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YIBI'S GARDEN



At a ceremony held on 18th July in a garden prepared by students from year nine in Cornard Upper School, the ashes of Yibi, adopted son of Rev and Mrs Matthews, were finally laid to rest. The simple, but moving ceremony was attended by many of the students from year nine and the sixth form, staff, governors, family and friends.

Mike Foley, the headmaster said that Yibi had been much loved at the school and his presence there had been inspirational. He would be remembered for his smile, his sense of humour and for the tremendous support offered to him by the students and staff. During his short time at the school Yibi had probably had more hugs than most folk could expect in a lifetime.

In the above photograph, David is seen placing the ashes in a deep planter prior to the planting of the tree in the background. The bench around the tree has been etched with Yibi's name. The garden is designed to be a place of rest and peaceful contemplation to the memory of Yibi. Following the ceremony refreshments prepared by the students, were enjoyed.



Some of the many students, friends and staff present in Yibi's Garden

A COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR BOXFORD ??

Last year at our Boxford Community Council Annual General Meeting we had a guest speaker, Sam Jackson, who is village halls Adviser for Suffolk ACRE. This was in response to some enquiries and remarks directed to the Community Council from villagers.

Sam gave us a very good talk about his subject and related some recent developments with local Community Councils and village hall organisations within his area.

Following Sam's talk we had questions and answers and one of the questions asked was: - is it your wish that we (the community council) find out if there is a desire and a need for a community centre for Boxford. The overwhelming majority at that meeting were in favour. Sam pledged his support and has been available whenever called upon.

'The first thing you must do', said Sam 'is to put out a questionnaire to all members of the village including the children to get that general feeling'.

A small group was formed to put together that questionnaire and we are now hoping to roll that out to the villages of Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton early September. We have mail merged each questionnaire where possible meaning it will be addressed to each house individually. We will be sending out one header sheet giving details and timing of the survey, that is for you to keep, the second sheet (feasibility survey) we will ask you to fill in one for each member of the family and we will collect. Extra copies will be available on request.

We will have two help lines to answer any queries you have and our collectors will also be available to help if need be.

Please try and contribute to this questionnaire. When we have completed we will analyse the results and publish them. What ever that shows will be acted upon or not as the case may be.

Look around at other local villages eg. Polstead, Assington, Acton, Lavenham, all with fairly new village halls. Isn't it time we started considering a replacement for our aged village hall incorporating it into a community centre for the benefit of this and the next generations.

If anyone would like to assist with the distribution and collection of the questionnaires would they please contact Peter Hibben on 01787 210819.

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EDWARDSTONES CHURCH B-B-Q



Thanks to Jan Paul and the band of helpers for a very enjoyable Church BBQ on 25th June. It was a pity that more people did not make the most of a lovely day, but those that did attend had a great time.
David Saddleton

Above: Children (and donkey) enjoying themselves at the Edwardstone Church bbq and fun afternoon.

Left: Getting his own back at 'Drown the Clown'!

COMMENT

County Councillors 29% raise!

Suffolk County Councillors have voted themselves a 29% increase in their annual expenses, from £7000 per year to £9000. Wouldn't it be great if us pensioners could get a 29% increase in our pensions, it would certainly help us to pay our council tax and the councillors expenses!

Perhaps the increase will enable our County Councillor to keep abreast of his councils policies. At this years APM to a question put to him regarding the County Councils policy on Overflying and the expansion of Stanstead Airport he replied that they did not have a policy, it was all down to Central Government and Mr Prescotts name was mentioned several times. I have in front of me a clear statement from the council indicating that they are opposed to further expansion of passenger traffic from Stanstead being mindful of the environmental impact of air traffic and clearly stating that they made their position clear on the future development of Stanstead in the Autumn of 2005!!

To a question about the County Councils policy on recycling our County Councillor replied that they did not have a policy, it was all down to Central Government and Mr Prescotts name was mentioned several times (sounds familiar) but we were assured he was not getting political. Perhaps the increase in expenses will enable him to clue up on County Council Policies and attend more parish council meetings in future, only one meeting has been attended in the last 15 months.

New Affordable Housing Plans

As predicted in last months Box River News, a new planning application for the affordable housing scheme at the end of Homefield has been put forward by Flagship Housing in the name of one of their other divisions and as predicted, this excludes any increase in the size of the playing field car park and makes no provision for garages to be built for those residents occupying garages that have been built without planning permission with only parking spaces being provided.

However many signatures may be obtained on a petition and whatever position the Parish Council take on this new application they will have little or no effect on its outcome since there is little doubt that the plans will be approved by Babergh District Council almost certainly without opposition. What a pity we did not simply try to get the best deal possible out of this unsatisfactory situation. Keep an eye on the proposed Affordable Housing in a Daking Avenue development in 2007.



Friday, 4th August, 8.30 Ticket £12

Lewis Wright Quartet

The transition from drums to piano and finally vibraphone produced a young musician whose talent defied belief when he made his Fleece debut aged 15 in April 2004. Lewis leads his quartet of Simon Brown (piano), Andy Doyle (bass) and Will Clark (drums) for what promises to be another storming gig.

Friday, 11th August, 8.30 Ticket £12

Eriko Ishihara

A fluent jazz pianist who always sparkles as a soloist Eriko is also an impressive vocalist with a lyrical delivery. Her immaculate choice of material is demonstrated on her three CDs. Her latest 'Crazy Town', has received rave reviews. World class musicians Colin Oxley (guitar), Dave Chamberlain (bass) and Winston Clifford (drums) complete her quartet.

Friday, 18th August, 8.30 Ticket £15

Peter King / Alan Skidmore - Tribute to Elvin Jones

This new tribute to the late, great American jazz drummer Elvin Jones brings together four of the greatest jazz musicians that this country has ever produced - Peter King (saxophone), Alan Skidmore (saxophone), Steve Melling (piano) and Martin Drew (drums) - with leading American newcomer Michael Janisch (bass). No slavish tribute this but vibrant 21st century jazz

inspired by the best there has been. We can look forward to intricate solos from all five musicians and breathtakingly magnificent ensemble playing.

Friday, 25th August, 8.30 Ticket £12

Brian Abrahams Quartet (District 6 Revisited)

Having formed the original District 6 (named after a section of Cape Town) in the 1980's, Brian is one of the most important and influential UK drummers. He has been professor of jazz studies at London's Guildhall School of Music since 1985. Julian Siegel (saxophone), Dave O'Brien (piano) and Chris Hill (bass) are the other members of this distinguished quartet.

Friday, 1st September, 8.30 Ticket £13

Tony Kofi + 1

The Tony Kofi +1 is a newly formed original project by the double award winning saxophonist / composer featuring music composed around the B3 Hammond organ and recreating the fresh sounds of yesterday for today's listeners. With these compositions you get to hear Blues, Gospel, Jazz, Funk, Latin, African rhythms and Be-bop. The band features Anders Olinder (organ), Byron Wallen (trumpet) and JimHart (drums)..

Friday, 8th September, 8.30 Ticket £12

James Pearson Trio

James is one of Europe's most versatile and in-demand musicians. As a composer, arranger and pianist he is equally at home playing jazz, popular or classical music. His jazz piano style is well rooted in the great jazz pianists of the 20th century, with plenty of his own invention and often eccentric character evident. The trio is completed by Jeremy Brown (bass) and Matt Skelton (drums).

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

01787 211865

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Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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Are you a keen singer looking for a Choir?

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(Google 'Kelvedon Singers' to find out more)

The choir is looking to recruit a small number of tenors and basses.

Good singing experience and reasonable sight-reading are essential. No auditions, but a probationary period will be necessary for the director to view the balance and meld of voices.

For further information contact: Celia Edey:01376-561288 or

Sue Edwards:01787-210785

SUMMER TIME FUN

AT GAINSBOROUGH'S HOUSE

School holidays and the phrase, 'I've got nothing to do' will be familiar to most parents but Tuesday mornings will be taken care of by Gainsborough's House again this summer. The popular Rojo Art and Craft Workshops for children will provide two hours of constructive fun. This summer there will be a chance to make Aboriginal or Egyptian art, Chinese dragons/ 3D creepy crawlies, garden flags and summertime prints.

The workshops, costing £5 per child, run between 10.30am and 12.30pm and will be held in the Hills Room at Gainsborough's House (entrance on Weavers Lane). Booking is not essential but children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information contact Gainsborough's House on 01787 372958.

