

Box River News



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MARK MILLER'S AWARD



Mark Miller of Boxford has been awarded a Babergh 'Community Achievement Award' for 2009. He is seen centre above collecting his award at a ceremony held at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel early in March.

Mark has been organising and running the the Boxford Bounty on behalf of the Boxford Community Council for the past eight years. The funds are donated back into the three parishes (Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton) in the form of grants for any local organisation requiring funds. Thousands of pounds have been raised through the Boxford Bounty and Mark is often seen knocking on doors in an effort to sell more tickets. He has also run computer courses at Boxford school helping people of all ages to become more computer literate.

Mark's primary and most time consuming role is as Scout Leader, a post he has held for eight years. He plays an extremely important and valuable part of the Boxford Scout group and his enthusiasm and tireless energy have helped to keep the boys together, acquire many skills and record many achievements along the way. He took over a depleted troupe and has built it up to a thriving group for all ages, often spending his weekends taking the boys to competitions or camps.

One of the scouts commented "He always makes sure that all the activities are fun and exciting. Scouts also gives us something to look forward to during the week, Thursday wouldn't be the same without scouts!"

Other local residents who also received awards were: David Taylor from Gt Waldingfield, Michael Hackford from Polstead, Sylvia Attwood from Leavenheath and Olive Noakes from Nayland.

SUMMER FETES

Both Boxford St Mary's Church and the Friends of Boxford School have decide not to hold summer fetes this year. Both organisations are planning other fund raising events during the year that are less prone to the vagaries of the English summer weather. The three events still due to take place are the Boxford Playing fields FUN DAY on the 9th of May, the Boxford Scouts FUN DAY on 6th June and the Newton Summer Fete on 13th June.

MILL GREEN BREWERY AWARD



Above: Tim Norton, the brewer, receiving the Camera award for runner up in the Strong Ale category for Mill Green Brewery's 'Good Ship Arbella'

Mill Green Brewery was presented with an award by Colchester CAMRA on Wednesday night when 35 members visited the brewery and the pub to make the presentation.

MGB's 'Good Ship Arbella' was the runner up in the strong ale category against former national award winners!! A serious complement to Tom!

PROPOSED JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT

It has been some time since Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone had a 'village event'. The idea has been raised at the last two Community Council meetings and is gathering momentum. The event would promote community spirit and hopefully raise much needed funds for charities and participating parties.

As a first step, we are trying to gauge the level of interest there might be in holding such an event and to find out who would be prepared to get involved.

We all remember the street parties held for the Queen's Jubilee, V.E. Day and the Millennium celebrations which were extremely well attended and enjoyed by young and old alike. Events- like this require a good deal of forward planning, a lot of support and although, not initially intended as large fundraisers, did bring in a fair amount of income for the organisers.

All organisations in the 'Box River' catchment area, including our village and rural public houses, are welcome to participate in such an event if viable (and put forward a representative to form an organising committee). Please register your interest by calling Roger Cunningham (211592) or Suzanne Excell (210572).

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RUBY GOES ON AND ON



Above: 'Bought at Lavenham Horse Fair before the 1914-18 war, Ruby's father had a trotting dilley especially made for her. To own a trotting horse in those days was like owning a Ferrari now. She trotted the five miles from Hadleigh Market to Buxford Swan in 11 Minutes to beat Fred Kingsbury's car and pay for herself - song: Roxanne the Trotting Mare'

Ruby and her Horses, the story of a Buxford girl in her own words, goes on and on. Now in their fourth years, Neil says their show is booked up at forty places during the year and selling out virtually everywhere they go. Ruby lived in Buxford in the period before the first war leading up to the second war and her son, Neil, was brought up on her stories. 'It has absolutely amazed us how people have taken this to their hearts' said Neil. 'I have had people come up to me and say that they have had the most glorious night of their lives'. Andrew's singing of the ten songs that match the stories has also received great acclaim. Having been to Buxford twice now, the nearest the boys are coming to the village is on Friday 24th April when they will be at Assington Village Hall, 7 for

7.30pm, tickets £6 available from Belinda King 01787 210932 or Assington Farm Shop. As the East Anglian Daily Times said 'If you get a chance to see these two entertainers grab the opportunity with both hands'.

The book of Ruby's Buxford stories 'There's a Story that My Mother Told...' of which they have sold three thousand copies, has such things as old Buxford recipes from Sue Cady, the baker, Ruby's Mother's recipe for local her sweet cured hams that were renowned in the area. One of the stories concerns Sparks, a horse that came back from the 1914-18 war, who having been branded with a surplus mark was bought at Colchester Market was bought by Bill Pattle, the horse dealer from White Street Green, who some people will remember having three sons Golden, Oatie and Lazarus. A song follows the story about Sparks who 'lost an eye in the Dardenelles and in Buxford lost a shoe' and likewise 'Roxanne the Trotting Mare'.

The book priced £11.95 plus £1.50 postage and packaging can be obtained from Neil Lanham, Ivy Todd, Helions Bumpstead, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 7AT

FLEECE JAZZ ON THE MOVE AGAIN

Fleece Jazz are on the move again. Their present venue at Kersey Mill need the accommodation for weddings on Fridays and since Friday Night is Jazz Night a new venue had to be found.

With effect from the July 3rd Jazz night, Fleece Jazz will be at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel and Golf Club. A spokesman for the club maintained that the new venue will be great and they are looking forward to their opening gig with Dr Martin Taylor MBE, the world's foremost exponent of solo jazz guitar playing, and Alison Burns due to start it off with a bang and of course many great artist including Barb Junger, Chris Biscoe and Mari Wilson will follow them every week as usual.

Alison Burns



Friday, 3 April 8.00, Ticket £17
Bobby Wellins

The Scottish saxophonist Bobby Wellins rates this quartet, now together for five years, of Mark Edwards piano, Andrew Cleynert double bass and Spike Wells drums, as his best ever. Bobby's inimitable and instantly recognisable sound stands up against any tenor saxophonist in the world, living or dead. The quartet's new CD Snapshot is a live recording - one track apiece coming from various venues and is a selection of contrasting tunes designed to illustrate the various moods and styles of the band's music.

