

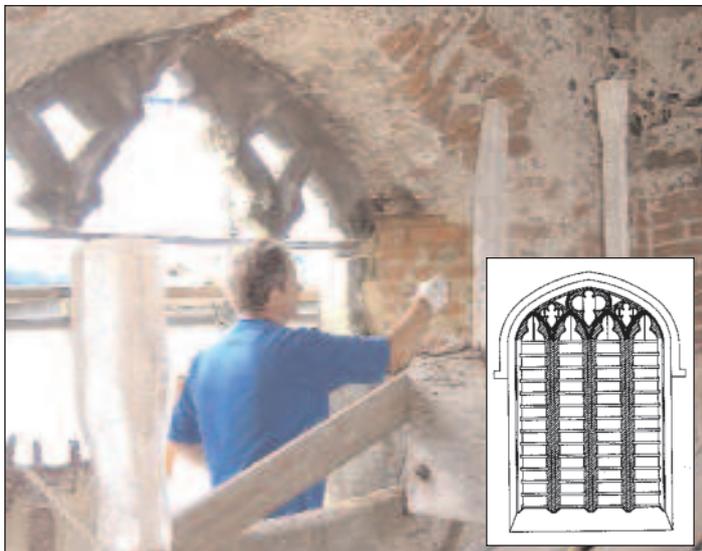
# Box River News

Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton Green



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## A STITCH IN TIME FOR GROTON CHURCH TOWER



**Above:** A view through the belfry looking towards the west window with Tony Heard, site foreman repairing the brickwork next to the window.

**Inset:** The window as it will be when finished

As anyone walking or driving up Fox Hill must have noticed, for the last two-and-a-half months Groton Church tower has been surrounded by scaffolding and shrouded in blue mesh sheeting. What is going on behind this screening?

The PCC is spending some £54,000 to stitch cracks in the tower that, if left unrepaired, threaten its structural integrity. Put bluntly, if the work were not done, the tower could eventually fall down! This is not being unduly dramatic. There are several local precedents: Milden in the 1820s, Lindsey in 1836 and, in living memory, Bildeston in 1975. And, as custodians of a Grade I listed building, the PCC has a duty to future generations to preserve the fabric.

As the photographs show, the cracks are being exposed by removing the surrounding stones and mortar. Steel ties are then inserted across the cracks at approximately 6 feet intervals and the exposed parts of the walls rebuilt using the original flints. This is a time-consuming job, being carried out for the PCC by Bakers of Danbury Ltd, who are specialists in this kind of work.

At the top, the tower is gradually pulling apart, highlighted by the cracks above the windows. A major cause of this fault is the absence of mullions to support the tracery in the belfry windows. From research, it appears that these mullions have been missing for over 130 years. The cost of the repairs includes a substantial sum for the replacement of these mullions and the partly broken-away tracery. Unusually, it seems that there were three mullions to each window (most churches have only one or two), and this is what is being reinstated, as shown by the accompanying drawing. New louvres will be inserted between the mullions, with netting behind to keep out the birds.

Repairs to any ancient building tend to throw up surprises and Groton's tower is no exception. An unpleasant early task for Bakers was to remove the pigeon guano that had accumulated to a depth of 15" on the beams below the belfry windows. This had rotted the timbers but, fortunately, sufficient good timbers remained to support the bells, now reinforced with new brickwork. The window repairs should ensure that this problem does not recur, though the bells will still only be chimed, not rung.

It is hoped that by the end of November the tower will lose its cocoon

and be revealed in its new glory, in time for the celebration at Christmas of God's revelation to mankind in the Christ child, the inspiration for all that we seek to do in his name.

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## EDWARDSTONES TURBINE

Plans to build a nine metre (38ft with rotor) wind turbine at the White Horse, Edwardstone have been approved by Babergh District Council.

The original plans were for a fifteen metre turbine but planning officers at Babergh District Council advised John Norton, the applicant, that he should revise his plans to the lower the height following strong objections from not only the Parish Council but several of the pubs neighbours.

Concern had been expressed about the turbines impact on the landscape, wildlife, noise and its closeness to a public footpath. They also stated that the turbine would not supply the pubs energy needs or benefit anyone in the area.

It was however claimed that noise levels will be marginal and its visual impact at nine metres would not be enough to harm the landscape.

After the meeting John Norton said "We are obviously delighted with being granted Planning Permission for our wind generator; global warming/climate change is such an urgent problem with almost daily news of perma -frost melting, glaciers melting and record temperatures here etc."

"There where a few concerns from Mill Green residents who were understandably concerned about noise and visual impact but the Planning Committee had already received expert evidence that neither should be a major problem, particularly with our offer to reduce the height down to 9m from 15m."

"In the end more Mill Green residents wrote in favour of our proposal than opposed it and many more local people signed a petition or wrote to Babergh in favour. I would like to thank all of them very much for their support."

"We now have the challenge of finding other means of topping up our energy consumption from renewable sources so we are looking forward to exploring Photo Voltaic and Ground Source Heat as possibilities.

All technical details, costs, grants and income will be available to any interested parties when I have them.

Opponents of the scheme were asked for comments but they chose not to comment accepting that the plans had now been approved.

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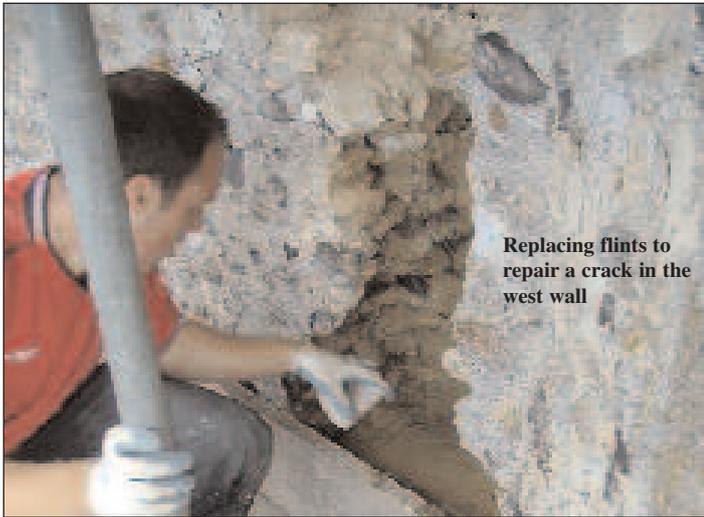
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Replacing flints to repair a crack in the west wall



Above: Peter Kennedy Scott (Chairman of the Building Committee) inspecting the repair work with architect David Wymark and Structural Engineer Martin Liddell



Harry Buckledee, BRN's Gardening correspondent with the leeks that made him the Suffolk Champion. Harry, President of the Sudbury Horticultural Society gained 18 first prizes, two second and one third at the societies show in Sudbury during the weekend of 16/17 September. Harry and Linda celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary with family and friends at the Stoke by Nayland Club on Saturday 23rd September.

# Jazz at the Fleece

Boxford Suffolk

**Friday, 29th September, 8.30 Ticket £12**  
**Pat Crumly Quartet**

Oxford born Pat Crumly started playing in the rhythm and blues field is now recognised as one of the country's leading hard bop saxophonists. Pat was also one of Ronnie Scott's favourite players. The quartet is completed by Nick Weldon (piano), Tim Wells (bass) and Mark Fletcher (drums).

**Friday, 6th October, 8.30 Ticket £13**  
**Katya Gorrie**

Canadian jazz vocalist Katya Gorrie is a name to watch. Stylish, sultry, sexy and passionate, she captivates her audience with an engaging repertoire while fully exploiting her wide technical and emotional range. Katya's band is a tight quartet with prominent playing by Denny Ilett on guitar. Her latest CD is called 'Tales of Misbehaviour', which we highly recommend.

**Friday, 13th October, 8.30 Ticket £13**  
**The New Couriers**

This great band keeps alive the legacy of a classic iconic British modern jazz group co-led by saxophonists Tubby Hayes and Ronnie Scott between 1957 and 1960. The group continues to play original Couriers material, but is now widening its range with the music of other greats including Jimmy Deuchar, Victor

Feldman, Don Grolnick. The band plays with all the flair and dynamism of its previous incarnation and remains in the shape, form and style that demand written arrangements. The modern day New Couriers are Steve Melling (piano), Mornington Lockett (saxophone), Jim Hart (vibes), Paul Morgan (bass) and Martin Drew (drums).

**Friday, 20th October, 8.30 Ticket £12**  
**Patrick Villanueva's Jumbazz Organ Trio**

Jumbazz is the classic Hammond trio led by Patrick Villanueva (Hammond B3), with Martin Jacobsen (saxophones) and Didier Ottaviani (drums). While being rooted in the traditional African American blues organ classic tunes, Patrick has delved into his Mexican / Franco origins to fuse his Latino influences with his classical music education to come up with compositions that stretch from Brazilian sambas, Trinidadian calypsos to Argentinean tangos and Mexican boleros. Jumbazz's repertoire is laced with a subtle sense of humour and reflects Patrick's love of music as diverse as Horace Silver, Thelonious Monk and Igor Stravinsky!

**Friday, 27th October, 8.30 Ticket £15**  
**Todd Gordon**

Always the consummate professional Todd is one of Scotland's most renowned performers and has become a hit on both sides of the Atlantic. He just seems to go on getting better! His suave, sophisticated, Sinatra style take on the classic American songbook is presented in a smooth show, full of charm and humour. His fabulous fourth CD called 'Love's Illusions', produced by award-winning jazz singer Ian Shaw, contains 16 timeless American songbook classics and lesser performed gems sung with great style, verve and feeling.

