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THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN IN EDWARDSTON



Above: The Three Nicks (Cox, Raymond and Tribe), Bill Dastur, Stephen Hawke and – too eager to get working to waste time on a photo-shoot! – Richard Sunderland and Robin Dastur.

YES, THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN!!

Hell's Kitchen? Not quite! The Naked Chef(s)? Maybe next year!? We like to think of it as more like Masterchef!

Following the runaway success of their hand-prepared Christmas puddings at last year's Edwardstone Christmas Fair, the men of the parish have responded to demand and have once again donned their aprons, wielded their woodens spoons, sharpened their knives and got mixing. Hours of culinary dedication at a secret local location have resulted in another batch of these premium puddings.

Mixed to a secret traditional recipe handed down over generations, the puddings sold out last year within hours of going on sale. Their popularity was reflected in widespread local media attention including features in the East Anglian Daily Times and even a guest appearance on BBC Radio Suffolk's Breakfast show.

Many of the ingredients are supplied by local retailers and special thanks must go to Gerald Rice as well as to the Sudbury branches of Waitrose and Tesco.

In spite of rising costs, we have held our prices for another year - and the taste is worth every penny: these puddings are moist and fruit-packed. To satisfy the extraordinary levels of interest, an extra quantity has been made this year but to be sure of getting your hands on the region's most prized pudding, we advise ordering early. A festive treat for the family, the Edwardstone Christmas pudding also makes a welcome present. To pre-order yours, contact Sally Hoskyns on 01787 211266 and you can collect it at the Fair.



FUNDRAISING FOR THE SWIMMING POOL AT BOXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

This year Boxford School is hoping to raise much needed funds (£2000) at the Christmas Fair for the refurbishment of their ageing pool house. The pool house needs replacing and this must be done within the next two years at a cost of £20,000.

If the appeal fund is successful, Boxford School hopes to introduce after-school swimming lessons in addition to the current classtime lessons.

The Fair takes place at Boxford School on Saturday, 25th November, 11am – 3pm and this year, for the first time, there will be craftware available in the Church.

If anyone is interested in selling their wears in the Church, please contact 01206 265987 - the charge for a stall is £10 and all proceeds will go to the Boxford School Swimming Pool Fund (registered charity no. 1037332).



Whats he doing here? see inside

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Above, right and front page: some of the many pets who brought their owners to the Pets Service held on Sunday 15th October, at St. Mary's Church Boxford

The service was well attended with lots of pets including a very well behaved donkey, dogs, cats and even a chicken. In fact all the pets behaved impeccably during the service conducted by the Rector, the Revd David Matthews



Harry and Linda Buckledee who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on September 21st. Their children arranged a celebration luncheon for family and friends at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel. Harry is of course our gardening correspondent, president of the Sudbury and District Horticultural Society and a Newton Parish Councillor.

Jazz at the Fleece

Boxford Suffolk

Friday, 3rd November, 8.30 Ticket £12
Quentin Collins Quartet

An outstanding hard bop young trumpet virtuoso with sharp ears, quick reactions and tremendous panache brings his stellar quartet featuring Jim Hart (vibes), Michael Janisch (bass) and Alyn Cosker (drums) for his Fleece debut as leader. Quentin's influences are Freddie Hubbard, Lee Morgan, Woody Shaw and Clifford Brown. Unmissable!

Friday, 10th November, 8.30 Ticket £12
John Law Trio

John Law is renowned as one of Europe's finest improvising pianists. Balance, poise and a sense of beauty define not just the sound of the piano but also the compositions. Drive, energy and virtuosity are the hallmarks of the driven bass lines and singing tone of Sam Burgess and the world class drum phenomenon that is Asaf Sirkis.

Friday, 17th November, 8.30 Ticket £12
Zoe Rahman Trio

Pianist and composer Zoe is one of our most distinctive contemporary jazz artists. With a fresh personal approach to jazz with a style rooted in the traditional but not tied to it, her bold compositions draw in many diverse musical influences from classical, afro beat and blues. She also manages a difficult balancing act creating music that's rich and complex yet readily

accessible and beautiful to listen to. Oli Hayhurst (bass) and Gene Calderazzo (drums) complete her trio. 'Melting Pot', released earlier this year, is outstanding and won CD of the year in the 2006 Parliamentary Jazz Awards and has recently been nominated for the same accolade in the Mercury Music Awards.

Friday, 24th November, 8.30 Ticket £15
Roseanna Vitro

It's a warm welcome back to the Fleece for Roseanna who is ranked amongst the very best jazz singers in the world. She brings a wealth of swing, melodic improvisation, vibrant energy and spirit along with a deep understanding of the historical and theoretical elements of jazz. All this, and her rhythmic soulful southern roots combine to produce her unique sound and style. This outstanding quartet is completed by Gareth Williams (piano), Paul Morgan (bass) and Clark Tracey (drums).

Fri 1st and Sat 2nd Dec, 8.30 Ticket £15
Sarah Jane Morris

Sarah Jane is a truly amazing singer and songwriter. One thing is certain, she shows a gleeful disregard for the boundaries between genres: jazz, soul, pop, contemporary classical; they are all to be found in her astonishing three and a half-octave range vocal performance. 'A Diva for our time, her voice is a force of nature' - The Observer 'Provocative and unorthodox' - The New Musical Express.

Friday, 8th December, 8.30 Ticket £13
Peter King Quartet

It is always a pleasure to welcome back British Jazz legend Peter King the finest alto saxophone player that this country has ever produced.

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

01787 211865

All cheques (with S.A.E. please) to:

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

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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.....

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. 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.

Diana Hawke on 01787-211403.

Groton Autumn Sale

We had a successful sale of Plants, Books, Cakes and Refreshments on September 23rd, and made approximately £300 for St. Bartholomew's Church; the Plants did extremely well, and accounted for about half the final profit, for which we must thank Susan Block, who worked extremely hard for many months; what a pity there were not more purchasers, as there were many 'left-over' plants, but thank-you to all who did come and support us, and spent their money. The 'left-over' books have been collected by the 'East Anglian Children's Hospice' Shop in Colchester.

Pat Kennedy Scott

Before you put it on the bonfire!

The Freecycle Network™ is for anyone who wants to "recycle" an item rather than throw it away. Whether it's a chair, a piano or an old door, feel free to post here to find it a new home. Your first post must be an offer, but once you're an active member you are free to acquire something yourself too!

Non-profit groups, schools and charities are also welcome to participate. The main rule is that everything must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages. The Freecycle Network® is made up of many individual groups across the globe; a non profit organisation and a movement of people interested in keeping good stuff out of landfills.

The main freecycle site is: www.freecycle.org

Our local groups are:

Colchester: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/colchesterfreecycleuk/>

Ipswich: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ipswich_freecycle/

Cards for Good Causes

The Multi Charity Christmas Card Shop

is now open in Sudbury in the Salvation Army Centre in Station Road. Opening times are 9.30am to 4.00pm Mondays to Saturdays and the shop will remain open until 16th December. This year there are cards from 48 charities, 9m of these are local and 81p from the sale of the each card goes to your chosen charity. For more information call Chris Proffitt on 01787 374289.

THE BAD COMPANIONS

The rabble got together in 1994 and for six years rioted through a series of self-written scripts such as "Martini's Muck and Miracles", "It Will All be Over by Christmas" and culminating in the critically acclaimed! "Murder at Grimstone Grange".

Six years on and our scriptwriter has delivered a tale, which has brought most of the cast out of retirement (or suspended animation) along with some fresh new blood.

Entitled, "Trouble at Tombstone Gulch", based on a real town in the Deep West, it has everything; comedy, high tension and bad acting.

