks to the Committee for their work.

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

Rita Schwenk and Janet Crimmin agreed to organise the refreshments for both the coming coffee morning on Saturday 3rd April and Annual Parish Assembly.

All agreed the new notice board in Church Road is an excellent job. Cllr. Alan Vince suggested a small open extension to the left of the board be provided for villager's notices. All agreed the proposal and the Clerk will contact Mr West regarding installation.

### 12. Dates of Meetings -

To be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on:

Annual Parish Assembly - Wednesday 28th April 2004

- Wednesday 26th May 2004

### 13. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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## Our Mobile Library

How daft can I get? (my wife is not permitted to reply to this question). In the April issue, having received copy for the 'Our Mobile Library' article I scanned the text in and decided to sort it out later! When later arrived I assumed that I had already sorted it out and checked it for accuracy, clearly a 'Senior Moment', as a result of which the timetables was a complete 'Pork Up'. My apologies to Jon Rose who sent the copy in and also to the potential new borrower who arrived at Gunnery Close too late to catch the Library. Herewith the correct time table

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For details of the Clubs 2004 timetable of Outings please contact 01787 247279:

**November 24th** - Speaker Mr C Miller on 'Suffolk Punch Horses'  
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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

**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.



### Groton's Gigantic Garden Gala. (Plant Sale)

#### SUNFLOWERS Children in Need

Groton's Plant Sale will be seen as an ideal setting for the Sunflower appeal - Radio Suffolk and The East Anglian Daily Times are sponsoring this appeal with the seeds provided by Thompson and Morgan - There will be a stand where children and grown ups can buy seeds so when you come to buy your plants, spare some money for this good cause.

In the picture above Bob Bowdidge is all dressed up for the plant sale armed with plenty of tools and one of the many hundreds of plants that will be on sale. How many of you can remember Adam The Gardner with his Panama hat and string tied trousers?

### Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club AGM

The Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club will be holding their AGM on Thursday 13th May at 7.30pm in the Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion. Refreshments will be available. All will be welcome.

### GRAND CONCERT

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### CAKE STALL IN BOXFORD:

There will be a cake stall in Boxford on Saturday 15th May from 8.30 a.m. Proceeds to Edwardstone Parish Hall. *Fiona Raymond*

### OPEN GARDENS - EDWARDSTONE:

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. In aid of Edwardstone Church and Edwardstone Parish Hall.

*Daphne Clark*

### GARDENERS' QUESTIONS:

We will be holding a 'Gardeners' Questions' evening in Edwardstone Parish Hall in the autumn. Please start thinking about the questions you would like to put to the expert panel. More details next month. Everyone welcome. In aid of Edwardstone Church. *Antony Dodd*

## Box River Soap Box

Let me get one thing straight. Correspondence does not bother me. Indeed, I welcome letters concerning the articles I have written. What writer wouldn't? If people do not react to what you are saying, how can you benchmark the view you are expressing? The reality is that reaction to what a columnist writes is seldom communicated and usually only the result of extreme opinions being expressed. By and large I am not an extremist.

During the five of so years that I wrote a column for the Independent, I cannot recall a single letter taking issue with my words of so-called wisdom. Most likely the fault was mine. At the back of my mind would have been the consequences of appearing controversial when the bulk of my income came from a large and respectable firm operating in the Financial Services industry. Still, if any of you out there disagree with what I write, let me know. It may even give me ideas for my next column.

One way to gain a reaction, of course, is to be controversial. This is how many columnists build their reputations. And controversial is not synonymous with opinionated. I worry that some opinionated columnists select their stance in order to court controversy. The greatest reaction to an article I ever stimulated was the consequence of expressing a strong opinion, but which – as it turned out – harmonised with the view of the majority. Hardly controversial, although if you had heard the tirade from the boss of the organisation I was lambasting, you might have thought controversy was my sole objective.

So, write in by all means. Tell me what you think. Let me know what topics you would like me to cover. Markets financial are always an easy subject for me. Economics and business fall within my comfort zone too. Get me talking on 1960's pop music and I can bore for Britain. And I do a mean line on pubs and restaurants.

Talking of pubs, while visiting the next door hostelry (The Swan, Little Waldingfield – by the way; Chris and Kim are clearly concerned that, while their excellent establishment is often referred to, it is seldom named) who should walk in but Marilyn, landlady of Boxford's White Hart. Somehow I find it rather comforting when publicans visit rival houses that you frequent, rather like finding your doctor in the dentist's chair when you arrive for an appointment.

