

Box River News



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A TRIBUTE TO THE ARABELLA



Copy of a painting of the Arabella held in either Salem or Boston

Tom Norton has produced a beer to commemorate John Winthrop's journey on The Good Ship Arabella with many of our ancestors to Salem Massachusetts in 1630. The Good Ship Arabella was the flag ship of a 17 vessel fleet. It carried a cargo of emigrants and supplies including 42 tonnes (10,000 Gallons of beer) The beer produced by Mill Green Brewery at Edwardstone is a specialty beer made with Mount Hood and Cascade American Hops and yeast and is available at the Edwardstone White Horse. It has been brewed in character with with modern American tastes for mainly bottled real ales. Hopefully Mill Green Brewery will be able to produce a bottled version in due course.

Between April 8 and June 12, 1630, a fleet of 17 ships carrying over 1000 passengers set sail from Yarmouth, England to Salem, Massachusetts. It was under the command of Massachusetts Governor John Winthrop, who sailed with 400 emigrants aboard the flagship "Arabella." This 28-gun ship also transported the Charter of the Massachusetts Bay Company to Salem, thereby giving legal birth to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On board was Arabella Johnson, wife of one of the assistants. The ship was named in her honor. Charming and from a luxurious home, she was considered "queen of the colony." Also on board, braving the Atlantic

Ocean, was America's first poet, Anne Bradstreet, who at age 18 left England with her husband and parents to escape persecution by the Church of England's Archbishop Laud.

Enroute, Gov. Winthrop preached a lay sermon titled "Modell of Christian Charity." He clearly articulated why the Puritans migrated, and that they needed a Covenant with God to form a government—that is, they needed to consent to God's law of justice and subordination.



HONDURAS BOUND



Sophie Cunningham, daughter of Roger (chairman of the Boxford Community Council) and Janet, is currently studying Natural Sciences at Trinity College, Cambridge where she has just completed her first term

This summer she is going on an 8 week expedition to Honduras with an organisation called Operation Wallacea which is an international conservation agency that operates scientific, volunteer-led wildlife conservation expeditions to several regions of special ecological importance globally. Volunteers come from a range of backgrounds and professions to assist with academic research, and the conservation projects, in partnerships with local communities and NGO (non-governmental organisations)

Whilst there, she will be acting as a research assistant, collecting data samples for ongoing projects on biodiversity in conservation areas. During her time there she will be spending 5 weeks in the jungle, including a jungle survival course, a DNA sampling course and large mammal monitoring (including tapirs and primates).

Her last three weeks will be spent on the marine site, undergoing dive training and reef ecology courses. We wish her well.

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BOXFORD ART GROUP DINNER



The Boxford Art Group held their Christmas Dinner on 15th January at the Boxford Fleece. 17 members and guests ate down their meal in the dining area. The dinner should have been held in the function room but unfortunately the central heating pump had mal functioned during the day and the room was very cold.

However the new setting was very warm and cosy and the meal and service provided by the Fleece was first class. It was also good to see that the Fleece's Thursday trade was so good, just like the old days. Jay and his team have been working hard to recreate the Fleece as the village pub following the incredibly successful Christmas Market *Ed*

SANTA'S VISIT 2008

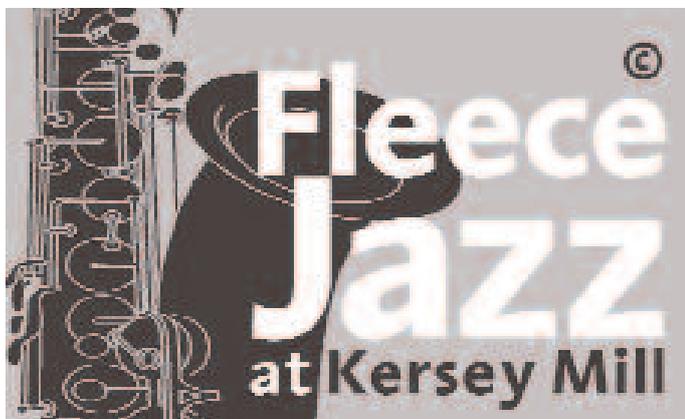


Boxford Community Council, Santa's Visit Saturday 13th December
Santa Arrived on time at Boxford despite the awful weather and completed his round according to the timetable set. This year the event was run by Boxford Community Council with help from Friends of Boxford School.

A total of £627.15 was raised which means after all expenses we were able to donate £150 to the Friends of Boxford School for their support and the remainder to the Community Council Funds.

In the past year the Community Council has donated a massive £5000 towards the new playground project and has always managed to donate funds to everyone who applied. In addition we held our annual Senior Citizen's Outing which treated almost 100 persons to an evening drive and two course supper and drinks.

A big thank you to Ged and Roger for the loan of their vehicles and to the whole team who, despite the weather, dodged and dived around and through the puddles and mud to make the collection possible. Another big thank you to Father Christmas who, despite his growing years, managed to keep jumping out of his sleigh to talk to young and elderly alike (he even lost his glasses). And finally, a big thank you to everyone who gave generously and helped keep this event a village tradition.



Friday, 30 January 8.00, Ticket £13
Sarah Moule

In the past few years singer Sarah Moule has established a growing reputation as one of Britain's most exciting new vocal talents. Developing from her previous work, her new CD 'A Lazy Kind of Love' shows a newfound depth and character in her vocal approach and spotlights Sarah's interpretations. Sarah is accompanied by her exceptional regular trio of Simon Wallace piano, Mark Hodgson bass and Paul Robinson drums.

Friday, 6 February 8.00, Ticket £14
Mark Crooks

Mark Crooks on clarinet Mark Crooks on saxophone Whether on clarinet or tenor saxophone Mark Crooks is sure to delight with his brilliance as indeed are the other members of this stellar quintet - Colin Oxley guitar, John Pearce piano, Dave Chamberlain bass and Matt Skelton drums. Mark's third album, 'After You've Gone' was released in September 2008 to great acclaim and he has recently been invited to play both Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw programmes complete with orchestra at several prestigious venues.

Friday, 13 February 8.00, Ticket £20

Guy Barker and Ian Shaw

Two of our best loved musicians, Guy Barker trumpet and Ian Shaw vocals and piano come together to go to the movies. This is a new show exploring popular and little known gems from Hollywood and beyond.

Friday, 20 February 8.00, Ticket £14

Mark Lockheart

Mark Lockheart is one of the most distinctive and creative musicians on the current British music scene. As a saxophonist and composer his work often defies categorisation and crosses the boundaries of the jazz, new music and folk. Mark's quintet is completed by Liam Noble piano, Dave Priseman trumpet, Jasper Holby bass and Dave Smith drums.

Friday, 27 February 8.00, Ticket £17

Damon Brown Quintet featuring Steve Grossman

Trumpeter Damon Brown brings an all star band of Steve Grossman saxophone, Robin Aspland piano, Mark Hodgson bass and Troy Miller drums to Kersey Mill. Steve Grossman's professional career began in 1969 as Wayne Shorter's replacement in the Miles Davis jazz fusion band. From 1971-1973 he was in the Elvin Jones band, since then he has with great distinction led his own groups.

Friday, 6 March 8.00, Ticket £16

Lillian Boutte

Tonight will see the long awaited return of singer Lillian Boutte. When Lillian was named New Orleans Musical Ambassador in 1986 she was the second jazz legend in the city's history to be accorded this honour. Lillian's band is Denny Ilett guitar, Phil Parnell piano/organ, Chris Hill bass and Scott Hammond drums.

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

01787 211865

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

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

BOXFORD WI CHRISTMAS MEAL



Our first meeting of the year was our Christmas meal held on January 7th at The Fleece in Boxford where we all enjoyed an excellent three course meal and coffee and were able to chat and catch up on all each others over Christmas activities

Our next meeting will be on February 4th at Boxford Village Hall 2pm when Grant Elliott will give us a talk on Monopoly "more than just a game"

Our next Book Club meeting will be on February 25th 3pm at Heather's House where we will be reviewing The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

We always welcome new members or visitors to any of our meetings for visitors we charge £1 50 which includes tea and biscuits so why not come along and join us and see what the W I is like Our new Programmes are now out and can be obtained from Iris Robinson 01473 658567 Heather Worricker 01787 211566 or any member

The W I is not just a local organisation it is Regional and National We belong to the Stour Valley group which includes Polstead Leavenheath Bures and Nayland We in turn belong to the West Suffolk Federation which is based in Bury St Edmunds West Suffolk in turn represents us Nationally Within all these areas we can partake in all sorts of activities both Locally Regionally or Nationally

So if your interest is practical creative or political you would find something to interest you within the W I

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IT'S A DOGS DINNER



Some 40 dogs invited their owners to the Boxford Dog Training Clubs Christmas Party in Boxford Village Hall where they normally meet each week to train their owners. The dogs, all on their very best behaviour, which is more than could be said of their owners who became over excited trying to encourage them to win prizes in the many competitions they were entered for. After all how could you expect a well trained dog to bolt its food on order just to win a dog biscuit race, only humans could be that cruel.

