

Box River News



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PLAYGROUND PROGRESS



Work is well advanced on the new Homefield play area. I am delighted to announce that the playground committee achieved the £41,000 funding target. Though inevitably as we realised our goal, the posts moved slightly. Due to inflation and unforeseen extras, the total needed has become £45,550. We felt however that we have enough guaranteed funds to start the work, and we received the backing of the Boxford Parish Council and Playingfield Management Committee in this decision.

Those of you who have ventured to the playingfield will have noticed the big problem that nature has created for us in the form of mud. Despite the land drains we have put in order to prevent this happening. Due to the amount of rain, the clay soil and the unavoidable movement of tractors and people through the site, the contractors will be unable to complete the play area, possibly until the spring. We are hoping to make available some of the equipment to the children before then but we will need a safety certificate before this is possible. Muddy equipment could be an issue. We need a good stretch of dry windy weather. We are also planning for the spring to plant some small trees and shrubs in order to add sensory interest to the area. This, along with new grass seeding should improve the condition of the ground in the long term.

In regards to the shortfall in funds, various altruistic people have been busy on all our behalf raising the extra money. However, we have always hoped to add other items to the playground as and when we could afford them, i.e. a seating area, bins and an overhead cable ride or 'Aerial Runway', (this was an item particularly requested by the local children we canvassed for opinion at the design stage of our project). We initially had to put these items aside in order to bring down the cost of the project but we are keen to re-introduce them as they are vital to a well balanced playground. Therefore the Playground Committee are continuing with our fundraising effort and sincerely hope the whole community will help us in this.

Please give us your support, this gargantuan effort is far from over.

Will Bishop (Boxford Playground Committee)

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL SANTA'S VISIT

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2008

Unfortunately Father Christmas will only be able to visit on one day this year. He has confirmed to **BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL** that he will be in our area on the above date to see everyone and find out their Christmas wishes.

This year the Gnome helpers will be doing a door to door and street collection for: **BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

(The Community Council give grants to local organisations for many purposes and also fund the Senior Citizens Outing every year)

An approximate timetable is listed below.

3.00pm	Boxford Lane & Stone Street
3.30pm	Calais Street
3.45pm	White Street Green (Santa will meet you on the green)
4.15pm	Cox Hill followed by Brook Hall Estate
5.15pm	Ash Street, Fen Street, Broad Street.
6.00pm	White Hart (Santa will meet you in the car park)
6.15pm	Swan Street
6.45pm	Fox & Hounds (Santa will meet you in the car park) Groton Street
7.15pm	Whitehorse Edwardstone (Santa will meet you in the car park) Mill Green
7.45pm	Partridge Close Homefield Daking Avenue

Registered charity no:304862

Ducks – Boxford

Boxford Parish Council has considered further the increasing numbers of ducks in the village. They are causing mess and noise and concern has increased regarding the numbers being run over. Clearly, they have outgrown their surroundings. Boxford Parish Council has taken advice and is now proposing to re-locate a proportion of the ducks to Semer, a far more suitable location. Providing there is support from parishioners, a cage will be set up along the water course in Ash Street. The cage will be in place for a few days before catching some ducks for re-location. The re-located ducks will have their wings clipped to prevent them flying back to Boxford. The exercise can then be repeated. The intention would be to re-locate only a proportion of the population allowing a more satisfactory number to remain. If anyone has a view they would like to share regarding this proposal, please do not hesitate to telephone the Parish Clerk on 210943. *Debbie Hattrell* – Boxford Parish Clerk

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PICTURE PARADE



Above: Visitors to the Boxford Art Groups annual Exhibition and Sale in November were full of praise for the new venue in Boxford School Hall and the high standard of work produced by the members and many pictures were sold.

Above Right: Fifty members and guests of the Boxford Gardening Society, working on a quiz following a very short AGM at which all the present officers were re-elected and the society's funds were looking very healthy. A very successful first year for this re-formed society. Guests enjoyed excellent food including lashings of caviar and there was a display of old documents and photographs.

Right: Some of the seemingly hundreds of children, accompanied by their parents who took part in the Annual Stone Street Halloween, 'Trick or Treats' party. Despite the dreadful weather and beneath a sea of umbrellas this horrifying group of very well behaved children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Saturday 27th January 8.30 Ticket £15 **Derek Nash**

There will be an extra gig on Saturday 27th December featuring Derek Nash with support from Ben Waters, keyboards, Geoff Gascoyne, bass, and Sebastiaan De Krom drums. An unmissable gig to shake off those post-Christmas blues.

Friday 2nd January **Liane Carroll**

Our end of season Christmas gig sees the return of the multi-award-winning pianist / singer Liane Carroll with Roger Carey vocal bass and Mark Fletcher drums. Liane has a remarkable vocal delivery, both powerful and soulful. She can when the mood takes her have you in tears one moment with a sad ballad and whooping it up the next with something riotously up tempo! She is also very good between numbers! Her new DVD, 'Liane Live!' can only add to her growing reputation around the world..

FOOD AT THE MILL

Whilst waiting to enjoy the jazz at Kersey Mill why not come and join us in our restaurant for fresh home-cooked food. We have changed the menu after consulting you, and we think you will like it. We offer a chef's special, in addition to all menu selections. We also offer a snack menu for those of you who just want a little something before the fantastic jazz gets underway. So why not book a table and have great food followed by great jazz. Food will be available from 6 pm.

JUST A TASTE OF THE WINTER 2009 PROGRAMME.

We will be welcoming Ian Shaw and Guy Barker who go to the movies as well as trumpeter Bryan Corbett and the long-awaited return of singer Lillian Boutté.

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

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



Friday, 5th December, 8.30 Ticket £13 **Paul Towndrow Quartet**

Scottish alto saxophonist Paul Towndrow is a highly impressive player. Inspired by the great saxophonist Tommy Smith, Paul plays jazz the way it should be played – straight from the soul. He brings with him an exceptional band, Steve Hamilton piano, Michael Janisch bass and Alyn Cosker drums – contemporary straight-ahead jazz at its very best!

Saturday, 13th December, 8.30 Ticket £13 **Nikki Iles**

Pianist Nikki Iles needs little introduction to Fleece audiences, her sparkling performances and personality have been entrancing us for years. Nikki is a superb pianist, skillful improviser, gifted composer and accompanist, as well as a widely respected teacher. Mike Walker guitar, Steve Watts bass and Geoff Williams drums complete her superb band for what will be one great unmissable gig. album.

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

News from the Boxford Society.

The Garden.

You may have noticed the changes to the community garden on the corner of Ellis Street and Ash Street. Many years ago Boxford Society members agreed to plant it up rather than seeing it concreted over. Various members, over the years, tended it and eventually we paid a gardener to keep it in order. Last winter he ceased to do this and in spite of a few individuals' best efforts, it got out of hand. A number of the shrubs had, in any event, grown too big for the plot and were causing a nuisance to the neighbours. A few members kept the worst of the problems under control until we were able to find a new gardener through the pages of this paper. Thanks go to Joan Cull, Roger Loose and especially Mr Parry Crooke who attacked the worst offending weeds regularly during the summer.

We are very lucky to have found Mr Gordon Kennett of Mill Green to look after the garden in the future. Many of you will have seen him regularly attacking the plot during the past month. He has generously given much of his own time to clearing it, digging it over numerous times to remove the knotted ivy roots and digging in compost. He has selected the plants and replanted it. We hope it will provide a range of colours in each of the seasons and once again be an attractive spot to sit. We are extremely grateful to Gordon for all his hard work and resilience in the face of some early criticism from a few passers by. Fortunately there are now a lot of positive comments from villagers which is pleasing after the effort involved. Thanks too for the gift of bulbs from The Red House. The nearby seat will be refurbished by Gordon during the winter.