Friday, 10 April 8.00, Ticket £20
Michael Garrick Big Band

Pianist, prolific composer and national treasure Michael Garrick has been leading bands since the 60s and was active in the jazz and poetry movement of the mid 60s. Tonight he is leading the biggest band we have ever staged at Fleece Jazz - the sixteen piece Big Band. It is the sheer weight of Michael Garrick's output not to mention the amazing breadth which astonishes most. He is, without question, Britain's answer to Duke Ellington.

Friday, 17 March 8.00, Ticket £17
Lea Delaria

Over 25 years in the public eye with comedy specials, TV and film roles, Broadway shows and now with four releases on the Warnerjazz label, raconteuse, jazz vocalist and gay icon Lea Delaria is something very special. She is ably supported tonight by Janette Mason piano and Simon Little drums. Her latest release The Live Smoke Sessions is simply stunning. Talks like a coffee-grinder and sounds like a cross between Ella Fitzgerald and a Broadway Diva' THE GUARDIAN 'Every inch a star' THE NEW YORK TIMES

Friday, 24 April 8.00, Ticket £15
Killer Shrimp

Led by two of Europe's leading jazz musicians, trumpeter Damon Brown and saxophonist Ed Jones, Killer Shrimp also boasts the fine rhythm section of bassist Mark Hodgson and drummer Alyn Cosker. Their music stays close to the spirit of jazz, but incorporates different rhythms and more open textures. Hip-hop, drum 'n' bass, funky and latin grooves rub shoulders with straight ahead swing. The band's long awaited new CD will be released in the autumn.

Friday, 1 May 8.00, Ticket £15
Zoe Gilby

Having grown up in the north-east of England in a household always bursting with jazz, (her father Mike Gilby was a professional jazz trumpeter and arranger for 40 years) it's no wonder that Zoe Gilby has established herself as one of the most stylish and distinctive young jazz vocalists on the scene. Noel Dennis trumpet, Mark Williams guitar, Andy Champion bass and Richard Brown drums.

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

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ANOTHER BLAST FROM THE PAST



Above: Boxford Rovers Football Club, winners of the Brent Eleigh and District League 1934-5.

Left to right:

Front row: Alby Tricker, George Smith, Holding the cup unknown, Alf Gunne, Jack Tricker

Middle Row: George Cobbold, Walter Sparrow, John Smith

Back Row: Archie Clarke, Freddie Squirrel, Percy Tricker, Frank Whalley, Sid Smith, Reg Hughes, Reg Fletcher, Alec Smith.

Compiled by Dorothy Twilton, Doreen Jarman and Graham Peachy.

GOLFERS CAN GO CRAZY FOR DAVEY

A LOCAL golfing legend is to be celebrated in an initiative aimed at vastly reducing the cost of the sport. Newton Green Golf Club has introduced Davey Membership, which cuts joining costs by nearly two-thirds and gives players many of the benefits of full fees.

For just £220, players will receive a quota of golf rounds per year, and have many benefits of full membership, including the chance to gain handicaps and play in some club qualifying competitions. The scheme is named after Arthur Davey, who is believed to have been the world's longest serving club professional. When he retired from Newton after 60 years service in 1979, he was honoured by being made an honorary member of the PGA.

Announcing the scheme, chairman Paddy Lockwood said: "The club is pleased to offer a different category of membership that recognises Arthur's ethos that golf should be available to be played by all people." "The Davey membership dispenses with the traditional costs associated with joining a club, and offers an affordable way of playing golf on a regular basis on an exceptionally well maintained and picturesque course." He said the scheme operated by members purchasing units in exchange for rounds of golf, and would be a boon to people with commitments which restricted the amount of times they could play. For instance, there were a lot of sports people whose summer or winter interests did not give them the opportunity to play golf full time. The category would also serve golfers looking for a second club, regular visitors to the area, and local golfers whose other courses often closed during winter months. Mr Lockwood added: "At Newton we are privileged to have a facility which has been going for more than a century and we want to extend the membership base. With this move we are extending the pay and play market, while giving the customer that little bit extra by being brought under the umbrella of a traditional members' club. It can also be a stepping stone to full membership." He added the club had also voted to introduce a new intermediate subscription grade which would give heavily discounted membership for those aged 18-30 years. Full details of both schemes are available by contacting the club manager on 01787-377217; e-mailing info@newtongreengolfclub.co.uk or viewing www.newtongreengolfclub.co.uk



The Gareth Weiland Memorial Cricket Tournament @ The Pavilion, Homefield, Boxford



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Weekend

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Edwardstone*

*Left:
The Fleece
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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.

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, Grotton 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.

Newton Green Golf Club Seniors Section Seniors Raise a Smile for Children.

Newton Green Seniors Section captain David Boast took great pleasure in announcing to their AGM that they had raised £206 for his chosen charity "The Smile Train" which was instantly topped up to £225 by the members present. The money was raised with 10p 'fines' for landing in par-3 bunkers during their Tuesday and Thursday competitions and roll-ups, topped up with a couple of raffles during last season's friendly matches.

The "Smile Train" charity provides funds for Worldwide operations on children who are born with cleft lip and palate. David advised his members that an anonymous Smile Train benefactor had offered to double donations received up to the end of March which meant that the money raised by the seniors of Newton Green would be doubled to £450; this would pay for exactly three children's operations.

Although a significant amount was raised from 'fines' the generosity of the members in adding random donations was very much appreciated.

The AGM accepted the proposal to support East Anglia's Childrens Hospice in the forthcoming season, but in future the 'fines' would extend to every shot played from any bunker.

David Boast reported that the Seniors Section of the club, which is located near Sudbury, was growing as a result of the social and organised playing activities of the section on a course which only suffers the very rare fate of closure on the odd day due to extreme weather and which offers good playing conditions the whole year around as a result of the work of the excellent greens staff.

Golfers interested in joining this friendly, members club and taking the opportunity of the current special, advantageous fee offers should contact the manager, Carole List, on 01787 377217.

GARDEN SITTERS WANTED!

Boxford Gardens Open

We are looking for people who would be willing to help us on the day, especially those who would sit-in for gardeners for an hour or so, to enable all those hard-workers also to have an opportunity to visit some of the gardens and take a break.

It is perhaps not too early to mention that Rhona's Cake Stall and the Plant Stall will also be delighted to receive cakes and plants on the day. Elizabeth and Jeremy Wagener 210223

Little Waldingfield Litter Pick

Babergh District Council is running a scheme to encourage tidy villages and will supply grabs and high-viz jackets to those who take part. Are there 5 or 6 of you who would like to get involved on 18/19 April and gather the rubbish from around the village? If so please contact Mary Thorogood or any parish councillor.

