

# Box River News



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## DISASTER STRIKES BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL!



### 22nd January 2010

Early rising villagers were astonished and distraught to see the roof of the village hall had collapsed, as the word went around the village speculation rose that it was the work of vandals or thieves trying to take lead from the roof.

However (and perhaps thankfully) after inspection by the Health and Safety inspector from Hadleigh and statements from users of the hall the previous night who said there was creaking coming from the roof area, the answer seemed more simple, the load bearing beams, having been weakened through years of water seeping through the roof, had simply given way.

Thankfully nobody was hurt, however questions are being asked by villagers as to how this terrible situation was allowed to happen. In an exclusive interview with the BRN, the current Chair of the committee said 'it is a situation that should not have happened, I have looked back through the minutes of previous meetings and extensive warnings as to the state of the roof and fund raising efforts appear to have met with little support, and therefore' .....

Obviously this has not happened, yet! However the situation is very serious and this could be the headline in as little as 12 months time if nothing is done.

We are launching a campaign to **Raise the Roof** to cover the shortfall in funding between local grants (figures not available at the time of going to press), and the total cost of replacing the current roof.

You will have a letter enclosed in this issue inviting you to **Buy a tile** or make a donation. Please help us to secure the future of the Boxford Village Hall not only for the current users, but for the generations of the future who will need a central hall to accommodate all their activities and, perhaps more importantly, to retain a thriving centre of our village. Boxford Village Hall **is** a central part of our village, please don't let it down.

Bill Horne

Boxford Village Hall Committee 01787 210643



Boxford Sunflower Playgroup have been awarded the Suffolk Quality Assurance Scheme in childcare, after passing all eight modules of meeting the standard. They will be assessed each term to ensure that they are adhering to and keeping the standard.

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# 250TH BURNS NIGHT ANNIVERSARY

The year 2009 marked the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. Although Burns lived a short life, dying at the age of 37, it was fulfilling and eventful. Starting out as a farmer then moving on to become a writer, Burns travelled throughout Scotland where he gathered inspiration for much of his work. The stunning Ayrshire scenery and the romantic setting of Dumfries helped provide the insight for compiling much of his romantic material.



A passionate, inspiring, forward thinking pioneer of his generation, Robert Burns, or as he is more commonly known, Burns, is regarded as the national poet of Scotland. Born in Ayrshire, in 1759, Scotland's best loved bard is famous for his political views, revolutionary behaviour, his love for the lassies and of course his world famous songs and poems including Auld Lang Syne.

His life was celebrated in many thousands of venues around the country, not the least of which was Newton Green. The Burns Night in the Village Hall lived up to its reputation as one of, if not the most important event in the villages calendar. The format for the evening has become familiar to the villagers with the traditional welcome, the parade of the Haggis, its address, the immortal memory and Toasts to the Lassies whose response has the villagers in fits of laughter. Songs of Scotland and poems of Burns make the evening one of the most memorable of the year.

The real reason for our continuing attendance at the event is the Haggis together with the Tatties and Neeps, prepared by Janet Weavers and with the sauce and neat whisky, the finest Haggis I have ever had the pleasure of eating.

Again, congratulations to everyone involved in organising this great



Rice. "Joe's playing is so fluent it borders on virtuosity. Not since Oscar Peterson's halcyon days have I heard a young jazz piano player who could be compared to such a great artist in both technique and inspiration". Sir John Dankworth

## Friday, 20 March 8.00, Ticket £15 **Marlene VerPlanck**

Marlene VerPlanck is a contemporary American singer who can stand comparison with the all time greats. Her voice is matched by a flawless technique, her choice of material is highly individual displaying impeccable taste and her accompaniment is always of the highest order. Robin Aspland piano, Paul Morgan bass, Mark Fletcher drums.

## Friday, 27 March 8.00, Ticket £14 **Gareth Williams Trio**

Pianist and multi instrumentalist Gareth Williams started his training as a doctor before switching to music full time. Gareth is probably best known to Fleece audiences as the brilliant pianist who accompanies award winning British jazz singer Claire Martin. Gareth has also played alongside Bud Shanks, James Moody, Dave Liebman, Tim Garland, Iain Bellamy and Tommy Smith. His trio is Laurence Cottle bass and drummer Ian Thomas fresh from a world tour with Eric Clapton.

## JUST A TASTE OF THE SPRING 2009 PROGRAMME

We will be welcoming pianist Robert Mitchell, Saxophonist Snake Davis, and the incredible American singer Lea Delaria

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



## 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 - the first being none other than Louis Armstrong. Lillian continues to capture the hearts and ears of listeners from the Mississippi Delta to Bondi Beach performing her special brand of R&B, Jazz and Gospel. Lillian's band is Denny Ilett guitar, Phil Parnell piano/organ, Chris Hill bass and Scott Hammond drums.

## Friday, 13 March 8.00, Ticket £13 **Joe Stilgoe**

Set to enchant audiences everywhere with his charm, wit and great talent as both vocalist and piano player Joe Stilgoe is also a songwriter of skill far beyond his years. His trio is completed by Chris Hill bass and Ben Reynolds drums. 'I Like This One' is Joe's debut for his three CD deal with Candid Records - Highly recommended!!

"Well, stone the crows, this Joseph is a clever kid". Sir Tim

# FUN AND GAMES NIGHT



*The Fady Dafys !!!*

A good time was seen to be had by all at the Boxford Community Council Fun and Games Night on the 31st January.

Lots of noise, lots of healthy but friendly competition, lots of fun had by all and lots of drink consumed by most !! Congratulations once again to Ged's team FADY DAFYS who retained the prestigious title of Indoor Fun and Games Champions. A good profit was made on the night which will eventually go back into the village through our grants scheme.

Many many thanks to all helpers who turned out and kept a lid on things and to the team on the Social Committee for a great effort, look forward to next years championship.

*Peter Hibben* Social Committee Chairman

## BARN DANCE

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"If your spine is inflexibly stiff at thirty, you are old. If it is completely flexible at sixty, you are young". *Joseph Pilates*

# Soap Box

## Local Government Review update

Babergh District Council have been brought up to date by officers with regard to the ongoing Local Government Review.

The timetable has already been upset by a series of judicial reviews from councils in Norfolk and Devon, where antipathy to the scheme seems much more vehement than here in Suffolk. We will probably not now hear from the lovely Hazel Blears until March, which leaves very little time to cancel the County Council elections in June. I understand that an order has to be made by 23 April at the latest. Elections to the new unitary, or more probably, unitaries will probably take place in April or May 2010.

Some people are clearly of the view that due to the potential for further delay, the process will not after all go ahead, and the status quo will be maintained. While feeling pleased at one level since Babergh will be saved and my term of office will not be cut short by a year, at another I feel that it would be wrong to stop the process now. A huge amount of time has been invested by both councillors and officers looking at the financial case for the establishment of unitary arrangements in the county. It also remains true that a small authority like Babergh will struggle to deliver services in a cost efficient way in the longer term.

The best bet remains that the outcome will be two unitaries, as originally suggested by the Boundary Committee. However, the message from the financial assessments seems to be that the main

difference will be that Lowestoft will remain in Suffolk, which rather undermines the rural/urban distinction underpinning the Committee's thinking.

Another factor that could be taken into account by the Government is the current economic downturn. Is it really sensible to undertake an exercise that is bound to cause job losses and possible service disruption at a time when unemployment is rising and people are feeling pretty miserable? Probably not, but this Government isn't really known for its common sense.

## Is your business in difficulty

Babergh can take some action to alleviate the situation for employees in cases where companies may find it necessary to make employees redundant. The Council is part of the Suffolk Redundancy Network (SRN), an East of England Development Agency-funded partnership which includes local councils, Jobcentre Plus, enterprise agencies and local training providers. SRN provides support to individual being made redundant.

If your business is struggling don't leave it until it is almost too late to contact Babergh for help for those threatened with redundancy. You can either call Colin Spence or myself (Jenny Anthill) or Bryn Hurren depending on who is your local District Councillor, who will pass your concerns on in complete confidence, or call Sue Dawes, Economic Development Technical Officer, on (01473) 825868 or sue.dawes@babergh.gov.uk. Further information is available on Babergh's website.

*Jenny Anthill is District Councillor on Babergh District Council for Waldingfield Ward.*

*Brian Tora is on a mission for Box River News touring Australia and should be back in the saddle by the May Issue.*

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## South Suffolk Conservative Women's Committee

The South Suffolk Conservative Women's Committee ( 'organised by women but men always welcome!') held its quarterly meeting at Little Waldingfield Parish Rooms on Thursday.

The guest of honour was prospective MEP, Vicky Ford. Vicky is number three on the 'List' for the East of England and so stands a good chance of making it to Brussels in the European Elections in June.

