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COMMUNITY CAR PARK. SHELVED

Boxford Parish Council decide not to proceed with the project on financial grounds

After some years of producing a plan for the proposed Community Car Park, arranging for the scheme to be accepted into the Babergh District Council's Plan, Plus site meetings to discuss the initial plans and having produced a survey demonstrating public support, it was decided not to proceed with the project on financial grounds,

Boxford Parish Council made the decision following enquiries of the local authorities, Suffolk Acre, and Suffolk Association of Local Councils, as to the probability of funding such a scheme. The Parish Council was advised that no funds were available from the authorities. Also those applications for lottery monies were unlikely to succeed due to the low priority they placed on schemes such as car parks and it might be considered a matter for the local authorities to provide such an amenity. It was made clear that whilst the survey showed 71% of those residents who completed the questionnaire as being in favour of a car park, the fact that 86% did not want to contribute to the cost this would convey the wrong message to any funding organisation.

The Council have agreed to review the matter from time to time to establish if the funding opportunities have improved or were a scheme to be considered in the future, for other village amenities for which a car park could be included, thereby improving the chances of providing such a facility.

Boxford Parish Council appreciates that this decision will be of considerable disappointment to many residents and regular visitors to the village but unfortunately the Council has to accept the reality of the current financial situation regarding the funding of a high cost project.

David House Chairman, Boxford Parish Council

THE THREE PARISHES RESPONSE TEAM

Our First Responders attended their 100th 999 call for assistance in mid June. All the responders have recently been re-assessed as required by law and passed with flying colours

Their AGM was held in February, followed by a demonstration on "How to save life" and a talk by Bill Horne in his reasons for becoming a responder. Public attendance was disappointing but three people did show interest in joining and two started training in May.

Talks and demonstrations have recently been given to the Scouts and Boxford School and if any other group or society is interested they will be pleased to do the same.

We Welcome a new member, Tina Loose who recently completed her training at Hadleigh. Unfortunately Due to illness and relocation due to employment changes, we have recently lost several members and are now down to 14 responders and it is increasingly difficult to cover all shifts. We urgently need more volunteers. Why not join the training programme? You will learn useful skills and help the community. Contact Vic Rice on 210504 or Doreen French on 210183. *Doreen French*

STANSTED FLIGHT BLIGHT

Since the 18th of March 2004 there has been a huge increase in European Flights re-routed across our area, giving serious cause for concern.

The facts are that this has resulted in the locality being blighted by:

- 160 Flights per day currently
- Rising to 108 flights per day, under government proposals to lift the cap on flights from Stansted.
- Substantial increase in noise and air pollution
- * The imminent construction of a second Stansted runway which has already received consent.

There will, be a public meeting in the function room of The Boxford Fleece on June 15th at 8,00pm when all the information submitted will be available for debate.

From discussions with NATS (National Air Traffic Services) and DAP (Directorate of Airspace Policy), and our MP, Tim Yeo, it is clear that the best plan of action at the moment is to write to Tim Yeo and DAP if you feel at all concerned about this issue the addresses are as follows:-

Mr Benoist - Manager, En Route Airspace,
Directorate of Airspace Policy,
CAA House,
45/49 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE
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7, Queen Street
Hadeigh
Or House of Commons, London.SW1A 0AA
Telephone: 01473 823435
e.mail timyeomp@parliament.uk

If you care about the future of this area of Suffolk please be at the meeting. For further information telephone Helen and Adrian Garwood on 01787 211118

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THE WINTHROPS COME TO TOWN



Groton parishioners were pleased to welcome John and Libby Winthrop of Charleston, South Carolina, on a brief visit to Groton in April.

Three hundred and seventy-four years [almost to the day] after the departure of Governor John Winthrop for the Massachusetts Bay in 1630, John and his wife Libby, came to Groton where they have become popular visitors and valued members of the community over the past decade.

They attended a United Benefice Service at Groton church where long-dead Winthrops were baptised, married and buried. It was appropriate that Churchwarden Barbara Riddleston presented Libby with a poesy replicating that which she had made years before when John & Libby's marriage had been blessed at Groton.

The service was followed by a reception at Groton House attended by the visiting guests of honour and by our Rector David Matthews, and his wife Joan and 35 parishioners. Replying to a welcome from David Matthews, John remembered the first occasion that he had read a lesson at Groton church as a trembling-kneed schoolboy some fifty years before. He cherished his relationship with Groton and its people and valued his connection with his origins. He also spoke thoughtfully about relations between our two countries and the mutuality of actions in Iraq, which he lamented as a failure of alliance foreign policy. Serious business out of the way everyone enjoyed the lunch which followed prepared by parishioners to which John and Libby had generously contributed.

The custom of return visits to Groton by the Winthrop family goes back to the time of our own Civil War when two Winthrops served in the Cromwell's New Model Army. In 1728, another John Winthrop visited Groton and Boxford and after church visited the Fleece for a pint. Robert Winthrop, Speaker of the US Senate in the 1850's began the family tradition of generous donation toward the care of Groton Church which continues to this day with the Adam Winthrop Fund, administered by a charitable foundation in New York. *Martin Wood*

Jazz at the Fleece Boxford Suffolk

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 Victoria has just completed her

new CD 'The Song is You' released on the MCPS label. Her band includes Simon Colam (piano), Dominic Ashworth (guitar), Steve Rose (bass) and Mike Bradley (drums).

Friday, 18 June, 8.30 Ticket £10
David Newton and Mick Hanson

Two of our favourite musicians, David Newton (piano) and Mick Hanson (guitar), return to the Fleece for an evening of breathtaking technical ability, melody, harmony, rhythmic sophistication and supreme entertainment - enough said.

Friday, 25 June, 8.30 Ticket £12
Gilad Atzmon and the Orient House Ensemble

Gilad's charismatic show will yet again contrast wonderful musicianship with his unique brand of humour to guarantee a hugely entertaining night. From new takes on jazz standards to highly melodic Middle Eastern inflected jazz originals, Gilad has carved out a powerful reputation as one of the UK's most important musicians and composers. Based around his hugely talented rhythm section, the Orient House Ensemble provides Gilad with a brilliant palette of sounds to draw on in order to create his most exciting music yet. With Tim Laphorne (piano), Romano Viazzanii (accordion), Ovidiu Fratila (violin), Yaron Stavi (bass) and Asaf Sirkis (drums).

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

The London Marathon

Congratulations Ben Jervis

Congratulations to Ben Jervis of Tiny Went Cottages, Edwardstone, who ran the London Marathon for McMillan Cancer Relief in memory of his grandfather, Phillip Kingsbury, who died of cancer last August. The family were so grateful for the wonderful help they received from their 'McMillan at Home' scheme. He is hoping that he will have raised in the region of £3000.

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

The AGM was held on 11th May. Present were 6 trustees and 1 member of the "public".

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed. The chairman reported on an excellent year which had been both enjoyable and financially rewarding. He thanked the trustees who had worked so hard to achieve this and those villagers who had given their help, so willingly. There have also been some generous donations to help swell our funds. .

The Treasurer presented his accounts, which made excellent reading.

The officers were re-elected for a further year.

The Silver Trowel printing is in hand and everyone who contributed will get a monochrome replica of the illuminated scroll. Some dates for your diary. There will be another Walking Treasure Hunt on 17th July and our famous Photo Quiz on 18th September. Both by popular demand. 16th October will be a Fun Evening. All will be revealed a little later.

We are on the verge of securing a grant, not from Babergh, and hope that this will be confirmed by the time this issue is delivered. If all goes well we should see Phase I of the refurbishment completed this Summer

Little Waldingfield Charities

The AGM was held on 7th May at 6 Wade Crescent. Present were the three trustees, Peggy Pell and Sue Mitchell.