Gunslingers, a double dealing Colonel, a drunken Sheriff and even the

Reverend is not quite what he seems.... Plus the murdering of some Classic Western songs.

Y'all come along now!

What the papers said,

"Not to be missed" - The Excess

"the preview was divine" - Sundry Mail

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE.

THE GREAT 500 BIKE RIDE

Many thanks to all the people who sponsored me, Over 4 days I cycled just over 300 miles together with 68 other like minded ***** ! We were supposed to cycle 60 miles a day, however this turned out to be 75 miles a day !

It was a little like hitting ones head against a brick wall . Lovely when we stopped! especially on the 3rd day, I found that very hard. However with all your help we have raised approx £2,700 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

There were 5 routes with just under 500 cycle riders I understand that too date, just over One Millions Pounds has been raised and Marie Curie are still counting ! I believe it is the largest charity event they have organised.

Again many thanks for all your support

Peter Seward

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.

Leavenheath 50+ Badminton Club

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Interested? Phone Frederick Terry on 01206 263986

Boxfords 2006 Christmas card



This years Boxford Xmas card (Above) will be on sale in the Post Office on the 1st November.

Proceeds from this years card will be going to the Boxford Village Hall for restoration work. The Hall is worn out and has very tired fabric and in need of urgent attention.

Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Site Meeting held at 10.00am Thursday 28th September 2006 at The Bungalow, Church Street Groton.

Present : Mr G Smith (in the chair); Mrs C Fraulo Mr D Elliott & Mr B Waghorn.

In attendance: Mr D Lamming, Groton PCC (Agenda Item 2), Mrs S Gray (Clerk), Mr T Mumford & Mrs C Mumford, Applicants for Planning Application B/06/01443/FUL/GP (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for Absence: Mr R Mares & Mr R Vipond.

Councillors' Declarations of Interest: There were none

The Councillors met to give consideration to The Bungalow, Church Street (B06/01443/FUL/GP) and OS 0081, land adjacent to Cloptons, Church Street (B/06/01439/FUL/DB).

The Councillors passed both applications.

With reference to the application to The Bungalow, the Councillors passed the application provided the hedge is retained as much as possible. With reference to the land adjacent Cloptons, the Councillors passed the application provided that the present open boundary is maintained.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.30 am.

Lt Waldingfield Parish Council

The council met on 28th September.

5 councillors attended.

Police Matters. No officer attended but submitted a written report confirming there had been no offences since the last meeting. A supply of "Police Direct" leaflets was received.

The minutes were approved and signed. There were no Matters arising.

Financial matters. £33.84 received for glass recycling. The insurance premium of £207.72 was paid. A quotation was received from a contractor for cutting the grass at the church. Other quotes are being sort.

Planning matters. Applications for tree surgery at Surprise Cottage and the felling of an elder at 2 Grove Avenue were approved. Permission

has been granted for the swimming pool at Park Farm.

Correspondence. Grant details from BDC were passed to the **Playingfield and Parish Room committees.**

Footpaths. It was decided not to participate in PP3. The footpath classification request was returned to SCC.

Any other business. The damaged "gate" at the entrance to the village has been replaced and pedestrian warning signs erected to alert drivers to the lack of a pavement on the B1115.

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



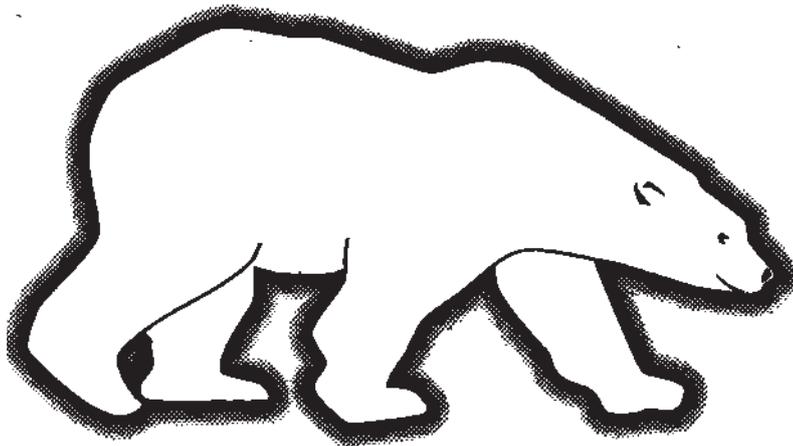
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Forthcoming Events Diary

November

1 Groton WI	AGM	Village Hall	2pm
2-4 Fair Trade Stall		Mary's House	9am-4pm
4 BCC Firework Spectacular		Boxford Playingfield	6.30pm
4 Fireworks	Edwardstone White Horse		7.00pm
4 Fireworks Night	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Field		6.30pm
9 Christmas fair	Edwardstone Church		7.00pm
16 Groton Mulberry Trust	Tri Annual Public Meeting	Former WI Hall	7.00pm
18 Boxford Society Meeting		Boxford Primary School	7.30pm
18/19 Art Exhibitio	Boxford Art Group	The Fleece	
18 Quiz Night	Boxford and Dist Bowls Club	Edwardstone Parish Hall	7.00pm
19 SESAW Xmas Fayre		Leavenheath Village Hall	11am
25 Snail Racing		Leavenheath Village Hall	
25 FOBS Christmas Fayre		Boxford School	11am-3pm
29-2nd Dec Ali Baba and the Faulty Thieves	Boxford Drama Group	Village Hall	See ad

December

2 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Former WI Hall	7.30pm
2 A Celebration of Advent		Boxford St Mary's	6.30pm
2 Xmas Cake Stall	Save The Children	Mary's House	9.00am
3 Christingle Service		Boxford St Mary's	4pm
6 Over 60's Lunch		Edwardstone Parish Hall	12noon
9/10 Trouble at Tombstone Gulch		Little Waldingfield Parish Room	6.45pm
9/10 FOBS Santa Float			
15/16 Trouble at Tombstone Gulch		Little Waldingfield Parish Room	6.45pm
17 Carol Service and Mulled Wine and mince pies		Boxford St Mary's	6.30pm

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January

27 Boxford Community Council	Fun and Games Night	Village Hall	
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February

3 Global warming and The Garden	A Talk	The Village Hall Boxford	8.00pm
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June

3 Boxford St Mary's	Gardens Open		
23 Boxford St Mary's Fete		Rectory Garden	

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Parish Council Matters

Newton Parish Council

Minutes of Newton Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th July

Present:

Cllr Janet Crimmin Chairman, Cllr Harry Buckledee, Cllr Colin Poole
Cllr Rita Schwenk, Cllr David Smalley, Cllr Alan Vince
Dave Crimmin Clerk

Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor due to work commitments, Peter Holbrook, Selwyn Pryor and Police.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Crimmin declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest within Item 4 and 5a of the agenda in relation to the Clerk. Cllr Crimmin left the meeting while these items were reviewed.

Minutes of Meetings held on 24th May and 7th June 2006:

The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record of the meetings.

The Meeting adjourned for the Public Forum.

Correspondence & Clerks Report: From the correspondence reviewed by the councillors the following actions were agreed

a. The NJC Car Allowances for 2006/7, in respect to the mileage allowance for the clerk, was adopted by NPC

b. NPC have no comments on SCC School Organisation Review, SCC Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation and SCC Waste Procurement Programme – Environmental Report

c. Councillors to give Clerk any comments in respect to BDC Environmental Act 1995 – Updating and Screening Assessment of Air Quality Consultation by 20th August 2006.