Autumn and Winter walks in Primrose Wood.

The Autumn leaflets have been given out to the children of the village school and the surplus is available for 20p in the post office and newsagents. (Money goes to support the children's new play ground). The Winter walk leaflet will go to the school before Christmas in the hope that it may draw some families to the wood during the Christmas holidays. There are still a very few Spring and Summer leaflets if anyone wants to make a set. As we have a little of our grant left we are planning to create identity sheets of the wild life in Primrose Wood. We have yet to decide how to make these available to the public. Thanks to all of you who have bought our leaflets. They have raised more than we expected, as so many of you have been particularly generous.

Tina Loose Chairman The Boxford Society.

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup Family Cook Book

Fed up with cooking the same old thing? Not sure what to buy a friend for Christmas? Why not try Boxford Sunflower Playgroup's Family Cook Book. It's full of favourite tried and tested recipes from friends and families of the Playgroup and also includes special recipes from local Pubs and restaurants. It's fantastic value at just £5.00. The books are available at Boxford Stores Post Office, Boxford Newsagents, Alan Leeder Butchers or contact Sally Gooderham on (01787) 211805. All proceeds go towards The Sunflower Project.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Boxford and the surrounding villages, the school and the Brownies, we have delivered 219 shoeboxes to the warehouse so far. To all those who filled their own boxes and to everyone who helped at Mary's house we are so grateful. Also to those who donated toys, pens, pencils and toiletries we were able to fill more boxes this year with your contributions. Once again our wonderful knitters have been busy all year producing even more hats, scarves, mittens, teddies and hand puppets. If anyone wants to knit for us for next year Ann has patterns for all of these. This year the warehouse has moved to new premises in Sudbury and is processing thousands of boxes. We have a team of nine volunteers going from Boxford to help out

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES

If you are over sixty-five and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more you may be eligible for the Christmas gift.

Please apply to Sue Mitchell on 247173

during November. If anyone is interested to join in next year you will be very welcome. So thanks to you all for making the children who receive your boxes very happy this Christmas. We hope to do it all again next year. For further information please ring Ann Porter on 210581 or Jennie Lindsley on 210520

EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2008

This year, as the day of the Fair dawned, we were all a little apprehensive that the bleak financial climate and the muddy conditions surrounding the church would keep the customers away.

We needn't have worried. Numbers through the door on both days were higher than last year and the stallholders reported brisk trade across the board.

Thanks to the hard work of a great many helpers – whether baking cakes and savouries, parking cars, serving tea and coffee, manning stalls or even moving pews! – we managed to exceed last year's figures while providing a really festive shopping experience for everyone.

Thanks are also due to the many local businesses and individuals – whose names you will have seen displayed in the Church – who gave us sponsorship or donated prizes for our hugely successful Tombola.

The money raised – over £4500! – will be divided between Edwardstone Church and S.A.S. (Success after Stroke) who sent many members along and whose charity will benefit greatly from the contribution.

Finally, Thank You to all the customers for their continuing support. Events like these would be pointless without you!

New deals at Newton Green Golf Club

To meet the changing market place in golf Newton Green Golf Club is to re-open its category for five-day membership. It is also offering a 15-month for 12-month membership fee and repeating its popular winter warmer golf offer. Five-day membership at the club has been closed for a number of years, but a limited number of new entrants are now being accepted. Furthermore, any person joining the club by January 1 will have three months free golf before the organisation's new financial year begins in April. Until the end of March the club is again running its winter special which offers 18 holes of golf, plus brunch or lunch for £19. Club manager Carole List commented: "In the current difficult financial climate it is important for us to respond to the changing market place, particularly when we can offer the bonus of being a members' club. We expect to be introducing further innovative membership ideas during next year." The club can be contacted on 01787-377217.

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Quiz Night

Another successful quiz night was held in the Parish Room on 15th November. The Dream Team and Prairie Oysters being neck and neck at the finish a nail-biting tie breaker was required with the Dream Team finally claiming the prize of Waitrose Vouchers. In the interval Sue produced one of her famous two course meals. Thank you to all those taking part and to our permanent Resident Quiz Master, Mr Brian Tora. RGM

Edwardstone Churchyard Working Party

The Edwardstone Churchyard helpers enjoyed hot soup and hotdogs, hot drinks and biscuits during a break of their hard work clearing and tidying Edwardstone Churchyard on 25th October. (see pic in Church news) With the help of big machinery provided and worked by Tony Suckling and Jim Powell a brilliant turnout of 25 people (plus 2 Hoskyn minors!) helped transform the Churchyard. You can certainly see where they have been! Very many sincere thanks to all of you. Jan Paul.

Local Poppy Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of people in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton, the recent local poppy collections have already generated over £1,500 to help the Royal British Legion in its vital work. On behalf of the Legion, I would like to thank all the house-to-house collectors for their hard work and dedication. Thanks also to the various local businesses who kindly made space for collecting boxes, and to Boxford School whose staff and pupils have given their usual support at Remembrancetide.

With more money still expected, I anticipate that the total donations will eventually be about £1,800.

Brian Jones Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

Soap Box

An Englishman's home, it is said, is his castle. What price the battlements when the value is falling, utility costs are going through the roof and mortgage payments threaten to engulf the domestic budget? If this sounds alarmist, just think about what has been happening to house prices recently. Like so many other asset classes, the bubble is deflating.

But the real issue is what effect the lack of feel-good-factor will have on the attitude of consumers. If the anecdotal evidence I have been gathering is anything to go by – a great deal. In our village resides a purveyor of up-market goods to a generally well off and retired clientele. He reckons his sales are 30% to 40% down this Christmas – his peak selling season. And a cabbie of my acquaintance, who plies his trade in London, reported a similar downturn in his takings.

What all this means is we are heading for a recession. Arguably we are already there. Technically a recession demands two quarters of negative growth, as the jargon would have it – six months of a shrinking economy, if you want the real version. So far we have had just one quarter when Gross Domestic Product (the accepted measure of economic activity) has fallen – by 0.5% in the three months to the end of September. Anyone who believes the final quarter of this year will not prove tricky is, I fear, deluding themselves.

Not that it is the fall in the value of our homes alone causing the economic retrenchment. Indeed, lower house prices are more a symptom of what has been happening than a cause. It is the way in which economic growth has been driven by a rising tide of debt that is really to blame. We have borrowed too much. The day of reckoning is at hand.

Having spent around half my City career in marketing and sales, I have developed an eye for financial advertising. Do you remember the bank

manager in the wardrobe? Launched, I seem to recall, in the late 1960s or early 1970s, it was a generic campaign, aimed at persuading us all that we needed a bank account. Back then around half of us did not use a bank – a staggering concept in these days of direct debits and holes in walls.

Then we had the growth of plastic – the credit card initially, but now extended to all manner of transactions. Again, an advertising campaign epitomized the seductive nature of the message conveyed. "Access – Taking the Waiting out of Wanting" was the theme adopted, with the card itself styled "Your Flexible Friend". No more need we save for our hearts' desire. Instead – by borrowing – we could satisfy ourselves immediately. But at a cost.

The cost is now being paid – and the price is high indeed. I have seen estimates of a rise in unemployment to as much as 3 million – nearly double the level at the beginning of this year. Actually, the loss of jobs is probably even greater, given the number of foreign workers returning home as the slide in Sterling devalues the wage advantage they once enjoyed here. So the next few months promise to be difficult – and not a little worrying for those of us in those areas where discretionary spending is capable of being cut back.

