

Box River News

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BENEFACTIVE BOOT SALES OFF TO A GOOD START

The huge success of Newton's Car Boot Sales last year has resulted in a series of sales on Newton's Playing fields this year. The first on 29th May enjoyed good weather and was a great start to their season with sales on 19th June, 24th July, 4th September and 2nd October all starting at 9.00am till noon, just turn up on the day to get your pitch. Organised by the Newton Green Village Hall Management Committee if you need more information telephone Alan Vince on 01787 373963

Not to be out done, Little Waldingfield held a Boot Sale on their playing field on 12th June which by all accounts was equally successful although the weather was not quite so kind. This was followed by Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust who held theirs on the Millennium Green on Sunday 27th June from 12 till 3pm as part of their fund raising weekend.

These events are good fun, you can get some great bargains and meet all your friends at the same time. Lets hope the commercial side of boot sales can be kept out.

FLIGHT PATH ACTION GROUP

The function room at The Boxford Fleece was packed on Tuesday 15th June, with residents of villages affected by the recent flight path changes.

The meeting, called with a view to establishing an action group for those villages blighted by the huge increase in air traffic re-routed over the area since March 17th, was attended by over 70 villagers with upwards of 50 others, unable to attend, but offering their support.

Adrian Garwood from Edwardstone reviewed the situation having been in constant correspondence with NATS (National Air Traffic Services) and DAP (Directorate of Airspace Policy) whose response indicated the contempt they show for affected areas.

Norman Mead, Chairman of SSE (Stop Stansted Expansion) addressed the meeting providing advice and frightening statistics about the extent of the increase in air traffic that has been planned should the new runway be built. At present there are 20 million passengers using Stansted annually, the plans are to increase this to 82 million, almost 20 million more than Heathrow, with capacity at Stansted able to increase this to 120 million if required.

As the late President Ronald Regan Said "You ain't seen nothin yet".

Resulting from the meeting an action group for the area has been established and the first meeting of the proposed executive committee is to take place on Tuesday 22nd June at the Boxford Fleece. An astonishing 23 of those present volunteered to join the Committee.

A suitable name for the group has still to be agreed and sensible suggestions will be welcome. The group will be affiliated with SSE and expects to join forces with other local groups in Sudbury and Hadleigh. Anyone wishing to play a part in the new organisation or simply wishing to be kept informed of progress should contact Adrian Garwood on 01787 211118 or e.mail ed.kench@virgin.net



Boxford Gardens Open - Another Record: The Anniversary of D-Day brought even more visitors to Boxford's gardens with record takings in aid of St Mary's Church. Grateful thanks are due to all who opened their gardens, to those who worked so hard serving teas, growing, carrying and selling plants, to the flower arrangers and organist - and last but by no means least - our enthusiastic and knowledgeable visitors. Next year the date will be June 5 2005 when we hope everyone will support St Mary's Church for another enjoyable day.
Barrie and Maggie Thorpe

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BOXFORD VILLAGE CENTRE Parking Restrictions

Boxford Parish Council sought help from Suffolk County Council following representation from residents of Boxford concerned about inconsiderate parking in general and the effects of the traffic flow in Swan Street.

The Council has received a plan incorporating various ideas that the County Council has for relieving the congestion caused by thoughtless parking and to help the movement of traffic in Swan Street. It is appreciated that most of the proposals will be rejected by those who are immediately effected by the suggestions but it will require people to think of the over all need to resolve in some small way the problems as they have developed over time.

A public meeting has been arranged for 1st. July 2004 at the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. everyone is welcome to come and air his or her views.

Suffolk County Council will be sending a representative to the meeting but bearing in mind that we requested their help it is not an opportunity to shoot the messenger. The whole thought behind this meeting is to create an opportunity for discussion and reasoned solutions, ultimately to arrive at a positive out come. The Parish Council would wish for as many persons as are interested to attend because for any action decided on at the meeting will need to have the support of the community for it to be effective. *David House* Chairman.Boxford Parish Council

SILVER RING FOUND:

A small silver ring (child's?) was found recently in Edwardstone Wood. Please contact Les Clark on 01787 210698.

BROADBAND:

As soon as I am informed of our enablement date for Boxford Exchange I will let you know. Daphne Clark (210698). New email address daphne@clark-home.me.uk

PUBLIC MEETING

**To discuss proposals put forward by
Suffolk County Council on parking
restrictions in the centre of Boxford.**

**BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 1ST JULY, 2004
AT 7.30PM**

(The meeting will be chaired by
County Councillor Mr J. W. Pembroke)

**The plans will be on view to the public
in the reception area of the village hall
on Thursday 1st July 2004,
from 7.00am onwards,
prior to the meeting.**

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**Friday, 2nd July, 8.30 Ticket £12
Alan Bames Quartet with special guest
Michael Hashim**

These two outstanding saxophonists can play in any style and have recorded and shared bandstands with leading jazz musicians on either side of the Atlantic. Both are irrepressible raconteurs so the entertainment factor will be high as they celebrate the music of Benny Carter. With John Donaldson (piano), Matt Miles (bass) and Matt Home (drums).

**Friday, 9th July, 8.30 Ticket £10
Protect the Beat**

If you want extreme excitement then look no further than Derek Nash (saxes), Tim Cansfield (guitar), Arden Hart (keyboards), Winston Blissett (bass) and Darby Todd (drums). They are all high profile freelance musicians, who come together in a blistering Jazz Groove act that measures up to anything that America can offer "it ain't dinner jazz" that's for sure!!

**Saturday, 10th July, 8.30 Ticket £11
Brian Kellock Trio**

Brian is an award-winning pianist of staggering power who bubbles over with fertile imagination and wit. He develops flamboyantly contrapuntal ideas at staggering speed, merging classical brilliance with a sassy sense of swing. The trio's

CD 'Live at Henry's' won best jazz CD for 2002 at the BBC Jazz Awards. Kenny Ellis (bass) and John Rae (drums) make up the trio.

**Friday, 16th July, 8.30 Ticket £10
Pat Crumly Quartet**

Oxford born Pat started in the rhythm and blues field when he first turned professional working with, amongst others, The Animals, Zoot Money and Chris Farlowe. He is now recognised as one of the country's leading hard bop saxophonists. He was also one of Ronnie Scott's favourite players. With Nic Weldon (piano), Tim Wells (bass) and Mark Betcher (drums).

**Friday, 23rd July, 8.30 Ticket £11
Ingrid laubrock Quintet**

Originally hailing from West Germany, saxophonist Ingrid is ranked among the top few on the instrument today. She has a soaring imagination and is a gifted composer and arranger with a multitude of stylistic avenues of expression. The Quintet is completed by Karim Merchant (piano), Ben Davis (cello), Larry Bartley (bass) and Tom Skinner (drums).

**Friday, 30th July, 8.30 Ticket £12
Elaine Delmar**

Naturally talented and a highly accomplished jazz singer, Elaine manages to swing effortlessly. She has appeared on Broadway, toured the world, starred in musical shows, been acclaimed as an actress and concert artist having appeared with jazz giants such as Benny Carter, Herb Ellis and Stephane Grappelli. Accompanying her are the impeccable Brian Dee (piano), Alec Dankworth (bass) and dark Tracey (drums).

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

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Boxford Community Council K & S Cup - correction

I made an incorrect statement in the June 2004 edition of the Box River News. The K & S cup was provided and presented to the village by Tim Woods the former landlord of the Fox and Hounds Public House at Groton. The cup was in memory of two young lads, one each from the King and Sergeant Families who died in a car accident at Polstead. My apologies to the families for the incorrect statement.

Peter Hibben Chairman Boxford Community Council.

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on 2nd September, 2004 to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Boxford, Sudbury, C010 5ER Tel:- 01787 210263 Applications from organisations serving the above area will also be considered.

Nails, Shoes and Friends Called GEF

Grotons Educational Foundation

One of the most memorable lines from Shakespeare is Richard III's anguished cry, "A horse! a horse! My kingdom for a horse!".

The next bit is worth thinking about, too. Remember it? "For want of a nail, the shoe was lost. For want of a shoe, the horse was lost. For want of a horse the kingdom was lost".

In a way, the Groton Educational Foundation is trying to supply "nails and shoes" so that educational opportunities are not missed. They are quite small things, sometimes. The fund (pronounced Geoff) has helped provide textbooks for a science course, tools for training in carpentry, equipment for a hairdressing or floristry qualification.

Perhaps cash might be needed to enable someone to make a school trip abroad or travel to university for that crucial interview. GEF has been able to top up those important funds and, of course, to help youngsters with special educational needs.

It's not just individuals. Since GEF was created in 1988 it has also contributed to community projects which benefit folk who live in GEF's area of responsibility.

Shrewdly invested, the income has supplied an impressive number of "nails and horseshoes" for causes which help neighbours, too. That means contributing to the cost of work on Boxford Spinney, funding expansions to the computer suites at Boxford School as well as joining in to provide the improved facilities for football teams, tennis players, Scouts and Guides. Work on Groton's venerable W.I. Hall had a helping hand from GEF too. On a wider scale, GEF aid enabled Gorton's Millennium book, A Garland of Hamlets, to get off the ground and on to TV. It was GEF which made it possible for all of Groton's children to receive commemorative medals in Jubilee year. So spread the word about opportunities of help from GEF and remind people to apply for grants to be awarded in September. The fund is healthy and active and considers applications for grants each autumn, so applicants who live in that Groton parish area or organisations whose work benefits people who do live there should apply in the next two months giving details of their projects or their funding shortfalls.

New Boxford Book on Sale

Boxford: Village of delight, Peter Kendrick and Ian Lindsley. This new book offers a visual record of the village at the start of the 21st century, it is lavishly illustrated with watercolours, drawings and photographs. It is A4 in size and is currently being printed so should be available at the Church Fete on 3rd July 2004 price £12, proceeds to Boxford community Council and Boxford Society. Signed copies will be available!