From the Clerks Report the councillors agreed the following actions

d. Record thanks to Andrew Wade for cutting the hedge between Hills Barn and Valley Road.

e. Following Punch Tavern's refusal to respond to NPC's requests to maintain the land opposite the Saracens Head, Clerk to escalate complaint within Punch Tavern.

Finance:

a. All cheques signed since the last meeting and due for signing at this meeting were approved by the councillors. The councillors reviewed the Reconciliation of Accounts against the Bank Statements

b. The councillors agreed the proposed costs of £136 by SCC for Street Lighting in 2006/7 Parish Councils Act 1957 s 3

c. The councillors agreed to release the £2000 grant (06/005 a) to the Village Hall Committee as the external building works has now been completed

d. The councillors agreed to grant a donation of £100 to the Sudbury Community Responder Scheme. LGA 1972 s 137

Planning:

a. The councillors approved Planning Application B/06/00979 – Trotts Cottage, Boxford Lane – erection of 2 storey side extension, erection of front porch and alteration to vehicular access

The statuses of previous applications, reviewed by NPC, are as follows
St Michaels, The Green - Retention of Floodlights to Tennis Court, No objections as long as Mr & Mrs Clifford's concerns are addressed. Still in abeyance. Taking advice from lighting consultants

Newton Hall – to allow parking of 5 sewerage tankers and siting of portable storage unit on agricultural land. GH Bullard's traffic movement report. Requested that a reasonable restriction on the number of movements per day, in line with the projections in GH Bullard's report, should be made a condition of any approval of this planning application. Amended plans received and these have been the subject of reconsultation. Shortly to be issued

Newton Hall - construction of lay-by in Church Road Supported application. Amended plans received and these have been the subject of reconsultation. Shortly to be issued

Lilleyfields, Sackers Green - Temporary siting of mobile home for a period of 5 years. Objection on grounds that not within BUAB, traffic management and justification. Still negotiating. Further correspondence received from applicant. Still likely to withdraw and re-submit application.

Mascals Farm Barn - construction of single storey outbuilding for use for storage, tact room, garage and carport. No objections, Shortly to be determined

Long Gardens - Listed Building Consent - Insertion of back door Supported application. Approved

Farm Shop at Wheldons Fruit Farm - erection of farm shop, Supported application, REFUSED 27/06/2006

Rogers Farm - creation of an irrigation reservoir, Supported application BDC do not require details to be submitted for approval. CLOSED

Parish Plan: Crime & Safety – NPC are awaiting feedback from Community Police with regard to Parish Plan request for more patrols within village.

Footpaths: – Cllr Schwenk will prepare draft map of footpaths within village. NPC will then consult with landowners before issuing to residents.

Proposed Bus Shelter at Airey Close: SCC has confirmed that an order has been placed for The Rural Bus Shelter, as agreed with NPC in 2005, for installation at Airey Close. SCC is awaiting confirmation of groundwork's completion before confirming installation date.

Playground Report and 2006 Maintenance Programme:

a. Replacement of the damaged rubber protection at the entrance to the playground tunnel, along with the installation of the 2 new rubbish bins, has now been completed.

b. The hot weather has delayed the start of the bus shelter repairs

c. Clerk to obtain costing for disclaimer notices for playground equipment.

New Dog Bins: The councillors agreed to purchase from BDC, 5 red "Fido 25" dog bins at a cost of £480 including installation. Litter Act 1983 s5, 6. Clerk to raise order.

Traffic Calming: Cllr Poole presented his analysis of the speed surveys conducted during the past 2 years. Whilst the results demonstrated that the introduction of the roundels by SCC had initially caused a reduction in the number of cars speeding through the village, there is now an upward trend in the number of speeding motorists. It was agreed by NPC that an independent record needed to be maintained on all road traffic accidents in the village and that a special newsletter would be issued to all residents giving details of both the findings and assistance required.

SCC have reviewed NPC's letter showing the Traffic Calming results in the Parish Plan and have agreed to meet NPC to discuss the issues on site. Clerk to arrange date with SCC.

Emergency Planning: Deferred to next meeting.

Village Hall: The external works to the Village Hall are now complete.

Village Hall Trust Deed: The councillors agreed that the Clerk co-ordinates with Suffolk ACRE in order to obtain answers on their questions relating to the deed.

Questions to Chair: Clerk to contact the Community Police with NPC's concerns over children playing close to A134 by Airey Close.

Dates of NPC meetings: Will be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday

- 27th September 2006
- 22nd November 2006
- 24th January 2007
- 28th March 2007
- 16th May 2007.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Appendix A Public Forum

Ray Cook, the Coordinator of the newly formed Sudbury Community Responder Scheme, gave a presentation on how the scheme will work from 1st October 2006. He explained that under the scheme, residents of Newton would be covered his members in the event that the Ambulance service receives a 999 call which additionally requires them to attend. He also outlined the funds that would be necessary to resource the scheme and made a donation appeal to NPC.

In the absence of the Police, the Chairman read out the report submitted to NPC

"The report tonight covers the period from the 24th May 2006 through to the 25th July 2006.

During this period 4 crimes has been reported within the parish, this compares to 5 for the same period the previous year.

Criminal damage - During the evening of the 29/06/06 damage was caused to a window of a dwelling situated in Airey Close, believed damage was caused by a stone being thrown at it.

Vehicle crime - Overnight 19-20/07/06 unknown offenders stole the rear number plate from a parked and unattended Audi car.

Assault /public order - On the evening of the 17/06/06 a heated argument between neighbours resulted in the female victim being punched by a female offender.

Theft - Sometime on the 25/05/06 a private garden situated off Rectory Rd was entered and tools and bricks stolen. There are no other crime matters to report."

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB '100 CLUB' WINNERS FOR OCTOBER:
£40 – Les Clark; £15 – John Rose;
£8 – Robin Thomason.

The Box River Parishes Church News November

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• If you would like a home visit, home communion, hospital visit or
• Of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance. Thank You

To the Box River Saints,

In keeping with some of the more prominent stores we are already looking forward to Christmas. I thought that as many people are now attuned to Christmas mode I would write my Christmas message early too. I am also with you all looking forward to being with family and friends to celebrate in time honoured tradition around a succulent turkey with all the trimmings. I am looking forward to the changes that take place in people at this time. There is a joy, new every year to be seen and experienced. There is a generosity of spirit in our dealings with each other. We often see these special changes in people as if it is something unusual and reserved for Christmas, when really it is the way we should relate to each other all the time.

Why is it that at Christmas people change so drastically? It is because over 2000 years ago in a little town tucked away in a country of no importance, a baby was born to a young girl and her carpenter husband. That seemingly unimportant event changed the history of the world and the future. Children were being born all the time and I dare say to young women and their carpenter husbands. But this one was different, this child was God and at his birth in a stable in Bethlehem he broke into our history.

Why bother with all the inconvenience of the stable? Why not come as a king, which is after all what he is? It would have been easy to be born a king and use your power to change the world, but our God is different. He does not force us to obey him, to follow him, to love him. He offers us that opportunity and leaves the rest up to us. He is not a God who does not understand our situation either. He was born without fanfare in a filthy stable to identify with the world's underdogs. He knows what the refugees of Darfur are going through. He mixed with the highborn of his society and even the rulers of that society. He knows what it is like in the corridors of power. Our God understands all of us whatever our situation, because he has experienced it first hand. The joy and festivity of Christmas is a celebration of the fact that God, not the God exclusively of the Christians, but the God of all humanity and all creation revealed himself and became for a time one of us. So when Christmas arrives light up the outside of your house, tinsel up the inside, send people cards and presents, feast, maybe overindulge a bit if that's the way you celebrate. One small thing I ask. Remember why you are celebrating; remember that if it were not for the events of 2000 years ago you would not be celebrating at all.