After a brief meeting to approve the accounts, a bouquet was presented to Peggy on her retirement as secretary after 33 years, together with a card signed by those present. She has now handed the mantel to Sue Mitchell.

When Peggy took on the secretaryship, she agreed, "To help temporarily until a new person was found".

Many thanks, Peggy, for doing such a grand job on a temporary basis.

We would like to remind you that the Fund is available for the residents of Little Waldingfield in times of hardship.

Suffolk Connections

Suffolk Connections will be running a series of training sessions for voluntary and community groups who want advice and information about developing projects for young people and developing funding strategies to sustain their projects. These training days are free of charge and lunch will be included. For further details contact Peter Hibben on 210819.

K & S Cup

The K & S cup will be presented at the Playing Fields Sports and Fun Day on 12th June.

The K & S cup was presented to the village by two families following an incident and bereavement from both, the cup being awarded to a member of the youth of the village for outstanding achievement or work for the village and community. The Community Council call for nominations and decide if there are more than one submissions. We have been asking for nominations since Christmas but non have come forward as yet. The current holder is Chris Southgate.

Following on from that I am still asking for nominations for a member of the youth but with the families permission we can extend it to an adult who has made an outstanding contribution while working with the youth.

If you have any names in mind could you please write to me, E-mail or telephone with the name and reasons for the nomination. Peter Hibben, 7 Marsh Road, Boxford, CO105HT
tel 01787 210819 E mail: pm.hibben@btopenworld.com

HELP!

Suffolk, Essex Small Animal Welfare (S.E.S.A.W) are looking for people to help out at their fundraising events. We are a friendly bunch who enjoy raising money for our animals. We have lots of events organised for this year so if you have a love for animals and an hour or two to spare occasionally then we need you! please contact Rosie Emery, 27 Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, CO6 4RG or telephone Sesaw on 01787 210888. Please note, our June 12th event at the Guildhall, Hadleigh is cancelled

1st BOXFORD SCOUTS

The Boxford Scouts Annual General Meeting was held in the Spinney hut on Friday the 7th May.

The reports from each of the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections was generally favourable and the treasurer told the meeting that the financial state of the group was quite healthy.

The cubs had done a lot of work preparing food for the meeting so it was disappointing that there was only one parent present who was not already connected to the committee, however their input was very constructive. The various leaders in the group really value the support of parents and the time they can give, although it was pointed out that some parents are reluctant to offer assistance for fear that they might be interfering with the running of which ever section their boy is in. This is far from true and it is hoped that in future more parents will become involved in the activities of the group for the benefit of boys who are in the movement.

Boxford Playingfields

SUMMER SPORTS & FUNDAY

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Summer Song & Supper

St Mary's Church, Boxford Saturday 19th June at 6.30pm

On Saturday June 19th at 6.30pm in Boxford Church, Hadleigh Choral Society, conducted by Christopher Phelps and accompanied by John Cooper, will perform a varied programme of sacred and secular music, including a Hayden Te Deum, Handel Coronation Anthems, opera choruses and a selection from Gershwin's "Crazy For You".

Tickets, at £10 for concert and supper and £5 for concert only, are available from Boxford News, or from Jean Newble on 01473 827718.

Hurry! - supper tickets are limited!

All proceeds to St Mary's Church.

PLAYINGFIELDS SPORTS AND FUN DAY

Don't forget - Don't forget - Don't forget

The Playingfields Sports and Fun Day is Saturday 12th June. The football begins at 10.30 and the stalls and other attractions will be open from 12.00 onwards.

Prizes - Prizes - Prizes This year there will be a sporting challenge competition open to all comers and there will be prizes for the winners in the different categories.

There will be a number of different challenges and each entrant will collect a card from a central registration point and once signed in the contestant can attempt each challenge at any time during the afternoon. On completing all the challenges the contestant will return their card to registration for marking prior to prize giving.

So come along and demonstrate your sporting prowess and have a fun day while helping the PLAYINGFIELDS and the facilities it offers.

WANTED PLANTS

The plant stall for the Playingfields Sports and Fun Day would be pleased to hear from anyone who has spare plants they would be prepared to donate to the stall. In the first instance please ring 210432.

**Hadleigh
Choral
Society**

Summer Song & Supper



Hadleigh Choral Society
accompanied by John Cooper
conducted by
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St Mary's Church, Boxford
Saturday 19th June 2004
6.30 p.m.

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Create a scented corner of your garden near the house with plants such as Evening Primrose, Tobacco plant, Night scented stock, Mignonette and Pinks, all of which have delightful scents especially in the evening after a warm day. The result is even better if you have room to include a few sweet peas and a bush or two of Lavender and Rosemary.

Forget-me-nots and perennial Daisies lifted from the flower bed and planted in an odd corner will ripen their seed which will fall all around and give Pots of seedlings. These can be transplanted, giving good plants for an October Planting.

As the flowers of alpiners die down on the rock garden they should be cut back fairly hard including flowers, stems, leaves and all. This prevents straggling growth and encourages compact growth and the growth of new young shoots which can be used as cuttings. Kinds which can be treated this way are Aubrietia, Arabis, Cerastium, Helianthemums, Thymus and Candytuft. Some of the more vigorous species will need to be weeded out and drastically to prevent them overrunning their allotted space.

Gardeners always have to be thinking and planning a year ahead. Now is the time to sow seeds of hardy biennials to flower next spring, these include Wallflowers, Double Daisies, Sweet William, Canterbury Bells, Pansies, Primroses and Polyanthus.

Train indoor tomatoes correctly, preventing the overgrowth of side shoots. Allow plenty of ventilation to assist in the setting of fruits. Damping down of the plants at midday helps pollination. Keep the roots moist at all times but avoid over watering which can produce poor rooting conditions and even root rot.

Watch out for black fly on Broad beans which if unchecked can cause havoc to a crop. They start by attacking one or two plants in a row and if these are dusted with Derris powder or sprayed with liquid Derris the pest can be controlled.

The Turnip flea beetle is becoming more of a pest. These tiny beetles attack seedling turnips and also brassic seedlings, biting holes in the leaves and often destroying the whole crop. The beetle is most destructive in dry periods, treat with Derris powder or liquid as soon as the tiny holes are seen. A dressing of Nitrogen followed by good watering will keep the plants growing faster than the beetle can destroy them.

If watering becomes necessary it should be done with care. Do not water until you must, and then give the soil a thorough soaking. Avoid the little and often waterings which make plants dependent on such supplies.

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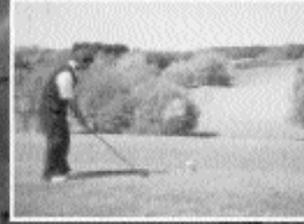
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June			
6	Boxford Gardens Open	St Mary's Church,	
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7	Car Boot Sale	Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust	Millennium Green 12-3pm
7	Boxford Over 60's Club	Meeting	Village Hall 2,30pm
9	Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club		Sandra Harbord 12-2pm
11/12	Boxford Drama Gp	East London Evening	Village Hall 7.30pm
11	Clive Paine Lecture	Boxford St Mary's	about Boxford Church TBA
12	Sports and Fun Day	Boxford Playing Fields	
13	Open Gardens	Edwardstone	
14	Boxford Over 60's Club	Dorwoods Hall Cream Teas	
19	Hadleigh Choral Society	Concert	Boxford St Mary's TBA
19/20	Bygone Collectors Ralley		Gt W Airfield
21	Boxford Over 60's Club	Meeting	Village Hall 2,30pm
23	Boxford Community Council	Senior Citizens Mystery Outing	White Hart 5.50pm
24	Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Felixstow	
25	Childrens Entertainment & Disco	Edwardstone millennium Green Trust	On the Green 6.00pm
26	Mid summer with the Beavers	Edwardstone millennium Green Trust	On the Green 8.00pm
26	Fete Coffee morning	Newton Fete	Village Hall 1 10.00am
27	Car Boot Sale	Edwardstone millennium Green Trust	On the Green 12.00pm
July			
3	Boxford Church Fete		Boxford Rectory Garden TBA
10	Beavers Dance	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Fields Committee	7.30pm
10	Newton Fete		Newton Green
17	Walking Treasure Hunt	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	TBA
24	Summer Ball	Sudbury Town Hall	9.30pm
August			
31	Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Holkham Hall	
September			
17	Gardeners Question Time	Edwardstone Parish Hall	TBA
18	Cheese & Wine/ Photo Quiz	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	7.30pm
22	Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Frinton on Sea	
October			
16	Fun Evening	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	7.30pm
27	Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Birthday Tea	
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A Suffolk Family Saga

In the autumn of 1959, our family moved into a house belonging to a school in what had been Kent, but became South East London with the change of boundary. Life was immediately very busy, with a much bigger house, change of schools, new routines, and a husband's profession that took up every minute of the day, and often meetings well into the night.