It would appear I had promised to mention the White Hart in an article, but no such acknowledgement had been discovered by Marilyn, despite, she said, reading the BRN from cover to cover several times. To be fair, I recall the occasion. It was Valentine's night and what were my wife and I doing on such a romantic evening? We were looking at potential cooking ranges, our own electric cooker having succumbed to senile dementia at the ripe old age of 35.

Enveloped by the examination of a working model of the chosen replacement, we decided to celebrate by taking wine at Marilyn's establishment. Then, one of those strange encounters occurred that fall into the category best entitled "What the hell are you doing here?" One of the BBC Radio 4 Today programme announcers walked in to the White Hart. She was staying with friends in Boxford. And I got her name right instantly. Mind you, we have worked together on and off for nearly 20 years. But meeting her in the Boxford White Hart?

At the time I conceived the idea of writing about unlikely and unexpected encounters. Plenty sprang to mind. Meeting the chairman of our village PCC in a small village in Andalucia. A fellow BBC Radio Suffolk contributor in an adjacent yacht berth Falmouth harbour. Rory McGrath in the bar at the Groucho Club (I know it doesn't sound unlikely, but you didn't hear the conversation). In the end I thought, who's going to write in to respond to such a topic? Perhaps now I'll find out.

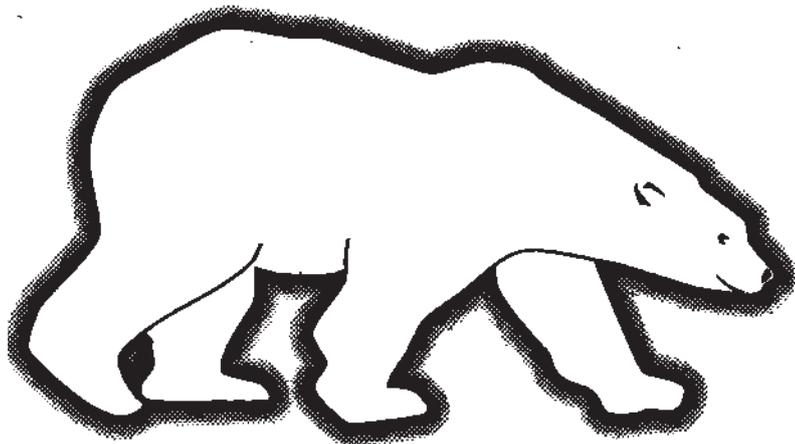
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### Boxford Over 60's Club

#### Dates for May

May 10th Local Speaker Village Hall 2.30pm

May 24th Speaker on Samaritans 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.

The next outing will be an afternoon at Doorwoods Hall Farm Shop on June 14th for a strawberry tea

Details: Please Ring Barbara Hamling on 01787 210936 or Masie Tricker 210045. As ever we welcome non-members to join us for a friendly and leisurely outing.

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### 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.

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## JUNIOR OPEN

### Superb Standard set at the Stoke Club Junior Open

The 19th Stoke by Nayland Junior Open took place on Wednesday 14th April with the enthusiastic participation 120 juniors from 33 golf clubs all over the Eastern Region. This year's championship has been one of the largest Junior Opens ever held at The Stoke by Nayland Club and is recognised as the most prestigious Junior event within East Anglia. It is a tough 36-hole competition and competitor ages ranged from 8 to 18 of which an impressive 60% were single figure handicaps.

The Best Gross Aggregate for the boys was Dale Whitnell of Forrester Park with 144, and Best Gross Aggregate for the girls was Rachel Graves of Colchester with 162.

Several of The Stoke by Nayland Club's own junior members participated and played extremely well, notably the Brace brothers, with Scott winning the Under 16's and Liam winning the Under 14's and Day, Adams and O'Dwyer-Heath won the best Team Nett with a score of 279. Also Josh Day and Michael Swan came 2nd (137) and 3rd (140) respectively for best boys nett scores.

The juniors enjoyed unusually hot spring weather and recorded excellent scores that reflected not only their playing ability but also the superb condition of both courses for this time of the year. The Championship standard Gainsborough and Constable courses had been specially prepared for the event by Kevin King, Head Green Keeper, and his team.

Added excitement was provided by the arrival of SGR radio which gave some live coverage of the event during the afternoon using their 'black thunder' broadcast unit.

The day concluded with evening dinner and prize presentation at 8pm.

The event was successful in every way, due largely to the outstanding support provided by the members and friends of The Stoke by Nayland Club. Over 40 helpers were involved in some way, many giving up their whole day to assist with starting duties, manning refreshment points, ball spotting, photography, transportation for late arrivals, traffic control and much more.