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:

"Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us, Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
Past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone". *Timothy Dudley-Smith*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 12th November.

The Service of Remembrance starts at 11.45 a.m.
We process to the War Memorial for the 11.00 a.m. silence and complete the service in church. *CK*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

The Bible Study group will meet on Monday 13th November in Mary's House at 8.00 p.m., and first Monday's in the months of December and January. Please do come to this hour of fellowship and reflection upon God's Word. *CK*

PRAYER GROUP:

The Prayer Group meets at 7.30 p.m. in Mary's House 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. Please consider spending a short time in quiet prayer and thought for the needs of the church in this benefice and community. *CK*

ALPHA GROUP meets at 8.00 p.m. alternate Thursdays at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford. *CK*

PETS SERVICE:

The 'pets' service on Sunday 15th October was well attended and enjoyed by all who came. The pets were very well behaved indeed (and included dogs, a chicken and a very patient donkey!). Pets were brought to the sanctuary rail for a blessing during the service. *CK*

A CELEBRATION OF ADVENT:

A joyful celebration of Advent will take place in Church on Saturday 2nd December at 6.30pm. A programme of seasonal Readings and Music, for which there is no charge. This will be followed by supper for which tickets at £7.00 will be on sale at the Boxford Newsagents from early November. This event was greatly enjoyed by all who attended last year and as space for supper is limited, please book your tickets as soon as possible. *CW*

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE:

This year our Christingle Service, when we raise funds for the work of the Children's Society, will be on Sunday December 3rd at 4.00 p.m. Everyone is very welcome to this lovely service. *CK*

BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church news.

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Lay Elder:

Antony Dodd, Mill Green End; tel 210397

PCC MEETING:

The next PCC meeting will be on Thursday 30th November, 7.30 p.m. in Mary's House.

OVER 60s LUNCH:

There will be a lunch in Edwardstone Parish Hall for the over 60s on Wednesday 6th December from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. Tickets, which must be booked please, £4.50. The Hall will be decorated for Christmas. ALL welcome. Please contact *Daphne Clark* on 210698.

EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2006:

Once again we are holding our Fair in the Church and the Village Hall but this year we've decided to make a few exciting changes!

For the first time the Fair will span two days starting with a Festive Shopping Evening in the Church on Thursday, November 9th from 7.00-9.30 p.m. followed by the Main Fair in both venues on Friday, November 10th from 9.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

In addition to all our wonderful Christmas stalls, the evening event will include a wine tasting by Richard Sunderland of the Crown at Stoke-by-Nayland and a book signing by best-selling local author of *The Little Book of Patriotism*, George Courtauld.

The Main Fair will see the Church again full of lovely merchandise – smoked foods, luxury household and fashion accessories, toys, jewellery and much more! – whilst the Village Hall will supply all our fantastic home-made local produce and crafts as well as the complimentary tea and coffee and a chance to sit down!

As always all proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Church and we hope that many of you will support us. *Diana Hawke*

BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church news.

SIDESMAN & CLEANING ROTA:

Nov 5: United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

Nov 12: Antony Dodd/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

Nov 19: Mrs Dodd/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

Nov 26: Elisabeth Dastur/Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:*

Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

GROTON AUTUMN SALE:

We had a successful sale of Plants, Books, Cakes and Refreshments on September 23rd, and made approximately £300 for St. Bartholomew's Church. The Plants did extremely well, and accounted for about half the final profit, for which we must thank Susan Block, who worked extremely hard for many months; what a pity there were not more purchasers, as there were many 'left-over' plants, but thank-you to all who did come and support us, and spent their money. The 'left-over' books have been collected by the 'East Anglian Children's Hospice' Shop in Colchester. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY -

Saturday, December 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in WI Hall:

Please put this important date in your diaries now, and get your tickets in good time, a bargain at £5 each; there will be the usual attractions, fantastic food, "Pat-and Gerald's" Bar, Raffle, Gift Stall etc. Tickets will be available from Pat Bowdidge (211553) Pat Kennedy Scott (210319) or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

HARVEST SUPPER:

The evening of Saturday 16th October saw the former W.I. Hall full to capacity for the Harvest Supper. Pat Kennedy Scott and her 'A' team excelled themselves in providing another delicious meal served, at speed, by fleet-footed waitresses. The quiz which followed was hotly contested; the first prize of giant tubes of Smarties was awarded to the

smartest team. As a long-time resident of Groton I judged it another happy occasion in a long tradition of such events. We were especially pleased to welcome several newcomers to the parish and we thank them for their support. At the time of going to press we believe in the region of £580 was raised for church funds. See you on 2nd December!

Anthea Scriven

FAIR TRADE STALL, November 2nd to 4th - 9.00 a.m. to 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

Flowers

Cleaning:

Sidesman with Sacristan:

November

Mrs Kennedy Scott Mrs Payne

Mrs Kennedy Scott Mrs Payne

Mr Lamming

December

Mrs Payne

Mrs Payne

Mr Block



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 4th November from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. *Sandra Harbord*

BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church news.

ROTAS: SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Nov 5: United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Ewen;

Nov 12: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Squirrel;

Nov 19: Mr Squirrel/Mrs Eddington;

Nov 26: Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell/Mrs Pike.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:

Diana Stock: 12 Links View; tel 312828

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:

This year our Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 9th December commencing at 10.00 a.m. in the Village Hall.

Gift Stall, Children's Stall, Cake and Produce Stall, Treasure Hunt and Raffle. *Diana Stock*

BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church news.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

THE BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:

November 5th - The club meets in the school hall at 10.30 a.m.

November 12th - Remembrance Sunday in St. Mary's Church 10.45 .

November 26th- The club meets in the school hall at 10.30 a.m.

December 3rd - Christingle Service at 4.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church

December 10th - The Box River Club Christmas Service and Nativity Play at St. Mary's Church 11.00 a.m.

The club normally meets at 10.30 a.m. in the school hall 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month during school term time. New Members are made very welcome. *Janet Daniels*

ALPHA COURSE 2007: We hope to run another Alpha Course in February. More details in the December Box River News. *Christopher Kingsbury*

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Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust

Our fund raising event held on the 9th September on the Green was a great success, attended by over 150 people. The Beavers were, as usual, on top form and a good time was had by all.

The Trustees would like to thank all of our additional contributors, for their help and equipment, of which there were many. It would be unfair to single out anyone in particular, as they all did such a great job in contributing to a great evening, and helping us raise £400 towards the upkeep and enhancement of The Green.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused on the Sunday by cancelling the children's entertainer. Two weeks before the Event we had only sold one family ticket, and although we understand last minute decisions, it is impractical to commit to the expense of an entertainer, on the basis of one ticket sold. We apologise for the poster left on the Green, and we cancelled in between The Box River News editions, which did add some confusion, but hope you understand our reasons for doing so.

There are plans already being made for next summer and we hope everyone will continue to give us their invaluable support.

Our tractor shed is now complete, to house our tractor and cutting equipment, together with installation of electricity, which is now available on site. Our thanks go to Boxford Community Council and Boxford United Charities for grants of £750 and £500 respectively, which made this possible. It will make life easier for our use of the Green, and it is, of course, available for occasional functions, when donations would always be gratefully accepted.

John Whitwell Chairman

Operation Christmas Child

SHOEBOX APPEAL

By the time you read this we should have filled all the boxes at Mary's house and are now collecting in all the others. They can be left at Mary's house but if you have a problem getting there then a phone call to Ann or Jennie please and we will arrange to collect them from you.

