

Box River News



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COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR BOXFORD LADIES



Above: L To R Jennie Lindsley, Jean Newble and Joan Smith celebrating their awards at the Stoke by Nayland Club.

This Years Babergh District Council Community Achievement Awards were presented at the Stoke by Nayland Club.

Two of the recipients were from Boxford namely Joan Smith who was sponsored by the Parish Council and Jean Newble who was sponsored by Janet Daniels and Jennie Lindsley.

Joan has worked for the Boxford Community for the past 30 years, her forte being the organisation of the cakes and various refreshments for the village social events. Joan has produced over 1000 of her now famous mince pies and at the Boxford Open Gardens annual event Joan will be there serving her cream teas having baked many hundreds of scones before hand for people who are too busy to bake their own.

Her baking skills have also raised funds for the Save The Children Fund at their regular coffee mornings. Joan has also had a very active part to play in Boxford despite raising 5 children of her own and now having 11 grandchildren. Boxford say "we would like to thank Joan through this award as she truly deserves the recognition".

The second recipient was Jean Newble. Jean is recommended for an award for 30years of cheerful and generous service to the village of Boxford. The Church has been her focus and her love of music has resulted in her taking a leading role in the organisation of the annual Suffolk Villages Festival, an event of the highest calibre which has raised thousands of pounds for the Church and given immense pleasure to audiences. She is a long standing choir member and has organised concerts ranging from madrigals to jazz! Jean has also taught hand-bell ringing to a group of children. She was a founder member of Boxford's Playgroup which is still flourishing today, is a driver for 'Meals-on-Wheels' and has also been a driver on the hospital visit rota. Jean has also served on the PCC and the school's PTA.

In spite of these commitments Jean is still the first to offer help to anyone in need, her car is frequently loaded with the carless and lonely. Boxford says "We think it is Jean's readiness to put

everyone else's needs before her own, her kindness and practical support which makes her a popular award recipient - she has a lovely sense of humour and a warm personality - many people supported her nomination.



Above: Jamie Cullum at the Boxford Fleece Jazz Club in January

BOXFORD JAZZ CLUB AMONGST BEST IN UK

Twelve years of producing 'Jazz At The Fleece' was recognised by a nomination for a prestigious award promoted by the UK's jazz loving members of parliament. One of three clubs nominated, the others being Wakefield and Brighton, the winner was announced at a special reception in the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday March 15th. In the event it was Wakefield, a club of over 30 years standing, who got the award 'Jazz Club Of The Year' but to be nominated and chosen by The Jazz UK magazines readers, and members of the many National and International jazz bands who regularly play at the Fleece, together with members of the Parliamentary Jazz Appreciation Society which has 90 members from both Houses, was reward enough. Boxford with a population of only 1000 compared with clubs in towns and cities all over the country can be rightly proud of this achievement.

Tsunami Update

The proceeds of a raffle at one of the **Jazz Clubs** recent events amounted to £250 to which the club added another £250 and donated it to the Tsunami appeal.

The children of **Boxford C of E School** collected £300 towards the Tsunami Appeal which with other monies collected throughout the benefice brings the total collected to date close to £6000.

Stone Street 20mph speed limit proposed

A proposal has been put forward that the speed limit in Stone Street should be reduced to 20mph. County Highways are to carry out a survey to determine if this would be practical. Without pavements and an increasing number of children in the Hamlet a lowering of the limit is desirable.

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Broadband comes to the Boxford Exchange.

BT are due to upgrade the local exchange to allow Broadband in the area from the 13th April, with this in mind there are a few issues that users should be aware of before taking advantage of the capabilities that high speed internet has to offer from any provider. It is essential that users have up to date virus software and also a good firewall in place. Without these two key elements, hackers and malicious users could cause serious irreversible damage to your system, also installing the Broadband equipment and software can sometimes be a very daunting task. Blue Sea Solutions are offering free advice to anybody considering switching to Broadband along with a special discount for readers of the Box River News. Give Blue Sea a call and we will install your Broadband and make sure that all the security issues are covered before connecting you to the world of high speed internet. We can also provide virus software and FREE firewall software if required along any other updates that may be needed. We are here to help. 07863 561466 Blue Sea Solution - Boxford

The Cinema comes to Boxford

Bryn Hurren and Richard Gates have been trained in the use of new Digital Cinema equipment made available by Babergh District Council and a licence has been obtained to show films in the Boxford Village Hall. The first film show will be on 21st May at 7,30pm. A film has still to be chosen. Anyone interested in what may be available go to www.filmbank.co.uk

3PR New Members

The 3PR first response team covering Boxford, Edwardstone Groton and Newton now have five newly trained members. In fact they qualified at the beginning of February but have been prevented from carrying out duties by the failure of the police to respond to applications for clearance. As a result of this dreadfully long and unnecessary delay, some members of the existing team are doing in excess of 100 hours per month in order to provide 24/7 cover. In view of the alleged low crime figures one wonders what is causing this frustrating delay. Ed

Footpath Diversion

Following a complaint by the Ramblers Association that the footpath that crosses the playing field has been blocked by the store sheds at the rear of the pavilion. This has been the case for many years and ramblers have continued to enjoy the footpath which now runs in front of the pavilion, but it has now become necessary to apply for a footpath diversion. The cost of this exercise is very high especially for a voluntary organisation providing facilities for the public and youth in particular but Babergh District Council have come up trumps waiving their fee and help has been obtained from Suffolk County Council, The Boxford Community Council and the Parish Council to meet the overall charges that would have been in the region of £2,700. What a waste of money for a principle. Just Think of what could have been done with the cash in providing a new play area for our children for example. The only beneficiaries in this case are the EADT for advertising as legally required. Ed



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Jazz at the Fleece

Boxford Suffolk

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Friday, 8th April, 8.30 Ticket £11
Tony Coe Trio

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Friday, 15th April, 8.30 Ticket £10
Steve Moiling Trio

Steve is one of the most comprehensively gifted pianists working on the British jazz scene. He has a superb technique and an abundance of ideas, which have led him to work with many great artists including Peter King, Alan Skidmore, Tim

Whithead, Martin Drew and Claire Martin. He was Professor of Jazz Piano at the Royal College of Music London. Check out his latest CD "Solar", recorded live at the Appleby Jazz Festival. Arnie Somogyi (bass) and Stephen Keogh (drums) complete the trio.

Friday, 22nd April, 8.30 Ticket £16
Laurie Holloway Trio with special guests Alan Barnes and Tina May.

Laurie Holloway was organist and choir master at his local church at the age of 13. He has been musical director to, amongst others. Dame Cleo Laine, Judy Garland, Liza Minnelli, Anthony Newley, Rolf Harris, Engelbert Humperdinck and of course the late great Marion Montgomery. He also had a long association with the legendary Stephane Grappelli and John Dankworth. He has composed numerous television themes, regularly conducts the BBC Radio Orchestra and also arranges for Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Gilbert O'Sullivan and Elaine Paige. Tonight Laurie is joined by Dave Oiney (bass), Harold Fisher (drums) and special guests Alan Barnes and Tina May.

Friday, 29th April, 8.30 Ticket £11
RSK Trio

internationally renowned musicians, Jagon Rebello (piano), Arnie Somogyi (bass) and Stephen Keogh (drums) were part of a select group of young musicians central to the Jazz "resurgence" of the late 80's and early 90's. They have performed individually with such luminaries as Wayne Shorter, Bud Shank, Branford Marsalis, Sting, Joey Calderazzo, James Moody, Art Farmer, Charlie Watts, Lee Konitz, Peter King and Benny Golson.

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

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Boxford Scouts & Guides

THE SPINNEY – CAN YOU HELP

The Spinney was bought in 1981 by the supporters of the Scout and Guide movement in Boxford and was put in trust for the use and development of the Scout and Guide organisations in the village.

It was realised at the time of the purchase that as well as providing a location for the Scout & Guide Headquarters the site, being approx. 7 acres, is ideal for camping and activities for youth organisations from outside the village.

A management Committee was created to maintain and develop the site on behalf of both organisations, primarily for the Boxford members but also for Scouts and Guides nationally and internationally. This is a unique situation and it has only been the enthusiasm of those persons who have the interests of Scouting and Guiding at heart that has created what we have today.

ALL the Scout and Guide Leaders and Spinney Management Committee members are volunteers, we have only one part time cleaner as a paid helper.

As the popularity of the Spinney has grown and we have increased the number of activities available the demand on voluntary help has also increased. Unfortunately in recent years the number of volunteers has decreased and we desperately need new blood to give a hand in running the facility.

Currently we need a booking secretary and a site warden to show prospective campers round and arrange a rota of helpers.

Ideally we need a volunteer service crew to help to mow the grass, maintain fences and clear undergrowth throughout the year on a rota basis.

The funds raised from the hiring of the Spinney are used to improve and maintain the facility which is to the benefit of the local community making use of the Scout and Guide units.

If you are willing to assist in any way, as booking secretary, warden or member of a service team please contact myself, Gordon Edgar on 01787 210108. The more help we have the more fun it will be. I look forward to your call.

Thank You Over 60's

At the latest meeting of Boxford Over 60's Club little did I guess that Mrs Maisie Tricker and the committee had planned a surprise presentation for me in recognition of my long term secretarial work for the club - happily undertaken

Unfortunately for me, however, due to an unavoidable appointment I later discovered how I had missed out on what would have been a very special occasion.

May I now take this opportunity of thanking fellow members for their kindness, and to say I now look forward to continued membership of our great little club with keenest support.