Vicky was very good value, demonstrating a wide knowledge of the relevant issues, along with a healthy dose of Euroscepticism that went down well with her audience. She certainly knows why she is going to Brussels, and it isn't to encourage the lack of democracy and accountability that seems to be endemic there.

Vicky made us all feel that we don't have to defect to UKIP in June to make the point that we don't think much of the vast and intrusive bureaucracy that is the European Community. The Conservatives have seen the problems from within and aim to combat them. Indeed, if plans to align with other anti-federalists from the former eastern bloc come to fruition, the Conservatives will definitely be the people to back if you want to see law making returned to its rightful place in Westminster.

Incidentally, Little Waldingfield Parish Rooms was an excellent venue for the meeting. The kitchen is well equipped and the hall a sensible size.

## HELP NEEDED

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding, based at Shelley, nr Hadleigh, desperately needs more helpers. We need volunteers - both horsey and non-horsey people - to help adults and children with special needs to enjoy the benefits of riding therapy.

If you could spare even just an hour a week, during term time only, please contact us on 01473 824172. Thank you.

## 3PR Demo at APM

Would you know what to do, if you were with someone who collapsed and was unconscious, or had a Heart Attack, suffered a Stroke, had a Fall, had a serious cut and was losing a lot of blood? I would say that a lot of us would panic and have very little idea what to do to help or even, save their lives.

In Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton we are lucky that caring members of the community have volunteered their free time to be part of 3.P.R.(Three Parishes Responders). They use the equipment that was purchased by the local community, to respond to any incident that the East of England Ambulance Service decide they would be able to assist at until such time as a Paramedic or the Ambulance arrives. Whenever possible there will be a member of the first response team on duty but recently it has not been possible to cover every shift due to a shortage of trained members.

The Boxford Parish Council have invited 3.P.R. to give a short, 20 min. Demonstration at their AGM in the Village Hall at 8pm on Monday 6th April. Please come and find out about Defibrillators and how they work. How to carry out C.P.R. (Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation) and other life saving techniques including how to put a causality in the recovery position. After the demo you may well find that you know, more about helping someone in distress than you thought.

Please do come along, you never know, one day it could help you save someone's life. Now that would be something worthwhile!

Vic Rice 3.P.R. Co-ordinator 210504.

## Notice of the Playingfields A.G.M

will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 7th of April in the playing fields Pavillion.

The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock in the evening and is open to all users of the playing fields.

## NEWS FROM THE PLAYING FIELDS

Here we are in another year and the Playingfields Committee is already planning for another IT'S A KNOCKOUT - FUNDAY.

The date for the Funday is Saturday the 9th of May and will be followed by Boxford Rovers football club's annual presentations.

All in all it should be an excellent day so all that is needed now are the teams to compete in the Knockout competition. So if you have the skill, stamina and brilliance to win then get in touch with Yvonne on 01787 210151 to book your place. There are only spaces for eight teams of eight so first there first served for your chance of glory!.

Further details will follow in next month's news letter, but in the mean time put the 9th of May in your diary.

## 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 it 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.

## EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2009 - already!!

**Calling all local businesses.....**

Following the continued success of this annual event, we are once again holding our Fair in Edwardstone Church, with our hugely popular Festive Shopping Evening on Thursday, November 5th followed by our Main Fair in both the Church and the Village Hall the next day.

Bookings from stallholders - some new for 2009, some back by popular demand - have already been taken and we plan to make the Fair even bigger and better than before.

Apart from being a lovely occasion at which to get some Christmas shopping done, the purpose of the event is, as always, to raise some much-needed funds for the church. In addition, last year we continued with our policy of donating half the proceeds to a worthwhile local charity and S.A.S. (Success after Stroke), was the recipient of well over £2000.

This year we have decided to move even closer to home and we will be giving half the proceeds of the Fair to the Boxford Playground Fund. With the hard work and enterprise of a few local parents the playground is already looking impressive but there is still work to be done and extra equipment to purchase and we hope that our contribution will be of real value to the local community.

To that end, we are seeking sponsorship to cover some of our many and varied costs - from printing and postage to the ingredients for our now famous Edwardstone Christmas Pudding! For instance, we can turn paid-for publicity and promotion into real hard cash by increasing custom - so any donation can be worth far more to our beneficiaries than it costs you.

In 2008 we were very fortunate to receive sponsorship from various local businesses and we know that the economic climate this year is harsh but, if we are to raise the profile of the event and broaden its appeal whilst at the same time increasing our profit margin, we need even more support.

If you are able to help us, your business would be gratefully acknowledged in our publicity and you would have the additional satisfaction of knowing that you were supporting two truly local causes.

If you can contribute in any way, please contact Diana Hawke by phone on 01787 211403 or by email at dianahawke@btinternet.com for further details. *Edwardstone Christmas Fair Organising Committee.*

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## 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.

### RIVER STOUR TRUST

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### NEWTON GREEN WHIST DRIVES

Because of the very bad weather the January whist drive had to be cancelled at short notice. The weather on Monday 9th February wasn't much better but we went ahead with the whist drive and had 5 tables in play. The prizewinners were:

Pat Robinson	184	Alan Weavers	173
Cynthia Winch	166	Fred Robinson	166
Edna Chaplin	165	Diana Stock	133

Many thanks to Carole and Joan for turning out on such a wet and windy night to prepare the refreshments.

The next drive will be on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm and the final drive until the Autumn will be on Monday 6th April.

Alan Vince 01787 373963

## QUIZ NIGHT EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL

Saturday 14th March  
7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £5.00 each  
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# Wot's On

## GENTLE YOGA

Thursday mornings 10.15am -11.15am

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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

## Stoke by Nayland Antiques Fair,

Saturday 21st March from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm.

Upholstered chairs, stools, dressing table mirrors, china, glass, jewelry, pictures, children's books and teddy bears...and much more. FREE entry and parking. Refreshments served in aid of Tools With A Mission (TWAM - towards containers to send tools, sewing machines and bicycles to Africa). For information and enquiries about Antiques Fair to Highly Sprung, tel 01206 262087

## Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30pm 0n:

**Monday March 9th** Mr and Mrs Waspe will be bringing their dog with them and talking about guide dogs for the blind

**Monday March 23rd** The Hall is not available to use - instead there will be a coach trip to the Bull Hotel in Long Melford for a two course lunch Leaving from the Fleece at 12.30pm

For bookings and information telephone Shirley on 210024 or Barbara on 210936. We are pleased to welcome newcomers to our club and on outings where seats are available

## Sudbury Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

Saturday 28th March, 7.30 pm

St Peter's, Market Hill, Sudbury, CO10 1TL

Rossini Overture to Italian Girl in Algiers

Elgar Cello Concerto Op 85, E minor

Beethoven Symphony No 8, Op 93, F major

Matthew Andrews, Conductor

Maggie Hughes, Leader

Rebecca Walker, Cello

Tickets £10 (children £2) from Compact Music, North Street, Sudbury; 3 Beaconsfield Close, Sudbury, CO10 1JR (send cheque and sae);

or via the website [www.sudburysymphonyorchestra.com](http://www.sudburysymphonyorchestra.com)

A limited number of tickets will be available on the door.

## BOXFORD WI

At our February meeting we welcomed Grant Elliott who gave us a most interesting talk on Monopoly "more than just a game" and found out so many facts about this most popular of games

It was invented by an American in 1929 and started in a small way with making a few games for friends

When others wanted the game he went into minor production eventually sold out to Parker Brothers

The original game was round and only became square to fit into a box. It became a must buy for Christmas 1935. The rights to the London game was sold to Waddington. It was very popular during war as a game played in air raid shelters

Copyright expired in 1985 but some parts like the name and logo are patented. Now anyone can licence a Monopoly set using their own town or any other

In January three of our members went to Bures WI to join in their Christmas party and enjoyed an excellent evening with a two course meal games and entertainment by Musicology

Our Book Club meeting is on February 25th 3pm at Heather's house when we will be reviewing

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

At our 4th March meeting we will be welcoming Roger Loose with a Talk and Slides on Boxford this is always a favourite with those who live in and around Boxford. We welcome any visitor's who would like to come our charge for visitors is £1.50 which includes Tea Coffee and Biscuits

**An Advance notice for Tuesday June 23rd** 7.30pm Boxford Village Hall. Boxford WI will be hosting an evening with Julian Worricker giving us a Talk on 'My Life with the BBC'. Julian is the son of Keith and Heather Worricker who live in Boxford

## Springtime Crafts with Willow

**Saturday 28th March** Make a willow 'trug' for gathering flowers

10.00 to 4.00, 45 pounds to include materials. Make a simple, beautiful gardening basket, ideal for bringing cut flowers to the house. All materials will be provided, and friendly tuition to guide you through in easy stages. No experience needed.