Life was extremely full, but after some time we realised that we ought to start looking for some property of our own, to which we could escape and where we could eventually live. And so the cottage hunt began. Our visits were necessarily brief, and after trying N., S. and W., we found our speediest escape route was through the Dartford Tunnel. We had already lived in Cambridge for some years previously, so when we discovered Suffolk we felt at home. After many fruitless visits we found a cottage we liked, small but with unspoilt views of open countryside, so bought it. We ignored the comments of family and friends - e.g. "Two of you, four children and an au pair girl, in two bedrooms"! - and in the next holiday moved what furniture we could spare from the house, and settled in.

One of the first things we noticed were the delightful names of our neighbours; the children thought it was Beatrix Potter country. Next door, over the field, were a family of Finches; Mr and Mrs Squirrel lived at the farm; Mrs Knott lived in Wood House; Mrs Sheldrake kept the kennels. Nearby other delights were discovered: Wood, Green, Gates, Gunn, Stiff, Hills, lots of Partridges, Woodward, and the vicar was Mr Bird (I hope they will not mind being mentioned). In fact, we bought our cottage from William Shakespeare, who lived next door with his sister, both of whom were a great joy.

We enjoyed exploring our immediate surroundings, on foot, bicycles or car, and then started going further afield. To someone like my husband, villages always meant Village Churches, so we became familiar with poppy-head pews, medieval pulpits and fonts, beautiful windows, Roman bricks in walls, having every Latin inscription translated, and, of course, Brasses. So a new hobby started.

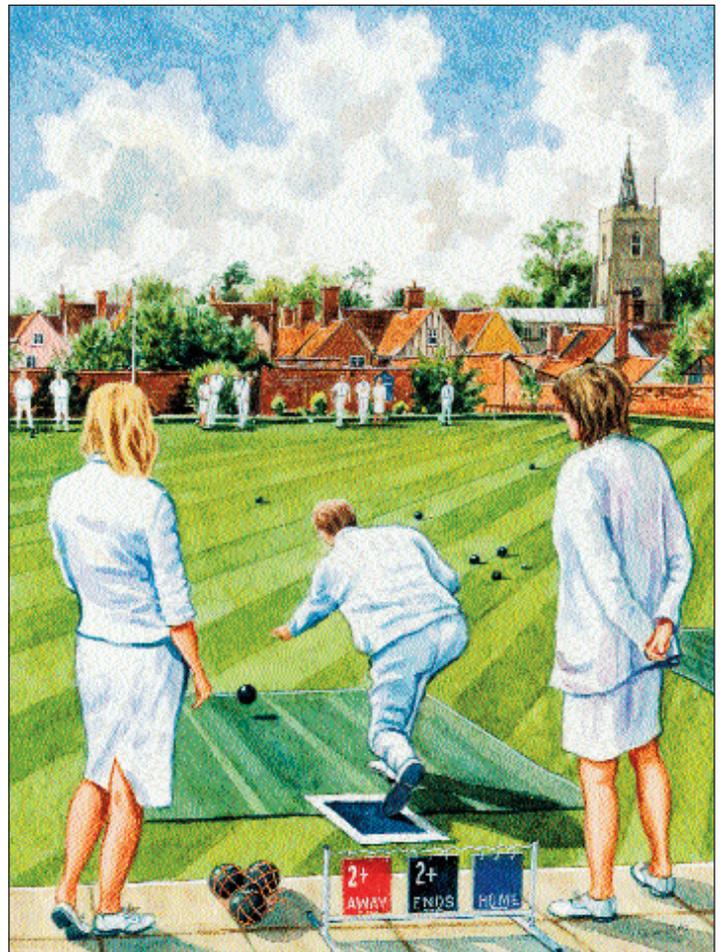
Brass rubbing has its own routine as you may know. First, read the instructions, then go to ask permission, and pay, and then dust your brass well, before you even begin to spread the correct paper and make a start. We all became quite expert, getting to know a very small couple in Waldingfield, who emigrated to New England where the name is well known; Anne Boleyn's family in Stoke by Nayland; wonderful head-dresses on the Clopton ladies in Long Melford; Elizabeth Brand in Edwardstone - who nursed twelve children "all with her own unborrowed milk" and the third oldest in the country, Sir Robert de Bures, in Acton, dated 1303..... and so on.

Sir Robert was in a class of his own, being at least six feet tall, and very precious to the two ladies who cared for him, whom we visited and who vetted us: "Had we done brass-rubbing before? Did the children behave? (One was 16!). There was to be no running around and no kneeling on the brass" etc. Having passed the test, we were allowed to proceed, but during the ensuing hours we became aware of a slight figure standing in the back of the church from time to time, silently making sure that all rules were being obeyed. Sir Robert, when completed, was too tall to hang in the cottage but was greatly admired in our higher-ceilinged house in London.

A few years ago, we returned to Acton Church, as we were concerned about a nasty crack across the middle of the old brass, but we need not have worried. Resting on a plinth we found a sparkling new full length reproduction of Sir Robert, in all his glory, paid for by his kind friends who had cared for him so lovingly for so many years. The original was also still there ee decided that an interval of 700 years was immaterial when such loving care was involved.

Children grow, holidays change, the cottage and garden are both larger, but it is pleasant to see the younger generation exploring and enjoying the countryside for themselves.

And life goes on A fter over 40 years, we may perhaps be allowed to call ourselves a Suffolk family? *Clunis Porteous*



THE BOWLING GREEN HAS BEEN FRAMED

Painted for 'Country Cards' in 2003, this watercolour needs a home, anyone out there interested in purchasing it?

As you will probably notice, it's a Bowling scene at Boxford with Boxford St Mary's in the background. The painting is framed and comes with 6 printed greetings cards of the illustration. Framed size is approximately 16" x 22". You can see the colour version on Steven Binks web site which is www.stevenbinks.co.uk. Anyone wishing to purchase the cards, please contact Steven on 01787 228105. Offers are invited for the Original painting at the same number.

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Boxford Gardens Open

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

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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. For more details call Margaret or Barrie Thorpe 211346

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 9th June at the home of Mrs Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street, Little Waldingfield from 12-2 pm. Please phone Mrs Harbord (do not phone me) on 01787 247034 to confirm your attendance at least 4 days prior to the lunch as spaces are limited. Many thanks.

Alison Carse

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CAKE STALL:

A big thank you to all who contributed to and supported the cake stall in Boxford on Saturday 15th May. We raised a magnificent £150 in aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall. Special thanks to William and Alexander for helping out. *Fiona Raymond*

Boxford Village Hall May Draw Results

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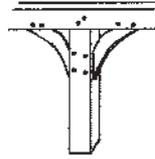
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

To the Box River Saints

One of the greatest obstacles to faith in our modern times, apart from indifference, is doubt and this is also the obvious place for the evil one to be at work. I have a tool, which helps me to sort out the truth of the scriptures I read, I like to call it 'Effects and Results Analysis'.