Please could we also have all the hats, scarves and mittens in the next few days, but don't stop knitting - we will need just as many for next year!! Please note that we are not at Mary's house on 18 December as the entry in the Forthcoming Events Diary is incorrect. Thankyou once again for your support. We sent 167 boxes from Boxford and the surrounding villages last year. Can we beat that this year? Any further information from: Ann Porter 210581 or Jennie Lindsley 210520

Local Walks

Lavenham Rambling Club

Sunday 12th November 06. Washmere Green. Meet Lavenham, The Common (GR TL 919491) Leaders *Maureen & Noel* 01787 247581

Sunday 26th November 06. Towards Lavenham. Meet Brent Eleigh Church (GR TL 943482)

Leader *Victor* 01449 740660

Walks start at 2pm & last for about two hours. All are welcome to join these walks.

Ramblers Association Walks

Sunday 5th November 06 Brett Vale/Chelsworth. Meet for a 10.30 am Start at Market Place Bildeston (GR TL 992494) for a walk through the Brett Vale & Chelsworth. Distance 5 miles.

Leader *Margaret* 01787 248299

Sunday 12th November 06 Remembrance Day Ramble. Meet for a 10am start at the Playing Fields, Stoke by Nayland. (GR TL 985364) for a walk in the area. Lunch at The Cock Polstead, distance 10 miles.

Leaders *Graham & Sally* 01206 241632

Sunday 19th November 06 Liston & Foxearth

Meet to make a 10.30 am start at the Old School cp Long Melford (GR TL 865462) Distance 5 milkes

Leader *Leslie* 01787 280392.

Thursday 23rd November 06 Chappel/Wakes Colne. Meet at the Railway Station (GR 897 288) for a 10am start for a walk to Challeney & Hoe Woods. Picnic Lunch. Distance 9 miles.

Leader *Brian* 01255 427895.

Sunday 26th Nov 06 Boxted

Meet at the Village Hall in Cage Lane (GR 005324) for a 10am start for a walk in the Boxted area. Picnic Lunch. Pub stop for drinks only. Distance 7-8 miles

Leader *Michael* 01206 303899

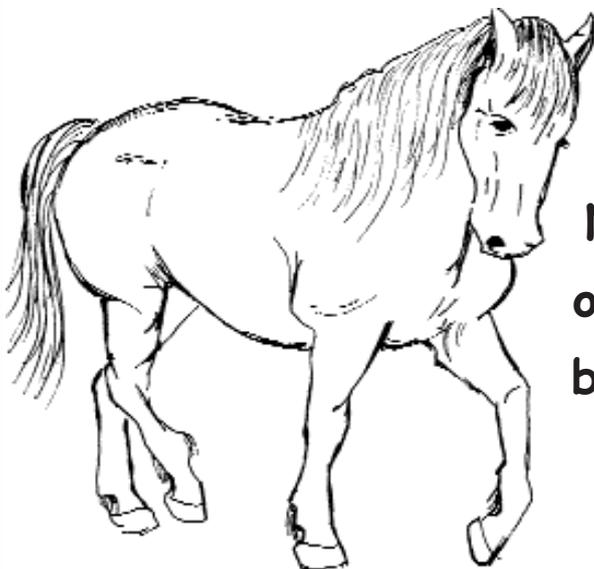
Sunday 26th November 06 Polstead figure of eight. (5 and 4 miles). meet at The Cock ph (GR TL 994384) for a figure of eight in the Box Valley. Starting at 10am lunch at The Cock. PM start about 1.30pm

leader *Ian* 01206 864120

Wednesday 29th November 06 Stour Valley Circular

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Box River Soap Box

If you were expecting a homily on retirement this month, then you do not understand publishing schedules. As I write this I find myself still firmly in harness. Indeed, my diary for LATC (Life After The City) is filling so fast that I fully expect to be busier, rather than having time on my hands. That is the advantage of being in full-time employment. You are not reckoned to be available to help around the house or in the garden. Potential retirees should factor that into their plans.

But I am getting a flavour for the future – and the taste is mixed to say the least. You know the old saying – if you want something done, give it to a busy person. The relevance of this for retirement appears to be that, for me at any rate, the externally imposed deadlines that come with being employed create a discipline that can be difficult to replicate when you are the person setting the agenda. This is a fact of life I will need to bear in mind for the months and years ahead.

Meanwhile, having been accused of being boring in recent columns, admittedly at the end of a long session in a local hostelry, I find myself re-examining the issues of the day for the residents of this fortunate benefice of ours. And I find the same topics cropping up as have exercised local minds since I first had the good luck to move to this part of the world. Dog mess, parking, planning issues – all have crossed my path in recent weeks. Not to mention the maintenance of the churchyard. Who'd be on the Parish Council these days?

Who indeed? This is not an idle question. Next year sees the District Council elections and the appointment of parish councillors forms part of this democratic process. Little Waldingfield is a small parish. With only around 300 voters and not many more than 150 houses within our boundary, we have only a small gathering of councillors each month – 7, to be precise. The average age of the council has steadily crept up as old stalwarts remain (for which, as chairman, I am truly thankful) and few younger villagers put themselves forward – with one notable exception in our case.

Nor is this a problem confined to parish councils. Joining is becoming a virtue more recognised in its absence than through participation. Concerned that the annual dinner of an association I chair might have to be cancelled due to lack of support, we contacted the hostelry wherein we planned our function, to find we were just one of several that had failed to attract the numbers to allow the event to go ahead. We persevered, but as I write this I have no idea how successful our last minute effort to attract attendees has proved.

At least we have had no such problem in attracting budding board-walkers to the revived "Bad Companions" amateur dramatic group in the village. This is not to say, of course, that we will have quite the same success in selling tickets to this, our latest production. After a gap of 6 years – and with such stalwarts as Grace Buckle and Bill Philpot having departed the local scene, in Graces case to southern Spain – it would be foolish to assume we can command the same support as in the past.

But I am ever hopeful. Martin Doman has delivered a script which, I feel certain, would have had the old Lord Chancellor's department banning the production and locking up the cast. The talent among the new members is stunning – sufficiently so to make old hands like me wonder how we ever coped. And it's fun – most of the time. If not for the audience, certainly for the cast. But I whet your appetite enough. For more, await next month's column – or better still, buy a ticket and join us in December.

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 CHURCH AT WORSHIP

November 2006

Wednesday 1 November

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

Sunday 5 November, All Saints Day

Box	0930	United Benefice Service	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1830	Evensong	The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 8 November

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

Edw	1100	Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial, Edwardstone	The Revd. David Matthews
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Sunday 12 November, Remembrance Sunday

Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
New)	0930	Remembrance Service	The Revd. David Matthews
New)	1045	at War Memorial	Diana Stock
Box	1045	Remembrance Service	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	1045	Remembrance Service	Graham Brook
LtW	1045	Remembrance Service	The Revd. David Abel

Wednesday 15 November

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

Sunday 19 November, Second Sunday before Advent

LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	0930	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
Box	1100	Morning Prayer	Christopher Kingsbury
Gro		Visiting	
New		Visiting	

Wednesday 22 November

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
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Sunday 26 November, Sunday before Advent, Christ the King

Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	0930	Holy Communion*	Christopher Kingsbury
New	0930	Morning Prayer with Baptism	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Family Communion with Baptism	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	1100	Family Service	Graham Brook

