

Box River News

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A TOUCH OF THE ORIENT

With the theme of "The Orient", Newton's Fete on Saturday 10th July was a day to be remembered



Above: The ever popular 'Bouncy Castle' and Roundabout were busy all afternoon

Left: One of the lions who performed throughout the afternoon.

SWAN STREET TRAFFIC PROPOSALS REJECTED

On 1st July about 60 people gathered in the Boxford Village Hall to consider suggestions from the Suffolk County Council as to how the traffic problems of Swan Street could be eased.

At the request of the Parish Council, Boxford's County Councillor, Jeremy Pembroke, chaired the Meeting. Plans had been made available for viewing in the village hall throughout the day giving everyone could have an opportunity to see the proposals before the Meeting.

The meeting was a lively one with everyone airing their opinions and expressing their views. There was considerable concern that Emergency Services simply could not get through at certain times of the day with an example the previous week when a fire engine simply could not get up the street. It was also noted that vehicles in Swan Street were frequently seen travelling at an unsafe speed.

The suggestions put forward by the County Council were rejected but there was a general agreement that those who had "Off Street Parking" should use it and if that happened the problem could be eased. The use of Bollards was suggested but that was also rejected.

The outcome was a substantial vote in favour of the status quo. However The County Council will look at the possibility of monitoring the speed which cars travel in Swan Street. They will also consider putting a restriction by the Bus Stop opposite the Fleece so that buses can pull in. Consideration will also be given to banning parking in the Bus Bay by the School so the buses can indeed turn around safely.

With blue skies above all afternoon, the Newton Fete enjoyed a record breaking year, with both the raffle and overall proceeds being the best ever achieved. With Brian James still collecting the money, the distribution fund this year currently exceeds £1,450. My thanks once again to all the people that helped throughout the day and special thanks to all those of you who sold Raffle Tickets, in particular Alan Vince.

The Fete was very fortunate to have Dianne and David Skates provide us with their Lion Dance and Tai Chi groups as well as their vintage cars and we are all grateful for the time and effort they gave.

Also keeping the crowd occupied during the afternoon were Peter Haylock's Classical Racing motorcycles, Jean Tomkin's Line Dancers, Bob Manning's rides and numerous stalls and sideshows. Details of Fete prizes can be found on inside pages

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St Mary's Boxford Church Fete 3rd July.

Despite the vagaries of the weather and strong competition from the Wimbledon Ladies' Final, the Rectory Gardens were soon buzzing with enthusiastic supporters of our annual church fete. The scene was idyllic with colourful stalls, challenging games, children gathering round the Punch and Judy booth, and Susan Block's endearing donkeys weaving their way amongst the crowds. As always, the Guides' Tea Tent was well patronised, unsurprisingly, because their cakes are always so delicious. It was, altogether, a most happy and successful afternoon, raising some £1,500 for church funds. Grateful thanks are due to David and Joan Matthews who so kindly invited us to use the Rectory gardens, to all stallholders and helpers, to the Guides and their leaders, and last but not least, to Michael Gray who so efficiently organised the setting up of the ground. In the interests of harmony amongst my fellow tennis players, next year's church fete will be on Saturday June 25th. CW

Below and Right: Scenes around the Rectory Garden Photo's David Mathews



Jazz at the Fleece Boxford Suffolk

Friday, 6th August, 8.30 Ticket £10

Jonathan Gee

Jonathan is one of European jazz's most celebrated musicians. He is a compelling pianist whose resourcefulness and technical command rival any of his generation. He has been recorded on 20 albums and his latest solo album called 'Wishbone' features 6 original compositions and 6 by Duke Ellington, 5 of which are sung with a delicate freshness that a ballad singer might envy.

Friday, 13th August, 8.30 Ticket £11

Basil Hodge Quintet

Championed by no less a figure than Julian Joseph, Basil has a solid reputation in British jazz as both a pianist and composer. He leads an excellent quintet comprising Tony Kofi (saxophone), Quentin Collins (trumpet), Tom Herbert (bass) and Sebastian Rochford (drums). Hard bop but with great freshness and originality. We can highly recommend Basil's debut CD 'My Guardian Angel'

Friday, 20th August, 8.30 Ticket £12

Joan Viskant

Born and brought up in Chicago, Joan began singing professionally in the clubs of her hometown before relocating to France and then to London. Her vocal career took her through Europe, where she received encouragement from Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra, as well as the respect of many

influential jazz musicians. Wooife Phillips, who was musical director for Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole and Judy Garland, described Joan as, "The finest jazz singer I've heard in the last thirty years". With Christian Vaughan (piano), Mike Henry (trumpet), Jerome Davies (bass) and Jeff Lardner (drums).

Friday, 27th August and Saturday 28th

August 8.30 Ticket £13

Martin Taylor

One of the world's greatest and busiest players makes an eagerly awaited solo return to the Fleece. Repeatedly referred to as a guitarist's guitarist, Martin's swinging improvisation with chords, walking bass lines and melody have consistently left audiences stunned and amazed.

Friday, 3rd September, 8.30 Ticket £11

The New Couriers

This great jazz group is a worthy tribute to the classic iconic British modern jazz group that was co-led by saxophonists Tubby Hayes and Ronnie Scott between 1957 and 1960. The modern day couriers are Martin Drew (drums), Momington Lockett (tenor saxophone), Steve Molling (piano), Jim. Hart (vibes) and Paul Morgan (bass).

Friday, 10th September, 8.30 Ticket £10

Chaz Jankel Quartet

Chaz is probably best known for being co-founder and musical director of the Blockheads with Ian Dury. He continues to be a member of that band, playing guitar, keyboards, singing and composing. Chaz released his first jazz album, 'Out Of The Blue' in 2001. His second 'Zoom' was released in the autumn of 2003 and features his quartet of Andy Crowdy (bass) and fellow Blockheads Dave Lewis (saxophone) and Dylan Howe (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

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, CO10 5ER Tel:- 01787 210263 Applications from organisations serving the above area will also be considered.

Little Waldingfield Over 60's Club

Members and friends of Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club spent an interesting day on June 24th in Felixstow. The journey by coach seemed unexpectedly short, as we arrived in the town in just over half an hour after picking up some of our party in Monks Eleigh. The day was sunny though with very high winds, much more so in the town itself where some in the group decided to look around the shops and lunch before walking to the Promenade. Before leaving Felixstow we journeyed by coach to Landguard Fort originally, it is said, built at the behest of Henry VIII and the dock overlooking the Orwell estuary where a few members alighted to enjoy a better view of the Fort and the surrounding area.

On Wednesday July 14th twenty four members and friends attended the club's annual strawberry tea party held in the village pavilion by courtesy of the Playing Field's Association, and it was a pleasure to see our former President/Chairman, Mrs Mary Bullard, join us for a very enjoyable afternoon.

The club's next meeting, by popular vote, will take place on Wednesday, August 25th to Southwold, Suffolk when it is hoped as many members and friends will join us. For further information please ring Mrs Peggy Pell on 01787 247238
Shirley Hobson

MIDSUMMER MUNCH

At Cathrich House, Newton Green

£410 was raised for the Village Hall at the "Midsummer Munch" held in the garden of Cathrich House on Sunday 27th June. Thanks for this must go to the generosity of all who attended, the help and support of volunteers too numerous to mention, and the kind loans of furniture and generous gifts. As an extra bonus the weather was also amazingly kind.

Unfortunately, there are no photographs of the event as the official photographer was much too busy cooking.....and socialising!

Boxford Drama Group

On behalf of "Boxford Drama Group" I would like to thank all the people who came and gave us their support at the "East London Theme Night". It was a truly memorable night and one which the cast felt privileged to have performed.

The sum of £900 was raised for disabled toilets for the Boxford Village Hall.

I would like to thank the 'Box River News' for their always welcome publicity, it means a lot to know that every home in five parishes is aware of our productions. Once again our thanks for your support, we couldn't do it without you
Derek Butler

Sudbury Singles Club seeks new members.

A new Singles Club which started in March this year and is held at the Quay Theatre, Quay Lane Sudbury is looking for new members to join them. They meet every Monday night upstairs

in the bar area at 8pm where there is a relaxing, informal and friendly atmosphere and you will be made very welcome.

So far there have been several Sunday Lunches out at local venues, a river boat trip up in London, cabaret nite, barn dance town: Further events planned are a coach trip to Great Yarmouth, Abba Nite plus lots more.

If you want to improve your social life and to make new friends do come along.

You can contact Val on 312907 or Geoff on 312280 for further details.

Primrose Wood.

I hope visitors to the wood have found the access path clearer than a few months ago. We now have an extra helper in Roger Loose so will try to maintain it in good condition. Unfortunately the contractors who cut the paths within the wood have made a rather rough job but we will continue to urge the Woodland trust to work to higher standards.

The good news is that a board walk has been installed through the very wet section running down from the highest point of the woodland, by the maintenance gate, enabling visitors to enjoy a circular walk without squelching through the bog. We are indebted to our good neighbour Tony Suckling for his invaluable and assistance with this project.

We were greatly looking forward to the arrival of the long horned cattle to graze the two meadows and to keep them in good heart. Sadly, they are no longer available. We are desperate to get some grazing this year, if anyone can help please let us know. The total area is some 16 HA, or acres.