**Saturday 4th April**, Small Willow Sculptures, 10 to 4.00

40 pounds plus pay for your willow used on the day (From 5)

In a comfortable and relaxed setting, no previous experience needed, you can make a beautiful bird (a goose, pheasant, hen, swan...) or a woven willow ball for your house or garden. You'll learn how to build your piece from a simple framework, and then how to develop it with random weaving until final details like beaks and combs are made.

**Saturday 25th April**, Willow 'Wigwam' plant climbers. 10- 1.00

20 pounds plus a small charge for willow used on the day (from 5)

Make a beautiful spiral plant support from willow grown here at Willowmead Alpacas. Local tutor Jo Hammond will guide you step by step, as you build a plant support that looks great on its own, and is also ideal for sweet peas, nasturtiums and runner beans. If you can't stop at one, there will be kits for sale to take home.

*Tutor Jo Hammond is a renowned local artist and craftsperson who will guide you step by step through your project. The strong supple willow stems for your sculpture or plant climber are produced here naturally without pesticides at Willowmead Alpacas; you will see them growing when you visit. For further enquiries and bookings, call Jo Hammond on 01473 327646 or email [jo.twigweave.hammond@btinternet.com](mailto:jo.twigweave.hammond@btinternet.com).*

## Save The Children

**At Mary's House, Saturday 4th April at 9.00am**

For Sale: Homemade cakes, Biscuits, Savouries, Jams and Marmalade.

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Also Kitty Brain will have a selection of her jewelry for sale

Joan Smith, Ann Holdgate and Jean Saunders.

## Newton Village Hall Coffee Mornings

7th March at 10am Newsletter Coffee Morning

4th April Parish Council Coffee Morning 10.00am

Saturday 18th April, Art Club Coffee Morning and Exhibition.

2nd May Fireside Club Coffee Morning 10.00am

## FOBS Quiz 2009 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm

Friends of Boxford School are holding their Annual Quiz Night in the school hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The quiz start time is 7.30pm with doors open from 7.00pm.

Teams of up  
to 8 people

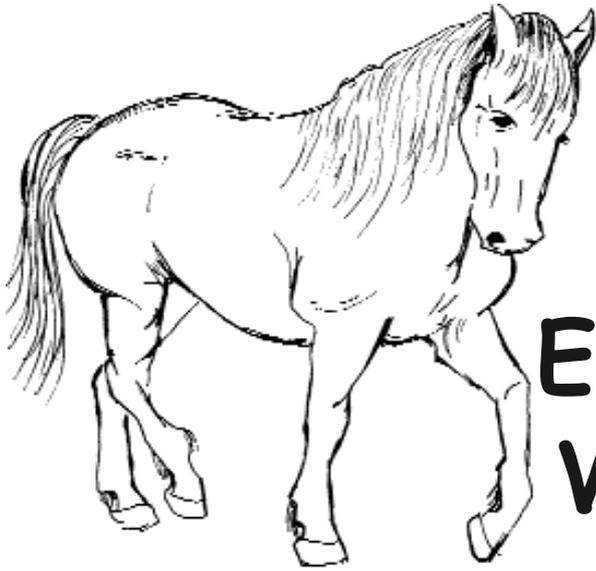
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# Wot's On

## 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

## 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 e mail the organisers, Sudbury Rotary Club, on [sudburyfunrun.co.uk](http://sudburyfunrun.co.uk) Or Google Rotary Sudbury.

Rotarian *Chris Proffitt* Tel: 01787374289

## FILMS, DATES AND TIMES FOR FILMS COMING TO POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

Friday 20 March at 7-30pm: **The Duchess** (PG) 110mins  
(Doors open at 7-00pm)

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

Friday 24 April at 7-00pm **Cinema Paradiso** (15) 165mins  
Please note the earlier starting time (doors open at 6-30pm).

*This will be the opening night of a special programme of international films being shown in village halls, schools and small cinemas in Sudbury and Stowmarket.*

We are showing the Director's Cut, i.e. Giuseppe Tornatore's full version, of this 1989 highly acclaimed and Oscar winning Italian film. "Cinema Paradiso" is one of the most popular foreign-language films ever. The story starts with a famous film director, Salvatore, returning to the Sicilian village where he grew up for the funeral of his old friend Alfredo, who had been the projectionist at the local Cinema Paradiso. Alfredo had become a father figure to the young Salvatore (then known as Toto), and turns out to have steered him towards a great career in films at the expense of Toto's teenage romance.

The story has everything that makes an exquisitely beautiful, nostalgic and romantic film.

**Saturday 25 April at 3-30pm Peter and the Wolf** (U) 35mins  
(Doors open at 3-00pm)

This award winning film, it won the 2008 Oscar for best animated short film, was made at the world famous Se-ma-or Studios in Poland. Director Suzie Templeton has adapted Prokofiev's familiar and much-loved musical story into a new and original format. There is no narration. The story is told through the outstanding animation accompanied by a stunning performance of the score by the Philharmonia Orchestra.

Before showing the film the story will be told for the benefit of the audience who may be experiencing Peter and the Wolf for the first time and to explain that, while true to the original, there is a hint of 21st century sensitivities. There will also be introductions to illustrate how the characters are represented by certain instruments in the orchestra.

After the performance tea and cakes will be available.  
**Tickets for all films** (£3-50) can be booked in advance on 01787 210029 or at the Polstead Community Shop. For "Peter and the Wolf" children come free of charge, but booking is still advisable.

**Dates for your diary:** Friday May 22nd and Friday June 19th , films to be announced.

## Little Waldingfield Lent Lunch

The Lent Lunch will be held on Wednesday April 1st from 12noon till 2.00pm at Newmans Hall. Ann Millers House.

For more information please contact Mrs Ann Miller on 01787 249111



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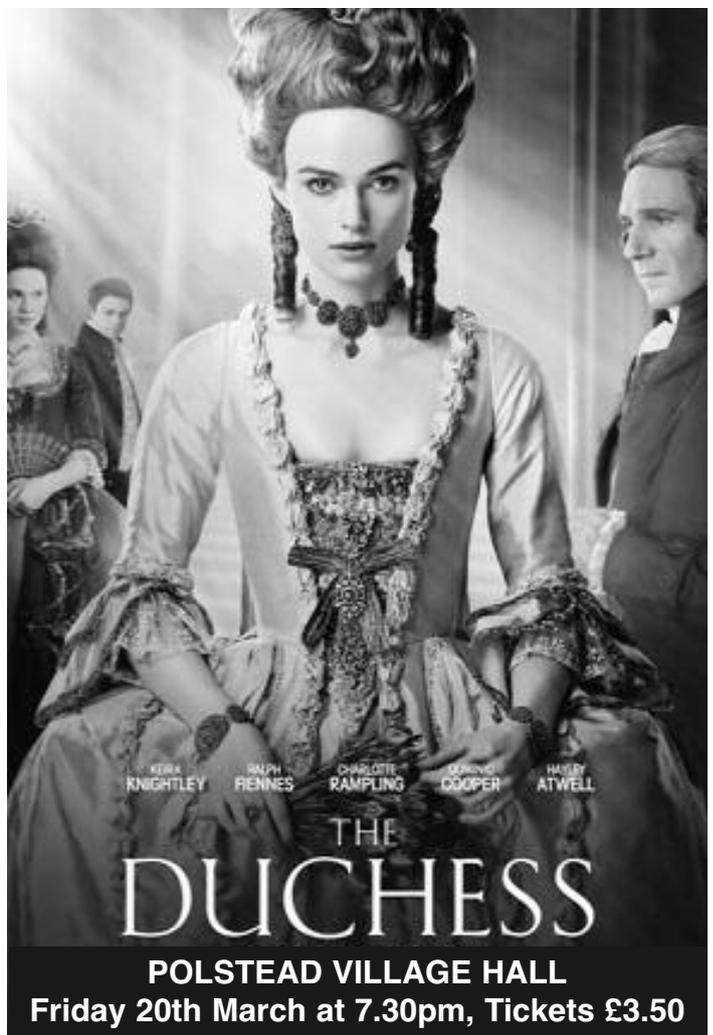
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# Boxford Girl Successfully Applies for 'The Best Job In The World'

Hannah Seward, 33, from Boxford has been accepted as an applicant for what is being hailed as 'The Best Job in the World' The Queensland Tourist Board are offering one lucky applicant a 6 month contract as a Caretaker for Hamilton Island and the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, Australia. The job involves living in a 3 bedroom villa by the sea, feeding the fish, snorkelling, sailing, fishing, diving, delivering the island's mail by plane and maybe cleaning the pool once in a while. In return the resident caretaker will receive \$150,000 and share their experiences to a global audience in a weekly video blog.