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

## Meals on Wheels

Can you spare 60 minutes per month?

WRVS need more volunteers to help with delivering MEALS ON WHEELS in Hadleigh, mileage is re-imbursed. Please ring 01787 210603 for more information

## EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2006 A NEW FORMAT!

This year our Fair will again be held in Edwardstone Church and in the Village Hall but we've decided to make a few changes.....

For the first time the Fair will span two days with a Festive Shopping Evening on Thursday, November 9th followed by the Main Fair on Friday, 10th.

The evening event which runs from 7.00 – 9.30pm will take place solely in the church and, as well as our usual array of wonderful stalls – some back by popular demand, some new – there will be an informal wine-tasting and promotion, courtesy of Richard Sunderland of the Crown at Stoke-by-Nayland and a book-signing by best-selling local author, George Courtauld. We think this will be a fantastic opportunity for those who cannot usually get to the Fair to come along and shop in a congenial and relaxed setting – imagine getting all your Christmas shopping done long before the annual panic sets in !! And it's a chance to spend a pleasant evening with friends. Entry is £5.00.

The Main Fair on Friday, 10th starts earlier this year, running from 9.00am – 1.00pm so that even those of you who have a tight schedule can fit some shopping in before starting your day's other commitments. In addition to all the stalls in the church, the Village Hall will be offering a wonderful selection of home-made produce and – by popular demand – beautiful locally-made crafts as well as the usual complimentary tea and coffee. The entry fee of £2.50 will admit you to both venues.

Each year we try to listen to people's suggestions and comments and we hope we are getting even closer to giving all our regular customers the Christmas Fair they want. We already have an extensive database of customer names and we would like to see the Fair become even more popular – after all, the better the attendance, the more money we can raise for the Church.

We are still looking for sponsorship – however small - to cover some of our many costs. In addition, we welcome anyone who is willing to help, particularly by making cakes or savouries for the Produce stalls. For all enquiries, phone *Diana Hawke* on 01787-211403.

## AGE CONCERN

### APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR SUDBURY BEFRIENDING SERVICE

The Befriending Service links volunteers with older people living in Sudbury and the surrounding villages. Befrienders visit the elderly once a week in their own homes for a chat and social contact.

The service sounds simple but it can make such a difference to an older person's life. Often the elderly are living alone and can feel very isolated.

We urgently need volunteers to join our existing team of Befrienders. If you have an hour a week to spare and enjoy meeting people, feel you are a good listener and would like the opportunity to really make a difference to someone's life please contact the coordinator Daynore Cameron Telephone 01787-373491 Office hours: Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday 9am-4pm (24 hour answer phone)

Age Concern also operate a telephone Befriending service which covers all of Suffolk. Volunteers can chose to make their phone calls either from their own home or from the office based at the Chiltern Day Centre in Martins Road, Sudbury. If you are interested in becoming a telephone Befriender please call Loretta Shewring Telephone 01787-378773.

## A CHANCE TO PERFORM

Talented musicians, dancers, and speech and drama enthusiasts of any age have their chance to perform at the annual Sudbury Festival of Music, Speech and Dance. The 2007 Festival starts on 10 February and finishes on 12 March. The syllabus is now widely available, free, from libraries, information centres and performing arts shops in the area, and has been distributed to schools throughout East Anglia. Closing date for entries is 4 November.

Anyone can enter, either as part of a group or as an individual. The Festival is open to all age groups, and people from a wide area take part each year. There is a team of experienced adjudicators who give friendly and helpful assessments to each performer. Over 70 cups and awards are there to be won.

There are nearly 400 classes in the three main branches of the performing arts, for soloists and groups of any size. Most classes are competitive, but there are some non-competitive for those who prefer. This year there is a new music class for adults - jazz and cabaret-style singing – and the organisers hope that more adult groups will enter some of the dance classes, such as salsa. In the speech and drama section the story-telling and dramatised verse classes are proving popular.

The Festival starts with the Dance section, from 10-15 February. The Music section is from 27 February to 4 March, followed by the Speech and Drama section from 9-12 March. The venues are all in Sudbury. The grand finale will be the Festival Concert at Sudbury Upper School on 25 March, when a selection of the best performers will be on stage.

There is more information on Sudbury's website, [www.sudburyfestival.org.uk](http://www.sudburyfestival.org.uk).

## Suffolk Punches working again in the Stour Valley this autumn

With autumn comes the beginning of the farming year and a new season when our Suffolk Punches will be working in the traditional way on the Anchor Inn Heritage Farm, adjoining the Anchor Inn in Nayland. Everyone is invited to come, entirely free of charge, to see the Suffolk Punches at work and to walk around the Anchor Inn Heritage Farm. The horses love an audience and visits by schools are especially welcome. Those working the heavy horses will always try to be as informative as they can and sometimes they let visitors "take the reins".

The conservation of the Suffolk horse (fondly known as the Suffolk Punch), East Anglia's only indigenous breed of heavy horse, is a crucial element of the Anchor Inn Heritage Farm. The breed is on the brink of extinction with only 370 registered pure bred Suffolks left in the world. We currently have 12 Suffolk Punches and are working hard to help prevent the breed from dying out by building up a breeding stock, promoting the horses whenever possible and providing a traditional working purpose for them.

This autumn the Suffolk Punches will be ploughing on the Anchor Inn Heritage Farm, which has been developed to restore traditional heritage farming to the local area and to supply a range of produce for the Anchor Inn restaurant. Uniquely one of our smaller Suffolk mares is being trained for the very precise work that is required to cultivate the vegetables and herbs used in the restaurant kitchen.

In addition to watching the heavy horses at work, visitors can also enjoy newly assigned circular walks around much of the 100 acre Anchor Inn Heritage Farm and see the contribution that it makes to the beautiful Stour Valley landscape. You can walk by the river or through reinstated flood meadows to see the rare breeds of cattle and sheep now grazing in the pastures, including English Longhorn cattle, and the diversity of wildlife in the new plantations and along the banks of the Stour.

There is no charge for visiting any aspect of the Anchor Inn Heritage Farm but donations to the Suffolk Horse Society (registered charity No. 220756) will be much appreciated.

Harnessing the horses to produce food in this way provides the perfect modern day working purpose through which to make sense of the conservation effort and restore an element of heritage to the rural community.

To find out exactly when the Suffolk Punches are working, weather and ground conditions permitting, please telephone 01206 262313.



## Wot's On

### The Snails

The Snails return to Leavenheath Village Hall for another evening of great racing. November 25th. Tickets £8.50 including Fish & Chip supper. Telephone 01206 263997

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BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP

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Wednesday 29th November to 2nd december

Meals will be served on Thursday Friday and Saturday evenings

Tickets will be on sale at 9.00am on Saturday 28th October at Boxford Village hall and afterwards at Boxford News.

Tickets are Wednesday Family evening at 7.00pm Adults £6.00 Children £3.00. Thursday to Saturday £12.00 each inclusive Supper during the interval. Licensed Bar for this one.

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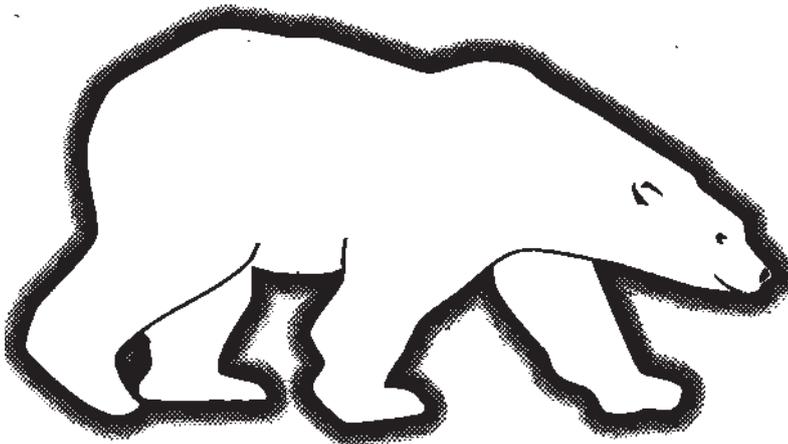
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**October**

14 Harvest Supper  
18 Shoebox Filling

Groton PCC

Former WI Hall  
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7.30pm  
2.00pm

**December**

2 Cheese and Wine Party  
2 Advent celebration, Music and Reading followed by Supper

Groton PCC

Former WI Hall  
Boxford St Mary's Church

7.30pm  
6.30pm

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

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# The Woods near High Wycombe

Watching the News the other night, which showed the police searching the extensive woodlands near High Wycombe, hunting for signs of terrorism, I suddenly realised that I used to know those woods rather well, again in a time of danger.

During the war, after one year in Cambridge, volunteers were asked to go down to that area, to help to run an evacuated school for physically handicapped children, from London I think, situated in the woods, while the residential staff went on holiday. Without help, they would have had no time off. So at the end of a very busy term, with examinations by day and air-raids by night - sometimes three, spread out - we four students were driven down by the father of a friend in his car, to Horsleys Green, near High Wycombe.

I think we slept most of the way, then found we were turning into a drive and saw several large, timber, chalet-type buildings scattered round an open field, surrounded by woods and woods. It looked quite safe and sheltered, apart from a tall white flag-staff on a mound, on the top of which fluttered a large Union Jack.

Children of mixed ages appeared, to see who had come, and we had not been prepared in any way for their disabilities, and what a shock we had! Almost no child looked normal: some had limbs missing, some had wooden legs, some callipers, some were bent double, some supported others, and some were in wheelchairs. They smiled to see four young people, and they liked the car.