Ed



Left: The indignity of it all!

Above: Ready for the off

Right: Who is this scruffy little upstart?, surely he knows I am a Cavalier King Charles and deserve his respect



BOXFORD CHRISTMAS MARKET



The evening of 19th December 2008 was cold but dry and the newly resurfaced courtyard of The Fleece public house in Boxford was bustling with festive activity. Local charities and commercial stallholders assembled around the Christmas Tree, donated by the Parish Council, and brought to life the first Boxford Christmas Market. Under the twinkling lights, Boxford Rovers Under 9s' mums sold homemade sweets, the Sunflower Nursery had made cakes and were promoting their excellent cookery book while inside the pub children were visiting Santa in his grotto.

There were stalls selling Christmas decorations and gifts ranging from plants and table centres to hats and scarves. Also on sale were jewellery, hand painted glass gifts, holly wreaths and books by a local author

While the Drama Group sang rousing carols, visitors enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and roasted chestnuts along with mulled wine, hot drinks and mince pies served by members of the Community and Parish Councils.

More than £300 was raised for the participating charities and a good evening was had by all. Jay and Gail would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this an occasion which is still being talked about. We are hoping to make this an annual event and have chosen Friday, 18th December as the date for 2009. We would obviously like to make the next one bigger and better and hopefully more local fund raising groups will be able to participate. It is not too early to put your organisation forward by contacting Gail in Boxford News or Jay in The Fleece.

Left: David Gasson dispenses Community Council Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Below Left: Charlie Haylock, 'Caw'd a Hell'

Below: a view of the bustling yard



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Memories of the 1930's



Above: The Heath council houses in Groton in 1935

Above Right: Could this be Mrs Spooner, wife of George Spooner and has the photograph been taken either in Stone Street or Cox Hill Boxford.



Above: Photo of the Congregational chapel taken in 1937. Notice the low brick wall with railings that has now been replaced by a high brick wall.



Above: The River Box in 1936 (that was a vintage year!) with the Knol Gate gardens on the right and. This section of river ran up to the mill pond before the mill was destroyed and which has been replaced by Mill Surgery. Photographs of the old water mill can be seen in the surgery waiting room



Right. A Spooner Girl out side Jimmy's in Edwardstone. This charming lady would stay at Jimmy's for a summer holiday and married a Mr Le May whose son Frederick is one of our teenage friends from when we were living in London Ed

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Volunteers required

at Little Hall, Lavenham

Medieval wool hall open to the public and run entirely by volunteers. The work is interesting and includes welcoming visitors, guiding and/or upkeep. April to October, afternoons only. Time commitment flexible. No previous experience necessary. For further information please contact Jeremy Wagener on 01787 210223.

Boxford Drama Group

Thank you all who attended the Pantomime and bought raffle tickets, as is the custom within Boxford Drama Group the Director can distribute the profit from the raffle to a charity(ies) of their choice.

I have, therefore, decided to split the amount between the Joseph Vaz home for in Sri Lanka for young girls and the Phoenix Foundation in Leicestershire who raise money for terminally ill children.

Thank you for your support and be assured you have made the lives of a few children a little brighter.

Bill Horne

Boxford Christmas Card.

As with other years, profit from the sale of this years card has been donated to a local organisation, the Boxford Over 60's Club.

My thanks goes to the Ladies (and gent?) in the Post Office who have over the years taken the responsibility of selling the cards (purely for pleasure)?. Thank you for your support

Bill Horne, For Queen Bee Designs Ltd.

HADS Pantomime Saved from Disaster - Again

At the end of 2008 we were facing the loss of our storage facilities and with nowhere to keep our props and staging there was a strong possibility that the Society, after 80 years of performing, would have to disband. Fortunately, a local resident has come to our rescue and offered to store all our equipment at a location on the outskirts of Hadleigh. This kind person has saved HADS and secured our future performances. Then disaster struck again!



With rehearsals for our February pantomime, Aladdin, in full swing we heard the shocking news that Ben Warner, who plays the key part of Widow Twankey, had broken his ankle and was unlikely to perform. Since Ben's part is crucial to the show and is one of the larger parts it was too late to find a substitute who could learn all the words in time. As a result, the Directors had no option but to consider cancelling the show. Meanwhile Ben was in Ipswich Hospital undergoing an operation to insert screws into his ankle and to repair the damage caused when he slipped on the ice during the January freeze. This was no ordinary bone breakage, this was a ligature rupture, dislocation and fracture of the fibula; and all he was doing was walking to work one morning. However, imagine our surprise and delight when Ben appeared at the very next rehearsal, heavily plastered, walking on crutches, but ready to continue with the show. Bravely ignoring the discomfort and inconvenience, he intended to carry on regardless. What a trooper! Despite his protestations, he has had to make one concession and that is to use a wheelchair to move around the stage. It was too dangerous with all the action and scene changes for him to use his crutches so the only solution was to put him on wheels. For HADS this is something of a

first. Never before have we had to accommodate an injured cast member in this way and now everybody is looking forward to the jokes and humour that can be built around a "Widow Twankey on Wheels".

If you enjoy the fun and silliness of pantomime we are sure you won't be disappointed by our February production. This is Bruce Gardner's version of Aladdin with everything that is traditional but with the added contemporary humour that Bruce is well-known for. Additional material written by Malcolm Hollister introduces the strangest executioner you have ever seen and some fun parodies of hit talent shows like X-Factor. To see all this and especially Widow Twankey on Wheels, buy your tickets soon. Priced £7.00 for adults, £5 for seniors and £3 for under 16s. Tickets are available from 'The Idler' bookshop 37 High Street, Hadleigh or the reception desk of Walter Wright Accountants 89 High Street Hadleigh. Performances are in the Town Hall, Hadleigh on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 18th to 21st February 2009, at 7:30pm. Matinee at 2:30 pm on Saturday 21st. Peter Finch 01473 824033

SESAW

SAVE OUR ANIMALS: Can you help please?

Our main and valued fund raiser in Suffolk for many years, Rosie Emeny, has had to retire which leaves us desperately short of some one to organize and initiate events this side of the Essex/Suffolk border.

This is a volunteer post, as all the money raised goes towards the welfare and upkeep of the animals placed in our care. The person or people willing to help will be part of a fund raising team all working for SESA W.

We are particularly aware of our financial situation in the present dire climate. It has hit us as we are getting more animals come in and of necessity staying longer before we are able to place them in a new home we therefore incur higher food, heating and veterinary costs. Just at a time when we are short of people working on fund raising.

If you feel able to help, please initially ring Maggie on 01787 210888, if no answer please leave your name and number, we will ring you back.

You would not be thrust into the deep end on your own, as our Essex Fund Raisers are only too eager to help. Please help us to continue our work long-term as we and others are needed more than ever.

Thank you. SESA W Reg: Charity 1124029

BOXFORD BOUNTY

The time of year is with us once again, for the Boxford Bounty collectors to come knocking at your door asking for your continued support.

The local lottery for Boxford Benefice, the Bounty provides financial support for many local groups and interests. The following groups have benefited from direct grants in the past few years:

1st Boxford Brownies, 1st Boxford Guides, Boxford Netball Club Carpet Bowls Club, Edwardstone Village Hall, Breast Cancer Care Ladies Bowls Club, Over Sixties Club, Boxford Tennis Club Boxford Spinney, Edwardstone Mill Green Trust, Friends Of Boxford School, Sunflower Playgroup, BoxRiver Club, Bowls Club, Boxford Playingfields, Boxford Village Hall, Boxford Rovers, Boxford United Charities

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The prizes for each draw are:

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| 1st Prize | £ 160 | 2nd Prize | £ 75 |
| 3rd Prize | £ 30 | 4th Prize | £ 15 |

If you would like to buy a ticket for the Boxford Bounty and have not been visited by a collector please apply directly by sending a cheque made payable to BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL to the following address:

Boxford Bounty, 39, Daking Ave, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 5QA

Or ring Mark on 01787 211596 e-mail mark.miller@talktalk.net and we will arrange a call from your local collector.

