

Box River News

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RURAL BABERGH TO BE HIT BY NEW STEALTH TAX

After months of deliberation, the Overview and Scrutiny (Community Services) Committee of Babergh District Council has backed charges for long stay parking. Chaired by Boxford Ward member, Bryn Hurren, the committee, having voted in favour of charging for long stay parking then proceeded to reduce the time allocated for short stay from three hours to two hours, clever! What hurts most is that the Boxford Ward Representative has been protesting for months that he is totally opposed to car parking charges in Sudbury, Hadleigh and other Babergh District Council administered car parks and yet he was one of the 6 councillors voting in favour. Whose word can you trust nowadays?.

It is interesting to note the composition of the committee. With one member from Hartest and concerned for commercial interests in Bury, two members from Ipswich whose interests are obvious and one from Tattingstone also concerned with commercial interests in Ipswich, Hadleigh and and Sudbury stood no chance. What hurts most is that Bryn Hurren threw in his lot with those members who have no interest in our area.

Not only are rural communities being hit hardest by the ever rising cost of fuel but they are now faced with the prospect of this extra tax for parking. Proposed charges range from 50p through to £1.50 for long term parking and long term parking is anything from 2 hours and 5 minutes to all day long. Try going to Sudbury on market day and only spending two hours or less there. By the time you have been to the bank, shopped in the market, visited shops in the town and had a coffee, substantially more than 2 hours will have passed so who are they kidding.

The 'Gang of Six' have singularly failed to listen to the submissions from Hadleigh, and Sudbury and in Bryn Hurren's case from Boxford Parish Council. *Ed*



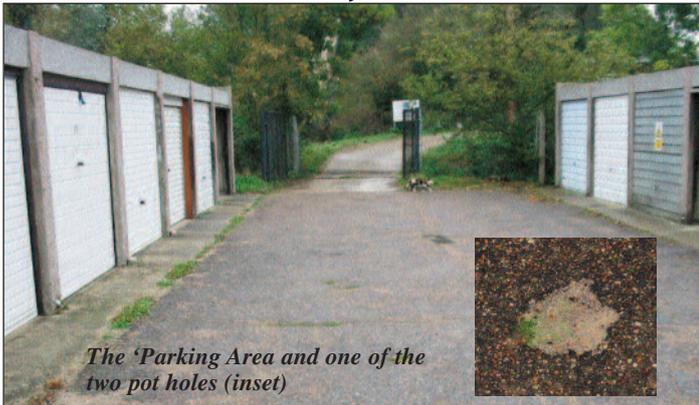
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BLOOMING SUCCESS

Sudbury and District Horticultural Society held their Autumn Show in St Peter's Church, Sudbury on the weekend of 18th and 19th September. Harry Buckledee, President of the Society, BRN's Gardening Correspondent and resident of Newton Green won the Garden News Shield for the best exhibit in the show, the Suffolk Leek Championship and certificate of merit as well as the Suffolk Onion Championship and certificate of merit.

Harry, and John Middleditch, chairman, are pictured above admiring the blooms at the show. Throughout the season Harry is in great demand as a judge at in excess of 12 shows in the county as well as sitting on Gardeners Question time panels at village events. *Ed*

BABERGH'S £7,200 POT HOLE



The 'Parking Area and one of the two pot holes (inset)

Owners of the three privately owned garages in the complex approaching The Spinney have received demands for the payment of £600 each for repairs to what is described as their parking area. The other 9 garages are owned by the council and their costs will be met out of rates. The area concerned has been in its present condition for many years and has only two small pot

holes in the middle, a bucket of tarmac would solve the problem at a cost of no more than £50 overall so why waste ours and the owners' money!

The demands arrived giving 21 days notice with only 14 days left to run. Attempts to contact the person responsible for this nonsense were futile because the person concerned was away on holiday and no one else at the district council offices knew anything about it! Failure to pay within 14 days will allegedly result in prosecution. What a wonderful and caring District Council we have. *Ed*

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BOXFORD TRAFFIC SURVEY RESULTS

For a five day period commencing 21st September speed assessment was carried out in Boxford at two locations, Swan Street and School Hill, Over the period large numbers of drivers exceeded the 30mph speed limit and the majority were driving at unsafe speeds especially in Swan Street

It is hoped that those drivers who persistently exceed the speed limit in the village read this and watch their speed when driving either on School Hill or in Swan Street for the sake of the Children and Adults who also use both of these streets either when walking or on bicycles.

School Hill

The ATC Traffic Survey carried out on School Hill checked northbound and southbound traffic,

Northbound during the 5 days 5780 traffic movements were recorder with 741 drivers exceeding the 30 miles per hour speed limit together with 6 drivers exceeding 40mph.

Southbound during the 5 days 6040 traffic movements were recorded with 560 drivers exceeding the 30 mph speed limit and two drivers touching 50 mph, the mind boggles.

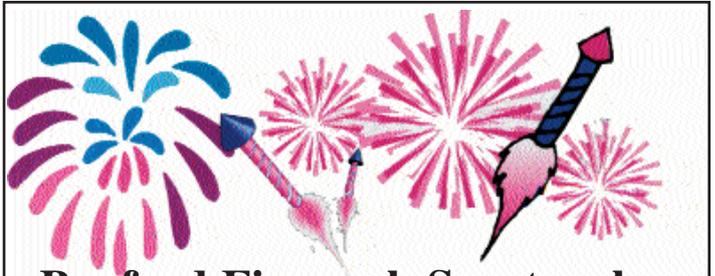
Swan Street

The survey carried out in Swan Street checked traffic north and south bound.

Southbound traffic during the 5 day period 6150 traffic movements were recorded with 340 exceeding the 30mph limit with 6 drivers exceeding 40mph

Northbound traffic during the 5 day period 6300 movements were recorded with 625 exceeding the 30mph speed limit and would you believe it one driver managing to reach 50mph in Swan Street of all places

80% of all traffic movements were for speeds in excess of the recommend **SAFE SPEED** of 20mph.



Boxford Firework Spectacular

Saturday 6th November 2004

Now in it's 30th year, Boxford's Firework Spectacular is no ordinary village firework display. In fact those who have been before say its the best for miles around! The evening organised by Boxford Community Council in association with the Parish Council starts at 6:30pm with an atmospheric torchlight procession through the streets of Boxford. The procession leaves the village centre for the playingfield where there will be children's rides etc. and you will be able to purchase refreshments such as hot dogs, burgers, hot and cold drinks, etc as well as sparklers from a well stocked stall and a beer tent . Then at approximately 7.30pm there's the fabulous 25 minute firework display.... well, what can we say, we think you'll be impressed. This is an evening we know you will enjoy. But don't take our word for it, come and find out for yourself and bring your friends. Advance tickets are available from Boxford Newsagents at:

£2-50 for school age children (under 4s free) and £5.00 adults (£3.50 and £6-00 respectively at the gate on the night).

For further information and any offers of help before, during and after the event please contact Peter Hibben on 01787 210819 or David Gasson on 01787 210796.



control of tone on the slow music is simply delicious. With Craig Milverton (piano), Nicola Muresu (bass) and Dave Barry (drums).

Friday, 26 November, 8.30 Ticket £12 Nois 4

Nois 4, originally known as "As Meninas" are Monica Vasconcelos, lead vocals, Ingrid Laubrock (saxophones), Ife Tolentino (guitar) and Chris Wells (drums and percussion). This band is a subtle and sublime creature. The Bossa Novas, sung mostly in Portugese, are so fragile, plaintive, lilting and swinging, that surely even the great Stan Getz would approve.

Friday, 3 December, 8.30 Ticket £10 Theo Travis Quintet

Theo Travis is a distinctive player who shows a remarkable sureness of touch in both his compositions and playing. His distinctive saxophone sound has been used in films and on albums with other leaders. Theo has been acknowledged by author Nicholas Royle as one of the inspirations for his novel, "Saxophone Dreams". With Simon Colam (piano), Pete Callard (guitar), Andy Hamill (bass) and Marc Pamell (drums).

Friday, 10 December, 8.30 Ticket £12 Stan Tracey Trio

Pianist, composer, arranger, accordion and vibes player Stan Tracey OBE is one of the most outstanding figures that Britain has given to the world of jazz. Inspired by Ellington and Monk he has consistently displayed a distinctive, sometimes quirkily personal touch in his playing. His new album "Seventy Something" is a real gem and features tonight's line up of Andy Cleynert (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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Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR



Friday, 5 November, 8.30 Ticket £11 Katya Gome and the Denny Ilett Quartet

Canadian vocalist Katya Gome's new CD, "Pousse Cafe" explores the many layers of love, loss, joy, memories exotic and erotic. This is a bittersweet journey of musical tales to open our hearts and celebrate humanity. She brings her unique style of sultry vocals and a touch of cabaret to each performance and is aided by Denny Ilett (guitar and vocals), Mike Gorman (piano), Oli Hayhurst (bass) and Frosty Beedle (drums).