Every Tuesday, between 1.00 and 5.00pm, Gainsborough's House is open free of charge. Discover a lovely way to spend the afternoon - enjoy

the Coffee Shop and beautiful garden and check on the refurbishment (supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund), which are nearing completion.

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on Thursday 21st September, 2006 to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Boxford, Sudbury, CO10 5ER Tel:- 01787 210263

Applications from organisations serving the above area will also be considered.

GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

The Trustees will meet in November to consider applications for grants from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the area of benefit as defined by the Charity Commission. This is the area of the 'ancient parish of Groton' as shown on the 1881 Tithe Map, and includes Homefields, Partridge Close, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church.

Applications can be made for various purposes in case of need or hardship, and particularly in support of costs arising from a medical condition or emergency.

Would anyone who wishes to apply, or knows of someone in need of help, please contact

Jeremy Osborne, Clerk to the Trustees,

Groton United Charities, Waterside Barn, Groton Street, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5EE

If you need advice on whether you or anyone you know would be eligible, please contact the Clerk on 01787 211960.

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BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

(REGISTERED NUMBER: - 207861)

RESIDENTS OF BOXFORD, GROTON, EDWARDSTONE and ASSINGTON this may be of interest to you: -

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Those wishing to apply, prior to the date of the next meeting, should apply in writing in the first instance to: -

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BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward on 14, 15 and 16 September commencing 7.30 p.m. As we have not been able to obtain a license for this event the ticket price will be £5 for Thursday (no meal) and £11 for Friday and Saturday (with meal). We shall be selling soft drinks but in the unlikely event you would like something alcoholic, please bring it with you plus your own glasses. Tickets will go on sale from the Newsagents on 19th August. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to all of you who attended the "Haunted Through Lounge and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle". We raised about £700 which will be donated to the Village Hall and £140 which will be donated to "Upbeat".

AUTUMN SALE

Saturday, September 23rd at 10.30am. Former W.I. Hall

Groton PCC would be grateful for contributions to the following stalls at the Autumn Sale:---

Plants:--- potted up perennials, rooted cuttings [take them soon!], favourite seeds you have collected, autumn bedding plants, etc. etc.

Books:--- finished-with Holiday Blockbusters, fiction, reference, children's books, etc.

Cakes:-----sponges, fairy cakes, fruit cakes, biscuits, bread, savouries, etc.

All contributions can be brought to the Hall on the day, or collection can be arranged in advance if you would prefer [please phone 210319]. We would also be most grateful for offers of help on the day, both on the stalls and also with the Teas and Coffees which will also be available, to cheer you up after you have spent all your money, which will help pay for the Tower repairs.

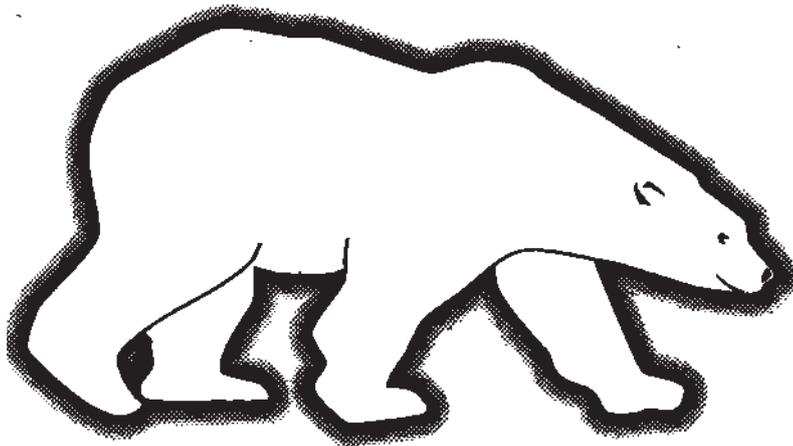
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GREAT WALDINGFIELD W.I.

A Summer evening in an English Country Garden - this was where we had our July meeting. We have to thank Molly Blackwell one of our members and her daughter Mandy for the pleasure of using their garden. We held all our usual discussions, plus hearing from Rachel Swan our delegate at Cardiff regarding the Resolutions passed, and details of other speakers. Thanks were given to Joan Linney who had organised afternoon tea and a plant sale at her home, helping to boost funds. Afterwards we sat around in groups talking (as only women can), sipping a glass of wine and enjoying delicious refreshments — a W.I. meeting to be remembered.

Our next meeting is on August 2nd at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall. It is the Members Meeting when the Committee can take a back seat and enjoy the proceedings. New members welcome. *Maisie Root* (Sec) 01787-377088

The Boxford Over 60's Club

August 14th - The meeting is to be held in the garden of Jenny Robinson at 2.30pm. Please bring a chair if possible.

August 28th No Meeting (Bank Holiday)

OUTINGS

August 7th - coach trip to Southwold and then Dunwich for fish and chips leaving from the Fleece at 10.00am.

Members £12.00 - Non members £13.00

If you do not require a meal at Dunwich the price will be £6.00

We will be leaving Southwold at 2.30pm for meal at Dunwich at 3.00pm.

September 7th - Coach trip to "The Bush" at Shimpling (Nr Bury) for a meal. Leaving from The Fleece at 12 noon

Members £9.00 - Non members £10.00

S Watling (Secretary) Contacts Barbara 210936 or Masie 210045.

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

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July	1 Market Stall	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Gainsborough Statue, Sudbury	TBA
	7 Boxford WI	Speaker	The Fleece	2pm
	8 Auction of Promises	Boxford Church Building Trust	Boxford Village Hall	TBA
	9 Picnic	Groton PCC	Maltings Lodge	TBA
	15 The Beavers	Lt Waldingfield Playingfields		7 till late
	30 Benefice Lunch		Ltl Waldingfield PlayingField	12.45
September	2 Alternative Horticultural Show	Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room		TBA
	9 The Beavers on the Green	Edwardstone Millenium Green Trust		
	23 Autumn Sale	Groton PCC	Former WI hall	10.30am
	24 Harvest Lunch	Boxford PCC	Village Hall	7.30pm
October	14 Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	Former WI Hall	7.30pm
December	2 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Former WI Hall	7.30pm
	2 Advent celebration, Music and Reading followed by Supper		Boxford St Mary's Church	6.30pm
	Second Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford			7.30pm

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AFFORDABLE HOMES IN HOMEFIELD, BOXFORD

The proposal for 8 affordable flats at Homefield was withdrawn by the Council following a high level of objections from local residents.

There has been a lot of criticism of our opposition to this scheme and I would like the opportunity to put our point of view so that we may be judged fairly.

The consultation exercise I carried out among Homefield residents did not show up one single person who was against the building of affordable homes. Although 85% were against the planning proposal none were against the principle of providing affordable homes and none denied the need for them. In fact, the four residents (7%) who were in favour all agreed that better locations could be found for them in the village.

The advantage of the Homefield site is that the Council already owns the land. This location therefore represents a cheap option. However, the local residents consider this to be outweighed by the severe disadvantages of the scheme.

Villagers will know of the high volume of traffic passing through the estate to use the playing fields. Much of this traffic speeds, showing a lack of respect for residents and their safety. This is particularly disappointing given that most of the drivers live in Boxford and are supposed to be our neighbours and friends.

The estate like many others is usually congested with parked cars and is therefore not suitable for high volumes of speeding traffic. Often cars and driveways are blocked in causing frustration and inconvenience.

The access through the estate is single track resulting in traffic banking up either side of this pinch point during busy periods. The problem is particularly bad at weekends when several football matches may be played on the same day. There is considerable congestion for example, when games overlap and one set of cars is leaving as another set is arriving. Better management of fixtures would help to reduce problems and we have asked the football club to look at this. Their only response so far has been to recruit two more teams.

The entrance to the estate is also dangerous given the number of cars parked there, especially opposite. I am not criticising people for parking here. They have to park somewhere. I am simply pointing out the everyday difficulties we face. Showing each other courtesy and respect can alleviate many of the problems. For example, not speeding through the estate, not parking across someone's driveway. Despite numerous requests we see no improvement in the situation.

We believe that building additional homes at the end of Homefield will only serve to make the situation worse. The initial plan was to provide a new 74-space car park for the playing field. This increased capacity would have resulted in even more traffic and the new larger space would serve as an even better race-track for certain elements of the community. Estate residents would not use it due to the distances involved and the lack of security.