COLLECTORS NEEDED If you have an outgoing personality, love walking, enjoy meeting people and would like to do something to support the community please contact Mark for further details.

The Boxford Bounty is organised on behalf of Boxford Community Council
registered charity No 304862

Wot's On

FOBS QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 7th March 2009

Friends of Boxford School are holding their Annual Quiz Night at the School Hall on Saturday 7th March 2009. Quiz Start time is 7.30pm prompt. Doors Open from 7pm. £5 each per head. Teams of up to 8 people. Refreshments available and Licensed Bar. Raffle. To book tables please call Sharon Ireland on 01787 210302, Stephanie Atkins 01787 210444 or pop into the school office.

Boxford Gardening Society

17 February - Boxford Village Hall

Talk by Dr Christopher Grey-Wilson

Poppies of the World and Travels to find them

Dr Grey Wilson is an eminent authority on botanical matters. He is author or co-author of many books on a wide variety of subjects, including poppies, and has participated in many plant finding expeditions.

Admittance £1 members and £3 for non-members.

For membership please contact Elizabeth Wagener on 01787 210 223.

RIVER STOUR TRUST

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CONTACT:

www.riverstourtrust.org Tel: 01787 313199

QUIZ NIGHT

EDWARDSTONE

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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.

GENTLE YOGA

Thursday mornings 10.15am -11.15am

An ancient discipline suitable for all abilities; by use of postures, breath control and some meditation, eases stiffness, relieves stress, calms the mind thus enabling a sense of well being. An enjoyable and relaxed approach guided by Heather Abel a qualified tutor for some 25 years.

Thursday mornings 10.15am -11.15am at Boxford Village Hall cost £5 per session. Wear loose clothing, bring a mat and preferably have only a light breakfast that day.

Phone Heather. 01787211765

HADS Traditional Pantomime - ALADDIN 18th to 21st February 2009

End the dark days of winter with our annual pantomime in February 2009. Directed by Malcolm Hollister and Geoff Wilding, and set in old Peking, this is the uplifting story of Aladdin (Imogen Player) as he tries to win the hand of the beautiful Princess Li-Chee (Bethany Seager). But what harm will the evil Abanazar (Peter Finch) and his henchmen Wee-Keed (Nik Peachy) and Hi-Wong (Rachel Underhill) do in their desperate attempt to get the magic lamp and control the Genie (Niki Seager)? Can Aladdin save everyone or will his mother Widow Twankey (Ben Warner) and his brother Wishee-Washee (Sam Cook) just confuse everyone and mess things up? Can Phee-Ling (Floraidh Clement), protect the Princess from a most terrible fate? Will the Emperor Sang-Wun-Song (David Walmsley) finally get to sing a new song and whose head will the executioner Loff-Tee (Patsy Forsyth) cut off? Never fear though, order will be kept by the trusty Peking police: Stopie (Lorna Hollister), Lookee (Hilary Preston) and Lee-Sun (Martine Walter), led by the fearless Captain Nas-Tee (Tom Hollister). Tickets priced £7.00 for adults, £5 for seniors and £3 for under 16s, are available now from 'The Idler' bookshop, 37 High Street, Hadleigh or the reception desk of 'Walter Wright Accountants' 89 High Street Hadleigh. Performances in the Town Hall, Hadleigh on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 18th to 21st February 2009, at 7:30pm. Matinee at 2:30 pm on Saturday 21st. Peter Finch 01473 824033

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Friday 27 February

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Wot's On

EAST ANGLIA POTATO DAY 2009

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 9.30am to 2pm

VENUE: Stonham Barns, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket, IP14 6AT. (On A1120 just east of junction with A140. follow brown tourist signs.)

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This event is organised by Ipswich and Suffolk Organic Gardeners and Norfolk Organic Group.

Gainsborough House Print Shop

In 2009 to mark the 30th anniversary of the foundation of Gainsborough House Print Workshop the following events will take place:

14th to 17th May: Gainsborough House Print Workshop Exhibition at St Peters Church, Sudbury

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

QUIZ NIGHT:

QUIZ NIGHT, 14 MARCH 2009:

We are holding a quiz night in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Saturday 14 March 2009, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5 each, to include light refreshments. Tables for up to 6 people. Licensed bar available plus raffle. To book tables, please contact Daphne Clark on 01787 210698. In aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall

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Waitrose Sudbury Fun Run

We can now confirm that the Waitrose Sudbury Fun Run will take place as usual on Good Friday 10th April. For information and entry forms email the organisers, Sudbury Rotary Club, on sudburyfunrun.co.uk Or Google Rotary Sudbury.

Rotarian *Chris Proffitt* Tel: 01787374289

POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL FILMS AND DATES

Friday 13 February: The Third Man (U) 104mins

Released in 1949 this is possibly the finest British film ever made. Directed by Carol Reed, produced by Alexander Korda, Orson Welles stars as Harry Lime, the screenplay is by Graham Greene and there is that haunting zither theme.

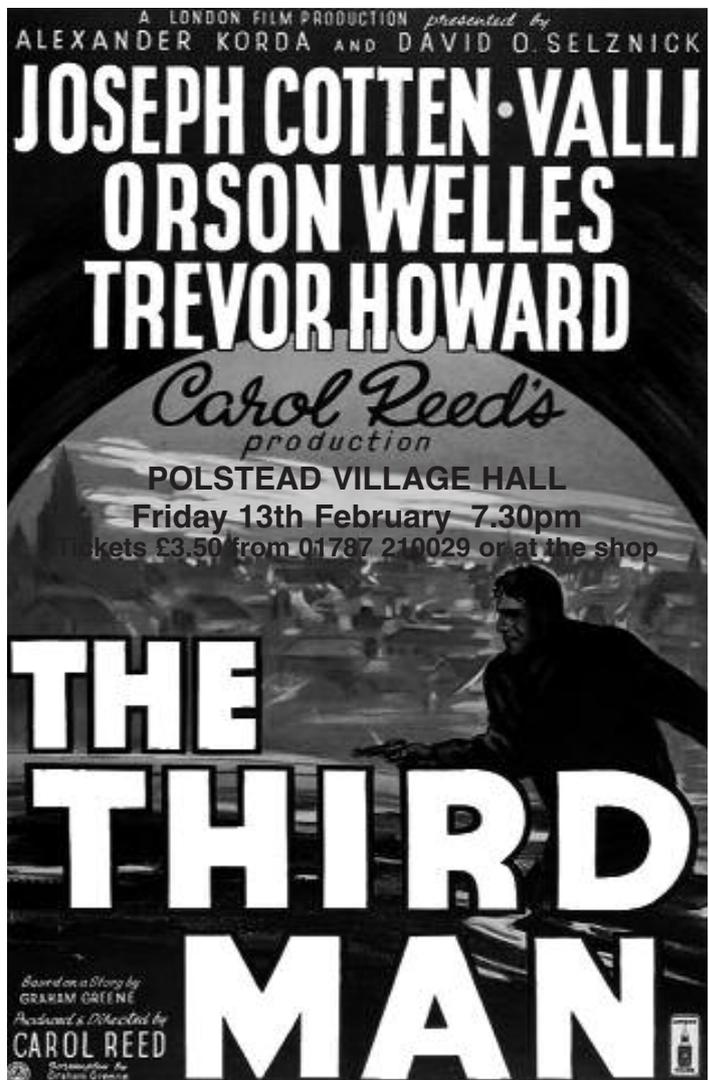
Friday 20 March: The Duchess (PG) 110 mins

Based on the recent acclaimed biography of Georgiana the Duchess of Devonshire by Amanda Foreman. Stars Ralph Fiennes as the Duke of Devonshire, Keira Knightley as the Duchess, Charlotte Rampling as her mother Countess Spencer and Dominic Cooper as Earl Grey, the future Prime Minister, with whom Georgiana had a passionate love affair.