Another barrier to belief is the amount of misinformation, which clouds minds. For example, when we were at theological college, one of our lecturers, who called himself a 'Christian Atheist', believed and taught that the resurrection happened only in the minds of the disciples, or that they had experienced the same kind of déjà vu which the newly bereaved often experience. I hear also that some, who happen to be doctors rather than theologians, are putting forward the theory that Paul's blinding light experience on the Damascus Road was either an epileptic fit or he was struck by lightning. Active atheists have explanations for all the miracles in the scriptures. These people are using scientific explanations for things that can only properly be appreciated through the eyes of faith. They are in effect using the wrong analytical tools.

The Resurrection which we celebrate during Easter is I believe the most important aspect of the life of Christ and validates all that has gone before, which is why it comes in for so much attack. Without Jesus' rising from the dead, all we're left with is a left-wing religious agitator with a few followers who died on a Roman cross just over 2000 years ago. That is the conclusion those opposing Christianity want to create in people's minds.

The other of the tricks is to focus only on the miracle itself and not on the results and after effects of that miracle. In that way the miracle is isolated from its context and its effect. We can never give absolute proof of any of the miracles, simply because those who want proof want scientific evidence and there is none. But there is a way to be sure that these things happened without scientific proof. The real way to be sure that they actually occurred is to look at the way they effected people and what results they had.

Before the crucifixion we have a group of men following Jesus whose focal point was victory for Jesus and also perhaps for themselves, not his death on a Roman cross. Their whole world fell apart at Jesus death and we find this group of men hiding behind locked doors, frightened that they might be the next to be killed.

Suddenly on the day of Pentecost, these same men are out on the streets of Jerusalem telling in languages they have never learned about the glory of God. Peter stood up with the other Apostles and delivered a mind-blowing and fearless sermon about the risen Jesus to the waiting crowds.

By analysing these effects and results one can see that something awesome must have happened to change these men. None of their circumstances had changed including the danger of death for following Jesus. What had effected the change was that they had seen the risen Jesus. The result of them seeing, and others believing in the resurrected Jesus is that Christianity moved from the hands of those few men to encompass the known world.

Christianity does not seek to brainwash, frighten or coerce people to join, rather it seeks to present the facts and allow us to make up our own mind as we assess the effects and results.

God's richest blessings

David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:

Sunday 4th July at 12.30 p.m. Tickets £5 (£3 under 15s) from Ruth Kingsbury on 211238.

Please see General Benefice News for further details.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. *Christopher Kingsbury*

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

COMBINED BENEFICE SERVICE AT 10.30 A.M.:

A special service, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of D-Day 1944, and to give thanks for the courage and bravery of those who took part in the Battle of Normandy and all other theatres of the 2nd World War.

Collection will be given to the Royal British Legion.

At St. Mary's on Sunday 6th June at 10.30 a.m. All welcome.

Christopher Kingsbury

OPEN GARDENS' DAY-

SUNDAY JUNE 6TH - FROM 2.00 P.M.:

Lots of interesting and lovely gardens will be open throughout Boxford on Sunday 6th June from 2.00 p.m. with cream teas available. Tickets £3.00 plus a map from any 'Open garden'.

JUNE 11TH - "Clive Paine let loose in Church":

An entertaining evening lecture in St. Mary's at 7.00 p.m., with the Suffolk writer, historian and broadcaster Clive Paine talking about Suffolk Churches. Profits shared between the church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. *Christopher Kingsbury*

JUNE 19TH - "Summer Song & Supper":

You are warmly invited to a concert in Boxford Church on Saturday 19th June at 6.30 p.m. Hadleigh Choral Society and soloists will be singing music, both sacred and secular, followed by supper in the Village Hall. Tickets at £10 for Concert and Supper are available from Boxford News or Jean Newble on 01473 827718. Concert only tickets are £5. Proceeds to St. Mary's church. *Jean Newble*

BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:

Dates for your diary: next term we meet on June 13th, June 27th, July 11th as usual in the school hall 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon. New members are always welcome. *Janet Daniels*

Smile Lines

"A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject" Sir Winston Churchill

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

Please, **NO LATER THAN 14th June 2004**. Thank you.

Daphne Clark 210698. New email address – daphne@clark-home.me.uk



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

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COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:

Sunday 4th July at 12.30 p.m. Tickets £5 (£3 under 15s) from Pam Dodd on 210397.

Please see General Benefice News for further details.

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 lots of plants for sale. Tickets £2.50, with location map and details of gardens.

In aid of Edwardstone Church and Edwardstone Parish Hall.

Daphne Clark

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Special thanks to William and Alexander for helping out.

Fiona Raymond

GARDENERS' QUESTIONS:

We will be holding a 'Gardeners' Questions' evening in Edwardstone Parish Hall in the autumn. We have a *provisional* date of Friday 17th September. Please start thinking about the questions you would like to put to the expert panel. In aid of Edwardstone Church. *Sheila Saddleton*

WEEKENDERS' PRESENTATION:

Thank you to all who came to the Weekenders Presentation in Edwardstone last month. We made £206.59 for Edwardstone Church. *Pam Dodd*

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

June 6: *United Benefice Service (Box)/Mr & Mrs Dodd;*
June 13: Mrs Tregear/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;
June 20: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;
June 27: Mrs Dodd/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;
July 4: 0/Mrs Clarke &

Mrs Clark.



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:
Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elder:
Tim Harbord 247034

COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:

Sunday 4th July at 12.30 p.m. Tickets £5 (£3 under 15s) from Sandra Harbord on 247034.

Please see General Benefice News for further details.

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

June 6: *United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Ewen;*
June 13: Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/Mrs Squirrel;
June 20: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Pell;
June 27: Mr Squirrel/Mrs Storar;
July 4: Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell
(United Benefice Service)/Mrs Clive



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:
Diana Stock: 12 Links View, 312828
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COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:

Sunday 4th July at 12.30 p.m. Tickets £5 (£3 under 15s) from Jean Russell on 378 433.

Please see General Benefice News for further details.

GIFT DAY – Saturday 3rd July:

We shall be grateful for your support on our Annual Gift Day. Without everybody's help we would not be able to keep the church open. Envelopes will be delivered during June. We shall be pleased if you will join us for coffee in the Village Hall on 3rd July between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

If you are unable to do this, please contact the Treasurer, John Turner, at Severn, Church Road (372677) for your envelope to be collected. *Diana Stock*

GENERAL BENEFICE NEWS

COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH:

On Sunday, 4 July there will be a Benefice Lunch at 12.30 p.m. at The Deans, Newton Green, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs W Charity.

This will be an opportunity to meet and get to know people from other parishes.

Tickets £5 (£3 for under 15s). Early application is advised especially as drinks are included.