We soon realised that apart from mealtimes, bath times and putting into bed, the rest was up to us. Some helpers appeared, to push wheelchairs, but none of them had the main responsibility for educating and generally occupying this poor array of damaged humanity; from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. we were in charge. We were all nineteen.

On the first morning, having about twenty children each, in large huts - mine had a platform alas - I soon discovered that discipline was nil. It took a very long time to get every child sitting at a table - some could not really sit - with some book or other in front of them - every child that is except one, who wandered round, up on to the platform, round the hall, and so on, and flatly refused to sit. After several warnings, I told him that I would really have to think about getting very cross with him, if he did not sit down like everyone else. His reply was that he had a weak heart - (no warning was given to me) - and if I got cross he could die. My reply was that we would all be very sorry if he died but it would be his own fault. He sat down and did not die (some children looked quite disappointed!).

If one can call it "teaching", I had never done anything like it before, and certainly not since, but somehow the time passed. Writing and drawing were difficult with only one hand; we counted everything; stories were good, singing was good, poetry was tolerated. One small boy clung on to my hand the whole time, and would not let go. He told me he was not stupid like the others, but the proper school was full up and he was going there when there was room for him. Some time later, I was told he was gradually going blind, and nothing could be done. He was lovely. I hope something was done eventually for him.

Afternoons were better. I decided that they should move around as much as possible, so we all went out on to the grass. Then what? Give boys with two legs a football and they are happy. One leg? That's different. Girls? Throwing and catching, or how many wild flowers can you find? Put them in 2's or 3's, or whatever table we had been learning. Wheelchairs were pushed round the field; then I thought of cricket. Cricket with one hand or a wooden leg? Yes, cricket, so that was decided upon. They were odd games of cricket, but greatly enjoyed. If a boy had two hands, he could be a batsman, one at each wicket. If someone could run, he stood beside the batsmen and ran when shouted at. Any boy with a strong right arm could bowl. Fielders were anyone who happened to be near and could throw. Much cheering from the wheelchairs helped. These games, with periods for sitting down and resting, could last a lovely long time.

Eventually, time for their meal - supervised - then books or quiet activities, then supervised bathing which took some time as so many limbs had to be removed. It seemed to be my lot to go round the dormitories to see if all was quiet. "No more talking. Everyone asleep?" "Yes, miss". "Goodnight". "Kiss me, miss. My legs don't half hurt. Tuck me in miss". At last I could crawl back to my room for a cup of coffee and read and write my letters.

(If anyone has read this far, and wonders how I remember details after such a long while, I discovered last year, that all my letters had been kept and were carefully placed in a folder in Christopher's desk; so I have been rereading them - along with his to me).

Air-raid practices were unbelievable. When the whistle blew, everyone had to find a coat and their gas mask, and make a long line. This could

take a very long while as some could barely walk. After checking that no-one was left behind, this extraordinary procession hobbled and shuffled its way in to the woods where there were several delightful mossy clearings, which made comfortable places to sit or lie. The wheelchairs brought up the rear. Everyone had to sit on their coat, hold their gas mask and be quiet. We examined the trees very thoroughly and quietly. Eventually the whistle blew again and the process was reversed. When we came back inside: "Miss, I've left my gas mask". "Miss, I've lost my bear" and so on. Thankfully, unlike Cambridge, we escaped a real raid.

When we came to leave and really start our summer vacation, we were all very tired and sad, and there were some tears. The memorable impression of this experience was that all the children helped each other when they could, and they all considered others' disabilities as natural. We heard no criticism of failure to move normally or quickly; in fact we should have been criticised if we had said "Oh, do hurry up", which sometimes we wanted to say.

It is so good that the advancement in the manufacture of artificial limbs has completely transformed the lives of so many disabled people. I hope it was in time for our brave children to play proper cricket and to run fast.

*Clunis Porteous* Edwardstone

## Local Walks

### Lavenham Rambling Club

**Sunday 1st October.** A walk around Liston. Meet Liston near former Bush Boake Allen factory half a mile NNW of Liston Church (GR TL 848455). Leader Judith 01787 247861

**Sunday 15th October.** Kersey Vale & Kersey Tye. Meet Kersey Parish Church cp (GR TM 002439). Leader Graham 01787 248128.

**Sunday 29th October,** Sherbourne Street & Grotton. Meet Edwardstone nr the Hall (GR TL 943422) Leaders Ken and Jenny 01787 247157  
All these walks start at 2pm and last for about 2 hours.

Anyone is welcome to join these walks

For general enquiries phone Graham 01787 248128

### Ramblers Association Walks

**Sunday 1 October.** Stoke-by-Nayland. Meet at the recreation ground (GR 986364) for a 10am start. A walk in the Box Valley. Picnic Lunch in Boxford. Pub for drinks only. Approx 9-10 miles. Leaders Brian and Eileen R. 01255 880678.

**Sunday 1 October.** Circular walk Colne Valley. Meet for a 10am start at Earls Colne free cp (GR TL 856290) for a circular walk in the Colne Valley. Lunch at The Swan, Chapple, or picnic by the viaduct. Distance 10 miles. Leader Derek 01787 222625.

**Sunday 8th October.** Cockfield Meet at Cockfield Village Hall for 10.30am start. (GR TL 905547) for a walk in the Cockfield area. Distance 5 miles. Leader Beryl 01284 828592  
Leader Beryl 01284 828592

**Thursday 12th October.** Stratford St Mary figure of Eight. Meet for the morning walk at The Anchor cp. (GR 047344) to make a 10am start. Distance 5 miles. Start at 1.30pm for a walk around Dedham. Distance 5 miles. Lunches available at the Anchor. Leader Alan B 01206 824541

**Sunday 22nd October.** Flatford. Meet Dedham Public cp (GR TM 057335) to make a 10.30am start. Distance 5.5 miles. Leader Pat L. 01473 824105.

**Sunday 22 October** Stoke by Nayland. Meet at the playing field cp (GR 986364) for a 10.00am start for a walk in the Box Valley to Boxford. Lunch at pub or picnic. Return via Polstead. Distance Approx 11 miles. Leader Alan S. 01206 230791

**Sunday 5th November.** Brett Vale/Chelsworth Market Place (GR TL 992 494). Distance 5 miles. Leader Margaret R 01787 248299.

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In cases of emergency: In the event that you are unable to contact me in cases of emergency, please contact the Churchwarden in your parish or one of the Readers. Should these persons not be available, the Rural Dean, the Revd. Lawrence Pizzey, can be contacted on 01787 372611.

To the Box River Saints,

Bombs are exploding in places all over the world. Israel, Madrid, Iraq, Bali, London, Afghanistan, and Turkey to mention just a few, have all been targets for the terrorists and extremists. It seems that we are almost daily confronted with yet another assault on innocent lives in the name of religion or ideology. I often wonder what the aim of the terrorists is apart from generally spreading fear. I especially wonder when the two attacks on the London transport network and the recent airline plot were in the hands of people who were by birth British and have prospered and profited from our society. One does however have to concede that terrorism is effective even though its aims will never be met. Those killed in the world by terrorists each year is miniscule in comparison to those killed on the roads but we still drive. However, the affect for terrorism on general moral is massive. That of course is the main weapon of the terrorist. However, I cannot see, short of increased security, that terrorist actions will fundamentally change the way of life in the West. Nor will they change government policy with regard to the Middle East.

In those cases where bombings were carried out by Muslims, we cannot spread a blanket of blame on those who practice the faith of Islam. In every faith, including Christianity, there seems to be the extreme element who use that faith both as a reason and as a springboard for behaviour and acts, which are contrary to the tenets of their particular faith. David Koresh and his Branch Davidians, Jim Jones and The People's Temple are cases in point.

What should be our response to the terrorist threat? First of all the people of Britain have an indomitable spirit. If the might of the Third Reich couldn't intimidate the people of this land, nor will a few misguided terrorists. The last thing the terrorists want is for us to carry on as normal, so that is precisely what we should do. Secondly, one of the most wonderful things about this country are the freedoms we enjoy. We may associate as we please. We may travel as we please. We may worship or not as we please and we may worship in any faith we please. We must not relinquish our freedoms to those who would see us enslaved by their ideology.

It is important that we do not demonise those of the Muslim faith because the terrorists claim to be bombing in that name. Neither should we assume that all Muslims are terrorists even though we are now told that thousands are under surveillance by the police. To do either of these things would be to play into the hands of those who seek to polarise our society by terrorist acts and effectively raise up new recruits. Rather than associating those of the Muslim faith with terrorism we should be offering them Christian love and understanding knowing that they probably feel ashamed that those carrying out acts of terrorism do so in the name of their faith. We should assume the best of people rather than the worst.

Where is God in all this? Throughout history there have been dark times and by God's grace we have survived them. This is a difficult time in the history of the world and our country, which is not going to resolve itself any time soon. It is a time where we need to pray to God. We need to ask his help in resolving the issues, which lead to acts of terrorism and his compassion on those who fall victim to these senseless acts of violence. 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*

### JOINT MEETING OF THE BENEFICE PCCs - 1 OCTOBER 2006:

Please see General Church News.

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Lord Jesus, you show us what it means to live out the love of God. Fill our hearts with love for you and for our neighbours so that, through us, your kingdom may draw nearer to both us and those whom we serve.