We believe that the new homes would be better located on the by-pass side of the village where the roads are better able to cope with the increased traffic. Most people will be aware of the situation in Swan Street, which is congested with parked cars and very busy. Often it is impossible for traffic to pass without mounting the pavement. The building of further homes on this side of the village will only add to the traffic and congestion problems that we all face.

The answer is not to pack us in ever tighter like sardines, but to give us all room to live comfortably. There are lots of far better sites for the new homes, which would represent a much nicer place for the new residents to live.

We understand the need for affordable homes so that young people in the village can stay. It is also important to maintain the vitality of the village and the survival of its services, such as shops and pubs. All we ask is that our Council and elected representatives use greater imagination in finding a better site for them as we do not accept the need for everyone to suffer in order to accommodate them.

At the time of writing the planning application has been put forward again, this time by a different housing association and with some amendments. This time there is no proposal to build garages on the playing field or to increase the size of the car park. This proposal is also unacceptable to the nearby residents and we will object again.

It is concerning that our Council and elected representatives have not listened to our objections and appear intent on going ahead anyway. I do not know why they think they know better than the people who live here do. It is surely a sad day for local democracy when our elected representatives think they know better than we do and do not listen to our views.

I hope that when you hear of our objections in the future you will

appreciate that we are not against affordable homes and we do not want the young people of the village to have to move away. We are simply doing what anyone else would do in any other part of the village, to try and protect our environment and to safeguard our interests.

Perhaps when passing through our estate to use the playing fields you could help by showing us consideration as I am sure any of my neighbours would if passing through your area of the village

Derek Ansell, Homefield Resident

COUNTY COUNCIL CHALLENGED

THE CASE FOR SUFFOLKS THREE-TIER ABOLITION IS INVALID

Governors from a successful middle school say the case being made in Suffolk for abolition of three-tier education is invalid.

There are a whole host of reasons for supporting the middle school system, say governors from Uplands Middle School, Sudbury, where families from outside its catchment area want to send their children.

"Based on the little information and incomplete data in the county council's consultation document – and the uncertainty regarding the future of local government structures – we cannot support any change at present," say the governors.

They point out there is no assurance Suffolk will continue as a local government entity. Based on the possibility of West Suffolk re appearing as a local government unit, it would be entirely justified in retaining a three tier system as presently successfully operated in the west.

The governors claim the county's blame for apparent under-achieving at GCSE and A-level standards places excessive blame on middle schools.

They continue: "We would suggest the reasons for this rests with a number of factors, not just the three-tier against the two-tier."

"There is no reason to believe the existing system cannot embrace change. Bringing forward the timing of key stage tests, sharing resources/teachers in school clusters and co-operating with colleges to deliver vocational curriculum post-14 can address this.

"Many teachers find the middle school system provides more advancement possibilities, and places more emphasis on learning support, where many of them excel."

The governors also strongly believe that the larger the school, the less attention is focused on children with special educational needs, particularly where one-to-one provision is necessary.

Uplands governors say, in their direct experience, key teachers are not dissuaded from taking jobs in middle schools, because they will accept positions based on their perception of a school and not on tier arrangements.

They also fear potential wholesale closure of small village primary schools to accommodate a two-tier system will cause transport, child safety and environmental concern. Furthermore, some town-based primaries could close, causing unpopularity in the early years of any change.

For further information contact head teacher Helen Shield on 01787-372731 or chairman of governors Rob Millea on 01787-372883.

Suffolk County Council's consultation period on the issue closes in August

Boxford Village Hall Draw

The Boxford Village Hall Draw costs only £1.00 per month to enter but helps to provide essential cash to keep our ageing Village Hall up to scratch

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The Box River Parishes Church News

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- Of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance. Thank You

To the Box River Saints

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who work so tirelessly to ensure that events within the benefice are such a success. The Boxford and Edwardstone Gardens Open in June were apparently a great success and the Scarecrow Competition held at the Edwardstone event added to the interest. The Edwardstone Barbecue held once again this year in the Church car park was similarly well attended. The Boxford Fete and the Newton Green Fete were also successful and thanks must go to all those who organised and set up the Fetes and the stallholders who worked in the heat of the day. Well done.

Joan and I have had so many positive comments following Yibi's death, which we really have appreciated. However, I feel I have to clear up a few misunderstandings about us as a couple. People have spoken to us about what wonderful people we are and what sacrifices we have made. We are not particularly special people to be put on a pedestal because what we did should not be regarded as anything out of the ordinary.

We have always tried to live lives, which followed the Christian ethos of love and especially love for the weak and dispossessed. All that happened in our case was that our love and compassion for Yibi led us into practical action. It was never our intention to adopt a child, least of all one who had a terminal illness and to be honest, at the end of the day you could say that we were dictated to by circumstance.

Over a period of time, we took Yibi out from the home on day trips and then for the odd short holiday. As we spent more and more time together, he became attached to us and we to him. When we moved away to take up a post in another part of South Africa we could have left him behind, but who could do that to a child who has come to depend on you. At this time we had no plans to move to the UK. We fostered Yibi and he came to live with us permanently. Three years later we decided to move back to England. By this time Yibi had become one of the family and although we could have left him behind it was once again not an option, so we adopted him so he could return with us. This benefice is filled with people who would have done the same given the same set of circumstances. What we did not only brightened up Yibi's life it brightened ours as well and not only us but also all those who had the privilege to meet him.

Prayer plays a very large part in the life of a Christian. We look at the world and people around us and pray into situations we see, asking God to do something. But Christians are called to be not only people of prayer but also people of action. We are to pray about situations and at the same time roll up our sleeves and take what steps we can to help in those situations. We regard our actions with Yibi to be the normal response of one human being to another. And it has to be said that love and compassion are by no means the exclusive property of the Christian but once again a normal human response. Many think that Jesus came to make us live lives of goodness. His real mission was not to make us good but to make us more human. He came to show us God's original design for humanity, a life of love, care and mutual support. That is what the Christian must strive for and what all humanity should strive for.

It is planned that a joint meeting of the PCC's within the benefice will take place on October 1st after the Sunday service. We will be looking at the part of Bishop Clive's Deanery Plans, which deals with the aspirations of the benefice. We are investigating the suitability of various venues at the moment. I would like to stress the importance of all PCC members being in attendance, to enable opinion right across the benefice to be expressed.

God's richest blessings
David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

*Ruth Kingsbury, as Christopher above
Peter Patrick, Amberley,
White Street Green. tel 210346*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

A Prayer - God gave us the gift of music in birdsong at daybreak and waves on the shore, help us to value the breadth of the beauty of our world, its countless ways to praise and adore you. And may we be a world in harmony with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Christopher Kingsbury*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Next meets in September - details in the next newsletter. Please do take time out to join this group reflecting on bible stories and their relevance and message for us today. *CK*

BENEFICE PRAYER GROUP:

A group which meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. Currently in Mary's House at 7.30 p.m., but any venues in the benefice would be welcome. Please consider spending a short time in quiet prayer and thought for the needs of our church, benefice and community. Prayer is the power behind allowing us to move forward. There will be those who find it difficult to pray aloud in a group, but silent prayer is just as valuable. Jesus said "where two or three are gathered in my name I am in the midst of them". Matthew 18:20. *CK*

CHURCH FETE 2006:

Very many thanks to The Revd. David & Mrs Joan Matthews for allowing the fete to be held in the rectory garden. Thanks are due to all those who worked so hard in organising, running stalls, games, providing teas and setting up and clearing away. Over £1500.00 was raised for the work of the church. *CK*

SMILE LINES:

From a church magazine - November 18th a "Church get together - an affair to remember" "Think of someone to bring other than your wife"! *N. Andres*



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Lay Elder:

Antony Dodd, Mill Green End; tel 210397

PCC MEETING:

The revised date for our next PCC Meeting is 25th July, 7.30 p.m. at Mary's House. *David Saddleton*

CHURCH BBQ:

Thanks to Jan Paul and the band of helpers for a very enjoyable Church BBQ on 25th June. It was a pity that more people did not make the most of a lovely day, but those that did attend had a great time. *David Saddleton*

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE:

The bike ride this year will take place on Saturday 9th September. More details next month. Edwardstone PCC

PLANTS FOR SALE:

I have plenty of plants and walnut trees for sale at Rose Cottage. Give me a call if you need any help. *Daphne Clark 01787 210698*

SIDESMAN & CLEANING ROTA:

Aug 6: Combined Benefice Service (Gro)/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

Aug 13: Mr Dastur/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

Aug 20: Visiting/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

Aug 27: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett.