The proceeds from the Open will be used to develop the golfing skills of the Stoke by Nayland Juniors whose members continue to excel at both Club, County and National levels.

The main sponsors for this year's event were HALUCO and CLEVELAND GOLF

## "BBC Look East"

### A BBC Look East team to play in Stoke Pro Am on 27th June

Things are hotting up for the Stoke by Nayland Club PGA Europro Tour event this summer.

The BBC have now submitted a team to play in the Pro Am competition on Sunday 27th June preceding the 3 day Championship.

This will include BBC "Look East" Sports Presenter, Ian Winter, Weather Man, Ivor Moores and Senior Reporter, Alex Dunlop. News Presenter, Susie Fowler-Watt, who is married to Alex Dunlop, will also come along on the day and attend the prize-winning Gala Dinner in the Devora Suite with the team.

World Snooker champion Steve Davis will also be playing, together with various other celebrities who will be announced at a later date.

There are a limited number of spaces left for Pro Am Teams and golfers interested in participating should contact Peter Barfield on 01206 265815 or Tamara Unwin on 01206 265809 or email

peter.barfield@btconnect.com as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The cost per team of 3 is £295 (there is a reduced rate for members of Stoke by Nayland) to include the fee for the International Professional in the team, refreshments before the game, Pimms and Jazz Band on the terrace after the match and 3 places at the Gala Dinner in the evening. Maximum handicap required to play is 24.

Susie Fowler-Watt with 'Look East' co-presenter Stewart White. Susie will be at the Pro Am event reported above



### BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

#### April Draw Results

|                               |       |     |            |              |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----|------------|--------------|
| 1st                           | No 5  | £40 | J Sibley   | Wivenhoe     |
| 2nd                           | No 66 | £20 | E Kench    | Stone Street |
| 3rd                           | No 49 | £10 | Mr Mares   | Groton       |
| 4th                           | No 79 | £5  | Zoe Wilson | Colchester   |
| Next Draw May 4th at 7o'clock |       |     |            |              |

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## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

**MAY 2004**

|  |      |  |                          |
|--|------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 2 May, Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> |      |  |                          |
| New  | 0930 | <i>United Benefice Service – Holy Communion CW</i> | The Revd. David Matthews |

**Tuesday 4 May**  
 Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

|                        |      |                 |                          |
|------------------------|------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday 5 May</b> |      |                 |                          |
| Box/MH                 | 1030 | Holy Communion  | The Revd. David Matthews |
| LtW                    | 1900 | Home Communion* | Tim Harbord              |

|   |      |                       |                          |
|---|------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 9 May, Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> |      |                       |                          |
| Edw   | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP    | The Revd. David Matthews |
| LtW   | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP*   | Antony Dodd              |
| Gro   | 0930 | Family Communion BCP  | The Revd. David Matthews |
| New   | 0930 | Christian Aid Service | Linda Curtis             |
| Box   | 1100 | Morning Prayer        | Graham Brook             |

**Tuesday 11 May**  
 Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

|                         |      |                 |             |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>Wednesday 12 May</b> |      |                 |             |
| Box/MH                  | 1030 | Holy Communion* | Antony Dodd |

|  |      |                                 |                 |
|--|------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Sunday 16 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> |      |                                 |                 |
| Gro  | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP*             | Pauline Lamming |
| Edw  | 1100 | Matins                          | Peter Webster   |
| Box  | 1100 | Christian Aid Service           | Graham Brook    |
| LtW  |      | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |                 |
| New  |      | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |                 |

**Tuesday 18 May**  
 Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

|                         |      |                 |             |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>Wednesday 19 May</b> |      |                 |             |
| Box/MH                  | 1030 | Holy Communion* | Diana Stock |
| LtW                     | 1900 | Compline        | Tim Harbord |

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|--|------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday 23 May, Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> |      |                                 |  |
| New  | 0930 | Morning Prayer                  | Diana Stock & Joan Green               |
| Box  | 1100 | Matins                          | Christopher Kingsbury/<br>Graham Brook |
| LtW  | 1100 | Family Communion*               | Tim Harbord                            |
| Box  | 1830 | Choral Evensong                 | Christopher Kingsbury                  |
| Edw  |      | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |  |
| Gro  |      | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |  |

**Tuesday 25 May**  
 Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

|                         |      |                |                          |
|-------------------------|------|----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday 26 May</b> |      |                |                          |
| Box/MH                  | 1030 | Holy Communion | The Revd. David Matthews |

|   |      |                   |                          |
|---|------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 30 May, Pentecost – Whit Sunday</b> |      |                   |                          |
| LtW   | 0800 | Holy Communion    | The Revd. Brian Watling  |
| Edw   | 0930 | Family Communion* | Antony Dodd              |
| Gro   | 0930 | Family Service    | Pauline Lamming          |
| New   | 0930 | Holy Communion CW | The Revd. David Matthews |
| Box   | 1100 | Holy Communion CW | The Revd. David Matthews |