Amen *Christopher Kingsbury*

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

will meet on Monday October 9th at 47 Swan Street at 8.00 p.m. Please join this hour of fellowship reflection on God's word. *Peter Holden*

### PRAYER GROUP:

The Prayer group meets in Mary's House the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month. Please do come and join this short time of fellowship, prayer and reflection for the needs of our church in this benefice and community. *CK*

### PETS SERVICE:

Sunday 15th October. This year our PETS SERVICE is at 11.00 a.m. Please bring your pets to this special service where we give thanks for our pets and that they too may receive a blessing. *CK*

### BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church news.

### YOUTH SERVICE:

Sunday 29th October at 11.00 a.m. This is a special service for teenagers as well as younger children. Adults are of course very welcome too! There will be plenty of MUSIC and enjoyable worship for everyone. *CK*

### SMILE LINES;

"I've just been to Naples to see Vesuvius and, would you believe it, the fools have let it go out" Spike Milligan



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**

*Vacant*

**Lay Elder:**

*Antony Dodd, Mill Green End; tel 210397*

### JOINT MEETING OF THE BENEFICE PCCs - 1 OCTOBER 2006:

Please see General Church News.

### PCC MEETING:

The next meeting of the PCC is Thursday 28th September, 7.30 p.m. in Mary's House.

### HARVEST AND MORDEN COLLEGE:

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on 8th October at 11.30 a.m. when we shall be joined once again by our friends from Morden College. *Antony Dodd*

### BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church news.

#### SIDESMAN & CLEANING ROTA:

- Oct 1:** United Benefice Service (New)/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;  
**Oct 8:** Mr Saddleton/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;  
**Oct 15:** Mr Currey/Mr & Mrs Dodd;  
**Oct 22:** Simon Boggis/Mr & Mrs Dodd;  
**Oct 29:** Visiting/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett.



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** *Barbara Riddleston:*  
*Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261*  
*Sue Edwards:*  
*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

#### JOINT MEETING OF BENEFICE PCCs:

**Sunday 1st October 2006**, after the Combined Benefice Service at Newton. See the general church news section for details. *David Lamming*

#### PCC MEETING:

The PCC meets on Tuesday 3rd October 2006 at 7.30 p.m. at Mary's House.

#### HARVEST SUPPER:

**Saturday, October 14th 7.30 p.m. WI Hall, Groton:**

As the farmers finish harvesting, so must we begin to think about the annual Harvest Supper. As usual, you are in for a culinary treat; as well as the "Pat-and-Gerald" bar, the Quiz (a new Quiz-master this year), and the raffle, there is a chance to socialise with your friends, and all for the sum of £7.50 per ticket. Tickets available from Pat Kennedy Scott (210319), Pat Bowdidge (211553) or any member of Groton PCC, with all proceeds going to St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton. (The church tower is currently being repaired under the scaffolding.)

Ticket numbers are limited, so don't delay, phone today!! *Pat Kennedy Scott*

#### FAIR TRADE STALL, November 2nd - 4th:

**9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. (12 noon Sat)**

Mary's House - 5 Swan Street. Keep the date - see you there! *Pauline Lamming*

#### BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church news.

#### ROTA

**October**

**November**

**Flowers:** Mrs Foster Mrs Kennedy Scott

**Cleaning:** Mrs Fearis/Mrs Foster Mrs Kennedy Scott

**Sidesman with Sacristan:** Mr & Mrs Smith Mr Lamming



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

#### JOINT MEETING OF THE BENEFICE PCCs - 1 OCTOBER 2006:

Please see General Church News.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL SUPPER:

Our Harvest Supper and Quiz will be held on Saturday, 7th October, in the Parish Room. Tickets £7 can be purchased from Sandra Harbord (01787) 247034. *Sandra Harbord*

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE:

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 8th October. All donations of produce will be gratefully received. *Sandra Harbord*

#### BOOK AND VIDEO LENDING SCHEME:

The next open morning for village residents will be in the church on Saturday 7th October from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. *Sandra Harbord*

#### BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church news.

#### ROTAS: SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

**Oct 1:** United Benefice Service (New)/Mrs Pell;

**Oct 8:** Mrs Rattee & Mrs Ridgeon/Mrs Storar;

**Oct 15:** Visiting/Mrs Clive;

**Oct 22:** Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/Mrs Grunsell;

**Oct 29:** Mr Squirrel/Mrs Harbord.



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

**Churchwardens:**

*Diana Stock: 12 Links View; tel 312828*

#### JOINT MEETING OF THE BENEFICE PCCs - 1 OCTOBER 2006:

Please see General Church News.

#### HARVEST SUPPER:

Our Harvest Supper will be on Friday, 6 October in the Village Hall, 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. Tickets £6.00. Please ring 312828 or 373383 to reserve places. *Diana Stock*

#### MORNING PRAYER, 15 OCTOBER:

On Sunday, 15 October we shall be welcoming Roy Tricker to conduct our Morning Prayer at 9.30 a.m.

Anyone wishing to join us for this service will be very welcome. *Diana Stock*

#### BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church news

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

#### JOINT MEETING OF THE BENEFICE PCCs - 1 OCTOBER 2006

There will be a joint meeting of the members of the Benefice PCCs on Sunday, 1st October to discuss the ministry and mission of the Benefice. It is hoped that all PCC members will attend this important meeting as it will provide an opportunity to influence the way the Benefice will operate

in the future. Non-members of a PCC are welcome to attend; please let a member of your PCC know that you are coming.

The format of the day will be as follows (times are approximate):

09.30 - 10.30	Combined Benefice Service at Newton
11.00	Coffee at venue
11.30	Opening address by the Archdeacon
12.00	General Discussion of Objectives
13.00	Lunch (as decided by individual PCCs)

Afternoon session led by Canon Jim Pendorf

13.45 - 14.30 Group discussions

14.30 - 15.30 Presentation of group views

15.30 onwards Summary and follow-up actions

Further details of discussion topics will be distributed to all PCC members. *David Matthews*

#### ORGANIST(S):

Help within the Box River Benefice is urgently required from organist(s) who could join a rota to play at one or more services each month in Edwardstone, Groton and Little Waldingfield.

Further details from Antony Dodd on 01787 210397.

#### THE BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:

Sunday October 8th The Club meets at 10.30 a.m. in the school hall, with the last ? hour in church.

Sunday October 15th is the Pets Service which is at 11.00 a.m.

New members are most welcome. *Janet Daniels*

#### MARY'S HOUSE, Swan Street, Boxford

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

**Please, NO LATER THAN 16th October.** Thank you.

Daphne Clark 210698.

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# LTL WALDINGFIELDS ALTERNATIVE HORTICULTURAL SHOW



Millie Scott receiving her prize from Tricia Eddington for the largest sunflower head.

## Little Waldingfield Parish Room

The Alternative Horticultural Show took place on 2nd September and was a great success. The results were:-

Tray Gardens - Ashok and India Jacobs - Highly Commended for their respective entries.

There were only out right winners in other categories.

Tallest Sun Flower - Tommy Scott

Biggest Sun Flower Head - Millie Scott

Longest Carrot - Sue Mitchell

Heaviest Marrow - Mel Morris

Biggest Onion - Phil Scott

Longest Runner Bean - Min Cooper

Rudest Veg - Phil Scott

Victoria Sandwich - Rita Baker

We were pleased that Trisha Eddington agreed to take on the onerous task of judging and for presenting the prizes. Thanks, too, to Ray Thompson who produced a weird vegetable and people had to guess what it was. It turned out to be a cucumber. This was not meant to be a profit-making event but we are grateful that this little competition and the sale of donated produce more than covered our costs.

Thanks again to all who helped to make this a fun day.

## UPBEAT HEART SUPPORT GROUP

Upbeat was started in 1995 by a group of local cardiac patients to provide support for those in the community who have had heart attacks, heart surgery or suffer from other heart related problems and is aimed at both the patient and their carer.

We now run weekly exercise sessions in Sudbury on a Tuesday morning at The Town Hall from 10am to 1pm and in Bury St Edmunds at the New Bury Community Centre on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10am and on a Friday evening at Hardwick Middle School from 7 pm. All our sessions are provided by fully qualified professional staff and cover various levels of ability. A cardiac nurse is also in attendance and is available to take blood pressure readings and to give advice and help on cardiac related matters. As a support group we are aware that not everybody is able to exercise and a popular feature of the Tuesday session is the availability to drop in for a coffee and the chance to meet old and new friends for a chat. It is not unusual for eighty or so members to attend at some point during the morning, some exercising and others socialising and taking advantage of the professional help available.

The group runs an active social calendar which include day trips, theatre visits, concerts, quiz nights, strawberry teas and barbecues plus four or eight day trips to the Continent. There is no membership fee to join Upbeat and anyone with a heart condition is welcome to pop in to the Town Hall any Tuesday morning to come and see what we do and how we can help. We can assure you of a warm welcome. If you would like to know please contact our Chairman Jill Brooks on 01787 376920 or the Secretary, Rita Howell on 01284 762976 or visit our web site [www.upbeatheartsupport.co.uk](http://www.upbeatheartsupport.co.uk).



## THE TOY BOX IN LAVENHAM

Joanne and Michael Perry are the proud new owners of The Toy Box in Lavenham. The Toy Box has been established for 20 years and specialises in a wide range of traditional toys, popular with children of all ages.

With Christmas only few months away, why not visit us for that something a little more special. We have wooden toys, puppets, rocking horses, push-a-longs, collectable tin toys, kites, fancy dress, ready filled stockings, wooden advent calendars and lots more besides.

If you are planning a party we now offer party bags with a choice of fillings, ready made for your convenience.

The Toy Box is located opposite the Swan Hotel on Water Street in the historic town of Lavenham and will be open 7 days a week. We look forward to seeing you and please, bring your children, they are the inspiration for our toys.