Hannah Writes "My Cousin, Kimberly Anderson sent me the webpage link as she knows that I love this kind of thing. As soon as I read the job description I knew that I had a lot of offer. I have a degree in Business and International Marketing, I have worked as a Communications Manager for BT. I love travelling, having completed a round the world trip in 2005 and several voluntary conservation projects abroad, including 6 months on a reef research project in Borneo. I qualified as a BSAC Sports Diver and lived on an uninhabited island with 20 other volunteers and staff. I notched up hours of snorkelling practice and had to pass tough exams on fish and coral species identification. I have over 150 dives under my belt in Borneo, Australia, Fiji and Ecuador. I spent a month as a volunteer studying humpback whale movements in Ecuador and have travelled to many other countries to ski, camp, hike and experience as much as possible. I've recently returned from a 2 month trip around Europe in a DIY converted ex Royal Mail campervan. I love immersing myself in new cultures, meeting people and trying new things.



When I'm home in the UK I sail, windsurf, swim, ride horses, bikes and run. I completed the London Marathon and Triathlon for Charity and try my best to keep fit. I'm also very interested in photography and art. I paint animal portraits for a living and was awarded a Young Artists Bursary by the Society of Wildlife Artists in 2006.

Many people would see this as a six month holiday but I see this as once in a lifetime opportunity to show the world what an amazing place the Great Barrier Reef and surrounding islands are. It's the world's largest living structure. At nearly 2,000km long it can be seen from outer-space! It's home to hundreds of fish, invertebrates and coral species. It's also a fantastic place to visit for a holiday with golf, sailing, fishing, snorkelling and diving all on hand. I would love the chance to show the world what an amazing natural wonder it is and how we need to protect it's beauty and fragility as much as enjoying what it has to offer.

The first stage was to submit a video application which has been accepted. This can be viewed on The Best Job in the World website: <http://www.islandreefjob.com/#/applicants/watch/kYbsHH9nbbE>.

The videos are then viewed online and rated by the public. I'm currently in the top 350 most popular applicants out of over 10,000 who applied. I'm in the top 30 out of 370 of the UK applicants but I need your help to log on, view my video and rate me with 5 stars please! The Queensland Tourist Board then selects 50 shortlisted applicants and then a final 10 with a wildcard applicant voted for by the public. These final 11 are flown to Hamilton Island for the an interview process which involves physical and mental challenges with a formal interview in front of a panel of judges. The lucky winner starts work on the island on 1st July.

This is of course a massive public relations and marketing exercise for Tourism Queensland but there's no catch, the job does exist and I need your help to get me there please! Please click on my video link and rate me with 5 stars. Voting closes on 22nd February. See you in OZ!

## Local Walks in and around the area

### Lavenham Rambling Club

**1st March,** The Waldingfields.

Meet at Little Waldingfield Church (GR TL 924452) Distance less than 5 miles.

Leaders Caroline and Julian 01787 372603/01284 830544

**15th March,** Wiston

Meet at Leavenheath Village Hall car park Wrights Way (GR TL 948364) Distance about 4 miles.

Leader Frederick 01206 263986

**29th March,** Hagmore Green

Meet at Assington Farm Shop, Post Office car park (GR 933376)

Distance approx 4.5 miles

Leader Jill 01206 263751

Anyone is welcome to join these walks provided they acknowledge they do so entirely at their own risk. The walks are on Sundays and start at 2pm and last for about two hours. Please wear suitable footwear. To ease parking problems please car share where possible. For general enquiries contact Graham 01787 248128

### Ramblers Association Walks

**Sunday 1st March,** Little Welnetham

Meet to make a 10.30am start at Rushbrooke Arms Sicklesmere (GR TL 877607). Distance 5.5 miles

Leader Frank Connolly 01787 311995.

**Wednesday 4th March** Alphamstone

Meet for a 10.30am start at Lamarsh Village Hall car park (GR TL 890350) Distance 5 miles.

Leader David B 01787 371880

**Wednesday 11th March,** Circular walk Mount Bures/Lamarsh. Meet

to make a 10am start at Bures Village Hall car park (GR TL 909338)

Distance 10 miles. Lunch at The Lion, Lamarsh.

Leader Janet P 01787 227929.

**Wednesday 25th March.** Langham/Dedham

Meet for a 10am start at Lay-by off Gun Hill, Stratford St Mary. (GR TM 041334) Distance 5 miles. Lunch at Stratford.

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# Wot's On

Groton PCC

## FILM ARCHIVE SHOW

Farming and Village Life in Suffolk

Saturday, March 7th at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall.

Seven years ago, Geoff Clarke from East Anglian Film Archive showed us some fascinating old films from this area, and he has kindly agreed to return with some more; this time the theme is to be "Farming and Village Life". The evening will be in two parts, and a delicious Ploughman's Platter will be served in the interval; there will not be a Bar, but you are most welcome to bring your own wine. Glasses and a Hot Fruit Punch will be provided. This should be a fascinating show, and numbers are limited, so get your tickets soon, at £7.50 each, from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church, Groton.

Groton PCC

## LENT LUNCH

Wednesday, March 18th 12.00 noon at Mary's House, Swan St, Boxford.

Groton PCC will be organising a Lent Lunch in Mary's House on March 18th. This is a frugal Soup and Cheese lunch, with donations given to 3 PR. Anyone from the benefice is welcome to come, and we will be serving the soup from 12.00 until about 2.0pm. Offers of help with soup-making etc. most welcome. Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]

Groton PCC

## PLANTS, CAKES AND BOOKS SALE

Saturday, May 2nd at Mary's house, at 9.30am

Please put this date in your diaries now; there will be more details in April, but we plan to have some good Plants in the garden of Mary's House for Sale, and Cakes and Books and Coffee in the House. All proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church, Groton.

'Boxford Drama Group'

## A Letter from the General

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

Violence, revenge and deception are not usually words you would associate with a group of nuns in a mission located in a Far Eastern country. However, Boxford Drama Groups March production brings all these elements together in this powerful play entitled A Letter from the General by Maurice McLoughlin.

Set in the 1950's the spread of Communism brings a dark and sinister figure into the lives of the nuns in the form of a sadistic Army Captain, who's arrival threatens to destroy both them and their work. The plot is also complicated by the relationship between Sister Magdalene and her Godson, the General and new Governor of the Province. It is his letter that promises to have a profound impact on the lives of all those involved.

Tickets are on sale at Boxford Newsagent and the show dates are 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.

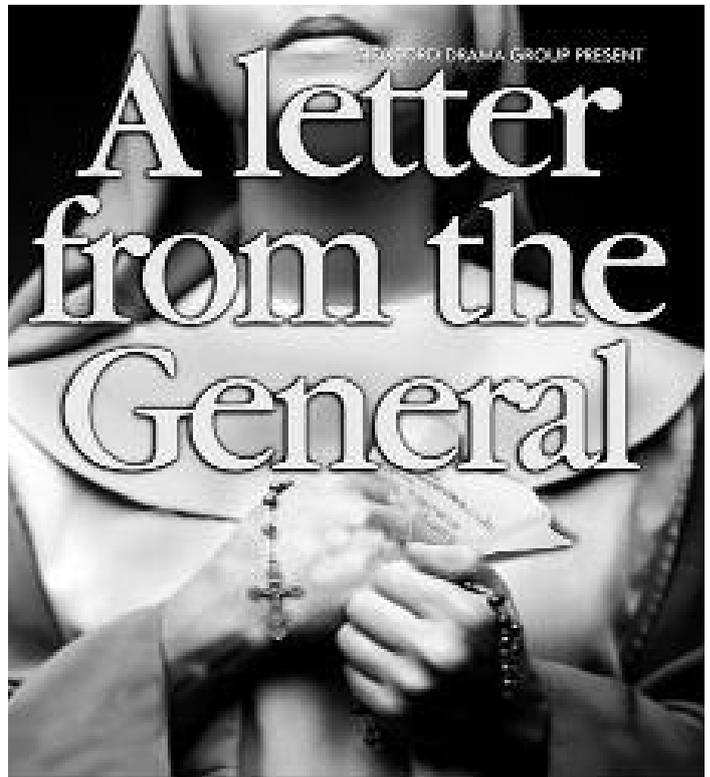
## Hadleigh Choral Society,

Mass in B Minor - Bach

4th April at St Mary's Church, Hadleigh, 7.30pm  
Colchester Orchestra, Conductor: Christopher Phelps  
Tickets: £10, Concessions: £8, Under 16's: £12  
Available from The Idler Bookshop or on the door

## Gainsborough House

Until March, Gainsborough House are showing a new display of the outstanding drawings by Thomas Gainsborough and some of his eighteenth Century contemporaries chosen from the permanent Collection. The house is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm, closed Sundays and Christmas to New Year. Entry is free on Tuesday afternoons (1-5pm)