But Christmas is just around the corner, so far be it from me to paint too sombre a picture as we open our advent calendars and plan our festive lunches. There have, after all, been 11 recessions since the end of the Second World War – 11 periods of negative growth during my lifetime alone. They are never easy, but they do not mark the end of the world either.

We'll get through it. And, given the enormous effort put in by world leaders to limit its effect, will probably have to live with higher inflation in the aftermath – something which may be a concern, but does no harm to the value of your house or your investments, by and large. In the meantime the business to be in is hosting conferences for the great and the good of the global political scene and the business to avoid is probably running booze cruises across the channel.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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(Workers' Educational Association)

The traditional Christmas Party for friends of the WEA, new and old will be held at the Village Hall on the evening of 18 December 2008 when Colin Padgett shall give a short talk entitled "Season's Greetings: an examination of persuasion during the festive season"

Advance Notice of the Spring Course

Popular tutor Roger Bawden returns to give his third course for us.

The course is entitled "Encounters with Famous Scientists".

During the course we shall meet 48 famous scientists. Each week will be in the form of a topic of scientific interest e.g. the Solar System; combating disease; the nature of electricity; atomic structure; evolution and genetics etc. (No prior knowledge of science is necessary)

The course starts on the evening of 8 January 2009 at Stoke by Nayland Middle School. For more details on either event please contact

Dora George 01787 211789 or Ruth Bellairs 01206 262312

BOXFORD W I

Our Group Meeting on the 22nd October was a resounding success. When over 90 ladies attended and caught up with the activities of each institute over the last year. Our speaker was David Boulton who gave us a slide show of photographs of nature and scenery from around the British Isle during one year with commentary and music and what a knowledgeable fellow he was!! This was followed by food prepared by our members and much enjoyed by all. Our flower arrangements were done for us by Jayne Foster some raffled and one presented to our out going West Suffolk Federation Chairman Pat Collinson. On November 5th we held our Annual Meeting when new Officers and Committee were appointed. After the business we had some light hearted games and tea.

On November 26 three of our members attended the Suffolk West's Christmas entertainment at Lavenham entitled Poetry Prose Punch and Pies always an enjoyable evening.

Our December meeting on the 3rd will be our Christmas party held in Mary's House when the Committee will provide tea, games and quizzes.

Also on December the 4th our Group Carol Service this year will be at Polstead Church at 2pm.

Our next Book Club Meeting will be on Wednesday December 17th at Heathers House when we will be reviewing Barbara Pym's book Jane and Prudence.



Above: The Group meeting with everyone in their seats for the off.

Right: Grubs Up with members tucking into the excellent spread



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Wot's On

Boxford Drama Group Cinderella

As we near that "Panto Time" again with only a few days left it is very pleasing to report that Thursday, Friday and Saturday tickets are virtually a sell out with just 5 tickets left for the Thursday evening with Supper.

There are plenty of tickets left for the Wednesday performance, the family night out with Adult tickets at £6.00 and £3.00 for the children.

May I on behalf of all the Drama Group thank each and everyone of you for your outstanding support for us. Next year we celebrate 35 years of entertaining the people of Boxford, what an achievement.

So as we come to the end of this year may I on behalf of us all once again thank you for all your support and as we've said so many times, we couldn't do it without you

Derek Butler and Vic Rice (Panto Producers).

Groton Nativity Play

November 30th at 4.30pm

Everyone remembers when they were either a shepherd or a sheep!

On November the 30th the children of Groton will once again delight us with their 'Nativity'

Milly the donkey with Mary and Joseph will make their way through the church

Joanna Riddleston, Anthia Scriven and the production team have spent many hours honing the young actors to perfection!

This is something that you must not miss as the children who take part have worked so hard

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GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Saturday December 6th 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall

It's time for our annual Cheese and Wine Party once more, and we look forward to welcoming you all there, to enjoy the usual excellent food, Gift Stall, Raffle, Pat-and-Gerald Bar and of course the auction; this year however, the auction will be slightly different – it will be run on a 50-50 basis, and it will be a "Silent Auction" [well, nearly silent!]. Groton PCC would be very grateful for some interesting items for this, and after all, you will get back half the final price to take home with you, or to spend at the Bar. Please phone Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC to arrange collection, and to purchase your Tickets, which are available now, at the Bargain Price of £6 each.

NAYLAND CHOIR

NAYLAND CHOIR will present a Christmas Concert on December 6th 2008 at st. James Church' Nayland at 7.30pm. The choir, directed by Jeremy Hughes, will start with Messe de Minuit, composed by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, followed in the second half by items from Carols for Choirs for the listening to, or participating in, by the audience.

Come and enjoy the familiar or forgotten and brush up on your carols. Mince pies and drinks will be served half time. Cost of entry £7.00. Further information from secretary Elspeth Leahy 01206 263284

Boxford Community Council Fun and Games Night

Saturday 31st January 2009 at Boxford Village Hall

Once again we will be holding our annual Indoor Fun and Games Night challenge in the Village Hall. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various games and mindbenders striving for the prestigious title of Fun and Games Champions for 2009. A fun night is promised for all and we will be having a licensed bar and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30pm for registration with first round of games at 7.50pm. Ticket prices will be £40 per team, £5 per head.

Our limit is 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed, please contact David Gasson on 210796, Stephanie Atkins on 210444 or Doug Impett on 210035 or Peter Hibben on 210819, we will list you on first come first served basis.

We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas if possible so ask your help in a swift reply.

If anybody is not in a team but would like to come and help then please give Peter Hibben a ring on 210819.

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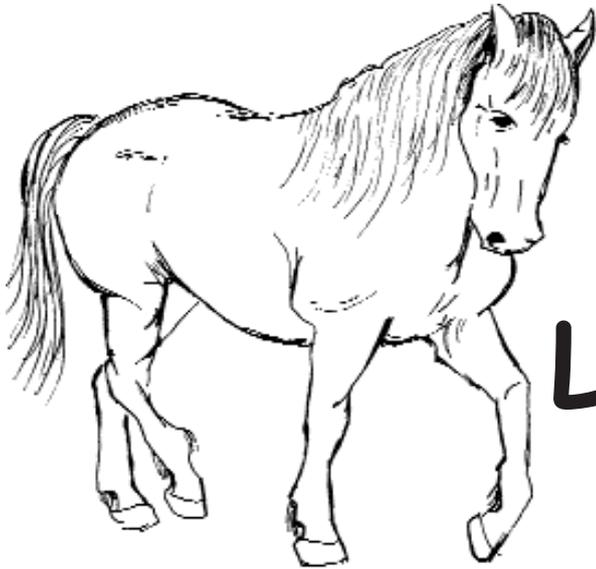
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New Years Day 12 noon till 5pm

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Wot's On

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2008

Following the huge success of our Festivals in recent years, plans are well in hand for our fifth Christmas Tree Festival, which will be held in St Peters' from Tuesday 2nd December until Sunday 7th December inclusive. The Church will, again, be filled with around 60 decorated trees and once again, we anticipate that the Festival will be a magnet for many hundreds of visitors

We wish to attract additional participants, for more information contact: Joan K Garden (Mrs) Vice Chairman - Friends of St Peter Sudbury Comer House, Chelsea Court, Sudbury, CO10 2HH 01787 372087

Christmas Market at The Fleece, Boxford 19th December 2008

In the courtyard of The Fleece in Boxford, come along and visit Santa, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, listen to carol singers, buy last minute Christmas gifts, support local charities and generally enter into the Christmas Spirit.

If you are a local fund raising group and would like to have a presence, please contact either, Gail at Boxford News or Jay at The Fleece to book a space. These are free to charities and a donation will be requested from commercial stalls. It will be fun – come along – bring the kids

Newton Whist

Despite it being a cold, wet, windy night, 18 people turned out for the whist drive held in Newton village hall on Monday 10th November. Although the weather put off a few of our regulars we were pleased to welcome David to his first drive and hope others will follow his example.