**THE PARISH OF
ST BARTHOLOMEW,
GROTON**

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**THE PARISH OF
ALL SAINTS, NEWTON**

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SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE:

The annual SPONSORED BIKE RIDE will take place on SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER.

Last year a record amount of £155,500 was raised. Sponsor Forms can be obtained from me, or from Groton Church, shortly. Further details next month. *Peter Kennedy Scott - 210319*

“PICNIC-AND-PIMMS UNDER THE POPLARS”:

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Sue Edwards

AUTUMN SALE

Saturday, September 23rd at 10.30 a.m. Former W.I. Hall:

Groton PCC would be grateful for contributions to the following stalls at the Autumn Sale: -

Plants: Potted up perennials, rooted cuttings [take them soon!], favourite seeds you have collected, autumn bedding plants, etc. etc.

Books: Finished-with holiday blockbusters, fiction, reference, children’s books, etc.

Cakes: Sponges, fairy cakes, fruit cakes, biscuits, bread, savouries, etc.

All contributions can be brought to the Hall on the day, or collection can be arranged in advance if you would prefer (please phone 210319). We would also be most grateful for offers of help on the day, both on the stalls and also with the Teas and Coffees, which will also be available, to cheer you up after you have spent all your money, which will help pay for the Tower repairs.

Pat Kennedy Scott, Groton PCC Fund-Raising Committee, 210319.

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August

September

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Ms Finch

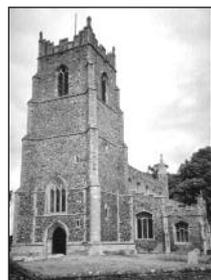
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Mrs Skinner

Sidesman with Sacristan:

Mr Wood Mrs Kennedy Scott



**THE PARISH OF
ST LAWRENCE,
LITTLE WALDINGFIELD**

Churchwardens

Vacant

BOOK AND VIDEO LENDING SCHEME:

The next open morning for village residents will be in the church on Saturday 5th August from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. *Sandra Harbord*

ROTAS: SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Aug 6: Combined Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Storar;

Aug 13: Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell/Mrs Clive;

Aug 20: Mr Squirrell/Mrs Grunsell;

Aug 27: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Harbord.

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The Village Art School

Over Sunday lunchtime drinks in the Cock in Polstead four artists and teachers, Marilyn & Anthony Haythornthwaite and Mike & Vreni Oelman, came up with the idea of starting a new type of art class. This was to become The Village Art School.

Together they will be running a series of six week courses based on the idea that we all know what we like, but when it comes to going to Galleries and looking at "Modern Art" it can all become a bit intimidating and confusing with all the "isms" and different movements of the 20th century.

Marilyn will be leading the first course at Edwardstone Village Hall, starting in September and it will be called 'Exploring Colour'.

The emphasis of the course will be practical, and primarily hands on. It will look at ways of painting and making art through understanding the work of the 20th Century greats and the beginnings of "Modern Art" and indeed "abstract art". Marilyn thinks that the best way to understand something is to do it. Never having recovered from being an art student in the 60s. Marilyn loves to open doors, facilitating creativity and sees "Modern Art" and it's many "isms" as something for all to enjoy.

"The emphasis will be on enjoyment, liberation, debate and discovery. We will be using a variety of different materials experimentally over a series of courses. Each course will be complete but all can dovetail together. A kind of mix and match," says Marilyn.

Marilyn has been a full time art teacher for over thirty years, having taught in London at Art Centres and specialist groups and for the last twenty eight in East Bergholt where the students refer to her as "a legend".

On the first course Marilyn will be assisted by the sculptor Vreni Oelman, who for a number of years has run a very successful sculpture group from her studio in Polstead. As well as teaching part time, Vreni exhibits her own work and has worked on a number of private commissions. Also helping with the courses will be Anthony Haythornthwaite and Mike Oelman, both of whom are practicing artists. They hope to be adding the "Why?" to the What? and the How? of twentieth century art. To give their take on what these "modern artists" were on about. For further details and enrolment contact Marilyn or Anthony Haythornthwaite by telephone on :-Tel:01787 211173. or Mobile: 07774 480 200

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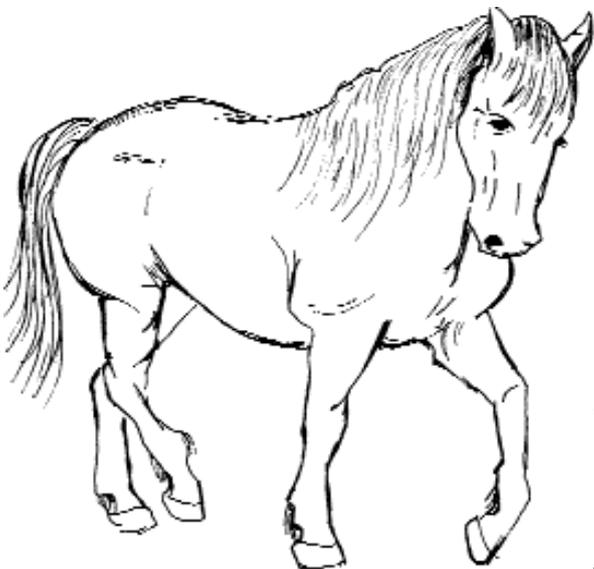
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BACK-TO-BACK VICTORY FOR CURRY



2005 Winner Paul Curry was again victorious at the Bartercard Stoke by Nayland International Open golf tournament winning on the first hole of a play-off.

Kevin Feeney (PGA Tournament Director) declared this to be the first time there had been a back-to-back victory in the Tournament's history. Three successive birdies in the final four holes brought Curry's score level with Mark Ramsdale to force the tournament once again into a play-off situation.

At the end of play on Round 2, Curry was in equal 8th position with scores of 71 and 70 and was 3 under Par. Tournament leader Guy Woodman (67, 70, 81) suffered a nightmare final round and finished 2 over Par, while Curry's impressive play on the back nine left him with a final score of 69 and 6 under Par. 2nd Place Mark Ramsdale scored four birdies in his final round – including an impressive birdie on the 3rd hole a Par 3 – to bring himself up from equal 5th to lead the pack ending with scores of 68, 72, 70 at 6 under Par.

Paul Curry said afterwards "The play-off could have gone either way, but I am delighted to have won again". The play-off went completely to Curry's advantage as Ramsdale pitched short and rolled back down the slope. Curry meanwhile hit a six-iron into the middle of the 18th green leaving him with a comfortable two putt to claim victory.

Further Tournament results can be found on www.pga-tic.com

The PGA Seniors' Championship is coming to Stoke by Nayland for the first time this year for its 50th anniversary, which will be staged over the August Bank Holiday weekend. World famous golfer Sam Torrance will be defending his title and this will be televised on Sky Sports and Channel 5. Spectators are welcome to watch both the 4 day event and the pro am on Thursday 24th August which precedes the Championship.

STAR-STUDDED PRO AM DRAWS THE CROWDS

Perfect golfing weather set the scene for the PGA Europro Tour Pro Am at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club on Sunday and a field of 100 competitors teed off in a shotgun start on a fine morning.

Celebrity guests included former World Snooker Champion Steve Davis, England Rugby International Matt Dawson, Olympic Swimmer Karen Pickering MBE and Ipswich Town FC's Scott Barron. World and Olympic Champion Athlete Kriss Akabusi MBE was as entertaining as ever in his own inimitable style, with fellow team members from Bartercard Essex, following Steve Davis and the Matchroom Sport team teeing off from the first. Ipswich Town FC Striker Alan Lee joined

everyone for the evening Gala Dinner.

The course had undergone rigorous preparation and the PGA's Tournament Director Kevin Feeney described the course condition as "First class especially given the dry weather we have experienced so far this year". The Europro Tour Professionals played from the Championship "Tiger Tees" and for the first time, from the new 17th Championship tee, all of which provided a tough test of golf.

Karen Pickering who only learned to play golf recently under the expert tuition of club Professional Kevin Lovelock was delighted to have scored her first ever Birdie on the 12th. She commented, "My short game was not great, but I drove really well. We had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves".