Jennie Lindsley (201 520); Dave Gasson (210 796); Vic Rice (210 504).

Boxford, village of delight.

This new book was launched at the Church Fete and now is on sale in Boxford News and Boxford Stores and Post Office. The book is a celebration in paintings, drawings and photographs of our delightful village. It has been produced in full colour to a very high standard with the financial support of the Boxford Community Council, and the Boxford Society. All profits will be used by those organisations to support activities within the village.

The Newton Fete prizes were awarded as follows:

Best Dressed Child	-	Alice Green
Best Dressed Adult	-	Shana James
Colouring Competition up to 5		Freddie Flowers
Colouring Competition 6 to 10		Alice Green
Football Shoot Adult	-	Ben St Ledger
Football Shoot Child	-	Lauren Ralph
Golf - Men/Women/Junior		John Cole/Brenda White/ Joe Lawrence

NEWTON FETE GRAND DRAW 2004

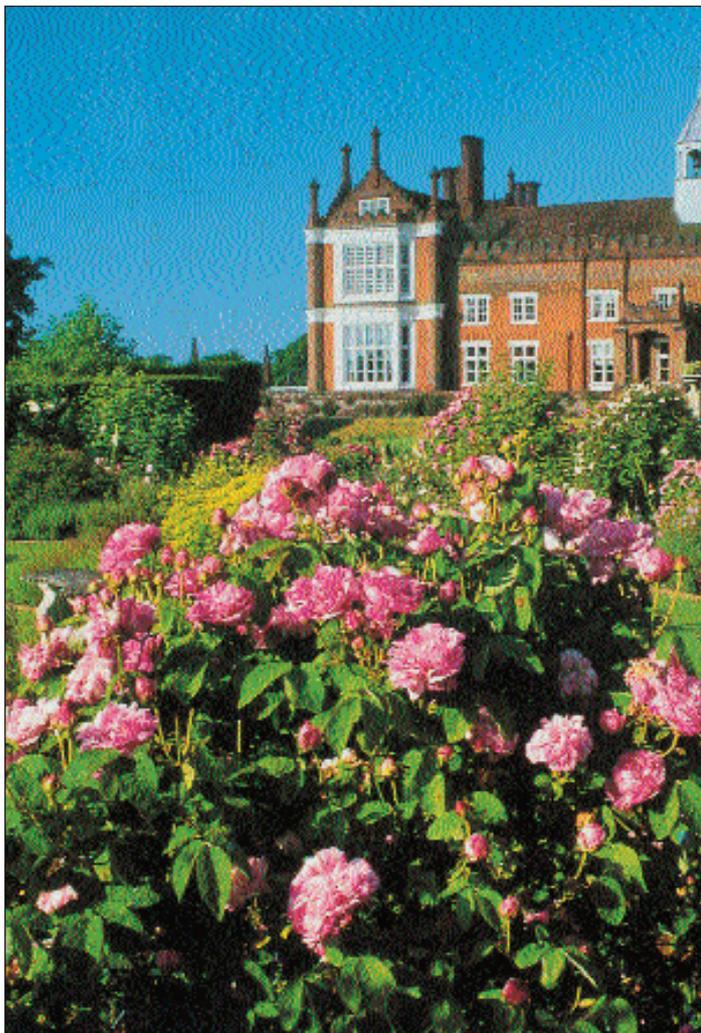
1st	£100.00	M.Long
2nd	£ 50.00	Clive Goulding

All prizes have been claimed and a full list of winners is available from Janet Crimmin 375085.

Dave Crimmin Chairman, Fete Committee

Summer Song and Supper June 19th

Hadleigh Choral Society greatly enjoyed this social occasion. Boxford has a beautiful church in which to sing and the delicious supper was much appreciated after a long rehearsal and only a short break for tea. The fact that £950 was raised for church funds was a bonus.



Senior Citizens Mystery Outing

The beautiful gardens of Helmingham Hall were the venue for this years Senior Citizens Mystery Outing on 23rd June.

87 Senior Citizens from Edwardstone Groton and Boxford and their drivers, descended upon the beautiful gardens of Helmingham Hall following a long journey around the countryside of Suffolk.

The Hall, home of the Tollemache family since the 15th century when John Tollemache married Elizabeth Joyce, the heiress of Helmingham in 1487. The original house was pulled down and the present Helmingham Hall was built and completed in 1510.

After a splendid tea the visitors were addressed by Lord Tollemache who told them something of his families history over the past 500 years or so and about the present gardens.

Despite high winds and rain most of the visitors braved the weather to view the gardens and deer park and they were not dissappointed. The various gardens and borders, the orchard and wild garden and the formal Knot Garden were enjoyed despite the weather. It was also interesting to note that the Hall surrounded by a moat, is probably the only Hall in the country that still raises its drawbridge every night (there are two).

After the visit it was back to the Brewer's Arms for a drink, a chat and the free Raffle. Congratulations to the organisers for another great evening out.



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GARDENING IN AUGUST *Harry Buckledee*

Lift Autumn sown onions of the Japanese varieties now. Do not leave them in the ground until they begin to split and render them useless for storing.

The last week in the month is about right for sowing seed of these onions for next year. The soil should be well prepared and moderately rich and cleared of weeds. Too rich a soil will cause them to grow soft and fail to stand the winter. An easier way is to plant sets of these varieties in early October.

Early in the month make the main sowing of spring cabbages. This sowing will not so readily run to seed as earlier ones. Sow the seeds individually in cell trays, (40 to a tray) and plant out into deep trays when large enough to produce good strong plants for planting out in the open ground early in October.

There is still time for a sowing of lettuce for late use, All The Year Round is a good variety for this. Or why not try a sowing of Corn Salad, or Lamb's Lettuce as its often called. It is a native of Britain and grown as a salad crop. Sow seeds in drills 12 inches apart and thin seedlings out to six inches.

Continue to feed tomatoes twice weekly with a high potash liquid fertiliser such as Tomorite.

If you have the space it is worth sowing hardy annuals outside. Our winters are getting warmer and most will come through quite well and will flower better and longer than those that are spring sown. Clarkias, Godetias, Candytuft are suitable and there are some lovely colours in Escholtzias which make a magnificent display.

Evergreen hedges such as Yew, Holly, Laurel and Conifer should be clipped in August. Hornbeam and Beech should also be trimmed and the remaining leaves will hang on all winter. Lavender hedges can also be trimmed by cutting off the dead Flower stems to tidy them up but the final pruning should be delayed until early spring.

As soon as rambler roses have finished flowering, all the old stems which have bourne flowers should be cut right back to the base, this will allow all the food and energy to go into the new

shoots which will flower next year.

Earwigs are a pest on Dahlias and ruin many good flowers. Set up earwig traps by placing plant pots upside down on top of stakes with a little hay or straw inside.. Examine them every day and destroy any earwigs shetering there, it is important to check them every day otherwise you will just be providing a hiding place for them during the day so they can come out at night and do their damage.

BOXFORD BOUNTY DRAW RESULTS May – June 2004

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank Members of Boxford Community Council for drawing the following winners during their meeting at The White Hart, Boxford on Wednesday 7th July 2004:

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August			
2 Boxford Over 60's Club	AGM	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
10 Boxford Over 60's Club	Outing to Walton & Frintons	Meet at the Fleece	TBA
11 Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club		Anglia	12.00 noon
16 Boxford Over 60's Club	Garden Meeting	JChequers	2.30pm
25 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Visit to Southwold		
27 Reflections of Faith	Flower Festival Preview	St Bartholomew's Church, Groton	7.00pm
28/30 Reflections of Faith	Flower Festival	St Bartholomew's Church, Groton	10am to 5pm
28 St Mary's Boxford Concert			12 noon
30 St Mary's Boxford Concert			12 noon
31 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Holkham Hall		
September			
4 Boot Sale	Newton Green Village Hall	Newton Green Playing Fields	9.00-noon
8 Boxford Community Council	Council Meeting	White Hart	8.00pm
11 Bumble Bees 'Fat Old Dad'		Leavanheath	7.30pm
17 Gardeners Question Time	Edwardstone Parish Hall		TBA
17/18 Boxford Drama Group	Murder Mystery	Boxford Village Hall	
18 Cheese & Wine/ Photo Quiz	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.30pm
22 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Frinton on Sea		
24 Gardeners Question Time	Edwardstone		
October			
2 Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	WI Hall	7.30pm
2 Boot Sale	Newton Green Village Hall	Newton Green Playing Fields	9.00-noon
16 Fun Evening	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.30pm
23 Edwardstone & Boxford CC	Dinner Dance	Stoke Club	
27 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Birthday Tea		
December			
4 Cheese and Wine Part	Groton PCC	WI Hall	7.30pm
Second Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford			7.30pm



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Exercise

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Hadleigh Choral Society will start rehearsing their 2004/2005 season on Tuesday 7th September. Rehearsals take place in the Drama Hall, Hadleigh High School beginning promptly at 7.30pm and ending at approximately 9.30pm.