The prizewinners were:

Peggy Pell	183	Alan Vince	179
Joan Crisell	168	Mary Jackson	167
Gerry Peacock	165	Little Sue	144

Many thanks to Joan and Carole for doing the refreshments.

The Christmas whist drive will be on Monday 22nd Dec at 7.30pm with the next one on Monday 5th January. Alan Vince 01787 373963

FILMS AT POLSTEAD VILLAGE:

Friday 19th December "Mamma Mia" (PG) 108 mins
Doors open at 7-00pm, films start at 7-30pm. Licensed Bar, teas, coffee and Suffolk icecream available.

Tickets £3-50, can be booked in advance at Polstead Community Shop or by ringing Sue Wigglesworth on 01787 210029.

FOBS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday December 6th, 12pm to 4pm

Boxford Primary School & St Mary's Church

Friends of Boxford School are holding their annual Christmas Fair with refreshments, Santa Claus, tombolas, cakes and sweets, face painting, nail painting, tattoos, children's games and lots more at the school. There will also be stalls in St Mary's Church and a chance to do some Christmas shopping. The entrance fee is just £1 for adults and free for children. Please come along to this enjoyable event - we look forward to seeing you!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, BY MUSICOLGY, IN EDWARDSTONE CHURCH:

Concert by Musicology in Edwardstone Church on Friday 12 December at 7.15 p.m. Tickets £7.50 (to include a glass of wine and light refreshments in the interval) from Daphne Clark on 01787 210698 or David Saddleton on 01787 211161. Licensed bar available. In aid of Edwardstone Church kitchen project. Daphne Clark



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STOKE BY NAYLAND W.E.A. (Workers' Educational Association)

The Branch Christmas Party
shall be held at the Village Hall at 7.30pm of
18 December 2008.

We hope that all present, past and future
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Colin Padgett shall give a short talk entitled
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Above: Forty members of the Boxford Society attended the November Talk "1000 Years of Our Area in Print" on Boxford School Hall on 15th November. The speaker, Ashley Cooper from Gestingthorpe, farmer, historian and writer who had an astonishing knowledge of local literary characters dating back to the mid 8th century. His insights into the lives of those inspired by our part of the country captured the imagination of the knowledgeable audience



Above: The Boxford Rovers club dance. Everyone had a great time dancing to the live music of CHASER who did an excellent and varied set with something to suit everyone. Delicious hot food was served half way through thanks to organiser Julie Richards and her team. Final sum raised for club funds isn't known at time of writing, but many thanks for all donated raffle prizes, which will swell the coffers. In addition the pot on the bar for any odd change raised £19 for Children in Need.

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Three Saturdays in June: Gainsborough House Open Studios, Print Workshop. 23rd to 28th June: Gainsborough House Fine Art Print Fair, Pond Gallery, Snape.

The Suffolk Craft Society's Annual Christmas Exhibition

Have some designer sparkle in your home this Christmas! The Suffolk Craft Society's Annual Christmas Exhibition at Gallery 2 is now open, where you will find all the ingredients for a stylish festive season.

Gallery 2, which is at the Town Hall Galleries in Ipswich, showcases a diverse selection of contemporary designer crafts, all made entirely by professional crafts people in Suffolk, and all for sale! This is THE place in East Anglia for a truly unique Christmas gift to be treasured.

The Christmas Exhibition runs until December 24th and it is open to the public on Tuesday – Saturday 10am –5pm. A visit to the Town Hall Galleries is always an enjoyable outing and admission is free!

Newton Green Village Hall

Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning

The annual Christmas Fayre, sale and Coffee Morning is to be held on Saturday 6th December in the Village Hall.

The Quay Theatre, Sudbury

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Friday 19th December to Saturday 3rd January 2009

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Forthcoming Events Diary

November

29 Advant Celebration
30 Groton Nativity Play

Boxford St Marys 6.30pm
Groton Church 4.30pm

December

3 Boxford WI Christmas Party
3 Boxford Over 60's Christmas Lunch
3/4/5/6 Cinderella Boxford Drama Group
4 W I Group Carol Service
6 Cheese and Wine
6 Church Christmas Sale
6 FOB's Christmas Fair
12 Musicology Concert in Edwardstone Church
15 Whist Drive
17 Boxford W I Book Club
19 Christmas Market
22 Newton Whist Drive

Mary's House 2pm
Fleece 12.15
Boxford Village Hall see ad
Polstead church 2pm
Groton Village Hall 7.30pm
Newton Village Hall 10.00am
Boxford Primary School TBA
7.15 p.m.
Newton Village Hall 7.30pm
Heather's House 3pm
The Fleece
Newton Village Hall 7.30pm

January

7 Boxford W I Christmas Meal
20 Boxford Gardening Society Karen Kenny
31 Boxford Community Council Fun and games night

Boxford Fleece
Village Hall 7.30pm
Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm

February

8 Boxford W I Beading
17 Boxford Gardening Society Dr Christopher Grey-Wilson

Village Hall 2pm
Village Hall 7.30pm

March

17 Boxford Gardening Society Ian Limmer
21 Boxford Gardening Society Daffodil Walk

Village Hall 7.30pm
Boxford 2.00pm

April

21 Boxford Gardening Society Andrew Tokeley

Village Hall 7.30pm

May

31 Boxford Gardens Open

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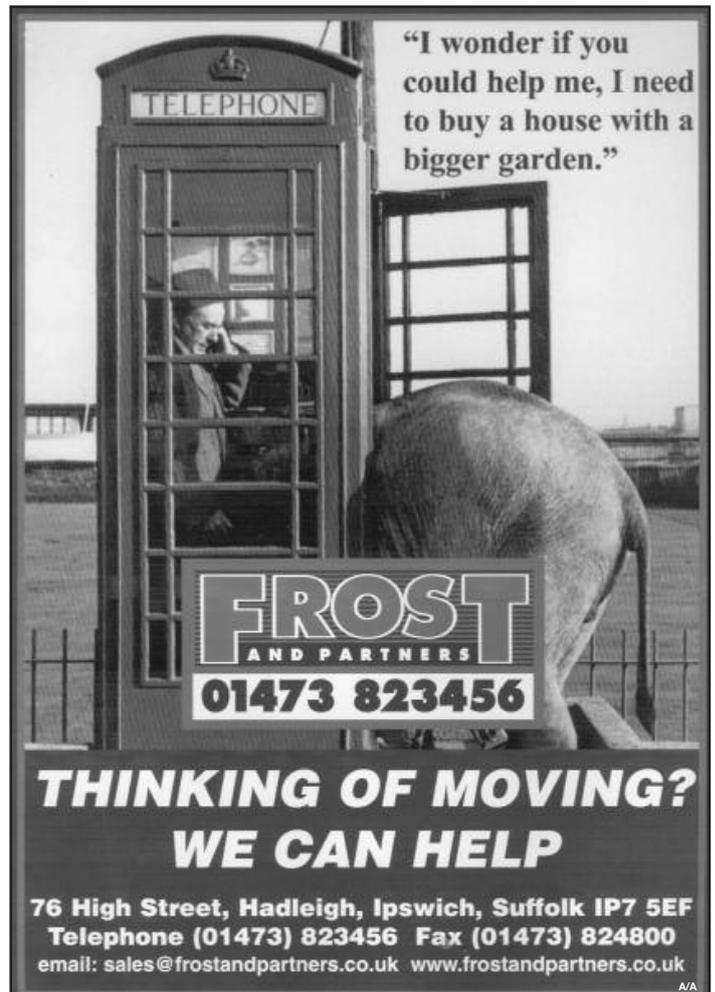
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31st - New Years Eve Party

January 2009

29th - Race Night in Aid of the RNLI

February 2009

5th - Girls Night

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Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.