# Box River Sports

Got a sports story? Telephone: 01787 211507 or e-mail ed.kench@btinternet.com

## SAM TORRANCE WINS PGA SENIORS

Sam Torrance won the PGA Seniors 50th anniversary tournament at the Stoke By Nayland Golf Club.

The 36 hole Stoke by Nayland Club, was invited this year by the PGA to be the new host venue for its prestigious Seniors' Championship, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in August. The Club has successfully hosted the PGA Europro Tour event for the past 4 years and has won the praise from the PGA and Professionals from all over the world for the excellent quality of the courses, and facilities.

This £200,000 prize Seniors Championship, one of the flagship tournaments in the European Seniors Tour schedule, was the biggest ever golfing event to hit East Anglia and was held over the August Bank Holiday, attracting around 10,000 spectators over 4 days. The hour long TV programme covering the tournament was then televised on both Sky Sports TV and Channel 5 during September.

Ryder Cup hero and defending champion Sam Torrance once again carried the favourite's tag after a strong start to this year's European Seniors' Tour campaign which netted him two victories in the first three events in the Italian and Irish Opens. He went on to retain his title with an imperious six-under-par final round of 66, taking first place by 3 shots from Argentina's Luis Carbonetti, with Italy's Giuseppe Cali slipping back from the overnight lead to finish third. Other well known figures playing at Stoke were Tony Johnstone, John Bland (South Africa), Doug Johnson (USA), Jose Rivero, (Spain) and Carl Mason.

PGA Chief Executive Sandy Jones said: "The PGA is delighted to have welcomed Stoke by Nayland as the host venue for our special 50th anniversary year. This event has a wealth of tradition and the list of winners reads like a who's who of golf. course has provided an excellent challenge to the Seniors and, as for previous events here, the warm welcome, cuisine, service and facilities extended to all have been nothing other than first class".

Steve Cox, the PGA Director of Tournaments added, "I have had numerous comments from the professionals throughout the Championship that the course at Stoke by Nayland contains some of the best golf holes they have played all season. It was however the greens that took centre stage, and many of the players stated that they were amongst the finest they have putted on this year and they would be very keen to return to this venue for future events."

Stoke by Nayland Managing Director Susanna Rendall said, "We were very honoured that the PGA chose to stage this landmark event at the Club. It was very exciting to watch such world-class professionals play the course, and our members and staff alike were 100% committed to making it a great success." The Championship was played over the 7,000 yard Gainsborough Course, which has had some very challenging Tiger Tees added to it during the past 2 years.



Sam Torrance holds the cup at the Seniors Championship, with Stoke by Nayland Club family directors (left to right) Susanna Rendall, Carmella Meyer and Tamara Unwin.

## CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR FOR BOXFORD BOWLERS



### BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB:

Boxford and District Bowls Club have had a very successful outdoor bowling season.

We narrowly won the Durham Trophy against Cornard Bowls Club by 1 shot and will go forward next year into the Southern Area Federation County Knockout.

The Club also won the English Bowling Federation (EBF) League and were runners up in the English Bowling Association (EBA) League.

Monica Snook, Malcolm Grimwood and Ian Leeder won the Sudbury Triples League Open Triples, and Malcolm Grimwood with Ian Leeder won the Sudbury Triples League Open Pairs.

Results of Club Finals held on Sunday 17 September:

Club Singles: George Bullett beat Malcolm Grimwood.

Gents EBA Singles: Malcolm Grimwood Beat Lea Blackham.

Ladies EBA Singles: Monica Snook beat Christa Hills.

Gents EBF Singles: Gordon Williams beat George Bullett.

Ladies EBF Singles: Monica Snook beat Christa Hills.

President's Cup: Roger Bawden beat Peter Windmill.

Over 60s' Singles: George Bullett beat John Elliott.

Handicap Singles: Reg Alderton beat Bill Dodd.

Gents Pairs: Andy Barnes/Malcolm Jones beat Peter Windmill/Ian Leeder.

Mixed Pairs: Malcolm Jones/Monica Snook beat George Bullett/Margaret Adams. *Les Clark*



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# Wot's On

## Boxford Digital Cinema

**Walk With Lions. Boxford Village Hall 21st October at 7.00pm  
Coffee at 7.00pm and demo of equipment, film at 8.00pm**

The story of George Adamson, whose work helped inspire the book and subsequent film Born Free, is continued in the fact-based drama To Walk With Lions. In Kenya in the late 1980's, Tony Fitzjohn (John Michie) is a young man from London who has a job as a driver with a safari guide company. However, Tony's commitment is less to exploring the wilds than in picking up women (especially wealthy tourists), so when he's fired, Tony just wants to get another job fast to get airfare home. The first position he finds is assisting George Adamson (Richard Harris), who with his bother Terence (Ian Bannen) helps "rehabilitate" lions from zoos and returns them to the wild. George is more devoted to his animals than to most people, but a bond of respect and understanding develops between George and Tony, and Tony develops a similar rapport with the lions. Tony also develops a different sort of attachment to Lucy (Kerry Fox), a British anthropologist studying indigenous tribes in Kenya. However, the tone shifts when George's ex-wife, Joy (Honor Blackman) arrives for a visit. George and Joy did not separate on cordial terms, and their meeting is brief and contentious (while Joy made a tidy sum from the book Born Free, George never received any of the money for his continuing work with the lions). Shortly after her departure, Joy is killed by one of her servants. While To Walk With Lions is in several respects critical of the wildlife policies of the Kenyan government, the film was financed in part by Kenyans and was filmed in Kenya with the support and cooperation of state authorities.

**Tickets at the door £3.00**

## Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting at the Boxford Village Hall at 2.30pm

October meetings:

9th Win a bake

23rd Punch and Judy man - Peter Batty

October the 3rd, Coach outing to Granary Craft

Leaving from the Fleece at 1.30pm. Non members welcome to join us.

Members £3.50 Non members £6.50

Contacts - Barbara 210936 Maisie 210045 Shirley 210045 (Secretary)

## DRUM, DANCE & KORA WEEK-END

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**Saturday**

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**Sunday**

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Djembe/Intermediate 2.30-4.30pm

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## The Boxford Art Group

The Boxford Art Group will be meeting monthly in future on the first Thursday in every month starting on the 5th October. Meetings take place in the function room of The Fleece at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

## Art Exhibition

**The Boxford Art Group**

This years Art Exhibition will be held in the function room of The Boxford Fleece on the 18th and 19th November

Check out the details in the November issue of Box River News

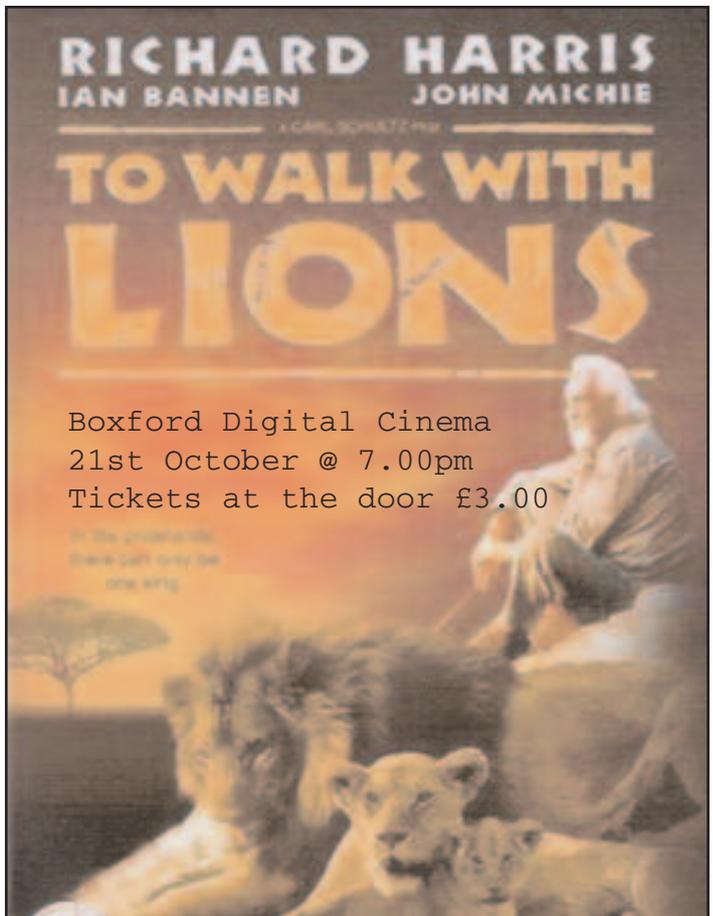
## Fair Trade Stall

**November 2nd - 4th**

9.00pm - 4.00pm (12noon Saturday)

Mary's House - 5 Swan Street

Keep the date - see you there!



Boxford Digital Cinema  
21st October @ 7.00pm  
Tickets at the door £3.00

## The Boxford Literature Group

The group meets on Monday evenings at The Fleece, Boxford, at 7.30 - 9.30 pm. This autumn we have an interesting ten week course, starting on October 9th on The Post Colonial Novel. Discover the diversity of voices and cultural traditions - Caribbean, African and Indian - which inform this diverse body of fiction.

Tutor:- Dr Anna Clarke.