Friday, 12 November, 8.30 Ticket £12 Damon Brown Quartet

Damon's style blends British and American influences in a highly personalized approach to jazz. While firmly rooted in the blue note sound of the 50's his continued reference to wider musical settings with dance and pop culture creates complex and emotional music. Doug Rainey (guitar), Dave Green (bass) and Steve Brown (drums).

Friday, 19 November, 8.30 Ticket £10 Renato D'Aiello Quartet

Renato is a superlative saxophonist with a passionate and poetic soul. He has a beautiful sense of time and pacing and a technique that effortlessly projects his brilliantly flowing ideas, while his

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

By the time you read this the refurbishment (Phase I) work should have been completed and all windows replaced or repaired and new bargeboards installed. Because extra work became necessary as repairs proceeded, the final cost will be in the region of £6,500. We secured a grant of £3115 (being 50% of the original estimate) from Suffolk Environmental Trust. Thank you to everyone who helped raise the balance through attending our events, making donations and subscribing to the Silver Trowel Fund. We have been distributing copies of the Scroll but if you have not yet had yours, please ring Sue on 247173.

As work progressed, it became clear that we still have a long way to go to complete the restoration, with damp being our major concern, but with your help and support we will get there. *Richard Mitchell* (Chairman)

Newton Village Hall Whist Drives

There were four and a quarter tables in play at the first whist drive of the season held on Monday 27th September.

The prizewinners were:

Mary Jackson 170	Edna Alien 169
Sue Frost 168	Wendy Turner 167
Gerry Peacock 166	Rosemary Otto 139

Thanks to everybody who donated raffle prizes, and to Nancy and Joan for their help with the refreshments.

Further whist drives are planned for 29th November, and 20th December. These start at 7.30pm, admission £1.00 including refreshments. We are always pleased to welcome new players as at present the numbers attending only just makes holding these drives worthwhile.

Alan Vince 01787373963

Age Concern Suffolk's Local Link Scheme

A scheme called Local Link is spreading through Suffolk, but may not have reached your community.

Being a Local Link is relatively simple and can take as little as four hours per year. The main part of this voluntary role is to be a 'link' between older people in your community and Age Concern Suffolk. As a Local Link volunteer you will receive news and information from Age Concern Suffolk and share this with older people in your locality.

Is there anyone in your village who would make a great Local Link volunteer to support Age Concern Suffolk? Or is it you? If the answer is 'yes' get in touch with Anne Powell, Local Link Officer 2 01473 738984 locallink@ageconcernsuffolk

GROTON GARDEN GALA 2

May 7th 2005

Having held a most successful Plant Sale in aid of Groton Church in May 2004, it has been decided by popular demand, to repeat this event.

So we are calling on all those enthusiastic gardeners, and those not so enthusiastic, to prepare for May 2005.

If you are re-organising your garden, or if things are getting out of hand, spare some time for Groton.

If you are in need of help with potting-up, Susan Block is only too happy to help -call her on 01787 210456 or leave your plants at Spring Farm. [Susan would be very grateful to receive any unwanted flower pots for this purpose].

Bob Bowdidge

Badminton

Leavenheath 50+ Badminton Club.

Leavenheath Village Hall, Wright Way (off High Road) Wednesday evenings 8pm to 10pm.

For information please contact Frederick on 01206 263 986

Boxford Village of Delight

The Ideal Christmas Present for those who love and delight in this village.

The two authors, Peter and Ian both live in the village and have combined their respective talents with pencil, pen, paintbrush, camera and computer to produce this lavishly illustrated record. The text adds intriguing information and in the epilogue, looks at some of the current problems faced by the village. It even suggests a few controversial solutions!

On sale in the Boxford shops and Sudbury bookshops, price £12. All proceeds go to the Boxford Community Council to enhance this wonderful village of ours.

Boxford PlayingFields

The Playingfields are planning to reposition the children's play area. The committee would like to know from potential users (or their mums and dads) what they would like to have in a play area. We want the users to tell us quite soon as we plan to remove the equipment that is there at the moment.

A real concern for the Playingfields is the way some users of the facilities seem to ignore the feelings of the local residents, particularly those who live in Homefield.

The way to the Playingfields car park is by consent of the owners of the garages which lead to the parking area. This is private land and any person who parks their car in this area should realise that this action is not conducive to good community relations.

The committee asks all users of the car park to be considerate of others and not be so arrogant as to assume they can park where they wish, after all would you welcome some stranger parking in front of your garage or drive just because they wanted to watch their children playing in a sport.

Note:

Next years Playingfields Sports and Fun day will be held on Saturday 11th June.

Cancer Research UK

On Sunday 11th October Jenny Watt and Rowena Lee organised a Fabric Sale in Long Melford in aid of Cancer Research UK.

We would like to thank our team of volunteers who gave up their time to make the day a great success.

Thanks also to everyone who attended enabling us to raise £6,142.34 for Cancer Research UK.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL

If you would like to fill a shoebox for Christmas for a needy child in Eastern Europe, pick up a leaflet now from church or from:

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Little Field	Mulberry Cottage
Cox Hill	3 Church Street
Boxford	Groton

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Boxes to be delivered to either Jennie or Ann by week beginning 15th November. Alternatively, boxes may be taken to these Drop-off points:

Thorpe Plummer & Co. 18a Hatter Street Bury St Edmunds Tel: 01284 750938 Or:

St Clements Hospital Foxhall Road Ipswich Tel: 01473 274375 (Lesley Bradshaw)

Please ring us for any other information.

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB '100 CLUB'

WINNERS FOR OCTOBER:

£42 – T Davies; £17 – Mrs E Corner; £7 – C Littler.



Christmas & New Year Festivities

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Tuesday 21st December

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Friday 3rd December or Monday 20th December

£26.50 (£21.50 mid-week)

Three courses of Traditional Christmas Fayre plus Coffee & Mince Pies

~~Crackers and Party Hats included~~ ~~Dancing to our Resident Disco~~

Boxing Day Brunch & Mulled Wine

Come and relax and let us do all the work after a busy Christmas Day. Enjoy a heartwarming glass of mulled wine before choosing from our delicious selection of mouthwatering brunch treats and goodies followed by a dessert of cheeses.

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER *Harry Buckledee*

Although bare rooted trees and shrubs can be planted from October until the end of March, autumn is the most natural time to plant. We often get long spells of dry weather in April and May and trees planted in Autumn will cope with this better than late plantings/.

Large trees should have a hole dug to a depth of two feet and at least three feet in diameter. The sub-soil should be thoroughly loosened and well rotted manure dug in. Standard trees should be secured to a stake which should be placed in position before the tree is planted. Fine soil should be worked in around the roots and firmed by treading to get rid of any air pockets. Do not plant any deeper than the soil mark on the stem. Keep the planting area free of grass and weeds for a few seasons as these will only compete with the tree for nutrients.

Container grown plants should be submerged in a bucket of water for a few hours to ensure that the roots are thoroughly saturated before planting. The soil around the planting hole should be well cultivated, with well rotted manure or compost and bone meal mixed in to encourage the plant roots to leave the root ball.

Clematis are sold as pot grown plants and will grow in any well cultivated, well drained soil although one that is slightly alkaline is more suitable. There are a wide range of varieties to suit all aspects but all must have a shaded root run. The root ball should be planted 15 inches away from any wall or fence and have four to five inches of stem layered a couple of inches below soil level, this will help minimise the danger of 'Clematis Wilt' where the whole plant collapses for no known reason.

Apart from the beneficial effect on the soil of early digging of the vegetable garden, it is advisable to complete as much as

possible while the weather is still open. Soil dug early will settle naturally during winter and there will not be the need for firming before sowing in spring.

Don't forget to sow Broad Beans of the variety Aquaduce at the end of the month. Try and site the row near to a path where sowing can be done without treading on the wet soil. Pot up a few parsley plants and take into the greenhouse to keep up a winter supply.

Pull up bamboo canes that are no longer needed and wash the soil from the base, disinfect and store them in a dry place.

Camelias have set buds for flowering next spring. At no time should they be allowed to become dry at the roots as this may cause the flower buds to turn brown and drop off.