GROTON'S GARDEN GALA Saturday May 22nd

A Grandiose title for a Plant sale! the result was far better than we expected -- £900 !!

Everyone who took part must be congratulated for their efforts -- Jan Williamson did sterling work with her team providing teas and refreshments. We had a steady stream of buyers throughout the morning and into the afternoon.

This time of year is so busy with all the villages working hard to raise funds, everyone in Groton wishes success wherever you are.

Bob Bowdidge

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East End Theme Night



Above: The cast perform 'If I were not upon the stage'. For me lighthouses will not be quite the same again!

The boxford Drama Groups East End Evening in celebration of 30 years of entertainment to Boxford and District was yet another great success. Written and Directed by David Phillips the evening swung into gear right from the start with songs from the shows, sketches and community singing in the traditional East End style, the audience were as much a part of the evening as the vast cast.

A special word for the volunteers in the kitchen. The pies were mouth watering and the pastry was perfect. The only criticism I have is that I could not get a second portion of Mushy Peas.

Also our grateful thanks for the Smoking ban and to the smokers who appeared to cope with it without complaint, well done. Ed.

BOXFORD MA WALL OPENED



Above: Rev Jeanne talks with Rev David Matthews and Barrie Thorpe at the re-union

Below: The MA Wall is Opened

The Rev Jeanne Marachel, Pastor of the Second Church in Boxford Massachusetts, Visited Boxford UK on 25th May with her daughter Kate. During her brief visit she attended a re-union with the Boxford to Boxford 4 group who visited Boxford MA. later in the evening the group visited the Boxford Village hall where Jeanne together with David House officially opened the Boxford MA Wall. Next day it was a trip to the House of Lords and Lunch with Dame Ruth Rendell.



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July is a busy month in the vegetable garden even though the main sowing and planting has been done. It is this month when the vegetable garden looks at its best with maturing and growing crops. As crops are used and land becomes vacant there is still plenty of time to make more sowings and plantings. French and runner beans sown now will mature in September when the early sowings are over. Carrots, Red beet. Turnips, Perpetual spinach and lettuce will provide an autumn and winter supply from a July sowing. Leek plants can be set out eight inches apart by making a hole with a blunt ended dibble, drop the plant in and water and do not fill the hole with soil.

Sun is the most effective weed killer you can get - so make good use of the hot dry weather by regular hoeing with a Dutch Hoe. Most weeds will die in a few hours of being cut up and even the more persistent perennial weeds will not stand continual hoeing in dry weather.

Regular use of the hoe creates a dust mulch which conserves moisture and prevents the soil from cracking. Dig up and divide Iris that have been undisturbed for three years. Replant new single rhizomes from the old clumps in soil that has been cleaned of all weeds and enriched with old, well rotted manure or compost together with bonemeal and general fertiliser. Plant with the tops of the soil below. Cut the top half of the leaves to prevent wind rock and evaporation. Planting distance should be about six to ten inches depending on the height of the variety.

This is also the month to take cuttings of alpines and various soft wood cuttings. Most root easily in a seed tray of half compost and half sand mixture. Water cuttings well and cover with a hard plastic top made to fit a normal seed tray. Give plenty of light, but shade from sunlight until the cuttings are well rooted.

Continue cutting back early flowering herbaceous plants and dead heading those that are still flowering. Cut Lupins, Delphiniums and Centaurea down to ground level and feed with a general fertiliser to encourage a second crop of flowers.

Peonies are best not cut back, simply remove the dead flowers. The foliage is attractive and peonies need to die back naturally to ripen properly.

During this hot weather all plants need to be checked daily for signs of pests and disease. Any affected plants should be sprayed immediately to prevent wide spread damage. Hedges are often breeding places for aphids and other pests with little apparent damage. Beach hedges sometimes become infected with white fly which can migrate to other plants where they can do more serious harm. It is safer to spray a hedge than plants you are going to eat.

Dhalias need water and feeding this month to make good strong plants. Some disbudding is necessary to obtain long clean stems for cutting. Remove the two small flower buds below each main bud leaving the terminal bud to develop into a flower.

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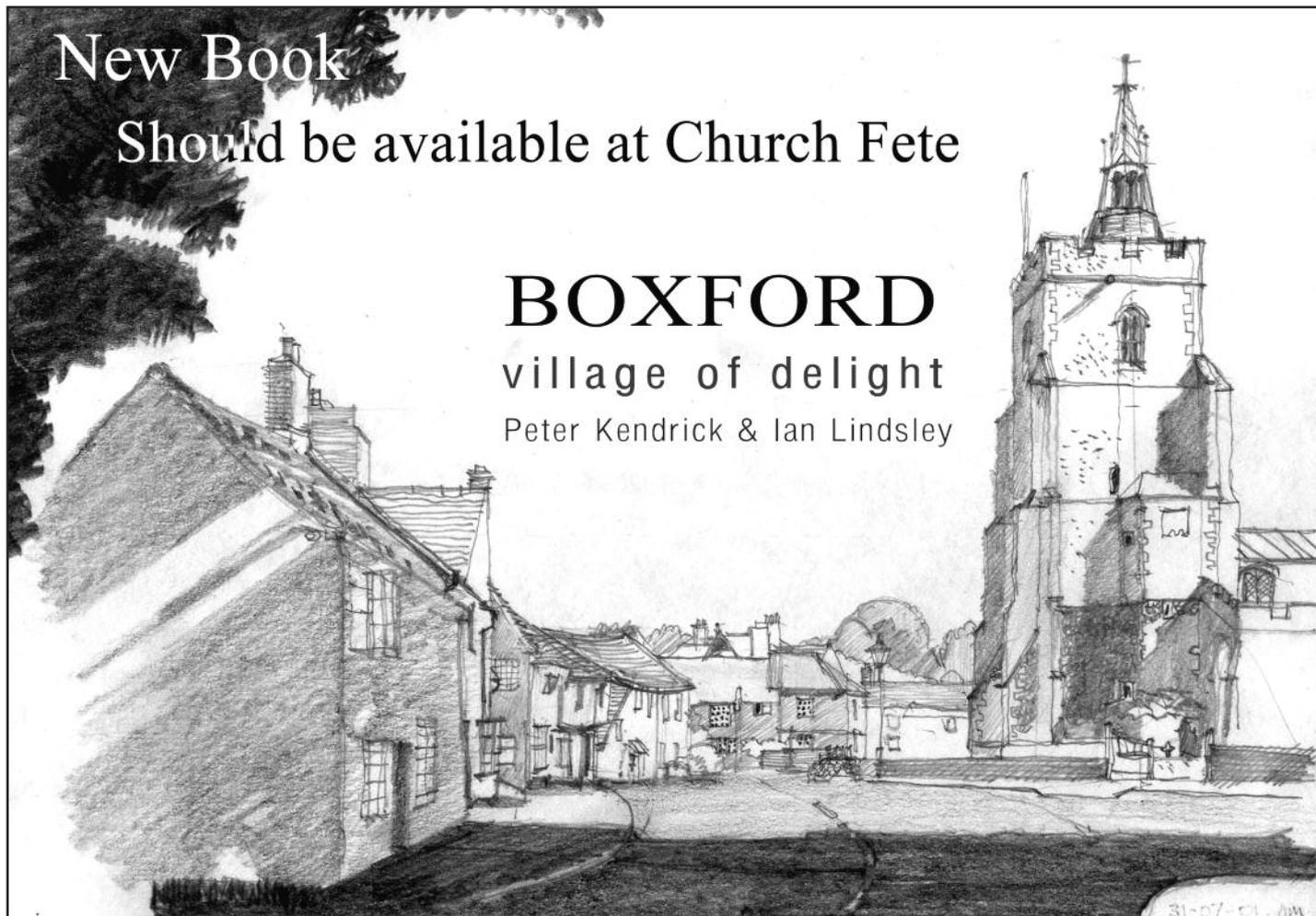
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Forthcoming Events Diary

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| June | 26 Fete Coffee morning 27 Car Boot Sale | Newton Fete Edwardstone millennium Green Trust | Village Hall On the Green | 1 12.00pm |
| July | 1 Public Meeting 3 Boxford Church Fete 3 Gt Waldingfield WI 3 Celebrity Autograph Auction 4 Combined Benefice Lunch 5 Boxford Over 60's Club 10 Beavers Dance 10 Newton Fete 10 Presidents Day 15 Boxford Over 60's Club 18 Walking Treasure Hunt 18 FOBS Summer Fete 19 Boxford Over 60's Club 24 Boot Sale 24 Summer Ball 24 Milden Church Fete | Parking Restrictions BPC Speaker Garden Meeting Ltl Waldingfield Playing Fields Committee Edwardstone & Boxford CC Outing to Dunwich and Southwold Little Waldingfield Parish Room School Playing Fields Garden Meeting Newton Green Village Hall Sudbury Town Hall | Boxford Village Hall Boxford Rectory Garden Village Hall The Old School, Melford The Deans, Newton Green 6 Marsh Road Newton Green Playing Fields Meet the Fleece Mr and Mrs Cull Newton Green Playing Fields The Old Rectory | 7.30pm TBA 7.30pm 10am 12.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm 1pm to 5pm 10.15am 5.00pm 2pm-5pm 2.30pm 9.00-noon 9.30pm 5pm |
| August | 10 Boxford Over 60's Club 11 Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club 27 Reflections of Light 28/30 Reflections of Light 31 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club | Outing to Kent Hop fields Flower Festival Preview Flower Festival Holkham Hall | Meet at the Fleece Anglia St Bartholomew's Church, Groton St Bartholomew's Church, Groton | 9.30am 12.00 noon 7.00pm 10am to 5pm |
| September | 4 Boot Sale 17 Gardeners Question Time 18 Cheese & Wine/ Photo Quiz 22 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club | Newton Green Village Hall Edwardstone Parish Hall Little Waldingfield Parish Room Frinton on Sea | Newton Green Playing Fields | 9.00-noon TBA 7.30pm |
| October | 2 Harvest Supper 2 Boot Sale 16 Fun Evening 23 Edwardstone & Boxford CC 27 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club | Groton PCC Newton Green Village Hall Little Waldingfield Parish Room Dinner Dance Birthday Tea | WI Hall Newton Green Playing Fields Stoke Club | 7.30pm 9.00-noon 7.30pm |
| December | 4 Cheese and Wine Part | Groton PCC | WI Hall | 7,30pm |

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Churches Together

Keynote speaker at the next Forum meeting organised by Churches Together in Sudbury will be John Dean who will talk about his work for the United Bible Society in Rumania and Madagascar. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th June at the Friends Meeting House in Friars Street, Sudbury starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Free entrance.