A 'THANK YOU' FROM HADS

As many of you know, after a catalogue of disasters surrounding rehearsals and preparation for its annual pantomime, Hadleigh Amateur Dramatic Society finally succumbed to one disaster too many. Due to last-minute illness, the Society had no choice other than to cancel the

show just days before the first performance. This was hugely disappointing for the cast who had put in months of hard work, and was particularly unfortunate for our loyal audiences who support us so enthusiastically.

Our 'thank you' is to all those ticket holders who promptly returned their tickets for a refund, making the job of sorting out the finances so much easier. A special thanks must be given to all those kind people who returned their tickets but chose not to take a refund, instead offering the money towards our expenses. If there is anyone out there who has not yet applied for a refund would you please contact Peter Finch as soon as possible on 01473 824033 to make the necessary arrangements.

Finally, work is underway on our next productions, including a new murder mystery and workshops for juniors followed by junior production of Wind in the Willows in the autumn.

Peter Finch 01473 824033

BOXFORD WI

At our March meeting we were pleased to welcome Roger Loose showing us slides and talking about Boxford from 1900 onwards the information was very interesting and gave us all an insight into the socioeconomics of the times

Roger was only able to show us a small selection of slides he has on Boxford and we look forward to having him visit us again in the future to show us more of his fascinating collection

At this time of the year we are thinking and discussing our Resolutions This year we have been debating on issues which include

SOS for Honey Bees

Action on Flooding

Residential care fees for the Elderly

Effect of GP led practices

Reinstatement of Hospital inhouse cleaning services

In May we shall be voting on those resolutions selected by the WI Nationally

Our next meeting will be on April 1st when we will be welcoming Pip Wright to talk on Frolic Pervour and Fornication!! As always we welcome any visitors who would like to come we charge £1.50 which includes Tea Coffee and Biscuits

Raise the Roof Update

As you can see with the money coming in thick and fast we will be able to replace over half the roof. Last week the committee decided on a contractor to prepare for the work to be started later in the year, so a big 'thank you' from all of us involved in this project, particularly to the 90+ households who have, so far, responded to our 'Buy a Tile Appeal' in last month's BRN. We are thinking of having a book with the names of all who have bought a tile displayed in the Village Hall.

Tyler is the name of the first new tile to be placed on the roof, each pupil of the school received a copy of an 'exclusive' interview I did with Tyler on his first day as a brand new Boxford roof tile, entitled 'Tyler's New Job'. For a donation each child has received a badge which they are wearing with pride. We now know the total amount we need to raise is £38,000 and due to a substantial grant from the Suffolk Environmental Trust and Viridor Waste Management Ltd., we are well on the way to achieving our target.

We still have to raise the shortfall between grants and the total cost, around £10,000, so there is still a fair way to go.

To all who haven't yet contributed please drop your donation into the box in the Newsagents. Many thanks for your support. Bill Horne

PS A copy of 'Tyler's New Job' is available, please email queenbeedesigns@aol.com.

Little Waldingfield Fireworks

The Little Waldingfield Playing Fields Committee are dropping the firework display they put on in November - It would seem that this is because of a combination of health & safety matters and the fact it has been losing money.

QUIZ NIGHT IN EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL, 14TH MARCH

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Quiz Night. Special thanks to our quizmaster and his wife who put in a tremendous amount of work both before and during the evening. £507 was raised towards the update to the original toilets. A marvellous effort by everyone; again many thanks. Daphne Clark

Wot's On

Groton PCC

PLANTS, CAKES AND BOOKS SALE

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

SALE of Plants, Cakes, Books and Groton Bags.

We hope to see lots of people at our sale in May; there will be some plants for your gardens, and also Cakes and Books, and we are hoping to Launch the new calico Groton Bag, which is sure to become the summer's latest "Must-Have" accessory - useful and decorative too.

Contributions of Plants, Cakes and Books would be very welcome, and can be left at Mary's House, or collected before hand [please phone Pat Kennedy Scott 210319, or any member of Groton PCC]

Entrance is free, but a small charge will be made for coffee. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton.

Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club

28th March 40's Dance

Newton Village Hall, 8pm till 11.30pm

Hosted by PG Sounds and the Waldingfield Buskers.

Jive Dancers • Licensed bar • Raffle. Entrance £4.00

29th March, Table Top Sale

Long Melford Royal British Legion 11am to 2pm

16/17 May 1940's Weekend

1940's Exhibition and Displays from 10am to 5pm daily

In the New Farm, Comard Tye. Tickets Adults £2.50 nap and kids £1.50

There will be a 1940's dance on the Saturday evening.

£5 for tickets and includes access to the daytime exhibition

For more information contact Paul Goodechild 01787 372478

or Pete Berry 01787 375853



The welcoming atmosphere of the playgroup is enhanced by the quiet playing fields that the pavilion overlooks; we have sole use of the pavilion during playgroup hours and are able to offer a high ratio of qualified staff who are dedicated to the development of early years education. This was recently proven when the playgroup achieved the high award of the Suffolk Quality Assured scheme in childcare.

We are Ofsted Inspected and part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum; we are also registered for Government Funding for children from the term after they are 3 years of age.

Our last Inspection in September 2007 was very good, with Ofsted saying that the attractive environment is well maintained and the organisation of the good quality resources provides an effective learning environment for young children.

All staff of the playgroup attend regular educational development courses and the Ofsted required courses not just an allocated member.

If you would like to see what we do please visit us on Thursday 14th May between 10.00 am - 3.00 pm during our open day. The playgroup will be running through out the day, so an ideal time to see us at work and meet the staff.

For further information on a wonderful village playgroup in an ideal setting please contact Moira Grant on 01787 211363 during playgroup hours or visit our web site www.boxford-sunflower.co.uk E-mail: info@boxford-sunflower.co.uk

West Suffolk Cruse

Awareness in Bereavement Care course

To be held at 90 Risbygate Bury St Edmunds IP33 3AA

16 sessions in the autumn, starting with essential attendance at the first all-day session on Saturday 12 September 2009. This will be followed by sessions on 2 further Saturdays and 10 Thursday evenings.