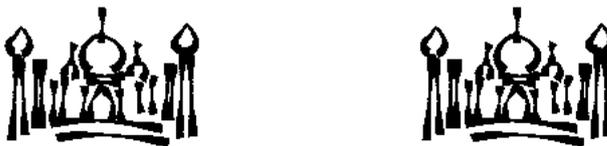
**A letter from the General**

Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm at Boxford Village Hall

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

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# Forthcoming Events Diary

<b>March</b>	4 Boxford WI Roger Loose 4 Newton Green Ladies Golf 7 Film Archive Show 7 FOBS Quiz Night 7 Newton Green Village Hall 9 Newton Green Whist Drive 9 Boxford Over 60's 14 Quiz Night 17 Boxford Gardening Society 18 Lent Lunch 21 Boxford Gardening Society 23 Boxford Over 60's	Talk and Slides on Boxford Coffee Morning Groton PCC  Coffee Morning  Guide Dogs for the Blind Edwardstone Parish Hall Ian Limmer Groton PCC Daffodil Walk Trip to The Bull Long Melford	Village Hall Golf Club Groton Village Hall School Hall  Village Hall Village Hall  Village Hall Mary's House Boxford Fleece	2pm 10am 7.30pm 7pm 10am 7.30pm 2.30pm 7pm 7.30pm 12noon 2.00pm
<b>12.30pm</b>	26/27/28 A Letter From The General	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
<b>April</b>	1 Boxford WI Pip Wright 1 Little Waldingfield Lent Lunch 4 Quiz & Curry Evening 4 Save The Children 4 Newton Parish Council Coffee Morning 6 Boxford Parish Council 7 Boxford Playing Fields AGM 18 Newton Art Group 21 Boxford Gardening Society 24 Quiz & Curry Evening 25 Boxford Society AGM	Frolic, Fervour & Fornication!!  VH Management Committee Sale at Mary's House, Boxford  APM and 3PR demo  Coffee Morning and Exhibition Andrew Tokeley Groton Village Hall Mgt Committee Wild Life and People of Madagascar.	Boxford Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Newmans Hall Village Hall  Village Hall Boxford Village Hall The Pavillion Village Hall Village Hall Village Hall Village Hall	2.00pm 12noon 7.30pm  10am 8.00pm 8.00pm 10am 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
<b>May</b>	2 Plants, Cakes and Book Sale 2 Newton Fireside Club 6 Boxford WI 9 Playingfields Fun Day 9 Boxford Rovers Awards Presentation 31 Boxford Gardens Open	Groton PCC Coffee Morning Resolution Meeting/ followed by entertainment	Mary's House Village Hall VH Boxford Playing Field Boxford Playing field	9.30am 10am 2.00pm 12-5pm 5.00pm
<b>June</b>	3 Boxford WI	Birthday outing to Beth Chtto's		
<b>October</b>	10 Boxford Society 17 Harvest Supper	My life with the BBC  Primrose Wood Through the Seasons. Groton PCC	Boxford Village Hall  Village Hall Groton Village Hall	7.30pm  7.30pm 7.30pm
<b>December</b>	5 Cheese and Wine Party 13 Christmas Concert from the Kelvedon Singers	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall Groton Church	7.30pm TBA

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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 Valley,

We are moving towards that time in the Church's calendar called Lent. It is traditionally a time to reflect and a time for soul-searching. In the early Church it was a time through reflection and meditation to prepare for baptism at Easter. For those who are already Christian by baptism it is a time in our life of faith to do an audit of that faith. It is a time to honestly evaluate our life as a Christian in the community and in our workplace. Have we remained true to our calling or have we compromised? Are we different in such a way that others can see or are we so close to the world's ways that nobody would know we march to a different drummer?

The diocese has produced a series of cards to guide us through our Lenten meditations aptly called 'Suffolk Postcards'. They each have a recognisable picture of a Suffolk scene on one side with a particular theme. On the other side there is the Gospel reading for the day together with some questions to focus our thinking and prayers pertinent to the theme for the day. It is intended that every Sunday in Lent will be focused on one of these themes and each person at the services will be given a 'Suffolk Postcard' to take away with them to provide a focus through the rest of the week.

Lent is a very important time in the Christian Calendar because it is the build up to arguably the most important of our Christian festivals, Easter. In fact Easter is so important that in our understanding and year round celebration of the resurrection we could rightly be called Easter People. We celebrate our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday, but it permeates with hope our whole understanding of what it means to be a Christian. May your Lenten meditations be filled with insights into God's love for you and your love for him and may this enlighten your Easter that the message of hope may bring you joy and assurance.

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:** March - Remember to praise God...for the bright blue skies of windy days and the brilliance of frost in the early mornings. Praise him for the keenness of the wind, which blows away the dark days of the depths of winter. Praise him...for the hope that he brings to every heart as we look upon the first signs of new growth around us. For the swelling buds on the trees, for the delicacy and hardiness of the first flowers of spring. Thank him that though the wind and the frost may destroy a flower here and there, the following day another flower will spring up to give us hope. Holding on to that hope, we too trust in Him to help us recover from the harsh winds of life.

Thank Him...for reminding us that whatever happens He will always be with us.

Thank Him...for offering us shelter from the storms of life.

Remember...that He expects us to offer shelter to others, too. Remember...that God is great. Trust Him in all things. Amen.

**Forthcoming Fundraising events for Church Funds:**

Ladies Lunch Club The next "Ladies Lunch" will be on Thursday 5th March 2009 at 12.30 pm - at the home of Heather Worricker, Ellis Street, Boxford. Please contact Heather on 211566 if you would like to come to the lunch. Could you please let Heather know by the end of February if you would like to come. We are very grateful to Elizabeth Wagener for our most enjoyable February 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 March 1st at 10.00 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"

**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**

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The Minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

### Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone  
Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone  
Tel: 211161

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** The Annual Meeting of the Parishioners of St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone (for the election of Churchwardens), followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on 16th April 2009. These meetings will be held in the church, starting at 7.30 p.m.

**Palm Sunday - 5th April 2009:** The Benefice Service for Palm Sunday, including the procession, will be held at Edwardstone Church on 5th April 2009, at 10.30 a.m.

**Church Electoral Roll:** During March the Church electoral roll will be displayed at the Church. Over this period there is the opportunity to revise entries on this roll. Please check the entries and should you wish your name to be added or removed, please contact Marlene Clarke (210689).

**QUIZ NIGHT IN EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL, 14TH MARCH 2009:** We are holding a Quiz Night in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Saturday 14th March 2009, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5 each, to include light refreshments. Tables for up to 8 people. Licensed bar available plus raffle. To book a table, please contact Daphne Clark on 01787 210698. In aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall.

Rota	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers
March 1:	Mr Boggis	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	No Flowers
March 8:	Visiting	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	"
March 15:	Mr Boggis	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	"
March 22:	Visiting	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	"
March 29:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	"



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** Jayne Foster:  
Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360  
Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

**FROM THE REGISTERS:** 11th February 2009: Funeral followed by burial in the churchyard: Bruce Mary Nancy Bonsey, aged 84 years.

**PCC MEETING:** Wednesday 11th March, 7.30 pm at Mary's House, Boxford.

**REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL:** Each year the roll is revised to bring it up to date prior to the annual parochial church meeting (APCM). This year's annual revision will take place between 15th March and 5th April 2009. Anyone wishing to attend and take part in the APCM must have his or her name on the roll. Please contact the electoral roll officer, David Lamming, on 01787 210360 if you are not sure whether your name is on the roll, to check whether you are eligible for enrolment, or for an application form. Completed forms must be returned no later than Sunday 5th April. The APCM is to be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2009 at 7.40 pm in Groton Village Hall, when reports will be presented and representatives elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council (more details next month). The APCM will be preceded at 7.30 pm by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect churchwardens for the ensuing year.

**FILM ARCHIVE SHOW, Farming and Village Life in Suffolk**  
Saturday, March 7th at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall.

Seven years ago, Geoff Clarke from East Anglian Film Archive showed us some fascinating old films from this area, and he has kindly agreed to return with some more; this time the theme is to be "Farming and Village Life". The evening will be in two parts, and a delicious Ploughman's Platter will be served in the interval; there will not be a Bar, but you are most welcome to bring your own wine. Glasses and a Hot Fruit Punch will be provided. This should be a fascinating show, and numbers are limited, so get your tickets soon, at £7.50 each, from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church, Groton.