Benefice house:

Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ.

To the people of the Box River Benefice,

How safe do you feel? By that I am not speaking about fear of dark alleys and such but rather just normal living in this world. A year ago our financial standing and that of the worlds' was strong and we were riding on the crest of the wave of prosperity. That wave has broken and dumped us bruised and bleeding on a rock-strewn beach. The truth is that the world has never been a safe place, it still isn't and there is nothing any of us can do that will insulate us from this dangerous world. How do we react to living in an unsafe world? What should be the Christian response to the perilous world we live in? Where can we find some kind of security?

The Christian draws their strength and security from a specific source, God. Psalm 124:8 says: 'Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.' Those are good words to live by but what do they mean in practical terms? The first thing we have to remember is that this world is not in any way safe. We have just remembered in our services the millions who have died in wars. Those wars were not planned and calculated but sudden and they happened in the middle of times of imagined security. Those who took part did not know they were to die.

Our only security is in God, not in the things of this world. Our faith is not to be in our military power, our economy and financial institutions, the power of our foreign alliances; our hope is in the Lord our God. If we decide to rely on anything else we are heading for a fall.

A whole group of people went to work in their offices on a normal day. They expected to reach the end of the day and go home to relax. None of them expected that passenger jets would be deliberately crashed into the World Trade Centre. This is the sort of world we are living in and any sense of security we might have is at best transient.

Our security is in our faith, not in our imagined safety and that security is not about safety, it is about faith and courage. There are those in our culture who live in great safety and prosperity, yet their lives are consumed with worry and fear for their security. On the other hand, there are those in the world who live in very difficult and dangerous places who nevertheless feel secure, because they are full of faith and hope. We want to be safe, but it is more important for us to be secure in our faith and find our courage in God. 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea' (Psalm 46:1-2).

If you are looking only at the worldly and present circumstances of life you will find no security. In Christ we have lives with an eternal dimension and that is where our security lies. We are secure with God and even though life is dangerous and unpredictable, life is also good. As Christians, we understand that there is evil in the world. But we also know that God is also in the world and therefore good exists here too. Life holds no guarantees for any of us. We may not be safe, but we are loved by God and that is where our security lies.

Psalm 23 verses sums up our relationship with God in this uncertain world. The whole psalm is encouraging but particularly verse 4: 'Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff they comfort me.' May this be our rallying cry as well as our consolation in these difficult times.

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: 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours' Luke 2:14

Christmas is often called the Season of Goodwill, as though for a few weeks people can be expected to behave in a kindly and generous way. The title comes from the King James' version of these words from Luke's Gospel – 'on earth peace, good will towards men'. It's a nice idea, a kind of cosy season of the year when everyone is nice to everyone else, but it's not what the message of the angel actually said, and in any case it flies in the face of all we know about ourselves and our fellow human beings. A plentiful supply of presents and alcohol may well spread a benign glow over proceedings, but generally it only lasts for a few hours.

The 'good will' in this verse is in fact, as the NRSV renders it, 'favour' – God's favour, his loving-kindness or grace. The generosity, in other words, is his, not ours – though we are the beneficiaries of it. The birth of Jesus is God's greatest gift - his 'incredible gift', as St Paul calls it (2 Corinthians 9:15). The gift was costly ('his only Son') and undeserved – 'the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost' (Luke 19:10). And the gift was for 'all the people' (Luke 2:10). God's 'favour' was now to be revealed to the whole human race.

The Oxford Dictionary defines 'goodwill' as 'kindly feeling' or 'heartiness'. Neither seems quite appropriate as a description of God's motive in sending his Son into the world as our Saviour. But to know that in this act God was showing 'favour' – generosity – to his often rebellious and constantly disobedient creatures is deeply reassuring. At Bethlehem we became God's favoured people, the recipients of the most generous gift the world has ever seen.

Forthcoming Fundraising events for Church Funds:

Ladies Lunch Club. The next "Ladies Lunch" will be in the New Year, on Thursday 8th January 2009 at 12.30 pm - at the home of Ruth Common, Causeway House, Boxford. Very many thanks to Maggie Thorpe for a very enjoyable lunch on 6th November.

Boxford Gardens Open 2009 – It's not too early to be thinking about next year's Boxford Gardens Open – on Sunday 31st May.

The Box River Club Meets in the school hall on Friday afternoons at 3.15pm in term time. We then go into church for the remainder of our meeting & finish about 4.15pm. We warmly welcome all children to join the Box River Club for games, activities, crafts & learning about Jesus. Our next **Family Service** will be on Sunday, January 4th at 9.30 am. All are welcome especially those who perhaps are more used to more traditional services. You will actually find our worship challenging & fun.

The Bible Study Group Next meets at 47 Swan Street on Monday 8th December at 8.00pm where we continue our study of St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles. All are most welcome to come along.

The House Group Meets at 7.30 pm at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford- 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month.

Cleaners needed! Are you willing to spend a little time keeping our lovely parish church clean. We urgently need more to join our rota of cleaners. Please contact Chris Cuthbert or a churchwarden if could spend a little time on this valuable work.

Christmas season worship at St. Mary's Parish Church:

Sunday 21st December – at 6.30pm our traditional Carol Service
 24th Christmas Eve – Midnight Holy Communion at 11.30pm.
 25th Christmas Day – 10.00 am Family Service
 Saturday 29th November:- **A Celebration for Advent.** This is at 6.30pm & will be followed by a delicious supper. Tickets for the supper are £8.00 & are available at Boxford News – the Celebration is of course free.
 Sunday 7th December – Our **Christingle service** for the Childrens' Society will be at 4.00pm All are most welcome to this family service
Choir News The choir meets on Friday evenings at 7.30pm in church. New members are always most welcome.
Smile Lines: A sign of the times - In a department store Christmas Grotto, a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap; Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN EDWARDSTONE CHURCH:

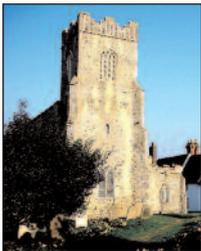
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CHRISTMAS FAIR:

Once again the Christmas Fair committee have pulled out all the stops to run an excellent event. The proceeds will be divided between the church and a local charity. The PCC thanks the organisers (and their helpers) very much for all their hard work. *David Saddleton*

Rotas:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers
Dec 7:	Mr/Mrs Dodd	Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett	No flowers, Advent
Dec 14:	Visiting	Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett	"
Dec 21:	Mr/Mrs Dodd	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	"
Dec 24:	Mr/Mrs Dodd	"	All help
Dec 25:	Visiting	"	"
Dec 28:	Visiting	"	"



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride: Many thanks to the couples and families who took part, and those others who manned the church to register the cyclists. The total collected fell a few pence short of £475. Half this amount will be returned to this parish by the SHCT treasurer, the other half is retained by him for the preservation of churches in the county. It was another successful outcome with several young and very young taking part for the first time – congratulations to the first timers especially. *Peter Kennedy Scott*

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Saturday, December 6th at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall

It's time for our annual Cheese and Wine Party once more, and we look forward to welcoming you all there, to enjoy the usual excellent food, Gift Stall, Raffle, Pat-and-Gerald Bar and of course the auction; this year however, the auction will be slightly different – it will be run on a 50-50 basis, and it will be a "Silent Auction" [well, nearly silent!]. Groton PCC would be very grateful for some interesting items for this, and after all, you will get back half the final price to take home with you, or to spend at the Bar. Please phone Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC to arrange collection, and to

purchase your Tickets, which are available now, at the Bargain Price of £6 each.