Wednesday 29 November

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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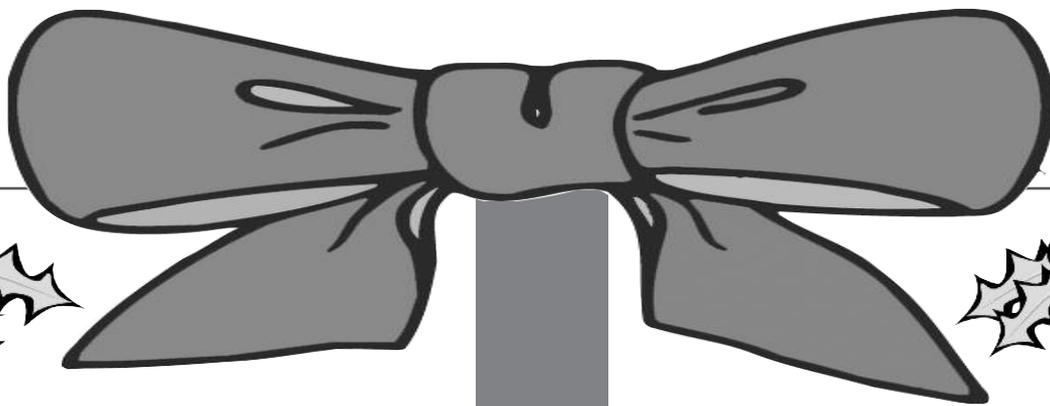
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Sunday 3 December, Advent Sunday

Edw	0930	United Benefice Service	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1830	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

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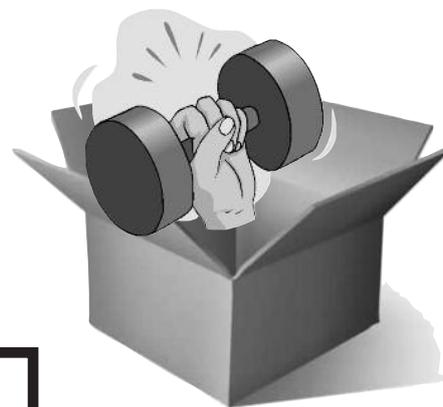
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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER *Harry Buckledee*

Early Chrysanthemums in the open garden should be lifted right away. The stems should be cut down to the base and the roots boxed up or planted in a cold frame taking care not to get the labels mixed up. Give just enough water to keep them going.

Ant time now we can expect the first frost that will put paid to the Dahlias which look a picture at the moment. If your Dahlias are planted on well drained soil there is no need to lift and store them. I have about thirty that have been left in the ground for about fifteen years and get better every year. After the foliage has been blackened by the frost, leave it for a couple of weeks before cutting down to about six inches. Then give the tubers a thick mulch of whatever material you have available - shredded woody material is good as is the contents of old grow bags or pots.

The foliage of Asparagus is now turning brown and yellow and should be cut down to ground level. During the last few weeks of wet, warm weather a thick mat of weeds has sprung up and these should be cleaned off before mulching the bed with a good layer of well rotted farmyard manure.

November is the time when we think of planting shrubs or trees for next years display. An unusual hardy deciduous tree or shrub is Haleen Carolina (snowdrop tree), native to China and North America. It has pale green pointed leaves and the wide spreading branches are clothed in pendant bunches of glistening white bell shaped flowers during April and May, similar to small snowdrops. It likes a slightly sheltered position in soil that is not too alkaline and a minimum of pruning is necessary.

Another fairly unusual shrub of Chinese origin is the Sarcocacca. The most common varieties are S Hookeriana digyna and S Hookeriana humilis. Both are evergreen with slender pointed leaves and have small, sweet smelling, white or pink tinted flowers during winter months. An ideal shrub for small gardens as it rarely exceeds a height of mote than two feet. Plant next to a path where you brush against the sweet flowers. It will succeed in any position, including shade, where the soil is not too dry and will grow trouble free for many years.

An old favourite is Chimonanthus (winter sweet) grown for the delightful fragrance of its ivory or yellow flowers on bare stems in mid winter. It needs a sheltered site in good, well drained soil, preferably against a warm wall. A minimum of pruning is necessary.

Scatter ash, grit or broken egg shells over the crowns of delphiniums and hostas as a deterrent to slugs and snails.

It is time now to prepare the soil for planting next year. The good growing weather of the last few weeks has produced a thick crop of annual weeds on land from where potatoes, onions and beans have been harvested. All this greenery can be dug in like green manure and will actually help to improve the texture of the soil.

At the end of the month make a sowing of Broad Beans of the variety Aquadulce or of the dwarf variety The Sutton.

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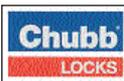
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LET'S MEDIATE

What is family mediation? Mediation shouldn't be confused with reconciliation, any attempts to bring warring couples back together or counselling of any description. It's assumed that by the time a couple reach the mediation stage, the marriage or partnership has broken down irretrievably and it's time to focus on the next steps, particularly where children and finances are involved. The focus is therefore on a workable, let's-sit-down-and-talk exercise where the sole purpose is to assist in resolving issues relating to children, finance and the family home.

Why would anyone go to Mediation? It's not compulsory. Sometimes divorce proceedings become so acrimonious that couples don't even want to share the same air space let alone speak to each other in civilised tones, with or without a mediator.

The concept of mediation, or dispute resolution as it's also known, is still fairly new, especially in this country. Traditionally couples have sorted out the practical but difficult issues surrounding separation either between themselves, through solicitors or through the courts. Now there's a better, more constructive way: mediation.

The benefits of going to mediation are only now starting to be recognised. It gives the parties an opportunity to focus on moving forward. It is confidential and has the advantage of moving things along faster than a lengthy court process, thereby reducing, uncertainty, stress and additional expense. Because both parties are involved, it also has a greater chance of enabling people to reach mutually beneficial agreements, resulting in less animosity and greater harmony all round, which is particularly advantageous where children are involved.

It's important to remember that mediators are not lawyers. They do not represent either party, do not provide legal advice and remain entirely neutral throughout the proceedings. They're not there to pass judgement, apportion blame or make decisions but to facilitate the process and iron out those areas where disagreements arise in order to resolve disputes.

The mediator is a trained negotiator and qualified professional, who is there to ensure that both parties get a fair and equal chance to listen and have their say. Issues may range from the highly charged subject of arrangements for the children to practicalities

of housing and financial issues. Even when parties disagree, they seldom disagree about everything, so it's important to focus on those areas where resolution is most needed. Discussions take place at a neutral venue which is both informal and private.

The first step in mediation involves an initial intake interview with both parties being seen either separately or together, according to their choice. During this session the issues are identified and discussed and the parties are assessed for eligibility for public funding. After that, mediation can continue for up to 5 sessions, depending on the number of issues which have to be resolved.

Open financial disclosure and honest discussion are necessary requirements for successful mediation.

Whatever agreements the parties reach in mediation, they still have the opportunity to speak to their solicitor before any decisions become final.

The mediation discussions are confidential unless there are obvious safety concerns for family members or the children or if there is any suspicion of illegal activity from the financial details.

Mediation is not always the answer. In cases of irreconcilable differences or where domestic violence has been involved mediation is not recommended. You can also withdraw at any time and seek legal advice.

Most importantly mediation is not about winning or losing, but negotiating, finding a compromise and moving forward.

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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 Tombola 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 £5.50 adult and £3.00 children increasing to £6.50 adult and £4.00 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.

Please Note: I am sorry we advertised the wrong prices in the October issue of BRN. Please note the correct prices above, *Peter Hibben* – Vice Chairman Boxford Community Council

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GREAT WALDINGFIELD W.I.

At the October meeting Mr. Jonathan Lambert, who has worked with fine jewellery since leaving school, was our guest speaker.

His talk gave details of his vast training here and abroad, he has achieved many awards in the industry and in the Millennium year he received the Freedom of the City of London.

We learned all about the different types of diamonds and their colours, how they are mined and all the processes that are undertaken before they can be used in jewellery settings.