Please see your own parish section for where to apply for tickets. Please note that the ticket asks you to bring a garden chair, plates, knife, fork and spoon as this helps the organisers. *Diana Stock*



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:
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REGISTERS:

9 April 2004, Burial of Ashes: BARBARA CYNTHIA HILLS, aged 74 years.

21 April 2004, Burial of Ashes: ROBERT HENRY ARCHIBALD WILD, aged 92 years.

THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY:

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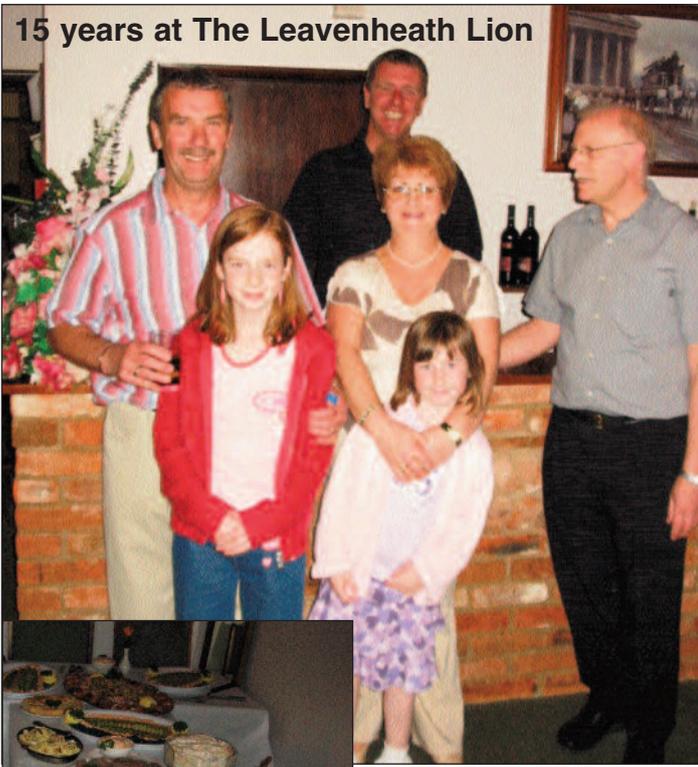
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Sunday 4th July at 12.30 p.m. Tickets £5 (£3 under 15s) from Pat Kennedy Scott on 210319.

Please see General Benefice News for further details.

ROTAS:	June	July
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Parish Council Matters

RESIDENTS URGED BE 'FAIR WITH FIREWORKS'

Babergh District Council is launching an information campaign, timed to coincide with National Noise Awareness Day on 27th May, aimed at reducing the problem caused by the inappropriate use of fireworks.

"Fireworks are no longer restricted to November 5th and New Years Eve. Many people have fireworks throughout the year to celebrate birthdays, weddings and other special occasions. Yet fireworks can frighten both people, especially the elderly or young, and animals. In fact animals can be literally scared to death. Startled animals have been injured or killed whilst bolting to escape the noise. Equally, frightened domestic pets may become vicious and destructive" explained Heather Worton, Babergh's Technical Officer (Residential).

To minimise the amount of distress and suffering caused by unexpected firework noises, Babergh has launched a seven-point plan to encourage us all to be 'fair with fireworks' by reducing their impact:

- Inform neighbours that you plan to have a firework display
- Avoid buying really noisy ones.
- Make sure pets and other animals are safely away from fireworks.
- Ensure the noise is over by 11pm at the latest.
- Let off fireworks in an open garden area in accordance with the manufacturers safety guidance- noise bounces off buildings and smoke and pollution builds up in enclosed spaces.
- If a neighbour complains that you are disturbing them, their pets or livestock be considerate
- After your display, and when safe to do so, clear up firework debris and dispose of safely.

Heather Worton went on to explain that 'fireworks do not have to be ear splitting to be fun. It is possible to enjoy them safely and without causing annoyance to neighbours. The Fireworks Act 2003, which became law in September 2003, aims to reduce noise, nuisance and injuries caused by fireworks'. "Furthermore, If Babergh believes that noise from a firework display is a statutory nuisance under the 1990 Environmental Protection Act 1990, it will consider issuing an abatement order"

Boxford Parish Council

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Monday 26 April 2004 at 8.00pm in Boxford Village Hall, Boxford.

The meeting was chaired by Mr David House (DH) and Mrs Maureen Cooling (MC) took the minutes. There were 32 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: PC Keith Warren (involved in a road accident).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: These were approved and signed.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, DH, presented his report – attached. As there was no police officer in attendance, he wished to emphasise to parishioners that they should always report incidents promptly so that statistics could be maintained and present an accurate record of crime in the area. Overall it had been a difficult year with many contentious issues to deal with; he looked forward to a more positive year ahead. he thanked all councillors for their energy and commitment and the clerk.

The Clerk of the parish, MC, as the Responsible Finance Officer, presented the financial information for the year 2003/2004 – attached.

At this point, Mr Eddie Kench voiced his concern at the amount spent on General Administration. MC responded that one of the extraordinary expenses had been for the services of the clerk : the new clerk recruited on the departure of Mrs Ann Jessop had not stayed in the position so another clerk had to be recruited and Mrs Jessop had kindly agreed to return and train the new clerk. So in the space of three years, there had been a considerable period when two clerks had been employed by the council. Mr Kench also

commented that as expenses had been incurred in refurbishing the council chamber (Bell House), perhaps it could be used by other organisations in the village. DH commented that this was being considered already by the council. Mrs Susan Bevan, an ex parish councillor, was pleased that this work had been done and said the new carpet had been long overdue. Mr Ellis Carpenter enquired about the £137 payment and DH explained the powers of the council under this section and how it allowed us to make payments to other organisations or charities outside our statutory requirements. Mrs Russell Ross asked whether Mr Peter Rose still worked for the council and she was told that he did on a contractual basis. Mr John Harris enquired who were the "other organisations" to whom the council gave money and he was informed that these were the youth club, village hall, parochial church council, and the playing fields, as well as the various charities that approached the council.

The meeting then gave time to Mr Ian Lindsley to speak on developments at Primrose Wood. (His report is also attached.) He made mention of the generous support that had been received from Mr Tony Suckling, the neighbouring farmer, as well as the Boxford Guides in helping with maintenance. He asked the meeting whether there would be anyone interested in taking on the role of Footpath Warden for the village as both he and Mr Vic Rice had been fulfilling this function for some considerable time. A footpath map was now available at our newsagents. A Boxford Book would be available soon, with all proceeds going to the Community Council and the Boxford Society (who have paid for the printing).

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Mr Bryn Hurren's (BH) report is attached. He was particularly pleased that the Local Housing project was well under way and all the houses had been allocated to local people. Mr Archie Seager suggested this was a moral challenge for Babergh as the most needy people were not necessarily local. BH told the meeting that local people held a 20 point lead on others who had made application for the housing as it was a local needs scheme. Mr Seager indicated that there could be abuse of the scheme and wished to stress that the most needy were not always the locals. Mrs Thorpe enquired why the services of the rat catcher at BDC now cost £30. She was informed that some services now carried a charge as so many demands were being made of our councils – to employ private contractors would cost a good deal more. BH said the non earners could still receive the service at no cost. Mrs Bevan added that since composting had been encouraged, the rats were more in evidence; they were able to get under the compost bins. Mr David Fraser asked BH that now the black bins were emptied only fortnightly, were the waste trucks now overloaded ? BH was not aware that this was the case and County Councillor Jeremy Pembroke advised that this would not be allowed as all waste disposal had to adhere to strict weight regulations due to rising landfill costs.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mr Jeremy Pembroke presented his report and told the meeting that the move of the council's offices to Endeavour House would take place at the end of the month and the building had been finished within budget. He apologised for the lack of street lights in Fen Street, due mainly to the switching system being in the hands of a French power company - he was still pursuing the matter. He told everyone that proposals from SCC on the traffic problems in Swan Street were imminent and once the parish council received them, they would be put to the parishioners.