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GARDENERS' QUESTIONS:

We will be holding a 'Gardeners' Questions' evening in Edwardstone Parish Hall in the autumn, (provisional date Friday 24th September). Please think about the questions you would like to put to the expert panel. Everyone welcome. In aid of Edwardstone Church. *Sheila Saddleton*

Great Waldingfield WI

In May we held a 'Silent Auction' in the Village Hall. A large variety of items were on display — jewellery, pictures, household items etc, but unfortunately it was not well attended. For those people who came it was a most enjoyable evening, especially when the bidding stopped at 9.00p.m. and they went away with their bargains. In June it was our 86th birthday - so 25 members celebrated the event by having an evening meal at 'The Lion' at Leavenheath. It was also the birthday of one of our members - Molly Blackwell, so we had an additional excuse for celebrating. Our next meeting is on July 3rd at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall. Our speaker is Mr. P.Harrington who will give a talk and demonstration on 'The Craft of the Potter! Please come and join us. *Maisie Root* 01787 377088

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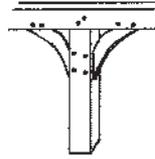
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

To the Box River Saints

I would like to thank the people of the benefice for their messages of condolence, their care and their understanding following the death of my father. I have included below a summary of my rather tearful words at his funeral, which I suppose are in the hearts of many who have lost their father. I would also like to thank all those who have sent messages of support for Yibi who has been in hospital in London for almost a month attended by my wife Joan.

I want to say a few words to give you an impression of how I saw Dad and what he meant to me and I'm sure I speak for Mum and my sister Stephanie as well.

Every boy needs someone he can model himself on. I don't know about girls maybe they need someone they can see as a protector. But every boy needs a role model to show them what being a man is all about. I was very lucky because I not only had a role model; my father was my hero as well. From the time I was a little boy I wanted to be just like my Dad. When we were little he was this giant of a man who could walk with Stephanie on one arm and me on the other seemingly without tiring.

I apparently shocked one of my aunts one day when I suddenly told her that I wanted hair where my daddy had hair. She hesitantly asked me where that was and I answered just here on my knuckles. As I was growing up it was sometimes hard for me to understand how he was able to stick at the little menial tasks around the home that had to be done; yet he did them without complaint and what seemed a measure of enjoyment. For example, as Stephanie reminded me, he used to clean all the family shoes every day and he never complained about the mud that mine were always caked in.

I've taken many funerals and often when the loved one is spoken about it's in such saintly terms that nobody who knew them recognises them. Dad wasn't a saint, he could be extremely cantankerous. Lately his irritability was due to his pain and worry about Mum's future but he could also be a bit difficult in his younger days. I don't ever remember him being that way with the family though. However, this irritable streak did have another side to it. If ever he thought in hindsight that in his anger he'd been unfair he would always apologise.

Dad always liked to be smart and would never go in public unshaven and he took great care to make sure his trousers were properly pressed. He had this way of looking smart whatever he was wearing. There may have been a touch of personal vanity with him but I remember him as a very humble man. He spoke to me once about the fact that in his life he had never achieved anything. I reminded him of the fact that he started work as a messenger boy and had risen through hard work to his present position as manager of a labour exchange. I reminded him of the family he had who loved him and I reminded him that he had a lovely house that he and Mum owned.

He also had his silly side. One time when Stephanie and I were away on holiday on our own somewhere he had looked after our pet guinea pigs. When we came back he told us proudly that he had separated the droppings that somehow had got into the food. It must have been an incredibly tedious task, but what he'd actually done was removed all the vegetable pellets which were part of the food.

I used to do some of the easier maintenance work on his cars

when my wife Joan and I used to visit. One day I was scheduled to do an oil change on his Singer Gazelle. When I got there he told me that to save me the work when I should be relaxing he had already done the oil change. He said that he was a bit worried though about the small amount of oil that drained out.

What he'd actually done was drained the gearbox, replaced the engine oil filter and added an additional gallon of oil to the already full engine. We started again from scratch!

One of the most rewarding periods with Dad for me was when he and I used to go down the pub together. We'd be darts, dominos or crib partners or just sit and talk about the things that were on our hearts. The dynamic during those times was one of companionable friends on an equal footing rather than father and son.

Dad had a generosity to his family that often almost bordered on the reckless and I know that both he and Mum made many sacrifices for us. It gave him such joy to give good things to us his family but mostly he gave us love, friendship, support and protection.

He was my hero when I was a child he remained my hero throughout his life and especially during the last couple of years where despite extreme pain he still continued to look after Mum. He's always been my hero and he will always be my hero.

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: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Sinners and trespassers we are, we acknowledge that he came to offer his love and forgiveness to all. So, with a thankful and contrite heart let us worship and praise our loving, forgiving Lord. *Christopher Kingsbury*

CHURCH FETE - 2.00 p.m. Saturday July 3rd:

Back this year in the Rectory Garden, School Hill Boxford, by kind permission of Revd. and Mrs David Matthews. Lots of traditional stalls and games - teas etc. *Christopher Kingsbury*

CHRISTIAN AID: Well done Boxford! During the recent Christian Aid week you raised £1146.00. A big thank you to all those who made this possible, by supporting the coffee morning, by buying and making cakes and preserves and by delivering, collecting and filling envelopes!

We have "made a difference". Thank you. *Janet Daniels*

BOX RIVER CLUB: The Box River Club will have a stall this year - our theme is black & white. Please look in your cupboards or ask friends and relations for anything you no longer need in these colours and bring them to the next meeting, or give them to Carol Simpson (210798) or Marion Marshall (210323). We are planning to join with the Newtoners on a Family Activity morning at the Cathedral Discovery Centre in Bury.

August 4th, 11th or 18th are provisional dates. Please let Janet (210798) know which would be most suitable. *Janet Daniels*
WEEKLY NEWSHEET: For weekly notices and other articles please pick up a free newsheet available in church
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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.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION: The recent collection for The Children's Society raised £160.08 from Edwardstone. My thanks to all the collectors and to those who donated. *Sheila Saddleton*

OPEN GARDENS: The Open Gardens in Edwardstone was a great success with many visitors and warm sunny weather. Many thanks to everyone who opened their garden, to those who also supplied lunches and teas and to all who helped with extra plants, cakes, signs etc. I hope you all enjoyed the afternoon; Les and I had a lovely time and our chickens escorted the visitors around the garden. (No eggs on Sunday, they must have been too tired!)

The day made £900, which will be shared equally between 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. We have a provisional date of Friday 24th September. Please start thinking about the questions you would like to put to the expert panel. In aid of Edwardstone Church. *Sheila Saddleton*

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

July 4: United Benefice Service (LtW)/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

July 11: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Moore & Mrs Mc Dermott;

July 18: Mr Currey/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

July 25: Mrs Tregear/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;

Aug 1: United Benefice Service(Gro)/Mr & Mrs Saddleton.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:
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David Lamming Lodge Farmhouse 210360*
Lay Elders: *Pauline Lamming 210360
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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2004 - Changing lives for good:

A big 'thank you' to all who gave, and to those who collected, during Christian Aid Week in May. The amount raised in Groton was £384.81 (plus 2.01 Euros and 2 Australian cents!). Twenty-four donors filled out the 'Gift Aid' section on the envelope, which will enable Christian Aid to recover another £50.96 from the Inland Revenue, boosting the value of this year's collection in Groton to £435.77—money which helps to bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world. *David Lamming*

GROTON'S GARDEN GALA, Saturday May 22nd:

A Grandiose title for a Plant sale! The result was far better than we expected ----- £900 !! Everyone who took part must be congratulated for their efforts ---Jan Williamson did sterling work with her team providing teas and refreshments. We had a steady stream of buyers throughout the morning and into the afternoon. This time of year is so busy with all the villages

working hard to raise funds, everyone in Groton wishes success wherever you are. *Bob Bowdidge*

REFLECTIONS OF FAITH: The Life of Christ in our World Today, shown in Flowers: August Bank Holiday Weekend, Sat 28th, Sun 29th, Mon 30th, St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton, 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. each day. We have great plans in hand for our Flower Festival over the Bank Holiday weekend. There will be Coffee, Lunch and Tea served at Groton Hall (by kind permission of Charles Partridge). There will be a Preview of the Flowers at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 27th. The Main Attraction will of course be the Floral Display, which is being designed by Barbara Riddleston, and will be arranged by all the "Flower Ladies" of Groton. So put the date in your diaries now, and bring your friends to enjoy the Flowers and the Refreshments; more info next month. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

COMBINED BENEFICE LUNCH: 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.