**JUNE 2004**

|                                      |      |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday 6 June, Trinity Sunday</b> |      |                                      |  |
| Box                                  | 0800 | Holy Communion CW                    | The Revd. David Matthews                     |
| Box                                  | 1030 | <i>D-Day United Benefice Service</i> | The Revds. David Matthews &<br>Brian Watling |

\* *Public Worship with Communion by Extension*  
 Baxford/MH: Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Baxford

# Parish Council Matters

## Police Report

### Information from Sector Commander

This is the final report of the year and I am sure that Parishes will have had local statistics covering the year as a whole. For the entire Hadleigh Police Sector I am able to report we completed the year with an 8 1/2 % reduction as compared with the previous 12 months. Set against a Force increase of 6% I see this as a very good outcome for our local communities and it will be a challenge to build on this in the forthcoming year.

Whilst I don't wish to bombard you with statistics the main crimes reflect the following change:-

**Decrease** - vehicle crime....14%, arson...33%, criminal damage...13%, burglary dwelling.... 16%, burglary non-dwelling.... 16%, theft from shops ....26%, vehicle crime.....14%.

**Increase** - violent crime ....20%, vehicle tampering .... 43%.

The targets set for the sector have been achieved except for burglary dwelling which was missed by 11 burglaries and violent crime in a public place where our failure was marginal by 3 offences.

I am proud of what staff together with our communities have achieved with some considerable focus and look forward to continuing along the same lines and at the same time improving on some of the detail of customer care where I believe we can improve.

Our tactics as a Force include tackling persistent offenders, which is a proven option, but there is evidence that some of the town based offenders will look to rural areas to avoid detection in the towns where they are well known. These offenders will be targeted by rural officers from this sector as well but we also need our local communities to remain vigilant and to communicate the results of that vigilance to our Headquarters.

The Force continues to seek modernisation to speed up our many processes, which currently include scanning detainee's fingerprints on a networked system as opposed to using ink and paper forms. This provides instant verification and no longer will we need to send a police motor cyclist to New Scotland Yard with a set of prints to find out or prove who we have in custody in urgent cases.

Finally I am pleased to inform you that our detectives will be headed up by a dedicated supervisor for the sector within the near future provided under the increased staffing with the Suffolk First Initiative. Previously supervision has been shared with Sudbury Sector. We remain the safest county in England and as a sector within the County our position is very favourable.

*Lincoln Pratt*

Inspector, Hadleigh Sector Commander

## NOTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

held on 5 April 2004

**POLICE REPORT:** There had been criminal damage to cars in Swan Street and Daking Avenue and a burglary had taken place in Butchers Lane with goods being taken from an "office" vehicle. Improper use of a telecom system in Homefield had been detected. PC Warren commented that crime was slightly down on last month and within the Hadleigh sector, crime was 49% down on last year. He asked that parishioners continue to identify their property and goods as this enabled recovery of stolen items. Councillor Stacey (PS) asked whether the motorised "scooter" being used by a youth throughout Boxford was legal. He confirmed it was not. He informed the meeting that he would be present for our Annual Parish Meeting on the 26th.

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL:** Bryn Hurren reported that the noticeboard soon to be erected in the village to inform residents and visitors about walks in the area was ready. Residents for the local needs houses at Edwardstone had been allocated – all to local people - and the project at Boxford was

progressing satisfactorily. Babergh District Council (BDC) had received Beacon status for continuing to improve its work with supporting people. They were hoping to offer a DVD film facility within the area and were asking for interested parties to go along for training so that films could be shown locally. BH was going to attend and asked council whether any one was interested. It was thought more appropriate that the request be made of the Community Council and Cecil Hughes would bring this to their attention at their next meeting. PS commented that people were feeding the ducks in the village and attracting the rats as well as leaving litter behind. BH could offer no help in this matter.

**CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** Mrs Cooling (MC) had written to the surveyors acting for Crandon Construction in Cygney Court to confirm the council's approval to the adoption of the name "Tinker's Lane" on the small lane leading to their property. A letter of thanks had been received from the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service for our donation. MC informed the meeting that a long outstanding claim on a footpath running from Wicker Street Green to Bower House Tye had finally been resolved – a path in Polstead and Kersey parishes, but frequently used by Boxford residents. She had written to the two parishes confirming our pleasure. She had completed a Planning questionnaire to help the department at BDC improve their electronic services. A guide to road safety had been produced by Suffolk County Council and was available for people to read. The Nationwide building society were sponsoring a national award for voluntary endeavour for people or groups who gave outstanding service in voluntary and community work. (A notice would be put up in the village.) She once again brought to the attention of the council, notice of the Village of the Year Award for 2004 and BH also urged our involvement – it was agreed that it would be more appropriate to approach the Community Council. A note had been received from Keith Bridges of SCC to confirm that provisional proposals concerning Swan Street traffic were imminent. The Clerk had

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## Boxford Clubs & Organisations

|                                    |                               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1st Boxford Beaver Scouts          | Diana Taylor 210239           |
| 1st Boxford Brownies               | Moira Grant 211513            |
| 1st Boxford Cub Scouts             | Mark Miller 211596            |
| 1st Boxford Guides                 | Lil Benton 210809             |
| 1st Boxford Rainbows               | Janice MacMillan 210595       |
| 1st Boxford Scout Group            | Richard Gates 210432          |
| 1st Boxford Explorer Scouts        | Richard Robinson 211114       |
| 3 Parishes Response                | Vic Rice 210504               |
| Allotments                         |                               |
| Bellringers                        | Richard Gates 210432          |
| Boxford Art Group                  | Philip Ingram 210771          |
| Boxford Babysitting Circle         | Susanne Excell 210572         |
| Boxford Bible Study Group          | 211077                        |
| Boxford Bingo Club                 | Les Gunn 210994               |
| Boxford Bowls Club                 | Les Clark 210698              |
| Boxford Bounty                     | Mark Miller 211596            |
| Boxford Carpet Bowls               | Jean Saunders 210725          |
| Boxford Community Council          | Peter Hibben 210819           |
| Boxford Conservative Assoc         | Patrick Galvin 211897         |
| Boxford Drama Group                | Margaret Clapp 210186         |
| Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop       | David Mayhew 248585           |
| Boxford Gardens Open               | Barrie Thorpe 211346          |
| Boxford Netball Club               | Elaine Powling 211243         |
| Boxford Over 60s Club              | Nell Suckling 210250          |
| Boxford Playing Fields             | Richard Gates 210432          |
| Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion    |                               |
| Boxford Recorder                   | Philip Rich 210605            |
| Boxford Rovers Football Club       | Roger Cunningham 211592       |
| Boxford School                     | Bob Giles 210332              |
| Boxford Society                    | Philip Rich 210605            |
| Boxford Spinney                    | Sonja Lane 211214             |
| Boxford Sunflower Playgroup        | Moira Grant 211513            |
| Boxford Sew & Sews                 | Paula Stacey 211488           |
| Boxford Study Centre               | Bob Martin 210837             |
| Boxford Tennis Club                | Diana Hawk 211403             |
| Boxford to Boxford MA IV           | Eddie Kench 211507            |
| Boxford United Charities           | Dr J. Debenham 210540         |
| Boxford Village Hall               | David Phillips 210106         |
| Boxford Walks                      | Ian Lindsley 210520           |
| Boxford Youth Club                 | John Broughton 377404         |
| Box River Club                     | Janet Daniels 210798          |
| Box River News                     | EddieKench 211507             |
| Carers Support Group               | Phillip Ingram 210771         |
| CE Vol Con School & Nursery Unit   | Bob Giles 210332              |
| Community Police Officer           | Keith Warren                  |
| County Councillor                  | Jeremy Pembroke               |
| District Councillor                | Bryn Hurren 01473 822737      |
| Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club | Adrian Gooderham 01787 211805 |
| Fleece Jazz Club                   | David Gasson 210796           |
| Friends of Boxford School          | Phillip Taylor 211265         |
| Mary's House                       | 210026                        |
| Mill Surgery                       | 210558                        |
| Mother and Toddler Group           | Moira Grant 211513            |
| Over 40's Exercise Class           | Sue Beven 210021              |
| Parish Council                     | Maureen Cooling 211822        |
| Parochial Church Council           | Cynthia Wanniarachy 211182    |
| Poppy Appeal                       | E Fletcher                    |
| Primrose Wood                      | Ian Lindsley 210520           |
| SESAW                              | Maggie 210888                 |
| Toddlers at Boxford                | Dawn Kurtz                    |