Mr Russell Ross asked for news of the car park and DH reported that funds for the project seemed unlikely – it was not a priority – though he was still pursuing the matter. (SCC, SALC and Suffolk Acre had all been approached and no money was available.) Mrs Bevan enquired why it was taking so long and DH responded that the council had other commitments and had had to deal with very full agendas throughout the year. Mr Keith Paxman commented that other parish councils would have given up on this issue by now and the conclusion may well be that the project would be unviable and that the council had taken the matter as far as was practicable. Mr Lindsley suggested that the response from the

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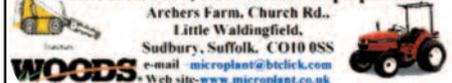
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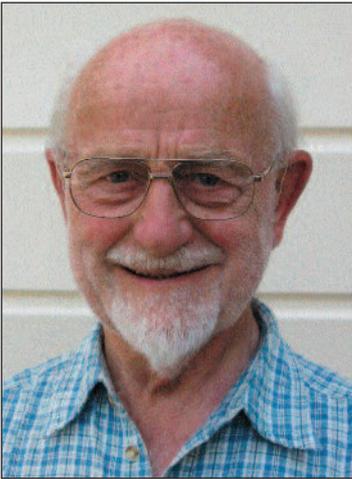
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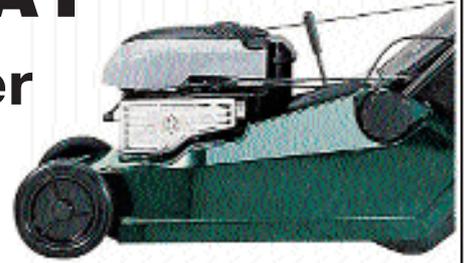
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Boxford Brownies

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Alternatively you can contact either Moira Grant on 01787 211513 or Elaine Carpenter on 01787 210601

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 lots of plants for sale.
Tickets for entry to all gardens with details of gardens and location map, £2.50. 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, (provisional date Friday 17th September). Please think about the questions you would like to put to the expert panel. Everyone welcome. In aid of Edwardstone Church. *Sheila Saddleton*

Little Waldingfield Over 60's and Friendship Club

The Little Waldingfield Over 60's and Friendship Club held an Extraordinary General Meeting in the Parish Rooms on Wednesday April 28th in order to discuss changes which had to be made regarding schedule and dates of our outings because of higher costs incurred. After much discussion it was agreed to delete two visits in Norfolk; Pensthorpe on July 21st and Holkham Hall on August 25th. Other venues are being considered and will be published at a later date. Dates of other

outings were also rescheduled, ie Malden/Tiptree; Thursday May 20th; Felixstowe; Thursday June 24th; Frinton, Wednesday September 22nd.

The club's birthday tea party is scheduled for October 27th. Guest speaker at our November 24th meeting is Mr C. Miller of Ipswich whose topic is Suffolk Punch Horses, with slides.

Members and friends enjoyed the club's outings to Perrywood Nurseries on April 21st, the coach route took us through some very beautiful countryside and villages with their spring display of colourful flowers and shrubs.

There are three club meetings held annually on February, March and November in the Parish Rooms on Wednesdays at 2.30pm. There are no meetings in December and January, and during the rest of the year there are outings, our birthday tea party and a strawberry tea party, subject to the availability of fruits.

New members, male or female, and indeed those under the age of 60 are always welcome to join us, and you do not have to live in Little Waldingfield to be a member. So come along to one of our meetings or telephone 01787 249999 or 247238. Shirley

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Box River Soap Box

Amongst the gifts with my name on the tag that found their way to the bottom of our Christmas tree at the end of last year was an intriguing little book entitled "Shott's Original Miscellany". For those unfamiliar with what is a comparatively new publication, it is a collection of information with no discernible link that makes a surprising compelling read. Much of what is contained in this relatively slim volume are lists compiled upon a variety of themes – London clubs ranked by date founded, Grand National winners, boat race results – the sort of information that is a must for any pub quiz compiler. And it made me realise, sad as it is to admit it, how much a fan of lists I am.

To be fair, lists can be useful. In the financial world, looking at the lists of Britain's top companies over the last one hundred years will show you just how the industrial base of the country has changed. Back at the end of the 19th Century, there was a whole raft of mining companies – and not a few armaments manufacturers amongst the great and the good of corporate Britain. By the 1930s textile businesses were in the ascendancy. Today, pharmaceuticals, media and telecommunications are amongst the most importance sectors. Kingpin, of course, are banks – but they have always been an important component of the stock market.

I must confess that I prefer reading lists to compiling them. Much as I empathise with the hero of Nick Hornby's book, "High Fidelity", I do not go around composing lists of the 10 best rock and roll acts to debut in the 1960s. True, I did once have an ongoing and thoroughly dynamic list of the eight records I would take to a desert island, but that was triggered by discovering that Roy Plumley lived in the house opposite when I was, briefly, a resident of South West London. Anyway, I always had problems choosing which luxury to take - an inexhaustible supply of Chardonnay or a satellite radio receiver so I could listen to Radio 4 being favourites.

At least lists are not a solo obsession – an anorak labelled occupation with but a few adherents. As a Nation, lists feature here quite prominently. Not so long ago the Sunday Times published its rich list. One list I always enjoy reading is the Fortune top 500. This comprises the biggest corporations in America, measured by sales. Reading will tell you what is hot and what is not on the other side of the pond. It will also show you just how misleading lists can become.

Two years ago, Fortune published its schedule of the great and the good of American business and there, in sixth place, was Enron. For those of you who have not heard of this now defunct power company, Enron is at the heart of what promises to be the biggest scandal ever to hit corporate America. At the time the list was published in 2002 Enron had already vanished as a corporate entity. Yet there it was at number six. Why? Because the list took the figures available to the end of 2001, and at that point Enron was still a going concern.

The message, of course, was less that a list is only as good as the information it draws upon than that today events can unfurl at serious speed. Indeed, when asked to talk to investors or their advisers, I frequently make the point that stock specific risk – the risk that a company will go bust or lose considerable value with little or no warning – is higher than it has ever been. It would be quite easy to compile a list of losers from the companies that were once stock market stars. Some of them I regret to say, have featured in my own share portfolio. This is one list I will do without.

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

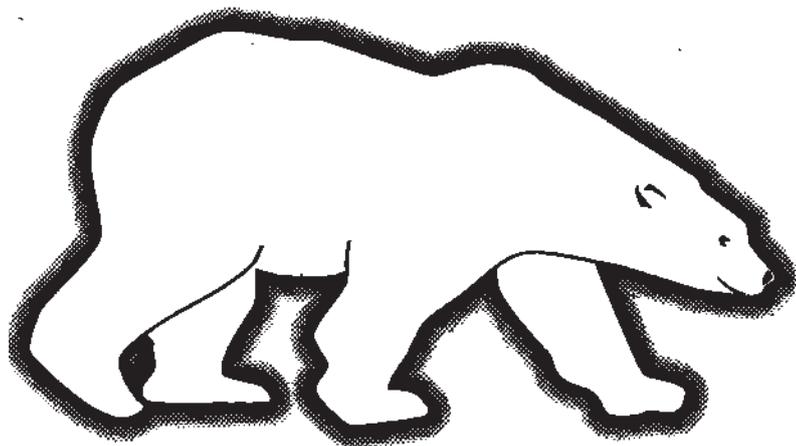
Editors Note: Brian has been experiencing some less than pleasant cuts recently. We wish him a speedy recovery after his recent operation.

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Boxford Over 60's Club

Notes for June

Monday June 7th meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30pm

Monday 14th June, it's Strawberry time again- so this month our outing takes us to Dorwood's Hall Farm Shop for a leisurely cream tea.

As ever we welcome non-members to join us for a friendly and leisurely outing. For details please phone Maisie Tricker on 01787 210045 or Barbara Hamling on 210963. We leave from the Fleece at 1pm

Monday June 21st Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30pm

Summer is here and with it come garden meetings by kind invitations. Watch this space for further details.

Thelma Williams, Secretary, 01787 210118.

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Great Waldingfield WI

Unfortunately, due to the ill health of our speaker Miss Sanderson, we were unable to hear about Bells and Bell-ringing. However, after the business we were given the task of "interrogating" our neighbouring members to find out about their lives and interests. What an amazing variety of occupations we have all had!

All the members who had attended the Pampering day at West Suffolk College had had a wonderful day, and the Bowls evening was very successful - Thank you, Joyce!