LEPRA: If anyone would be willing to help with a Flag Day Street Collection for "Lepra" - a Colchester based charity helping people with leprosy - even for a short time, on Saturday July 24th please contact Lesley Gill, Bramlings, Groton, on 211195 with offers! LEPRA celebrates 80 years this year, and has helped over 12 million people. *Pauline Lamming*

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Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

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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:

July 4: Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell
(United Benefice Service)/Mrs Clive;

July 11: Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/Mrs Bridges;

July 18: Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell/Mrs Grunsell;

July 25: Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Harbord;

Aug 1: United Benefice Service(Gro)/Mrs Fernando-Martin



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Churchwardens:

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John Turner, Severn, Church Rd 372677*

Lay Elders: *Jean Green 373383*

& Diana Stock 312828

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: Please remember our GIFT DAY. We shall be very grateful for your help and we should be pleased to see you for coffee in the Village Hall between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. *Diana Stock*

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

Please, NO LATER THAN 14th July 2004. Thank you.

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PGA Europro Tour Pro Am Latest



Ipswich Town players Jim Magilton and Martjin Reuser in the Devora Suite at The Stoke by Nayland Club on one of the ITFC golf days.

Things are really hotting up for the PGA Europro Tour Pro Am on Sunday 27th June at The Stoke by Nayland Club. World snooker champion Ronnie O'Sullivan is now joining the list of celebrities participating, together with his runner up rival, Matthew Stevens and fellow player Paul Hunter. Six times former world snooker champion, Steve Davis, is also playing again this year and he will be entertaining guests at the Gala Dinner after the event with speeches and prize-giving.

Other celebrities playing in the Pro Am will include Ray Parriour and Lee Dixon from Arsenal FC, World Champion athletes Kriss Akabusi and John Regis and the BBC Look East Team with Ian Winter, Ivor Moores and Alex Dunlop.

Ipswich Town captain, Jim Magilton will also be playing with team mates Martjin Reuser and Shefki Kuqi.

As an added special bonus for both participants in the Pro Am and spectators, The Stoke by Nayland Club have organised two Master Classes to be given at the Driving Range by European Tour star and 2003 British Masters Champion, Greg Owen, at 11am and 4pm on Sunday 27th June. This will be a great opportunity to learn some valuable tips from an expert!

All spectators are welcome to come and watch the Pro Am and Master Classes on the 27th June and the 3 day Europro Tour event (Tuesday 29th June to Thursday 1st July) free of charge. Sky Sports TV will be broadcasting the one hour programme covering the Stoke by Nayland Club and 888.com PGA Europro Tour week commencing 12th July and it will then be rolled out to over 100 countries worldwide over the following 6 weeks.

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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council APM

Groton Parish Council may take over the village's Women's Institute hall.

The Annual Parish meeting was told declining numbers in local W. I. membership meant the hall's upkeep was too expensive to be met from current W.I. income. The W.I. hall already almost fills the role of village hall for Groton and Parish Council chairman Brian Waghorn stressed the council's sympathy to the idea. Discussions had already been held with the Women's Institute and various legal considerations had to be taken into account.

The other area of concern raised at the meeting was delays on the affordable housing project opposite Homefield in Boxford. Purchase negotiations had dragged out and then early groundwork needed adjustment. Babergh district councillor, Bryn Hurren, reassured the meeting that progress had settled down and work was going ahead although the completion date would be later than planned.

Councillor Roger Vipond pointed out that the permissive footpath running from the site up to the Fox and Hounds had not been kept open. Pedestrians had to walk on the often busy road. Mr Hurren had already mentioned the problem to the housing association builders and said he would repeat his concern.

Earlier the meeting had received reports from County councillor Jeremy Pembroke, Babergh councillor Hurren and Community PC Keith Warren.

Councillor Pembroke outlined the progress and problems in county responsibility. Given government constraints the county seemed to be coping well. Particular concern in Groton over road conditions was shared by other places but he was glad to say Groton had recently had much work done. Pipework in the area around the Fox and Hounds had been urgent... and expensive. Additionally, plans for a hard standing area at Park Corner were well ahead and would contribute to the safety of children taking school buses.

Councillor Hurren reported that, on a national scale, Babergh was highly rated for facilities and efficiency. He highlighted grants to village halls, sports facilities and items like travel vouchers and made particular mention of affordable housing. Babergh has around 100 new houses in the pipeline.

PC Keith Warren reported improvements in the crime rate with only one shed break in and theft since his last report. He said shed alarms costing just over £8 were available by contacting Hadleigh police station.

Dr Peter Kennedy Scott, on behalf of villagers thanked the council and its members for all the work and time they had spent on behalf of the community in the last year.

The next council meeting will be at the W.I. Hall at 7.30 p.m. on July 28.

Notes of Newton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th May at Newton Village Hall

1. Present: Cllr. John Taylor - Chairman, Cllr. Janet Crimmin - Vice Chairman, Cllr. Harry Buckledee, Cllr. Alan Vince, Cllr. Colin Poole, Cllr. David Smalley, Cllr. Rita Schwenk, PC Scott Lee-Amies, Wayne Bryan - SCC Brian James - Clerk

Election of Chairman: Cllr. John Taylor was re-elected unchallenged as Chairman by all members of the Council. The motion was proposed by Harry Buckledee and seconded by Alan Vince.

Minutes of Last Meeting Held on 24th March 2004 - The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

- Matters Arising from circulated material - None
- Proposed Speed Management Measures - Wayne Bryan has confirmed all the requirements specified by the Council will be included in the project. Ongoing - Clerk has requested copy of the project plan including timescales.

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Those of you unaware that I was testing to the full Suffolk's medical facilities (which, judging by the amazing number of cards I have received, cannot include anyone in Little Waldingfield) will have been alerted to the fact that all was not well by Eddie's kind comments last month. May was a tricky month so far as I was concerned. I even missed our Annual Parish Meeting for the first time in a dozen years as a Councillor. Such is life. It has given me real cause to reflect on a wide range of issues. Not least is the state of our Health Service.

Don't get me wrong. The treatment I received was first class. The nurses were hard working, dedicated and genuinely caring. They were a joy to have around. Nursing is truly a vocation. These people deserve to be helped by more competent administration than that which appeared in evidence as I flitted between units and hospitals. Perhaps my judgement was clouded by the serious amount of post-operative medication I received, but the apparent differences between the NHS and the private sector gave me cause to think.

I was fortunate (if that is the right way of putting it) in having my period of hospitalisation divided between the West Suffolk and the Nuffield in Bury St. Edmunds. The contrasts were fascinating. Even "clean" smelt different, depending on where you were. And the pace of life between the two could not have been more different. My week in the Intensive Therapy Unit in West Suffolk was like having a bit part in a particularly frenetic medical drama. Perhaps it was a drug-induced hallucination, but I could swear the medical staff did everything at the double.

But did I really hear that there was a shortage of bed linen? Given what happened to me subsequently, that could have been a real problem. And did nurses actually discuss the fact that some drugs were only available if you could find a ward with a hidden supply? I cannot be absolutely certain that the impression I carried away with me was not influenced by my medical

condition, but remarks made as my recovery progressed suggested our National Health Service was predominantly cost driven, leaving a little room for the unexpected.

The Nuffield felt very different. The nurses worked just as hard, but the pace was not as manic as in West Suffolk ITU. True, they did not have the sheer volume of people needing attention - but the quieter regime is very welcome when you are recovering from major surgery. I recognise how fortunate I was to have maintained medical insurance cover, allowing me comfort similar to a small hotel. More than a few times it occurred to me that this one operation alone will have justified a career long expenditure.

A consultant shared with me an interesting experience - the result of one of those medical conferences, held to showcase new developments. A relatively simple, certainly uncomplicated, piece of kit - which enjoyed significant and clear advantages over that which it could replace - was under discussion, with the conclusion from the British contingent that it was too expensive. Doubtless this extra cost brought real added advantage and, as a continental European delegate remarked, in the end it came down to a matter of choice. His small nation would adopt the new technology. If we, as a prosperous society, chose not to, that was our affair.

There are, of course, no easy solutions - no quick fixes when it comes to managing Britain's health. We might cast envious glances at how they manage things on the other side of the Channel, but only last month I read that the French Health Service, often cited as a shining example of how an inclusive medical system should operate, has its own range of crises. For me, I remain wholly supportive of a National Health Service and greatly appreciative of the opportunity to exert such choice as the private system allows. But our politicians must find a way of making it operate better - both for those who use it and for those who work in it.

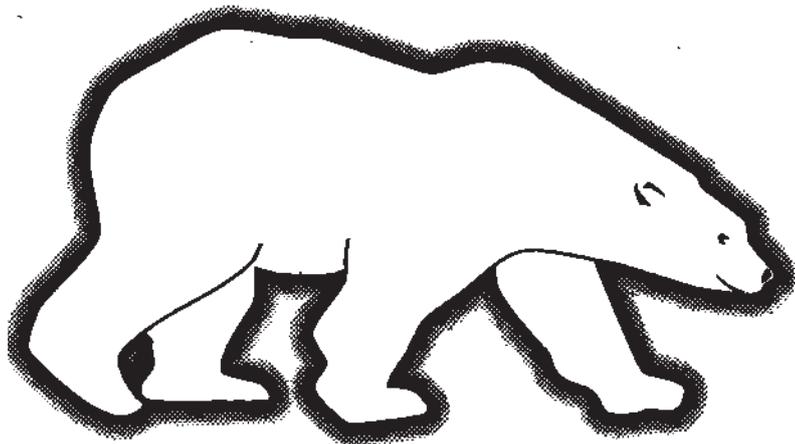
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Call Maureen Cooling on 01787 211822 for more information. Apologies for the late hour and thank you.

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.