The autumn concert, which will take place in November, has a French theme and will include Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine and Gounod's Messe solennelle de Sainte Cecile as well as orchestral works by Saint-Saens and Poulenc. The spring concert takes us to Russia and will include the St Nicholas Mass by Mussorgsky and a selection from the AH Night Virgil by Rachmaninov, as well as orchestral works by Rimsky-Korsakov and Litoff.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Doreen Wilson who will be happy to talk to you (tel: 01473 652433). Whilst the ability to read music is desirable, no auditions are required and we would be delighted to welcome you to the Hadleigh Choral Society.

SESAW

Our Open Day this year falls on Sunday 1 August which gives us the Monday to get over it, except being a Bank Holiday we will be open on the Monday morning.

The feature we had in a recent copy of the Sudbury Free Press was very successful and many cats were homed. Unfortunately as soon as one goes out the gate another six are waiting to come in. So if you or anyone you know are seeking to give a cat a home please pay us a visit.

However, prior to the cat coming home with you we do visit you at home to discuss any matters of cat welfare or how to introduce your new pet into a household which may already have resident cats or dogs.

Fund raising is an ever pressing issue and our appeal for helpers was successful, thank you, however, if anyone is interested in hands on help and would like to volunteer we shall be needing help from mid July on week days, if you are able to help please ring Maggie on 01787 210888

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Boxford Village Hall

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3rd No 22	£10	John Buckle	Stone Street
4th No 103	£5	Helen Selwood	Ballingdon

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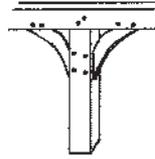
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

To the Box River Saints

The Boxford Fete has come and gone, complete with dire predictions that the visitors would complete the destruction of the garden and lawn begun by the moles. Apart from the ever-present moles, the garden shows no evidence that a fete was hosted there just a couple of weeks ago. A major factor in all this is that visitors showed great respect for the property, litter was placed in the receptacles and the organisers cleared up remarkably well. The fete was a success and in more than just a financial way. Anything, which brings people together for a joyous common purpose such as a fete, is a success. People who perhaps had not seen each other for a while met and talked and had fellowship together. Families came together with the common goal of having fun and generally enjoying themselves. I stood watching the faces at one of the Punch and Judy shows performances. The smiles on the faces of the audience said it all and I have to say that many were unaccompanied adults! Watch this space next year.

Another issue that I have to raise is that of holidays. My family and I are in the position where due to our son's ill health we are unable to go away from the area to take a break. In the three weeks I have already taken I have been inundated with telephone calls and visitors. During my last break I had a message on my answering machine stating that I was on holiday and it made no difference at all. I had incessant telephone calls and callers. I have one day off a week, which is Monday, and I still have many Mondays disturbed by parish matters. The opening gambit from people calling on my day off is usually, "I know it's your day off, but....." Leisure time is very important to enable us to unwind and relax and especially in a vocation where fourteen-hour days are the norm rather than the exception. I would like to give notice that from August 17th to the 30th I will be on leave. I would appreciate it if you would please consider during that time that I am in the South of France or some other far away place.

Joan and I would like to thank the people of the benefice for their prayers and support during our son Yibi's long illness. He remains hospital bound until such time as the medical team can get his breakthrough pain under control. Despite the excruciating pain, which is a daily part of his existence, he still retains that bright spark which makes him such a joy. His fortitude and courage over these long months of pain and institutionalisation have been an example of his indomitable spirit. Please continue to pray for him and for Joan who daily has to watch him in pain unable to help except by offering the comfort of a mother's touch.

God's richest blessings
David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

The Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint. It is not possible to hand over "the whole of our lives" to God at once, because we live and, as we live, we change - hopefully, though, from glory to glory. To be a Christian is to be a "becoming person."

Michael Ramsey

BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:

On August 11th the Box River Club will join with the Newtoners for a visit to the Cathedral Discovery Centre. The Box River Club will also be joining with the Newtoners for a party on Tuesday 31st August in Newton Green Village Hall from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Janet Daniels

CHURCH FETE 3RD JULY:

Very many thanks to all who worked so hard to organise this year's fete, to the stall holders, the Guides for the teas and to Revd. David and Mrs Matthews for permission to use the rectory garden. £1500.00 was raised for church funds.

Christopher Kingsbury

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Meets alternate Tuesdays, 8.00 p.m., at the home of Peter and Margaret Holden - studying St. Johns gospel - next meeting 3rd August.

Christopher Kingsbury

YOUR CHURCH ON THE WEB:

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MORE NEWS: Pick up a newsheet available in church.

SMILE LINES:

"When choosing a pet, keep in mind that to a dog you're family, to a cat you're staff."

Glyn Williams



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elder:

Antony Dodd 210397

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL:

We will be holding a Gardeners' Questions evening in Edwardstone Parish Hall on **Friday 24th September at 7.30 p.m.** The panel will comprise: Rupert Eley – The Place for Plants, East Bergholt; Andrew Tokely – Horticultural Advisor, Thompson & Morgan and Jonathan Jukes – Curator, Marks Hall Estate, Coggeshall. They are looking forward to answering your questions. Tickets, £4.50, to include glass of wine and nibbles, available from Sheila Saddleton (211161) or Daphne Clark (210698). Everyone welcome.

Proceeds to Edwardstone Church.

Sheila Saddleton

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

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

Aug 8: Combine with Groton/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

Aug 15: Mr Currey/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

Aug 22: Mrs Tregear/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

Aug 29: Combine with Groton/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

Sept 5: Mr Saddleton (United Benefice Service)/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott.

ROTAS: August

Flowers: Mrs P Kennedy Scott

Cleaning: Mrs P Kennedy Scott

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr M Wood Mrs P Kennedy Scott

September

Mrs B Riddleston

Mrs B Riddleston

Mrs P Kennedy Scott



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

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Lay Elder:

Tim Harbord 247034

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

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

Aug 8: Mrs Rattee/Mrs Ewen;

Aug 15: Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/Mrs Squirell;

Aug 22: Mrs Miller & Mrs Carse/Mrs Pell;

Aug 29: Mr Squirell/Mrs Storar;

Sept 5: United Benefice Service(Edw)/Mrs Clive.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:

Diana Stock: 12 Links View, 312828

John Turner, Severn, Church Rd 372677

Lay Elders: *Jean Green 373383*

& Diana Stock 312828

COFFEE MORNING –

Saturday 28th August, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon:

The will be a Coffee Morning at Sherwood Croft, Links View, Newton, by kind invitation of Lucy and Linda Cutts. Plant Stall, Books and Raffle.

Diana Stock

GIFT DAY:

We wish to thank everyone who has so kindly contributed to our Gift Day this year.

Diana Stock

BENEFICE LUNCH:

We were so pleased to see so many people at the Benefice Lunch held at the Deans in Newton on 4th July.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs W B Charity for offering their garden for this event and thank you for all the 'goodies' provided by each parish.

Diana Stock



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:*

Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261

David Lamming Lodge Farmhouse 210360

Lay Elders: *Pauline Lamming 210360*

Joy Sellers 378009

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE:

The event will take place on Saturday 11th September. More details next month.

Peter Kennedy Scott.

REFLECTIONS OF FAITH IN TODAY'S WORLD:

Flower Festival St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton, August Bank Holiday Weekend:

Friday August 27th Preview at 7.00 p.m., with Bar and "Eats". Tickets £3 each.

Saturday August 28th

Sunday August 29th

Open 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. each day.

Monday August 30th

Sunday 29th

Festival Evensong - 6.30 p.m.

As you can see Groton has a very busy weekend planned; as well as the Flower displays to be admired, there will be Coffee, Lunch and Tea served at Groton Hall (by kind permission of Charles Partridge) on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Barbara Riddleston and Jayne Foster have planned a very spectacular and thought-provoking Flower Festival, which is an absolute "Must" for viewing, so please put these dates in your diaries now, and be sure to come along and bring your friends.

Tickets for the Preview Evening will be on sale from Pat/Bob Bowdidge [211553] Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or any member of Groton PCC.

Pat Kennedy Scott

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

Please, NO LATER THAN 15th August 2004. Thank you.

Daphne Clark 210698.

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

Boxford School News



Above: Cooking the supper Bottom: Relaxing around the bonfire Top right: Kite Making

Often in this news I have cause to mention the superb staff team that we have working at our school and how keen and enthusiastic they are. However I have never before discussed the eccentricity of some members. They say you have to be mad to work with children and animals and when Mrs. Dainty came into my office to ask my opinion as to whether a camping weekend for the children in the Nursery and the Reception Class was a good idea I finally decided that mild eccentricity had developed into full blown madness. Nevertheless Mrs. Dainty and her team of 'willing volunteers' went ahead and arranged for twenty five of our families to spend a night under canvas on the school field. Unfortunately I had a prior engagement! The 'happy campers' spent the weekend swimming, singing songs around a campfire, cooking on a barbecue and quite simply having a wonderful time. In fact it was so successful I think it may even become an annual event. Well done to Mrs. Dainty and her team and my thanks to them and the many parents who came along for giving up a weekend for the children.

Whilst on the subject of eccentricity our Year 4 children, accompanied by Miss Harris, Mrs Miller, Mrs. Towell and myself, spent a week staying in a youth hostel in Kent. Amongst the many activities that were enjoyed by all was a trip to London to visit the Tower and the London Eye. The weather held well and we all had a hugely enjoyable week. My congratulations go to Miss Harris for her superb organisation and my thanks to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Towell for leaving their families to help.