Tickets (£3-50) can be booked in advance on 01787 210029 or at the Polstead Shop

QUIZ NIGHT, 14 MARCH 2009:

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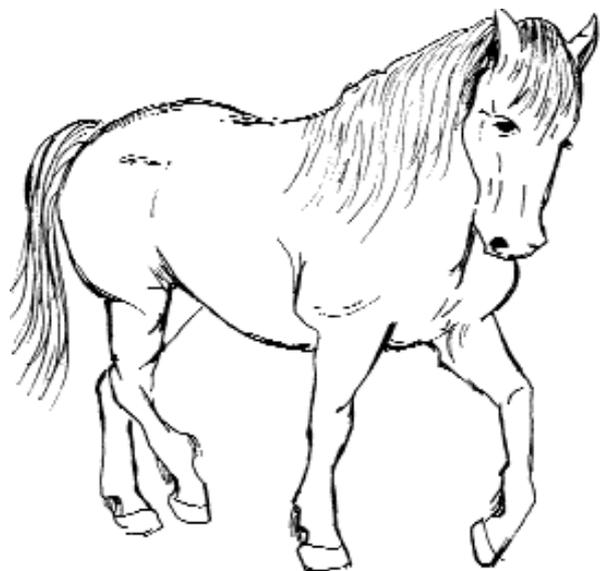
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Monday February 9th

Monday February 23rd

The annual subscription of £5.00 is now due

We welcome anyone who would like to come along to the Village Hall
Telephone Shirley on 210024 or Barbara on 210936

Groton PCC

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'Boxford Drama Group'

A Letter from the General

Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th March

'Boxford Drama Group has chosen for its next production an exceptional drama full of intrigue, violence and revenge entitled 'A Letter from the General' by Maurice McLoughlin.

The play centres on a Mission in a Far Eastern country which is being overrun by Communists in the 1950's. A small group of nuns are on the point of evacuating the country as their work can no longer continue their work as they are being terrorised by a sadistic Captain in the new army. Sister Magdalene, who is the Godmother of the General, the new Governor of the Province receives a letter from him which has a profound impact on their decision to stay or go.

Show dates:- Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th March 2009.'

NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB LADIES' SECTION

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 4 March 10 a.m. at the Golf Club. Coffee Morning. Entrance 50p including coffee & biscuits. Bottle, Cake, Produce/Plants, Good as New Stalls, Raffle Table games etc. ALL WELCOME.

Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club

Bygone Exhibition

15th February 2009

10.30am to 5.00pm

Boxford Village Hall

Refreshments, Raffle

For more information telephone Paul Goodchild 01787 372478

BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP PRESENT

A letter from the General

Thursday March 26th to Saturday March 28th
7.30pm at Boxford Village Hall

Supper will be served during the interval on Friday & Saturday nights
Thursday £6.00 Friday & Saturday £12.00

Licensed Bar and Raffle
TICKETS FROM BOXFORD NEWS

GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

At

Groton Village Hall (Former WI Hall)

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Forthcoming Events Diary

January

30 Boxford Sunflower Playgroup Open Afternoon 12.30 - 3pm
 31 Boxford Community Council Fun and games night Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm

February

2 Knit and Natter Mary's House 2pm
 4 Boxford W I Village Hall 2pm
 4 Coffee Morning Newton Golf Ladies Golf Club 10am
 7 Friends of Boxford School Quiz Night
 9 Boxford Over 60's Club 2.30pm
 13 The Third Man Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm
 15 Bygone Exhibition Monks Eleigh Bygone Club Boxford Village Hall 10.30am - 5pm
 17 Boxford Gardening Society Dr Christopher Grey-Wilson Village Hall 7.30pm
 23 Boxford Over 60's Club

2.30pm

25 Boxford WI Book Club Heathers House 3pm

March

4 Boxford W I Roger Loose Talk and Slides on Boxford Village Hall 2pm
 7 Film Archive Show Groton PCC Groton Village Hall 7.30pm
 7 FOBS Quiz Night School Hall 7pm
 14 Quiz Night Edwardstone Parish Hall 7pm
 17 Boxford Gardening Society Ian Limmer Village Hall 7.30pm
 18 Lent Lunch Groton PCC Mary's House 12noon
 21 Boxford Gardening Society Daffodil Walk Boxford 2.00pm
 26/27/28 A Letter From The General Boxford Drama Group Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm

April

4 Quiz & Curry Evening VH Management Committee Village Hall 7.30pm
 21 Boxford Gardening Society Andrew Tokeley Village Hall 7.30pm

May

2 Plants, Cakes and Book Sale Groton PCC Mary's House 9.30am
 31 Boxford Gardens Open

October

17 Harvest Supper Groton PCC Groton Village Hall 7.30pm

December

5 Cheese and Wine Party Groton PCC Groton Village Hall 7.30pm
 13 Christmas Concert from the Kelvedon Singers Groton Church TBA

First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm

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Tel: 210752; e-mail: david.matthews49@tiscali.co.uk

Day off: Monday

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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,

In our Church calendar we have just celebrated the Baptism of Christ. "So what?" You might ask. Well just as Christ began his ministry by identifying with those being baptised by John in the Jordan so each of us begins our walk as Christians by being baptised. In St Mark's Gospel at the point of Jesus' baptism there hangs an air of expectation. So it is quite apt that at this time of the year, when expectation is normally quite high that this scripture should be used.

I think most of us know already what 2009 has in store, but as with all years there will be some surprises. The expectation of Christ's baptism is summed up in the Gospel of St John where John the Baptist announces, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." The cat is out of the bag and the world now has a new hope which transcends what is happening locally, nationally and internationally. At last for the Jews the years of ritual sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins has been replaced with real forgiveness.

The announcement is a real watershed of joy for the people of his time but what about Jesus? Who will give him the affirmation he needs to do the will of the Father? This comes not from man but from God; "You are my Son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased." As we identify with Jesus in our baptism the same announcement of love applies to us; "You are my beloved sons and daughters, with you I am well pleased." We all need to take that offering of love on board as we enter this new year. The year gone by has been a difficult one for most people; it is like the long trudge through the desert to the Jordan River. We have arrived in 2009 dry, weary and covered in the dust of the past. We need to hear again John's call to wade into the river and have the dust and fatigue washed away so that we can start anew, refreshed and revitalised.

We are told that immediately after his baptism Jesus went into the desert to be tested by Satan. All of his trials were about his special relationship as the beloved son of God. We move into the desert of 2009 where we will also be tested. We will have our faith challenged as we hear Satan question us; "Do you really believe you are forgiven?" "Do you really believe the stuff in the Bible?" "Do you really think you are good enough for a God to care about you?" That is when we need to remember that at our baptism we became sons and daughters of God.

I don't make New Year's resolutions and I don't think in the long run they're helpful to anyone, because when they are broken they just lead to a sense of failure early in the year. At the start of an uncertain year like this one we shouldn't be asking ourselves what we should do in this year, instead perhaps we should ask ourselves who we will be in this coming year. You have been accepted as the Father's beloved sons and daughters, is that who you will be this coming year?

2009, like every year will have its ups and downs and more than most. Remember who you are. Some things you try to achieve this year will fail, some will succeed. Remember who you are. Temptations will come to give up your faith or become cynical about it. Remember who you are. Remember you have a special identity. You are God's beloved. Let your year start there, grow in understanding of what it means to be God's beloved and end with a rebuilt confidence as that affirmation sinks in.

God's richest blessings for the New Year

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: Do you think that God might call you to do something that was impossible? Lots of people are scared of asking God what he wants them to do for fear of this. If you think about it, though, it wouldn't be very sensible-or kind-of God to set us up for a fall.

God's secret strength for those he calls is his Holy Spirit. It's by his Spirit that he lets us know how he wants us to live and what he wants us to do sometimes through the Bible, sometimes through our experience, sometimes through others. It's also by his Spirit that he gives us the power to do it, and connects us with what other people that are doing so that we're not trying to do it on our own.

The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit of life-it's not just any life, it's life for God. God's life is the most exciting imaginable, but it's a life lived in obedience to God, playing the part that he wants us to play. Then we find that we can do things we never thought we'd be able to do - working with others to build his kingdom. (*John Wilcome, director of ordinands for Gloucester Diocese*)

Forthcoming Fundraising events for Church Funds: Ladies Lunch Club: The next "Ladies Lunch" will be on Thursday 5th February 2009 at 12.30 pm - at the home of Elizabeth Wagener, Cox Hill Boxford. We are very grateful to our host Ruth Common for our January Lunch Boxford Gardens Open 2009: It's not too early to be thinking about this year's Boxford Gardens Open - on Sunday 31st May. Contact Elizabeth & Jeremy Wagener. More Open Gardens would be most welcome.