All contributions to the Stalls are welcome Please ring: Cynthia Wanniarachy on 01787 211182 or: Maggie Bishop on 01787 210276

Boxford Over 60's Club

July Events

The month commences with a garden meeting invitation for members when our Vice Chair Lady Mrs Barbara Hamling welcomes us to her pretty gardens at 6 Marsh Road on Monday July 5th at 2.30pm.

The club is very fortunate as a further kind invitation is extended to us by Mr and Mrs Cull who have invited us to meet at their lovely garden on Monday July 19th at 2.30pm

So it is with great pleasure that we look forward to these very special events.

In addition to the above dates we have an outing to Dunwich and Southwold on Thursday July 15th meeting at the Fleece at 10.15am.

Further details available from Mrs Barbara Hamling, Telephone 01787 210936 depending on availability of seats, non members are as usual, very welcome.

Preview for Tuesday August 10th outing to Kent Hopfields meet at 9.30am The Fleece.

A something for everyone event.

Thelma Williams, Secretary 01787 210118

MILDEN CHURCH FETE

Saturday 24th July from 5 p.m. at The Old Rectory. The Church Fete is being held with beer tent and traditional stalls. Roast meat supper will be available. All proceeds to St. Peter's Church, Milden.

FOBS SUMMER FETE

18th July, 2pm till 5pm in the School Playing Fields

This year FOBS are organising a summer fete on the 18th July instead of their Annual Dance. The Fete will be held on the school playing fields and will be from 2pm until 5pm. There will be a balloon race, (balloon entry forms are available from the school or Philip Taylor on 01787 211265), and a variety of stalls including "Teachers in the Stocks", Bouncy Castles, a Tombola, Cake Stalls, Ice-cream and many more.

The School Choir will be singing and a licensed Bar will be running all afternoon. It promises to be a fun day with the proceeds going to fun Flexible Staging and Lighting for future productions both within the school and the Church. Everyone is welcome.

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

STOP PRESS

Please note the date for this popular event has been changed to Sunday 18th July. The format will be similar to last year. Tickets

£6 including supper and first drink. The Treasure Hunt will start at the Parish Room at 5.00pm onwards. Competitors will leave at 5 minute intervals. Please get your tickets from Mary, Richard or Sue.

Suffolk Villages Festival

An Austrian Celebration at Boxford St Mary's Saturday 28th August, at 12 noon. Anneke Scott (horn) & Kathryn Cok (fortepiano). Music for horn & fortepiano by Beethoven, Reicha & von Krufft Monday 30th August 12 Noon, Sebastian Comberti (cello) Bach Cello Suites.

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB '100 CLUB' WINNERS FOR JUNE:

£44 - Margaret Green; £ 17 - Les Clark; £7 - George Bullett

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Edwardstone and Boxford Cricket Club

Thank God the summer is here and with it comes five months of cricket action for those of us daft enough to take part in the national summer pastime.

Just a few things this month, we are off to a fantastic start this season with three wins from four league outings. Resilient batting and top notch bowling have reduced sides to tears this year. We have had half-centuries from Gary Loe (75no) against Mildenhall and most recently from Malcolm Gooderham (65) and Chris Towell (56no) away at Brandon on the day England's footballers could hold on to a lead against France. Chris was oblivious to the fact that he was close to his maiden Edwardstone 50 but carried on regardless in his no nonsense style to carry our innings in a century partnership with Malcolm. Greg Hayton has been the scourge of all Harper's league Division 3 batsmen as he has taken 17 wickets in his four games this year and looks rather dangerous from any angle, especially now, since he has the cross of St. George on his head. We now are looking for promotion after such a good start and are always welcoming to anyone who wishes to pop up and watch us terrorise the opposition.

Just a few notes for your diaries, **Colts** is up and running again with Adrian Gooderham showing the youngsters how it's done. Training is every Wednesday from 6.30pm.

President's Day will soon be upon us. On the 10th of July, President Simpson will once again try to raise a side capable of beating the mighty first teamers. Everybody is welcome to come and watch with a licensed bar and barbeque providing the refreshments and us cricketers hopefully providing a snippet of entertainment.

Notes for post and pre-season, our annual **Dinner/Dance** is once again at Stoke Golf Club on October 23rd so book your tickets for that and on the 15th of February we are holding a Valentine's Dance at the village hall so make sure you pick you date carefully.
James Williams - Vice-Captain/Press Officer



Fun Day Soccer Tournament

The under 8's football competition that took place during the Playing Fields Fun Day on Saturday 12th June, drew large crowds and some great action. Above is a pic of the match between Boxford Rovers and Hadleigh Town (white shirts). Both teams played with great enthusiasm and the match was finally won by Boxford Rovers 2-0.

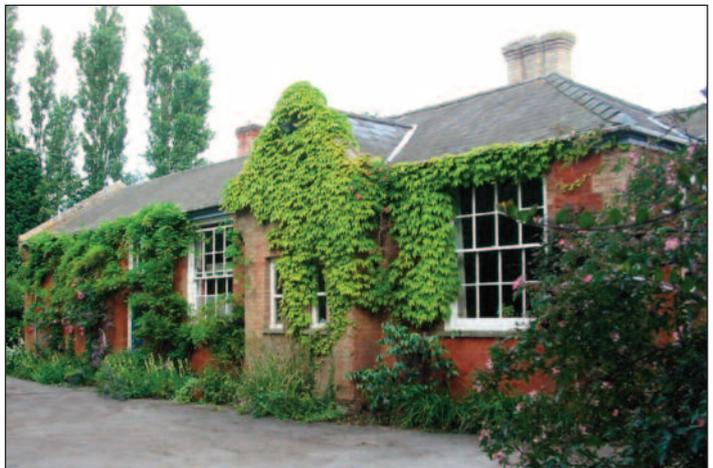
Watching from the side lines without personal involvement (my grandchildren play with Colchester United), I was pleasantly surprised by the standard of play, the teams turnout, their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The team managers have every right to be proud of their players. Ed.

A Great Fun Day 2004



Above: Visitors to the Fun Day at the 3PR table taking part in the first aid competition.

Despite the awful weather the PlayingFields Fun Day was a great success, better than last year. One of the highlights of the afternoon was the Senior Guides dancing in the rain. Well done everyone. More details next month. Ed



The Old School at Edwardstone was amongst those who opened their gardens in Edwardstone. A touch of nostalgia for many

Open Gardens - Edwardstone

The Open Gardens in Edwardstone was a great success with many visitors and warm sunny weather. Many thanks to everyone who opened their garden, to those who also supplied lunches and teas and to all who helped with extra plants, cakes and signs. I hope you all enjoyed the afternoon; Les and I had a very enjoyable time and our chickens escorted the visitors around the garden. (No eggs on Sunday, they must have been too tired!)

The day made £900, which will be shared equally between Edwardstone Church and Edwardstone Parish Hall.

Daphne Clark

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 CHURCH AT WORSHIP

JULY 2004

| | | |
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| Sunday 4 July, Fourth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| LtW | 0930 | United Benefice Service |
| | | The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling |

Tuesday 6 July

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 7 July

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

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| Sunday 11 July, SEA SUNDAY – Fifth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| Gro | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP |
| LtW | 0930 | Holy Communion CW |
| New | 0930 | Holy Communion CW |
| Box | 1100 | Holy Communion CW with Baptism |
| Edw | | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |
| | | The Revd. Barbara Bilston |
| | | The Revd. David Matthews |
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Tuesday 13 July

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 14 July

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

Saturday 17 July

Edw 1430 Holy Matrimony

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| Sunday 18 July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| Edw | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP |
| LtW | 0930 | Holy Communion CW |
| Box | 1100 | Matins |
| Gro | 1100 | Matins |
| New | | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |
| | | The Revd. David Matthews |
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| | | The Revd. David Matthews |
| | | Pauline Lamming/Joy Sellers |

Tuesday 20 July

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 21 July

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

LtW 1900 Compline

Tim Harbord

Saturday 24 July

Box 1430 Holy Matrimony

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| Sunday 25 July, Seventh Sunday after Trinity | | |
| New | 0800 | Holy Communion BCP |
| Gro | 0930 | Holy Communion BCP* |
| Box | 1100 | Holy Communion CW |
| Edw | 1100 | Matins |
| LtW | | <i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i> |
| | | The Revd. David Matthews |
| | | Pauline Lamming/Joy Sellers |
| | | The Revd. Brian Watling |
| | | The Revd. David Matthews |

Tuesday 27 July

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 28 July

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

Saturday 31 July

Gro 1400 Holy Matrimony

AUGUST 2004

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| Sunday 1 August, Eighth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| Gro | 0930 | United Benefice Service |
| | | The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling |
| Box | 1830 | Evensong |
| | | Christopher Kingsbury |

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

Parish Council Matters

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: he had been to see the proprietor of Riddlesdell Garage in connection with the parking of his cars on the pavement as well as on the green areas at the entrance to the Causeway. Mr Watts said he would refrain from parking his cars on the pavement and would sort out his yard at the back of his garage so that he could accommodate his cars there. There was to be a public meeting in the village concerning the flight path diversion over Boxford. Both he and Richard Gates (RG) would be attending a meeting on the provision of a film show facility in the village - they needed one more helper and VH offered her help, should they not be successful elsewhere. The new bridge at Ash Street was looking good. A dent had been made in the railings and BH was asked to deal with this.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC MEETING, 1 JULY, TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR CAR PARKING

RESTRICTIONS IN THE CENTRE OF BOXFORD: A rota for one day to man the village hall whilst the maps and proposals for the scheme were displayed was discussed and completed for the 1st July, commencing at 7.00 am until the start of the meeting at 7.30 pm. There would be refreshments available meeting at 7.30 pm. There would be refreshments available for all those who attended. (See report from SCC above.)