Long may it thrive and bring pleasure and friendship, and may my successor, Mrs Shirley Watling gain as much pleasure and satisfaction in the work as I have done.

Mrs Thelma Williams, 48 Daking Avenue

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**MONDAY 25TH. APRIL 2005.
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Boxford exchange will be enabled for broadband this month (April). If you wish to receive it don't forget to pre-order the service from your ISP so that you will be connected at the earliest opportunity. I have been given a date of the 14th for my connection from BT. If you are with BT log onto www.bt.com/broadband and follow the relevant instructions to pre-order.

Thank you to all who signed up for broadband during our campaign – all the time and effort was worth it eventually.

Please contact me if you have any problems or queries and I'll do what I can to help. *Daphne Clark* 210698

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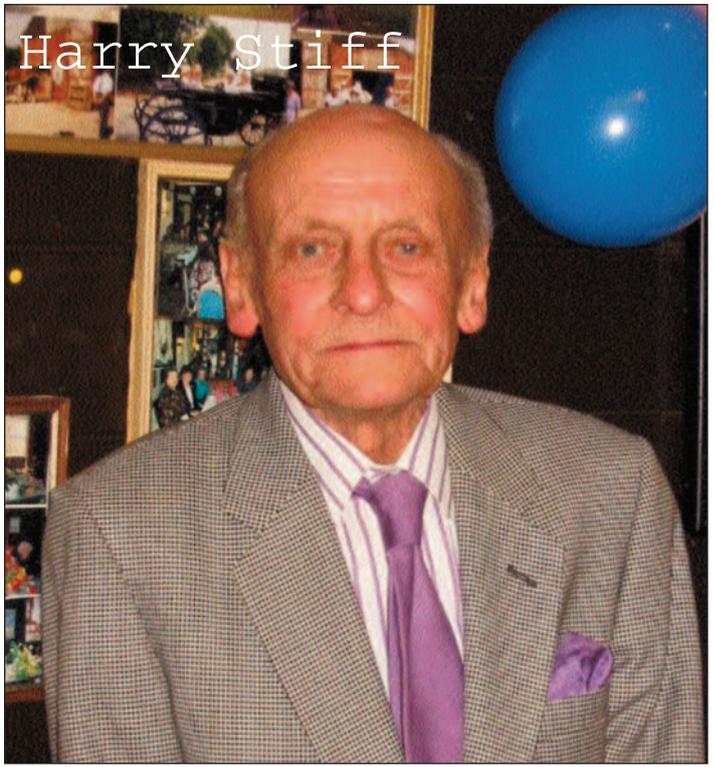
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Marco Invernizzi!



Marco who! You may well ask but in the Bonsai world he is revered as won of the best. Green Lawns Bonsai managed to get his services to lead a Bonsai workshop weekend on February 19th and 20th. The photo above shows Marco (in cap) giving instruction whilst Rev David Matthews struggles with a Bonsai tree in the foreground.

Harry Stiff



Long life seems to be the norm in Groton these days, perhaps it's the altitude? on Sunday 13th March, Harry Stiff celebrated his 90'th birthday in style with his many friends at the Groton WI Hall. Harry, looking very dapper and none the worse for his 66yrs in groton enjoyed the company of over 50 guests at his party including the Rev Richard Titford and Sarah Richard recalled the day he arrived at Harrys house at three one afternoon. and had to walk home very late that evening having consumed rather a lot of Harrys fine whiskey. We look forward to your 100th Harry

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April	2 Little Waldingfield Parish Room 5 Playingfields AGM (Boxford) 6 Gt Waldingfield WI 8 Boxford and District Bowls Club 9 SAS 11 Summer Term Begins 11 Boxford Over 60's 14/16 Arts and Crafts 16 FOBS Quiz Night 16 Boxford Fun Run 2005 20 Gt Waldingfield WI 23 Boxford Rocks with the Beavers 24 Boxford and District Bowls Club 25 Boxford Over 60's 25 Newton Village Hall Whist Drive 26 Boxford Over 60's 27 Boxford Community Council 30 Boxford Rovers Casino Night 30 Elmsett Methodist Church Plant Sale	Quiz Night Suffolk Accident Rescue Quiz Night Quiz Night Meeting Fashion Show Boxford Community Council Season Starts Meeting Outing to Colchester Annual General Meeting	Parish Rooms The Pavilion Village Hall Edwardstone Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Village Hall Mary's House Boxford School Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Village Hall The Fleece The Pavilion, Boxford Boxford Village Hall	TBA 8.00pm 7.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 2.30pm 2.30pm 10.00am 8.00pm 8.00pm 10.30 - 4.00pm
May	7 Groton Garden Gala 2 7 Newton Village Hall "Fireside Club" 14 Theatre at Newton Village Hall 14 Kersey Plant Sale 21 Car Boot Sale 21 The Cinema comes to Boxford 29/30 Kersey Craft Fair	Groton PCC Newton Village Hall	Groton Church Village Hall Newton Playing Field Boxford Village Hall	10am to 1pm 2.00pm 7.30pm
June	10/11 Boxford Drama Group 5 Boxford Gardens Open 8 Boxford Community Council 11 Sports and Fun Day 11 Cake and Book Stall 16 Save The Children Fund 18 FOBS Afternoon Summer fun day followed by Hog Roast and Dance 18Car Boot Sale 25 Boxford St Mary's Church Fete	Scottish Theme Evening St Mary's Church Senior Citizens Outing Leaves the village centre St Marys Church Coffee Morning Newton Village Hall	Boxford Playingfields 50 Daking Avenue Boxford Newton Playing Field	5.30 to 6.00pm 9.30am 10.00am
July	2 Cantate Youth Choir 16 Visit of the Winthrop Family 16 Newton Village Fete	Boxford Church Building Trust	St Mary's, Boxford Groton Croft Newton Playing Fields	7.00pm PM
September	21 Car Boot Sale	Newton Village Hall	Newton Playing Field	7.30pm

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WELCOME TO THE

Boxford Community Council

A reminder for your diaries, we will be presenting 'Boxford Rocks' once again dance to the Beavers at Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 23rd April, 8 till 12, bar and refreshments, further details to follow.

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

The event you have all been waiting for, **THE QUIZ NIGHT**, has now been fixed for Saturday 2nd April. Put the date in your diary. Full details in the next BRN.

BOXFORD SUNFLOWER PLAYGROUP

We are expanding our hours as from April 2005, to improve the childcare service that we can offer. we will now be offering Morning and afternoon sessions with continued care at lunch times.

If you would like further information, please contact Moira Grant on: 01787 211513

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

QUIZ NIGHT

This will be on 2nd April commencing at 7.30pm. If you have not got your ticket from Mary or Sue, please hurry. They are £6.50 each including your meal and first drink.

Quiz Night

Success After Stroke (SAS).

Test your knowledge, have a fun evening and win prizes at Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 9th April 7.30pm start. Tickets £6.00 each will include quiz and ploughmans supper. Teams of four. Licensed bar and Raffle.

Tickets available from the Bridge Project in Sudbury; Boxford News Agents or telephone Sue Taylor on 01787 280413. All proceeds to SAS - a self help group for those who have suffered a stroke.

Boxford Drama Group

Boxford Drama Group want to thank everyone who came to see the 2 one-act plays, 'What's for Pudding' and 'Brenton vs Brenton' that we performed in March. Thank you, too, all those who helped to make the production a success. The money raised will go to the Village Hall. **ADVANCE WARNING!** Dust off your kilts and sporrans and get ready for our Scottish Theme Nights on the 10th and 11th June. More details next month.

Carol Harrison.

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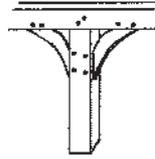
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To the Box River Saints,

I think one of the burning questions in people's hearts and not just practicing Christians is about life after death. It is not a new question, but as old as mankind. In Chapter 14 verse 11-12, Job in his suffering says, "As the waters of a lake dwindle, or as a river shrinks and runs dry, so mortal man lies down, never to rise until the very sky splits open. If a man dies, can he live again?" A more modern man Thomas Huxley, Scientist and self-confessed agnostic put it this way: "It is a curious thing that I find my dislike to the thought of extinction increasing as I get older and older and nearer the goal. It flashes upon me at all sorts of times with a sort of horror. I had sooner be in hell a good deal, at any rate in one of the upper circles where the climate and the company are not too terrifying."

I know from experience that many people, even some Christians, find it difficult to believe in a life after death. Some would say that although their life was wonderful and they believe in God, they would not believe their religion was compromised if eternal life was an illusion.

I cannot accept that because if there is no life after death, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus for me becomes meaningless. What is the point of a religion with a universal God as its focus if it is just for this life? We would all echo with Paul in speaking about the resurrection, "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."

At the heart of our faith is the belief that Jesus love for his friends and us transcended the boundaries death placed on it. He shattered the notion that death is the end. This faith and hope is carried in our hearts because even simple logic tells us that the relationship we have with such a God as ours, cannot be for just this life.

What life beyond the grave is like, who can tell? However as we observe the pain, suffering and strife served up daily in this life, it has to be better. Paul quoting from the prophet Isaiah thought so as he wrote, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."

The Bible starts with God and his love for mankind. He loves us just as we are and nothing we do can make him love us any more than he does at the moment you are reading this. The Bible is God's love letter to mankind and in its many pages are countless promises. Many point to the coming of Jesus, but by far the greatest number of those promises refer to the next life and God's provision for us in that life. There are no proofs that our modern world expects and demands before we believe. The Christian faith does not give us proofs, instead it gives us God, a trust in his love for us and a hope for the future.