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 February 1st at 9.30 am - Everyone is welcome.

The Children's Corner in St.Mary's: We urgently need to improve our children's corner, with new display screens, a new carpet & some storage cupboards, together with additional heaters. Donations please to our treasurer or a churchwarden marked "Children's corner".

The Bible Study Group: Next meets at 47 Swan Street on Monday 9th February at 8.00pm where we continue our study of St.Luke's Acts of the Apostles. All are most welcome to come along.

Christmas at St Mary's: Thanks are due to all who provided the beautiful flowers for our Christmas Season. Also to the Parish Council for the well lit Christmas tree which brightened the dark evenings for the village.

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

Choir News: We urgently need more male choristers. If you like singing & would like to join us please do contact David Richardson Tel:01787 379343 While the weather remains very cold the choir will be meeting Friday evenings at Wynne House Swan Street Boxford at 7.00pm by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Copeland.

Smile Lines: "Remember the annual spring cleaning of the Parish Hall this Saturday. We need lots volunteers to join the work crew. We have a long list of items to be cleaned. The widows will need extra attention". (from the Church Times).



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone
Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone
Tel: 211161

MUSICOLOGY CONCERT:

The pre-Christmas concert by Musicology, held in Edwardstone Church, proved to be a great success and was well appreciated by the audience. The thanks of the PCC go to the organiser (Daphne) and the helpers, with the event raising £485.78 for the 'kitchen fund'. *David Saddleton*

CAROL SERVICE:

Once again the church was full for the Christmas Eve Carol Service. The collection from this service amounted to £395.47, which will be shared between 'Help for Heroes' and the 'Motor Neurone Disease Association'.
David Saddleton

PCC MEETING – REMINDER:

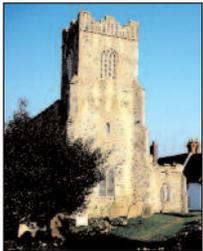
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| Feb 1: | David Saddleton | Mr & Mrs Dodd | Mrs A Suckling |
| Feb 8: | Visiting | Mr & Mrs Dodd | “ |
| Feb 15: | David Saddleton | Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett | “ |
| Feb 22: | Visiting | Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett | “ |



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

FROM THE REGISTERS:

13th December 2008. Marriage: JAMES ROBERT KETLEY BOWDIDGE and LYNNE GAULT

ROTA:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sidesman with Sacristan: | Mrs Lamming |
| Cleaning: | Mrs Kennedy Scott |
| Flowers: | Mrs Kennedy Scott |

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THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

ROTA:

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| Feb 1: | Mr Squirrell | Mrs Harbord |
| Feb 8: | Visiting | Mrs Ewen |
| Feb 15: | Mrs Ratee Mrs Eddington | Mrs Squirrell |
| Feb 22: | Visiting | Mrs Eddington |



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

12 Links View. Tel: 312828

John Turner, '

Severn', Church Road. Tel: 372677

Sunday 8th February - 9.30 am

Morning Prayer

We have Roy Tricker visiting Newton to conduct this service. Please come and join us.

General Church News

Churches Together in Sudbury & District - Calendar

Saturday 28th February & Sunday 1st March - Birmingham Salvation Army Choir visits Sudbury.

Sunday 10th May 2009 – United Service for Christian Aid Week, 6.30 pm at St Gregory's Church. Speaker: Mr Colin Kemp, from CA Headquarters.

10th to 16th May 2009 – Christian Aid Week.

Sunday 5th July 2009 – Praise on Market Hill. (Not 12th July).

Sunday 18th October 2009 - United Service.

Sunday 6th December 2009 – 'Light up a Life' United Service for Hospice.

.Saturday 24 January, 8 – 9.30 am – Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street.

A light breakfast followed by a time of prayer.

SECOND-HAND BOOKS

It seems that many people are keen for the Books which they have read to go to a good home. As there are some empty shelves in Mary's House, Groton PCC Fund-Raising committee thought that it could be a good idea to ask anyone with spare books to drop them into Mary's House, and anyone looking for a good read could pop in to purchase a book; this could work almost like a library, with a small donation each time a book was taken, and then it could go back on the shelf when it was finished with. Please look at your Bookshelves, and have sort-out; it would be good to have recent and popular books if possible. Mary's House is open for Coffee on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, when books could be delivered or bought; maybe we could even have a Request-a-book system running. Any ideas, please phone *Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]* or pop into Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford one morning, and speak to the person on duty.

The Church At Worship

February 2009

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| Sunday 1st Little Waldingfield Edwardstone Boxford | Presentation of Christ in the Temple 8.00 10.30 10.00 18.30 | Holy Communion Morning Prayer Box River Club Evensong | (W) The Revd. David Matthews Graham Brook The Revd. David Matthews Chris Kingsbury |
| Wednesday 4th Little Waldingfield | 10.30 19.30 | Holy Communion Mary's House Home Communion | The Revd. David Matthews The Revd. David Matthews |
| Sunday 8th Groton Newton Green Boxford | Third Sunday Before Lent 8.00 9.30 11.00 | Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion | (G) The Revd. David Abel Roy Tricker The Revd. David Matthews |
| Wednesday 11th | 10.30 | Holy Communion Mary's House | The Revd. David Abel |
| Sunday 15th Edwardstone Little Waldingfield Boxford | Second Sunday before Lent () 8.00 9.30 11.00 | Holy Communion Holy Communion Matins | (G) The Revd. David Matthews The Revd. David Matthews Chris Kingsbury |
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| Wednesday 25th | ASH WEDNESDAY 10.30 Boxford 18.30 Boxford | Holy Communion & Imposition of ashes Holy Communion & Imposition of ashes | (P) The Revd. David Abel The Revd. David Abel |

N.B. Please note the change in the Box River Club Service time.

Please note we are in Year B of the Lectionary

Copy Date for Church News section in the March 2009 Box River News:

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Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

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Boxford School News

Happy New Year to All

After the mad and hectic few weeks that is Christmas it is nice to be back for the relative calm of the Spring Term. This term is much less hectic than Autumn and Summer as the number of events are fewer and take considerably less organising. Having said that in two weeks we will be having our annual Bookweek and this year the theme is loosely based around animal stories. We are starting the week with a dressing up parade which should be interesting. Last time we did this we had creatures ranging from elephants to domestic cats and even one aardvark!

The end of last term was, as usual, very hectic but nonetheless enjoyable with the various Christmas productions and activities. The response from everyone to both the Nursery and Main School productions was extremely positive and I have received many encouraging comments. At the end of the nativity in the church we held a collection and I am pleased to report that we were able to send a cheque for two hundred pounds to the CLIC Sargeant charity that helps families of children who are diagnosed with cancer. Thank you for your support.

It is always a pleasure to meet with our ex-pupils and to be able to catch up with what they have done since they left us. Last year one of these ex-students, Chris Holton, came to see me with regard to raising some money to support a charity trip to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and work in a school in Tanzania. We held a non-uniform day last year and Chris has been into school to tell the children all about his adventure. Despite being held hostage by armed gunmen he had a wonderful time climbing Kilimanjaro and building a canteen area for one of the local schools. Our children were fascinated by his trip, the animals he saw and the places he visited.

Finally may I remind everyone that this term's main FOBS event is the annual Quiz Night. As usual Stephanie and Ian Atkins will be setting the questions and anyone who has been before will know that there is something for everyone with a wide range of topics covering the whole spectrum of general knowledge. With a range of light refreshments and a licensed bar it promises to be a great fun evening. To enter all you have to do is to gather together a team of up to eight people and contact the school office to book a place. The telephone number is 01787 210332. We look forward to seeing you there.

PLEASE NOTE

Because February is a short month and is without a full weekend at the end of the month for deliveries to be completed before March, the final copy date for March is brought forward to

13th March at Noon

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Soap Box

Do any of you ever look at Jenny Antill's blog? I know I have mentioned it before in this column, but it just so happens that the latest entry covers a rather controversial development in the village of Little Waldingfield. Jennifer is our District Councillor, representing us on Babergh with Colin Spence. Unsurprisingly she tends to get involved when matters concerning this village turn up.

EDF, the French owned company that supplies electricity locally, wishes to place a sub-station in the middle of the village. Needless to say this has provoked much debate, with the weight of opinion firmly against the move. And the circumstances surrounding the announcement of these proposals did little to garner support.