Details and reading list from:- Mrs Etain Todds, Moat Farm Cottage, Edwardstone, CO10 5PY. Tel: 01787 210344

**The History of Bury St Edmunds From 1539**  
A 10 week local history course - at Boxford School  
Beginning:- Tuesday October 3rd 2006. Fee: £40.00 per term

This course traces the development of Bury following the closure of the Abbey in 1539 to the late 19th century. The subjects to be covered include - The grant of Borough status in 1606 by James I; the civil war; religious changes; charity & the care of the poor; grammar, private and charity schools; Bury as a social centre for the local nobility & gentry; the role of the Theatre Assembly Rooms (Athenaeum) & the Angel; the impact of the canal and railway on trade and industry. **Three field trips to Bury will be arranged.**

**Clive Paine**

## Boxford Study Centre

**Contacts:**

**01206 337334 or 01787 210837**

## Box River Soap Box

October. Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. Well, that's enough of the positive take on the onset of autumn. October, for me, brings back too many memories of difficult times. Business difficulties, you understand not personal ones. It was in October that the great Wall Street crash of 1929 took place. True, I wasn't around to witness the financial carnage that took place, but these events are writ large in the folklore of the City.

And it was in October that the Yom Kippur war of 1973 triggered the most severe bear market that I have ever experienced. Call the crash of 1987 a disaster? It was but a blip compared with that bloodbath that celebrated the coming together of a Middle East conflict, a miner's strike, the so-called secondary banking crisis, the three day week (remember that?), punitive taxation on profits from land development and political uncertainty on a grand scale. And it took place in October.

In 1987 we in the investment business felt the world, as we knew it, was coming to an end. Black Monday, as October 19th became known, saw a quarter of the value of shares in the London market wiped out in a single day's trading. Little wonder that those with cash to invest defaulted to residential property – just in time for a fall in house prices. If you are one of the great majority of the population of this country who believe the value of our homes can only rise, you would do well to reflect on what happened less than a generation ago.

Of course, the circumstances that saw as much as a third of the value of residential property evaporate in the early 1990s were exceptional. Monetary policy had been eased (which means interest rates had been cut) as a consequence of the fall in share values which the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, believed could have signaled an economic slowdown. The availability of cheap money helped fuel a house price boom as couples attempted to take out mortgages ahead of the ending of joint tax relief on the interest charged. When interest rates subsequently rose, many people found themselves in financial difficulties.

Today we do not have tax relief on mortgage interest and interest rates, while rising, are still at historically low levels. House prices, which have remained remarkably buoyant, have not experienced the runaway growth that characterized the end of the 1980s. Yet a survey last month by the Citizen's Advice Bureau pointed to a growing debt problem as people endeavoured to clamber onto the housing ladder and saddled themselves with unsustainable interest payments as a consequence.

Discussing the affordability of houses in a pub recently (this is where the majority of Soap Box topics are first aired), the view was expressed by a fellow drinker that part of the problem lay in the popularity of so-called "buy-to-let". Certainly, dinner party conversations in Middle England are often enlivened by those who wish to share with others how much money they have made out of rental property. Indeed, the bear market in shares that ushered in the new millennium gave a further boost to the popularity of this particular asset class.

Personally I've never embraced the buy-to-let mentality. Too much potential hassle in my view, although I accept circumstances might arise where I would consider buying a property to rent out. Some years ago just such a situation arose. The house next door came on the market and, having some spare cash, I was sorely tempted. My wife talked me out of it and now, two owners later, it is back on the market for more than double what I could have bought it for 6 years ago.

And if you want to hear the really bad news, the money I had surplus to requirements went into the stock market - just in time for share prices to fall. I even remember one of the shares I bought. Marconi. Oh, how we laughed.

*Brian Tora is Chairman of the Little Waldingfield Parish Council and will be retiring from the City at the end of this month, although he will continue to contribute articles to a variety of journals.*

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<b>Christopher Philbedge</b>		

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Box	1830	Evensong	

<b>Wednesday 4 October</b>			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

<b>Sunday 8 October, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
Box	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Morning Prayer	Christopher Kingsbury
LtW	1100	Harvest Festival	Graham Brook
Edw	<u>1130</u>	Harvest Matins	The Revd. David Matthews
		Morden College visiting	& The Revd. Rob Nurton
Gro	1830	Harvest Festival	The Revd. David Matthews

<b>Wednesday 11 October</b>			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers

<b>Sunday 15 October, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	0930	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Morning Prayer	Roy Tricker
Box	1100	Pets Service	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW		<i>Visiting</i>	

<b>Wednesday 18 October</b>			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
LtW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord

<b>Sunday 22 October, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	0930	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Family Communion with Baptism	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	1100	Family Service	Graham Brook
New		<i>Visiting</i>	

<b>Wednesday 25 October</b>			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews

<b>Sunday 29 October, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Hymns & Readings	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Youth Service	TBA
Gro	1100	Family Service	Graham Brook
Edw		<i>Visiting</i>	

### November 2006

<b>Sunday 5 November, All Saints Day</b>			
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# GARDENING IN OCTOBER *Harry Buckledee*

October is the best month to plant hardy herbaceous perennials, the soil is still warm and not too wet and plants make new roots quickly. Do not unwrap bare root plants until you are ready for planting, roots dry out quickly if exposed to sunshine even for a short period. Use a trowel and insert the plants upright and ensure the soil is packed well around the roots and firmed in, either with the fingers or the heel if the soil is not too wet. Make sure the plant is no deeper than the previous planting depth which is indicated by a change of colour on the stem. Where the plant does not have a stem and consists of roots and dormant buds as a general rule plant no more than an inch below the surface. It is important to mark the planting positions as some plants show no signs of growth until well in to the spring. Divide old clumps of perennials and replant vigorous outer shoots discarding the old centre portions.

Now is the time to sow sweet pea seeds to raise plants for growing as cordons next year. This is the way to grow large blooms on long stems like the ones you see at shows and florist shops. Use a soil based rather than a peat based compost, John Innes seed compost is fine, but good results can be got from using ordinary garden soil with 20% sharp sand added. Sow six or eight seeds in five inch pots and water moderately. After germination water only when absolutely necessary. Winter in a cold frame taking steps to prevent damage by mice and slugs. Sweet peas need to be grown hardy so ventilate well in fine frost free weather. Leave the cover on when heavy rain is imminent to prevent them being over watered which will cause them to rot. If in spite of being given extra protection in severe weather the plants should get frozen, leave the cover on until the plants have thawed out naturally, a sudden thawing out can cause more harm than the actual frost.

It is not safe to leave gladioli corms in the ground during winter. They should be lifted before the first hard frosts. The best time is about the middle of the month before the ground gets too wet. Lift

the corms with a fork, taking care not to damage them, remove any soil that is sticking to them and cut off all but one inch of the main stem. When the corms are thoroughly dry, store them in shallow trays in a dry frost proof place which is not too warm. Too dry and too warm atmosphere will cause them to shrivel.

Plant a few onion sets to overwinter and give bulbs for lifting latter part of June next year. The Japanese varieties have proved reliable over several years but they are not long keepers. A variety which has done well for me, Jet Set, an F1 hybrid with a heavy yield of globe shaped bulbs with good keeping qualities. Although not sold as autumn set it came through last winter and produced onions bigger than tennis balls by the last week in June. Make the main planting of spring cabbage and remove the lower dead leaves from brussel sprouts stems.

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# Boxford Sunflower Playgroup

We have started back with a very busy term as we welcome new families to the playgroup and are enjoying the warmer weather once again.

We have had to say a very sad goodbye to a long standing member of staff Sharon Muttock, we would like to thank her for everything she has done for the playgroup over the past five years, being financial officer and deputy supervisor, we will miss her but wish her and her family well in their new lives in Dorset.

We will be having an open afternoon on Monday 2nd October 1.30 – 3.30pm if you would like to see what we do and what we would be able to offer you and your children.

The playgroup was established in 1973 and has offered good quality childcare since, we have long standing members of staff who have been with the playgroup for 7 years plus, so being able to offer continuity and care that we find that parents value. The playgroup offers an extremely high ratio of qualified staff, and has been praised by outside agencies for the staff's dedication to the playgroup and the development of early years children.

The playgroup is Ofsted Inspected and part of the Early years education plan so are registered for educational funding for children from the term after they are 3 years of age.

We were very pleased with our last Inspection in April 2004, which was very good, with Ofsted saying that the attractive environment is well maintained and the organisation of the good quality resources provides an effective learning environment for young children.

All staff of the playgroup attend regular courses to ensure that they are informed of all aspects of childcare, this term we have staff attending special educational needs and first aid, All of our staff also attend the Ofsted required courses not just an allocated member.

The welcoming atmosphere of the playgroup is enhanced by the quiet playing fields that the pavilion overlooks, we have sole use of the pavilion during playgroup hours and appreciate the support that we are given by the Playing fields management committee.

We have good links with the local primary schools and offer our support to them at fundraising events.

For further information on a wonderful village playgroup in an ideal setting please contact us on 01787 211363 during playgroup hours or Moira Grant on 01787 211513 outside of these hours or visit our web site [www.boxford-sunflower.co.uk](http://www.boxford-sunflower.co.uk)



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## Open Afternoon

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# Wot's On

## Boxford Firework Spectacular

Saturday 4th. November 2006 7.30pm

Once again this year we will be holding a Firework Spectacular on the playing field and will endeavour to start the display at 7.30 pm.

There will be a torchlight procession from the village centre starting just after 6.30pm (after the buses go through) which will arrive on the playing field by approx. 6.50pm. There will be a Bar-B-Q, tea and cake stall, sparklers and light rope stall, kiddies roundabout and swings, candy floss stall and a beer tent plus any other stalls we can get to participate. If anybody is interested in setting up and running a stall then please let us know.

We have a few novelties left over from last year and we will be giving those out free of charge on the sparkler stall.