The winning team was KG Fruits with their Professional Mark Davis with 94 points, followed by Neil Walker and Greene King's Ale & Hearty Team with 92 points. Third place went to Richard Wheatley and the Matchroom Sport Team with 89 points and in fourth place were The Par-Omaniacs and their Professional Nick Dastey with 86 points.

English Professional Neil Walker also won the Professional's prize with a round of 66 – six under par – which is a new course record.

CUBS KEEP MUMM FOR CHARLIE



1st Boxford Scouts

Silence is golden

Last term the cub scout pack held a sponsored silence in the Spinney hut to raise money to help Charley Williams with his illness.

Altogether £112.30 was raised and this summer, before setting off on their night hike, the cubs gave a cheque to Charlie.

They all agreed that it was great to see him up on the playing fields and be able to give him the money there as the above photo shows, all the cubs were pleased to help a friend and to contribute. *RG*

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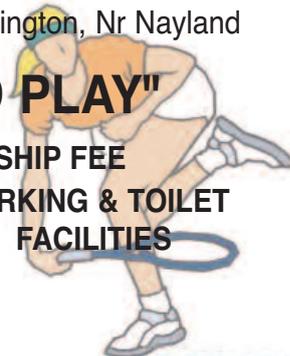
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RECORD BREAKING FETE



ST MARY'S, BOXFORD CHURCH FETE

A beautiful sunny afternoon brought out a record number of visitors, including many young families, to enjoy our traditional village fete in the Rectory Gardens. As usual, the Bouncy Castle and Punch and Judy shows proved a great attraction with the children, whilst the adults were able to watch a display of dancing, visit the many stalls and relax over tea and cakes, provided for us, once again, by Lil Benton and her Guides. We are very grateful to Michael Gray and his band of helpers, to all the stall holders, to David and Joan Matthews for opening their garden to us, and, of course, to all those who came along and supported us, making this such a successful afternoon, as a result of which, we raised some £1600 for church funds. The fete next year will be on Saturday June 23rd. *Cynthia Wanniarachy.*



Top: Children enjoying the Punch and Judy show. **Centre:** Tea and Toys under the Tree. **Bottom:** The ever popular plant stall



Readers will remember that in the July issue we reported on Fomny Whymarks meeting with the Duke of Gloucester, The above photo was taken of the occasion by Fonnys Son, David.



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Box River Soap Box

Have you ever wondered what a Chairman actually does? For that matter, is there a universally accepted definition of the role of a chairman? I do "chairman" – have done for years. I assume I do it reasonably well, given that I am asked to reprise my role on a regular basis. Not just for our esteemed Parish Council either. Modesty forbids me from listing the various chairmen's roles I have undertaken over the years. Not that I give any real weight to the position. Being a chairman involves doing a particular kind of job – no more, no less.

I was put in mind of the specific skills required to chair meetings by the press coverage given to the latest Annual General Meeting of Marks & Spencer. Paul Myners stood down as chairman at this particular meeting. His tenure covered a testing time for a company that once was Britain's biggest retailer – a title now in the undisputed ownership of Tesco. He left a business that had comprehensively changed and arguably was starting to aspire to its previous position as a true high street giant.

It would be churlish to take anything away from Mr Myners' undoubted success in this role, but his departure was not without its controversy. A City grandee of the old school, Paul Myners had a successful career in fund management, before becoming a regular contributor to those quasi-governmental bodies that seek to shape the world in which we live through considered process. Taking the chair of a high-profile business was a risky strategy, but one which he appears to have performed in exemplary fashion. Certainly, the eulogies delivered at the AGM – from both shareholders and management – serve to underscore the successes achieved.

Of course, chairing a parish council – or a political group or a committee, all of which I have been involved with in recent years – is far less demanding than chairing the board of a major company. The directors of M & S are, no doubt, an opinionated bunch, while the management will need convincing that the chaps on the bridge are capable of steering the ship through the choppy waters that have been Britain's high streets recently. While Stuart Rose should, rightly in my view, take the main plaudits for turning around this fashion juggernaut, it would not have been possible without a clear thinking chairman at the pinnacle of the company.

In contrast, much of what I have to do is little more than assuring a reasonable discipline exists within the committees I head. For our parish council, this is as much about ensuring that meetings are conducted in a timely fashion as anything. With little real power, and no money to spend to speak of, the best that can be achieved is the certainty that matters of concern are aired properly and issues pursued in an appropriate fashion. Gaining a real result is as much a case of convincing the appropriate authorities as it is ensuring that all avenues are followed.

Success, when it comes, can be heart-warming. The church wall is a case in point. But for every plus there tend to be too many minuses – or at least a plethora of no scores. The footpath from our village to the Lavenham Road falls into this category. First mooted long before we came to this village more than 21 years ago, our council suddenly felt they had a potential result on the books when our County Councillors asked what road improvement scheme we would like introduced to enhance our way of life.

How naïve we were. The cash appeared to evaporate and the walk to the bus stop at Dyers Green remains as hazardous as ever. As a parish councillor I know only too well that financial resources are limited. But to raise – and then dash – our hopes was an unkind cut. This is a do-able project. I can only hope that it will creep up the list of priorities and that those villagers forced to face the heavy traffic that negotiates the B1115 on the approach to Little Waldingfield – often too fast – will one day soon gain the protection of a footpath.

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

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The Revd. David Matthews
 Tim Harbord

Sunday 6 August, The Transfiguration of our Lord
 Gro 0930 *Combined Benefice Service*

The Ven. David Brierley,
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Wednesday 9 August

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The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 13 August, Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Gro 0800 Holy Communion BCP
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 New 0930 Morning Prayer
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Wednesday 16 August

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion*
 LtW 1900 Compline

Antony Dodd
 Tim Harbord

Sunday 20 August, Tenth Sunday after Trinity

LtW 0800 Holy Communion BCP
 New 0930 Holy Communion
 Box 1100 Holy Communion
 Gro 1100 Family Service
 Edw *Visiting*

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Wednesday 23 August

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion*

Joy Sellers

Sunday 27 August, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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September 2006

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Parish Council Matters

Boxford Parish Council

Planning & Finance Meeting 5th June

Finance

In addition to the usual business, preparations were concluded for the forthcoming Audits and a donation of £50 was agreed for St Nicholas Hospice.

Planning

Confirmations received from Babergh District Council: -

- Listed Building Consent has been granted for single storey side extension at The Lodge, Stone Street.
- Babergh confirmed a site meeting was carried out at Coddendam Hall, Boxford Lane.
- The Application for the Homefield Development of flats has been withdrawn.

The following were discussed: -

- The proposal to make the land to the rear of 1 Boxford Court, Coppers and Field View, Cox Hill into domestic garden.
- Minor change to internal layout at 26 – 30 Stone Street.
- Single storey extensions at 3 The Causeway
- Tree work at Field View, Cox Hill.

Parish Council Meeting 19th June

District Council Report

Councillor Hurren reported that 2 Planning Applications for Boxford were to go to Committee, these were Coddendam Hall and the land at Brook Hall Road to be converted into gardens. Babergh are pledging financial support towards the resurfacing of the RUPP. The recent digital Cinema showing of "The March of the Penguins" was a success with 60 people attending. The next film is likely to be "Walk the Line" towards the end of October.

Clerk Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated her report and key areas were discussed. Please note the telephone number for reporting Street Light problems is 08456 066067. Councillor Paxman took the "Minerals Specific Site Allocations Consultation Report". The Chairman took the "Schools Organisation Review". Councillor Impett took the "Babergh Statement of Community Involvement" document. The draft "Rights of Way Improvement Consultation" to be passed to Roger Loose. The Clerk reported that Babergh are to prune the hedge obscuring visibility from Homefield onto Swan Street.

Police Report

One criminal damage incident was recorded in Hadleigh Road involving damage to a vehicle window. The New Sector Commander, Inspector Paul Crick, took up his post on 12th June.

Finance

The Clerk reported the Internal Auditors findings that the Book-keeping and Accounting appeared to be without fault. The External Audit is the next stage which needed to be submitted by 14th July.

Appointment of Trustees to Boxford United Charities

Dr John Flather, Victor Rice, Dennis Stacey and Peter Hibben were appointed.

Reports from Members

The issue of Horses being ridden on the permissive footpath between the Groton Fox and Partridge Close was discussed. Groton Parish Council have agreed to follow up as it is within their Parish. The Clerk was to write to residents on School Hill regarding overgrown hedges. The broken post on the dog bin at the Playing Field was to be reported to Babergh District Council.