The first indication that something was afoot was when, at a village function, a sharp eyed resident drew my attention to a notice in the Free Press. In it Babergh announced they were granting a lease over land they owned in the centre of the village for the construction of said sub-station. Had the Parish Council been notified, I was asked. No, they most certainly had not.

The circumstances are that EDF needs to move a pole based structure and has opted for the sub-station on land adjacent to the current facility as the lowest cost option. Unfortunately this land represents the only space that equates to a village green in the centre of the village and includes a seat where weary and elderly villagers can rest.

True, the electricity company has offered to bury cables running to this facility – something I have been trying to achieve for ages – but I suspect this will be just a token, rather than a wholesale removal of overhead lines. What annoys me is that if the sharp eyed resident had not

spotted the notice in the paper, the first we were likely to have heard of the proposal would have been when the engineers arrived to carry out the work.

Vigilance is a necessity these days if events of this nature are not to take place without the opportunity to plead the opposing view. If you do wish to learn a little more, then I commend Jenny's blog – jennyantillblog.blogspot.com. In the meantime, don't forget to keep an eye open for those things that can creep in with little warning. And keep reading the notices in the papers!

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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COMMENT

Readers may have seen in the Free Press of 15th January that Suffolk Police are asking the residents of certain villages to pay extra towards employing more Police Community Support Officers to help fight crime in their villages! In fact they have asked parish councils to contribute thousands of pounds towards meeting half the cost of employing village dedicated PCSO's which would of course mean that Rural communities are to be asked to pay twice as much for a second rate service than urban taxpayers who actually have the privilege of real policemen with real authority. This has not crept into the Box River Benefice as yet although Little Waldingfield will have to keep a close watch on the situation and if Inspector Crick of Sudbury gets his way look out for the Hadleigh police having a go.

Of course one way of keeping the cost of employing PCSO's down would be to ensure they were all engaged in fighting crime and not employing them full time to raise revenue for Babergh District Council who are using motorists as cash cows to line the councils pocket, a council that is doomed anyway. The predatory nature of the parking enforcement policy in Sudbury is an absolute disgrace and the attitude of the so called officers of Babergh District Council has brought the council into disrepute. The word sorry does not enter their vocabulary even when it is so clear that they have made so many mistakes over in the first place, the employment of the self styled 'Terminator', a PCSO who is a disgrace to his uniform, who slinks around in doorways and even after dark, getting a thrill out of every parking ticket he can slap on the windscreen of an unsuspecting motorist. John Woodgate, 'The Terminator' was recently described in court as 'a slippery snake who slithers around the town carrying out his miserable work before curling up in his box at home'. This is a man who makes no distinction between drivers or what the circumstances might be, old age pensioners, mums dropping of kids, traders unloading, everyone is likely to get a ticket, How does he sleep at night and the sooner he is an ex terminator the better. A social networking site dedicated to the Terminator had to be closed down after over 1000 motorists left their comments on it.

And what about the councils failure to properly sign Sudbury car parks warning motorists that they need need to display a ticket, then sneakily putting the signs in months later without so much as a 'whoops, we are sorry we forgot and here's a refund'. How can our elected members sit back and let what is probably the worst PR by a council continue, or are they simply Demob Happy waiting for Babergh to go Unitary. Ed.

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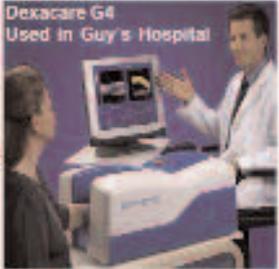
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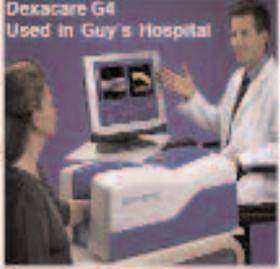
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Dormant fuchsias in pots in the greenhouse should have last years growth cut back to within two or three pairs of buds from the base of the plant. If they have become pot bound they should be removed from the pots, have all the compost shaken off the roots and repotted down to size smaller pot. Another way is to remove the plant from the pot and with a large sharp knife cut the bottom half of the roots off, fill the bottom half of the pot with fresh compost and replace the plant.

Complete the digging of the vegetable garden incorporating any manure or compost available. Newspapers dug in will make a good moisture holding material, soak them first in liquid manure to provide some nutritional value. Lift any remaining vegetables like parsnips and leek and heal them in in a corner of the vegetable garden to allow the ground to be dug over.

Sowings of brussels sprouts, calabrese, onions, leeks, cabbage and cauliflower can be sown in an unheated greenhouse to raise plants for planting out in April.

If you are able to provide heat, then a start can be made with sowings of half hardy annuals and vegetables such as peppers, aubergines and tomatoes, but unless you can

maintain a temperature of 60°F it is best to wait until March.

Many plants are attacked in the seedling stage by diseases which affect them at soil level (damping off) which is caused by various fungi. Best control is to water compost with chestnut compound at sowing time, and at two week intervals after germination until the plants are established, avoid overwatering.

Lilies make splendid pot plants. Plant three bulbs in a six to eight inch pot, depending on the size of the bulbs, in a mixture of equal parts John Innes No1 and any peat based compost. Use plenty of good drainage material in the bottom of the pots. Most lilies are stem rooting so plant the bulbs deep enough to be covered with three to four inches of compost so that the stems have some compost to root into. When the buds appear, raise the temperature of the greenhouse and feed with liquid manure until the buds open. After flowering the whole pot can be planted in the open garden where with care they will flower for many years.

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I really feel that, given all the excitement in the press, I have to make a comment about the hot potato that is the car parking situation in Sudbury.

The bottom line is that it is hard to escape the conclusion that this has not been Babergh's finest hour.

In January I wrote about the meeting at which the introduction of these machines was contemplated:-

'we were asked to approve the payment of £89,000 for ticket machines to be installed in car parks in Hadleigh and Sudbury. These, we were assured would not be for charging purposes, but to improve the productivity of the phantom traffic warden who allegedly haunts the streets of both towns.(Yes! There has been a very occasional sighting!) 'I decided to abstain from voting for this proposal.

'My reasons for this were twofold; firstly I felt that no sensible financial case had been made for the erection of these non-paying machines to assist the virtually non appearing traffic warden, and secondly I do believe that a debate about car parking should be an in depth and holistic discussion that examines all the issues. Erecting these machines now is seen by most people as a sly little measure that represents the thin edge of a predictable wedge.'

Well I was certainly wrong about the financial case! The traffic warden has appeared like magic and the machines have proved to be a fantastic money spinner for the council... a real financial success in these straightened times. A friend was sitting in the central car park in Sudbury the other day waiting for their wife and he saw in HALF an HOUR some five or six people receive tickets. Of course this predatory behaviour is disgraceful . It is clear that the public were insufficiently informed with regard to the introduction of the machines. No one deliberately, after all, fails to acquire a FREE ticket in order to avoid a fine.

In my opinion, when it became apparent that so many people were falling foul of the system the scheme should have been suspended while proper signage was put in place and further publicity undertaken. Instead we ploughed on with the scheme, and it is only in the last few days that mistakes have been admitted.

I know that there has been pressure from some councillors behind the scenes to make improvements to the scheme. Colin Spence was quickly on the case, recommending to officers that the signage needed to be significantly improved. I have to say that I find it frustrating that elected Members didn't have more say in the formation and execution of the policy from the outset. We are not supposed to get down into the detail when it comes to this sort of thing, but more input from councillors at an early stage might have avoided what has resulted in a **PR catastrophe for Babergh.**

This is an example of how the Committee System at Babergh is unsatisfactory. Had there been a responsible portfolio holder an elected representative would have been held accountable. I guarantee that the scheme would have been more efficiently introduced, and if it hadn't been the public would have known who to blame.

If Babergh does survive Local Government Reorganisation (and there are some faint hints this weekend that it may) then a Leader and Cabinet system should be introduced.

Jenny Antill is District Councillor on Babergh District Council for Waldingfield Ward.

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Recycling in Babergh

The following is a reply I received from Jonas Grist, Technical Officer, Waste Strategy at Babergh District Council. I was pleasantly surprised to receive such a lengthy and detailed response. *Ed*

There has in deed been much in the media lately about recycling and the challenges that the industry faces as the global demand for recyclate decreases. However I would still assure you that it is vitally important that all residents continue to put paper, card, cans and plastic containers in their blue bins. Not least because by 2016 all of Suffolk's licensed landfill sites will be full and there will not be any capacity left. Secondly Suffolk does currently have secure contracts in place with our partners Viridor Waste Management for all blue bin recyclate to be recycled and it most definitely is not being landfilled or burnt as you ask. Neither is Suffolk currently operating a system of storing materials. Suffolk currently has a quota set by central government for how much waste we can send to landfill. If Suffolk exceeds this limit, it must pay a fine of £150 per tonne of waste. This cost would be carried by all Council tax payers. In Babergh district alone over 8,000 tonnes is collected in blue bins over the year. Thus if blue bin recycling ceased fines of £1,200,000 would accumulate. Not to mention the impact on the environment of wasting energy and precious resources.