This course is for people with an interest in supporting and caring for bereaved people; it is primarily intended for potential Cruse volunteers though other applicants will be considered if there is space. It develops basic counselling skills to be used in bereavement support work and is accredited by OCNW at Level 2.

For further information, dates, cost etc please contact West Suffolk Cruse at the above address or via our Website at www.westsuffolkeruse.org.uk, or ring 01284 767674



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GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

At

Groton Village Hall (Former WI Hall)

On Friday 24th April 2009 7.30 for 8.00 Start

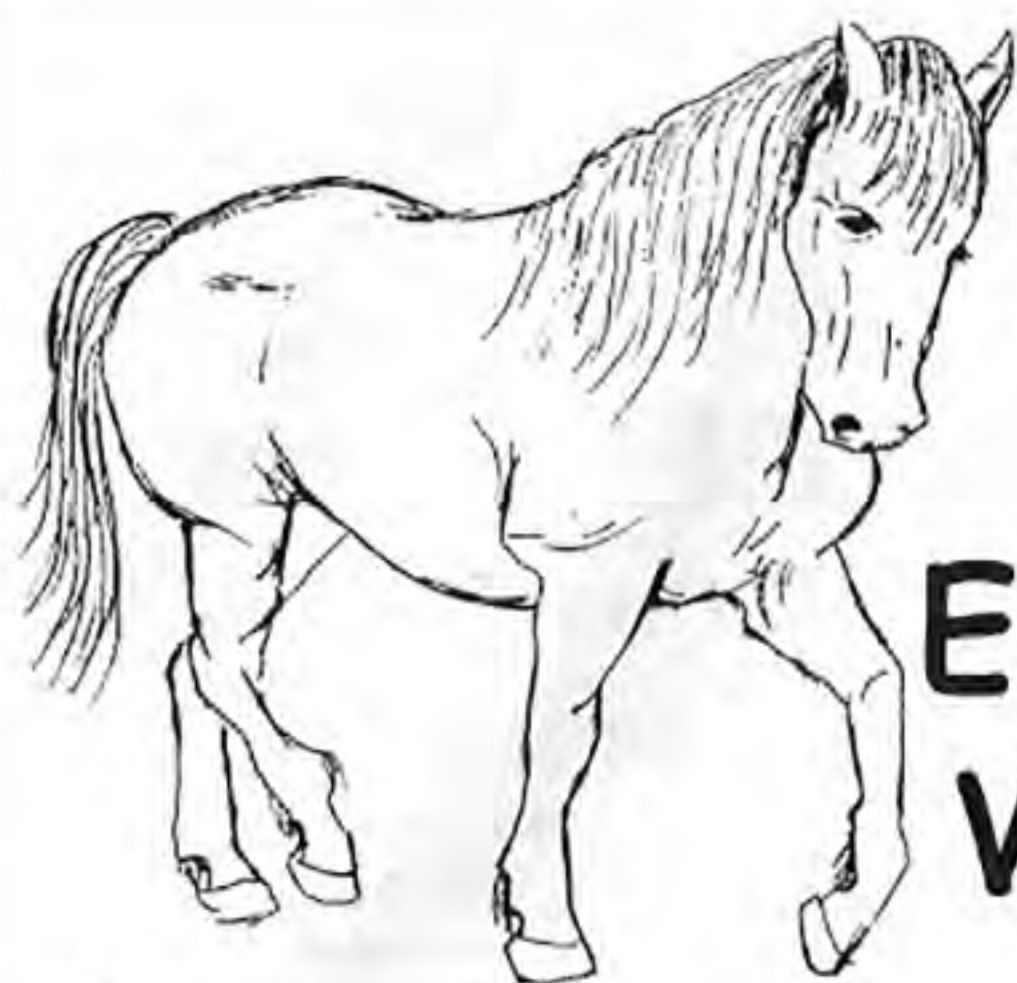
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The White Horse

Edwardstone

EDWARDSTONE WHITE HORSE

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We will be cooking using local seasonal and when available organic ingredients.

Coming events-

1st till 4th May

the 10th 'Dark Ale Days' beer festival of Milds, Porters & Stouts.

Mill Green Brewery's new brews -

- Marathon Gold (4.2% abv golden pale ale brewed to support the favoured charity of Tom Konopka who is running the the London Marathon on the 26th April)
- O'Bama Irish Stout (3.8% abv Suffolk style, malty and dry, brewed to humorously celebrate our special relationship)
- Good Ship Arbella (5.4% abv strong pale ale with American hops)
- Bulls Cross Bitter (3.5% abv dark and hoppy)
- Loveleys Fair (4.0% abv pale & aromatic)
- Mawkin Mild (2.9% abv black chocolate malt flavour)

Normal events -

- £2 Tuesday (for most beers every Tuesday).
- Folk Night every second Wednesday.
- Blues Night every fourth Thursday.

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What's On

GENTLE YOGA

Thursday mornings 10.15am -11.15am

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

Newton Village Hall Coffee Mornings

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

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 28th April at 8.00pm

At the Pavilion

The annual General Meeting of the Boxford Community Council will take place in the Pavilion on the above date. All members of the community are invited. This is a chance to find out what the Community Council do throughout the year and where the money raised is used. We have a short break at the end of business for refreshments and beverages followed by a presentation from a guest speaker.

Please come along and support your local community!!

Sudbury Library

Free Sunday Activities for Children at Sudbury Library

Every Sunday from 10.30-12.00 midday children of all ages are welcome to come and join in the activities held in the children's room at Sudbury Library, Market Hill, Sudbury. All free of charge.

We are celebrating NATIONAL PET MONTH

Contact Sudbury library on 01787 296000 for further information.

Don't miss the fun! Watch this space to see what's coming up in April!

Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30pm on:

Monday April 6th, Mr Gardiner, Humorous stories of a driving instructor

Monday April 20th, Mr Dayton, Gardens of East Anglia.

Forthcoming Outings:

Thursday April 23rd - Perrywoods Nursery and Cream Tea

Leaving from the Fleece at 1.00pm. Non members £12.50

Thursday June 18th - Tropical Wings (Woodham Potters)

Butterflies, Birds, Small Animals and lots more. Cafe serving hot meals, snacks and cakes at very reasonable prices.