Rotas:

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr Block
Flowers: Mrs Foster
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Dec 14:	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	No flowers - Advent
Dec 21:	Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell	No flowers - Advent
Dec 24:	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Mrs Harbord
Dec 28:	Visiting	Mrs Ewen



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Sunday 7th	2nd of Advent		(P)
8.00	Lt Waldingfield	Holy Communion	The Revd David Abel
10.30	Edwardstone	Morning prayer	The Revd. David Matthews
4.00pm	Boxford	Christingle	The Revd. Peter Adams &
		The Revd. David Matthews	

Wednesday 10th

10.30	Boxford Mary's House	Holy Communion	The Revd David Abel
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Saturday 13th

16.30	Groton	Holy Matrimony	The Revd. David Matthews
		James Bowdidge & Lynne Gault	

Sunday 14th	3rd of Advent		(P)
8.00	Groton	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
9.30	Newton	Holy Communion	The Revd Gerald Drew
11.00	Boxford	Holy Communion	The Revd Gerald Drew
16.00	Little Waldingfield	Carol Service	Graham Brook
18.30	Groton	Carol Service	The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 17th

10.30	Boxford Mary's House	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
19.00	Little Waldingfield	Compline	Tim Harbord

Sunday 21st	4th of Advent		(P)
8.00	Edwardstone	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
9.30	Lt Waldingfield	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
4.00pm	Newton	Carol Service	The Revd. David Matthews
6.30pm	Boxford	Carol Service	Chris Kingsbury

Wednesday 24th

15.00	Newton	Crib Service	(P)
18.00	Edwardstone	Carol Service	The Revd. David Matthews
23.30	Boxford	Midnight Mass	The Revd Gerald Drew
23.30	Lt Waldingfield	Midnight Mass	The Revd. David Matthews

Thursday 25th

9.30	Groton	Family Communion	(W)
10.00	Boxford	Family Service	The Revd. David Matthews
			Chris Kingsbury

Sunday 28th	First Sunday of Christmas		(W)
9.30	Groton	Benefice Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 31st

10.30	Boxford Mary's House	Holy Communion	Graham Brook
14.00	Edwardstone	Holy Matrimony	The Revd. David Matthews
		Timothy Groom & Anna Suckling	

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Left: The Edwardstone Churchyard helpers enjoying hot soup and hotdogs, hot drinks and biscuits during a break of their hard work clearing and tidying Edwardstone Churchyard on 25th October.

OSPREY SIGHTED AT THE STOKE CLUB



Cameras have been clicking at The Stoke by Nayland Golf Club again. But this time it is not for the reasons you may think. Although the Golf Club is used to seeing its fair share of 'birdies', this time the birdie has a six foot wing span and feeds on fish.

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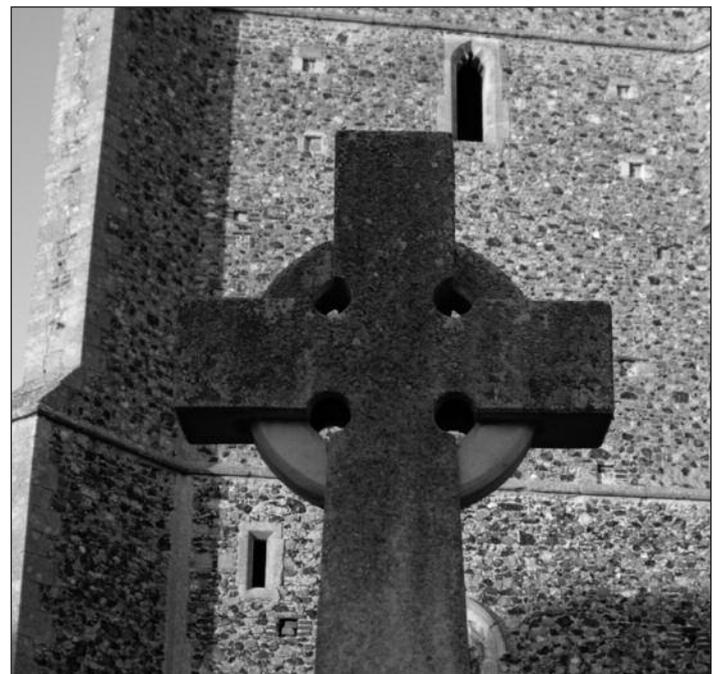
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AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN November 11th 2008



As a little boy in the early 20's I remember seeing ex servicemen pushing an old pram or a homemade hand cart with a gramophone on it, stopping outside a house and playing a scratchy old record, hoping to get a penny or two as they struggled to survive. In 1921 the newly formed British Legion and the launch of the Poppy Appeal stepped in with some financial aid or help in the form of bread and coal. Even with that life was hard.

Remembrance is not all about the past, it is also to remember those of our servicemen and women who are risking their lives at the present time in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are fighting a difficult war under harsh conditions against a largely unseen enemy and having to cope with suicide bombers from whom there is little or no defence. Most of their casualties are coming from roadside bombs, those who survive lose limbs which means for them a lifetime of discomfort. The loss of loved ones through war is tragic and hard for their family to deal with. Everyone who lost their life serving our country must be remembered. Remembrance Day and the wearing of the poppy each year will ensure that their memory is kept alive.

The word Hero seems to be devalued nowadays. It used to apply to servicemen who are distinguishing themselves in war, fighting for our country, for each other, facing bombs, bullets, landmines etc. Now its more often used to describe TV personalities, Pop Stars or Sportsmen. Score the winning goal in the cup final and they become a national hero. I hardly think that action has any comparison with what our brave lads on active service are having to endure.

(Extracts from Harry Buckledee's address on remembrance Sunday)

The Photographs

You may remember that November the 11th this year was a very bright and brisk day. I had taken photographs at the Edwardstone Remembrance Day service but unfortunately had incorrectly set my camera and the resulting photographs were unsuitable for reproduction. It was not until late afternoon and with the sun sinking rapidly I decided to get to as many of the Benefice War Memorials as I could to get photographs of them at sunset. I managed to get 4 of them but by the time I got to Boxford the sun had gone and there has not been a suitable sunset since.

Top Left: The Edwardstone War memorial on windy corner!

Top Right: The Groton War Memorial. (the simplicity of this memorial is quite moving)

Centre Right: Newtons War Memorial with the sun setting through the trees on the golf course.

Bottom Right: The Memorial at St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield set against the setting sun on the tower of the church.

GARDENING IN DECEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Clean up and dig the vegetable garden. Land dug over now should be left rough and will have about three months to weather and when forked over in spring the lumps will break down easily producing a fine tilth much superior to that produced by late digging.

All fallen leaves should be raked up as soon as possible from around rose and fruit bushes and burned to avoid passing disease spores of black spot, rust and mildew on to next years crop. The soil around roses should then be drenched with a solution of Armillotox 1 part per hundred, to kill off any which may over winter in the soil. Mummified fruits which are a source of brown rot disease, still remaining on trees or any that have fallen, should be gathered up and burned. Brown rot is a disease which seriously affects the storage life of fruit.

Remove all yellow leaves from Brussels sprouts, these can cause fungal diseases which will spread and cause the sprouts to rot.

Half hardy shrubs like fuchsias and some herbaceous plants may need a little help to survive a very severe winter. A three or four inch layer of peat, bark or compost on top of the soil around the plants will insulate the roots from frost. The mulch should be spread over the whole of the root area.