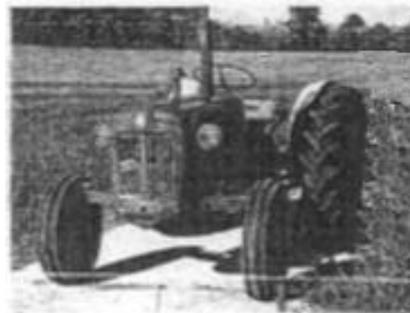
All metal cans (aluminium and steel) are recycled and processed in the UK. All glass from bottle banks is taken for recycling in the UK. Some paper - particular higher grade paper is recycled in the UK while other 'mixed' paper is put in the empty containers that are going to China anyway and transported to facilities in China that require this material in the production of the goods and packaging that most of our non food domestic consumables come from. None of this material is landfilled as it is firstly illegal to export mixed waste to foreign countries (as regulated by the Environment Agency under the Transshipment Regulations) and secondly manufacturers in China would not pay for this waste if they were then to landfill it. Mixed plastics (bottles and containers) also go for export in the same way using otherwise empty cargo space. (The containers are empty on account of the vast imports to this country. It is estimated that less than one in five ship containers going back to China is full, the remainder are void).

Thank you once again for contacting Babergh. For further information on waste and recycling in Suffolk go to www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk

Yours sincerely,
Jonas Grist

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Parish Council Matters

Minutes of a meeting of Newton Parish Council 12th November 2008

Present: Cllrs C Poole (Chairman), G Flowers, R Gardner, P Haylock, R Schwenk, A Vince and R Wade.

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Selwyn Pryor (Suffolk County Councillor) and Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor) sent their apologies.

Declaration of Interests: There were no interests declared.

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th October 2008: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The meeting adjourned at 7.36pm for the Public Forum (Appendix A) and reconvened at 7.40pm.

Police Report: Following the review of the written Police report as listed in Appendix A the councillors asked the Clerk to request a report for September 2008. If the figures for September were as bad as the councillors anticipated, it was agreed that the Clerk is to write to Inspector Crick at Sudbury to seek an explanation on the recent crime wave and ask what actions are being taken to address the matter.

Correspondence and Clerks Report (Appendices B & C)

Following a review of the Correspondence the councillors resolved:

- To inform Little Cornard Parish Council that there are not many large lorries using the Green for access to Joes Road
- That the Section 106 money available to the parish following Babergh District Council's new policy will be considered for any works to the playground
- Following the correspondence from Harry Buckledee an agenda item for the next scheduled meeting will be raised in respect to the Parish Council buying a poppy wreath for the Remembrance service on an annual basis. Following the review of the Clerk's Report the councillors resolved that should the council be successful in its application for a grant for computer equipment, NPC will ensure the sustainability of the equipment by covering the cost of maintenance and insurance.

Finance

a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix D, were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting, agreed the Reconciliation of Accounts against the Bank Statements and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget

b. The councillors resolved to approve and accept the budget proposal for 2009/10 (Appendix E) and to set the Precept at £7,300, the same as 2008/9. The councillors also resolved that the 2008/9 Budget be adjusted in line with the anticipated income and expenditure in the budget proposal.

Planning

a. The councillors reviewed and agreed that there were no further comments required in light of the supplementary information supplied for Planning Application B/08/01182 - Minerals Quarry at Chilton Estate. The councillors would like an update from Suffolk County Council on how they propose that the workings withdrawn from the application will not be reinstated at a later date should the application be approved.

b. No other planning applications have been received

c. Cllr Schwenk will attend the Pre-Hearing meeting of SCC's Minerals Specific Site Allocations DPD Examination on the 2nd December 2008.

d. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC, are as follows: Chilton Estate, Objected to application based on safety of road users and Newton residents.

Appeal against refusal by Chilton Quarry, Wrote to support rejection of appeal.

Appeal against refusal of Saracens Head canopy Supported appeal
Land rear of Oakwood, Twin Oaks, Trollbo and Watkinsons - Continue to use agricultural land as domestic garden. Supported application
Approved 18/09/2008

Lillyfields - Continued use from agricultural land for the siting of a mobile home for use as a single unit of residential accommodation Objected to application as outside BUAB and no justification for residential development in countryside. Permission to 08/11/2011

2 Hall Cottages - Erection of two-storey rear extension. Supported application, REFUSED 15/10/2008

Land south of Polar Negri House - change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden, Supported application

Appeal against enforcement order for the removal of canopy at Saracens Head Supported appeal

Community Speedwatch

The councillors resolved that a budget of £150 be authorised, as well as the allocation of Selwyn Pryor's Locality Budget, in order that NPC could join with other local councils in establishing a Speedwatch Scheme.

Local Government & Rating Act 1997 s 29

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme

a. The councillors reviewed the Annual Play Area Report by RoSPA and noted its comments. Any actions requiring further attention will be included in the maintenance programme.

b. It was agreed that the next edition of the NPC Newsletter includes the outcomes of the playground surveys undertaken during the year. It was also agreed that a presentation to residents of the options under consideration be given on the evening of the Parish Assembly in April, in order to get their feedback. It was hoped that by starting this meeting early, both children and parents will attend.

c. There were no items brought to the attention of NPC.

Freedom of Information Act: The councillors resolved to adopt the draft Publication Scheme prepared by the Clerk and committed to produce and publish the method by which the specific information will be available so that it can be easily identified and accessed by members of the public. The councillors asked that both the website and notice boards have the new publication scheme information by the 1st January 2009.

Consultations: The councillors resolved that:

a. There were no comments on the Communities & Local Government - The making and enforcement of byelaws

b. After reviewing the Communities & Local Government - Code of Conduct for local authority members and employees the councillors supported the view that the employees' code proposals should be extended to the clerk on the proviso that any breach of the code by the clerk is reviewed by the parish council as the employer.

Parish Tree Warden: The councillors resolved that Mike Townrow be appointed as the Tree Warden for Newton and that the Clerk writes to BDC advising them of the appointment. The Clerk will invite Mike Townrow to attend the Annual Parish Assembly in April. The councillors also asked the Clerk to write to Harry Buckledee to thank him for his outstanding service as tree warden for the parish.

Councillor Training: The councillors felt that the SALC training was very good value for money and certainly helped the councillors focus on their plans for the next couple of years.

Village Hall and Trust representatives update: The Village Hall Management Committee is now to embark on the redecoration of the porch as well as running a number of events on Wednesday evenings during the winter months.

The Newton Green Trust has ordered new goal posts for the playing field as well as giving a number of grants to village organisations. The Trust coffee morning is to be held on 7th February. Trust minutes will in future be published in the Village Newsletter.

Question to Chairman: There were no questions to the chair.

National Interim Salary Award for Local Council Clerks

The councillors resolved to adopt the proposed 2.45% increase in the salary scales applicable to the Clerk as from 1st April 2008.

Date of NPC Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th January 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.29pm.

Appendix A Public Forum: In the absence of a Police representative, the Chairman read out the Police Report. "The report tonight covers the period from the 1st October 2008 through to the 11th November 2008. During this time 5 crimes were reported within the parish, this compares to 1 for the same period the previous year. The Breakdown of Crime is Burglary other building - 4 reports between 29th October and 9th November, offenders have entered outhouses etc and stolen foodstuffs. One person has been burgled twice and Newton Green Golf Club was also a victim. Theft - 1 report that a chicken had been stolen from a garden in Assington Road. There are no other matters to report."

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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in December 2008 Planning & Finance Meeting on 1st December Finance

In addition to the usual business the Annual Grant of £1000 was paid to the Village Hall and it was agreed to continue the contract for maintenance of the Church Clock for a further year. Attention turned to the budget and Precept requirement for next year. Following discussion the Precept was set at £31,750 representing an increase of 2.4% since last year. Within this amount a substantial contribution was pledged towards the Village Hall Roof. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for the work in preparation of the Budget and Accounts.