Leaving from The Fleece at 10.00am

Non members £17.50, coach and entry

Thursday July 9th Boat trip from Norwich -

Stopping for lunch and continuing with the river trip afterwards. Leaving from The Fleece at 10am. Non-members £24.00, inclusive of coach, river trip and lunch. If interested in any of these outings please telephone Barbara on 210936 or Shirley on 210024

FOBS

FOBS AGM on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30pm

at the school

Please come and join us to vote in the committee members for the next year and to have your say about FOBS will be doing.

Everybody 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

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

Kersey Plant Sale

Kersey Village Hall Saturday 9th May 2.00pm to 4.00pm

In aid of Kersey Community Playground

Entrance only 20p for Adults and Free for Children

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What's On

April 2009

2nd - Palm and Tarot Card Readings followed by disco and (optional) karaoke

3rd - Individual Palm Readings. Book yours now.

26 - Drive It Day.

May 2009

7th - COMEDY CLUB • GIRLS NIGHT

10th - Wedding Open Day

26th - Come and see us at the Hadleigh Show.

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1st April 2009

WOW! Didn't we have a great time when the ABBA duo were here on the last Ladies Night? They got us all on the dance floor and **THEY WILL BE BACK!**

GIRLS NIGHT OUT - 2ND APRIL

An evening of intrigue and fun!

Hurry, hurry!

Get your tickets over the telephone by credit card or just get here on 2nd April. A chance to try a sampler of palm reading, tarot cards and reiki.

Amber Garnet is a professional palmist coming from London. See what the future holds for you! (If you would like an individual,

private, reading we are taking appointments for Friday 3rd April). There is also our fabulous free buffet and disco—with karaoke for the braver ladies!

Last month one lady decided to have her birthday party on Ladies Night—a brilliant idea! Why not have yours? We can help you make it special!

These nights are a chance to get away from the kids/ partner/ parents, grab some mates and come and let your hair down. This is for girls of all ages who want to eat, drink and be merry. Not to mention sing and dance if they feel like it! Bar opens 6:30 p.m.

WEDDING OPEN DAY - 10TH MAY

10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

An enchanting showcase Open Day of our beautiful wedding venue. Our experienced and friendly team will be on hand for advice on your wedding

plans. Professional wedding suppliers will be in attendance canapes, light refreshments, wine sampling.



GIRLS NIGHT OUT - 7TH MAY

BAR OPENS 6:30 P.M.

A cracking Comedy Club night!

A variety of professional stand-up comedians will have you rolling in the aisles. Forget the credit crunch blues,

this night is guaranteed to lift your spirits and deliver a fun packed night of laughter and entertainment.

BOOK EARLY!



DRIVE IT DAY - 26TH APRIL

Kersey mill is one of the venues which may be visited by drivers of classic veteran and vintage cars as their owners take to the roads to exercise their right to drive heritage vehicles. It's pot luck who

turns up but we are expecting some interesting vehicles throughout the day.

ALL DAY BAR, REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD.



Wot's On

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB GREEN OPEN:

(The Croft, Boxford opposite the White Hart)

There will be a "Green Open" at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday 26th April when new bowlers are welcome to come to the club to join in a game of bowls (we can provide bowls). All you need are flat-soled shoes.

If you cannot make the 26th April, why not come along any Monday morning at 9.45 a.m. Les Clark 01787 210698

Boxford Gardening Society - 21 April - Boxford Village Hall

Talk by Lorraine Wright

Seeds - Something Old, Something New

Lorraine Wright is the owner of Dairy Farm Rose and PLant Centre at Bramford. The talk will mainly be on flower and vegetable seeds. There will be small plants for sale.

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

For membership please contact Elizabeth Wagener on 01787 210 223

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

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.

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup

Grand Easter Egg Hunt

At the Pavillion, Boxford Playing Fields

Friday 3rd April 2pm - 4.30pm

A small charge per child which includes a drink and a biscuit at the end. Tea, coffee & cakes also on sale and an Easter raffle drawn at the end of the afternoon.

For details - 211296 or 211805

Boxford St Mary's and Hadleigh Choral Society

Summer Song and Supper

Hadleigh Choral Society will be performing a short concert in Boxford Church on SATURDAY JUNE 6TH AT 6.30PM.

The programme will include music by Purcell, Schubert and Cole Porter and a folk song medley. As before on these occasions, a delicious supper will be provided after the concert.

Tickets will be available after Easter from Boxford News or Jean Newble 01473 827718 modestly priced at £6 for concert only or £12 for concert plus supper. It is always a very happy occasion - please do come

STANLEY FILMS
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PROKOFIEV'S
PETER & THE WOLF
POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 25th April at 3.30pm, Tickets £3.50 Children Free

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What's On

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(Workers' Educational Association)

AGM: 7.30pm Thursday, 23 April 2009

Details of speaker to be announced soon.

Summer Day School

10.00 - 17.00 Saturday, 18 July 2009

Full details to be announced soon.

Both events are open to the general public and existing members; new members are always welcome.

Nayland 'The Village Players'

The Village Players present the very funny, fast moving play Party Piece by Richard Harris 26th, 27th, 28th March in Nayland Village Hall. Doors/bar open at 7.30p.m. performance 8.00p.m. Tickets from Nayland Post Office or telephone Nick Moriarty on 01206 262808

Boxford Gardens Open Sunday 31st May

Newton Whist Drives

At the whist drive held in Newton Village Hall on Monday 9th March there were just 4 tables in play. The prizewinners were:

Eve Dainton	171	Wendy Gent	168
Alan Vince	166	Gerry Peacock	166
Ann Vince	165	Colin Knock	137

Thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes and to Joan and Carole for preparing the refreshments.

The last drive until the Autumn will be on Monday 6th April. Admission is only £1 including refreshments so if you play whist why not come and join us. Alan Vince 01787 373963

The Hadleigh Show

Mega Mini Stunt Car Show at the Hadleigh Show

2009 is the 50th Anniversary of the Mini and an exciting stunt team will be entertaining the crowds at the annual May Show at Holbecks Park, Hadleigh on Saturday 16th May. Another new attraction will be Rebecca Townsend performing with her Jive Pony

In its 170th year, this popular traditional country show will provide an exciting day out for the whole family. A few changes and some new displays are planned but the old favourites will still be present. Visitors will again be able to enjoy the Food Hall, Art and Sculpture exhibition, Flower Show, Rural Craft Marquee, Ipswich Hospital Band, Funfair, Vintage Tractors, Poultry and Waterfowl, Foxhounds, Bloodhounds, Beagles, Grand Parade of prize winning horses, cattle and sheep, Show Jumping, Suffolk Horse demo, a wide variety of tradestands and refreshment stands selling a selection of locally produced British farm food.