Please come and support us, this event takes a lot of organising over several weeks starting this month. The display is designed and built by the Community Council team and many many hours are given up to try and make it the 'Best one Yet'. The weather always has a part to play but having committed to a certain date we have to make the best of it.

Escalating costs and increased insurance have forced us reluctantly to increase our tickets prices by 50p across the board. Tickets purchased in advance from Boxford News or members of the Community Council will be £5.00 adult and £2.50 children increasing to £6.00 adult and £3.50 at the gate.

We are always looking for help with this event, be it in the weeks before, on the set up days or after the event. If you feel you would like to help then please contact myself on 210819 or any one of the Community Council.

Peter Hibben – Vice Chairman Boxford Community Council

## Gt Waldingfield WI

At our September meeting our speaker Miss Brenda Earl, a trained nurse, gave us an insight into her work with the Congo Baptist Missionary Society. She worked for 24 years in adverse conditions, travelling through jungles, dirt tracks, assisting doctors with very little medical supplies at a Hospital Training School, where some of the

patients had travelled 100 miles for treatment.

Her home was a mud brick house with a tin roof, eating the food the Africans provided, sometimes a delicacy like 'Baked Caterpillars'. Whilst working there she suffered many illnesses - we all had to admire her faith and work commitment.

It was a most interesting talk making us appreciate our food, and although we often complain our medical facilities.

Our next meeting will be on October 4th at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall, our speaker will be Jonathan Lambert a Sudbury Jeweller. Everyone welcome *Maisie Root (Sec)*

## BOXFORD W.I.

The September meeting took place on a beautiful sunny day.

Some members arrived early to get the village hall ready, and a lovely welcoming hall was awaiting the few latecomer's. The notices were read out, there seem to more every month!

Many interesting events are on offer to members from a visit to the waste recycling facility to a games evening, as well as the more traditional craft and social events.

Our speaker this month was Mr Martin Douglas, who took a walk around Boxford before speaking to us, and illustrated his talk with freshly picked examples of the varied plants to be found in our hedgerows. He gave a fascinating talk on the work of Wildlife Trust in the Sudbury area and we all learned something new, such as the river Stour having a healthy otter population and the destruction the local water vole population caused by thriving colonies of wild mink, liberated from mink farms in the 1970's and 1980's.

Our display of pictures of wildlife included some beautiful photographs of animals and insects.

The meeting concluded with a bouquet of flowers being presented to our secretary in celebration of her forthcoming wedding, and we all wish her and her future husband and long happy life together.

Next months meeting is on Wednesday 4th of October when our speaker will be Mr Martin Douglas from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

The Boxford W.I. meets on the first Wednesday of each month, 2 pm to 4 m 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



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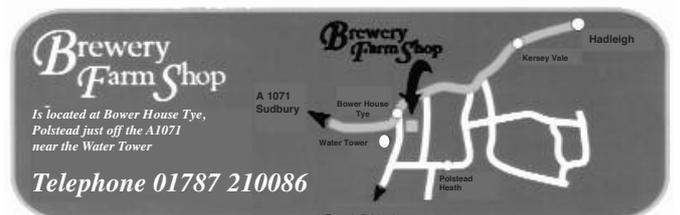
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**Sun 17th Dec** Sudbury Choral Society's "Christmas Experience" (2.45pm)

**Mon 1st Jan 07** Sudbury Choral Society presents "Messiah"-for New Year's Day.

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## The 2006 Art Exhibition

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Two years ago, in September 2004, Adam & Anna Dixon-Smith organised and ran the inaugural Art Exhibition at Dove Barn near Sudbury raising £8000.00 for Barnardo's.

Next month sees a repeat performance. The exhibition will be open to



the public 10.30am to 4pm, from Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 8th October (except Wednesdays and Sunday 1st October). Admission is £2.00 per adult.

Exhibition curator, Anna Dixon-Smith said 'People kept asking us when we would do another show so last November we decided on this

September. The format remains similar, over 30 contemporary artists from all over the UK exhibiting almost 300 artworks. The range of work is amazing and with prices from £150 to a few thousand pounds I think there really is something for everyone. We have extended the exhibition opening for an extra week so really hope to draw in more people than two years ago.'

Among the 35 artists exhibiting are the sculptor Luke Dickenson and artists Sabrina Rowan-Hamilton, Jeremy Fraser, Emma McClure, Jenny Thompson, Dale Devereux Barker, Robin Warnes and Lillias August to name just a few. Dove Barn is situated just 2.5 miles off the A1071 near Boxford. For more information: please contact Adam or Anna on: Telephone: 01787 210007 Email: adam@dovebarn.com www.dovebarn.com

## HARVEST SUPPER

**Saturday, October 14th 7.30pm WI Hall, Groton**

As the farmers finish harvesting, so must we begin to think about the annual Harvest Supper:--- as usual, you are in for a culinary treat; and as well as the "Pat-and-Gerald" bar, the Quiz [a new Quiz-master this year], and the raffle, there is a chance to socialise with your friends, and all for the sum of £7.50 per ticket, available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC, with all proceeds going to St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton. [The church tower is currently being repaired under the scaffolding.] Ticket numbers are limited, so don't delay, phone today!!

*Pat Kennedy Scot*

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# Wot's On

## Gainsborough's Dogs

Exhibition at Gainsborough's House, Sudbury, Suffolk  
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Gainsborough's House in Sudbury, Suffolk, the birthplace of Thomas Gainsborough (1727-1788), is mounting a stunning and ground-breaking Gainsborough exhibition to celebrate the re-launch of the Museum, following its major renovation project.

The theme of Gainsborough's Dogs is one that has never been explored before and brings together, for the first time, an outstanding group of twenty-six paintings, drawings and prints by Gainsborough, many of which have rarely, if ever, been shown in public before.

The aim of the exhibition is to demonstrate as fully as possible the range and scope of Gainsborough's images of dogs and his exceptional ability in capturing their appearance and individual characteristics.

The lenders to the exhibition include the National Gallery, British Museum, Tate, as well as regional museums and several private collectors in the UK. The display will include some magnificent portraits of individual dogs, as well as those incorporated into landscape compositions or in portraits of human sitters.

Amongst the most important loans to the exhibition are Pomeranian Bitch and Puppy (Tate), Tristram and Fox (Tate), Bumper (Private Collection) Portrait of Thomas Coke, 1st Earl of Leicester (Private Collection) and Self-portrait with Wife and Daughter (National Gallery). The exhibition is curated by the Director of Gainsborough's House, Diane Perkins.

## Little Waldingfield Parish Room. BAD COMPANIONS

The Bad Companions will be entertaining you, again, in their own special way, in the Little Waldingfield Parish Room. Full details will be published in the next issue of BRN. Meanwhile, note there will be four performances on 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th December.



## 2007 Centenary of Scouting

### Have you been involved in the Scout or Guide Associations in the last 100 years?

As a Scout, Guide, Member of a committee, Leader, Helper or Parent?

If you have, we would like to hear from you because 2007 is the Centenary of Scouting.

To start the centenary year off we would like to put together a display of Guide and Scouting memorabilia; artefacts, memories, photographs, anything you may have to help us show the Scout and Guide movements' activities in the last 100 years.

All items donated for the display will be shown at a combined Scout and Guide week-end camp in Boxford Spinney on the week-end of 12th and 13th May 2007, to which everybody is invited.

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## Readers Letters

*Sir,*

Anthony Clement is not correct in saying there is never an account of the meetings of his own Parish Council published in the Box River News. In the January 2006 edition of this esteemed publication he will find a report on the 360th Parish Council Meeting which he must remember existed as he kindly told me that an irascible gentleman in the neighbourhood had expressed the view that the minutes had been written by an illiterate!

The council chairman had advised me to keep my account of the minutes concise and on re-reading the offending copy, I could not bring myself to agree with this harsh criticism. I have no delusions that an expanded version of the council's activities will bring my endeavours to the attention of the Nobel Prize Committee and I have now recovered from the demoralising condemnation of my literary work and bravely decided to continue submitting abbreviated reports to Mr. Kench, who I might add is most certainly not guilty of editorial censorship.

Finally I will admit that I am entirely to blame for the omissions of the council's proceedings and as Oscar Wilde said, I have absolutely no excuse so I am sure that Dr. Clement will forgive me.

*David Tolhurst*

Humbled Parish Clerk of Edwardstone

*Sir,*

After 33 yrs in Edwardstone the time has come for me to move on. It has been a wonderful place to live and bring up my family. I was very much a part of village life, having worked with Eileen hairdressing, before moving on to Boxford surgery. I will miss my many friends and acquaintances and I would like to take this opportunity to say thankyou to everyone for their support following John's death.

My new home will be in Barnes where I will be closer to my family.

*Joyce McDermott*

*Dear Friends*

I came home on Monday 12th and would like, on behalf of Betty and myself, to thank you all so much for all your thoughts and prayers for the wonderful way you have all supported me during my recent stay in hospital. I really have felt given new hope by the constant flow of messages Betty has brought to me each day.

I know I have quite a long way to go before I am fully fit again but I am determined, with everyone's help, to get myself fully well again.

Thank you all so much from us both

*Neil (Rattee)*

Ltl Waldingfield

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Sat 11 Nov. Rougham Lawneys Barn

Sat 9 Dec. Polstead Village Hall

Fri 23 March 2007 Quay Theatre, Sudbury

The Bumpstead Boys reunite for Jack on Saturday 2 December

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Sizes and prices (the same as last year) are as follows:

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# Boxford School News

Well here we go again. It doesn't seem five minutes since we broke up for the summer holidays. This year is going to be a very busy one for us all as we wrestle with a whole raft of new Government initiatives, which seem to be coming at us at an ever faster rate!