Every blessing, *David*



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"Time is too short for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity." *Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933).*

YOUR CHURCH IS ON THE WEB:

visit: www.achurchnearyou.co.uk look out for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury link. *CK*

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY: A special service to commemorate the anniversary of VE day 1945, will be held at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 8th May. All welcome. *CK*

ALPHA FOLLOW UP GROUP:

Meets Thursday 5th May and 19th May at 8.00 p.m. at 47 Swan Street. *Peter Holden*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Next meets on Monday 9th May, 8.00 p.m. at 47 Swan Street. We thank Peter and Margaret for being our hosts during this past year and look forward to resuming the study group in May: presently exploring St. John's gospel. *CK*

BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:

The Club meets in the school hall 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon on alternate Sundays in school term time. New members are most welcome. *Janet Daniels*

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING:

This meeting will be held on Sunday April 3rd at 7.30 p.m. after Choral Evensong. Churchwardens are elected at this meeting. Do come along and support the work of your church in this village. Written nominations, (duly seconded) for those persons wishing to be considered for election as churchwardens must be received by the Rector before the meeting. For further details please see the Rector or the Hon. PCC Secretary. *Cynthia Wanniarachy*

CHURCH RESTORATION, 2005 – 2006:

We need urgently to raise additional funds to repair the chancel roof and the remaining un-restored stone windows. We are assured of a Grant from English Heritage, but need to raise £20,000.00 ourselves. Please do consider making a gift to the Building Trust - please pick up a Building Trust leaflet in church. For every £1.00 donated by taxpayers, 28p is refunded! *CK*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 15th- 21st May: We are holding a cake stall at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street on Saturday May 14th from 9.00 a.m. for Christian Aid. *CK*

OUR CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE is on Sunday May 15th at 11.00 a.m. *Ruth Kingsbury*

LENT LUNCH: £100.00 was raised at the Lent Lunch held at Chequers (by kind permission of Jenny Robinson) and sent to the East Anglian Children's Hospice. *CK*

SMILE LINES: When the minister announced the first hymn, "Ten thousand times ten thousand!" the little boy turned to his father and asked, "Does he want us to work that out?" *CK*



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Lay Elder:

*Antony Dodd, Mill Green End; tel 210397
Peter Welstand, 5 The Winthrops; tel 210525*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS:

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone (to elect churchwardens) will be held in the church on Tuesday, 19th April at 7.30 p.m. This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (to elect the Parochial Church Council and to examine and adopt the accounts of the Church). These meetings give all parishioners the opportunity to make a valuable input into the running of the Church, so please come along and take part. *David Saddleton*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: There will be a Family Barbecue on 26th June in Edwardstone church car park. More details next month. *Jan Paul*

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

Apr 3: Combined Benefice Service (New)/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

Apr 10: Combined with Groton/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

Apr 17: Mr Saddleton/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;

Apr 24: Combined with Groton/Mr & Mrs Saddleton.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:
Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261
David Lamming Lodge Farmhouse 210360*

Lay Elder: *Joy Sellers 378009*

GROTON GARDEN GALA 2 - MAY 7TH GROTON CHURCH:

Now is the time to start your seed trays - Groton needs you !! The Plant Sale is not far away. The date must be well fixed in your minds, but just in case, Saturday May 7th, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton. Bob Bowdidge PS. Please see the Poster in this month's edition of the BRN, and note that there will be Tools, Flower arranging accessories, Garden Books, Gardening Advice, and Refreshments, as well as a very large number of excellent plants, so don't forget to come on May 7th to purchase all your requirements for the summer ahead. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

SUFFOLK CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE 2004: At last the final sponsorship contribution has been collected - £549. Congratulations to the cyclist and his achievement. No wonder it took so long to collect a sum so large. This takes Groton's total to £974, half of which comes back to the parish. Gift Aid will further increase the Trust's take by £150, a sum that goes entirely towards this charity. Six cyclists from the village took part, all of them exploring different parts of Suffolk - we look forward to matching such success this September. *Peter Kennedy Scott*

MARY'S HOUSE: For forthcoming event in Mary's House, please see General Church News Section.

LONG LIFE TO YOU! Groton is obviously the place to live for longevity! On Sunday 13th March, hot on the heels of Gwen Wild's 90th birthday in December, Groton celebrated the 90th birthday of Harry Stiff, who has lived in Groton for 66 years. Many of Harry's friends and fellow parishioners gathered to wish him a happy birthday at a party held in his honour in the WI Hall on the day.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: this year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) will be held on Thursday 21st April at 7.30 p.m. in the WI Hall. It will be followed at 7.40 p.m. by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM"), when the PCC presents its report and accounts for 2004. This meeting

also elects the lay members of the PCC for the coming year and, this year, two parochial representatives to serve on the Sudbury Deanery Synod for the next three years.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL: The annual revision of the roll is currently taking place. To attend and be able to vote at the APCM, your name must be on the roll. The revision period ends on 3rd April. To check whether you are on the roll, or for an application form, contact *David Lamming* on 01787 210360.

FAIR TRADE: Many people, recognising the real help this gives to producers in the Third World, already use Fairtrade tea and coffee. At its meeting on 16th February, Groton PCC pledged to use fairly traded tea and coffee at all church meetings "and, through prayer, study and action, to develop our witness for trade justice". This is part of a diocesan initiative to become a Fairtrade Diocese, showing that the church cares about poverty and justice. Trade justice is also a major theme of this year's Christian Aid Week in May, when the challenge is to 'Make Poverty History'. More details next month.

FAREWELL TO THE THAWS: See separate note in General News section.

PCC MEETING: Tuesday 5th April, 7.30 p.m. at Mary's House.

ROTA April May

Flowers: Mrs M Lethbridge Mrs S Tweed

Cleaning: Mrs S Gooderham Mrs M Fearis/Foster

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr & Mrs J Sellers Mrs B Riddleston



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elder:

Tim Harbord 247034

BOOK AND VIDEO LENDING SCHEME:

The next open morning for village residents will be in the church on Saturday 2nd April from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Refreshments provided free of charge. *Sandra Harbord*

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Apr 3: United Benefice Service (New)/Mrs Bridges;

Apr 10: Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/Mrs Grunsell;

Apr 17: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Harbord;

Apr 24: Mr Squirrel/Mrs Fernando-Martin.



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

ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held on Tuesday 26th April at 7.30 p.m. in the church. This meeting is to elect Churchwardens for the coming year.

This will be followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting when the Parochial Church Council will present Annual Accounts and a report on the work of the past year. This meeting also elects members to the PCC for the coming year.

All parishioners are very welcome at the meetings. *Diana Stock*

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Daphne Clark 210698.

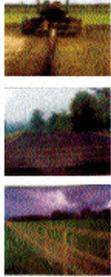
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Boxford School News

As we approach the end of this term the pace is beginning to gather and in only a matter of weeks the hectic Summer Term begins. Over the past two weeks we have organised visits to Colchester Castle and the Norwich Inspire, Science Museum, we have held a fund-raising day for Comic Relief and we are now anxiously awaiting the arrival of our ducklings which are about to hatch in the Reception class's incubator. On the subject of Comic Relief we have raised nearly £300, which after the fantastic Tsunami effort only a month or so ago, is quite remarkable. In addition to all this final preparations are now underway for the Year 4 Residential Visit to Norfolk and the French Club day out in Calais. Life at Boxford School can never be described as dull!!

In addition next week we will be saying good bye to Miss Su Harris who has been at the school for nearly thirteen years and is taking up an advisory post with the LEA. Su started at Boxford School on the same day as myself and has, during her time with us, taught across all ages. She started teaching our youngest children and over the years has moved through the school finally arriving at our oldest children. During that time she has made a considerable contribution to the life of the school and the children's education. Two of her most notable achievements were her dance group which over a period of five years put on some of the most spectacular performances I have ever seen in the primary school with stunning re-creations of well known musicals including Cats and Barnham. She was also responsible for instigating the Year 4 Residential visit and has organised this annual event for many years now. We estimate that during her time at Boxford Su has educated around four hundred children and many of you will be reading this news. I am sure that like me you would all want to thank her for her considerable contribution to Boxford School and to wish her all the best for the future.

When writing this news I often take the opportunity to complain about various aspects of the Government's policy for education.

For once I have some good news. This year's budget settlement, whilst still not perfect, is much improved and finally after three years of having to make some very difficult budgetary decisions at this time of year this year has been a relative pleasure. It has been possible for me to consider our priorities and set a budget accordingly rather than set priorities, formulate the budget and then have to make cuts. I hope this year is a sign of the future and that school budgets in the primary sector are at last going to meet our needs.

Can I remind anyone who has children in the area and is hoping to gain a place at our school next year and have not already contacted us it is essential that you do so as soon as possible. Failure to register may mean that there are no places left and that your child will be turned away.

Finally with Easter upon us may I wish everybody a restful holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.



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Bury 20 report

27th February saw the 4th running of the new Bury 20 and nearly 10 mile Road race, incorporating the Suffolk County Championship. Proceeds of the Race going to Muscular Dystrophy.

Same 400 entered the 20 mile race with 140 entering the nearly 10 mile supporting race, freezing conditions on the day meant that several runners didn't make it to the start line at 10.30 However over 300 completed the 20 mile race and 120 the nearly 10.

Much of the first 10 miles of the course was frozen, making running treacherous and difficult in places, an Arctic wind with snow showers. Finishing the 20 mile race for Hadleigh were Steve Hunt, 86th in 2.28.34 followed Daren Allen in 2.44.01 in 147th. Daren managed to beat last years time by 5 minutes, looking good for a good London Marathon.