### LENT LUNCH

Wednesday, March 18th 2.00 noon at Mary's House, Swan St, Boxford. Groton PCC will be organising a Lent Lunch in Mary's House on March

18th. This is a frugal Soup and Cheese lunch, with donations given to 3PR. Anyone from the benefice is welcome to come, and we will be serving the soup from 12.00 until about 2.00pm. Offers of help with soup-making etc. most welcome. Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]

### PLANTS, CAKES AND BOOKS SALE

Saturday, May 2nd at Mary's house, at 9.30am

Please put this date in your diaries now; there will be more details in April, but we plan to have some good Plants in the garden of Mary's House for Sale, and Cakes and Books and Coffee in the House. All proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church, Groton.

### Rota

**Sidesman with Sacristan:** Ms Edwards  
**Cleaning:** Mrs Smith  
**Flowers:** No flowers in Lent



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

**Lent Lunch** There will be a Lent Lunch at the home of Ann Miller – Newman's Hall – on Wednesday 1st April from 12:00 – 2:00. For more information phone 249111

Rota	Sidesman	Flowers
March 1	Mr Squirrell	No flowers in Lent
March 8	Visiting	No flowers in Lent
March 15	Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell	No flowers in Lent
March 22	Visiting	No flowers in Lent
March 29	Visiting	No flowers in Lent



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

12 Links View. Tel: 312828

John Turner, '

Severn', Church Road. Tel: 372677

## General Church News

### The Bible Study Group

Next meets at 47 Swan Street on Monday 9th March & Monday 23rd March 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

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

### Churches Together in Sudbury & District - Calendar

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

A light breakfast followed by a time of prayer.

### OPEN FORUM – Thursday 12th March

The next 'Churches Together' Open Forum is on Thursday 12th March, 7.30pm at St John's Methodist Church (refreshments from 7.00 pm). Among items on the agenda will be the formal adoption of a Constitution for CTiS&D. Look out for further details on the CTiS&D website: [www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk)

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2009

Theme: "That they shall be one in my hand."

The following report was written by Jane Kohler, of Long Melford:  
This year's services were inspired by the Churches in Korea. The chosen passage from Ezekiel 37: 15 - 24 resonates with their sense of sadness over the continued division of their country since the Korean War (1950-1953). Based on their insights we were asked to come 'Face to Face' with ... differences, violence, creation, prejudice, and pain.  
The week of prayer for Christian unity began on 18th January at the United Reformed Church with a service conducted by Samantha White. Representatives from all churches of Sudbury & District enthusiastically participated in the annual event. Father Peter Brett, the newly appointed Roman Catholic priest giving his first sermon at a Churches Together service, likened churches in England to a bath with taps flowing strongly but with the bath plug out! He asserted that a love of Jesus was essential to a healthy church and wherever love was evident, there Jesus was to be found.

Throughout the week to 25th January between 30 and 60 attended the daily half-hour lunchtime services. At St Andrew's Great Cornard Jamie Allen focused on 'Violence', with readings and contemplation ending with lighting of candles and prayers for places where conflicts persist. At Sudbury Baptist Church on Tuesday evening Brian Stenner explored the differences between churches and the values that bind us; while on Wednesday Canon Gregory Webb, at St Gregory's, declared that unity among Christians was essential to protect the gifts of God's creation. A prayerful debate ensued.

Amid the quiet of a Quaker meeting on Thursday the congregation focused on 'Prejudice'. On Friday the heavens opened in an angry squall of rain and snow providing an apposite backdrop to reflect and meditate in the Catholic Church on the pain suffered by Jesus, and the story of the Storm on the Lake. The week wound up with a hearty breakfast at Cornard Christian Fellowship and prayers on the theme of St Paul's meeting with the Athenians (Acts 17).

## The Church At Worship March 2009

Sunday 1st	First Sunday in Lent	(P)	
Little Waldingfield	8.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Edwardstone	10.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Boxford	10.00	Box River Club	George Barnes
	18.30	Evensong	Chris Kingsbury
Wednesday 4th	10.30	Holy Communion	Mary's House, The Revd. David Matthews
Little Waldingfield	19.30	Home Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Sunday 8th	Second Sunday in Lent	(P)	
Groton	8.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Abel
Newton Green	9.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Wednesday 11th	10.30	Holy Communion	Mary's House TBD
Sunday 15th	Third Sunday in Lent	(P)	
Edwardstone	8.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Little Waldingfield	9.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Chris Kingsbury
Wednesday 18th	10.30	Holy Communion	Mary's House, The Revd. David Abel
Little Waldingfield	19.30	Compline	Tim Harbord
Sunday 22nd	Fourth Sunday in Lent	(P)	
Mothering Sunday			
Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Abel
Newton Green	9.30	Morning Prayer	Diana Stock/Jean
Boxford	11.00	Family Service	The Revd. Gerald Drew
Wednesday 25th	10.30	Holy Communion	Mary's House, The Revd. David Abel
Sunday 29th	Fifth Sunday in Lent	(P)	
Groton	10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews

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

We are in Year B of the Lectionary

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### Bogus telephone callers – countywide

Suffolk Police have received a number of reports from businesses across the county that have received unsolicited telephone calls from a caller claiming to be selling advertising for a Constabulary directory-type publication. When challenged or asked for a number the caller either hangs up or gives a number that belongs to a legitimate business unconnected to the Constabulary.

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### HorseWatch – FREE to join

I am actively seeking out horse owners who wish to join our free scheme. All that you need to do is fill in a form to enable you to receive POLICE DIRECT messages, either by computer, mobile phone or landline. I hope to arrange a meeting in the spring with free tack marking and crime reduction advice. Just get in touch or forward my details to anyone you may think would be interested.

### BusinessWatch

Again, this is a free scheme to join, this time for any type of local business in the area. All that's required is to join POLICE DIRECT again by contacting me.

### Community Speed Watch - volunteers

Another scheme I am very keen to get up and running for those that are interested. Volunteers are being sought from the Little Walsingham area to assist with a team who are in the process of starting up a Community Speed Watch with Acton, Chilton, Newton & Gt Walsingham. If any other parishes are interested in more information please get in touch.

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## Exciting new 'Eco' Nursery School Opens in Little Cornard

After eight weeks of refurbishment a brand new nursery – Yorley Barn Nursery School - has opened its doors locally and within a week had achieved the Bronze level award from 'Eco-Schools'. 'Eco-Schools' is an international education programme run by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) who also run the 'Blue Flag' scheme for beaches.

At Yorley Barn Nursery School they aim to provide children with the best possible start to their early years education, helping them to fulfill their potential in a healthy, safe and stimulating environment. Yorley Barn believe that a child's introduction to school must be a happy one where fun and learning go hand in hand. The Nursery is located within the countryside on a working farm offering a unique setting with a wealth of learning experiences on our doorstep.

Yorley Barn is situated in a purposely-converted farm building – large windows allow natural light to flood the main playroom and give fantastic views on to the surrounding farmland. There is a spacious room for dance, indoor P.E. and Music and a wipe clean 'messy' play area!

Outside is a large playground with a canopy allowing outside play throughout the year. They are currently developing their environmental area (and hope eventually to achieve the top level 'Eco-School' award!). 2 Guinea pigs and 4 rabbits are now part of the Nursery which the children help care for. The chicken house and enclosure is built and ready for the new chickens to arrive next week. There is also a small meadow grass area for digging and getting dirty! They have two raised vegetable beds to enable further learning opportunities within the natural world as children sow, water, weed and grow produce which they can enjoy at snack time!

Wherever possible the nursery has used recycled materials, for example, they are supplied by a local gift wrap company with coloured and patterned papers which would otherwise be thrown away. They are trying to encourage the children to begin to develop a positive attitude to sustainable ways of living.

As well as 'Eco-Schools' Yorley Barn have joined the BBC 'Breathe Easy Schools' campaign which aims to promote in children a closer understanding of nature.

Owners, Donna Row and Lisa Nunn believe that introducing children to this environment and providing a huge range of fun and stimulating activities, small children will learn to be confident and independent individuals in readiness to progress on to school at five.

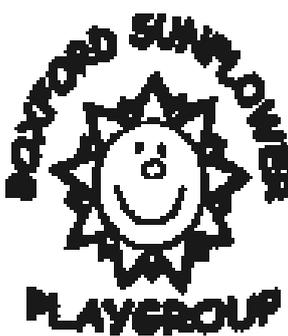


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# Parish Council Matters

## Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday 7th January 2009 at Groton Village Hall Broad Street Groton

**Present:** C Blackmore, (at19.45) J Dunklin, D Elliott, Vice-Chair Jeremy Osborne N Roberts & G Smith (in the Chair).

**In attendance:** B Hurren (District Councillor) Jacqueline Barrett (Suffolk Constabulary) and S Gray (Clerk)

### 1) Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Selwyn Pryor and Councillor Mark Mayhew. The Councillors consented to these absences.