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Forthcoming Events Diary

November

3 Gt Waldingfield WI	AGM	Gt W Village Hall	2pm
6 Boxford Fireworks Display	Boxford Community Council	Playing Fields	6.30 on
6 Lt Waldingfield Fireworks	Little Waldingfield Playingfields		6.30pm
8 Boxford Over 60's	WRVS Speaker	Boxford Village Hall	2,30pm
10 Boxford Community Council	Meeting White Hart Boxford		8.00pm
13/14 Boxford Art Group	Annual Exhibition and Sale	Boxford Fleece function room	10am -5pm
14 SESAW	Christmas Fair	Leavenheath Village Hall	11-4pm
17 Newton Fete Meeting		Village Hall	8.00pm
18/20 Fair Trade stall	Mary's House		9am-4.30pm
20 Little Waldingfield Fun Night		Parish Room	
20 Pamper Evening	Kersey Primary School		7.30pm
20 Boxford Society	Coffee Evening	The Fleece function room	7.30pm
22 Boxford Over 60's	Red Cros speaker	Boxford Village Hall	2,30pm
26 FOBS Xmas Fayre		Boxford School	5.00-700pm
27 Kersey Xmas Gift Fayre		Kersey Village Hall	10.30am
29 Whist Drive	Newton Green Village Hall		7.30pm

December

1 Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club		Hostlers	12 noon
1/4 Boxford Drama Group	Sleeping Beauty		7.00pm
4 Cheese and Wine Part	Groton PCC	WI Hall	7,30pm
4 Save The Children	Xmas Sale	Marys House, Boxford	9am
11/12 Santa's Visits	FOBS		
15 Babies and Toddlers at Boxford	Christmas Party		
20 Whist Drive	Newton Green Village Hall		7.30pm

January 2005

13 Boxford Carpet Bowls Club	World Indoor Championships	Gt Yarmouth	
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May

Groton Garden Gala

June

11 Sports and Fun Day Boxford Playingfields

Second Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm



FOBS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 26th November

5.00 - 7.00 pm

Boxford School

Admission Adults 30p Children Free

Grand Draw

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Wat's On

FAIR TRADE STALL

A "Fair Trade" stall, featuring goods from the shop in St John's Church, Bury St Edmunds, will be held in Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, on Thursday and Friday, 18th and 19th November, from 9.00am - 4.30pm, and Saturday 20th, 9.30am-1.00pm

Jewellery, fashion accessories, cards and stationery, foodstuffs and other gifts all available to browse and buy! Come and do your Christmas shopping with a difference, and help producers to have a fair income.

Pauline Lamming

WORLD INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boxford Carpet Bowls Club is again organising a trip to the World Indoor Bowls Championships at Potters Leisure Resort near Great Yarmouth and we have some seats available on the coach.

The trip includes the coach to and from Potters to watch morning and afternoon matches with a two course lunch in between.

The date is Thursday 13th January 2005 and the all-inclusive cost is £24.00 per person. To book or for further details please call *Jean Saunders* on 01787 210725.

Fitness Classes Tuesdays 7-8pm in Boxford Village Hall.

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For further information please call Lindsay on 07961 830858

BACH - CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

The Bury Bach Choir and Orchestra will perform Bach's Christmas Oratorio at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 27 November. The concert starts at 7.30 p.m. and will finish around 9.50 p.m. Conducted by Philip Reed, with soloists are Nicki Kennedy, Alison Kettlewell, Philip Salmon and Simon Neal. The concert sponsor is Barclays Bank.

For tickets, costing £7 (side aisle) or £10 or £14 (reserved centre aisle), please ring Theatre Royal Box Office on 01284 769505.

SESAW

Christmas Fair

In aid of S.E.S.A.W Animal Welfare Sunday 14th November in Leavenheath Village Hall, 11am - 4pm

Come and do some Christmas Shopping!

• Jewellery • Books • Wooden Items • Flowers • Knitwear • Toys
• Cards • Knitwear • Quality Items • Admission 20p

St Mary's Church, Hadleigh Hadleigh Choral Society

On Saturday 20th November 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Hadleigh, a concert with a French theme will be performed by Hadleigh Choral Society with members of the Colchester Orchestra. Under the direction of Christopher Phelps the choir will sing Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine and Gounod's Messe solennelle de Sainte Cecile with the orchestra (including organ) playing works by Saint-Saens and Poulenc. Tickets can be purchased from The Idler bookshop, Hadleigh High Street or by telephoning 01473 824419. Tickets cost £9, £7 and £2 (16 yrs and under). As seats are numbered the earlier you obtain your ticket the better the seat. The Society will also be presenting a Celebration of Christmas at 3.30pm on Saturday 11th December at St Mary Church, please come and join us.

Save The Children XMAS SALE

Saturday 4th December 9am

at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford

For sale good variety of home-made cakes etc. To include Xmas Cakes, puddings, mince pies

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Joan Smith, Jean Saunders and Anne Holgate

Ladies Pamper Evening

The Friends of Kersey Primary School Sat 20th November
The Friends of Kersey Primary School are having a Ladies

Pamper Evening at the School starting at 7.30pm to whenever. Stalls including Massage, Head Massage, Reflexology, Soaps and Perfumes, Pottery, Thorwell, Royal Doulton, Beswick copies. Jewellery, Bodyshop and Virgin V Crystals and many more. Entrance Fee of £3.00 which includes free cheese and wine. Ideal presents ideas for Christmas. Men can come too. Contact Margot Baldwin, e.mail erscars@btinternet.com

Boxford Society Coffee Evening

The Boxford Society will be holding a Coffee Evening on Saturday 20th November in the Function Room of The Fleece at 7.30 pm.

There will be two speakers during the evening. Susan Matthews, the Curator of the Stained Glass Museum, Ely Cathedral, will talk to us about the Artistry and History of Stained Glass, showing the development of this art form over many centuries, illustrating her talk with examples from the Museum at Ely. She will include some information on the work of Rosemary Rutherford, the artist responsible for the East Window in the church.

Peter Kendrick, the artist and author who provided much of the material for the recent publication "Boxford, Village of Delights", will talk about how the book was produced and the processes involved before it appeared.

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The Kersey Christmas Society
will be open all day serving hot coffee, light lunches and
afternoon tea. Refreshments, locally produced turkey, mince,
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homemade cakes

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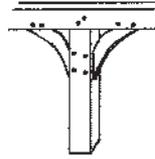
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Boxford

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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

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To the Box River Saints

Have you ever thought how nice it would be to have a coffee shop in your village? How nice it would be to have a place where you could meet with your friends and have a chin wag? The village of Boxford has just such a place in Swan Street called Mary's House. The house is run by volunteers from the benefice and for a donation you can come and have a coffee and a biscuit and a chat. If you are on your own there will always be someone there to talk to. Perhaps people are worried that because the house is run by Church people they will somehow be pounced upon and evangelised. Nothing could be further from the truth. One of the foundations of being a Christian is meeting people where they are not boring them with talk that they do not want to hear. Mary's house is open every morning of the week except Wednesday, the coffee is excellent and there are even toys for the little ones to play with.

We are so lucky to live in such a quiet, peaceful and safe corner of the world. Day by day we are assaulted by stories and visions from around the world of barbarism, which highlight man's inhumanity to his fellow man. How can leaders in the Sudan, Zimbabwe and other countries let their people starve, just because they belong to another political faction or tribe. How can a country like South Africa refuse antiretroviral drugs to prevent pregnant mothers passing on the AIDS virus because they do not want to be saddled with a huge orphan problem? How can people working to rebuild a shattered country like Iraq, be subjected kidnap and like Ken Bigley and others, murder? I don't necessarily believe visitors from space are visiting earth, but if they were, there would be a lot of good reasons for them not to do so openly. Firstly we live in a world ruled by fear, suspicion and uncertainty, which are so deeply seated as to be almost a phobia. How few people are there who optimistically see the good in things first rather than the bad. Humanity is conditioned to see a half-empty glass rather than a half-full one. Secondly, humanity has a shoot first and ask questions later mentality. Instead of rejoicing at the arrival of extraterrestrials because we are not alone in the universe we would probably go straight to a war footing, assuming they meant us harm.

Finally we are avaricious. We try to keep all we have and if possible through cunning or force we can get more, we will.

The question most people ask when they see the terrible things going on around the world is, "Why does God allow these things to happen?" The same thing was asked after September 11th and it was answered by the daughter of Billy Graham. She said that God had been kicked out of most of the institutions and lives in America. As the gentleman he is he has acquiesced and left those who do not want him to have complete control of their own lives. The only time we can honestly complain about the way God handles things is when we invite him to be a part of our lives. Invite him in.