In the nearly 10 race Barbara Sanders was delighted to finish 2nd lady overall, and first Vet over 40. 14th in the field She decided not to defend her County Championship crown at 20 miles, saving herself for the National Inter Counties Championship next weekend representing Suffolk.

Dave Robinson also had a successful race finishing 16th and scooping the first Vet 50 prize So a good day for Hadleigh Hares runners

Next races are the Bildeston 10k & Half Marathon on 6th March Stowmarket Joe Cox 10 mile on 27th March Sudbury Fun Run 5 on Good Friday Bungay Half & Full Marathon 3rd April London Marathon 17th April Training at 7 pm every Thursday in front of Hadleigh High School.

Edwardstone and Boxford Cricket Club

Just a quick note to say that the cricket season is very nearly underway. The pitch is being prepared and the players are beginning to drag the whites out of the cupboard.

Our first game is on the 24th of April so plenty of support, be it spectateing or indeed looking for the odd game would certainly be appreciated.

Colts practice will begin on Wednesday May 4th between 6pm and 8pm with no charge. This is vital to keep the continuity of the club and is good for the youngsters in the village. Details from Adrian Gooderham 01787 211805

James Williams - Vice-captain and Press Officer

Local Walks

Lavenham Rambling Club

For Details of walks for april and also general enquiries, please phone:- Graham on 01787 248128

Ramblers Association Walks

Sunday 3rd April. Stoke by Nayland/Polstead. Meet at Stoke playing field car park (GR 985 364) for a 10.00 start for an attractive walk, hopefully with some spring flowers on show. Lunch at Polstead picnic or at 'The Cock Inn' where bar snacks include 'Huffers' (large baps with various fillings) are available. Distance 10 miles. Leader *David C* 01206 797860

Sunday 17th April. Nayland/Horkelesly/Wormingford. Meet for a 10.00 start at Harpers Hill lay-by, just off the A134 Nayland (GR 967 344) for a scenic walk along the Essex/Suffolk border. Please bring food And drink. There is no pub stop. Distance 10-11 miles. Leader *Ann and Rowan W* 01255 432027

Wednesday 20th April. Clare, part of Stour Valley Path. Meet at Clare Country Pay Car Park £1.00 (GR TL 770 451) to make a 10.00 start. Distance 7 miles.

Leader *Alan Messen* 01284 704658

Sunday 24th April. Hitcham.

Meet at Brettenham Church (GR 967 543). Walk to start at 10.00. Distance 5 miles. Leader *Derek Jackson* 01787 371068

Wednesday 4th May. Arger Fen, Bluebell Walk. Meet at Arger Fen car park (GR TL 931 353) to make a 2pm start. Distance 5 miles. Leader *John Harris* 01787 210961.

Friday 6 May. Chappel to Sudbury Linear. Meet at 10.15 Chappel Railway Station (GR TL 897 288) for a linear walk to Sudbury returning to Chappel by train. Pub stop uncertain so please bring food and drink. Sorry no dogs. Distance 14 miles. Telephone leader nearer the day to check start time.

Leader *Janet Penfold* 01787 227929.

Europro Tour Pro Am

Sunday 26th June 2005

The date has now been fixed for this year's popular PGA Europro Tour Pro Am event at The Stoke by Nayland Club. This will be our third year of hosting the prestigious worldwide televised 3 day PGA Europro Tour Championship (Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th June) in which International Professionals will be competing. The Pro Am precedes the Championship and each team will include one of the top professionals playing in the Tour – so a chance for the amateurs to get some top tips from the experts!

There will be two shot gun starts on the Sunday: 8am and 1.30pm and the cost of a team place includes a light breakfast, Pimms and Jazz and a Gala Lunch or Dinner. Members discounts apply – please ask for a members' application form. Team numbers are limited so early applications are advised.

There will also be Master Classes given by a PGA European Tour Professional, name to be announced, at the Driving Range to which teams are welcome to attend either before or after their match.

Look out for more details about this event in the next issue of Box River News.

For more information or Pro Am entry forms please contact Peter Barfield or Mary Saward on 01206 262836 or email marketing@stokebynayland.com



Steve Davis tees off the 1st at last year's Stoke by Nayland Club PGA Europro Tour Pro Am

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

RECTORY GARDEN PARTY: In the Rectory Garden on Sunday May 22nd. More details next month. Joan Matthews

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION:

April 14/15/16 in Mary's House – please get in touch with me if you would like to sell/exhibit. It would be nice to have a variety of crafts. *Pauline Lamming 210360*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 2005

Saturday 2 April

Box 1500 Wedding - Allen/Patrick

The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 3 April, Second Sunday in Easter

New 0930 *Combined Benefice Service*

The Revds. David Matthews &
Brian Walling

Box 1830 Evensong

Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 6 April

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

LtW 1900 Home Communion*

Tim Harbord

Sunday 10 April, Third Sunday in Easter

New 0800 Holy Communion BCP

The Revd. David Matthews

LtW 0930 Holy Communion CW*

Graham Brook

Box 1100 Matins

Christopher Kingsbury

Gro 1100 Family Communion & Baptism

The Revd. David Matthews

Edw *Combined with Groton*

Wednesday 13 April

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion*

Anthony Dodd

Saturday 16 April

Edw 1330 Wedding - O'Halloran/Hayford

The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 17 April, Fourth Sunday in Easter

Edw 0800 Holy Communion BCP

The Revd. David Matthews

Gro *Combined with Edwardstone*

New 0930 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. David Matthews

Box 1100 Family Communion

The Revd. Brian Walling

LtW 1100 Family Service

Tim Harbord

Wednesday 20 April

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

LtW 1900 Compline

Tim Harbord

Sunday 24 April, Fifth Sunday in Easter

LtW 0800 Holy Communion BCP

The Revd. David Matthews

Gro 0930 Family Communion*

Graham Brook

Edw *Combined with Groton*

New 0930 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. David Matthews

Box 1100 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 27 April

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

May 2005

Sunday 1 May, Sixth Sunday in Easter

LtW 0930 *Combined Benefice Service*

The Revd. David Matthews

* *Public Worship with Communion by Extension*

Boxford/MH: Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford

Box River Soap Box

After spending a little over two weeks in South Africa, the UK felt particularly chilly when I returned home in the middle of March. Yet Spring was undoubtedly in the air. It was good to be back, but I missed the ambience of the Rainbow Nation and carried with me some striking images of a country that I had only visited once before - ten years ago when the Rugby World Cup was taking place.

The developments that have taken place since were noticeable, but still gave me some cause for concern over what the future could hold for what is arguably the African continent's wealthiest country. South Africa has mineral resources that are almost incalculable. The opportunities for tourism are legion. Yet unemployment remains stubbornly high, despite a robust economic performance that has boosted the value of the Rand significantly in recent years.

No visit to the Cape Town region would be complete without a trip to Robben Island, home to Nelson Mandela during part of his 27 year incarceration. Nelson Mandela's book, *The Long Walk to Freedom*, was my travelling companion to the Southern Hemisphere. I have owned it for several years, but its sheer size - it is not far short of 800 pages - had discouraged me from embarking upon even the opening chapter. Reading it in the warmth of South African sunshine, I realised how mistaken I was. It is, believe me, a compulsive read.

Most of us will, I imagine, be familiar with the circumstances surrounding his imprisonment. As other African countries shook off their imperialist shackles and granted emancipation to the indigenous population, the minority white settlers in South Africa created a society where only they held the right to vote. Nelson Mandela, who had trained as a lawyer, was fighting for the right for all South Africans, whether white, black or coloured to elect their own government. And his activities eventually led to him being locked away for nearly three decades.

Growing international pressure and, in particular, sanctions from the developed world, forced negotiations upon the South African government. These ultimately led to free elections in 1994 and the establishment of a truly democratic nation. Nelson Mandela took up the mantle of the country's first black president. Indeed, I have a clear recollection of his appearance at the stadium at Newlands for the opening game against Australia in the 1995 Rugby World Cup.

Yet the signs of change since then are not that great. Business is still dominated by the white minority, even if the political arena is now much more representative. This, though, has led to accusations of corruption - a problem that seems to beset so many African nations. And, of course, the aspirations of an emboldened black community, whose expectations cannot yet be met, has produced to a level of crime that just would not be acceptable in European countries.

While a brief reprise of recent Southern African social history (although David Matthews' previous posting was there) may not seem a particularly appropriate topic for a soap box, it did all serve to remind me how fortunate we are in South Suffolk. The level of crime we experience here is minor compared to that which they have to accept in South Africa. The visit also highlighted how difficult it is to undertake social engineering.

An enduring memory was that of small black school children, all in identical uniforms, playing together in Cape Town's Biological Gardens. I could not think of a better picture to represent hope for the future. With luck, and a following wind, in a generation or two, the lot of black South Africans should be much improved.

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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BOXFORD ROVERS

CASINO NIGHT 30th APRIL 2005

If you fancy yourself as a budding James or Jane Bond then why not order your martini (shaken not stirred) and chance your arm with the roulette wheel? In fact why not try blackjack, dice or wheel of fortune (or roulette) at Boxford Rovers Casino Night. If you're not a card shark and need some convincing - don't worry it's all for a good cause. Pay your £10 entrance fee, get £10 of chips (free with the ticket price) and give it a whirl. The croupiers will explain the aims of the games and everybody is free to join in. There will be prizes at the end of the evening for those with the most chips and a very special raffle with some unbelievable prizes. No-one will be going home with thousands of pounds - as it's all for charity. Boxford Rovers are launching an appeal to resurface the top pitch at Homefields and to install a drainage system and the Casino Night is just one event aiming to boost the coffers.