Planning

Confirmations from Babergh District Council: -

- 1) Babergh confirmed permission has been granted including Listed Building Consent to convert 2 agricultural buildings to form a dwelling with garaging/domestic stores at Peyton Hall Farm, Stone Street.
- 2) Permission has been granted including Listed Building Consent for a single storey rear extension to form a boiler room at 22 Swan Street.

The following were discussed by Council: -

- a) Application to fell walnut tree, covered by a Tree Preservation Order on the land to the rear of Weavers House, 37-39 Swan Street
- b) Application to fell a willow tree and an ash tree at Chante Claire, 9 Stone Street.

Reports from Members

Council expressed gratitude to Inneka Morris for the kind donation of a Christmas tree for the Churchyard. It was agreed to write to PCSO Melissa Galyean wishing her well in her new role. She will be replaced by PCSO Penny Molkenhain.

Full Parish Council Meeting on 15th December District Council Report

District Cllr Bryn Hurren confirmed that he has investigated the progress of the Village Hall Roof Application and it has now been approved. He is assisting regarding the application to Babergh Council for a Grant towards the cost. He went on to confirm that the new Warden at the Ash Street flats is Pauline Lane. He has reported the muddy state of Wash Lane to Babergh Council and arrangements were to be made to have it cleaned. The County Council has agreed a finger post pointing towards the Spinney. Babergh Council were proposing to set their Council tax increase at 3.5%, however, this was still to be affirmed by full Council. Cllr Hurren agreed to investigate the poor state of pavement repairs on The Causeway.

Police Report

Members spoke of the recent crime in the village including cars

broken into during the Panto performance and vandalism at the Fleece in the early hours of the morning. It was agreed to ask the Police for better coverage at night and seek their assurances that attention is being paid to the village.

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Clerks Correspondence

The Clerk read from a letter received from the residents of Stone Street Road regarding the disruption caused by the number of vehicles using Stone Street Road for the School, Village Hall, Burial Ground and Parish Council Office. In the letter addressed to Suffolk County Council, concerns were expressed that if the Extended Schools Building goes ahead, a further 10 vehicle spaces would be lost. Following discussion, ideas for easing congestion were put forward and it was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Headteacher and Extended Schools Project accordingly. Please note the telephone number to report matters from pot-holes to street lights is 08456 066 067 County & District Services.

Freedom of Information – New Model Publication Scheme
Council agreed to adopt the new scheme.

Finance

The Clerk confirmed a letter had been received from the Locality Director at the County Council confirming that County Councillor Selwyn Pryor's Locality Budget could be used to contribute £1461 towards the cost of the Village Hall Roof.

Reports from Members

The Chairman had passed on her gratitude to members for their contributions during 2008.

Planning

Advance notice had been given by Babergh District Council on a Supplementary Planning Document Consultation relating to Affordable Housing. The Supplementary Documents provide guidance on how the relevant Planning Policies will be implemented.
Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

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Readers Letters

Sir

May we extend congratulations to all concerned for a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the recent Boxford Drama Group's Christmas pantomime. The enthusiasm of the cast was contagious. Although a real team effort, special thanks to the author for getting the festive season off to such a happy start. Well done Bill! An excellent meal during the interval too, the facilities at the Village Hall yet again proved their worth.

Sincerely,
Lynn Furmark and Michael Pickard
Cheltenham

Sir

I would like to reply to the letter from David Lamming in the January issue.

I am the Manager of the under 9's Boxford Rovers Football Team and, as their Manager, I would like to assure Mr Lamming that we held a one minute silence on Remembrance Sunday (following League and FA guidelines this was as close to 11.00 am as possible), to remember all the brave people who fought for our freedom.

The one minute silence was decided upon by both Managers and the Referee as we felt two minutes was a long time for 18 under 9 boys to keep quiet and still while half way through their match.

As a club, we have always upheld the two minute silence (or one minute for the younger boys) for Remembrance Sunday and, where possible, have scheduled games to allow players to participate in the Remembrance Day parades.

Elaine Moss
Boxford Rovers FC

Sir

EVIE FLETCHER

Percy, Robert, Susan and families wish to thank everyone for their support following Evies death, and to all those who attended the service. Evie would have been overwhelmed by the love and respect shown.

Donations totalling £925.00 have been received, to be divided between Suffolk Air Ambulance and the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Please accept this as our only, but most sincere acknowledgement
Percy, Robert, Susan and families

Sir

I was wondering if it would be possible for you to send me an e-mail with an attachment of the photo of the two volunteers clearing the road at sand hill in 1947, from the January 2009 issue of Box River News please?

I am 95% sure the man at the front is my great uncle, Vic King. My mum was nearly four and can remember his wife (her Aunt) taking her and her brothers and sisters upto watch her husband and others clear the road. If memory serves her well they loaded the snow into trailers and emptied it in to the river.

My mum has never seen this picture before and would love a copy. If this is possible that would be fantastic.

Many thanks for your time.
Gail Skinner
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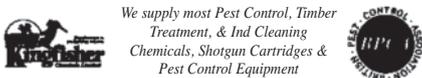


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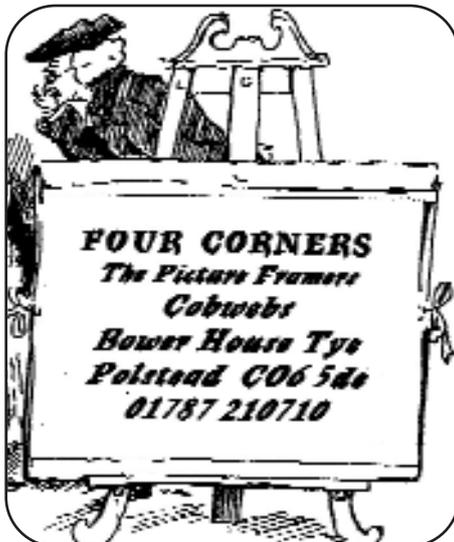
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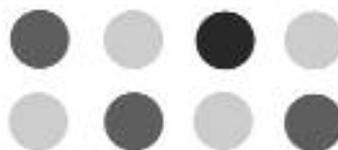
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The Seniors staged their first annual Christmas presentation lunch when awards were presented to the following (from left to right): Bernie Pratt (Brian Eady Bogey Trophy), David Boast (captain), Jim Devereux (Singles Knock-Out and Stableford Rose Bowl), Dave Foster (Stableford runner-up); Mick Barlow (doubles winner and plate ko winner) and his doubles partner Frank Salt.

The lunch was preceded by a Texas Scramble won by Phil Goodright, Terry Hamblin and Frank Salt 58.3; Jim Ansell, David Boast and Andy Wilson 62.8 ocb; John Humphrey, Andy Dodds and Dave Bristow 62.8.

GARETH WEILAND MEMORIAL BENCH



A new memorial bench has been unveiled at the 11th hole at Brett Vale Golf Club, near Hadleigh, in memory of Gareth Weiland. Gareth was a keen and very good golfer, who loved the playing at Brett Vale and especially the 11th hole.

On Christmas Eve 2008 a group of friends from the Boxford area got together for the unveiling of the bench and to have a toast in his memory. There was some good golf played, some bad shots here & there, but fun was had by all. With Tom Paxman winning the 'closest the pin', Ben Woodfield winning the 'longest drive' and James Butcher winning overall.

So next time your going to play golf, think about Brett Vale and keep an eye out for the bench.

Please also keep Sunday 24th May (bank holiday) free, there will be a memorial cricket tournament with lots of other entertainment.

More details to follow next month. *Ben Woodfield*

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BOXFORD ROVERS

Last years Boxford Rovers under 13 team won their league and no doubt this was very much down to their team spirit. Whilst surfing the other evening I came across this Team song. It gave me a chuckle so, since there is no news from Rovers this issue I am reproducing it here.

The Boxford Song!

a little bit of Shorty in our lives,
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a little bit of Hazell what we need,
a little bit of Rossi with his speed.
a little bit of Alex in defence,
a little bit of Pat he's immense.
a little bit of Stevie being keeper,
a little bit of Sam what a sweeper.
a little bit of Jonny with no skillz,
a little bit of Folan hes on pillz.
a little bit of Stanton what a pass,
a little bit of Henry pure class.
a little bit of Turner power header,
a little bit of Ali very clever.
a little bit of tactics thats our plan,
a little bit of Malcom he's our man!!!!!!