Once again the support from the local community with the



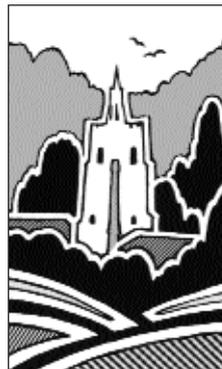
collection of computer vouchers has been incredible. This year we collected over 20,000 vouchers, which has enabled us to order a portable class tablet PC, a scanner and a piece of software to enhance our teaching of computer programming. Many thanks to all who supported us.

It seems that at the moment every time I turn on the radio in the morning someone, usually an ill informed politician, is complaining about some aspect or other of the education system. Yesterday morning it was the lack of music teaching in schools that was being criticised. The individual, whoever he was, obviously did not attend the Cornard Pyramid of Schools Music Festival last week. If he had done so he would have been treated to a wide range of musical performances from gothic rock to classical and even a medley of Beatles songs, sang by children as young as six, from five local schools. This event was the first of what I hope will be an annual event celebrating the diversity of music across our pyramid. The evening was held at Great Cornard Upper School in their theatre and attended by over two hundred very proud parents. Much of the organising and running of the event was by the students of the school and I would like to congratulate them on the sensible, mature approach they took. They were a real credit to their school. The message to anyone reading this is quite clearly that music is a very important part of all our schools and that music teaching is ALIVE and WELL.

As this is my last news for the current academic year can I offer my thanks to everyone in the community who has been involved and supported our school. We are all very appreciative of that support. May I also publicly thank the very dedicated and hard working team of staff that we have working here. This year, with the OFSTED inspection half way through, has been very demanding and pressurised and the whole team have come through with flying colours. WELL DONE.

Finally may I wish everybody a very happy, restful and enjoyable summer break.

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Parish Council Matters

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 29th June.

The meeting was attended by the full council and two villagers. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

The Council are maintaining their objection to the temporary building at Bell House.

The Police are to be urged, once again, to employ a speed camera of some kind along the B1115.

We now have sufficient funds to consider the first phase of the Church Wall repairs and estimates are being sort.

The next meeting will be on 3rd August at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

ANNUAL REPORTS to THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWTON GREEN, Police, and District Councillors reports

Police Report

The Annual report covers the period from the 1st April 2003 through to the 31st March 2004. During this time 17 crimes have been recorded within the parish, this compares to 13 the some period the previous year.

BREAKDOWN OF CRIME

Burglary; during this time a total of 5 burglaries have been reported the some as the previous year. All have been to other buildings such as sheds, barns the farm shop at Wheldons orchard and to the Saracens Head PH.

Last years figures included a dwelling burglary among the 5.

Criminal damage; 4 reports received during the year all occurred between 3rd February 2004 and 18th February when damage was caused to the golf course greens. This compared with no reports for the some period the previous year.

Vehicle crime; 4 reports received during this time this compares to 3 the previous year.

Offenses include Disqualified driving and theft from motor vehicle. Violent crime; Only 1 report of a domestic nature was reported this compares to 1 the previous year, which was an ABH.

Theft; 3 reports of theft have been received this shows a slight drop from the 4 the previous year.

A slight increase can be seen in crime over the year, 6 of these are associated with the golf club regarding 4 reports of criminal damage and 2 of the reported burglaries.

Burglary dwellings were reduced along with minor thefts

Vehicle crime showed an increase this was due to Disqualified driving offense.

The present figures available show a lower than sector average detection rate.

The Sudbury sector continues to target certain crimes and persistent offenders in line with Suffolk First.

PC 270 Marshall

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT TO NEWTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WED 28 APRIL 2004

Mr Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I'm sorry that I am not with you tonight but another meeting draws me away – and one without tea and cakes! I hope that this written report will suffice. If anyone has anything they wish me to take up with the District Council then please get your Parish Clerk to email me the details and I will do my best to answer them.

Let me start this review with the good news – Babergh's share of the Council Tax has been increased by only 2.8%, the lowest in all Suffolk and one of the very lowest in East Anglia. For a band D property this works out at £3.18 per year or just 6 pence a week and is a reflection of how hard staff and Councillors have been working to redirect resources and make savings. Our aim was to keep our increase within the rate of inflation and this we have done. However we are led to believe that we have now scraped the bottom of the barrel regarding cost savings and, unless additional income can be found, a 10% increase could be on the cards for next year.

This brings me to my next topic, Car Parking Charges. As you know, I have always been opposed to paying for car parking in Sudbury as I believe that it will be bad for the town and bad for this parish. However we members are now being told that charging for car parking is the only way of avoiding a large increase in council tax next year. Have you noticed how adroit certain councillors and officers of Babergh have been in stating different reasons for wishing to charge for parking? Firstly, we needed to charge in order to keep tax rises down. When this argument

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Box River Soap Box

I would not want you to believe that my recent experiences have made me fixated on matters medical, but something occurred last month that has left me somewhat annoyed and more than a little concerned. It has been necessary for me to attend the two hospitals in Bury St. Edmunds that looked after me so well in May on a fairly regular basis. The Nuffield (the private hospital) does not charge for parking. The West Suffolk (in the National Health Service) does.

It happened that I needed to visit the West Suffolk on two consecutive days a few weeks ago. On Wednesday 30th June I arrived in the car park armed with the £2 necessary to pay for my stay. I knew from previous experience that this payment would hold good until midnight. I paid and stayed for around three hours. Imagine my surprise when, on the following day - Thursday 1st July, I discovered that £2 bought just two hours of parking time. Stay all day and the cost would be £8.

The problem with this approach, in my view, is that you can never be sure how long a hospital visit might last, whether as a patient or a visitor. Take what happened to me on the first day of July as an example. I bought just two hours because I only had £2 in coins - there had been no warning the previous day that the charges were about to go up. My ticket was due to expire one hour and 50 minutes after my appointment, so on the face of it there seemed every reason to believe that I would have sufficient time to leave without incurring a penalty.

But life isn't like that, is it? My 1.30pm appointment turned into a 2.15pm meeting with the doctor. Then they found something which required a second opinion and possible treatment. I was despatched to the day treatment ward (co-located, rather alarmingly, with the High Dependency Unit) and a doctor was paged to perform a further examination. The clock was ticking and I now had 50 minutes left on my parking ticket.

Finding a doctor on a busy Thursday afternoon proved a problem for the very helpful nurses in this unit. Fortunately they were able to issue a temporary parking permit and even went down to the car park to place it in the windscreen. Should that really have been necessary? Weren't there duties they could perform for patients of a more medical nature than preventing my car being clamped? Raising money is one thing, but surely paying on exit is the answer when the length of your stay is as uncertain as it can be in a hospital.

Imagine you are healthy, but visiting your nearest and dearest, recovering in a ward. You arrive, having bought two hours of parking time, to find the patient asleep. Undaunted, you repair to the coffee shop (another source of revenue for NHS hospitals), returning to find that slumbering is still the main occupation. When eventually eyes open and visiting starts in earnest, you realise your remaining bedside vigil must be bought to an early close if you are to evade the indignity of finding a Denver Boot clamped on your car.

And this is just looking at things from the perspective of someone able to afford the parking charges. There must be many attending the West Suffolk Hospital or whom an £8 daily charge is a serious imposition. Why, I wonder, does our local NHS hospital feel the need to charge for parking while an adjacent private hospital does not. And need it end there? Visiting a hospital is usually a necessity. Visiting a shopping area, like Sudbury Town centre, is not - when alternatives exist close by. Parking strikes me as a natural Soap Box topic.

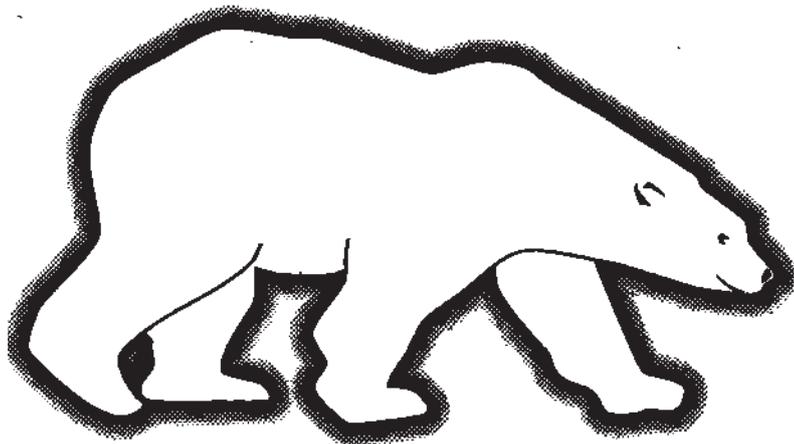
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£6 including supper and first drink. The Treasure Hunt will start at the Parish Room at 5.00pm onwards. Competitors will leave at 5 minute intervals. Please get your tickets from Mary, Richard or Sue.

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 Over 60's Club

Dates for August

Monday August 2nd AGM Village Hall 2.30pm August 10th Kent Hopfields has been cancelled owing to lack of support. In place of this we will go to Walton in the morning going on to Frinton for the afternoon. For details please ring Barbara on 210936 or Masie tel 210045

Monday August 16th. Miss Jennie Robinson has very kindly invited the club to meet in her lovely garden at Chequers.