## Newton Clubs & Organisations

|                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mothers & Toddlers                | Siobhan Harris 311028       |
| News, Views & Coffee              | Alex Stevens 374093         |
| Newtoneers                        | Linda Cutts 370242          |
| Newton Fireside Club              | Molly Watson 373353         |
| Newton Golf Club                  | 377217                      |
| Newton Green Trust                | Dave Crimmin 375093         |
| Newton Keep Fit Club              | Linda Buckledee 210772      |
| Newton Mothers and Toddlers       | Lisa Devlin 374182          |
| Newton News Views & Coffee        | Nancy Harris 374626         |
| Newton Village Hall               | Alan Vince 373963           |
| Newton Village Hall Theatre Group | Janet Weavers 377652        |
| PCC                               | Rosemary Otto 370977        |
| Police Liason Officer             | PC Ruth Horton 01284 774307 |
| Surgeries                         | Boxford Mill 210558         |
|                                   | Meadow Lane 310000          |
|                                   | Hardwicke House 370011      |
|                                   | Siam 370444                 |
|                                   | Alan Vince 373963           |
|                                   | Tina Boyes 375423           |
| Whist Drives                      |                             |
| Willow Montessori Nursery         |                             |

## Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Edwardstone Parish Hall      | Fiona Raymond 210461     |
| Edwardstone United Charities | Les Clark (Clerk) 210698 |
| Edwardstone and Boxford CC   | Sally Gooderham 231327   |

## Groton Clubs & Organisations

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Groton Educational Foundation | Anthea Scriven 01787 210263 |
| Groton Parish Council         | Martin Wood 210181          |
| Groton United Charities       | Martin Wood 210181          |
| Groton WI                     | Joan Cooper                 |

## Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club                        | Alison Carse 247585        |
| Gt Waldingfield WI                                    | Linda Lutz 378888          |
| Ltl Waldingfield Parish Council                       | Camilla Heptinstall 247804 |
| Lt Waldingfield Parish Room                           | Sue Mitchell 247173        |
| Little Waldingfield Playingfield Committee (Chairman) | 248021                     |

## BOXFORD BOUNTY DRAW RESULTS March April 2004

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank Members of "RockIT" for drawing the following winners during the Boxford Rovers Football Club Dance held at Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 10th April 2004:

|           |      |                          |
|-----------|------|--------------------------|
| 1st Prize | £160 | Mrs J Watt Swan Street   |
| 2nd Prize | £ 75 | Mrs D French Edwardstone |
| 3rd Prize | £ 30 | Mrs R Keal Daking Avenue |
| 4th Prize | £ 15 | Dr Glasson Edwardstone   |

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## **GOOD news for Groton's roads at the March meeting of Groton Parish Council.**

County councillor Jeremy Pembroke advised the meeting that urgent work on the Fox and Hounds corner was now under way on an area which required complete re-piping. Repairs to Spout Hill, a road surface black spot, would begin as soon as Babergh completed necessary clearing work and that ongoing work on potholes had seen significant improvements around the Castlings Heath area. Improved safety for Groton children using school buses would be enhanced by the provision of a hard standing area for the bus at the Park Corner junction. It was estimated that the work would cost around £1,000 and Mr Pembroke was prepared to offer £750 of that from his councillor's local project allowance.

Bryn Hurren, Babergh councillor^ reported local low-cost housing projects were now well in hand. Work in Edwardstone was almost complete and work on infrastructure for the houses being built in Groton had already started at the Homefield site. There would be potential traffic problems initially and contractors would be reminded of the importance of maintaining footpath access along the side of the site. Work was expected to take around ten months. Allocation of the houses would be announced nearer completion and Babergh would confer with Groton council on the selection of a suitable address, preferably with parish connections.

The council discussed the distribution of funds to local charities and good causes. It was agreed to contribute £250 to Groton Women's Institute, £150 to 3PR, £200 to Groton Parochial Church Council, £100 to Suffolk Air Ambulance, £100 to Citizens' Advice Bureau and £50 to Suffolk Accident Rescue.

The council also considered the maintenance and upkeep of the WI Hall which is, in effect, the village's only public meeting place. It was agreed to take advice, have further consultation with the WI and to consider the matter at later council meetings.

The next council meeting will be on May 20, at the WI Hall at 2pm, followed by the annual parish meeting at 7.30pm.



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# Boxford School News



*Above: The Boxford School 'Swimathon team' (see April BRN) Left to Right, Back row Amy Lane, Callum Craig, Joshua Bryant, Front row, Joshua Short and Dominic Holton.*

Please accept my full apologies for the somewhat negative tone of this news but I feel very angry and frustrated by the current approach to education by this Government. It seems to me to be that nobody is listening.