Every Blessing
David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Lord, thank you that we have been chosen by the Father, redeemed through the Son and brought to life by the Spirit. May we never cease to wonder at all you have done for us, nor lose hope in all that you have yet in store. Amen

Christopher Kingsbury

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

Our Service of Remembrance begins at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday 14th November. *CK*

BOX RIVER CLUB - Dates to Remember:

November 7th - Box Rover Club
November 14th - Remembrance Sunday
November 28th - Box Rover Club
December 5th - Christingle Service in Boxford Church
December 12th - Box River Club

Newtoners meet in Newton Village Hall from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. New members are most welcome. *Janet Daniels*

PEW BIBLES:

We would like to provide some pew bibles for the use of the congregation. These may be provided perhaps in memory of a loved one, or as a gift to the church. The cost would be £9.99 each. If you would like to subscribe please do contact the church warden. *CK*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Thank you very much for your support and enthusiasm for our bible studies over the past year or so.

The dates for the Autumn meetings are:

Monday 8th November; Monday 22nd November; Monday 13th December.

We hope you will find these dates convenient and look forward to seeing you at the usual time of 8.00 p.m. at 47 Swan Street. We are presently exploring St. John's gospel. *Peter Holden*

CHURCH RESTORATION:

We need your support towards the upkeep of this lovely church building (Grade 1 Listed) by pledging regular giving to the Building Trust. Details are available in church. Urgent repairs to the roof and windows costing £65,000.00 are also now needed. Grants from English Heritage may be available.

We are also having to carry out repairs to the tower roof; further rain damage has been discovered. *CK*

ALPHA COURSE: Thursdays at 7.00 p.m. in the school hall.

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SMILE LINES:

When the question "How Old Cary Grant?" was wired to the star's agent, Grant had him reply: "Old Cary Grant fine. How you?"
Linda Rosenkranz



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elder:

Antony Dodd 210397

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME:

The Gardeners' Question Time, held in Edwardstone Village Hall on 24th September, proved to be a great success. A little over £450 was raised for Edwardstone Church.

We owe an enormous amount of thanks to the panel of Rupert Eley, Jonathan Jukes and Andrew Tokely who answered questions and identified numerous plants for almost three hours. Many thanks to all who helped and to those who provided food and raffle prizes.

Please see larger article with pictures in main magazine. *Sheila Saddleton/Daphne Clark*

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

Nov 7: *United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;*

Nov 14: *Mrs Tregear /Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;*

Nov 21: *Combine with Groton/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;*

Nov 28: *Mr Currey/Mr & Mrs Saddleton.*



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:
Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261
David Lamming Lodge Farmhouse 210360*
Lay Elders: *Pauline Lamming 210360
Joy Sellers 378009*

GROTON'S FAMOUS HARVEST SUPPER:

Didn't we have fun? About the only thing missing was a bouncy castle and that was probably because there wasn't much room left after eating the lavish supper.

Then, fists full of raffle tickets, we were all ready, under the guidance of Bob Bowdidge our quizzical quiz master, to tackle some pretty puzzling posers.

Some people will be interested to know that there are eight babies to the bottle. Others will wish they had remembered the names of ALL the apostles. Everyone will be delighted to know that a very happy evening raised a very impressive 600 pounds sterling. The fund raising committee thanks you all!

P.S. Don't forget the cheese and wine event. *George Thaw*

ROOF REPAIRS:

Anyone walking through Groton churchyard at the end of September may have noticed 'men at work' on the church roof. The men, Mike and Alan from Cater Roofing of Chelmsford, were repairing cracks in the lead on the tower and nave roofs. The repairs to the tower roof were more extensive than anticipated, requiring the replacement of some supporting timber. It is hoped that the church is now watertight and that that no major work to the roof will be needed for at least another 10 years.

There is concern, however, over a crack in the east wall of the tower, just below the parapet, and this is to be monitored over the next 12 months by a firm of structural engineers before a decision is taken on the repair work needed.

Meanwhile, the church building committee is looking again at the scheme to provide toilet and kitchen facilities at the church and hopes to put forward revised proposals in the near future.

David Lamming

GROTON GARDEN GALA 2 - May 7th 2005:

Having held a most successful Plant Sale in aid of Groton Church in May 2004 it has been decided, by popular demand, to repeat this event.

So we are calling on all those enthusiastic gardeners, and those

not so enthusiastic, to prepare for May 2005. If you are re-organising your garden, or if things are getting out of hand, spare some time for Groton. If you are in need of help with potting-up, Susan Block is only too happy to help. Call her on 01787 210456 or leave your plants at Spring Farm (Susan would be very grateful to receive any unwanted flower pots for this purpose). *Bob Bowdidge*

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY, Saturday, December 4th 7.30 p.m. W.I. Hall:

Time for our popular Cheese and Wine Party once more, with its famous Auction, as well as the usual superb Food, Bar, Gift Stall, Raffle etc. If the Harvest Supper is anything to go by, it will be a Sell-Out, so make sure you get your tickets (£5 each) in good time, from Pat Kennedy Scott (210319), Pat/Bob Bowdidge (211553) or any member of Groton P.C.C.

All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

ROTAS:	November	December
Flowers:	Mrs S Block	Mrs P Thaw
Cleaning:	Mrs S Block	Mrs P Thaw
Sidesman with Sacristan:	Mr S Block	Mr D Lamming



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elder:

Tim Harbord 247034

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Nov 7: *United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Clive;*

Nov 14: *Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Bridges;*

Nov 21: *Mr Squirrell/Mrs Grunsell;*

Nov 28: *Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell/No Flowers*



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

A QUIZ EVENING:

Please join us at Newton Village Hall on Wednesday 27th October for a Quiz Evening.

Light Refreshments and Raffle. Tickets £4 on the door.

Diana Stock

IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS:

Come to our Christmas Coffee Morning. Cakes, Toys, Gifts, Raffle and FATHER CHRISTMAS.

Saturday, 11th December in the Village Hall from 10.00 a.m.

Diana Stock

NEWTONEERS:

1st 15th and 29th November. Meetings in Newton Village Hall 4.30 p.m. to 6.00

Copy Date for Church News section in the Decemberr2004 Box River News:

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

Daphne Clark 210698.

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

Boxford School News

Once again it would seem that schools are at the forefront of the news, this time not for educational reasons but for CONKERS. Are they dangerous? Should we allow them in schools? Shouldn't children wear goggles? Well I am pleased to report that at our school the playing of conkers is alive and well and part of the normal playtime just as was when I was at school. The only concession to health and safety we have made is the introduction of a conker playing area. There are many activities that our children are engaged in where they could injure themselves including playing football, chase and skipping but we don't ban them.

Our Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church was a great success. Despite a very tight timescale the children and staff put on a magnificent performance. The produce we collected was distributed between members of the local community and the St Helena Hospice in Colchester and judging the many letters of thanks we have been sent the gifts were very well received.

On Saturday night the FOBS held a new venture in their fundraising calendar, a Race Night. I was absolutely delighted to see so many of the local community represented, either in sponsorship terms or on evening itself. Our thanks to all. My congratulations go to Robert and Sally Chapman for their superb organisation and to all of the FOBS who helped run the event.

By the time you read this news we will be on our half term holiday and it will be our last chance to build up our strength before the, dare I mention it, Christmas rush. Once again we will be putting on a Christmas Nativity Concert in the church alongside Christmas parties, dinners and various other traditional activities. The FOBS will also be very active with the Fayre which is taking place on Friday 26th November from 5.00 pm and the Santa Run over the weekend of the 11th and 12th of December.

You will have no doubt seen on the news or read in the newspapers of the Government's efforts to improve the health of the nation. As part of this they have started a scheme to provide a daily piece of fruit for every child under the age of seven in schools. We have willingly opted into the scheme and our children are now enjoying a daily snack that is both tasty and nutritious.

FRIENDS OF BOXFORD SCHOOL SANTA'S VISIT

SATURDAY 11TH & SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2004

Father Christmas has once again confirmed to the Friends of Boxford School that he will be in our area on the above dates to see all the children and find out their Christmas wishes. This year the Gnome helpers will be collecting for BOXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL and EAST AMELIA'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICES.

An approximate timetable is listed below.

SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER

3.30pm Boxford Lane, Stone Street Boxford

4.00pm Calais Street, White Street Green

4.30pm Ash Street, Fen Street

5.30pm Brookhall Estate

6.00pm The Causeway, Broad Street, Cox Hill

6.15pm Rectory Park

6.30pm Swan Street

6.45pm Daking Avenue, Homefield

7.00pm The Groton Fox

7.45pm Groton Street

8.00pm Mill Green, Edwardstone

8.15pm White horse, Edwardstone

8.45pm Sherbourne Street

9.15pm Fleece & White hart

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER

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The Green

Assington 5.30pm

The Street

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Parish Council Matters

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The meeting on 5th October was attended by 5 councillors and 1 villager.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Police matters. Neither of our officers were able to attend but we were made aware on one serious burglary.