Monday August 30th is, of course Summer Bank Holiday, then there will not be a meeting.

As we head for Autumn, however, there are more outings to look forward to -, Non members as always will be welcome./ Thelma Williams 01787 210118

Reflections of Faith in Today's World

Groton St Bartholomews Flower Festival

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LVHMC Bumble Bees.

The Leavenheath Bumble Bees wish to thank all of our Gardeners for their hard work in preparing their gardens for display on Sunday the 4th July. The afternoon was a great success and altogether the event raised a grand total of £452 towards our cause.

Looking forward to seeing you again on Saturday 11th September at 7.30 where "Fat Old Dad" will be playing live on stage for our 60's Night As usual we will be having a Ploughman's Supper, a Licenced bar and a grand raffle with lots of prizes. All for £7.50. ticket numbers are limited, so book early on 01206 263997 to avoid disappointment.

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STOKE BY NAYLAND CLUB

EUROPRO TOUR WEEK



Left to Right: Alex Dunlop (BBC Look East TV) David Sheepshanks (Chairman Ipswich Town FC), Tamara Unwin (Director of The Stoke by Nayland Club), Ian Winter (Sports Presenter BBC Look East) and Ivor Moores (Weather Presenter BBC Look East).

Snooker, golf and football fans were treated to a day of star-spotting and entertainment at The Stoke by Nayland Club when they attended the PGA Europro Tour Pro Am on Sunday 27th June. World snooker champion, Ronnie O'Sullivan and his runner up Matthew Stevens played in the event, as did ex Arsenal player Lee Dixon and Ipswich Town player, Shefki Kuqi.

One of the highlights of the day was a short game master class given by 2003 British Masters Champion, Greg Owen, at the Club's Driving Range. Crowds were thrilled to watch Greg teach both the six times world snooker champion, Steve Davis, and Ronnie O'Sullivan in the master class (see photo). Everyone was highly entertained by Steve Davis' challenges to his teacher, and they were all encouraged to ask the Golf expert burning questions about their particular golfing problems. Managing Director of The Stoke by Nayland Club, Susanna Rendall was also invited to take part in the class.

A BBC "Look East" team with sports presenter, Ian Winter, Ivor Moores and Alex Dunlop provided more familiar faces for the spectators, and British Olympic Team Swimmer, Karen Pickering joined everyone for the Gala Dinner.

Steve Davis again entertained players, sponsors and guests with his speech following the Gala Dinner for 250 and then awarded the prizes. The first prize for the day, which was a tv and dvd to each player, went to Kieran Staunton, John Venner, Peter Bushfield and Gary Borthwick with a team score of 88 points.

The proceeding 3 day "888.COM Masters at The Stoke by Nayland Club", in which 150 International Professionals took part, attracted large numbers of spectators, particularly as four Eastern Region players made the final cut. The day culminated in a nail-biting finish with a play-off and it took four attempts at the 18th hole to determine the winner between Lee Slattery and Darren Charlton, who had both finished with 9 under. Lee Slattery won his 2nd PGA Europro Tour cup of the season and was awarded a giant £10,000 cheque by family directors of The Stoke by Nayland Club, Susanna Rendall, Tamara Unwin, Jonathan Loshak and Carmella Meyer on the picturesque 18th green overlooking the lake.

The new course record on the recently extended "Gainsborough" course, which has had 7 Championship Tees added to it this year, was achieved by Chris Sands, with a score of 66.

Matchroom Sport TV filmed the event all week, with helicopter coverage on the final early morning before play started. The one hour programme was repeated 7 times on Sky Sports 1, 2 and 3 on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th July, and then rolled out to over 100 countries worldwide.

BOXFORD VS HADLEIGH IN MINI 7-A-SIDE

A number of local mini footballers had their first taste of competitive football at a recent 7-a-side tournament, held at Homefield Playing Fields.

Boxford fielded two teams (Yellows and Reds) and were joined by near neighbours Hadleigh after Great Cornard withdrew at the last minute. The games were entertaining, frenetic and a fantastic sign of things to come.

Results;

Boxford Reds 2 - 4 Hadleigh United

Renshaw Hunt-Cole 3

Kent Marks

Boxford Reds 0 -1 Boxford Yellows

Hayter

Boxford Yellows 2 - 2 Hadleigh United

Hayter 2 Hunt-Cole 2

The visiting team, Hadleigh United, won the event on goal difference and special mentions were given to Boxford player Adam Hayter who scored three good goals and the impressive Loius Hunt-Cole from Hadleigh who had a final tally of five. The games were played in an excellent spirit - a credit to all teams. Later in the evening Adam Hayter was awarded the Manager's Player of the Season Award at the Presentation Event. Seth walked away with the Most Improved Mini and Adam Drew won the Player's Player of the Year. To crown things off for Adam Hayter, he was also awarded the Skills Trophy for the younger age groups in the club.

BOXFORD ROVERS YOUTH FC OPPORTUNITIES IN U9, U14 B U15 SQUADS

One of Suffolk's largest youth football teams are looking for players to bolster their under 9, 14 and 15 squads and time is running out.

Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club have teams ranging from mini's through to under 18s and would like to add to their numbers in these key age groups but there is a end-of-July deadline for new players.

Last season the club celebrated honours at a number of age ranges within the Colchester and District Youth League and the club also places a strong emphasis on training, development and enthusiasm.

The club now has the benefit of a number of qualified coaches throughout the teams and is currently seeking the Football Association Charter Standard.

The managers of the three squads concerned urge players to come forward and fill the gaps and stress that no previous experience in necessary, just enthusiasm and an interest in attending training.

Please contact these numbers for more information:

Under 9s: Contact the Club Chairman Mark Lane on 01787 211656 or 01787 211114

Under 14s: Contact Steve Holton on 01787 211152

Under 15s: Contact Chris Waugh on 01787 210139

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

AUGUST 2004

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

Wednesday 4 August

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

Saturday 7 August

Box	1330	Holy Matrimony	
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Sunday 8 August, Ninth Sunday after Trinity			
LfW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw		<i>Combine with Groton</i>	
New	0930	Matins	Diana Stock/Jean Green
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 11 August

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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Saturday 14 August

Box	1400	Holy Matrimony	
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Sunday 15 August, Tenth Sunday after Trinity			
Edw	0800	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
New	0800	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
LfW	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	1100	Holy Communion BCP*	Pauline Leeming
Box	1100	Family Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 18 August

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers
LfW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord

Sunday 22 August, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity			
Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. Brian Watling
Gro		<i>Combine with Edwardstone</i>	
Box	1100	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
LfW	1100	Matins	Tim Harbord
New		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 25 August

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers
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Sunday 29 August, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity			
LfW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. Brian Watling
New	0800	Matins	The Revd. David Abel
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. Brian Watling
Gro	1830	Festival Evensong	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw		<i>Combine with Groton</i>	

SEPTEMBER 2004

Wednesday 1 September

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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Sunday 5 September, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity			
Edw	0930	<i>United Benefice Service</i>	The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling

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

Parish Council Matters

Newton Reports Continued:

was clearly failing, a new reason was dreamt up – it would be unfair on those who do not use the car parks if the costs of maintaining them were to be collected through the council tax. But Babergh's latest survey showed that most of us were still prepared to pay for car parks through council tax, so this argument also fails. So, up comes a third reason – charges should be introduced as a way of reducing congestion and unlogging the streets of Sudbury. Is it not strange that this argument should be put forward only when previous ones have failed? The latest Babergh Officer's catch phrase is "doing nothing is not an option" - but I think it is! There is to be a further review of this thorny issue. I have insisted that my parish councils are all consulted as part of this review and I would urge you to ensure that you are consulted. The coordinator of the review is Ryan Jones, head of Technical Services, and his direct telephone number is 01473 825787.

As you no doubt remember recycling and waste minimisation is dear to my heart. The dedicated pink bag scheme had reached its maximum potential and a new initiative was needed. Enter the blue bin. The introduction of a dedicated bin for recycling is currently being rolled out across the district and all households should get one by June. In those areas where blue bins are already being used, recycling rates have more than doubled to over 30%! You may have heard that there was some controversy about the introduction of fortnightly waste collections. However, when a public meeting was held in Great Cornard for citizens to give their views on the subject, the number of people who turned up to air their grievances was ... zero. Not one person thought it was a big enough issue to turn up for. We have also introduced a new optional brown bin for garden waste. The cost of this is £30 p.a., or half this for those on housing benefit.

As you must all know, the Sudbury Western Bypass has been ruled out for many years by this wonderful Government. The

County Council is therefore proposing various traffic "management" schemes for the town centre. Most of these seem to be aimed at making it difficult for motorists to drive in Sudbury including a significant reduction in the number of parking spaces in Market Hill / King Street. Another element of County's grand design for Sudbury is to provide a bus/rail interchange link. What this means is that a bus service would be run from the bus station to the rail station. A bus turning area would be needed and this would be on the site currently occupied by the railway car park – so a bus area replaces many car park spaces and all to save people walking 2 minutes between the rail and bus stations! Seems like madness to me!

The Chilton development is likely to generate a lot of additional traffic – and much of this will, of necessity, use the A134 through your village. I am not happy about this but I have been assured that "consultation will be undertaken re traffic volumes. The results of a traffic impact analysis will be used to produce measures to mitigate traffic problems on the A134 through Newton".