The Casino Night is on Saturday 30th April at Boxford Village Hall, tickets cost £10 and include hot food and your initial £10 of gambling chips. The event features trained croupiers who will guide everyone through the games patiently and ensure everyone has a fantastic time.

For tickets or for further information contact Steve Taylor on 01787 210239 or Mark Lane, Boxford Rovers Chairman on 211656. This will be a very popular event so get your tickets early!

THE BOXFORD FUN RUN 2005

16th APRIL 2005.

Boxford Homefields will be playing host to one of the Villages most popular events later this month - as hardy souls line up for the annual fun run. The event, organised by Boxford Rovers Football Club, is split into a number of age groups for children and culminates in a fun run for adults which stretches over 3 miles. Anyone is welcome to take part in the fun run from under 8s through to parents, friends, keen runners and the not-so-keen! Remember you don't have to be a Paula Radcliffe to take part - just a willingness to walk or jog around the course and raise much-needed funds for one of the Villages largest youth organisations. Many of the 120 Boxford Rovers players will be looking for sponsorship so if a form is thrust into your hand please be generous - otherwise get your running shoes on and join in! Adults who turn up on the day will need to pay an entrance fee and for more information on this and the fun run generally contact Greg Deeks on 01787 210075 or Chris Waugh on 210139. Richard Robinson, Press Officer.

Boxford Over 60's Club

Notes for April

Monday April 11th Meeting Village Hall 2.30pm

Monday April 25th Meeting Village Hall 2.30pm

Tuesday April 26th - Outing to Colchester, leaving the Fleece at 10am - Return 4.30pm. Members £4.00 Non Members £5.00.

As always Non-Members are very welcome on all our outings.

For details of bookings please phone Maisie Tricker, tel 210045.

It is with great pleasure we can announce that the position of Club Secretary has been succeeded by Mrs Shirley Watling, club member. *Thelma Williams*

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REFRESHMENTS

Readers Letters

Dear Editor,

FREE PARKING (BRN article March).

Along with many other shoppers and traders in the district, I am delighted that parking in Sudbury and Hadleigh will continue to be free. 'Democracy has clearly come through.'

In this instance, however, I think Democracy owes a special thank you to the initiative of one constituent in particular: the Editor of BRN, i.e. yourself. You took the trouble to gather extra information which appears to have been a key factor in reversing the council's original decision to charge for parking in excess of two hours.

Free parking should result in fewer trips but longer stays. This is better for the environment and allows us the time to make full use of the excellent range of facilities these thriving towns currently offer.

Thank you, Mr Kench.

Mrs Jane Howe

Dear Mr Kench

BABERGH'S COUNCIL TAX INCREASE

I see that in your March edition of the "Box River News" that you are questioning whether our statement that 3.1% is the rate of inflation is correct.

Whilst I believe that you are quoting the relatively new Consumer Price Index at 1.9%, this Council has always used the Headline Retail Price Index as its measure of inflation. We feel that continues to be the right index to use, particularly as it is the index used by the Government for Pension increases and for increases in the Business Rates.

I hope that clarifies our position and our statement.

Geoff Kistner

Corporate Director

Sir,

Someone thinks a gateway in Groton is a landfill site. I hope you don't mind me using your organ in an attempt to put them right.

On the evening of 29th January, a pile of debris appeared in the gateway. It included: a tasteful, battery operated wall clock (inscribed 'Tempus Fugit' as indeed it does); a quantity of beige carpet off cuts (in 2 different contemporary styles); cardboard box for a Beech and Silver Effect 3 Shelf Unit (made in Taiwan); cardboard box for a Tropical Fish Starter Kit (including unused bright green plastic weed); a quantity of pens, batteries, CDs, car light bulbs and floppy disks.

One of the floppy disks supplied a name which I won't divulge at this stage. I'd just like to politely ask the culprit to show a bit more respect for their environment and not to give others the chore of clearing away the debris of their life.

Steve Foster
Groton



Right
Some of the
rubbish
referred to in
the letter above

Sir

Through the columns of the BRN I would like to thank the many kind people who have sent me letters and cards while I have been in hospital and the rehabilitation unit in Ipswich following a fall in January.

The break to bones in my shoulder has, temporarily, immobilised my right arm and hand so I have been unable to put pen to paper. However, these messages have cheered me enormously and have kept me in touch with events and friends back home for which I am most grateful.

I also wish to record my gratitude to the neighbours who came to my rescue and especially to our marvellous 3PR team

Yours Sincerely

Mary Edwards

Gunnery Close

Sir

I would like to thank all my friends who came to my 90th birthday party held at the WI hall on the 13th March and also for their best wishes, cards and their generosity.

Very many thanks to Mrs Diana McCorell, who organised these celebrations and her many helpers who made the evening so enjoyable.

Having lived in Groton for the past 66 years since marrying my late wife Rhoda, I consider it has been a privilege and a pleasure to have contributed in a small way to the many affairs of the village. Once again very many thanks for an evening I shall always remember

Harry Stiff

Sir

Thank you for the Music page which was well arranged. If there is another occasion could I please be given my correct Christian name, so far there have been three variations, though the last one was rather grand!

On Shetland, from whence my family came, there would be no problem.

(The two young men in St Peter's who nearly met the Pope, remained friends. Both became much respected headmasters)

A.C Porteous (Clunis)

Sorry Clunis, Both my wife and I puzzled over your Christian name, obviously without success. Ed



Does anyone know where the Old Tudor House went to and when did it go? It was intended to go to the USA but it is believed that the first world war intervened and it went to Sussex instead. We are often in Sussex where we lived until almost a decade ago and would love to find it to photograph for the Box River News. Tel 01787 211507 or email ed.kench@virgin .net.

Divide old clumps of Michaelmas Daisies, much finer flowers and healthier growth come from young plants selected from the outside of the clump. After lifting the old clump, always dig the ground deeply, working in any moisture holding material that you may have. This will help to prevent mildew which Michaelmas Daisies are prone to. Dust the whole area with two ounces per square yard with a fertiliser which is low in nitrogen and high in potash.

If you have the time, it is useful to remove faded flowers from daffodils and tulips to prevent them wasting energy producing seed, chionodoxas and muscaris should have their seed pods left on to allow the seed to fall and produce a further supply of plants. Keeping bulbs watered in dry weather will make the flowers last longer and a feed of a general fertiliser after flowering will help fatten up the bulbs before the withering of the foliage.

Bush willows and Cornus, grown for their coloured stems can be cut down to the ground level. This encourages the growth of young stems which will give the best colour effects next winter.

Evergreen shrubs should be pruned by cutting out any dead wood and shortening straggling branches to give a good shape.

Silver foliage plants such as Santalina and Helichrysums should be cut back hard to prevent the plants becoming straggling. Lavender, of the Hidcote and Munstead varieties can be cut down to the ground level and they will produce new growth from the base.

Heathers which have become straggly and woody can be given a new lease of life by spreading out the woody stems, pegging them to the ground and covering with a mixture of peat and lime free soil.

Start the regular spraying of roses against mildew, black spot and rust as soon as the first shoots appear. Keep a sharp look-out for attacks of green fly, a severe infestation can kill off young shoots.

As greenhouse temperatures rise on sunny days give plenty of ventilation and damp down floors with water to maintain a humid atmosphere. Plants in small pots and trays dry out rapidly and will need regular watering.

House plants can be potted up to the next size pot, incorporate a

controlled release fertiliser into the potting compost to provide a regular supply of nutrients over a long period. The foliage of house plants will have collected a certain amount of dust during the winter and will need a clean up to allow the leaves to breath. Small plants can be stood in the sink and sprayed with tepid water and allowed to dry. Dry leaved plants can be cleaned by wiping the leaves with a piece of damp cotton wool.

Runner beans, French beans, marrows and courgettes can be sown in pots for planting out when the danger of frost is over - or even earlier if you are able to protect them with fleece.

The soil on the vegetable garden should be warming up and most seeds can be sown outdoors now. It used to be said that soil was warm enough for sowing when you could sit on it with your bare bottom - just a suggestion

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Fen Street Widow avoids District Council rip off!

Winnie Clackson of Fen Street and her neighbours have been waiting for some time for repairs to be carried out to the passage way that runs between two houses and the along the back of Winnies House ending just beyond her neighbours boundary.

At last Babergh district council came up with a price for the work to be charged to the three households and the figure of £1200 plus VAT £1420 inclusive was quoted, the cost of which was to be paid by the three households. This provoked Mrs Clackson to get a private quotation which to work to exactly the same specification amounted to £800 inclusive VAT.

Don't the District Council have a duty to seek competitive prices or is it a case of where the charge can be passed on, nobody really cares. If this 80 year old widow had not been on the ball she and her neighbours would have been ripped of in no uncertain terms. Mrs Clackson is also faced with the prospect of yet another extortionate, payment for the unnecessary work carried on the Garage Access in Fen Street which was worked to an unnecessarily high specification, without any consultation. It is almost certainly the case that if the private owners had been given the opportunity to obtain competitive quotations, costs would more than likely have been substantially lower.

To ad insult to injury the District Council have asked Mrs Clackson, an 80 year old widow, to pay the bill for the work to the passage way and be responsible for collecting the payments from her neighbours.