Financial Matters. We have received the sum of £1,052.50 being the balance of our precept.

Correspondence. Planning consent has been granted for the conservatory at 2 New Cottages and for the former smokehouse/store at Bell House to be converted into offices with alterations to vehicle access and provision of parking places. A planning application has been made for new pool house and other items at the Priory.

The next meeting will be on 9th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Newton Parish Council

Notes of Parish Council Meeting held On 22nd September 2004

1. Present:

Cllr. Janet Crimmin - Vice Chair

Cllr. Colin Poole

Cllr. David Smalley

Cllr. Harry Buckledee - "

Cllr Alan Vince

Cllr. Rita Schwenk

Brian James - Clerk

Members of the Public

2. Apologies for Absence - Cllr. John Taylor, Peter Holbrook and PC Scott Lee-Amies

3. Declaration of Interest - None

4. Minutes of Last Meeting Held on 21" July 2004 - Cllr. Janet Crimmin signed the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

Questions/rom the Public-None

5. Matters Arising

a) Matters Arising from circulated material - None

b) Proposed Speed Management Measures - Unfortunately due to circumstances, agreements of previous negotiations cannot be honored by SCC.

Ongoing - Peter Ingram will be submitting new proposals in due course.

c) Replacement Street Lighting Timers -AM Street Lighting have completed a survey. No further action to be taken. Discharged.

d) Parish Plan - Dates for a public meeting were agreed. Cllr. Janet Crimmin and the Clerk will progress the project.

Ongoing

e) Path Adjacent to Village Sign - Request for Locality Budget to contribute to the project has been agreed. Final amount to be confirmed on receipt.

Ongoing - SCC Highways have confirmed that work will commence late summer or early autumn 2004.

f) 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. All agreed that the issue has to be resolved quickly.

g) Peter Holbrook will be reporting on the following issues:

- Asbestos - Requirements and funding for inspection of village halls.

- How proposed Licences for all events held in and around village halls will be managed and the process to be followed.

- Traffic volumes through Newton as a result of the Chiltern Woods development.

h) Babergh Common Housing Register - Guest speaker Ian Tippett, Housing Services Manager presented a detailed overview of the process.

6. Finance :Items to consider

a) Audit Year Ending March 2004 - The Clerk reported Penny McMillan has completed the internal audit of the annual return and submitted her findings for consideration. The Council unanimously

approved the statement of assurance, which was duly sign by the Chair.

b) Parish Insurance policy renewal - £365.27

c) Village Hall Building Regulations - Colin Poole provided the receipt required.

d) Clerk's pay July - September 2004

Payment of items above was proposed by Cllr. Rita Schwenk and seconded by Cllr. Harry Buckledee.

7. Planning

a) St Michael's the Green - Application for flood lighting of the tennis court. NPC has no objections to the proposed scheme. Ongoing

b) Abbey House erection of replacement garage and store permission granted

c) 14 Links View, Single store extension - Planning permission granted.

d) Pottash Cottage - Enforcement Appeal upheld

e) Jordans Sudbury Road - two storey Extension. NPC has no objections to the proposed project.

f) Hills Barn - Use of ancillary accommodation for private let up to 6 months. NPC has no objections to the proposal.

g) Newton Lodge - Repositioning of summerhouse to rear boundary and erection of replacement fence to part of land. NPC has no objections to the proposed project.

h) 1 Hall Cottage Church Road - Erection of a conservatory. NPC has no objections to the proposal.

8. Correspondence

a) Notice of BDC Meetings

b) Training and Development - Various courses on offer were discussed

c) Annual Playground Inspection - The audit will take place in September.

d) BDC Licensing Policy (Draft)- Documents were included in circulation material.

e) Rights of Way Improvement Plan - Following some discussion Rita Schwenk agreed to inspect and report on Newton's situation.

f) Provision of Bus Shelters - An application made some time ago for provision of a shelter at Airey Close has been rejected. Rita Schwenk is to challenge the decision on behalf of the Council.

g) Material for Circulation

9 Police Report Apologies were received from PC Scot Lee-Amies. The Clerk delivered the following report on his behalf. 20th July to date. 1 crime reported during the quarter on the 20th September - burglary. This compares to 7 reports during the same period last year. SID had been in use recently with one conviction resulting for speed (48mph).

10 Village Hall Cllr, Collin Poole reported as a result of a recent meeting with John Outten, when quotes were agreed, works should commence before Christmas on Phase 1 of the refurbishment (including: toilets, rear exit, re-roofing and a new front entrance porch). The Council accepted the funding along with the conditions. Clerk will sign off for NPC after checking conditions with Cllr Poole.

Alan Vince reported the recent car boot sale this month raised a further £800 for the refurbishment fund.

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

- Colin Poole said parts of the children's play area are unusable as grass and weeds have taken hold. The Firebug has struck again and damaged the litterbin. The Clerk will request services of Gary Flowers to resolve the issues.

- Harry Buckledee said complaints have been received regarding speeding along Rotton Row. The Clerk will contact John Boucher of Highways to discuss options such as signage and speed bumps.

- Harry Buckledee reported the bus shelter has some damage to the roof, which needs attention.

- It was noted that John Taylor had expressed his apologies for the dust created during harvest. The north-easterly wind had caused the dust to be deposited on the village.

- o Councillors recognised the passing of Elsie Roland a former Clerk of our Parish.

12. Dates of Meetings - To be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on:

- Wednesday 24th November 2004

- Wednesday 26th January 2005

- Wednesday 23rd March 2005

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Box River Soap Box

Do you remember those serialised adventure stories that appeared in magazines like "Boys Own Paper". At the beginning of each episode would be a summary of what had happened in previous editions. The aim was partially to remind regular readers of what had gone before, but more to ensure that anyone buying the comic for the first time had a grasp of the story. The summary usually started with the word "new readers start here". That seems appropriate for me on this occasion.

When I first started contributing to the Box River News the column bore my name. It also tended to concentrate on the topic with which I am most familiar - personal finance and the stock market. A few well-chosen remarks in our local pub convinced me that this was too narrow a field for the readership. As the subject matter broadened, so it became natural to de-personalise the column by adopting its current title.

But the trouble with being on a soapbox is that it means nothing unless you have an audience. Just occasionally my words have encouraged a retort through the letter pages, but in reality I have little idea as to whether you agree with what I have to say or take an opposing view. Nor do I know if the topics I choose are what you want to read about. Believe me, I really would like to know.

While I am seldom controversial - I wear too many hats not to be careful in my remarks - this does not mean I do not believe in what I say. Controversy is easy to stimulate. All you have to do is make comments that will incite people. It happens I am passionate about aspects of our society, particularly those areas where I consider we are deficient. What are you passionate about? Write to Eddie or to me and, if there is nothing with which you disagree, let me know what it is you want addressed in the Box River Soap Box.

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

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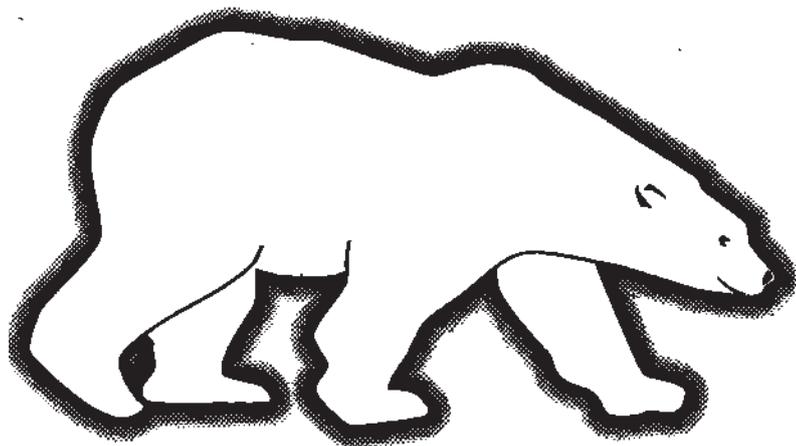
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Maureen Cooling 01787 211822

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

In December the lunch will be held on Wednesday 1st December (again note change of Wednesday) at the home of Mrs Rita Baker, "Hostlers", The Street, Little Waldingfield. Please phone Mrs Baker on 01787 247931 to confirm attendance.