Planning

The Application for Listed Building Consent to insert 2 pairs of double French doors in the rear extension at Riverhall, Ellis Street was discussed.

Planning and Finance Meeting 3rd July

Resurfacing of the RUPP

This item was postponed to the full meeting on 17th July.

Support to the Youth Club

Support will continue until the end of the Summer Term. Future financial support will be reviewed once full details of the Youth Club's plans are known.

Finance

In addition to the usual business, The Clerk reported on the 1st quarter's expenditure against budget. The External Audit papers were duly signed ready for submission.

Planning

The following confirmations were received from Babergh District Council:-

- Babergh do not wish to make a Tree Preservation Order for work at Field View, Cox Hill.
- Permission refused for linked annexe at Coddendam Hall, Boxford Lane.

The following were discussed: -

- Proposal to extend the rear of Boxford House, Stone Street including listed building consent
- Erection of single storey rear extension at 13 Brook Hall Road
- Renewal of Planning Permission, granted in 2000, at Newlands Lodge, Stone Street.

Debbie Hattrell

Parish Clerk

Edwardstone Parish Council

The next meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council is on August 21st at 7.00pm in the Edwardstone Village Hall

David Tolhurst

Parish Clerk

VILLAGE HALL LICENCE VICTORY

RURAL communities have enjoyed a victory after persuading the Government to change new licensing laws because village halls could not function properly under the restrictions.

Shaun Woodward, the licensing minister, said the requirement that halls should have a designated supervisor in charge of a premises licence would be dropped.

Representatives of rural communities said they believed this would make it easier for village halls to obtain a full licence that included the sale of alcohol.

The announcement came a week after a survey found hundreds of halls were losing revenue and could be forced to operate illegally because the laws, which came into force last year, restricted the number of events held.

The survey, commissioned by Action with Communities in Rural England, found that two thirds of halls had not applied for a premises licence that included the sale of alcohol.

This was mainly because of the difficulty in finding a volunteer willing to act as a designated supervisor. Instead halls have had to apply for temporary event notices. But because there is an annual limit of 12 of these notices, bookings have been turned away. Fund-raising events generating thousands of pounds have been cancelled.

Village Halls will no longer need to name a single person in charge of a premises licence, he said. The responsibility would fall to management committees, "Halls would be akin to private members' clubs, where the whole committee takes responsibility for the licence." This is belated and does nothing to help village halls this year.

Local Walks

Lavenham Rambling Club

Kindly note that a new programme of walks will resume in September.

For general enquiries phone Graham on 01787 248128

Ramblers Association Walks

Sunday 13th August. Henny, Wickham St Pauls. Meet to make a 10.30 start at Bulmer Village School cp. (GR TL 846394) to walk to Henny - Wickham St Paul. Distance 6 miles

Leader David B. 01787 371880

Wednesday 16th August. Groton. Meet at Edwardstone Church (GR TL 944421) to make a 10.30 start. Groton distance 5 miles

Leader Pat L. 01473 824105

Sunday 20th August. Hadleigh. Meet Magdalene Street cp (GR 027 425) for two six mile circular walks through Kersey, am and towards Huntlesham pm. 6 miles am, 6 miles pm starting at 10am and 13.30

Leader Alan S. 01206 230791

Sunday 27th August. Waldringfield. Circular walk starting at 10.30 from Maybush Inn cp Waldringfield (GR 042 333) for a 10am start for a long circular walk through Boted, Nayland and Stoke-by-Nayland using the Essex Way and the Stour Valley path. Pub stop uncertain so bring your picnic lunch and drink. Approx 13 miles

Leader Alan S 01206 230791

Leavenheath 50+ Badminton Club

The new season will start on Wednesday 6th September. Players welcome. 8 until 10pm. Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way, Leavenheath.

Enquiries:- *Fredrick* 01206 263986

GARDENING IN AUGUST *Harry Buckledee*

The hot dry weather we are having should make us all aware of the need to incorporate plenty of moisture holding material into the soil, and also the need to give plants a good mulch of whatever material is available to prevent the soil drying out. If you are unable to provide a mulch then keep the dutch hoe going to maintain an inch or two of fine tilth which will help against moisture loss and prevent the soil from cracking. We should also be thinking of growing plants which are more able to cope with these conditions.

One plant that seems to be revelling in this weather is various forms of lavender. The mass of blooms which line beds and pathways give off wafts of fragrant perfume as you brush past. Lavender will tolerate baking heat in summer and cold severe weather in winter provided the soil is well drained, they just will not survive water-logged conditions in winter. It is best to go for the dwarf compact varieties of Lavender angustifolia, all of which form a dense bushy plant of silvery grey foliage. The best variety is Hidcote with deep purple flowers or Munstead with slightly paler flowers. No need to stick entirely to blue, there is a Loddon Pink and Nana Alba a more compact form with broader leaves and white flowers early July. A less hardy Lavender often grown now is stoechas which has petals or bracts at the end of the flower spikes. It is often called French Lavender but it is of Mediterranean origin and will not survive our winter unless it is in a sheltered spot such as up against a wall. The advantage of all these varieties is that they all respond to hard pruning and can be kept in a neat and tidy shape.

The hot weather has produced an increase in green fly and other sorts of sap sucking aphids and should be sprayed with a suitable insecticide. As well as sucking the life out of plants they spread viruses from diseased to healthy plants.

The contents of tubs and hanging baskets can begin to look a bit tired towards the end of the month but there is no reason why they cannot go on producing colour until October if you feed well and keep removing dead flowers. Feeding is essential, the soil of compost will be packed with roots and become impoverished. Feed every other day with a liquid fertiliser. Assuming you have been recently feeding a high potash fertiliser to encourage flowers, it might now be a good idea to give two or three feeds of high nitrogen to encourage some new growth.

There is still time to make sowings of lettuce, turnips, dwarf beans, spring onions and perpetual spinach. Plants of January king cabbage, savoys and sprouting broccoli can also be planted at the beginning of the month.

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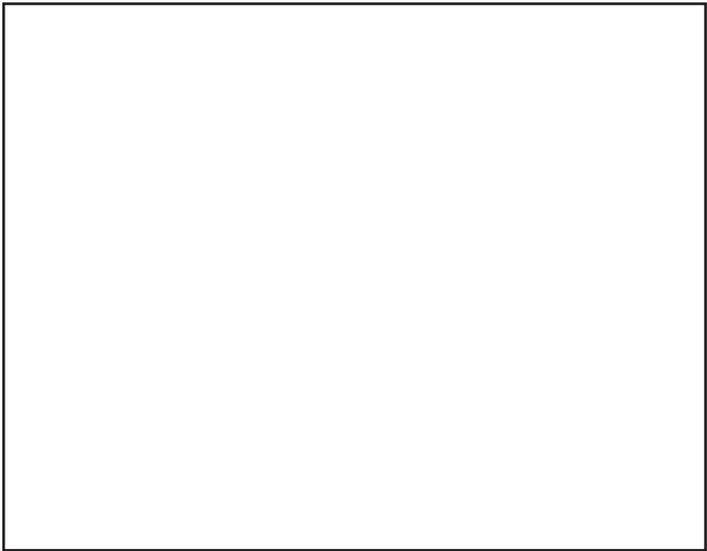
This Year the competition in the South West District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Edwardstone and, to the surprise and delight of the Edwardstone team, they won.

Five teams entered the competition, Kersey, Polstead, Hadleigh and Stratford St Mary were the other competitors. An enjoyable time was had by all, but isn't it nice to know that when you hear the Edwardstone/Boxford bells rung that there is a good band ringing them.

So if you would like to learn with a victorious band you are more than welcome to come and join us on Wednesday evenings.

Last months photo's

We are still gathering information about the boys in the photo published in last months BRN. The Forge pic were *Centre: Happy Harry Simpson left: Ernie Stone, Right: Newton Finch.*



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The latest slimming courses to be run by hypnotherapists Hugh Clover and Liz Kotarska will commence in the Autumn.

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They will also be running a **SELF HYPNOSIS COURSE** in the Autumn by popular demand. The course will again be run in East Bergholt over ten weeks starting Thursday September 21st at 7.30pm. Further information about Liz, Hugh and the course, as well as other professional therapists can be found on www.dedhamvalenetwork.com

Hugh Clover would also like to announce that his brand new, more comprehensive website – www.hughclover.co.uk – is now on line. Hugh practices from Stratford St Mary - just off the A12 with easy access parking – which is very convenient for Ipswich and Colchester and the surrounding towns and villages.