Stone street breeds traffic signs

With only 35 dwellings in the Hamlet, Stone Street now has 40 traffic signs two of which turned up last week.

One morning last week a couple of chaps were seen digging a hole in the banking adjacent to my home. I queried with them what they were doing and why they had not had the decency to advise me what they were about to do since they were digging out daffodil bulbs planted in the bank. I was told they did not have to advise me since the council owned the bank and they could do what they liked.

They were installing a new sign at the entrance to Wash Lane but because there was not enough space at the entrance it had to be put in about 30 yds from the entrance. The sign which now sticks into my hedge and is an awful eyesore from the house, warns drivers that Wash Lane is unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles. As if nobody knew that!

At the ends of Stone Street there are four signs warning heavy goods drivers of the streets unsuitability so why on earth stick another sign in the middle of the hamlet saying the same thing. If a vehicle has reached that point it has passed at least two other signs, will have probably destroyed the houses at the narrowest point and those with overhanging eaves. In the ten years we have lived on the corner of Stone Street and Wash Lane the only vehicles that could be considered Heavy are those visiting the Farm and Peyton Hall together with tankers attending the sewage plant. they have to have access. Please will the County Highways Department remove this unnecessary blot on the landscape

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We have friendly roll-ups each Monday and Friday at 10 a.m. throughout the season. For complete newcomers to the game there is a special first year fee of just £12.

All enquiries to *Les Clark* on 01787 210698.

Kersey Plant Sale

The Kersey Plant Sale will be held on 14th May this year

Kersey Craft Fair

The Kersey Craft Fair is on the 29th and 30th May

Newton Village Hall

Whist Drive

Because of the refurbishments at the village hall, the whist drive on Monday 14th March was held at the golf club. We were made very welcome and we would like to thank the club for letting us use its facilities.

We had several new players who we were very pleased to welcome. They are from nearby villages; what we need now is more players from Newton.

There were 71/2 tables in play and the prizewinners were:

Ladies

Pat Goward 171

Peggy Pell 168

Cynthia Winch 167

Diana Stock 145

Gents

Janet Weavers 178

Col in Knock 174

Dorothy White 170

Alan James 145

It was Little Sue's birthday and she very generously provided all the whist prizes and also the delicious refreshments. Many thanks Sue; I hope you enjoyed your birthday.

The next whist drive will be on Monday 25th April at the village hall (not 18th April as previously stated). We will then have a break before recommencing in September.

Playing Fields AGM

The PlayingFields committee will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 5th April in the Playingfields Pavilion starting at 8.00pm.

All users of the playing fields are welcome to come and hear what the committee has been doing in the last year and what is being proposed for the future.

The committee would like to remind readers of the Box River News that the pavilion is available for hire at a very reasonable rate. For booking enquiries please ring 01787 210432

Boxford Community Council

The Boxford Community Council is organising another Boxford Rocks Dancing to the Beavers on Saturday 23rd April at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £12 to include buffet supper, bar and raffle. Tickets for this event will be available from Saturday 2/4/05 and can be reserved by telephone from 9am. Please ring Peter Hibben on 210819 or David on 210796. Tickets must be collected and paid for by cash or cheque within 10 days from that date.

Box River News

The form that was promised for organisations to complete for entry or update of information for inclusion in the new 'Box River Facts' directory had to be left of this issue because of the enormous amount of copy we received. Next month I promise!

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Wot?s On

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

April 14/15/16 in Mary's House - get in touch with me if you would like to sell/exhibit. It would be nice to have a variety of crafts. *Pauline Lamming* 210360

Boxford Community Council

The annual general meeting of the Boxford Community Council will be held at the Pavilion, Boxford Playing Field on Wednesday 27th April at 8.00pm. This is a chance to come along and see what the community council does all year, if you want to come and join us then this is the opportunity to get a nomination in to our secretary and take part in the election of committee. We have a social committee to run the fund raising events and who are always looking for new faces and ideas to help.

We are hoping to have a representative from Suffolk Acre to talk to us about fund raising especially where it relates to village halls and one of the items on the agenda will be "Do we want to look into providing a new village hall for the future generations of Boxford", a subject that has occupied the thoughts of a few over the past years.

The meeting usually takes about an hour and a half and we will be serving wine, soft drinks and snacks.

Why not come along and show you care what happens in the village, you will be most welcome.

The current committee are: Peter Hibben Chair, Roger Cunningham Vice Chair, Julie Kossick Secretary, Stephanie Atkins Treasurer, David Gasson, Social Chair, Suzanne Excell, Social Secretary, Steve Taylor, Doug Impett, Ian Kossick, Sue Beavan and Mark Miller as committee members. For further details call Peter Hibben on 210819.

River Stour Trust

The following May Bank Holiday events have been arranged by the River Stour Trust

May Bank Holiday Sun.1 Mon.2 May Electric boating days: simultaneous operation of small, electrically-powered boats anywhere on the River Stour, by special permission of the Environment Agency

May (t.b.c.) Opening Ceremony for the Visitor/Education Centre at Great Cornard More details: *Lesley Ford* 01787 372171

Whit Bank Holiday, May Sun.29/Mon.30 Electric boating days: simultaneous operation of small, electrically-powered boats anywhere on the River Stour, by special permission of the Environment Agency

Save The Children

A date for your diary:

We shall be holding our coffee morning on Thursday 16th June at 10am at 50 Daking Avenue.

Cakes, Savouries, Preserves, Tombola and Raffle

All are welcome. Joan Smith, Jean Saunders, Anne Holdgate.

Newton Green Theatre

TOOL Theatre Company visit to Newton Green 2005

Once again TOOL Theatre Company are coming to Newton Green. Please support the village hall renovations by bringing the family to the performance on Saturday 14 May 2005, in the village hall at 2.00 p.m. The show lasts about 2 hours. There will be a short interval during which refreshments will be served and the raffle drawn. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received. Tickets are £7.00 (adult) and £3.50 (child under 14) and are available from *Alan Vince* on 373963 NOW! Please book early so we don't have to worry about cancelling. Thank you," The theme is 'Two for the 1/9d's and if the last two years are anything to go by the show is expected to be another hilarious and enjoyable event.

Boxford Community Council Presents

'Boxford Rocks Again' Dance to 'The Beavers'

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QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 8th April

7.00 p.m.

in

Edwardstone Parish Hall

**Tickets £4.50 each
(To include refreshments)**

Tables of 6

Licensed bar available

Tickets available from *Les Clark* 01787 210698

In aid of **Boxford & District Bowls Club**

Wot? s On

Newton Village Hall

Coffee Mornings:

April 2nd, Parish Council

May 7th, Fireside Club

June 4th, Newton Charities

July 2nd, Village Fete Committee

Social Events

May 14th at 2 pm Theatre Company visits Newton. Watch this space.

July 16th, The Newton Village Fete

Car Boot Sales

They are back, Newton's now famous Car Boot Sales will be held again in 2005. Only three this year so make sure you are there to either book your pitch or buy that bargain on Saturday May 21st, Saturday June 18th and Saturday September 17th

St Mary's Church Boxford

Dates for your diaries:

Saturday 11th June at 9.30am there will be a Book Stall and Cake sale in St Mary's Church

Saturday 25th June from 2 - 5pm Boxford Church will be holding it's Annual Fete in the Rectory Gardens.

Groton Garden Gala 2

May 7th Groton Church

MAY will soon be here — it may not seem like it at the moment. There should be a fine collection of plants etc. at this year's Groton Plant Sale. So put the date in your diary, May 7th— Groton Church—10.0am-1.0pm. Watch out for the banner and posters. *Bob Bowdidge*

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

Quiz Night

The Boxford and District Bowls Club are having a Quiz Night (tables of 6) in Edwardstone Village Hall on Friday 8th April commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Tickets, to include refreshments, £4.50 each. Licensed bar available. Any enquiries and tickets from *Les Clark* on 01787 210698. All welcome.

Elmsett Methodist Church

PLANT SALE

There will be a plant sale at elmsett Methodist Church on Saturday 30th April from 10.30 - 4pm

Lunches will be available from 12.00 - 2pm.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD W.I.

It was snowing, freezing cold but stalwarts that we are we braved the weather for our March meeting. First Mrs Betty Watson our delegate at the Federation meeting gave an excellent report - the members who attended with her all stated how much they enjoyed the speakers. Ms Karen Kenny our speaker for the evening gave a talk on 'Good Companions in Your Garden' we learned all about Organic and Companion Planting. It is ideal to mix flowers with vegetables, that clover in a lawn should be left as it creates nitrogen which is ideal for the grass, also the leaves of the 'Elder Weed' can be used as a vegetable. We have been having a monthly session of 'Ten Pin Bowling', and our Darts Team have just completed their matches - so its not all Jam and Jerusalem. Come along and join us. Our next meeting is on April 6th at 7.30p.m. when Mr Colin French will give a talk on Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. Date for your Diary .April 20th at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall. Fashion Show and Clothing Sale. Admittance £3.00 to include refreshments. *Maisie Root 377088*

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

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£42 Peter Spragg; £17 Jill Brooks; £7 Robert Moore.

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L to R: Michael Munn(Deke), Jim Connoly (Brett), Coralie Brown (Lana) and Janice Macmillan (Foxglove)

What's For Pudding

What's For Pudding? Well it was cheese and biscuits which followed the Sausage Mash and Peas served during the interval of the Drama Groups 'Double Bill' which ran at the Boxford Village Hall from the 9th to the 11th March.