### 2) To receive Councillor's Declarations of Interest in any item on this agenda:

Vice-Chair Jeremy Osborne declared an interest in Agenda item 11, Planning Application Nos: B/08/01727/FHA & B/08/01728/LBC Waterside Barn Groton. The Declarations of Interest Book was signed.

**3) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 5th November 2008**  
The Minutes of the 5th November 2008 and were approved; proposed by David Elliott, seconded by Nick Roberts

### 4) To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary.

The Chairman welcomed Jacqueline Barrett who explained that, for 999 calls, response would come from Hadleigh Police but that the Safer Neighbourhood Community Support Officers would come from Sudbury.

Jacqueline also informed the Council that the Safer Neighbourhood team would try to accompany the mobile library around the villages with in their own mobile unit.

### 5) To receive report from Suffolk County Council

Due to illness, Selwyn was unable to attend.

### 6) To receive a report from District Council

Bryn Hurren reported that the decision regarding the Local Government Review would not now be published until 13th February 2009.

### 7) To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public

John Dunklin reported to the Council that he had one quote for the work on the village Hall doors and was awaiting another. It was decided that the Council would conclude their discussions regarding the Locality Budget at the March meeting.

Colin Blackmore reported that walkers were getting electric shocks from the fencing by the public footpath on the Croft. The Council agreed for the Clerk to speak to Bob Bowdidge of the Mulberry Trust concerning the problems encountered by walkers.

### 8) Highway Matters:

A) Footpath behind Partridge Close and Homefield

Following the meeting with Councillor David Elliott and Patrick Scrivens of Suffolk Highways it was stated that the project did not score highly enough to be successful for additional funding from a larger budget it is now unlikely that any improvements will take place this fiscal year as the budget is virtually committed and there are numerous similar projects in other parishes competing for priority treatment. The Council agreed for the Clerk to contact Patrick Scrivens to obtain the quote given for the work and the Council would discuss the work quoted for at their meeting in March.

B) Pot Holes

The Council asked the Clerk to report several pot holes in Groton: The Chairman and Councillors also reported that the supplies of salt and sand left by Suffolk Highways were less than in previous years.

### 9) Freedom of Information Act

The Clerk read to the Council the proposed statement for Groton to be viewed by the public under the Freedom of Information Act. This was adopted; proposed by Chairman Gerald Smith, seconded by, Colin Blackmore. All in favour.

### 10) Groton Pound

The Clerk confirmed that she had registered with the O2 Community Award Website and informed the Council of the application process. The Council agreed for the Clerk to apply for a grant of £50.00, proposed by John Dunklin, seconded by David Elliott. All in favour

### 11) Planning Matters:

Planning Application No. B/08/01727/FHA Waterside Barn Groton Street CO10 5EE. And Planning Application No. B/08/01728/LBC Waterside Barn Groton Street CO10 5EE.

At this point Vice Chair Jeremy Osborne left the meeting.

The Council discussed the above applications and raised no objections in relation to CNO1 and CNO2 of the Babergh Local Plan; proposed by Colin Blackmore, seconded by Nick Roberts. All in favour.

Vice-Chair Jeremy Osbourne returned to the meeting

Planning Application B/08/01562/FUL Brook House Daisy Green Groton Sudbury CO10 5EJ.

The above application had been received prior to the meeting and the Councillors had agreed that they had no objection in relation to the above application as with Planning Application No: B/0800560/FUL. Proposed by Chairman Gerald Smith, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeremy Osbourne. All in favour.

### 12) Chairman's and Clerk's Correspondence

The Clerk reported to the Council that she had successfully completed and submitted her portfolio for the Certificate in Local Council Administration. The Portfolio had to be 100% and the Clerk and had passed all of the sections submitted but, until the Government had given instructions regarding the Power of Well Being Section 7, she was unable to submit this section. Once this was submitted and passed, an overall pass could then be achieved. The result being that Groton Parish Council would have 50% of the requirements to apply for Quality Parish Status.

**13) Dates of Next Meeting:** 4th March 2009

## Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The council met on 20th January. 4 councillors attended.

Apologies received from B Tora and M Ewen.

Declarations of Interest. None.

Police matters. No report received!

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

**Matters arising.** Information received from Suffolk CC regarding the provision of a bus shelter. The pavement in the Street has been inspected by SCC and added to their list. Repairs will take place in 2009/10 year, if there funds are available.

**Financial matters.** Three requests for donations received and decisions will be made at the next meeting.

**Planning matters.** A revised plan received for the grain store at The Haymarket. No further comments were valid. The application for new a new dwelling and extension at 1 the Street has been withdrawn. Permission has been granted for the changes to The Old School House. Councillor Anthill has made our views known to BDC regarding the EDF sub-station.

**Footpaths.** A cut programme has been agreed with SCC. Extra cuts requested for Churchfield (path 5).

**Churchyard.** Messrs Baker and Bowden will inspect the rear wall as concern has been raised that new vegetation growth may be harming the newly repaired wall.

**Any other business.** C Bowden and the Clerk will attend the next meeting regarding the speed gun scheme. SCC to be asked to consider kerbing or other measures to discourage the parking on the grass verge and to reduce the resulting excess surface water, in Church Road

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30 in the Parish Room.

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# GARDENING IN MARCH HARRY BUCKLEDEE

I would normally have pruned my roses about the middle of February but this year it is advisable to delay this until the end of the month when hopefully we shall see an end to this spell of severe weather. This year there is likely to be a lot of frost damaged wood, look out for small brown patches on otherwise healthy stems and cut back to healthy disease free wood

When the soil is dry enough to walk on, go through the strawberry bed and herbaceous border firming any plants which may have been lifted by the frost. Raspberries should be supported by posts and horizontal wires, and the young canes which grew last year tied into this position, shortening the leading shoots a little. Gooseberries should be pruned right away by cutting the side shoots back to two buds from the mainstem.

Complete the planting of trees, shrubs and roses this month. Do not plant too deeply, use the present soil mark on stems as a guide and do not plant below that line.

March is a busy month in the vegetable garden, weather permitting, shallots should be planted as soon as possible. Use a trowl to plant the sets rather than just pushing them in the soil which forms a hard base which the roots have difficulty in penetrating and tend to push the bulb out of the soil. Parsnips need a long season of growth and the seed need to be sown rather thickly as the percentage of germination is not as high as most seeds. It is best to delay the sowing of red beet until right at the end of the month, a high percentage go to seed from earlier sowings.

Give spring cabbage and sprouting broccolice a dressing of dried blood or chicken pellets or any quick acting nitrogen fertilizer, loosen the soil with a hoe to let air in and they will soon make new growth.

Small tomatoe plants are on sale at garden centres, if your greenhouse is heated a start can be made now to provide a supply

of fruit from early July until the Autumn. Six plants should produce enough to supply most families and works out cheaper than buying seed and raising your own plants. With some growers, white fly is a problem, it used to be with me until I grew some mint inside the greenhouse and along the outside, it seems the smell of mint leaves which are bruised every time you tread on them, may not work for everyone, but worth a try.

Now that the days are lengthening and the light is getting stronger, household plants will need a little more water, though continuing to keep them a little on the dry side. Apply a weak liquid fertilizer sparingly to plants in bud and any that are making new growth. If water passes quickly through a pot it may be in need of re-potting. Tip the plant out of the pot and if the roots take up all the space, pot on to a size larger pot.

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## Boxford School News

In my last news I mentioned how we were all looking forward to a relaxing and quiet term following the hectic Christmas programme. How wrong could I be? The recent weather has been a nightmare for us as we try to pre-guess what the weather is going to do and decide whether it is safe to stay open or not following a bout of heavy snow. It is never easy at 6.30 in the morning to make that decision and whatever we decide to do is wrong in some people's eyes. On the one day when we did decide to close I was listening to the radio and of course there were the usual 'it wasn't like that in my day' type comments from people ringing in. What they fail to appreciate is that in 'their day' children and most teachers were fairly local and were able to get the school on foot. Today teachers and pupils often travel quite some distance through narrow rural roads in order to get to school and that has to be taken into account. Our teachers, for example, come from as far a field as Chelmsford, Ipswich and Colchester and very few live local to the school. I am pleased to say we were only closed on one day and that the parents I have had the opportunity to speak to were grateful that they did not have to venture out in tricky conditions and were able to enjoy a day in the snow with their children.

Whilst I was listening to the radio on our closure day there was a politician complaining about the poor maths standards of the children in our country. According to a recent survey our children over the past ten years have fallen behind some of our European neighbours. It is always difficult to make comparisons between countries as each has differing priorities on what should be taught and any test used may be biased towards one approach or another. I recently read an article that said when it came to the practical application of mathematics, e.g. calculating the amount of carpet needed to fill a room, our pupils came out top. The argument will no doubt go on and on but what I do know is that the pupils in our school have an understanding of our number system which is better than my own at the age of sixteen and that standards have risen consistently over the past ten years. In any case if there has been a drop in standards it follows a period where schools have been forced to teach a programme given to them by the same politicians that are now criticizing us!