Linda Lutz 01787378888

Boxford Church Fete

Saturday, 3rd July, 2 to 5pm

So what's new? It's back in the Rectory Garden thanks to Rev David and Mrs Matthews

All the traditional fun of the fair: Stalls including Produce, Plants, Home-made Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Sideshows, Bottle Stall, Black and White Bathroom, Raffle; Guess the Weight of the Cake, Punch and Judy, Donkey Rides, Music and Madrigals Teas Ice Cream.

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23rd June FELICITY MATTHEWS violin accompanied by
PETER BRITTON works by Mozart & Kreisler

30th June SUDBURY UPPER SCHOOL

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It will not be Ray's first visit to The Stoke by Nayland Club – he last stayed here with Arsenal FC before their game against Ipswich Town two seasons ago, but was only allowed to walk around the championship golf course for 20 minutes prior to the match! The photo shows him at The Stoke by Nayland Club with Ashley Cole and other Arsenal team mates the evening of their arrival.

Other celebrities playing in the Pro Am will be: the BBC Look East team, snooker players Steve Davis and Paul Hunter, athletes Kriss Akabusi and John Regis, Ipswich Town chairman David Sheepshanks with Martjin Reuser and other Ipswich players to be announced.

There are a limited number of team places available for the Pro Am – please contact Tamara Unwin on 01206 265809 or Mary Saward on 01206 265808 for details and entry forms or email tamaraunwin@btconnect.com

The Pro Am precedes the 3 day PGA Europro tour event at The Stoke by Nayland Club which will run from Tuesday 29th June to Thursday 1st July inclusive, and will involve 160 International Professionals. The event will be televised on Sky Sports TV and worldwide, and the Pro Am will also be covered by Anglia and BBC TV.

All spectators are welcome to watch both the Pro Am and Europro tour, and entry is free of charge

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Building work is nearing completion at The Stoke by Nayland Hotel's "Peake Fitness" health and fitness club. Construction started in January this year and members are getting very excited about the completion of the development, which will greatly enhance the already excellent facilities at the Club.

The new large air-conditioned aerobics studio, which measures 135 square metres, will accommodate popular new fitness classes, many of which will be free of charge to Peake Fitness

members. The wide range of classes will include: pilates, yoga, karate, tai chi, modern dance (disco, freestyle etc), aerobics, step aerobics, thai-bo (kick boxing), spinning, Body Balance (mixture of tai chi, pilates and yoga to music), Body Pump and circuit training. The aerobics studio, which enjoys stunning views over the lake and 9th fairway, is due to be completed by the end of July.

For the ultimate spa experience, Peake Fitness will be introducing the very latest in state-of-the-art therapies – a "Rasul" mud treatment room and "Hammam" hot stone bed suite, complemented by an "Experience Shower". These spa treatment rooms should be completed by the end of the summer.

The other facility to be expanded is the superb indoor pool (shown in the photo), which will have additional relaxation areas extended out to overlook beautiful Constable Country.

Anyone looking to join Peake Fitness, with all these excellent facilities, before the end of July will benefit from a half price joining fee of £50 on presentation of this page to Peake Fitness management. For more details please contact Peake Fitness reception on 01206 265820 or come along to the Club for a guided tour and chat with one of our fitness consultants. You can also visit our website at www.stokebynaylandclub.co.uk

Local Walks

WORMINGFORD WALKS

Sunday 20th June. Walk the footpaths of this beautiful area of the Stour Valley with Trevor & Ellen. Starting from Wormingford Village Hall car park at 2pm. A gentle walk for about two hours. Leaders Trevor and Ellen Nichols.

LAVENHAM RAMBLING CLUB

Sunday 6th June. Meet Leavenheath Village Hall car park (off Wrights Way) (GR TL 948 364) for a walk towards Stoke By Nayland. Leader Jill 01206 263751.

Sunday 20th June. Meet Gt Cornard Country Park car park (GR TL 892 396) for a walk including Lt Cornard Church. Leader Jean 01787 249067.

Sunday 4th July. Bradfield St George. Maypole Green (GR 914 588) for a walk to Bradfield St Clare. Leaders George and Ann 01787 370325

The above walks all start at 2pm And last for about 2 hours. For general enquiries phone Graham 01787 248128.

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday 1st June. Meet at Foxearth in the lane off the B1064, near the church. (GR TL 834 446) a circular walk, no pub stop, so please bring lunch and a drink. Approx 11 miles. Leader Janet Penfold 01787 227829.

Sunday 6th June. Meet Thorington Mill (GR 083 194) to make a 10am start. A circular walk finishing with a guided tour of the mill - lasts about 30 minutes. Refreshments provided at the mill. Approx 10 miles. Leader Mike 01206 308761.

Sunday 20th June. Start at 10am Fathers Day Ramble - Sudbury. Meet at free car park adjacent to Waitrose (GR 876 411). A walk along the old railway line. Lunch stop at Long Melford. Distance 9 miles. Leader Michael 01206 303899

Sunday 27th June. Meet Little Horkesley to make a 10am start, (GR 960 321) for a circular walk via Assington for pub stop or picnic. Approx 12 miles. Leader Janet Penfold 01787 227829.

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JUNE 2004

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Wednesday 2 June

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Antony Dodd

LtW 1900 Home Communion*

Tim Harbord

Sunday 6 June, Trinity Sunday

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The Revd. David Matthews

Box 1030 *D-Day United Benefice Service*

The Revds. David Matthews &
Brian Watling

Tuesday 8 June

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 9 June

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The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 13 June, First Sunday after Trinity

Edw 0800 Holy Communion BCP*

Antony Dodd

New 0800 Holy Communion BCP

The Revd. David Matthews

LtW 0930 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. David Matthews

Gro 1100 Family Communion

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Box 1100 Family Service

Christopher Kingsbury/
Graham Brook

Tuesday 15 June

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 16 June

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion*

Antony Dodd

LtW 1900 Compline

To be advised

Sunday 20 June, Second Sunday after Trinity

Gro 0800 Holy Communion BCP*

Pauline Lamming/Joy Sellers

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The Revd. David Matthews

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LtW 1100 Family Service

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Tuesday 22 June

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 23 June

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 27 June, Third Sunday after Trinity

LtW 0800 Holy Communion BCP

The Revd. David Matthews

New 0930 Hymns & Readings

Diana Stock/Jean Green

Edw) 0930 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. David Matthews

Gro) *Combine with Edwardstone*

Box 1100 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. Brian Watling

Box 1800 Evensong

Christopher Kingsbury

Tuesday 29 June

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 30 June

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion*

Antony Dodd

JULY 2004

Sunday 4 July, Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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Parish Council Matters

practicable. Mr Lindsley suggested that the response from the questionnaires distributed was very poor. Mrs Russell Ross asked whether there would be a meeting on the subject and the chairman said there would be an announcement soon.

Mr Harris said we needed a new village hall as our present one was falling into disrepair. DH responded that this was the responsibility of the village hall committee. Mr Harris disagreed saying it was for the parish council to take on and Mr House suggested he make his thoughts known to the village hall committee. At this point Mr Peter Hibben told the meeting that at a recent meeting of the Playing Fields Committee, one of the issues discussed was the improvements to the pavilion, whereupon it was suggested that possibly a new sports hall could be built which would incorporate facilities for a village hall. Unfortunately, like so many local issues and proposals, there was simply not enough local support available or enthusiasm within the village.

DH stressed that we needed to support all our councillors, both district and county as they may not always be so readily available for us. We were fortunate to have such a comprehensive service represented by both Bryn and Jeremy, who were very much "hands on" councillors.