The end of last term was very enjoyable but tinged with a little sadness as we said goodbye to several of our long-standing families whose youngest children were transferring to the next stages of their education. The many events that we held went very well and were a credit to all those children and staff who took part. I would like to express my thanks to all those people who sent in gifts and letters of thanks, they were very much appreciated.

This term promises to be another busy one as we move towards, dare I say it, Christmas. If you would like to keep up to date with everything that is happening in school you can view our website ([www.boxford.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.boxford.suffolk.sch.uk)). Please mark this site amongst your favourites as it contains many interesting articles, links and important weekly information such as forthcoming events.

Our first event is our Harvest Festival and as I walk around school preparations are already underway. This will take place in St Mary's Church on Friday 22nd September at 9.30 a.m. and all children, including Nursery, will be taking part. The children will be invited to bring in their harvest gifts, which will be displayed in the church over the following weekend and distributed between the St Helena Hospice in Colchester and local elderly residents during the following week. Please take a few moments to pop into the church and enjoy the display. The distribution of the food parcels would normally be carried out by our older children but due to the new seat belt laws we will not be able to take children in our own cars. Therefore, the children will distribute the parcels around Boxford and adults will deliver to the villages.

As you will be aware there has been much in the press over the last few years about re-cycling and we have decided to support a scheme that recycles unwanted clothes, shoes and linen. Later on this term I will be asking our children to collect any unwanted items and send them into school for collection on the 1st November. All textiles collected will be weighed and we will receive a cash payment for school funds. I will write nearer the time with full details. If you have any unwanted items you would like to dispose of you would be most welcome to drop them into school on the morning of the 1st November.

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in the sports barn on

**SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 9 AM-1 PM &  
SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 9 AM-12 NOON**

no appointments necessary

The Community minibus will be collecting people every half hour (starting 8.30am) from Magdalen Road (bus stop) up to the High School.

We are also holding a flu session at

**BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL ON  
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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

#### SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thankyou to all those who helped wrap the shoeboxes at Mary's house last month.

They are now all ready and waiting to be filled on Wed. 18th October from 2.00pm. onwards.

Please come along with toys, games, sweets, pens and crayons, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap etc., in fact, anything which you think will fit into an average-size shoebox.

For those who wish to do their own boxes they can be left at Mary's house, or Ann and Jennie will arrange to collect them if you wish. These should be ready at the end of Oct./beginning of Nov. if possible.

We hope to give a lot of children a lovely surprise at Christmas by giving them a shoebox

filled with goodies and sent by someone who cares. Thankyou.

Any further information from: Ann Porter 210581 or Jennie Lindsley 210520

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# Parish Council Matters

## Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes for Edwardstone Parish Council Meeting

Monday 21 August 2006 at 7pm

Edwardstone Parish Hall.

**Attendance:** John Paul (Chairman), Sharron Silverthorn (Vice Chairman), Mathew Glasson, Jim Powell, Ted Rides, Bryn Hurren (District Councillor).

**Apologies:** Paul Clarke, Jim Rodger-Brown, David Tolhurst (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** Charlie Boggis, Simon Boggis, Daphne Clarke, Les Clarke, Terry Crossley, Mr & Mrs M. Dye, Shirley Flack, John Norton, Mr & Mrs O'Riordan, Nick Raymond, Karen Tew, Michael Tew

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

These were read by the Chairman, agreed by the Councillors and signed.

**Matters Arising:** None.

**Chairman's Report:** There was nothing to report.

**Police Report:** There was no report.

**District Councillor's Report:** Digital Cinema: "Walk the Line" is showing on Saturday 21 October 2006. Admission is £3.00. Homefield, Boxford: The scheme to provide eight flats for single occupancy or for couples with no children was passed unanimously at Babergh's Planning Committee. The District Councillor hopes that the scheme will be well received by local residents. Anti-litter Campaign: Illegal roadside advertising is currently being targeted. The District Councillor emphasised that while you can put signs up to advertise events please remember to take them down afterwards. Budget for next Financial Year: The aim is to set a budget which does not rise above inflation.

**Questions from the Public with regards to Housing in Boxford, Is there a limit to the number of houses that can be approved for building?**

The criteria for approving building projects is based on need. At present there is no demand for housing in Edwardstone but the demand greatly exceeds supply in Boxford. *How do young people get on the housing ladder if all new developments are rental only?* If there is a need for shared equity housing then it will be provided; no development will be sold off 100% privately. At present there is only demand is for rented accommodation.

**1. Planning Issues:**

**1.1. Garage Conversion at Mill Green House, Edwardstone.** The planned conversion is a replacement of the existing building. There were no objections.

**1.2. Wind Turbine at White Horse Inn, Edwardstone.** Site Meeting at White Horse, 24 July 2006 Attended by: John Paul, Sharron Silverthorn, Jim Rodger-Brown, Ted Rides. In Attendance: Daphne Clarke, Terry Crossley and John Norton.

The Parish Council reviewed the site for the proposed Wind Turbine. Based upon the potential noise and the adverse visual impact the Parish Council recommended refusal of the planning application. A response from Babergh planning committee is expected in 2-3 weeks.

**1.2.2. Presentation from John Norton, owner of White Horse Inn.** The Chairman invited John Norton to give a short presentation about the wind turbine. He reminded parishioners that judgement is made on planning grounds only.

John Norton (JN) stated that the proposal is for a 15m wind turbine. There are a variety of options for the colour of the wind turbine. His main reasoning for the turbine is to reduce the carbon footprint of the White Horse Inn and planned microbrewery on the site, and grants now make such an option for energy economically viable. Noise from the wind turbine will be minimal. It has been described as no louder than a passing car or the wind blowing through the trees. JN has investigated other means of sustainable energy supply but none seem to be as cost effective as a wind turbine.

JN said he is happy to provide further information on the proposal, if required.

**1.2.3. Questions from the public:** *Would a shorter tower be considered?* Yes, a 9m tower would be viable. Bryn Hurren advised that a new planning application may be required for a 9m tower. *How does it compare to the wind turbine at Hadleigh?* Visually, it is similar. *Would the turbine be screened by trees?* Probably not. *Have Solar Panels/Photo Voltaics been considered as an alternative?* Yes, but they are not as efficient as a wind turbine. *Has JN considered his own property as a site for the wind turbine?* Yes, but the cost of moving the energy to the microbrewery is not cost-effective. *Why build a microbrewery if this will only increase your carbon footprint/ Would it not be more efficient*

*(economies of scale) to let Greene King do the brewing? Can the wind turbine supply enough energy to power the pub and the microbrewery?* JN is unsure of the demand of the buildings but would be hoping to put some energy back into the National Grid. *Is the continuance of the pub reliant on the wind turbine?* No, the primary concern is the carbon footprint. *The noise levels seem quite high given that it will be a constant and the relative silence in the village.* JN stated that the Hadleigh wind turbine has only received one complaint post-erection.

**Statement from District Councillor.** Bryn Hurren gave a statement from Babergh that the scheme would be judged on its viability and social impact. Please forward any comments to Bryn Hurren.

**Conversion of Garage into Disabled Accommodation at Hathaway Cottage, Round Maple, Edwardstone**

This matter has been approved.

**Other Council Matters**

**Grants:** To minimise the number of cheques that have to be signed the Chairman will now send only one cheque per annum, rather than two.

**Boxford Playground Committee:** A letter had been received requesting financial support to help raise £66,000 for their playground project. The playground committee is a sub-committee of the Boxford Playingfield Committee. Councillors already give the Playingfield Committee an annual donation of £250, they decided not to make further donations until they have received further information as to the distinction between the two committees.

**Boxford Community Council:** A letter had been received stating that they were now one member short and have no representation from Edwardstone. The member does not need to be a Councillor but should be able to report back to the Parish Council. Simon Boggis agreed to join Boxford Community Council.

**Street Lamp at Mill Green:** The previous contractors for maintaining the light had informed the Parish Council of an increase in their rates which are 500% higher than their old rates. Another contractor had written to express interest in providing the service but because there are lots of additional costs on top of the fixed fee, they do not appear to be cost effective.

Action: The Parish Clerk is to contact local electricians to see if they can provide an affordable service.

**Publishing Minutes of Parish Council Meetings:** Daphne Clarke requested that a synopsis of the meetings be published in the Box River News. She volunteered that if the Parish Clerk provides her with the minutes she can pass them on for publication.

Action: The Parish Clerk to send Daphne Clarke (daphne.clark@bopenworld.com) a copy of the minutes of this meeting.

**Elections in 2007:** The Chair requested that anyone interested in standing for election as a Parish Councillor next year please let him know.

**Next Meeting:** Precept Meeting, 3rd November 2006. 7pm Edwardstone Parish Hall.

Meeting Closed at 20:31.

## Lt Waldingfield Parish Council

The Council met on 22nd August.

5 councillors and one villager attended.

**Police Matters.** Again no officer attended but they did confirm they were monitoring the parking in The Street.

**The Minutes** were approved and signed.

There were no **Matters arising.**

**Planning matters.** Another application has been made for a large swimming pool at Park Farm. A site meeting, by District Councillors, has taken place.

**Footpaths.** Funding from Suffolk CC for their maintenance was discussed as was the problem with the Churchyard grass. Quotes are being sort form contractors. Chris Bowden was thank for his efforts. Chruyard wall. Restoration of the rear was is now complete and it looks excellent. The next phase is to tackle the wall adjoining Robin's Cottage.

**The next meeting** is on 28th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

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