GRAVEYARD: VH informed the meeting that she no longer wished to be part of the working party and RG offered to take her place. As councillor Impett was not present/ there was nothing reported. The council were concerned that the draft letter to owners of the most recent graves had not been done and the clerk was asked to do this to avoid further delay. Further discussion on this item would be scheduled for July meeting.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS: DC commented that the entrance to Bell House was looking very untidy with an abundance of weeds. The clerk was asked to deal with this with Martin Crighton. RG had seen the damage done to the bridge over the river Box opposite the post office and reported it to Highways.

Readers Letters

Dear Sir

I would like to convey my grateful thanks to all those who came to my assistance when I had an accident in the village centre recently, especially Eddie Kench of 3PR, the ambulance service and Joy from the Village Stores.

I am please to say that apart from a few bruises I am now fully recovered.

Liz Corner
Brook Hall Road

Dear Sir

May I through the medium of your magazine, thank all those people who offered help, assistance and cups of tea, the other day when I was unfortunate enough to put my car wheel into a drainage trench whilst giving way to an oncoming bus! (The joys of countryside living). I am very grateful to the postlady for the use of her 4x4 to rescue me. It's refreshing to know that in these modern times, there are still wonderfully helpful people out there. Many thanks, I am sure you know who you all are!!

Alexander Ollett
Edwardstone

Dear Ed.

A faithful friend sends us the BRN every month and we were especially interested and impressed by the D-Day tribute. The mini articles with photos about the local veterans were a great idea and brought Boxford very close to us. Isn't it amazing how many veterans there are in our five small parishes, all with their unique tale to tell. thanks very much.

Best regards. *David and Ann Jessop*

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Janice MacMillan 210595
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Les Gunn 210994
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377217
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Joan Cooper

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Lt Waldingfield Parish Room
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Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club

The Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club members enjoyed a trip to the historic town of Maldon, Essex on a beautiful summer's day on May 20th. On the way there we had a bit of excitement when a small tar truck about the size of a large pushchair - some of us thought it was - ran out of control from the workmen across the road and collided with our coach,

Not long before leaving Malden the rains came, and on our way to Goldhanger we experienced a tropical downpour, but on arrival at the Chequers Inn - a quaint old inn with exposed beams situated next door to the ancient church and cenotaph - where cream teas with fresh strawberries were being specially prepared for us by the proprietors, the sun shone again and remained so all the way home. *Shirley Hobson*

Boxford Scouts

As from the beginning of the September term the Scout Troop will meet on Thursdays and the Cub Pack will meet on Tuesdays. As ever the Scouts Groups still need leaders and helpers so if you think you might like to help please ring Richard Gates on 210432.

Boxford Playing Fields

The Boxford Playingfields Committee would like to thank all those who helped make the Fun Day so successful. Details will follow in a future edition of BRN.

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The 1st Boxford Guides Senior Section

The 1st Boxford Guides Senior Section is working towards creating an eco-campsite at The Spinney. Our plans are well underway. We now have a range of different coloured bins for different types of rubbish at the Spinney. We are planning to put up signs around the hut with energy saving quotes and facts that we hope will make all Spinney visitors more environmentally aware. By using boards and clear labelling inside and outside of the spinney hut we are hoping to encourage campers as well as visitors to the hut to dispose of their rubbish in an eco-friendly way and to think about their impact on the environment.

We have visited other such projects and an emphasis on protecting the environment both today and in the future is at the heart of this venture. Because of this we are exploring the possibility of producing the electricity that we use from renewable resources.

In researching this subject, we have found that a wind turbine will provide energy from a renewable source, the wind, and will therefore supply energy for us to use without depleting non-renewable resources. We have discovered that at present only 1% of electricity is generated from the wind, but it is possible to provide up to 20% of the total electricity used in the United Kingdom.

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Parish Council Matters

c) Replacement Street Lighting Timers - A M Street Lighting are due to complete a survey of the lights concerned in early June 2004. Ongoing

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. Ongoing

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. Ongoing – SCC Highways have confirmed that work will commence late summer or early autumn.

f) Cars parking on the Village Green – David Smalley reported that the problem has improved. John Taylor said all issues relating to parking on the Green will be included at the next Trust meeting on the 30th June. Discharged

g) Village Sign – The Clerk reported the Highways Department would replace the missing sign at their expense. Ongoing – SCC Highways have confirmed the job is included in the works programme.

h) War Memorial - Cllr. David Smalley and Cllr. Harry Buckledee have completed their survey, which included structural integrity and found it to be sound. Only general maintenance is required and will be undertaken by Harry. Discharged

Finance - Items to consider

a) Notice Board extension - £10

b) Parish Insurance - £354.77

c) Churchyard maintenance grant request - £350

d) SALC Subscription - £191.53

e) Chiltern Office Supplies o/s VAT - £56.88

f) Village Hall Building Regulations - £102.82

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

It was noted that some £200 per annum have been saved with a change of insurer and a new electricity user plan from Powergen. The 1st Precept payment for 2004/5 has been received.

Planning

a) Barn at Mascal's Farm – Babergh DC have granted permission for all aspects of the proposed development.

b) 5 Church Road – Babergh DC have granted permission for all aspects of 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) Potash 1 – Babergh DC have granted permission for alterations to listed building.

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

f) Cherry Orchard House - Babergh DC have granted permission.

g) Abbey House erection of replacement garage and store - NPC has no objections to the proposed scheme.

Correspondence

a) Notice of BDC Meetings

b) The annual BDC meeting with Parish representatives will be attended by Cllr. Janet Crimmin and Cllr. Rita Schwenk

c) Training and Development – Various courses on offer were discussed

d) Babergh Common Housing Register – Concerns were raised that control of allocation on local housing including those owned by associations is now exclusively the domain of Babergh DC. This action is considered not to be in the spirit of the original agreement between Local Parishes and the then Rural Housing Association. The Clerk will raise the issue with Peter Holbrook and Tim Robinson (BDC).

e) D - Day event - A letter has been received thanking NPC for their support.

f) Material for Circulation

Police Report All welcomed PC Scott Lee-Amies to the meeting who has recently joined the local community team. He

can be contacted on 01284 774340.

Scott reported that SID has recently been in operation in our village and one of his priorities is to tackle the problem of speeding in the villages.

Village Hall Cllr. Collin Poole reported the list of materials required for Phase 1 of the refurbishment (including, toilets, rear exit, re-roofing and a new front entrance porch) has been produced. Babergh DC is ready to sign off matching funds and a Building Regulations application has been made. Alan Vince said the Theatre Group has raised a further £180 for the fund.

A.O.B (Questions to the Chair) Cllr. Harry Buckledee requested a strong letter be sent to the Secretary of the Golf Club regarding the premature cutting of the daffodils on the Village Green, as this will weaken them for future years flowering.

Cllr. Colin Poole requested that Gary Flowers be asked to cut grass and nettles at the entrances of the tunnel in the children's play area.

Cllr. Rita Schwenk and others requested that SCC Highways take action to rectify the poor condition of the manhole opposite Airey Close, the large hole on the roundabout of the A134 at Sudbury and the trees that obscure the view at the junction of Valley Road.

Dates of Meetings - To be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on:
Wednesday 21st July 2004

Wednesday 22nd September 2004

Wednesday 24th November 2004

NOTES of the MEETING of

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 14 June 2004 , 7.30 pm at Bell House, CLERKS

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter had been received from the Aldham Parish clerk in response to our original letter sent in December last year to neighbouring villages in connection with the proposed flight path diversions. The letter confirmed they would be keeping an eye on developments. They had noticed an increase in aircraft noise and vapour trails, but not on a regular basis.

Details of Babergh District Council's preferred site in respect of the proposed supermarket in Hadleigh Town had been received. BDC were planning to host meetings with parish councils to discuss the management of Babergh car parks and as DF was our elected transport representative, it was proposed that he should represent Boxford at these meetings - proposed by David Gasson (DG) and seconded by Paula Stacey (PS). SALC had been experiencing problems with their e-mail facility whilst a new system was being installed: all should be running efficiently soon. The council was asked to consider who would be willing to attend the BDC meeting with their Chief Executive in November and whether there were any items for the agenda.

A letter from the Planning department of BDC in connection with the sale of rural plots had been received and the council was asked to be aware of sales of land that were to be divided up into small plots, so that they could address any problems before they arose.

The council were asked whether they had any comments concerning the suggestion by Groton parish council that the proposed development of 15 dwellings adjacent to Homefield, be called Partridge Close. All agreed that this was an appropriate street name.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County councillor Jeremy Pembroke (JP) gave some brief details concerning the transport arrangements for children attending catholic schools in the area. There had been no consultation with those concerned as to how this was to be financed. He was asked to report the uneven pavement slabs outside the school, as well as the broken bollard in Stone Street Road to the appropriate departments. He confirmed he was happy to chair the public meeting arranged for 1st July on the subject of parking restrictions in Boxford and suggested that David House, chairman of the council, give a preamble so that residents understood the details leading up to the proposals being presented at the meeting.

POLICE REPORT: PC Keith Warren reported that on 14 May there had been criminal damage to the outbuilding to the Pavilion to the value of £50 and the offenders had been reprimanded. Also there had

been computer equipment stolen from Copella to the value of £1000. At this juncture. District councillor, Bryn Hurren arrived.

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Parish Council Matters

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th March 2004 at the W. I. Hall, Broad Street, Groton.

Present: Mr B Waghorn (in the chair); Mrs C Baldwin, Mr D Elliott, Mr G Smith & Mr R Mares.

In attendance: Mr J.W.Pembroke [Suffolk CC] Mr B. Hurren [Babergh DC], PC. K. Warren [Suffolk Constabulary], Mr Adam Waller [Chairman of Brent Eleigh Parish Council (a guest of the Chairman)] & Mr M. Wood [Parish Clerk].