The meeting was then presented with a thumbnail sketch from both Bryn Hurren and Jeremy Pembroke of their daily activities working for their respective councils. They were both driven politically and felt the need to "make a difference". Babergh District Council covered a wide area and was committed to health, youth, grants, planning, local housing, sheltered accommodation and the environment. Bryn was concerned about small local businesses slowly disappearing and matters were not helped by superstores, such as Tesco, trying to build locally. Mr Pembroke advised us that his work took him all over the County, mainly

listening to people and he felt quite strongly about people who were under-privileged in life. Boxford was a strong family-orientated area which helped to reduce problems. Other areas, such as Lowestoft were quite different and deprived with no sense of community or neighbourhood. He had met young people who had had no childhood and been abused by their parents and his strong desire was to make improvements and changes to these "unpretty" aspects of our society. Road maintenance was a continuous problem with 60% of them "unclassified", yet they had to accommodate enormous agricultural vehicles, so all the council could do was to keep on "patching them up".

The chairman thanked our two speakers for their contributions and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES from the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Monday 10 May 2004, 7.30 pm at Bell House, Boxford
ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL: Mr David House (DH) was proposed by Keith Paxman (KP) and seconded by David Gasson (DG). All in favour.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Veronica Hobbs (VH) was proposed by David Gasson and seconded by Suzanne Impett (SI). All in favour.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES: Mr Cecil Hughes (CH) would continue with Babergh District Council, SALC and the Boxford Community Council. Mr David Gasson would represent the council for the village hall.

Owing to the public representation, the chairman closed the meeting so that they could speak. It was understood that they were present due to the planning application put forward for a development at Ramrees, Clubs Lane.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mr Philbidge was the first to speak in order to highlight the main points contained in his letter to Babergh District Council (copied to us) concerning the proposed development at Ramrees in Clubs Lane. He felt the

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Boxford School News

As promised at the end of last months news I have no intention of mentioning anything to do with Government funding or policies but to focus on the more interesting side of education.

Every year towards the end of the football season I try to arrange some matches against other local schools. This is not always easy as many of our neighbours are very small and would find it difficult to get sufficient numbers of children to form a full team. Therefore I am indebted to Hadleigh St Mary's, who for the second year have brought their children over to us to play matches against our Year 4 children. Last year they brought their Year 4 children and were thoroughly beaten so this year they brought their Year 5 and 6 children. Both games were very keenly fought and finished in one all draws. Bearing in mind that the Hadleigh children were in some cases two years older than ours our children did outstandingly well. We have a re-match booked for later this term.

I am writing this news immediately following an educational visit to Highwoods Country Park and shopping centre. The children, all from Year 3 were engaged in finding out about the many insects that live in the Highwoods Park and in interviewing people who were shopping at the Tesco store. I was with the interviewing group and have to say I was most impressed both with the co-operation of the public in being prepared to be stopped by groups of children and asked questions and by the children whose politeness and excellent manners were a credit to us all. Many people, having been interviewed, took the trouble to thank the children and comment on their behaviour and excellent manners. Well done to all of the children and supporting adults for making the day so enjoyable.

Next week is the annual Year 4 Residential Visit and we will be taking twenty-eight children to Kent for four days. Amongst



many activities we will be visiting the Tower of London and the London Eye. I am really looking forward to both. In the next news I will give a full report.

Once again the response for the Tesco Computers for Schools initiative has been quite amazing. At the last count we had collected well over 12,000 vouchers. This year we plan to order a wireless digital tablet, which will enable our children to operate our interactive whiteboards without having to leave their seats. Many thanks to everyone who has kindly supported us by sending in their vouchers.

Finally I would like to say something about what is a very exciting new venture for FOBS. We are planning to organise a traditional school fete with pony rides, a coconut shy, a tombola, a cake stall, beat the goalie and many more activities that we all remember from the fetes we enjoyed as children. In next months news I will give full details but I hope that in the meantime you will make the date, Sunday 18th July, a fixture in your diary and that many of you will be able to join us for what promises to be

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Parish Council Matters

application should be rejected on the grounds that the development was totally out of keeping with the conservation area; and the increase in traffic that would occur with such a development would prove to be hazardous, especially at the access into Ellis Street. Mr Alan Keeble pointed out that access to the site would not be via Clubs Lane. At this point the chairman informed the meeting that a Tree Preservation Order had been put on three trees in the garden where the development was proposed by BDC with effect from 7 May, and would remain for a six week period during which time the developers could appeal. However Boxford Parish Council had been advised to look at the planning application in the normal way and forward their findings to BDC. He emphasized that our role was purely advisory. Mrs Loose made further comments about the condition of the surface of Clubs Lane (an unmade lane designated as a RUPP); it had several large potholes which were permanently full of water and promises by developers on two different occasions to reinstate the lane had not materialised. Further use by building contractors would destroy the lane even more. Mr John Harris wished to stress to the council that there was no pavement along this stretch of Ellis Street and so made the access with Clubs Lane even more dangerous. Mr Archie Seager, Mr Jonathan Rands, Mr Roger Loose, Mr and Mrs Burgess, Mr and Mrs Harris and Mr and Mrs Mattocks had all written to the planning department at BDC to confirm their objections – all copied to the council.

The majority of the public left the meeting at this stage.

POLICE REPORT: Presented by PC Keith Warren. Overall, there had been a 50% reduction in crime in the villages south of Hadleigh. During April there had been three thefts, one criminal damage and one failure to stop at the scene of a road traffic accident in the village of Boxford.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: None

COUNTY COUNCIL: Mr Pembroke was pleased to report that the problems with the switching gear in the lights in Ash Street had been resolved.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs Cooling (MC) had received a letter asking for nominations for the Awards Judging Panel from BDC. She was asked to approach Mr Peter Hibben or the Youth Club leader to see whether they would be interested. Further information had been received from the Environment Agency concerning the enmaining of rivers – whilst no further water courses could be added to those already nominated, the inspectors would look at further stretches of these brooks to ascertain the level of flood risk. (The BDC area for enmaining would be complete by 2006.) There was to be a European Parliamentary Election on 10th June and the appropriate notice had been displayed. A letter of thanks had been received for our donation to Home-Start. There was to be a Babergh Housing Needs Survey carried out and 8250 households would be receiving questionnaires – all to be returned by 18 May. She had been unable to get a response from the appropriate person at Suffolk County Council concerning second hand furniture for Bell House. (JP would pursue the matter.)

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: He had received a letter from a resident in the Causeway complaining about the hazard caused by vehicles left on the green triangle at the mouth of The Causeway by the owner of Riddlesdell Garage. Observations were also made about the danger for pedestrians along the stretch of road in front of the garage. The Clerk was asked to write to BDC (copy to BH). On the subject of Broadband, it would appear that BT would be abandoning trigger levels. (Keith Paxman would report further under the appropriate Agenda item.) DH reported that the proposal for a car park had now to be put to one side as all his efforts to secure funding had been to no avail. The proposal had a low priority rating. There would be an appropriate notice put in the Box River News.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mr Kench asked when the Christmas tree tied to the village beacon would be dismantled? The owner of The White Hart would be approached.

SWAN STREET TRAFFIC: Adjourned for a further meeting. (JP emphasized that the recommendations made by Karen Smith of SCC were advisory only; it was up to the council and the parish to move forward in whichever way they felt necessary. A public meeting would be arranged and Karen Smith would be invited to attend.

GRAVEYARD: Adjourned for a further meeting.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: CH had received reports about sightings of rats along Butchers Lane.

RISK ASSESSMENT: Adjourned for a further meeting.

BROADBAND: KP confirmed the comments made above by DH and suggested we keep to the recommendations contained in his report. All agreed.

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If you did not register, but would like broadband when available, please send me your details. It seems BT would like us to continue the drive for take up.

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I am unhappy with the response and will be contacting BT again. If you have received an email from BT inviting you to pre-order broadband I should be grateful if you would send me your details.

John Charville, who has been our BT broadband campaign co-ordinator, is leaving Boxford shortly. We owe him a great deal of thanks for pointing us in the right direction and giving so much of his time on our behalf. His expertise has been invaluable to us all.

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