Another topic which has received much publicity is Affordable Housing – social housing or housing for rent to you and me. The fact that large amounts of social housing were included in the Chilton and Great Cornard developments played a significant part in the Development Committee's decisions to grant planning permission. It is an unfortunate fact that the right to buy legislation led to a huge reduction in the amount of dwellings available for rent. During the last year, 50 new houses for rent were completed in Babergh. This is a paltry number compared with the need. I very much favour the local housing needs approach where a small number of dwellings is built in a rural community to satisfy identified need from that community. I have been given lots of figures on what Babergh has achieved during the last year but lists of figures are very boring and self-praise is no recommendation. I will finish now and just say, thank you all for listening to this report. If you have any questions please give Brian James the details so he can pass them on to me for answers.

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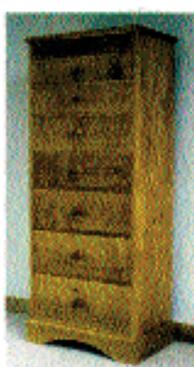
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Parish Council Matters

NOTES from the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 12 July 2004 at 7.30 pm at Bell House, Boxford

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: Notification had been received from Babergh District Council (BDC) regarding the naming and numbering of the 15 dwellings being built beside Homefield – these would be known as 1 – 15 Partridge Close, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5NX. Copies of e-mails regarding the damage to Wash Lane had been sent to the clerk from Jeremy Pembroke (JP) He had been to see the damage both to the banks as well as a broken drain with other drains becoming blocked due to the damage caused. The lorries used by Anglian Water were too large to take the bends. However, they were legally entitled to use the road so it was thought unlikely they would pay to repair the damage.

The Newsletter Competition run by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) would be announcing the winner at their AGM on the 17 July – fingers crossed for the Box River News. Reading from the Suffolk Constabulary report from the Sector Commander, dated 1 June, the clerk emphasised the following :- "Police need timely accurate information on any suspicious activity, use 999 and we will respond and deal with anything suspicious. Our staffing at Force Headquarters is improving and people who may have had a bad experience in the past should find our services have improved." Unfortunately PC Keith Warren was on holiday. (The council felt it would be more helpful to hear the views from our local bobby.)

She had asked whether Mr Peter Hibben would be interested in being put forward to be on the judging panel of the Babergh Community Achievement Awards 2005 – he had agreed and his name had been presented. She confirmed the date of the 4th November for BDC's meetings with parish councils 2004 and had put forward "Communication" as an item for the agenda on that day. Regarding the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2004/05 the clerk had sent off for a list of those groups who had received the award last year in order to get a feel of the type of groups that had been successful. Work with children and young people was very much in evidence. After some discussion it was thought that perhaps our own Boxford Guides could be

put forward- the clerk to handle.

Copies of correspondence between BDC, Suffolk Constabulary, as well as Suffolk County Council Highways had been forwarded to the clerk in connection with the vehicles parked at the junction of Ellis Street and The Causeway. They had all found the owner of the garage to be co-operative. He had pointed out that since the theft of two vehicles from his premises, his insurers had insisted he install steel posts to the front of the garage in order to deter thieves. Whilst this work was being carried out, he had parked several vehicles at the junction mentioned. The situation would continue to be monitored.

A presentation would be made at the SALC AGM for the free on-line parish council website from the one suffolk project. Councillor Fraser would be attending the AGM on the 17th and was asked to collect all helpful material for the clerk. A Planning Training Day was being organised by the Suffolk Preservation Society and it was decided that the clerk and chairman would attend. For information, a letter had been received from SALC in connection with the Snoasis development at Great Blakenham. DF would report back from the SALC AGM.

The council approved the clerk's request to insert a letter in the Box River News about dog owners allowing their animals to worry farm animals. Also a letter had been received from Ian Lindsley asking that a request be inserted in the BRN for a footpath warden, bearing in mind that both he and Vic Rice (VR) had been holding the fort for the last eight years. In order to encourage and help any prospective candidate, he was going to arrange a couple of walks on the 3rd and 24th October. On the subject of footpaths, VR had approached the clerk to enquire whether the public liability insurance could be included in the Parish Council cover in order to reduce costs as the premium quoted was considerably higher than last year.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT Councillor Bryn Hurren confirmed that the Great Blakenham development was a massive undertaking in mid Suffolk and it was being monitored by local groups. The development for local housing, (Partridge Close) was soon to start – a delay had been experienced in getting water to the construction site. He had received complaints about the tree in Ash Street that had started to conceal the light from the street light and he would deal with this. The new bridge at Ash Street had been completed. Unfortunately residents were still continuing to feed the ducks in Ash Street and so rats were in evidence. BH reported that BDC had baited the rats three times, but so

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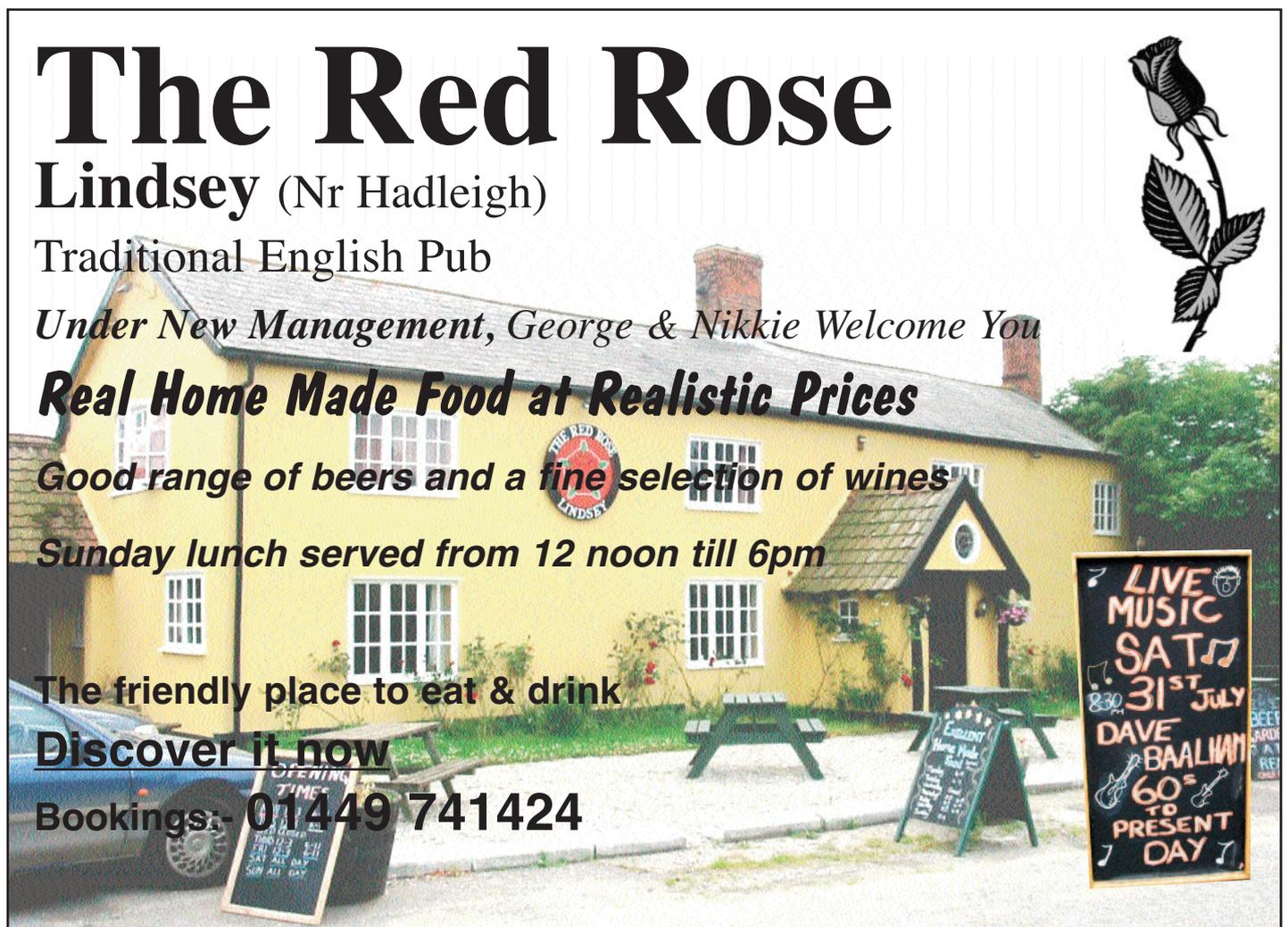
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Parish Council Matters

FOOTPATH WARDEN-BOXFORD

The parish has had a footpath warden since 1987; the network was defined in 1992 when the system was reorganised. At present we have published a footpath map (in 2000) and are starting to publish free guides for walks in the area. The role of footpath warden can be defined to fit the interests and the time available to the person interested in the task.

The basic job is to :-

- Monitor the state of the paths and notify the West Suffolk Rights of Way team of any problems. On occasion it is sensible to discuss these with the farmers involved, all of whom are supportive.
- Check that the way marking is maintained.
- Encourage people to walk the paths and to enjoy our beautiful countryside.