The Easter holidays have arrived, OFSTED has been and gone and I revert to a strange sense of normality with a tinge of relief and anger. Relief that the whole OFSTED process has been and gone and anger that in order to satisfy a Government hunger for 'name and shame' and statistics, that an excellent and extremely dedicated staff have been put through what was possibly three of the most traumatic days that any school can go through. The OFSTED process was very intense with four inspectors spending three days in only six classes observing teachers, monitoring children and giving scores out of five for every lesson! Whilst we are not able to release the results until the report has been through a lengthy and expensive process of drafting, re-drafting, proof reading and then redrafting again we are expecting an outstanding report. It will, I am sure, be the report that all involved with Boxford School richly deserve. My sincere thanks to the whole school staff for the incredible effort, patience and good humour that they approached the whole ordeal with. In due course any interested party can read the full report on the Internet or through our own website and in the Box River News.

Imagine my excitement when only hours after the Chancellors last budget speech several parents and friends contacted me to say that the 'average' primary school in England was about to receive a cash handout of £55,000 next year. This was confirmed when I arrived home and read the chancellors speech on Teletext. This would mean an end to the last two years of scrimping and saving to ensure that we continued to provide the highest possible education for our children. This would enable us to ensure that our outstanding facilities for ICT could be maintained and indeed enhanced. This would mean yet more learning support assistants to ensure that our children receive even more support during their studies. There was a common feeling of excitement and relief that next year the 'dark ages' of educational funding were coming to an end across all schools and a genuine feel of optimism for the future. Then came the blow, an email direct from the Dfes to say that this was not new money but money that we have already been given in previous years in the form of capital and standards grants. There is to be no increase in direct grants at all! Despite the rhetoric from the Government on education spending it would appear that next years settlement for schools in rural areas is likely to be no better than the previous two years and we will

continue to struggle to balance our budgets. I like many Head teachers across the country feel let, down angry, and quite frankly depressed, about the whole situation. We, as OFSTED are likely to confirm, provide an outstanding public service and are thanked for this by cuts in our budgets which in the long term will lead to only one thing, less teachers and larger class sizes! Perhaps Mr Blair should be saying CUTS, CUTS, CUTS not Education, Education, Education.

The FOBS Quiz Night was a huge success. My thanks to Stephanie and Ian Atkins for organising a very enjoyable evening.

We are, once again, collecting the Tesco Computers for Schools vouchers and would be grateful for any donations. Thankyou.

On a brighter note when we come back to school after Easter we can look forward to what is probably the most enjoyable of terms with a rich variety of special events and educational visits. With the official release of the OFSTED report and all of the exciting events I hope that this column will be full of positive and enjoyable news. I look forward to writing it.

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Jo, assisted by her husband Simon, sends weekly lesson plans to children all over the UK. Jo assesses the children first to make sure they start a programme at the right level. She works with 7 to 11 year olds, and they all do well, getting into top sets and often to grammar or public school. She keeps in touch by email and meets up with all her children and parents once or twice a year.

The parents come from many backgrounds; some are professional people, others single parents. They are all busy, but they all value education and want their children to reach their potential. Moreover they want to get actively involved and are committed enough to find the time. A child, working alongside an attentive parent for half an hour each weekday evening, can go from average to excellent within a year, and when this happens children's attitudes change.

"As they do better at school, they become happier, more confident and more motivated, and so it goes on," says Jo. "This is the 'success cycle' and the self-esteem it creates in children is the most satisfying aspect of my work."

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## Parish Council Matters

been copied an e-mail from Jeremy Pembroke on the difficulties being experienced concerning the street lights in Ash Street. Apparently it was not clear who had responsibility for maintaining the time switches on the lights and the matter would take some time to resolve.

In connection with the splendid work done by Mr Vic Rice on the walks in Boxford, a leaflet had been put together and was now printed – this was passed round the council. As soon as it was decided where to put the noticeboard, the leaflet would be displayed as well as be available at certain points around the village. As indicated by BH above, she had received notice of a project offering a rural digital cinema network in Suffolk from BDC and 2 – 3 people would be needed in each community to receive training to handle the equipment. The first training session would be held at Kesgrave on 17 April with further sessions in May and June. A letter from the Environment Agency had been received detailing one of the key findings of a government review of Flood and Coastal Defence: it was proposed that all those watercourses which posed the greatest risk of flooding to people and property would come under the jurisdiction of the EA and these watercourses would be designated as "Main River". The watercourse in our area to come under this proposal was Fen Street Brook. The council requested the clerk to write to the EA to ask them to include Holbrook which runs between Fen Street, the Spinney and Cox Hill.