Boxford Over 60's Club

Dates for November

Monday November 8th 2.30pm Village Hall speaker W.R.V.S

Monday November 22nd at 2.30pm Speaker on the story and work of the Red Cross with slides.

The above dates mark the close of the hall meetings for the year, there being no meeting on Monday December 6th as Wednesday December 8th will be the club's Christmas Dinner Celebration at the Fleece. Full details to be announced in notes for December. Members will be asked to bring individually wrapped Christmas Gifts for the raffle, in exchange for which tickets will be issued as entitlement.

Forward note for your diaries: club meetings recommence as usual on January 17th 2005

Thelma Williams telephone 01787 210118

GREAT WALDINGFIELD W.I.

In September Cavendish W.I. hosted our Annual Group Meeting, this consists of 5 groups from the area all getting involved, resulting in a very pleasant evening.

A competition takes place to decide who keeps the Rose bowl - this years competition was to write a poem of 12 lines depicting the W.I - the entries were all very good, but the winning poem was written and read out by our president Mrs Sheila Dunnett. Congratulations!

At our October meeting Mrs J Sparkes brought along many articles that she had made and which we could purchase, also she gave a demonstration in which we participated in the making of fabric decorations.

Our next meeting on November 3rd at 2.00p.m. in the Village Hall, is the AGM, next years committee will be elected.

Maisie Root 01787-377088

NEWTON FETE 2005

The first meeting to organize the 2005 Newton Fete will be held on Wednesday 17th November 2004 starting at 8pm in the Village Hall. See you there.

Dave Crimmin

BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP.

Congratulations to Elaine Home and her team for a marvellous Murder Mystery Evening. How do you follow that?.

So without a break, the rehearsals for this years panto, 'Sleeping Beauty,' have already started.

The group is very fortunate to have several talented members who, not only can act, but are able to write, and direct their own material, and this year is no exception.

Sally Phillips has penned this years panto, and is directing it as well. Its her second panto. it is very funny but, will be a little different.

As usual there will be a two course home cooked supper, served up by Diane Butler and her team. Where else can you go out for an

evening, have a nice meal, be entertained all for £10. What a bargain! It will get you all in the festive mood.

No Smoking rules will apply. This seems to be the most popular consensus of our audiences.

There will be a Families Night. Wednesday 1st December, Starting at 7pm, with a Bar but no supper. Tickets will cost £5 adults and £2 50 for children.

The remaining nights, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, will be with supper. All Tickets will cost £10.

As with other years, to be fair to everyone, there will be no reserved tickets, and they will be sold on a "First come first served" basis. This year we shall be selling them between 9am and 10am on SATURDAY 6th November at the VILLAGE HALL. (As the Firework tickets will be on sale at the Newsagents that weekend) any unsold panto tickets will be on sale from the Newsagents on Monday 8th November. We look forward to entertaining you. *Vic Rice* Producer.

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our next event is the Fun Night to be held on 20th November, which was to have been on 16th October but had to be postponed because our renovation work had fallen behind schedule.

It can now be revealed that the evening will commence with the First Annual Little Waldingfield Conker Championship. Conkers will be supplied at 50p each, from a single tree, so that we have a "level playing field" and avoid any disputes over whether conkers have been baked, pickled or tampered with in any other way. Recapture your school days and come dressed for the part, if you dare.

This serious competition will then be followed by a Beetle Drive. Tickets cost £6 to include the meal and first drink and can be obtained from *Mary* (247658) and *Sue* (247173).

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Saturday. December 4th 7.30pm W.I.Hall

Time for our popular Cheese-and-Wine Party once more, with its famous Auction, as well as the usual superb food, and Bar. Gift Stall, Raffle etc. If the Harvest Supper is anything to go by, it will be a Sell-Out, so make sure you get your tickets [£5 each] in good time, from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat/Bob Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton P.C.C. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church.

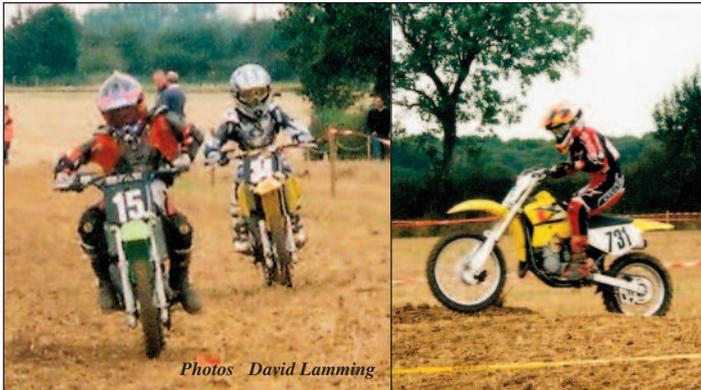
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EDWARDSTONE SCRAMBLE



Photos David Lamming

The East Anglian Schoolboy Scrambling Club enjoyed a 'one off' event on fields at the rear of the Edwardstone White Horse on the weekend 25/26 September. Taking place between Harvesting and Ploughing the field proved to be an ideal venue and was very well organised although perhaps a little noisy! I bet these competitors play conkers as well!



Karen Pickering opens New Peake Spa

Fresh from her fourth Olympics in Athens, Karen Pickering MBE, Commonwealth and World Champion and local Suffolk resident, delighted guests at the opening of the new Peake Health, Spa and Beauty facilities on Friday 15th October when she dived into the pool after giving a short speech, collected a pair of scissors at the bottom and then cut the red ribbon while still in the water. She then reminded everyone about just how fast she can move in the water by swimming a couple of lengths at full Olympic speed.

"Its great to have somewhere like Peake Fitness to escape to in between swimming championships, where I can really relax away from it all in such stunning surroundings", said Karen. "I particularly enjoy the new treatments they have here like the amazing detoxifying mud therapy which you can share with friends in the Rasoul, and the Hammam hot stone massage bed – they are really different from anything I have seen on my travels and well worth trying".



STILL 'BONKERS OVER CONKERS'



With headlines in the national newspapers telling of schools banning traditional games like conkers for Health and Safety reasons, Littlegarth School has chosen to set aside the pressures of litigation and teach its children how to play conkers properly. With over 300 conkers already holed and strung, the school is about to embark on its second annual school conker championships where every child is given a conker and taught how to play this traditional game properly.

Class teachers have been spending time showing the children how to battle with a conker safely and the rules are adjusted for the younger children. Each class champion advances to the next round to establish a year group champion. Eventually, a grand final is played under the watchful eye of the whole school and the winner is awarded the 'Golden Conker' – a prize to be treasured for years to come.

Headmaster Peter Jones believes that in recent years schools have been forced into making decisions that take the adventure out of childhood.

'Schools are under funded and fear litigation for even the most minor incident. Consequently, children are given less and less freedom and are rarely offered the opportunity to learn from the experience of taking risks. A simple walk in the countryside now requires a huge amount of preparation and for many schools, is not worth the risk. Even day trips and adventure holidays are becoming a thing of the past. Is this the preparation our children need for adult life?

Congratulations also go to Boxford Village School where the Headmaster is as enlightened as little Garths Head in allowing our children to enjoy the pleasure of Conkers, our historical

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

November 2004

Wednesday 3 November

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

Sunday 7 November, Third Sunday before Advent

Box	0930	United Benefice Service	The Revd. David Matthews & Brian Watling
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Wednesday 10 November

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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Thursday 11 November

Edw	1055	Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial Edwardstone	The Revd. David Matthews
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Sunday 14 November, Second Sunday before Advent. Remembrance Sunday

Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Morning Prayer	The Revd. Brian Watling
Box	1045	Remembrance Service	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1045	Remembrance Service	Tim Harbord
Gro	1100	Matins	Joy Sellers/Pauline Lamming

Wednesday 17 November

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord

Sunday 21 November, Christ the King. Sunday next before Advent

LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	0930	Family Service	Christopher Kingsbury
Edw		<i>Combine with Groton</i>	
New	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 24 November

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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Sunday 28 November, Advent Sunday

Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro		<i>Combine with Edwardstone</i>	
New	0930	Morning Prayer	Jean Green/Diana Stock
LtW	0930	Holy Communion* CW	Christopher Kingsbury
Box	1100	Family Communion CW with Baptism	The Revd. David Matthews