Declarations of Interest:

Messrs. Waghorn, Smith and Elliott declared interests in item 10 on the Agenda of this meeting.

Minutes of previous meetings:

Minutes of the meetings of 21st January & 28th February 2004 having been previously circulated were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. [Proposed by Carey Baldwin, seconded by Gerald Smith].

Matters arising: Carey Baldwin reported that she was still endeavouring to contact 'One Suffolk' and would report at the next meeting.

Report from Suffolk Constabulary:

PC Keith Warren was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. The Parish Crime Report had circulated prior to the meeting and PC Warren said there were no reported crimes to-date in this month. He was thanked for attending.

Report from Suffolk County Council: [Jeremy Pembroke].

- Re-piping of the verge between the Fox and Hounds and The Old School House was proceeding.
- Pot holes in Hole Farm Road were being dealt with.
- Provision of the bus hard-standing would cost in the region of £1000, of this £750 would be allocated from his Locality Budget, provided the Parish Council would contribute £250. After a brief discussion, this was agreed although no resolution was passed. Local Landowners had raised no problems. So far as provision of a shelter was concerned, he was not convinced this was necessary.

- The County tax increase had been set at 8% and savings of £12 million were proposed.

- There had been disquiet over County's decision to curtail free transport to voluntary maintained schools. This facility cost County £199,000 pa. Unfortunately there had been no consultation with those to be affected which was a mistake in his view. The whole matter had been badly handled.

Report from Babergh District Council: [Bryn Hurren]:

- The housing scheme in the parish was now under way.
- Fly-tipping was becoming a problem in the District.
- The Council Tax had been increased by 2.8%, the lowest in Suffolk.
- Car park charges in the District would again be reviewed by the Council

David Elliott suggested that fly-tipping had become a problem because of the charges levied by the Council for removing domestic items such as 'fridges and furniture and the cost and difficulty of taking these items to the Waste Management site at Hadleigh.

Planning Matters:

The Clerk reported that notification had been received of approval for works at Mannings Farm.

Financial Matters:

A statement of the Council's current finances (as at 21st January) was presented to the meeting. This showed a balance of £4558.58, divided as between:

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| Current a/c | £ 697.44 |
| Reserve a/c | £3655.78 |
| Total | £4353.22 |

Councillors authorised the following Orders for Payment: [Proposed by Gerald Smith, seconded by David Elliott] Ann. The Council considered applications for donations from various

bodies which will bring direct benefit to the parish as defined by s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was proposed [by Gerald Smith, seconded by Carey Baldwin] that the following donations be made to the organisations listed:

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| East Anglian Air Ambulance | £100 |
| Groton PCC | £200 [for churchyard maintenance] |

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| Three Parishes Response [3PR] | £150 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | £100 [Sudbury branch] |
| Suffolk Accident Rescue | £ 50 |

Under the Council's powers in s.19(3)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 it was proposed by Gerald Smith, seconded by Carey Baldwin that £250 be donated to Groton Women's Institute towards their expenses incurred in providing recreational facilities for the Parish of Groton.

S.A.L.C. Matters:

David Elliott reported that the 15th March meeting had been poorly attended. The meeting had received notice of County expenditure on class A & B roads and of the periodic inspections.

Chairman's Report & Correspondence:

It was reported that Gladys Partridge, widow of Ron had expressed the wish that if the Parish Council decided to incorporate part of the family name in naming the road on the Local Needs Housing scheme, then it should be 'Partridge'.

Reports and Questions from Councillors:

The Matter of the Tree Warden was deferred until John Norton was present at the APM

Any Other Business:

There being none, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40. pm.

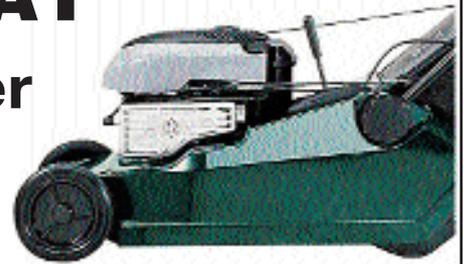
The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 26th May 2004 at 7.00 pm to be followed by a meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm.

Dated 26th May 2004

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We have great plans in hand for our Flower Festival over the Bank Holiday weekend; There will be Coffee, Lunch and Tea served at Groton Hall [by kind permission of Charles Partridge]. There will be a Preview of the Flowers at 7.0pm on Friday 27th. The Main Attraction will of course be the Floral Display, which is being designed by Barbara Riddleston, and will be arranged by all the "Flower Ladies" of Groton. So put the date in your diaries now, and bring your friends to enjoy the Flowers and the Refreshments; more info next month. *Pat Kennedy Scott*



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The Box Rover Benefice remembers The Courage and Sacrifice of the Normandy Landings

On June the 6th the Benefice remembered the 60th anniversary of D-Day when the allies stormed the beaches of Normandy. During the service, held in a packed Boxford St Mary's Church, Percy Fletcher from Edwardstone, one of many veterans present in the congregation, gave his tribute to the fallen in a very moving review of his experiences on that memorable day. Percy needed a lot of persuading to allow us to reproduce those words in the Box River News but so many readers have asked for them to be printed he finally agreed.

60 years ago to this very day, 6th June 1944, B.B.C. listeners heard some long awaited news, and I quote, _ "here is a special bulletin, read by John Snagge. D Day has come. Early this morning the Allies began the assault on the north western face of Hitler's European fortress". For people living in Britain and the war torn regions, the allied invasion of Europe - code-named "Overlord" marked the beginning of the end of hostilities in Europe.

Although "D Day" has become almost synonymous with the initial Normandy landings, it is a term used by the military in cases where the date of an operation is not mentioned - the D simply standing for the day in question. Over the years much has been written and stories told by far more learned persons than I, and I feel honoured and very humbled to have been asked to give a tribute to those members of the armed forces who not only fought but were killed on those beaches.

For those involved in the build up before 6th June they can never forget the huge amount of equipment that assembled in the area of the South Coast, tanks of every description, vehicles of every description, men of many nations, of many religions and of many creeds.

A journey along the Hogs Back near Guildford placed the parking of vehicles in Swan Street into insignificance - the only difference being of course that the vehicles were all facing one way - to the sea.

It was no doubt a relief when orders were received and the huge armada of ships carrying men and equipment finally set sail. U is to me to this day a source of great wonder how everything - well almost everything - came together. The landing beaches, as you know were five in number and they in turn were split into three zones.

I landed on Juno beach being a member of the advance party of Field Artillery attached to the Canadian Army although the guns themselves did not appear for some while, due to the fact that not all objectives had been secured. Let me make it quite clear I was not in the first wave or second wave of troops landing that was mainly the airborne, commandos, infantry, and tanks, but probably the third, for it was late in the day. I cannot express my admiration enough for those men who bore the brunt of the initial fighting, and the partial clearing of the beaches to enable other landings to be made.

Memories abound - stupid as they now seem, but so relevant at the time - of driving down a tree lined avenue in Gosport, typical pre war houses, bow window downstairs, bow window upstairs, some houses showing a light downstairs, dawn was breaking - oh for a cup of tea

A memory one will always carry is the voyage over- not knowing what was waiting on the other side. Strange as it may seem it was very quiet, everyone having their own personal thoughts, interrupted by the movement of a flat bottomed craft, the lapping of rough waves upon its sides and the shrill sound of navel vessels claxons in the distance. Troops checking for the umpteenth time that their vehicles and equipment were in order. Some of us were luckier than others if we only knew it at the time.



Above: The War memorial with a wreath laid by Percy Fletcher to honour the fallen on the Normandy Beaches

Below: Percy enjoying a well earned drink at the reception held after the service





*L to R: George Howard, George Farrer and Harry Buckledee
reminisce after the service*

I was on board an American crewed craft and the food was outstanding but the Captain must have been a nut case. A few hundred yards from the beach he yelled through the loud speakers in a southern drawl - you're not going to get your feet wet. He revved up the engines and drove the craft up onto the beach, the doors were opened, the ramp dropped and we drove onto the sand at Courseille-sur-mer. That was excellent but the vehicles had been waterproofed - hours of practice driving through rivers and duck ponds proved to be such a waste of time. The tranquil crossing was quiet no more, and I am sure the Clergy present will permit me to describe it as all hell let loose. Shells from naval vessels at sea, screeching overhead, vehicles and tanks on full throttle working their laborious way through the dunes, the enemy throwing an assortment of missiles at us. Most disturbing of all was the number of dead servicemen laying on the beach, men who hours earlier has met with the most resistance: wounded personnel being attended to ready to be shipped back to England. These sights are not easily forgotten and one must remember many thousands of those who landed and fought were in their early 20's, in those days - not even old enough to vote. Despite the training nothing could prepare you for the heavy shellfire from afar or for the small arms from nearby - an instant cure for constipation.

I am not renowned for quoting from the bible but In the Old Testament Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 Verse 4 appears and I quote " A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance" If one only had the time one could have easily wept, but self preservation took over, and encouraged by Beach Marshall's in less than polite language we were encouraged to remove oneself from his particular patch of beach - well words to that effect.

The British Serviceman has always been renowned for his sense of humour - even under the most adverse conditions - of the Sgt. Major full of bravado, trying to ride his motor cycle through the sand dunes and falling into a shell hole, -of the compositions upon which we survived until such time as the cooks got their act together. No soldier of that era can ever forget the boxes of rations which were provided to sustain eight men for one day. The boxes contained such items as - tinned rice puddings, tins of 50 Senior Service cigarettes, tinned corned beef, tinned bacon

which when opened became a slimy mess, water purification tables, a concoction of dried milk and tea powder mixed together, matches, a small collapsible stove fired by fire lighters, biscuits (uneatable), chocolate and who can ever forget - tins of Maconoci stew, I do not recall seeing on the tins any information as to ingredients or nutrition. I must not forget to mention the toilet paper.