In the popular countryside area there will be demonstrations of sheep shearing, spinning, weaving, pottery, wood turning, etc. and the countryside ring will offer a programme of displays including falconry, sheep dog handling, terrier racing, ferrets and gun dogs. A clay pigeon shooting competition and gun dog scurry will be open to allcomers.

Entrance on the day will be £8 per adult, £4 for children, £6 for senior citizens and £23 for a family of two adults and up to four children. Reduced price tickets are available in advance from the Secretary (see www.hadleighshow.co.uk for details and application form) and from 1st May can be purchased from various local outlets including Boxford News, Keith Avis newsagents and Bates Wells & Braithwaite in Friar Street, Sudbury. Enquiries to 01473 827920 or sec@hadleighshow.plus.com

Boxford Society

Madagascar Landscape, Lemurs and other Wild Life.

Boxford Society Open evening at Boxford School Hall at 7.30 pm on Saturday 25th April 2009. The AGM will be kept brief so that we can enjoy the illustrated talk about this amazing country and its strange wild life.

The Chairman of Boxford Parish Council invites all residents to the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

on

Monday, 6th April 2009 at
7.30 p.m., Boxford Village Hall

The Guest Speaker will be

Vic Rice from 3 Parishes Response

Representatives from Village Organisations are encouraged to attend

Your Parish Councillors:

Veronica Hobbs, Roger Balls, Steve Egglestone, Richard Gates,
Derek Ansell, Julian Fincham-Jacques, Cecil Hughes and
Michael Norman

Your Babergh District Councillor: Bryn Hurren

Your Suffolk County Councillor: Selwyn Pryor

Your Police Representative: PCSO 3173 Julia Bignell

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Forthcoming Events Diary

April

1 Bofford WI Pip Wright
1 Little Waldingfield Lent Lunch
3 Sunflower Playgroup
4 Quiz & Curry Evening
4 Save The Children
4 Newton Parish Council Coffee Morning
4 Hadleigh Choral Soc
6 Bofford Over 60's
6 Bofford Parish Council
6 Newton Whist Drive
7 Bofford Playing Fields AGM
11 Barn Dance
18 Newton Art Group
20 Bofford Over 60's
21 Bofford Gardening Society
23 Sunflower Playgroup
24 Quiz & Curry Evening
25 Bofford Society AGM
26 Bofford Bowls Club
28 Bofford Community Council

Frolic, Fervour & Fornication!!
Easter Egg Hunt
VH Management Committee
Sale at Mary's House, Bofford
Mr Gardiner
APM and 3PR demo
to The Hosepipe Band
Coffee Morning and Exhibition
Mr Dayton
Lorraine Wright
Outing Perrywoods
Groton Village Hall Mgt Committee
Wild Life and People of Madagascar
OpenGreen
AGM

Bofford Village Hall
Newmans Hall
Playing fields Bofford
Village Hall
Village Hall
Bofford St Mary's
Bofford Village Hall
Bofford Village Hall
Newton Village Hall
The Pavillion
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8pm

May

2 Plants, Cakes and Book Sale
2 Newton Fireside Club
6 Bofford WI
6 Summer Song and Supper
9 Playingfields Fun Day
9 Bofford Rovers Awards Presentation
14 Sunflower Playgroup
24 Cricket Tournament
31 Bofford Gardens Open

Groton PCC
Coffee Morning
Resolution Meeting/ followed by entertainment VH
Bofford St Mary's
Open Day
Gareth Welland Memorial

Mary's House
Village Hall
Church and School Hall
Bofford Playing Field
Bofford Playing field
The Pavillion
Homefield
9.30am
10am
2.00pm
6.30pm
12-5pm
5.00pm
10am-3pm
11.00am

June

3 Bofford WI
6 Bofford Scouts Funday
13 Newton Summer Fete
18 Bofford Scouts Family Weekend
6 Bofford Over 60's
23 Bofford WI Julian Warricker

Birthday outing to Beth Chitto's
Mama Mia
Outing 'Tropical Wings'
My life with the BBC

The Spinney
Playingfield, Newton
The Spinney
Fleece
Bofford Village Hall
11am-5pm
1-5pm
10am
7.30pm

July

1 Bofford WI
9 Bofford Over 60's

Bowl's Club Visit followed by Tea at the
Outing Boat trip

Village Hall
Fleece
10am

September

5/6 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

The Church and Parish Hall
TBA

October

10 Bofford Society
17 Harvest Supper

Primrose Wood Through the Seasons.
Groton PCC

Bofford School 1
Groton Village Hall
7.30pm
7.30pm

December

5 Cheese and Wine Party
13 Christmas Concert from the Kelvedon Singers

Groton PCC

Groton Village Hall
Groton Church
7.30pm
TBA

Toppesfield Cottages

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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.

Church News April 2009

To the people of the Box River Valley.

By the time you receive this edition of the Box River News we will have come almost to the end of Lent and be moving into arguably the most important time in the Church's year. Easter begins with Palm Sunday when the people welcomed Jesus with praise and celebration into the city of Jerusalem. Holy Week walks us through Jesus' last days before the cross. We attend a meal with him and the disciples, which is to be Jesus' last. This is the meal we remember when we celebrate Holy Communion. We visit the olive groves of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed that things could be done differently, yet faithfully went God's way not his own. We suffer the heartache of his arrest betrayed by one he loved with a kiss.

The depths of man's inhumanity are displayed as Jesus, completely in the power of others, is horrifically abused by them. The crowd who welcomed him a few days earlier into the city now escort him out of it to the place of execution. The cross becomes not only a place to die but also the place to minister to robbers who are suffering the same fate. Death comes as Jesus' ruined body can take no more.

The story like many tragedies could end there with sadness, regret and thoughts of, "What if?" but it does not. We are suddenly faced with a complete contrast as black is to white. Death is suddenly replaced with life as our Lord is resurrected, returned to life. This was not recovery from ill-treatment as some have supposed. The Romans were the most highly efficient executioners. This was a completely new plane of existence, life after death.