If flower borders are too close to trees or hedge they may suffer from man invasion of tree roots. The foraging roots from trees are usually in the top twelve inches of soil and they quickly find their way into a well fed, well watered bed, enjoying a meal which was not meant for them. These invasive roots can be cut back each year by thrusting a sharp spade into the soil around the bed to a depth of about twelve inches, deep enough to sever all the roots. Any thick roots can be cut with

an axe and they will eventually die and rot away. Although the soil is cooling now, there is still time to plant deciduous trees and shrubs. In fact they will be best in their permanent positions ready to make new growth when temperature rises in March

Examine bulbs in store, like gladioli, Begonia corms and dahlia tubers. removing any that are diseased and make sure they are protected from frost. If possible bring them into the house, in a spare room where they are certain to be safe.

Make sure to get your seed order in by the end of the year, Seeds men are very busy in January and February. Seed sowing is often upon us all of a sudden and you don't want to get caught out with no seeds.

Happy Christmas, Harry.

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Boxford School News

In all my years in education I have never experienced a period of such activity. As a church school we are subjected to both the normal OFSTED inspection and a second inspection looking at our Christian character and how it influences the ethos of the school. I am delighted to report that like the main inspection we were graded outstanding and I was particularly pleased that the inspector felt that one of the strengths of the school is the 'level of care, support and nurture offered by the staff.' I have always felt that a child's time in primary education should be interesting, exciting and above all enjoyable and this will only happen if children feel secure, valued and confident in the school environment so it was nice to have this recognised by an independent observer. Once again I find myself thanking and congratulating all those who work tirelessly to ensure that our children have access to the best possible education.

Last week I was visited by two advisors from the local authority inspecting our approach to the financial management of the school. It would appear that so long as you have the right paperwork in place and signed then everything is fine!

As I write I have been visited by a School Improvement Partner and spent a very intense morning examining in minute detail every aspect of our children's work and progress and tomorrow I will be visited by the Basic Skills assessor to check that we are continuing to teach literacy and numeracy to a high standard.

Couple all this with a Health and Safety Audit, preparations for Christmas and the forthcoming School Reorganisation Review that Suffolk are currently undertaking this is a time of unprecedented workload and change.

On a brighter note our High Fives (netball) team are once again champions of the Cornard Pyramid of Schools. Congratulations to Ms. Oxley, Mrs. Lane and all of our children for an outstanding effort.

Last Friday we held our own Children in Need event where we collected 'change for children'. In total we raised over £150 for this very worthwhile cause. The children and staff took the opportunity to come in non-uniform for the day. Finally may I remind everyone that this year's Christmas Fayre will be held in the school on Saturday 6th December. As usual there will be a range of stalls and activities and of course a visit from the main man himself. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

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The interior of the Lakes Restaurant has a very stylish feel, with warm, smoked oak flooring, contemporary dark wood tables and comfortable high-backed, chocolate leather chairs. The walls are adorned with atmospheric black and white photos which capture snapshots of days gone by and local places of interest. Diners are greeted with a fresh new look which is modern and tasteful.

Executive Head Chef Nigel Taverner (photo above) is very enthusiastic about the challenge, "My whole team is really excited about this new venture at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel; the Lakes Restaurant will provide a good selection of top quality dishes – all created in our kitchens using fresh, seasonal ingredients which are, wherever possible, produced locally." Nigel had a glittering career in London before deciding to move to Suffolk; he has fed most of the Royal family on different occasions as well as several Prime Ministers. He has also worked with Gordon Ramsey.

For dinner at the Lakes there is always a delicious set 3 course menu offered as well as an extensive a la carte menu to suit every taste. There is also a good selection of wines from all over the world.

Traditional Sunday lunches have always been popular at the hotel and are offered in the Lakes Restaurant at £16.95 for 3 courses, coffee and mints, or 2 courses for £13.95. The cost for children under 12 is £10.50. A special lunch menu is also available every day of the week.

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Leader Julian 01284 830544

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Ramblers Association Walks.

Wednesday 3rd December Little Cornard. Meet at Gt Cornard Country Park cp (GR TL 891395) to make a 10.30am start. Distance 5 miles

Leader David Taylor 01787 880875

Sunday 7th December Wakes Colne/Chappel. Meet Wakes Colne Railway Station car park (GR TL 898 289) for a 10am start to walk in the Colne Valley via Ford Street, Aldham, The Essex Way return via Chalkney Wood. No pub stop, please bring lunch and drink. Distance 10 miles

Leader Cliff and Dorothy S 01255 502976

Thursday 11th December Chappel Meet to make a 10am start at the Viaduct Car Park (GR TL 896284) for a walk through the Colne Valley via Chalkney Wood to Great Tey. Distance 10 miles

Leader Jom C 07944 606251

Wednesday 17th December Kettlebaston Meet at Corncraft car park Monks Leigh (GR TL 971 476) to make a 10.30 start. Distance 5.5 miles

Leader Ian Taylor 01787 370019

Sunday 28th December Stour Valley, Wormingford - Lamarsh. Meet at Bures Railway Station car park (GR TM 339903) for a 10am start. Picnic Lunch, no pub stop. Distance 9 miles

Leader Janet P 01787 227929

Sunday 28th December Glemsford Cavendish Meet to make a 10.30am start at Glemsford Village Hall car park (GR TL 826479) Distance 5 miles

Leader Lesley 01787 280392

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The number of meetings is a minimum of three within the twelve months but this may be increased due to whatever business is to be transacted. However in the past year it has been just the three statutory meetings as required under the deed set up by the Charity Commission.

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Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The Council met on 28th October.

6 councillors attended plus District Councillor J Antill. PCSO J Barrett was called to an emergency.

Police matters. One minor crime reported but no details given as PCSO called away. The clerk and two councillors attended at meeting in Acton to discuss the sharing of a speed gun with Acton, Chilton & Newton councils. With the help of money from the locality budget, the cost to each council will be £247. We agreed to join the scheme. Members will not operate the gun in their own village. A village co-ordinator is still required, so the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme can be resurrected. Volunteers have been found to be "area" co-ordinators".

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising. Some minor repairs are needed to the village sign.

Financial Matters. The insurance policy has been renewed and has been extended to cover our legal liability for the closed churchyard. Other insurance requirements are under investigation. The second half of the precept for £1475 has been received. Further investigation into the provision of a bus shelter and the possibility of grants agreed. Standard letters for replies to request for charitable donations approved.

Planning Matters. Conservation area consent in not required for works at School House. Permission has been granted for an extension at Pitt Cottage.

Correspondence. Re-surfacing of Grove Avenue delayed till next year.

Footpaths. All appear to be in order but the signage to be re-inspected.

Churchyard. Some minor repairs required to the front walk. Work by D Oakley approved up to a cost of £200.

Any other business. The clerk to report to SCC the poor state of the footpath from Church Road to the Playingfield. Councillor Antill gave a report on future spending in the light of the Local Government Review, the car parking issues in Sudbury and said the affordable housing scheme has been suspended due to the economic downturn.

The next meeting. will be on 2nd December at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council October 2008

Planning & Finance Meeting on 6th October

Public Forum: Finlay Hunter, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, attended to share details of their project to construct a new roof for the Hall. Quotations were being sought and fund raising had been initiated. Cllr Ansell stated that he believed this project to be top priority for the Parish Council next year. Mr Hunter was asked to provide all relevant details to the Parish Council. Mr Hunter then asked whether the trees to the rear of the Village Hall could be cut back. It was agreed for the Cemetery Sub-Committee to consider this request and report back to full Council.

Finance: The Clerk shared the budget review showing Expenditure at 47% of budget at the half year point. It was agreed for Cllr Norman to inspect the War Memorial to see the extent to which it needs cleaning.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council: -

1) Babergh confirmed permission including Listed Building Consent has been granted to convert an outbuilding to provide a work and kitchen area and annex at Peyton House, Ellis Street.