At the end of the meeting we were able to look and examine an assortment of rings, all had different coloured stones, one in particular had a selection of coloured stones in the one ring, all very exquisite.

Mr. Lambert, in partnership with his wife runs a jewellery business in Sudbury.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st November at 2.00p.m in the Village Hall. It is the Annual General Meeting, when a new committee is elected. Maisie Root (Sec) 01787-377088

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Peter Roberts on 01206 323586

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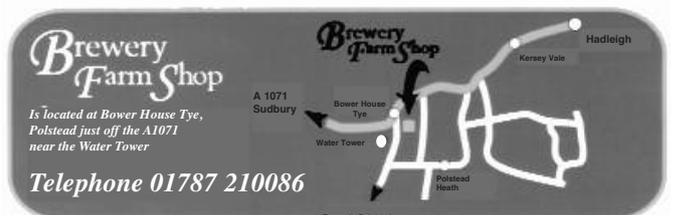
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Wot's On



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Below: Dawson's The watchmakers and Post Office around 1920.

“Boxford’s 20th Century Shops and Shopkeepers Saturday 18 November 7.30pm, Boxford Primary School The Boxford Society – Everyone welcome.

Many villagers enjoyed the illustrated talk last November on ‘Boxford Past and Present’. By popular demand it is to be followed up by a further illustrated talk on ‘Shops and Shopkeepers’ in Boxford over the last hundred years. Roger Loose has been researching shops and services of 20th century Boxford as there was such an obvious interest in this topic from last year’s audience. The recollections of that audience have been incorporated into the talk and greatly added to over recent months by a wide range of Boxford people. The talk will be illustrated with more than 70 projected historic pictures of Boxford, several of them around 100 years old.

We hope that this evening will again attract some of the more longstanding inhabitants of Boxford. We will greatly welcome your feedback and memories at the meeting since this task of collecting our village history will never be complete. Special thanks go to all of you who have already provided pictures and tales of that time. Please make a note of the date in your diary. Entrance fee for non-members and membership of the Boxford Society only £1.



St Mary’s Church, Boxford A Celebration of Advent

A joyful celebration of Advent will take place in Church on Saturday 2nd December at 6.30pm. A programme of seasonal Readings and Music, for which there is no charge. This will be followed by supper for which tickets at £7.00 will be on sale at the Boxford Newsagents from early November. This event was greatly enjoyed by all who attended last year and as space for supper is limited, please book your tickets as soon as possible.

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FOBS Christmas Fair in aid of the swimming pool

The Fair takes place at Boxford School on Saturday, 25th November, 11am – 3pm and this year, for the first time, there will be craftware available in the Church.

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As you all know it has been very difficult to obtain licenses this year and we have had to ask you to bring your own drink; however as we can sell alcohol for these performances, we will be asking for corkage of £3 per bottle if you bring your own. Tickets go on sale on Saturday 28th October in the Village Hall at 9.00am.

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Readers Letters

Sir,

Box River Organists and Attendances

The note inserted in the October Box River News requesting "help for playing the organ in various Churches within the Benefice" raises also the difficult question of the viability of some of these centres of worship.

Over the past few years, the Benefice has been very fortunate in having a number of people who were willing and able to travel around the different villages, but, as people have got older, (and that includes myself!) the prospect of travelling over difficult terrain, especially in the winter months over untreated roads, is not really a very good idea.

The continued amalgamation of Parishes, both in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and, and also here in the Diocese of Chelmsford, has done little to stimulate Church converts, with the result that there has been a continuous decline in Church Congregations as people have either died, or moved away. This resulted in the fact that clergy, readers and organists rush around on Sundays, only to find a minute congregation, (sometimes less than five people in some cases), who could easily have driven a short distance to the nearest village where the attendance is much higher. This situation exists here in the Coggeshall and Colchester area, besides the Box River Benefice, and I personally feel that it cannot be allowed to continue without some urgent **drastic action** being taken.

May I suggest that an urgent effort is made to find some pianists who could have help in learning how to play a Church Organ which has an entirely different technique, help is available to do this, as we have here in North Essex.

Discs are now available containing Hymns and Communion settings playable on CD Equipment, details of which can be found either in the "Church Times" or the Royal Schools of Church Music. This is a temporary solution.

Regarding the viability of some of the churches especially due to the Geographical locations of the villages, unless one has access to a Helicopter, I would not like to have to cover a service in Newton Green, and then Edwardstone by road, one either has to travel via Great Waldingfield, or Boxford or Groton. (This clearly demonstrates the crazy grouping as it stands at the moment!) Surely, Great Waldingfield and Little Waldingfield should be together? It makes much more sense.

Unless the village communities can support their Parish Clergy and Readers in larger numbers on a regular basis, then I feel strongly that the number of services in the smaller parishes should be reduced to twelve a year, including Christmas, Easter and Harvest, which, I know are seasonally well supported, and buildings modified to be used during the week by various village groups, Over 60's luncheon Groups, Youth Club Meetings, WI meetings etc. Here in Coggeshall (which is also a village) our parish church is open 7 days a week, and people are being brought into the fellowship through them, and now coming forward for confirmation.

This may involve removing pews from the nave and replacing them with comfortable chairs and tables, but, unless this happens, within a short period of time, they will face total closure. The Church of God is people, not buildings!! Let us realise this before it is too late, and they are lost forever.

David Felstead, Coggeshall, Essex (Part of the organist team.)

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Boxford School News

As many of you will know I am currently living in the Clacton area and so have quite a long journey to school each morning. To help keep me alert and awake I listen to the various BBC News channels on the radio and hardly a day goes by without some discussion or news relating to education issues. Unfortunately most of these tend to focus on the negative and the many many positive things that happen in schools up and down the land are completely ignored. I suppose most professions could make this complaint. Anyway in this news I intend to focus on some of the positive things that are happening in our school.

Last month we held our annual Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church and as usual it was an excellent service. For various reasons the service was a week earlier than usual so staff and children only had a very short time to prepare. To their credit the children were superb and my congratulations and thanks go to all staff and pupils involved. The produce was distributed between local elderly people and the St Helena Hospice in Colchester. I have had many letters of thanks which are very much appreciated.

Over the weekend that has just passed we held a craft fair and talent show in school. This involved the children entering a craft competition by either cooking something e.g. cheese straws, designing something e.g. a robot or producing a piece of artwork e.g. an owl picture made from magazine cuttings. This was followed by a talent show where children were asked to perform their piece in front of an audience. At the outset we didn't really know what to expect in the way of support but as it turned out the school hall was packed solid as the various acts took place. Our three judges, Veronica Hobbs, David Matthews and Janet Daniels, having spent the morning enjoying and judging the many cookery items, had the impossible task of choosing a winner of the talent show. With entries ranging from dance to musical items and even a stilt walker judging was very difficult but in the end it was the dance routine of Maddie Wagland that won the trophy. Overall, despite some reservations, the event was a roaring success and I am indebted to the many families that took part and all of the staff and friends of the school that helped on the day. In particular I would like to congratulate and thank Mrs. Dainty who came up with the idea and ran the whole event.

Every year I get many requests from charity organisations to support a wide range of very worthwhile causes and unfortunately in most cases I have to say no. However I recently had a telephone call from Operation Christmas Child asking us to take part in their Shoebox Appeal and when I heard the stories of the children that the appeal supports I could not say no. We started the appeal with a special assembly for the children taken by the local co-ordinator, Nina Harding, who showed our children some photographs and talked about what they might put in their shoeboxes. We were all very touched by the pictures and I am sure that the children will respond positively.