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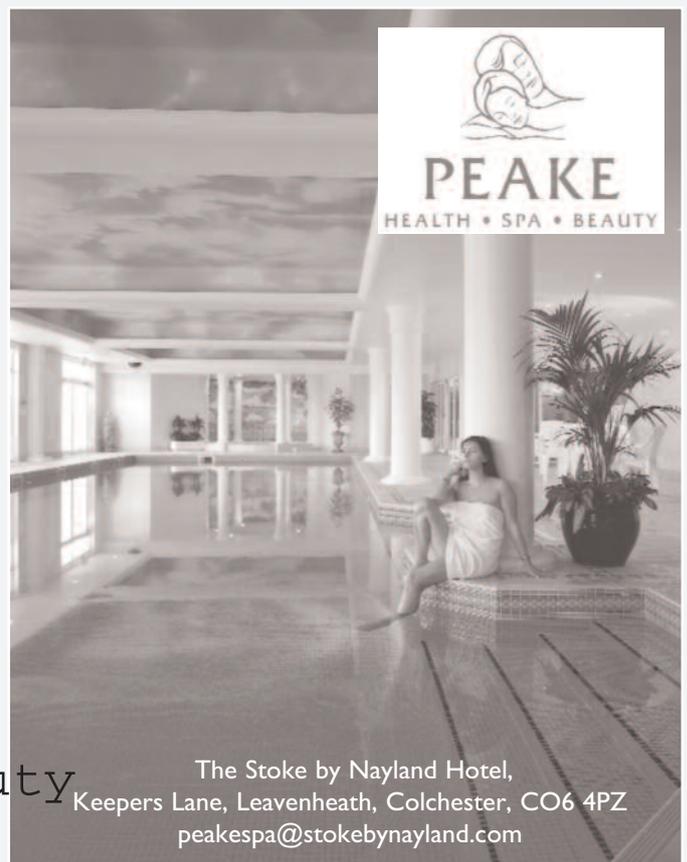
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PUBLIC NOTICE - Boxford Cemetery

Boxford Parish Council has reviewed the Rules and Regulations covering the management of the cemetery and full details of these can be obtained from the clerk (211822). In addition, the council has taken the decision that the current available space will be managed as a lawn cemetery so only headstones will be permitted WITH NO SURROUNDS. The decision was made to reduce the increasing cost of maintaining the traditional format. The council will retain the right to remove any surround installed and also remove any existing surround where they have not been maintained in good order.

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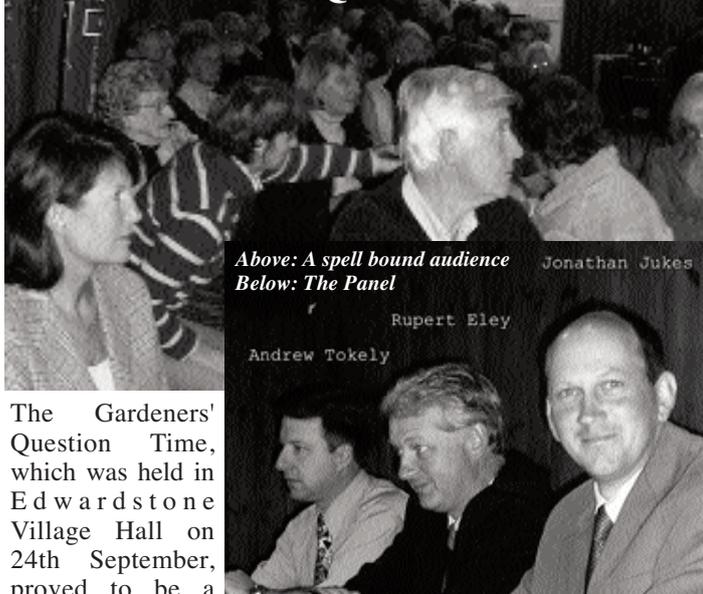
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Rupert Eley

Andrew Tokely

The Gardeners' Question Time, which was held in Edwardstone Village Hall on 24th September, proved to be a great success and was extremely well supported by both people from Edwardstone and the surrounding villages. A little over £450 was raised for Edwardstone Church.

The panel, comprising Rupert Eley (The Place for Plants), Jonathan Jukes (Curator of Marks Hall Estate) and Andrew Tokely (Thompson & Morgan) displayed considerable knowledge, enthusiasm and personality. They almost achieved 100% success in answering a vast variation of gardening related questions that were fired at them over a period of well over two hours. All three gave generously of their time and were much appreciated by the audience, for whom many problems were solved during the evening. The organisers would like to thank all the generous people who provided food and/or prizes for the raffle. In addition, donations were received from the Crown Inn (Stoke By Nayland), The Place for Plants, Thompson & Morgan and Wyevale Garden Centre.

David Saddleton

LOCAL WALKS IN AND AROUND THE AREA

Lavenham Rambling Club These start at 2pm lasting about 2 hours. For enquiries phone Graham 01787 248128.

Ramblers Assoc Walks

Tues 2nd Nov. Sudbury & back. Meet Chappel Station for linear walk to Sudbury, return by train. Pub Lunch uncertain so bring something to eat Check with leader near to day for start time. No dogs. Approx 14 miles. Leader Janet Penfold 01787 227929.

Wed 3rd Nov. Meet Stoke by Nayland Church for a figure of eight walk taking in part of Stour Valley path & St Edmunds Way Walk starts at 10.30am. 6 & 5 miles Leader Anthea 01206 762855

Sun 7th Nov Sudbury Meadows. 1030 start at Sudbury Mill Lane car park, Cross Street. This is a special. Ivy Green the leader is a pioneer member of the Sudbury RA Group. This walk marks her 19th birthday. She has asked walkers to meet her at the Mill Hotel afterwards for a celebration drink.

7 Nov 10am Earls Colne to Marks Hall Park. meet at Car Park behind the Co-Op at Earls Colne for walk in Essex. Lunch stop by Iron Bridge, Marks Tey Park so bring packed lunch. 10 miles
Leaders Ann & Rowan W 01255 432027

Sun 14 Nov. Remembrance day walk. Meet Magdelan Street public car park, Hadleigh for fig of Eight start 10am pub lunch. 2 minutes silence 11o/c 5+5 miles. Leaders Salley and Gordon 01206 241632

Sun 14th Nov 10am. Stratford St Mary Remembrance day walk. Meet Ardleigh Village Hall. Eat at Black Horse or picnic. No dogs Approx 10 miles Leader Alan 01206 230791

Wed 17th Nov, Wormingford Valley. Meet at Wormingford Village Hall. 4 miles Leader Laurie Burroughs 01787 375507

Sun 21st Nov. Meet for a 10am start at Orpen Memorial Hall, West Bergholt. Circular Walk back at 12.30pm. Hot soup and tea then AGM, speaker Sarah Williams, RA Countryside Protection. Ldr 01206 241632

Sun 21 November. Long Melford & back. Meet glemsford Village Hall car park 10am. 6 miles Leader Lesley Pilbrow 01787 280392

Wednesday 24th November. Pebmarsh circular walk. meet 10am at Bures Village Hall car park. circular walk. Lunch at 'Kings Head Pebmarsh. 11 miles Leader Janet P 01787 227929

Sun 28 November starting at 10am. Box Valley. Meet Stoke by Nayland playing field cp for walk in Box Valley to Boxford. Lunch pubs or picnic. Return via Polstead No dogs 11 miles Leader Allan s. 01206 230791

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Readers Letters

Dear Readers

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to be a resident of Boxford, by having such a wonderful service as the 3PR team. My family have benefited from the service provided several times in the past by the dedicated team of first aid responders. I am sure that I speak on behalf of all the residents of the village that their hard work is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely
Linzi Egglestone

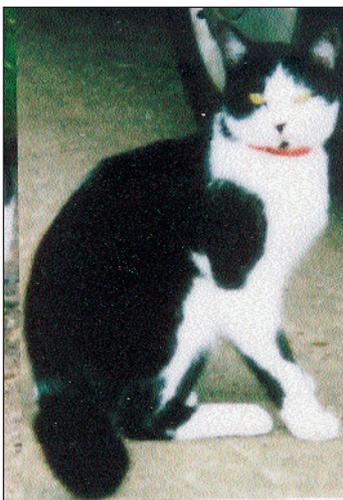
Sir

Please convey our very grateful thanks to John Moles of 3PR and all the emergency people who came so promptly to Nicky's aid

Thank you
from all the *Maxwell Family*

Sir

Donna and Julian would like to thank everybody who has been in contact to help trace the whereabouts of their cat. Topsy, who has now been missing for over a month from the Homefield area of Boxford. Unfortunately, despite the many calls, we have not been able to find him. We would gratefully ask that people still continue to look out for him and check any sheds and outbuildings in case he has taken refuge inside, as unfortunately he cannot meow loud enough to make himself heard.