2) Permission has been granted for a single bay car port at 13-15 Church Street.

3) Work can commence to remove 3 willow trees at Vermont, 13 Stone Street.

The following were discussed by Council: -

a) Proposed conversion of agricultural building to form 1 dwelling with linked extension and new vehicular access at Peyton Hall Farm, Stone Street.

b) Application for a single storey rear extension to form a boiler room at 22 Swan Street.

c) Consulted as adjoining parish for proposed detached double garage at Green Farm, White Street Green.

Reports from Members: It was agreed to organise a Christmas tree again this year. Cllr Fincham-Jacques reported a broken cover on the pavement at the bottom of the steps to the Village Hall. Cllr Impett reported unsatisfactory patch repairs on The Causeway. It was agreed for the Clerk to report both matters to County Highways. A report was then made of a tree hitting buildings in Ash Street during high winds. It was agreed to inform Babergh Council.

Full Parish Council Meeting on 20th October

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren confirmed that he had received a letter from Copella regarding proposed redundancies and was concerned at this decision and will keep Council posted on developments. He was hopeful that the balance of the funding will be secured from Babergh Council to complete the new playground. He confirmed that the Village Hall Committee would be applying for an

amended license to allow alcohol to be consumed anywhere both on the premises and surrounding it. Babergh Council was in the process of appointing a warden to cover Ash Street flats and also some sheltered housing in Hadleigh. Cllr Hurren reported that the application to extend 35 Daking Avenue was granted by Committee. It was the only one on the day that went against Babergh officer's recommendations. He thanked Cllr Gates for making an excellent representation on behalf of the Parish Council in favour of the application.

Police Report: The Clerk read from the police report for September showing one criminal damage incident in Broad Street involving intoxicated male causing damage to a telephone kiosk. That crime has been detected. Our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted on 01473- 613500.

Clerks Correspondence: The Clerk read from a letter from the PCC inviting members and the Clerk to attend a civic service at St Mary's Church. A letter from Anglian Water was then shared with Council confirming they were investigating the sewage spillage in Boxford. They have assessed the cause as relating to capacity and therefore sent questionnaires to residents in the area. Cllrs Norman and Fincham-Jacques agreed to attend Babergh's Annual Meeting with Town and Parish Councils. A Byelaws Consultation was circulated to members. Please note the telephone number to report matters from pot-holes to street lights is 08456 066 067 County & District Services.

Finance: It was agreed to ask County Cllr Selwyn Pryor for his Locality Budget to go towards the Village Hall Roof Project. The Clerk confirmed an application has been made to Babergh Council for Section 106 Recreation Contributions towards completion of the new playground. Cllr Impett confirmed that she is working with Boxford Society regarding a planting scheme for the playground. She would like to involve the school and agreed to liaise with the Chairman in this respect.

Cemetery: The Sub Committee agreed to meet with Contractors in the Cemetery to determine winter priorities.

Reports from Members: It was reported that the footpath skirting Brook Hall Estate is overgrown with hedgerows. It was agreed to report to the Right of Way Officer at the County Council.

Planning: Applications discussed by Council: -

a) Proposal for work to alder and white poplar trees and to fell 3 ash trees at 2 The Causeway.

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Sir

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Concerned Villager
Boxford

Sir

On behalf of the British Kidney Association I would like to thank everyone who has saved their used postage stamps throughout the year. Since my appeal last Christmas I have sent three boxes of stamps to the Association so please keep saving your stamps to help this very good cause.

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Sincerely yours, C Boon
Edwardstone

Sir

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You will have read that some Boxford Folk are concerned about the increase in the number of Ducks in the centre of the village and that the Parish Council has plans to catch the poor blighters, clip their wings and dump them on the unsuspecting folk of Semer. In these hard times, why not slaughter them and give them to the poor and needy for Christmas! or better still let them live and train them to race for charity, much better than those plastic ones.

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NEWTON GREEN TWO NEW ASSISTANTS

Newton Green Golf Club professional Tim Cooper has appointed two 17-year-old assistant professionals to help him run his shop. Both are products of the club's successful junior section and by having two rather than one assistant Tim will be able to offer more flexibility in running the professional side at a club, where he has been the pro for 14 years.

Ryan Talbot, who attended Hadleigh High School, and Ben Mellon, a former Great Cornard Upper School pupil, will sign onto the Professional Golfers' Association diploma course when they are 18, assuming they have handicaps of four or below.

Ryan, who began playing when he was 13, is already playing off two, while Ben has reduced his handicap from 14 to 8.5 in the last few months.

Both have won many trophies in their junior careers and Ben played for Newton's Tolly team this year, while Ryan has had recent Hambro Cup experience at Brett Vale, and has also worked as a range assistant at Fynn Valley and Suffolk Water Park.

CUT GLASS FOR SHARP GOLFERS

NEWTON GREEN Golf Club has honoured its successful women's team by holding a reception and presentation event.

The team recently won the Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association Cranworth Trophy for the first time in the 70 year history of the competition.

To mark the occasion, all members of the squad have been presented with cut glass paper weights by club captain Tony Hayward.

During the reception held prior to the annual meeting of the ladies' section, retiring captain Margaret Hills presented a cheque for £745 as a result of charity fund raising events during her year to Lance Spraggs, Babergh area chairman of Home Start, which supports young, vulnerable families.

At the annual meeting which followed, new captain Carolyn Cocksedge was elected. The following day rockets and fireworks were ignited as she drove off from the first tee in a 10-hole Delaney Scramble competition. The winning team were Jeannine Stephens, Rosemary Thomson, Claire Aldous and Norma Humphrey on 39.1 pts. Second with 41.4 pts and nearest the pin with two shots on the 9th hole were Di Cunningham, Janet Sparks, Maureen Wheeler and Pat Walsh. Winner of "Guess the distance of Lady Captain's Drive" was Glenys Grove.

During the annual meeting Julie Iveson was presented with the Golfer of the Year award and The Quaiche Trophy for the player with the largest handicap reduction of the year went to Eloise Aldous, whose handicap reduced from 36 - 25. Eloise recently won the club's prestigious Jonathan Lambert Centenary Silver Salver.



Cranworth winners squad, left to right: Debbie Howlett, Julie Iveson, Glenys Grove, Norma Humphrey, Janet Sparkes, Mary Jenkins (non playing captain), Margaret Hills, Liz Ward and Di Cunningham.

NEWS FROM BOXFORD ROVERS YFC

Now for the football. Both the Under 14 team and the Under 18 team are picking up their performances. After a bad start to the season, both are now working their way up the table. 'A' league football means you only play against the best so every match is tough but both teams continue to compete at the top level.

From the rest of the youth teams it's been a bit mixed over the last month, as all have managed to win as well as lose. Congratulations are due to the Under 9's, Under 12's and Under 18's, who are through to the third round of the league cup, the 12's toppling a team one division above them 5 - 0. The girls U 16's are playing very good football. If they lose, it's not by much and when they win, it's usually a handsome win. Our minis training sessions are very well supported as 6 and 7 year olds start their football careers under the watchful eye and enthusiastic coaching of Tim Lucas and his team. Already the stars are starting to shine.

The Men's Saturday team are certainly the team of the moment. Playing in division 3 of the Colchester and East Essex league, they have enjoyed a 100% start to the season and sit proudly at the top of the table. Everyone who has watched them has admired the high quality football they are playing and the results speak for themselves. Let's hope for more of the same in the run up to Christmas.

For fixtures, results and match reports go to www.intheteam.com/boxfordrovers

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MINIS PLAYERS OF THE MONTH



Hadleigh Rugby Club's Players of the Month of September with First Team Captain Brian Powell.

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