(This might be by leading walks or publishing guides.)

Anyone who is interested should have a chat with Ian Lindsley (210520) or Vic Rice (210504), who will be happy to help in any way.

Ian has kindly organised two walks so that you can have the opportunity to see our footpaths - all are welcome but he will take the opportunity to say a little about the post and answer any questions. They are as follows:-

- Sunday 3 October - leaving the village sign at 2.15 pm (approx 2 hours).
- Sunday 24 October - leaving the village sign at 2.15 pm (approx 2 hours).

Maureen Cooling Boxford Parish Clerk

It is of some concern that a minority of dog walkers are allowing their dogs off the lead in areas where the landowner has cattle grazing, resulting in animals being dispersed and injured as they try to run from the dog.

Not only is this lack of control inconsiderate and irresponsible, it is a criminal offense and goes against the rights given to us as walkers through private land.

Not all dogs will chase farm animals but if you as a dog owner have any doubts that your animal will chase and worry them you should act responsibly and keep your dog under your control.

Maureen Cooling

Boxford Parish Clerk

BROADBAND UPDATE:

We have had conflicting dates from BT for when Boxford would have its 'Ready for Service (RFS)' date but, following sending an email to their Chairman, the date has finally been confirmed as 6 April 2005. I received the following apology from Julie Russill, Broadband Marketing Manager, BT Wholesale, (at the request of the Chairman of BT) for the confusion

BT will be sending out emails to all people who have registered an interest inviting them to pre-order broadband. You can, of course, use your present ISP, assuming they provide the facility, once the exchange is enabled. Thank you to all who supported our campaign to have Boxford exchange enabled for broadband by registering an interest. Without your support Boxford exchange would, most probably, still be classified as 'unviable'. I will keep you informed of progress. Please contact me if you have any questions. Daphne Clark (210698).

Readers Letters

Sir

Senior Citizens Mystery Outing

I would like to thank all those concerned in the outing to Framlingham Hall.

The organisers and drivers who gave us a splendid evening out. Also the Community Council who paid for it all

Eileen Sargeant

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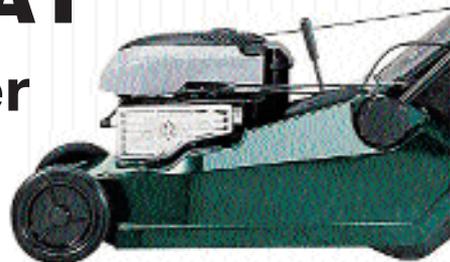
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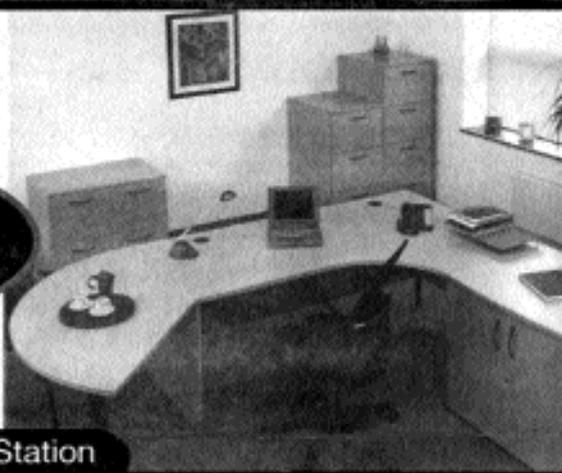
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Tickets will be on sale at Boxford News from Saturday 31st July priced at £9.00 each

There will be two intervals and during the first interval a hot meal will be served. The meal will be of the usual 'mouth watering' kind which can always be expected from our own, our very own most excellent catering team.

During the second interval cheese and biscuits will be served. and of course there will be the usual licenced bar with a wide range of drinks and top quality wines.

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Minutes of Newton Parish Annual Assembly

Wednesday 28th April 2004 Held at the Village Hall

1. Those Present:

Cllr. John H. Taylor - Chair

Cllr. Selwyn Pryor - County Councillor

Also present: Cllrs. Colin Poole, Rita Schwenk, David Smalley, Alan Vince, Janet Crimmin, Harry Buckledee and Pc Darren Marshall, Sudbury Police. Brian James - Clerk

There were 11 members of the public present.

2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Peter Holbrook - District Council, Siobhan Harris

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 9th April 2003

The Clerk read a summary of the Minutes and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

4. Matters Arising: - none

5. Chairman's Report:

John Taylor welcomed everyone to the 111th Newton Parish Annual Assembly and reported: -

- The face of the Council had changed following the elections last year. He thanked Gwen Smith and Alex Stevens for their contributions and continued support on matters of transport and the Village Hall respectively.

- A warm welcome was given to Colin Poole and David Smalley who have played an active role in Parish business since elected.

- Numerous planning applications have again been presented and again Newton has not featured in the District Plan for expansion.

- There has been increase to the precept to ensure continued support for local projects; e.g. a footpath across the Small Green to ensure safe road crossing to the village hall, Village Hall Grant and the Welcome Pack.

- Despite extensive playground refurbishment, low risk concerns have been raised in the latest Inspection. However, recent hedge cutting on the playing field has reduced the problem of open visibility to the play area.

- Speed management measures are close to installation and will include two speed measuring/display signs.

- Shirley Taylor and Cllr. Janet Crimmin were thanked for their sterling efforts providing the Xmas parcels.

- The Chairman thanked the Village Hall Committee for their innovation with the fund raising e.g. car boot sales for the much needed refurbishment.

- Cllr Buckledee was thanked for his efforts to maintain the Memorial in good repair and appearance along with successful poppy sales.

- It was noted that the Fete had been a great success and all those concerned were thanked.

- The Chairman thanked those who contributed to village life: Nancy Harries and Alex Stevens for arranging coffee mornings; Mrs. Molly Watson and Jean Russell for the Fireside Club; Siobhan Harris and Jo Parker for running the Mothers & Toddlers Group; Miss Linda Cutts for running the Newtoners.

- Last but not least, the Chairman reminisces, many changes have taken place during his 40 years in office. In 1970 the Precept was £30 per annum and the Insurance was £15 per annum. 1971 saw the Byelaws introduced and in 1978 the Clerk's pay was £80 per annum.

- To conclude, the Chairman thanked all those who do much for the village; he thanked all the Councillors for their work and the Clerk for his.

Cllr. Harry Buckledee asked all to join in with him in a vote of thanks for the huge amount of work John does for the village.

6. Newton Parish Council Financial Report

The Clerk highlighted some of the expenditure incurred during the year expenditure. It was noted that £2500 has been allocated to the Village Hall refurbishment project.

7. County Council Report

Selwyn Pryor said he has served for some 27 years as a County Councillor and still enjoys attending these annual meetings. He is somewhat optimistic this year with the performance of SCCs lower budget and is proud to have played a role in lowering Police costs. He expressed his concern with regionalisation of services, wanting Suffolk to stay Suffolk.

8. District Council Report.

Cllr. David Smalley delivered the report supplied by Cllr Holbrook. A copy of the report is appended to these Minutes.

9. Police Report

Darren Marshall reported that there had been an increase in incidents this year up to 17 as opposed to 13 in the previous year. A copy of the report is appended to these Minutes.

10. Newton Green Trust:

David Crimmin was welcomed to his first Parish meeting as Secretary and reported the accounts are healthy and include £10000 set aside for the Village Hall. A copy of the accounts will be kept with these Minutes.

11. Newton Trust Representative

Mrs. Janet Weavers was nominated as the representative by Alex Stevens and seconded by Cllr. David Smalley. The motion was carried.

12. Newton Charities (Plamplin and Alston)

Cllr. Alan Vince reported that the distributions of ten £10 notes had been made to ten villagers at Christmas time. This is an old village tradition started in 1564 kept alive by Newton Green Trust. A copy of the accounts will be kept with these Minutes.

13. Village Hall Report

Alex Stevens opened by circulating a copy of the accounts (which are appended to these Minutes) and thanking the Committee for all their hard work over the last year. Events have included; 4 meetings, 9 coffee mornings, 5 social events, whist drives and car boot sale. All have raised vitally needed funds for the hall refurbishment. A special thanks goes to John Outon for his generous donations of materials and manpower for the new hot water system and planned work on the toilets. Alex said 5 boot sales are planned for this year and help is still needed.

Following concerns regarding timescales and grant applications raised by Gwen Smith, Colin Poole gave an overview of current progress.

14. Mothers & Toddlers Group

Siobhan Harris and Jo Parker sent their apologies for not being present. However, Brian James read out a report provided.

'The group continues to meet in the Village Hall every Wednesday morning, although attendance numbers have sadly fallen to only six. The future of the group is uncertain as no new members have joined, and older children inevitably move on.

However, we have enjoyed several special events in the last year, including theatre and seaside trips, parties and egg-hunt.

The group's funds are sufficient to meet our needs and we look forward to the planned improvement to the hall facilities'.

15. The Fireside Club

Molly Watson reported that, the members of the Club meet fortnightly for tea, stimulating chat and Bingo. A number of successful special events were held in the summer i.e. a trip to Felixstowe, the Teapot Potteries at Debenham and an Xmas show with dinner at the Golf Club.

Thanks were expressed to the Trust and Council for their support, Alan Vince who sets the fire for each meeting and Roy Gardener who provides transport.