Additionally the recently formed Dedham Vale Network has also updated its website – www.dedhamvalenetwork.com. The Dedham Vale Network numbers a group of professionals offering health, support and therapy choices on the Essex and Suffolk border. The services include counselling, homeopathy, hypnotherapy, physiotherapy, reflexology, and shiatsu.

SUMMER CELEBRATION WITH MOZART

A LARGE party of guests has been entertained by young musicians at a riverside gathering staged by a firm of solicitors.

The 250TH anniversary of the birth of Mozart was the theme of the event organised by Bates Wells and Braithwaite at the Sudbury headquarters of the River Stour Trust.

The trust helps protect the town's ancient navigational rights to the sea, which go back even further than the roots of the long-established local legal firm.

It was 100 years ago that Messrs Bates and Wells joined forces to advise local inhabitants on their legal affairs.

Tim McNeill, the present senior partner of the firm, welcomed guests to the trust's Granary headquarters, and introduced musicians from Sudbury Upper School, who played a selection of works by Mozart.

The evening was staged by the Trusts, Probate and Wills Department of the practice, following a similar successful event organised last year by the company at the Sudbury headquarters of Gainsborough's House Society.



Above: The musicians representing Sudbury Upper School at the party were, from left to right: Laura Stinson, Jill Davison (Suffolk Music Service violin teacher), Raymand Pang and Clare Tim, with (seated) Vivien Brooks, head of music at Sudbury Upper.

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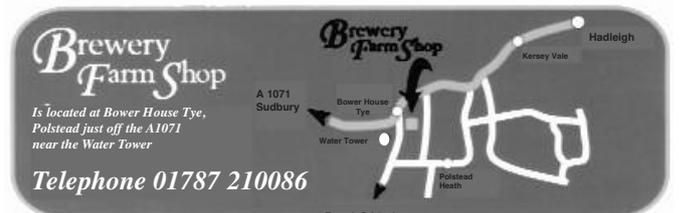
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Wot's On

BOXFORD W.I.

Our July meeting went very well, although we were slightly thin on the ground due to summer holidays but we were delighted to welcome two new members

The 'business' of the meeting took a while, as there were plenty of notices of various W.I. events during the summer, such as craft workshops, rambles and visits.

Our speaker was Jill Cooper who could have kept us all interested for much longer than the time available as she gave us a fascinating insight into life as a policewoman during the 1950's.

As always the meeting ended with tea and chat, and a chance to peruse the notices and sale table.

We have been invited to join Long Melford W.I. at Melford Hall on August 15th and the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd August, when our speaker will be Jonathan Lambert giving a talk about pearls, and we've all been requested to bring in any pearl jewellery we may have! The Boxford W.I. meets on the first Wednesday of each month, 2 pm to 4pm at the Village Hall.

Women of all ages are always welcome.

For further information please contact *Elaine Davis* on 01787 210501 or *Iris Robinson* on 01473 658567

Plant Stall

At the proposed Autumn Sale on September 23rd, in the Former WI Hall, Groton, there will be a Big Plant stall; please could anyone with surplus plants [herbaceous, shrubs, herbs, trees, etc], pot them up, and nurture them during the summer, so that we can sell them in September in aid of Groton Church. More info nearer the time, thank you,
Pat Kennedy Scott.

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MOZART & BEETHOVEN PIANO AND WIND QUINTETS

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2006 St Mary's Church, Boxford, 7.30 p.m.

THE ETESIAN ENSEMBLE

Molly Marsh (oboe)

Katherine Spencer (clarinet)

Anneke Scott (horn)

Wouter Verschuren (bassoon)

Kathryn Cok (fortepiano)

MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2006

St Mary's Church, Boxford, 12.00 midday

IAN HARRISON

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BOOKING INFORMATION

SEATS for the evening performances at Boxford, are priced at £15, £12 and £10. Holders of £15 and £12 tickets are unobstructed by pillars, whereas £10 tickets are likely to have an obstructed view. £15 tickets are in the central block nearest the performers. Half-price tickets are available to full-time students. The Box Office is open for postal bookings and telephone enquiries to the Friends of Suffolk Villages Festival 119 Maldon Road, Colchester CO3 3AX, telephone 01206 366603. Unless otherwise indicated, lunchtime concerts last about an hour and evening concerts about two hours (including interval).

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Readers Letters

Dear Mr Fenwick

I am disappointed that you have chosen to seek publicity through the Box River News for the letter you sent to me in June 2006, in which you misleadingly suggest that you wrote to me in July 2005 and that I failed to reply to that correspondence.

The letter of 2005 you refer to was addressed to Councillor Jeremy Pembroke at Suffolk County Council and you simply sent Tim Yeo MP and me a copy of that letter. Since you had correctly addressed your letter to the County Council as Highways Authority, it was assumed that the copy of that letter was sent to me for information only and it was therefore simply acknowledged as a courtesy. If we misunderstood your intentions in this respect, I am surprised that it was almost a year before you raised the issue again and simultaneously sought to give publicity to this through the Box River News.

On receipt of the only letter you addressed to me (dated 6 June and received at these offices on 14 June 2006), my PA wrote to you on 15 June, explaining the position I have outlined above and advising you of how to contact the County Council regarding traffic calming measures. This letter from you was, of course, the same letter that you also had published in the Box River News - albeit you dated it 2 June in that publication.

I hope that this clarifies the position. I am sending a copy of this letter to County Councillor Jeremy Pembroke, Tim Yeo MP, District Councillors Bryn Hurren, Frances Bates, Peter Holbrook and Colin Spence and to Eddie Kench (Box River News) for information.

Yours sincerely
 Patricia Rockall BA(Hons) MCIH
 Chief Executive
 Babergh District Council

Sir

For the "litter bugs" what could be better
 Than Maureen Cooling's pleasing letter?
 But just one thing we should explain:
 Taking home what's found would be a pain!
 Seems fair enough it should go in
 Where it belongs: the nearest bin!
 And if more people would lend a hand
 We'd soon see again our "green and pleasant land"

"Scavenger"

Sir

HILDA RULE

Barrie, Debbie and all the Rule family would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who sent cards, letters and messages of condolence after Hilda's death. Hilda lived to be 85 years old making her funeral a celebration of life. It was wonderful to see so many people attend the church and to join us afterwards in our home. We would also like to thank everyone who made a donation which will be sent to "Bealings Ward" at Ipswich Hospital in Hilda's memory cheque for £425.00

Barrie and Debbie Rule

Boxford Village Hall

July Draw Results

(The first month of the 26th year)

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A DAY OUT AT THE PALACE



Boxford Schoolboy Harry Young spent a royal day surrounded by children's book characters.

The 11-year-old from Boxford was one of 2,000 children invited to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace as part of the Queen's 80th birthday celebrations.

Harry and brother Joe, 10, were accompanied to the party by their Granny, Maraday Robinson, from Kersey said: "It was just amazing. I saw JK Rowling and she was brilliant. She read to us from Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince. I was really close to the Queen and I managed to take a photo of her - she was about two metres away. She was great, but really small."

Mum Stella said the boys had a magical, if exhausting, time on Sunday. The boys had a picnic in a hamper, food care of TV chef Jamie Oliver. "They had a fantastic time and have not stopped talking about it. In the car on the way home they were going on about how magical it was."

LOCAL ACTION AT LE MANS



Mark Ellis, Son In Law of Elizabeth Gardiner, artist and resident of Stone Street, Boxford found himself taking on Stirling Moss at the Motor Racing Legends race at this years Le Mans.

Mark was invited to take part in the race, which preceded the annual 24-hour Le Mans, driving his MGA Twin Cam.

He qualified 21st on the grid alongside Sir Stirling, who was driving his ex-BMC works MGA Twin Cam.

After the 8.5 mile warm up lap his MGA (photo above) quickly moved up, passing two 356 Porsches and a works AC Ace on the first lap and he began dicing with Chris Connolly's HRG Singer Le Mans car.

A three-way battle involving Ellis, Connolly from Cambridge, and a works Austin Healey 100/6 continued for the first four laps. But then the 90F heat caused a fuel vaporisation problem with Mark's car, and a resultant loss of power. After a brief pit stop he finished 28th, with a best lap of 6min 07sec second fastest in the up to two litre class and third fastest in the invitation class. After the race, Stirling Moss, who had been ahead of him mentioned he had had engine problems and apologised for holding Ellis Up!