'What's for pudding' directed by Anne Tyres was a farce about a typically quiet and boring Saturday night for a middle aged couple Jack and Mary when the doorbell rang and their tranquillity was uproariously shattered as the play unfolded. Jack, (David Phillips) was thought to be boring by his wife, Mary, (played strongly by Margaret Clapp) who worried because 'nothing happens in her life' Maureen (butter wouldn't melt in her mouth and mild mannered Ted, friends of Jack and Mary, together with Dennis "all I want is a pair of trousers", gradually manage to turn the weekend upside down revealing the other side and nature of the characters in the play, but all ended well. All performances were strong and the actors are to be congratulated.

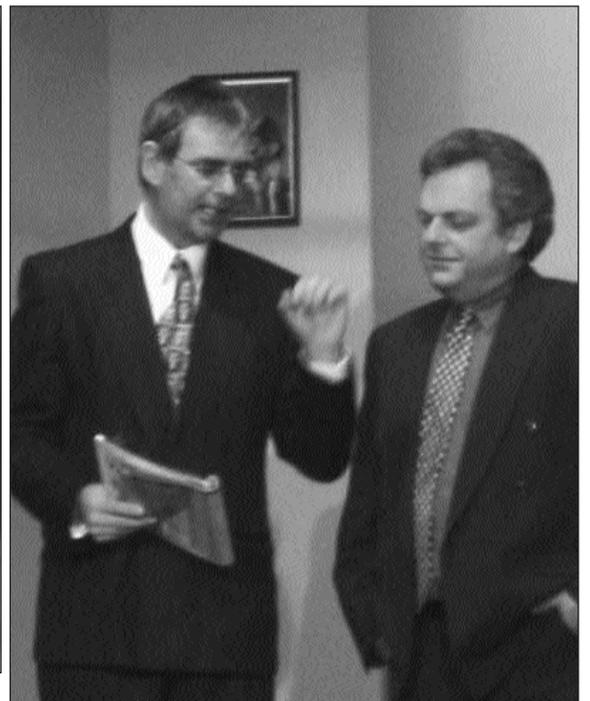
Brenton Vs Brenton

Another farce this time directed by Jane Lindekam. What was the dark secret that enflamed the Brenton family feud? Who was the mysterious Eddie? and why were Lana's shoulder pads wider than the door? And what was Deke doing down on the farm? All this was revealed in this outrageous spoof of American soaps and mini series. Set in Chicago's biggest advertising agency we were treated to a fast moving farce with punch line after punch line delivered as only members of the Boxford Drama Group could deliver them. Even the ad libs were hilarious with Deke Brenton (Michael Munn) and Matt Kirby (Will Carpenter) becoming masters of the one liners.

This a memorable night out and congratulations to the kitchen staff and those who served at table, to the lighting and sound team and all the back stage folk who made this another Boxford Drama Group success story. Over £1000 was raised for the Village Hall. *Eddie the completely wild sadistical b*****d*



L to R: David Clapp (Dennis) Penny Hyland (Maureen) Jeremy Morgan (Ted) Margaret Clapp (Mary) and David phillips shy as always, hiding behind the curtain



Above: Deke Brenton remonstrates with Matt Kirby

Parish Council Matters



Boxfords new Parish Clerk

Debbie Hattrell,
Boxford Parish Clerk

Debbie's life is centred mainly around her family. She is married to Martin and They have two children, Ben aged 9 and Caitlin aged 2. The Hattrells moved into the area last year from a small village in rural Essex and they are looking forward to the warmer weather to get

out and about with more walking and cycling. In her free time she enjoys sketching and receives plenty of inspiration from the historic villages around the area.

Until recently she was an insurance team manager having spent nearly 20 years in the industry. Debbie hopes her skills can be put to good use as Parish Clerk in Boxford. It is early days yet and she claims to have a lot to learn. Debbie has found the Parish Councillors very supportive and has been impressed with the community spirit in Boxford, and is very pleased to now be part of it.

Boxford Parish Council Meeting on 14th March 2005 at Bell House, Boxford.

Planning Matters Included: -

- the erection of a first floor extension at Langley Hall, Boxford Lane,
- proposed diversion of footpath No. 8 at Boxford playing field,
- topping of yew tree at Peyton House, Butchers Lane and
- listed building consent to render wall and carry out internal alterations at Groton Cottage, 8 Ellis Street.

Police Report

Two crimes were reported in our area, both in Stone Street, one theft from a motor vehicle and the other was a burglary of a dwelling.

Clerks Correspondence

The Clerk is now in touch with all interested parties regarding the site meeting on the issue of parking in Daking Avenue. The meeting will be arranged shortly. Clearly, the situation will be difficult to resolve, however, all options need to be considered.

Finance

The Councillors agreed to purchase a portable wheelchair ramp to improve access to Bell House, where the Parish Council Meetings are held.

APM

The village hall has been booked for Monday 25th April 2005 for our Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 p.m. A speaker from St Nicholas Hospice is due to attend.

District Council Report

B Hurren, District Councillor, confirmed that Wash Lane and Butchers Lane were due to be cleaned. He entered into discussions regarding Daking Avenue parking. He confirmed that the digital cinema at Boxford Village Hall is due to commence shortly, it will be advertised in Box River News.

Suffolk County Council Report

J. Pembroke, County Councillor, advised that the potholes on Sand Hill have been reported and will be repaired. He advised of a forthcoming public transport review and agreed to investigate a footpath issue along from Homefields.

Reports from Members

The East of England Regional Plan was discussed in detail which aims to sustain and improve quality of life for all who live in,

work in or visit the region by developing more sustainable, outward looking region respecting its diversity and enhancing its assets. *Debbie Hattrell* Parish Clerk

Contact address: Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.
Telephone 01787-210943

Newton's new Parish Clerk

Newton Parish Council welcomes Peter Cornell as the new Clerk for our Parish. He has lived in the Village for many years and has now retired from his work with Health and Safety and looks forward to taking an active role in Newton affairs. He can be contacted on 01787 370331.

I would like to thank Brian James, the previous Clerk, for the very efficient and cheerful way he tackled being Clerk - smoothing out the many administrative hurdles brought in over the last two years. We wish him well with his new position and added responsibility with B.T.

John Taylor

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THE RENOWNED CANTATA YOUTH CHOIR ARE COMING TO BOXFORD



Cantata

The Cantata Youth Choir are coming to Boxford. The Programme to be held on Saturday 2nd July in Boxford St Mary's Church, will include music by Gounod (Ave Maroia), Bach (Jesu Joy), Lloyd Webber (Pie Jesu) Fanshaw (Lords Prayer) and African and Tamil Folksongs, Spirituals and Broadway Song.

Cantata was formed by Michael Kibblewhite in 1994, to provide keen young singers with high-quality training in singing and performance skills. The choir now has a membership of 175 boys and girls - representing 70 schools, colleges and universities, mostly in Essex, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire - and has a Training Choir (8 yrs +), a high-voice Junior Choir (10-13 yrs) and a mixed-voice Senior Choir for 14 to 19 year-olds.

This highly acclaimed, vibrant and friendly young choir has quickly become renowned in the UK for dynamic performances and

refined music-making. Competition successes include Winner of Sainsbury's Children's Choir of the Year, the Outstanding Performance Award at the Music for youth National Choral Festival, and two First Prizes in the Peterborough Choral Festival.

Recent highlights include a critically acclaimed performance of Stravinsky's Persephone in the BBC Proms with the BBC Symphony Chorus and Orchestra conducted by Sir Andrew Davis and recently released on CD by Warner Classics. Cantata sings at the annual Family Carols Service in St. Paul's Cathedral and at the Royal British Legion in the Guildhall. It has performed in the presence of several members of the Royal Family including Prince Charles and Princess Anne. The

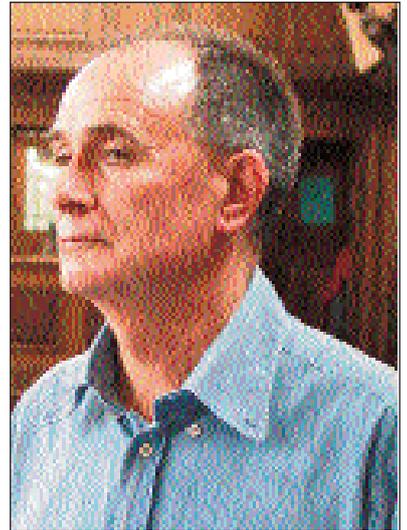
choir has made many CDs, the most recent being John Rutter's new work "Mass of the Children" conducted by the composer.

"The singing of this choir is an absolute delight - fresh young voices clearly loving every minute of making music"

Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Finals

Above Right: The Choir outside the Albert Hall at last years Proms

Right: Michael Kibblewhite



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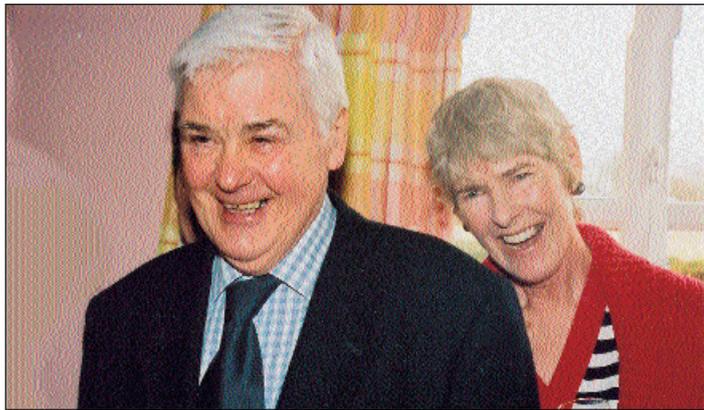
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FAREWELL TO GEORGE AND PHIL THAW



Above: George and Phil Thaw at Lodge Farmhouse

At a party at Lodge Farmhouse on 20 February, Groton and the benefice bid farewell to Phyl and George Thaw, who have moved to Oakes Park, near Sheffield, to live near their son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Billie, and their children George, Tom and Charlie.