He is a small, shorthaired, four and a half year old neutered male. He is a good natured and friendly cat who enjoys being around people. He is wearing a red collar with a magnet in the shape of a mouse attached to it (assuming that this has not been lost) and has last been seen in the Edwardstone area.

We are anxious to get him home soon and are offering a cash reward for his safe return. We would ask that if anybody does know where he is, that they contact us on 01787 211904.

Thank you for your assistance.
Donna & Julian Fincham-Jacques

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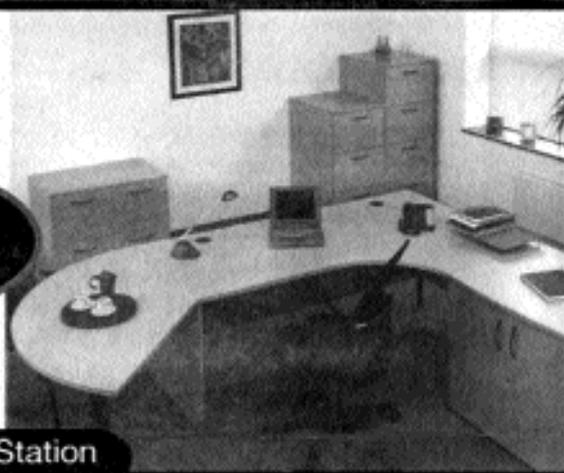
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Parish Council Matters

NOTES of a MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 October 2004 at 7.30 pm at Bell House, Boxford

The chairman closed the meeting for a presentation from Mr R Histed from Milden about the air traffic problem over the area. He gave a brief history about the different developments to our air space over the last ten years or so and how the various "holds" had come about in connection with the re-routing of air traffic as they waited to go into Stanstead and Luton. With a further runway at Stanstead planned, the amount of air traffic could double in the next ten years with two thirds of flights crossing Suffolk. A consultation document concerning air traffic at night was available from the Dept of Transport website and he urged people to read this and write to the department with their comments. He suggested that we needed to negotiate for (i) more spread to reduce the number of flights in the Suffolk area and (ii) to keep the planes higher. Mr Histed is the publicity officer of the South Suffolk Air Traffic Action group and a public meeting is to be held at the Stoke by Nayland Golf Club on Tuesday 26 October at 7.30 pm www.ssatag.org.

Following on from Mr Histed, Mr G Deeks of Boxford Lane made a representation to the council for a contribution towards the proposed draining work to one of the football pitches. He informed the meeting that Boxford now had nine fully qualified coaches and eight teams with 130 players. One of the pitches became a quagmire after only one game and the drainage work was becoming vital. Babergh District Council (BDC) was prepared to match any pledges of funds that the football committee received and he was to meet with BDC towards the end of November. Mr Deeks had written to all local businesses as well as Boxford United Charities, who owned the land, as he needed to raise £5000 (the work was to cost £40,000 and the Football Association was contributing £30,000). If possible the work could commence in April 2005.

Mr John Moles had come to the meeting in order to represent the residents of Homefield who were thoroughly upset and frustrated at the lack of consideration given to them by drivers accessing the playing fields in order to play football – cars were left anywhere and in one instance even parked in a resident's drive. He wished to point out that the hammerhead at the approach to the playing fields was owned by himself and a neighbour and it was their goodwill that allowed access to the site. At this juncture Mr Deeks said he would raise the matter at the next football committee meeting to try to resolve the matter. The chairman, David House, (DH) suggested that perhaps visiting teams could be asked to park with consideration; the football committee needed to resolve the problem, perhaps with the help of the police. Mr Deeks promised to revert to Mr Moles. Councillor Fraser (DF) suggested engaging a steward during match days.

Miss Lock of Fen Street wished to report to the council on a letter from BDC that had been sent to owners of the garages at the approach to The Spinney, informing them that work was to commence on the resurfacing of the area on 25 October and a charge of £650 was to be made. Unfortunately the district councillor was not present and could not comment. DH suggested a collective response from the garage owners concerned to BDC, outlining their objections. Councillor Paxman (KP) requested the chairman to speak to Mr Hurren.

Mr Richard and Danny Grimwood were at the meeting to ask when the allocation of local needs houses was to be finalised. At an earlier meeting, Mr Hurren had informed the council that there was a possibility of this being done before Christmas, but he was not present to confirm this. The clerk was asked to write to BDC.

As both the District Councillor, Mr Hurren, and the County Councillor, Mr Pembroke, were not in attendance, there were no reports from them. **CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:** The Suffolk Preservation Society had written to thank the council for joining the society and to extend their help with any issues of concern. Suffolk Wildlife Trust thanked the council for the 4-drawer filing cabinet for the use of the Sudbury & District group and had offered to do a wildlife habitat survey on the field adjacent to Bell House – the clerk to pursue. BDC had been informed of the location of the two new litter bins so that they could be emptied but stressed that it was preferable that lids be fitted to the bins so the contents did not get wet. Suffolk County Council (SCC) had written to inform the council of their plans to replace all roadside public rights of way over the forthcoming months throughout the west of Suffolk. The approved design consisted of a wooden post and a plastic finger. Mr Vic Rice had collected £64.50 from the sales of the public footpath maps: the council wished to thank Vic for his efforts as well as those of the



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the local shopkeepers. Mrs Joan Cull wished to inform the council that the wildflower area in the churchyard was improving and cowslip seedlings grown from seed collected from the by-pass would be planted out soon. The clerk had asked Martin Crighton to cut and rake off this area and this had been done.

As requested, the clerk had written to BDC concerning car parking charges in the area, saying we hoped that charges would not be levied in the district. Mr Hurren was not present to comment on the outcome of the meeting that had taken place on this item. We had received reminders concerning the BDC Community Achievement Awards for 2005 and a notice was to be put up in the centre of the village. Should any parishioner be aware of an individual worthy of such an award they should contact the clerk or speak to Mrs Jill Barton at BDC. (There were two categories – one for an adult and one for persons under 18.)

A letter requesting that street lighting be improved in the Cox Hill area as well as the Running Waters estate had been received. The council urged the clerk to arrange for an inspection of the light at the foot of Cox Hill. The external audit of last year's accounts met with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters gave cause for concern, with all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements having been met.

POLICE REPORT: PC Paul Wren, our new village policeman was unable to attend the meeting. He had telephoned the clerk earlier to introduce himself. There had been damage to a car in Fen Street and a burglary in Broad Street during September. There was to be a police forum for the public to attend at the Hadleigh Guildhall, 7.30pm on 4 November. There would be ample time for questions, refreshments would be served and Mr David Wood of the Suffolk Police Authority will chair the forum.

GRAVEYARD: DH and Councillor Hughes had been to the graveyard and taped off the area from which the new lawn cemetery would be administered. The tape would remain for a short time so that the clerk could be aware of the boundary. We were still awaiting the detailed survey of the graveyard from A & B Surveys. Several amendments to the Rules & Regulations were brought to the attention of the meeting by KP and it was agreed that the clerk liaise with SI so that the final copy could be issued. The clerk circulated the Form of Interment that would be distributed with the R & R and the councillors agreed the format. The clerk reminded the members that they needed to review the fees attributable to the cemetery to ensure that they kept in line with the increased costs of maintenance.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Potholes were appearing on Sand Hill – the clerk to deal.

Some parishioners were upset at the presence of the tape in the graveyard (see above) – this would be replaced by appropriate signs – councillor Richard Gates to install.

2005 Babergh Community Achievement Awards

The 2005 Babergh Community Achievement Awards are upon us once again you are invited to consider whether there is anyone in your Parish whose community work/active citizenship initiative(s) is worthy of public recognition.

Babergh support initiatives that increase young people's participation in community affairs and therefore we continue to have a special category for young people under 18 years of age.

The nominations are to be judged on their uniqueness and the nominees' length of service in the community. Obviously a young person would not have the same length of service as an adult but the type of community work/active citizenship initiatives involved will be taken into consideration.

Some nominations are discounted purely because of lack of background information and therefore as much detailed information as you can provide will help the judging panel enormously in their difficult task.

The Awards continue to be sponsored by Prolog in order to raise the profile of our scheme and there will be an Awards Presentation evening at the Stoke by Nayland Club on Wednesday 23rd February 2005. Mark Murphy from Radio Suffolk's breakfast programme will be the guest of honour along with the Chairman of Babergh District Council, Sue Wigglesworth and the Managing Director of Prolog, Robert Audley. Award winners and guests together with Proposers and Seconders of all winning nominations will be invited to the Awards Presentation evening.

Please let your Parish Council know of anyone you might wish to nominate

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