In school we have had our post Christmas Bookweek and once again it was a great success. In total we sold enough books to enable us to add over seven hundred pounds worth of new books for our library. A great effort by all.

Finally may I remind everyone that our annual Quiz Night is fast approaching. It will be on Saturday 7th March and as usual Stephanie and Ian Atkins are our hosts. With a licensed bar and light refreshments it promises to be a great fun evening. It would be great to see some teams of ex-parents. If you would like to enter a team (up to eight people) please ring the school office on 01787 210332. We look forward to seeing you there.

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# Parish Council Matters

## Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in January 2009 Planning & Finance Meeting on 5th January Public Forum

The state of the road surface through the village from School Hill, Broad Street, Ellis Street to Cox Hill was reported together with the need to renew white lining. Members were also asked about Cox Hill Bus Stop which has been cordoned off due to incomplete paving. It was agreed to report these issues to County Highways.

### Finance

In addition to the usual business, the 3rd quarter budget review was discussed showing overall expenditure at 93% at this point in the year. This is higher than the expected 75% due to some 2007/8 grant payments rolling into this financial year.

### Planning

Confirmations from Babergh District Council: -

- 1) Babergh confirmed approval has been granted to remove a diseased walnut tree on land to the rear of Weavers House, 37-39 Swan Street.
- 2) Work can proceed to remove ash and willow trees and leaning limb on larger ash tree at Chante Claire, 9 Stone Street.
- 3) Work can proceed to reduce a maple tree to previous pruning points at 4 Butchers Lane.

The following were discussed by Council: -

- a) Application to reduce the height of 2 alder trees and 2 poplar trees at 4 The Causeway.
- b) Application including Listed Building Consent to demolish and replace timber garden store at 26-30 Stone Street.

### Reports from Members

Cllr Ansell expressed his disappointment at the lack of urgency given by the Police in attending the Fleece following a report of vandalism to the front of the pub and car damage.

## Full Parish Council Meeting on 19th January District Council Report

District Cllr Bryn Hurren reported on the muddy state of Cox Hill and that Parishioners have contacted him in this regard. He advised that the farmer sweeps periodically. He has been working with Finlay Hunter to obtain a grant from Babergh District Council towards the Village Hall roof. He confirmed that the Public Enquiry went ahead regarding the garage at Homefield on the site of the proposed Affordable Home development. The results were awaited. He expressed concern at the proposed closure of Swan Street for BT Ducting works. Cllr Impett spoke of the Extended Schools Project and reminded Cllr Hurren to enquire at the White Hart to establish permission to install a footbridge from their car park to the school grounds.

### Police Report

PCSO Penny Molkenhain attended in order to introduce herself and give her report. She apologised for the lack of contact during her absence. She has moved from Sudbury Town Centre to 38 rural villages and is enthusiastic about her new role. She had noted the spate of thefts from cars in Boxford and confirmed steps should be taken to keep items left in vehicles out of sight. She will routinely check cars and write to owners with crime prevention in mind. She has arranged for an increase in foot patrols at night in response to the Parish Councils request. She is in the process of meeting people in the community and agreed to set up a Police Surgery. Our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted on 01473- 613500.

### Clerks Correspondence

Cllr Ansell agreed to review the new model publication scheme template for Freedom of Information. Cllr Balls and Cllr Impett agreed to review the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity Consultation. Cllr Norman and Cllr Fincham-Jaques agreed to attend the Councillor Conduct training arranged by Babergh Council. Please note the telephone number to report matters from pot-holes to street lights is 08456 066 067 County & District Services.

### Finance

The payment to the Contractors for phase 1 of the new playground

equipment purchase was agreed at £13597.

### Reports from Members

It was agreed to contact County Highways regarding the proposed complete closure of Swan Street for BT Ducting Works during March. Members agreed that a two way diversion along Butchers Lane for all manner of vehicles was not feasible. They offered to attend a site meeting with County Highways and the Contractors to agree a more suitable arrangement. Cllr Norman reported the damaged Daking Avenue Road Sign and the second street light in Sherbourne Street staying on all the time. It was agreed for the Clerk to report to the relevant departments. Cllr Impett reported on her attendance at the Extended Schools Meeting and advised that representatives were arranging to meet with the Headteacher to complete the final aspects of the application.

### Planning

The following were discussed by Council: -

- a) Application for removal of overhanging branches from 2 ash trees covered by Tree Preservation Order and felling of 1 pine tree in the conservation area at Riverhall, Ellis Street.
- b) Application including conservation area consent to erect a single storey residential annexe following demolition of existing garage at Melody House, 26 Cox Hill.
- c) Erection of replacement timber garden store at 26-30 Stone Street.  
*Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk*

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Yours Sincerely  
Mrs Brenda Moody, Boxford

Sir

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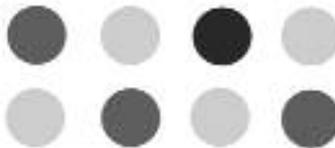
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## ANDALUCIAN JUNIOR EUROPEAN OPEN



*Above: Adam Woodhead (middle)*

### Results of Adams week in Spain

24 Boys and 16 girls competed in the Andalucian Junior European Open for Under 16's in Spain this week. The week was sponsored by the Andalucian Tourist Board, Alcalesia Golf Resort, Finca Cortesin Golf Club, and in conjunction with the Daily Express. The week started with 40 mph winds and rain, and it improved little over the first two days. Adam's scores of 81 and 82 on the Alcalesia Heathland course left him trailing in 11th place. As the week progressed the weather improved and so did Adam's golf with a 77 in the final qualifying round on the Par 72 Links course. This left Adam in joint 8th place and safely through to the last 12. The final round was held at the Finca Cortesin Golf Club, the new home of the Volvo Masters for the next six years. The last round was played in brilliant sunshine and the boys set out to be challenged by the 7000 yard course. Starting on the 10th hole, a 230 yard par 3, Adam put his ball to 3ft away and started with a birdie. The start was short lived and followed by a bogey and then a triple on a par 3. Adam's ball on the 229 yard par 3 hit the green and ran off down a slope, only for his chip to run back down the slope past him and into red staked hazard. This triple eventually cost Adam 3rd place in the tournament. After being 4 over par after 9 holes Adam dug deep to shoot a four over par 76, to move up into 5th place. The highlight of his round came on his 17th hole when he sank a 20 yard putt across the green for a birdie on the 565 yard par 5.

**Results:** Ben Taylor - Walton Heath 216, Harry Whittle - Woburn 230  
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Adam Woodhead - Newton Green 235

## Backing tops £1,000 for Golf Festival

More than £1,000 worth of sponsorship has been gained for Newton Green Golf Club's festival of golf in the summer.

The club is aiming to make the event an annual one, and follows on from a similar, successful venture staged during its centenary year.

With the club's main backer supporting the event, it will be known at the Jonathan Lambert Golf Festival, and will run from August 4-8. A number of other businesses are also in the process of coming on board with support.

One of the aims of the week is to provide the club house with a new trophy cabinet, which is expected to be complete in time for official unveiling during the event.

Sponsorship will enable substantial prizes to be awarded on each day of the festival, which will feature a wide range of formats, including Delaney Scramble, Stableford, Power Play Golf and three clubs and a putter. The festival will include the final day Jonathan Lambert Centenary Salver, an event which made national headlines last year when nine-year-old Elouise Aldous saw off all opposition.

## BOXFORD ROVERS YFC NEWS

### A word from the goalmouth

This weather has been terrible for your local youth football club. Many games have had to be postponed, which will mean some teams still playing league football well into sunny May. Highlights recently have been the continued cup runs of both the U 9's and U 14's. Although the U 12's went down 2 - 4 in a very close game, the U 14's had a resounding 6 - 1 win against Halstead Blues. Next up is either a local derby against Cornard or a game against New Latchingdon. The U 9's enjoyed a 3 - 0 win at Melford, but no news at the moment on who's next.

Fingers crossed the weather will improve and we can have a decent run of games, but as I write this it doesn't look good.

Millie Wilding left last years U 9's at the end of the season to move up to Ipswich Town Academy Elite Ladies Squad. So far this season she has played against Arsenal, Luton, MK Dons, Northampton, Colchester, Norwich, Watford, Leyton Orient and Cambridge. The team has had some good results and so far Millie has scored 7 goals, with one Man of the Match performance to her credit. She also gets to train both at Portman Road, and in the Dome at the Ipswich Town training complex. Long may her success continue.

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