Many years ago we used to hold an annual jumble sale in the village hall but as it became increasingly difficult to sort and display the goods and then dispose of the unwanted items afterwards we decided to stop doing it. Whilst we do not intend to re-start the jumble sale we have decided to take part in a scheme that collects unwanted textiles and then distributes them to countries and people around the world. For every item we collect we receive a small donation to school funds. If you have any unwanted textiles that you would like to dispose of please bring them in a black bin liner to the front playground on the morning of Wednesday 1st November. Please try to avoid the start of the school day 8.15 - 9.00 as it can be very busy.

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Obituary of the late Mr. Common Sense

We mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain;

Why the early bird gets the worm;

Life isn't always fair;

and Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Calpol, sun lotion or a band-aid to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 3 stepbrothers;

I Know My Rights, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in September 2006.

Planning & Finance Meeting on 4th September.

Support to the Youth Club

The Clerk read a report provided by John Broughton, Senior Youth Worker. Whilst the numbers of members have reduced, they still have a full programme scheduled for this term. Activities include First Aid Training, cooking, ten pin bowling and poster making to attract new members. The Parish Council agreed to continue to support the Youth Club and to review each term following their report.

Finance

In addition to the usual business, the Street Light Maintenance charges of £1256.09 were authorised. The Clerk reported on an assessment of risks and insurance matters affecting the Parish Council. Updates were agreed to the Insurance Schedule.

Planning

Confirmations received from Babergh District Council: -

- Babergh confirmed permission granted for extensions at 3, The Causeway.

- Permission granted for front extension at 4 Holbrook Barn Road.

- Permission granted for renewal of planning permission at Newlands Lodge, Stone Street.

- Listed building consent has been refused for rear extension and glazed screen at Boxford House, Stone Street. This is due to the proposal to remove the chimney stack and the gable, which is considered to be an important feature and the small scale of the extension is said to erode the interest of the elevation.

- Permission has been granted for a rear extension at 13 Brook Hall Road.

- Permission has been granted for the Homefield development on land adjacent to 28 & 29 Homefield.

The following were discussed: -

- The proposal to erect a conservatory at 1 Gunary Close.

- application for an extension at The Pippins, Calais Street.

- proposal to retain portable wooden shed at 6 Brook Hall Road.

Parish Council Meeting on 18th September.

Suffolk County Council Report

County Councillor S Pryor was unable to attend and no report was provided.

District Council Report

District Councillor, B Hurren, spoke of the Homefield development planning application, the outcome of which is now widely known. He advised that the applications for Micro Brewery and Wind Turbine at Edwardstone have also been passed. Councillor Hurren reported on a meeting earlier that day with Mr Verlander (Suffolk County Council), Peter Berry (Countryside Officer for Babergh District Council), Mr Clarke (Bowls Club) and Councillor Gasson. The meeting was concerning the nature of resurfacing proposed for the RUPP between Broad Street and the Playing Field. Contributions have been offered from SCC, BDC, the Community Council, the Parish Council and the Bowls Club. Mr Berry is also keen to plant a hedge to eventually replace the wall bordering the Bowls Club.

Clerks Correspondence

Key areas discussed were the forthcoming road closures due to resurfacing on Sand Hill and School Hill and also BT works in Stone Street. Posters were displayed around the village and given to the school advertising these closures. Councillor Balls agreed to review the Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites Strategy. Councillor Paxman took the Minerals Core Strategy Report and Councillor House the Suffolk Fire Authority Consultation. The Clerk is to provide details to the Over 60's Club on a new fridge magnet scheme.

Police Report

The Clerk read from the Police Report in PC Wren's absence. There was one reported crime in Boxford last month, which was a Motorbike stolen from an outbuilding in Calais Street.

Cemetery

Risk Assessments will be carried out in both the graveyard and the Cemetery shortly which will include checking whether any essential maintenance is required to Head Stones. Relatives will be informed where remedial work is necessary.

The RUPP

A site meeting was arranged for Councillors to give further consideration to the nature of the proposed resurfacing of the RUPP. This was to be

included on the Agenda for our first October meeting.

Reports from Members

The signs for Boxford Lane and School Hill need securing. A tree has brought down the fence on the boundary of Rectory Park. The Clerk is to report these items. The Chairman will be attending the meeting of the PCC. Councillor House suggested our budget for next year takes into account the Election costs and those of training new Councillors.

Schedule of Meetings

The Parish Council meetings continue to follow the schedule listed below: -

1st Monday each month 7.30 p.m. Bell House Planning & Finance

3rd Monday each month 7.30 p.m. Bell House Full Parish Council

Debbie Hattrell Parish Clerk

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm Wednesday 13th September 2006 at the Former W.I.Hall Broad Street Groton

Present: Mr G Smith (in the chair); Mr D Elliott, Mrs C Fraulo, Mr R Mares Mr J Osborne, Mr R Vipond & Mr B Waghorn.

In attendance: Mr B Hurren(Babergh District Council) Mrs S Gray(Clerk)

Apologies for absence: There were none.

Declarations of interest: There were none.

Minutes of the previous meetings: Minutes of the meetings of the 12th July and 27th July 2006 were approved; proposed by David Elliott seconded by Jeremy Osborne.

Matters arising from the minutes: Gerald Smith informed the Council that Boxford Parish Council had agreed to buy a dog bin for the bottom of the permissive footpath by Partridge Close. In return Groton Parish Council were asked to buy a dog bin for the opposite end of the permissive path, the location of which is to be at the end of the concrete path just before the Playing Fields. The Councillors passed this proposal, proposed by Gerald Smith seconded by Roger Vipond.

Report from Suffolk Constabulary: PC Wren was not present. It was reported by Gerald Smith that there was burglary at Spong Cottage and that the Police were slow to respond. Security issues regarding Travelling People in the area were also reported by Councillors.

Report from Suffolk County Council:

Selwyn Pryor was not present & no report given.

Report from Babergh District Council: Bryn Hurren reported to the Council that Babergh had approved Planning Application Number B/06/01127/FUL/GP at Homefield and that the plans concerning the access road to Homefield from Partridge Close, Groton would be carried out in their entirety.

Highway Matters: The pothole in Groton Street had been repaired.

The Clerk explained the Footpath Review from Suffolk County Council. With the absence of the Footpath Warden, John Norton, the Council were unable to give informed comments. The Clerk would discuss the matter with John Norton & report to the Councillors for their informed comments.

Former W.I Hall: Brian Waghorn reported to the Council that all parties had signed the lease. Repairs and decoration to the hall had taken place as well as the emptying of the cesspit. It was agreed that the hedge would need trimming later in the month.

Financial Matters The Clerk informed the Council that the Audit had been signed and returned.

The Council thanked Brian Waghorn for his work on the audit.

Report from Boxford Community Council: Roger Vipond reported to Groton Parish Council the meeting of the Community Council on 19th July 2006.

Report from SALC: David Elliott reported that he and Gerald Smith had attended the meeting on the 4th September 2006.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence: The Council unanimously agreed for the Clerk, Sandra Gray, to register for CILCA. The Clerk would undertake this work in her own time. Proposed by Jeremy Osborne and seconded by Roger Vipond. The letter acknowledging the Council's donation towards the Children's Play Area was read to the Council.

Groton United Charities: Jeremy Osborne reported that a notice had gone into the Box River news regarding applications and that the bank account and signatories had all been updated. The next meeting would be on November 7th 2006.

To Receive Reports and Questions from Councillors: David Elliott reported that he and the Clerk had attended the Mason's Recycling Plant at Great Blakenham that morning. Robert Mares agreed that he would lay the wreath for Groton Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday.

Any Other Business: There was none.

Date of Next Meeting: 15th November 2006 at 7.30pm