This is the hope and belief of all Christians, a life after this one lived in the presence of God. Easter may come only once a year but for we people of the cross, we Easter people, it is a reality we carry on our hearts every day of the year.

You will notice in the service schedule that on the last Friday of the month there will be a service of Morning Prayer at Little Waldingfield. I intend to take this service on the last Friday of each month and then to visit people in the area. If there are those who would like a visit after the service would you please contact me.

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:- Remember to praise God... for the changes that the weather goes through this month. Praise Him for giving us a variety in our climate, so that in this month we may have rain and sun, wind and frost, each one of which is important for the earth to bear crops to feed us.

Thank Him... for giving us longer hours of daylight. These longer days and more hours of sun herald the onset of spring and summer, and encourage the growth of all things bright and beautiful.

Thank Him... for giving us his Son, who is the light of the world. Help us to grow in the light of His Word. The more we read His Word and spend time in His presence, the nearer we approach to Him.

Remember... that without His light in our lives, the world is a dark and dismal place, and our lives are but a meaningless round of trivia.

Remember... that God is great. Trust Him in all things. Amen.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting: This year will be on Sunday 5th April at 7.30pm (following Evensong) - for the election of churchwardens, PCC members and other church officers for the next year. Also reports of the work of the PCC over the past year are received.

Forthcoming Fundraising events for Church Funds: Ladies Lunch Club The next "Ladies Lunch" will be on Thursday 2nd April 2009 at 12.30pm - at the home of Yvonne Hughes at Oakhurst, Rectory Park, School Hill, Boxford. Please do let Yvonne know if you want to book a place (Tel: 210706) & also please kindly let Yvonne know by the end of March.

Concerts in St.Mary's: Sunday March 29th - 6.00pm. The Suffolk Villages Festival present Trio Goya- Piano Trios by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven. Box Office-01206 366603, www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

Saturday 4th April - 7.30pm: The Hadleigh Choral Society presents JS Bach's Mass in B Minor. Tickets at the door, or at 37 High Street, Hadleigh. www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk

The Box River Club: Now meets in the school hall on Friday afternoons at 3.15pm in term time. We then go into the Rectory (during cold weather) 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 is on Sunday 5th April at 10.00 am. Please note the change of time. Everyone is welcome.

The Bible Study Group: Next meets at 47 Swan Street Boxford on Monday 13th April 8.00pm where we continue our study of St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles. All are most welcome to come along.

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

Dates for your Diary: Suffolk Historic Trust are to visit St Mary's on Saturday May 9th at 2.00pm - There will be a tour around the church and a talk by historian Dr John Blatchly.

Boxford Gardens Open: This year will be on Sunday May 31st. Proceeds to St Mary's Parish Church.

Hadleigh Choral Society are to hold a Concert in St. Mary's Parish Church on Saturday June 6th 2009.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2009

We urgently need to recruit more helpers for distributing & collecting the Christian Aid week envelopes. If you could help please do contact Janet Daniels or Ruth Kingsbury asap.

Smile Lines

The minister came home from church one Sunday morning looking very satisfied. "Many people in church?" asked his wife, bustling around the kitchen. "Yes, and there were three strangers though I didn't see them" "Then how do you know?" "Because there were three £10 notes in the collection plate".

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

Please, NO LATER THAN 15th April

Failure to meet the date will mean your copy

may not be included

Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone

Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone

Tel: 211161

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE: A Meeting of parishioners for the election of churchwardens will be held on 16th April 2009 at 7.30 pm at Edwardstone Church. This meeting will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.40 pm.

Notices concerning the business to be conducted at these meetings and the eligibility of those entitled to vote is displayed on the church notice board.

A PCC Meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on 16th April 2009, in Edwardstone church.

David Saddleton

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 am.

David Saddleton

QUIZ NIGHT IN EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL, 14TH MARCH 2009: Thank you to all who helped with food, the bar, clearing up and the raffle, and also to everyone who took part in our Quiz Night. Special thanks must go to our quizmaster and his wife who put in a tremendous amount of work both before and during the evening. £507 was raised towards the update to the toilets.

A marvellous effort by everyone; again many thanks. Daphne Clark

Rotas

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers
April 5	Mr/Mrs Dodd	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	No Flowers
April 12	Mr/Mrs Dodd	Mr & Mrs Dodd	All help
April 19	Mr/Mrs Dodd	Mr & Mrs Dodd	"
April 26	Visiting	Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett	"
Coffee	Mrs Morris		



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwarden: Jayne Foster

Ramblers, Palmer Lane, 211360

Sue Edwards

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MARK'S GOSPEL - IN ONE SITTING: A columnist in The Times wrote recently of the 'riveting' experience of reading the whole of Mark's Gospel in a single sitting. The urgency of Jesus' early ministry, stirred by repeated use of the expression "and immediately," the testing questions from the Pharisees and how Jesus replied, people's amazement at the parables and the healing miracles, all come alive. Half way through Jesus asks the key question, "Who do you say I am?" and Peter replies, "You are the Christ." Predictions of his passion and the demands of discipleship move the narrative towards Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the dramatic events of Holy Week: the last supper, his arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and resurrection. There is an opportunity to share in this experience on Good Friday at Groton Church. Starting at 12 noon, Mark's Gospel is to be read aloud straight through. Come, for all or part of the time, but come and be riveted.

EASTER CELEBRATION: The Easter Day service at Groton this year will be a celebration of Holy Communion (Common Worship), with traditional Easter hymns, in the church at 8.00 am. It will be followed by breakfast. Come and join us in the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: This year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) is on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30 pm in Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton. It will be followed at 7.40 pm by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM"). The APCM is an important meeting in the life of the parish, when the rector gives his report. There is a report, too, from the PCC and the accounts are presented. Members are elected to serve on the PCC for the coming year and there is an opportunity to raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. Anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll is entitled to attend and vote (see the paragraph about revision of the roll in last month's BRN).

PCC MEETINGS: Sunday 29th March, 9.30 am at Groton Church (short meeting before the benefice service to approve reports and the accounts for presentation to the APCM)

Wednesday 22nd April in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and elect the standing committee for 2009-2010).

CHRISTIAN AID: This year's Christian Aid Week takes place from 10th to 16th May. Anyone willing and able to assist with the house-to-house collection in Groton or Little Waldingfield, please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360.