Phyl and George had been a part of Groton life for over 10 years and, for several years, George served as churchwarden. They will be much missed, but we wish them well and every happiness as they settle into their new home. The weather was not propitious for their moving day but, as they have said in a letter, "we made it through the snow and yes, we will miss Groton. True to Groton meteorology, the snow stopped by the time we reached Lavenham - a kind thing leaving us with memories of how lovely the parish looked clad in white" They express their "thanks and appreciation to all who shared an important part of our lives"

Dan and Billie run a Christian holiday centre at The Oakes in Oakes Park, a large Georgian house set in 8 acres of grounds, which opened in July 2000. The Oakes, run as a charitable trust, aims to provide a holiday centre where 8 to 18 year olds can hear the Christian message, be encouraged in their faith and have a great holiday. It was fitting, therefore, that the money raised (£130) at the Lent Lunch held at Groton House on 1st March should be given to The Oakes. Many thanks to all who attended and contributed.

DL

SIR WILLIAM BRUNYATE

People often ask about the portrait of Sir William Brunyate in Boxford Village Hall. Some account of him may be of interest:

He was a scholar, mathematician, lawyer, public servant and practical man of affairs. He was the son of a Wesleyan Methodist Minister and educated at Kingswood School, Bath, founded by John Wesley for the sons of his preachers. He won a scholarship to Trinity College Cambridge — a necessity then for a boy from a poor home. He became President of the Union and 2nd Wrangler — 'Wrangler' was the name given to the few at the head of the first class in the mathematics degree. He was a Fellow of Trinity College 1890 to 1896 and called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1894.

Whilst working and studying in London he lived at the Bermondsey Settlement established in one of the worst slums of that time in London. In his spare time he taught maths in evening and weekend classes, was a Poor Man's Lawyer and involved in the social work of the Settlement. He joined the Egyptian Government Service in 1898 and became Legal/Financial Advisor to the Government in Cairo. He was appointed CMG in 1907 and KCMG in 1916. He was twice mentioned in despatches during World War I.

He was invited to be Vice-Chancellor, Hong Kong University 1921 to 1924. He retired to Boxford (School House?) and was active in local and county life as JP, County Councillor and Alderman. He brought energy, enthusiasm and 'know how' to the provision of the Village Hall which was opened in 1927. He died in August 1943. His was a distinguished life of service. There

may be some who remember him and there will be reference to him in the records of the Village Hall. *Malcolm Prescott*

BOXFORD TENNIS CLUB

Membership

All existing members should shortly be receiving re-enrolment forms. The cost of membership remains the same for yet another year (Adult:£30. junior:£15, Family;£50) and, with the opportunity for subsidised club coaching and unlimited free use of the courts, we feel it represents excellent value for money.

Anyone wishing to join for the first time should contact Ally Roberts on 210212

All enrolment forms should be returned with payment by April

Coaching

Adult coaching with club coach, Richard Porter, continues throughout the year with sessions on Tuesday's and Fridays. These lessons have always proved popular and highly enjoyable. All standards are welcome. Anyone interested should contact Diana Hawke on 211403 for further details.

Junior coaching sessions have been very efficiently co-ordinated for the past four years by Louise Renshaw. Many children aged 6-13 have benefited from these lessons and if they are to continue, we need one person or a group of people to take over from Louise, if you can help please contact her on 210298.

Vandalism - boring, stupid and costly - is still a big problem on the tennis courts and the playing fields in general. The perpetrators a tiny minority know who they are and probably have far more interesting and constructive things to do than to read this newsletter, but perhaps there are some families out there who might like to reflect on the nature of responsibility, or maybe not. On a more positive note. Summer really is nearly here so we expect to see many more people taking proper advantage of this excellent village facility and playing some tennis!

For any further information or to book a court, contact Diana on 211403

Constable Country Summer Fair

4th June 2005

Following the immense success of the inaugural fair in 2004, the 2005 Fair includes an even larger crafts and Art marquee, more heavy horses, a bigger scurry racing event, a greater range of animals from domestic animals to ferrets and birds of prey and many demonstrations of traditional country pursuits including an all day horse drawn demonstration of traditional hay making in a beautiful meadow overlooking the Dedham Vale.

And there is plenty to do for the whole family ... From a spectacular display of Kite flying and, for the kids, a chance to get involved in the day long Kite Making workshop, to traditional but almost forgotten fair games such as skittles, break a plate and many displays.

There will be vintage cars and Lorries, steams wagons too ...

Then, there is live entertainment all day including an open air evening concert by East Anglian artist John Ward with many other musical interludes during the day, and a real Victorian fairground

And to make this midsummer day , even more enjoyable , we have devoted a whole area open all day just for food and drinks as well as display areas for small and select food producers , many from our region ...so from Strawberries and Champagne to wholesome WI teas or Hog Roast, there will be plenty to tempt those taste buds...

For children there are activities from Punch and Judy Shows to clay modelling and face paintingAnd all activities are included in the price of the ticket!

One thing we can promise ... a spectacular day out for all the family

Entry on the day £5.00 and £2.50 for children under 12.

Advance tickets will be £4.00 and £2.00 for children. These will be available from 15th April from local distributors in Suffolk and Essex

Suffolk and Essex Civic Champions

The Civic Champions training programme aims to help people who have a dream or vision of how their local community could be improved, but little idea of how to translate that dream into reality. Community activists come in many guises and their work can take many forms. For example, it might involve publishing a community newsletter or organising a support group to bring together people with shared problems or concerns. For others, it might mean setting up new businesses with social aims, such as nurseries in deprived areas or sheltered workshops for people who might otherwise struggle to get employment. The Civic Champions programme is a series of 15 intensive training days spread out over four modules that aim to give people the confidence and knowledge to turn their communities around. There is no charge as it is fully funded by the SBS's Phoenix Development Fund and the next course is being held in Suffolk (but places are available for Essex applicants). All you need to give is time and commitment. If you feel that with a little help you could achieve extraordinary things in your neighbourhood, then please approach us to find out more. We promise you won't regret it. The dates are as follows:

Module 1: 11th-14th April
Module 2: 16th-19th May
Module 3: 6th - 9th June
Module 4: 4th - 6th July

For an application pack contact: Elaine Otway The Guild, Burlington Buildings, 11 Orford Place, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 3RU Tel: 01603 615200 or e-mail: elaine@the-guild.co.uk

New boundaries

The number of county councillors in Suffolk and the areas they represent, are changing following a boundary Review by the Electoral Commission

A boundary review takes place roughly every 19 years and the commission's job is to try and make sure each councillor represents roughly the same number of people. .

Currently there are 80 councillors, each representing a separate division. But from the next county council elections (due in May 2005) 75 councillors will cover 63 divisions.

All except one of the divisions will have new boundaries, many will have new names and, for the first time, some divisions will be electing two county councillors.

- In Ipswich, there will be 13 councillors covering 18 divisions.
- In St Edmundsbury, there will be 11 councillors in 9 divisions
- Suffolk Coastal and 'Waveney, will each have 13 councillors in 11 divisions.
- Babergh and Mid Suffolk will each have 10 councillors covering one division each; and
- Forest Heath will have five councillors each covering one division.

Check out the boundaries online

For a list of the new divisions, and to find out which one you will be in at the next elections, you can visit the counties website or phone 0844 800 0101. On the website, you'll be able to type in your postcode to find your current division and the one you'll be in on election day. You'll also find details of the candidates who are standing for election in your area, as this information becomes available.

Remember, you can use the internet for free at libraries across Suffolk. www.suffolkcc.gov.uk

Benefits advice

Many older people do not claim the benefits they are entitled to - simply because they don't understand the system or are put off

by complicated forms.

To overcome this, staff from social care are working with doctors in Ipswich, Suffolk Coastal and Central Suffolk to offer free advice and practical help to make sure people aged 65 and over get the money they are owed.

Staff will visit you in your own home to offer free confidential advice. They can check you are getting all you are entitled to and help with filling in the forms and sorting out any problems with claims. . .

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The Nationwide Awards for Voluntary Endeavour Help us recognise the heroes in your community

Throughout the United Kingdom, there are thousands of people who happily give up their time to help our local communities. They could be working for a local charity - helping to raise funds or running charity support programmes.

Or perhaps they are caring for others in different ways: caring for the old; the young; the sick; the needy. They often work long hours under difficult conditions to support their chosen cause.

Very few of these people, our 'local heroes' in the community, expect recognition, but they certainly deserve it! That is why we have introduced The Nationwide Awards for Voluntary Endeavour, which is now in its eighth year.

These Awards are designed to recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution to the local community. In particular, we wish to recognise those people whose efforts have added value to the causes they support, whether it's raising funds for a charity or providing help and assistance to others.

The scheme has been developed by Nationwide Building Society, with the support of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, together with its sister organisations in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and The Newspaper Society, which represents local and regional newspapers throughout the United Kingdom.

There are four categories

- Young people under 18 individual
- Young people under 18 groups
- Adults as individuals
- Adults as groups

Closing date for entries is 29th April so if you are interested in making a nomination please contact your parish clerk who should be able to provide you with an application form

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