16. Village Fête

This is to be held on Saturday 10 July at the village playing field. The theme is the Orient with proceeds going to the All Saints Church, Village Hall and Newtoners.

A plea for assistance/support for running the event, both prior to and on the day was made; in addition donations such as plants, bottles and bunting should be gratefully received.

17. A. O. B. - None

The meeting closed at 9:30pm when refreshments, generously supplied by Cllr. Janet Crimmin and Cllr. Rita Schwenk, were served.

IT'S BACK. . .

The White Hart Beer Festival

July 30th, 31st and August 1st

The 'SOUTH SUFFOLK AIR TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP' is launched

Following a number of well attended meetings in the Boxford District, an Executive committee has been formed and the South Suffolk Air Transport Action Group has been launched.

The group lists amongst its main objectives:

- To investigate the circumstances surrounding the new flight paths introduced in March 2004 in the South Suffolk area and to challenge the consultation process involved.
- To oppose any further expansion of air traffic in the South Suffolk area.
- To join with the Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) campaign and support them in their opposition to further expansion of Stansted Airport
- To monitor and evaluate the noise / pollution / and environmental effects of the new flight paths and the growth of air traffic in the South Suffolk area.
- Fund raising for the benefit of the aims and objectives of SSATAG

These are in draft form as is a proposed Constitution for the organisation

The executive committee consists as follows:

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Dick Histed (Milden) PR suffolkmedia.2000@virgin.net
Eddie Kench (Boxford) Press Officer ed.kench@virgin.net
Robin Romer-Lee (Groton)
Dr Eric Gavin (Little Cornard)
Brian Howe (Boxford)
Chris Wells (Monks Eleigh)
Peter Brandt (Groton)
Ted Rides (Edwardstone)

Adrian Garwood (Edwardstone)

Nicholas Tribe..Edwardstone

Anthea Scriven (Groton)

There will be a full statement of the objectives of the Group in the September issue of BRN together with details of a public meeting being organised for mid September.



Above: Alan Line, chairman of SSATAG drawing up bulit points watched by Tim Smith, Secretary at a recent meeting in the Fleece



Have you changed your house name?

If you have changed your house name or have moved into a new house in Edwardstone, Groton, Newton Green or Boxford please let us know

3PR are about to update their maps of the parishes and if we do not know about changes that have been made over the last two years, should you need an ambulance we not be able to find quickly and waste precious minutes searching house by house. Please let Bill Horne on 01787 210643 of any changes as soon as possible. *Ed*

Mail Collection Times!

Boxford folk will, I am sure, remember that a couple of years ago the mail collection time in Boxford was changed to 5.00pm from 5.30pm without any notice being given.

On a recent visit to the Boxford post Office with business mail including urgent proofs I was asked to "kindly be earlier next time the postman wants to get away". I had arrived at 12 minutes to five and the van had been there for at least 5 minutes. Since the collection time in Stone Street is 4.50pm it seems that that collection was made 7 minutes early and given half a chance the post will leave Boxford before the correct collection time.

Surely the published collection time is the time that a collection will be made 'NO EARLIER THAN' and not an approximate time depending on the Postmans Mood? Boxford and villages in the district contain dozens of small businesses and the Post Office depends on our custom and should remember that. *Ed*



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long as the ducks were fed, then the rats would continue to come. He had attended the meeting about the provision of film equipment for rural villages and informed the meeting that BDC would be part of the scheme and would hold equipment, although there would be a charge for its rental. (Perhaps a local film society could be set up.)

He reported that the parking at Daking Avenue was becoming a problem and would greatly restrict access for emergency vehicles. Perhaps the green could be used for car parking. The council thought a public meeting could be held along the lines of the one recently organised on 1 July. This would be discussed at the September meeting.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: Councillor Jeremy Pembroke summarised the outcome of the public meeting held on 1 July regarding traffic in Boxford. He felt it had been a good meeting (there were 72 members of the public present) with the majority present being residents of Swan Street. There were only two parents of children who attended the school which was disappointing. He wanted to stress the safety aspects concerning emergency vehicles being able to get through the village, but felt that this did not carry any weight. However, most residents were concerned about speed and felt that restrictions could be put in place. SCC, Highways would be installing a SID machine that would measure the average speed of vehicles travelling through Swan Street. The suggestion made concerning the restricted access for lorries at the time of the school run had been discussed with Highways and decided that this would be too complicated to introduce as the size of vehicle would be difficult to target, bearing in mind that so many large vehicles used the road, not only for access to other parts of the village, but also for deliveries in Swan Street itself. The installation of bollards in Swan Street had been rejected by the majority of residents in Swan Street. The overall consensus was to keep the status quo and not introduce parking restrictions in Swan Street as it was felt that parked cars slowed down the traffic and made the street safer. The three proposals carried forward from the meeting were (i) that the school bus bay carry restrictions, (ii) that the area outside the bus shelter in Broad Street be restricted in some way and that the speed problem be addressed with the SID monitor.

The council wished to express their gratitude to Jeremy for his time on 1 July.

BOXFORD GRAVEYARD: Councillor Richard Gates (RG) wished to propose that an amendment be made to the Rules & Regulations under "Admission to the Cemetery", points 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 be deleted and

be replaced with "Visitors to the cemetery shall observe due decorum and reverence in all respects whilst in the cemetery. Any person not so doing may be asked to leave." Councillor Cecil Hughes seconded the proposal and the three remaining councillors voted against. Proposal not carried. After some discussion on other aspects of this subject and as there were three members absent from the meeting and two councillors present who had not had sight of the revised Rules & Regulations, it was agreed that the subject be deferred until the September meeting. The Clerk reported that she had submitted the letters to those grave owners who had recently acquired plots, asking them not to put down kerbstones, as instructed by the council at the last meeting, and she had received three responses to her letter – two had accepted her explanation to the request and one had informed her of their objection. Councillor David Fraser (DF) had made contact with a surveyor who would be willing to map out fully the complete site and a price of £450 plus VAT had been agreed. The clerk requested that the surveyor contact her and DF would ensure this happened.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS: VH had been approached by a parishioner who was concerned that a wind turbine might be erected in the field at the back of their garden in Fitzgerald Meadow. RG explained that this was being considered by the Boxford Guides and in any event would not be erected so close to the village. Councillor Stacey reported that the sign pointing to Ash Street in Butchers Lane was blank. RG gave a brief report on his one day conference on "Working Together for Sustainable Communities" and had found the workshops useful.

Councillor Hughes and DF commented that the RUPP at The Croft, opposite The White Hart in Broad Street was becoming overgrown and wished the clerk to deal with this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.13 pm

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Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust
"Midsummer Event"

As a notable cleric once said, "I've read the last page of the Bible. It's going to turn out all right" And it did - the Midsummer Event I mean!

You may have heard that I stepped down as Chairman of the Millennium Green Trust in Edwardstone at our last AGM in May. Having been in the job since late 1997, when the Green was a ploughed field, I felt it was time to hand over to a new but safe pair of hands. John Whitwell who, together with Cliff Baker, Paul Clarke and I was one of the founding members, has taken over the reins.

The Event held on the Green over a 3 day period 25 - 27 June was a stunning success.

Even though the weather was threatening to turn nasty, over 250 revellers turned up for the main event featuring the Beavers a grand hog roast by Gerald Rice and bar by Cliff Baker. The children's disco and the car boot sale also did well. The final figures were not available when this copy was prepared but I understand there was a surplus of over £2,000 from the event which includes a generous contribution from the Countryside Trust.

Although it is important for the continuing success of the Green, and we have some heavy expenditure looming, the surplus was not the overriding consideration for the Trust. Thanks to grants and donations all the events we have held over the years have been principally for the benefit of the community. Among other things, our Deed requires us to create "an attractive place for people to take air and exercise, meet others, pursue leisure activities, and hold community events consistent with shared enjoyment of the land". Watching the revelry and seeing so many people together enjoying themselves I have to confess to feeling a little smug. This was what it was all about. It brought to fruition all the work that my fellow trustees, new and old, had striven to achieve. The event, like all we do at the Green, would be

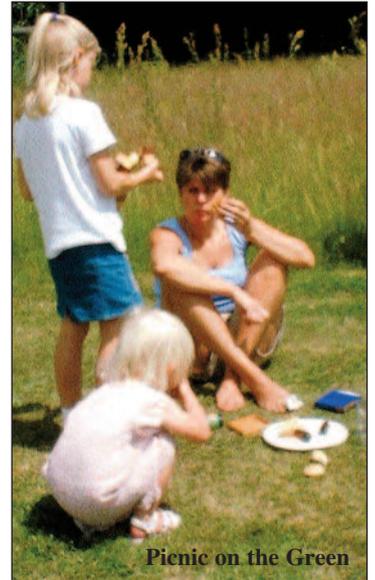


Looking for Bargains at the Boot Sale

extremely difficult to organise without the Trustees' wives, partners, families and many other well wishers who have supported us over the years.

Before the last dance John in his closing speech heaped accolades on me for my part in it all. Much as I appreciate this, I cannot let it go without emphasising that I had nothing to do with organising the event, and creating the Green was truly a team effort by a committed group of people who over 5-6 years gave unstintingly to the cause. They all deserve our congratulations!

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