A response from the headteacher at Boxford Primary School had indicated that Boxford was already well represented and so declined the offer made by one of our councillors to be considered as a Community Governor for the school. On the subject of the War Memorial, the Conservation Officer at the Friends of War Memorials had written to the clerk saying they would gladly consider some funding towards the cleaning of the plinth and asked for a further quotation. They would not at this stage consider help towards the re-engraving as they did not think it necessary.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL:** Mr Jeremy Pembroke (JP) repeated the latest situation regarding the traffic problems in Swan Street and the Ash Street lights as already reported by the clerk. Work by a contractor to improve the sight lines and remove overhanging branches on the Boxford bypass had been carried out and he hoped that residents would take great care when using these stretches of verge. The proposals for a university were being considered and it was thought the old SCC site could be used. Such an institution would increase the wellbeing of the county and provide a local choice for young people who did not wish to travel away from home. He reported that the new SCC building should be much more economical to run and had been completed to budget - £16.25millions.

**BELL HOUSE:** Councillor Richard Gates had requested that the council consider the range of questions raised in his recent memo. After some discussion, it was thought that possibly the building could be used for other purposes – a library and possibly a film venue were suggested. A disabled access had been budgeted for next year and a toilet would need to be considered.

**REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:** The chairman had been in touch with SALC in connection with funding to build a car park and Mary Mitson Wood had indicated that it would not be a priority so it did not look hopeful. He made the comment that he had seen the graveyard at Elmswell and thought it looked very pleasant, bearing only headstones with no other paraphernalia around so that the grounds could be maintained easily. RG had read the consultation document from the Standards Board on the subject of misconduct allegations and reported that there were no comments to make to the Board. Councillor Veronica Hobbs (VH) queried whether a "deed" be sent to the family of the

deceased after a burial to confirm any "rights" to the land. The meeting confirmed this was not to be done: a burial plot was purchased only – they did not "own" the land. A site meeting of the working party had been held in the graveyard in response to the clerk's memo to council dated 1 March. A further meeting was to be held after Easter to finalise their initial thoughts on the subject and put forward a draft letter to be agreed by council. (The working party consisted of Messrs Fraser, Hobbs, Impett and Stacey.)

**RISK ASSESSMENT:** KP put forward a memo on the subject outlining the risks for each of the designated areas with which the Parish Council was involved. All the risks addressed were considered "low" status.

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Leader Jonquil Mieville.

## Wormingford Walks

**Sunday 16th May.** Walk with Trevor and Ellen the footpaths of this beautiful area of the Stour Valley. A gentle walk lasting two hours starting from the Wormingford Village Hall car park at 2pm

Leaders Trevor and Ellen Nicholas.

## Lavenham Rambling Club

**Sunday 9th May.** Goldingham Hall and Belchamp Walter. Meet at Bulmer Church Meadow (GR TL 844401)

Leader Derek 01787 371068

**Sunday 23 May.** Groton. Meet Edwardstone Hall (GR TL 943422)

Leader Victor 01449 740680

**Sunday 6th June.** Circular walk to Stoke by Nayland. Meet Leavenheath Village Hall car park off Wrights Way (GR TL 948364)

Leader Jill 01206 263751

All these walks start at 2pm and last for about two hours.

For general enquiries phone Graham 01787 248128

## Ramblers Association Walks

**Sunday 16th May.** Assington - Bures Green.

Meet at Arger Fen car park (GR TL 930354) to make a 10am start. This is a scenic walk through woods, undulating fields and along quiet country lanes.

No pub stop so please bring a picnic lunch. 10 miles.

Leaders Ann and Rowan 01255 432027

**Tuesday 1st June.** Circular walk. Meet Foxearth in the lane off the B1064 near the church (GR TL 834446) to make a 10am start. No pub stop so bring a picnic lunch and plenty to drink. 11 miles.

Leader Janet, 01787 227929

**Sunday 6th June.** Thorington Mill.

Meet at Thorington Mill for a 10am start (GR TM 083194) for a circular walk of about 10 miles finishing with a guided tour of the Mill - lasts approx 30 mins. Refreshments provided at the Mill. Please park neatly.

Leader Mike 01206 308761.

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| Church       | 50% |
| Village Hall | 40% |
| Newtoneers   | 10% |

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

### EDWARDSTONE GARDENS OPEN:

Our 2nd year. Gardens Open on Sunday 13 June from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Light lunches and teas available with various plants for sale. Adults £2.50 to all gardens. In aid of Edwardstone Church and Village Hall. *Daphne Clark* 01787 210698

### 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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Any enquiries please ring *Les Clark* on 01787 210698.

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