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Boxford School News

Well here we are again at the end of yet another academic year. It does not seem five minutes since we were coming back to school after the last summer break. Where does all the time go?

We recently received some very sad news when we were told of the passing away of a good friend of the school Ben Bousquet. Ben, a black South Lucian, was a prominent figure internationally in the field of human rights and spent much of his life travelling the world representing black people's interests. A few years ago he visited our school to talk to the children in an assembly about a school he was supporting in South Africa, where he had recently made a second home. Interestingly despite his high profile life and his many meetings with prominent politicians from all over the world he turned up at our school after a long sleepless night completely terrified at the thought of standing up in front of one hundred and fifty five to nine year old children. As a result of his visit our children collected items of school equipment to ship out to South Africa. He subsequently came back to show us some photographs of the children receiving our gifts. It was a real pleasure to have got to know Ben and to spend a little time with him and our deepest sympathies go to his family and friends.

The last year has been another hugely successful and enjoyable one for us all and over the next few paragraphs I intend to give a brief summary of some of the highlights.

As with every year one of the real highlights was our Year 4 Residential Visit. This year we took thirty three children to Margate in Kent and during the week we visited many places of interest including The Tower of London and Howletts Zoo near Canterbury. Coupled with a trip on the London Eye and long evenings spent playing on the beach the children had a wonderful time. Once again the children were a pleasure to take away and their behaviour was exemplary wherever we went. There is a section on our website, www.boxford.suffolk.sch.uk, with photographs and a day by day commentary.



Having fun on Margate beach

On the sporting front we have had a most successful year with both our football and cricket teams winning their respective local tournaments. In addition we have also taken part in a Mini Olympics where we came third, a golf day and many other local sporting events. As many of you know I am a great follower of all things sporting and was an avid watcher of the recent football world cup but having watched some of the appalling behaviour of our so called superstars it is refreshing to be able to report how impressed I have been with the sporting way that our children have behaved throughout. Unlike their professional counterparts they were a real credit to us all. Well done to all the children who have represented the school so well.

A couple of weeks ago our choir took part in a local music festival for all of the schools in the Cornard pyramid. The evening was a spectacular success and the standard of the musical contributions was exceptional. Our children performed a medley of songs including Simon and Garfunkel's Sound of Silence and the Monkees Daydream Believer. Our guitar players performed their own version of Scarborough Fayre. As someone who grew up in the late sixties and early seventies when guitar based music was the order of the day I thoroughly enjoyed a stunning version of the Jimmy Hendrix classic Little Wing performed by a group of students from Cornard Upper School. It is good to know that live music is alive and well and that there is a new generation of guitarists on the way.

Over the last few months our children have been taking part in their various end of year tests and once again they have performed outstandingly well in all areas. This is testament to both the hard work

that our children have done throughout the year and the very high quality of teaching carried out by our teaching and support staff. Congratulations to all.

Over recent years we have held a weekend camp on our field for children who are in our Foundation Stage classes. Despite the lure of the World Cup and England's disappointing game against Portugal the turnout of pupils and parents was first class. Over the weekend parents and children spent their time in tents on our school field! Highlights included an evening camp fire and an afternoon swim in our swimming pool. My thanks go to all those staff who gave up their weekend to be there and in particular to Mrs. Dainty for organising the whole event.

The end of each school year is always tinged with a little sadness as we say goodbye to our Year 4 pupils and their parents who have, in some cases been with us for many years as their various children have gone through Boxford School. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for everything they have contributed to our school over the years. Please keep in touch and let us know how your children are progressing.

Finally I am reliably informed that this is the end of my fourteenth year at Boxford School. The fact that I have been here so long is in no small part due to the fantastic pupils, parents and in particular staff that I have had the pleasure to work with over the years so I would like to conclude this news by saying a huge thankyou to everyone who works so hard to make our school such a happy and successful place to work in and to wish everyone a very happy and well deserved summer holiday



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All cars arrived eventually, not all by the same route but non the less all very interesting. Our destination was The Shipwreck Inn at Shotley Marina with its splendid views out over Harwich Harbour and beyond.

After a little liquid sustenance, alcoholic or otherwise we enjoyed a very nice supper of Fish, Chips, Peas, Bread and Butter and Tea beautifully prepared and served by Shipwreck manager and staff.

The famous raffle then took place with many prizes, all donated, then we dispersed at our leisure.

A big thank you to David and his team for organising the event once again, to all the drivers who volunteered once again to tackle the mystery route, for everybody who donated raffle tickets, to the Manager and staff at The Shipwreck for their hospitality and to you the Senior Citizens for turning up and making an enjoyable evening. Apologies to Peter W. for the misunderstanding.

See you all next year !!.

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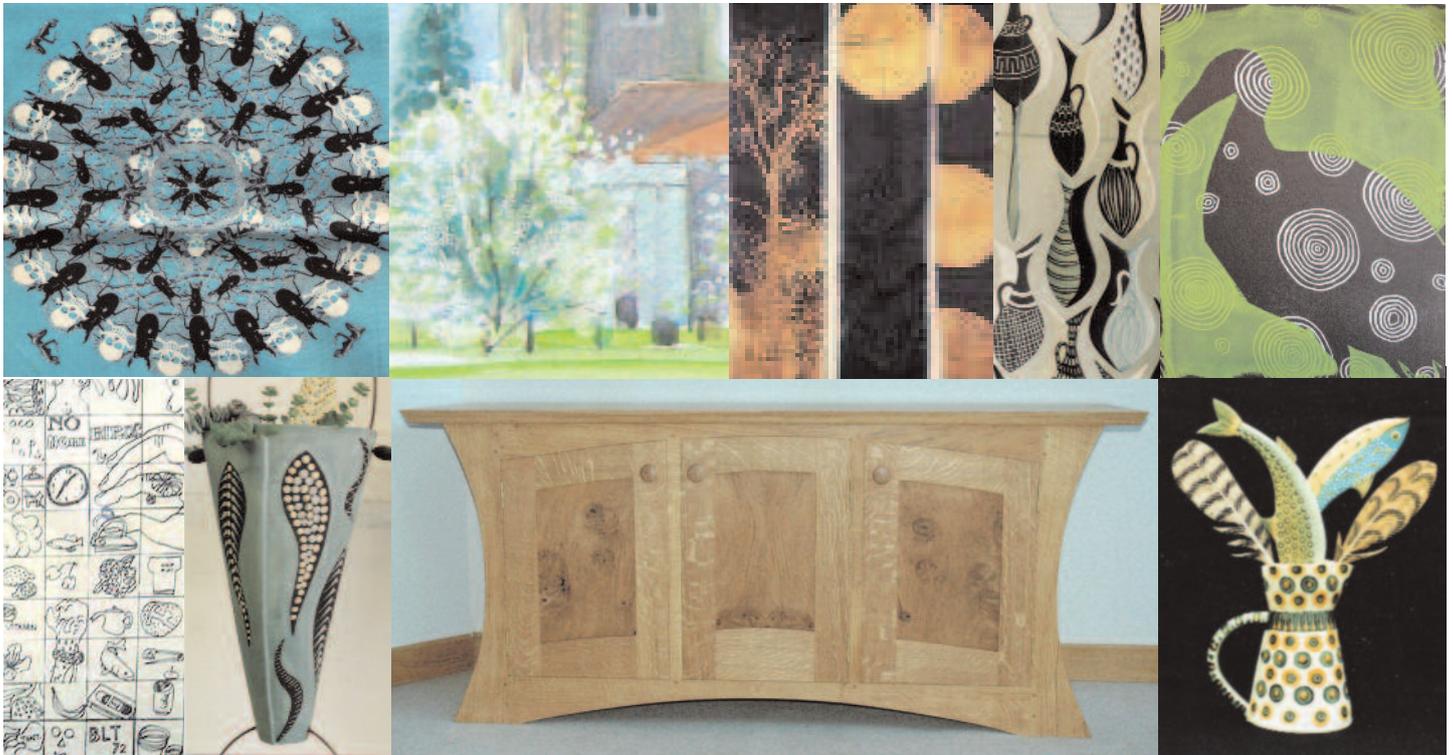
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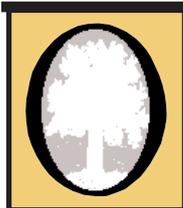
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