When one eventually got onto the beach head it was a case of finding a convenient hole in which to have a sleep, and to mourn those who had been less fortunate than oneself. A new dawn and a new day, and if one looked back towards the sea it was still seething with ships of every size and shape. A new day and a time to move further inland for the beaches were becoming somewhat overfull, for the initial target of Caen was not yet captured and neither would be for several weeks.

As one moved further and further inland - there was time for dancing by the local inhabitants in celebration of their liberation from their oppressors. A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Tribute must be paid to the planners of such a daring and complex military operation - to the Allied Air Forces for without air superiority over the Normandy beaches the invasion would never have been contemplated. Over a period of time prior to June 1944 the enemy air force had been destroyed and the factories and airfields demolished, - to the naval and Royal Marine personnel, for without their tenacity and courage the landing of troops on D Day would have been impossible - to members of the Airborne Divisions and Glider Pilots Regiment who made the first landings at the Orne Canal - Pegasus Bridge, and the Merville Battery.

I have been fortunate enough to have recently re visited JUNO Beach for the first time and what struck me most of all was the length of sand at that particular landing area. I would estimate almost 3 miles in length with no obstructions what so ever - no breakwaters -just sand and sand dunes above high water mark. It was so quiet - when my son and two grandsons stood on the beach there was not a soul in sight. In fact no one to take a photo of the four of us. Today of course it will be packed with visitors and veterans - veterans with memories of 60 years ago.

It has been estimated that by nightfall on 6th June 1944 150,000 soldiers had been landed and that the whole of the Normandy campaign claimed 37,000 lives. Figures can be made to mean anything and slip glibly off the tongue. If one considers that from the latest figures available the total population of the parishes forming this Benefice is approx. 2,300 I am sure you will realise the enormity of those figures.

In paying this most inadequate tribute to those who gave their lives and received wounds on the Beaches of Normandy may I close with these words -

As we that are left grow old, We will remember them.

Percy Fletcher



Boxford CEVC Primary School

OFSTED Report 2004

During the Spring Term of 2004 a team of Government Inspectors from OFSTED inspected our school This is what they said,

about the quality of education

'Teachers have high expectations and challenge the pupils effectively, with an imaginative curriculum which is very well planned. Pupils have very good attitudes to their work as a result.' 'Staff seek to ensure curriculum provision is of the highest calibre.'

'The quality of teaching, pupils interest in their learning, an imaginative curriculum, well developed and up to date use of ICT across the curriculum in both teaching and learning are key factors in the school's success.'

'The teachers quickly capture the children's imagination.....'

about attainment and achievement

'The school has a very clear educational philosophy, which is successful in practice enabling the pupils to make good progress.' 'Pupils respond to the high expectations that are quietly made of them.'

'Pupils make good progress because of the good and often very good teaching, a very rich curriculum and well planned work that matches their needs.'

'Pupils who are more capable progress well.'

'Very good support is given to children with special educational needs so they achieve well.'

'Pupils remain interested in their work throughout the school....'

about attitudes and values

'Pupils show a ready enthusiasm for school. They put their enthusiasm down to their teachers.'

'The children think highly of their school and enjoy their lessons and the wide range of additional opportunities.'

'The staff take very good care of all pupils, make very good arrangements for their welfare and have very good relationships with them.'

'Pupils behaviour and their attitudes to their work are very good.'

'The pupils have a very well developed sense of what is right and wrong because they are listened to and treated fairly.'

'The very good relationships between the pupils and the adults and amongst the pupils encourage responsibility and build up pupils' self esteem.'

about management

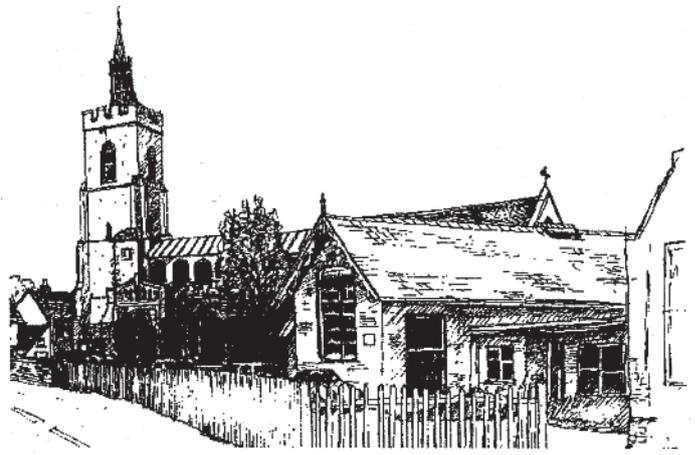
'The headteacher continues to provide very strong and very caring leaderships and forms a very effective working partnership with the deputy head. Their vision, to ensure that all pupils follow an exciting and challenging curriculum and achieve well, is very effectively put into practice.'

'The ethos that pupils should enjoy their learning is apparent throughout the school. The pupils love school and this, combined with the very good relationships, are the main reasons why the school is such a happy place.'

Boxford CE VC Primary is a successful school with many strengths. Committed leadership, good teaching, supportive teamwork, an imaginative curriculum and a genuine concern for individual pupils' progress and welfare ensure that the pupils achieve well. These positive features result in above average attainment in several areas of the pupils' learning. The school provides good value for money.

Pupils' achievements are good throughout the school.

Children in the nursery and reception make good progress because of the good and often very good teaching. Most attain beyond the goals children are expected to reach by the end of reception in all areas of their learning. A similar good quality of



teaching in years 1 to 4 helps the pupils to reach well above average standards in English, though handwriting is of average quality. Pupils attain above average standards in mathematics, science, ICT, history and art and meet local expectations in religious education.

Other subjects were sampled. The school has always obtained either above or well above average results against all schools nationally in the past three years in national tests. In 2001, results in mathematics and writing were in the top five per cent of schools in the country. In recognition of these results, the school received an achievement award in 2000 and 2001. In 2003, the higher than usual proportion of pupils with special educational needs brought about a slight fall in the trend of results, but nevertheless, they still reflected well against other schools. Pupils with special educational needs make good progress and pupils with above average attainment are challenged well.

Pupils' personal qualities, including their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development are nurtured well. Pupils' moral and social development are very good and their spiritual and cultural development are good. Pupils' behaviour and their attitudes to their work are very good. Pupils are punctual and attendance in the last academic year was well above the national average.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION

The school provides pupils with a good quality of education. There are many strengths. Teaching and learning are good. Eighty-two per cent of lessons observed were good and better.

Teachers have high expectations and challenge the pupils effectively with an imaginative curriculum, which is very well planned and supported further by a very good range of extra-curricular activities. Pupils have a very good attitude to their work as a result. There is very good provision for pupils with special educational needs and they progress well. Assessment of pupils' work is good and supports their progress well. The staff take very good care of all the pupils, make very good arrangements for their welfare and have very good relationships with them. There is a very strong partnership with the parents and very good links with the community and other schools.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

The quality of both leadership and management is very good. The headteacher leads the school very effectively and forms a very effective working partnership with the deputy head. The school is well managed. There is very good teamwork amongst all the staff. Subject leaders manage their responsibilities very well. The governing body is effective in its work and fulfils its statutory duties well. There is a very good ethos. The school has a very clear educational philosophy, which is successful in practice enabling the pupils to make good progress.

PARENTS' AND PUPILS' VIEWS OF THE SCHOOL

A very high percentage of the parents show a very good level of support for the education provided, including the quality of teaching and the good progress made by their children. The children think highly of their school and enjoy their lessons and the wide range of additional opportunities.

The Benefice can be justly proud of its school which includes Boxford, Groton, Edwardstone and Newton in its catchment area and 40% of its pupils are from other villages outside the area.

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In aid of Barnardo's. 24th -30th September September 2004

Dove Barn, the wedding and conference venue situated 2 miles outside Boxford in Suffolk is proud to announce that the last week of September 2004 will see its first Art Fair in aid of the Barnardo's. 'We have always talked about having an art fair in the barn' said the barn's owner Adam Dixon-Smith, 'When Barnardo's Bury St Edmunds Group approached us we were very happy to get involved and commit time and resource to such a worthwhile charity'.

The week long event will kick off with a Private View and Reception in the evening of Friday 24th September: The Private View will also feature the premiere of a contemporary dance installation called 'Traces', which is the result of a collaboration between artists Pamela Harling, Anna Dixon-Smith, Dave Page and Snaggy O'Sullivan- Moore.

The Art Fair will open to the public on Saturday morning (25th) and remain open 10am to 5pm everyday until Thursday 30th September. A number of the artists will be present at the exhibition throughout the weekend.

Mrs Louise Vivian, a Barnardo's committee member added 'We are grateful to Adam & Anna for the use of their barn. We are always looking for new ways to raise money for Barnardo's and the idea of an art fair appealed to everyone on the committee. Our sponsors - Birketts, Lay & Wheeler, Baker Tilly, FPD Savills, The Ickworth Hotel and Sarah Healey Catering have also been very supportive.' The Art Fair will exhibit the best work from emerging talent and established contemporary artists based in East Anglia and further a-field. Anna Dixon-Smith, herself an artist having recently completed a Fine Art degree at Suffolk College, curated the exhibition. 'I have picked artists whose work I like, ranging from accessible to the more challenging! I'm delighted that so many first rate artists have agreed to exhibit. With over 250 artworks on show, and sculptures as well, there really will be something for everyone here. Most of the works will be priced in the range £250.00 to £2,500.00. We're praying for an Indian Summer so that lots of people come to the exhibition.' Dove Barn, which opened for business in September 2002 is well signposted from the village of Boxford (between Hadleigh and Sudbury on the A1071).

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