Rotas

Sidesman with Sacristan: Ms Edwards

Flowers: Mrs Block

Cleaning: Mrs Block



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

Annual Meeting of Parishioners: Will be held on 21st April at 7.25pm in the Church. All are welcome

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 10th - 16th May 2009: Could you take part in the house-to-house collection this year? Last year, £245 was raised in Little Waldingfield (a new record), but with more collectors each will have fewer houses to collect from, making the job is easier. This is Christian Aid's major annual fundraising initiative. If you can help, please contact David Lamming (Tel: 01787 210360.)

Rotas

	Sidesman	Flowers
April 5	Mr Squirrell	No flowers
April 10	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	No flowers
April 12	Mr & Mrs Tori	Mrs Grunsell
April 19	Mrs Rattee & Mrs Biddington	Mrs Harbord
April 26	Visiting	Mrs Ewen



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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held in church on Thursday, 23rd April 2009 at 7.30 pm, this Church Council will present the annual accounts and report other work of the past year. This meeting also elects members of the PCC for the coming year.

All parishioners are very welcome at this meeting.

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General Church News

MARK'S GOSPEL – IN ONE SITTING Good Friday, 10 April, at 12.00 noon, Groton Church – see Groton church news.

DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS Elections will be taking place shortly for members to serve on the diocesan synod for a three-year term commencing on 1 August 2009. Anyone aged 16 or over who is a communicant member of the Church of England and whose name is on the electoral roll of a parish in the deanery is eligible to stand. The synod meets three times a year in Ipswich. If you are interested and would like to know more of what is involved or how to get nominated, please contact David Lamming (Tel 01787 210360).

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

Please note that Praise on Market Hill is on the afternoon of Sunday 12th July, (not 5 July as previously advertised). Details later.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION, THURSDAY 7th MAY 2009 at ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL. Please make a note of the date and come to support our benefice churchwardens when they are formally admitted to office.

Another date for your diary – Saturday 20 June 2009.

This free event is to be held at the Rowley Mile Conference Centre, Newmarket Racecourse from 2 – 6 pm. The centrepiece of the afternoon will be a multi-media presentation led by Bishop Nigel. Writing in East Anglican, the bishop says, "As we approach our Centenary [the centenary of the diocese is in 2014], this will be an opportunity to share the good news of our work, past and present. And to take stock of the exciting possibilities as we set about our next hundred years." Book your free ticket online via the diocesan website and plan to be there.

The Church At Worship

April 2009

Wednesday 1st	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd. David Matthews
Thursday 2nd			
Little Waldingfield	19.00	Home Worship	Tim Harbord
Sunday 5th	Palm Sunday		(R)
Little Waldingfield	8.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Abel
Edwardstone	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Revd. David Matthews
Boxford	10.00	Box River Club	George Barnes
	18.30	Evensong	The Revd. David Matthews
Wednesday 8th	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd. David Matthews
Thursday 9th	MAUNDY THURSDAY		(W)
Groton	19.30	Holy Communion stripping of the altar & foot washing	The Revd. David Matthews
Friday 10th	GOOD FRIDAY		(Stripped)
Little Waldingfield	9.30	Family Service (Hot Cross Buns after)	The Revd. David Matthews
Groton	12.00	A contemplation of the Gospel of Mark	David Lamming
Boxford	14.00	One Hour Devotions	The Revd. David Matthews
Sunday 12th	EASTER SUNDAY		(W)
Groton	8.00	Holy Communion Common Worship with hymns	The Revd. David Matthews
Newton Green	9.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Little Waldingfield	9.30	Holy Communion	Canon Robin King
Edwardstone	10.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Abel
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Wednesday 15th	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd. David Abel
Sunday 19th	Second Sunday in Easter		(W)
Edwardstone	8.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. Tony Moore
Little Waldingfield	9.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. Tony Moore
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Chris Kingsbury
Wednesday 22nd	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	David Abel
Thursday 23rd			
Little Waldingfield	19.00	Compline	Tim Harbord
Friday 24th			
Little Waldingfield	9.00	Morning prayer	The Revd. David Matthews
Sunday 26th	Third Sunday in Easter		(W)
Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	David Abel
Groton	9.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Newton Green	9.30	Hymns & Readings	Diana Stock/Jean Green
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Wednesday 29th	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd. David Matthews

Please note we are in year B of the Lectionary

Boxford School News

As I write we are busy making final preparations for our Year 4 Residential Visit 2009. It seems to come around so quickly and seems no time at all since we were walking along the banks of the River Thames with last year's group. This year we are going to North Norfolk and amongst the highlights will be a river boat trip along the Norfolk Broads and a trip to Blakeney Point to see the seals. If you would like to find out more about the visit and the places we will be visiting have a look on our website www.boxford.school.co.uk.

Last Friday in common with many schools across the country we supported the Comic Relief Charity by coming into school 'wearing something funny'. The children had a highly entertaining time as did the staff who came into school in a variety of odd clothing. In total we raised over £200, a fantastic effort by all.

A couple of weekends ago was the FOBS Annual Quiz Night and once again it was a highly successful evening with the top six teams divided by a mere ten points. As usual Stephanie and Ian Atkins did a great job setting the questions ensuring that there was something for everyone. Special thanks to everyone who came out and supported the evening, as usual it was great to see so many ex-parents, and to Sharon Ireland who was the FOBS member who co-ordinated the event. The eventual winners were a team of parents who called themselves Simply the Best, an apt name as it turned out.



Last week a team of Year 4 boys and girls attended the Cornard Pyramid Football Tournament and came home with the trophy for the second time in the past three years. As usual our seven a side team were very competitive and played with determination and no little skill. Well done to Lucy Knott, Archie Van den Berg, Maddie Wagland, Grant Long, Will Beven, Barnaby Cox and Charlie Moss.

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Tom takes on London Marathon Challenge

Hi, I am Tom Konopka of Edwardstone and I will be again undertaking the 26.2 mile challenge that is the Flora London Marathon on Sunday 26th April. You may of seen me running around the Suffolk countryside over the last few months as I prepares again to take on London again. Last year I completed the course in 4 hours and 36 minutes and raised £2500 for the Lords Taverners charity and I am running for the same charity again this year. I hope to raise £1500 so that the Lords Taverners can continue to support children through sport and help those, that are less fortunate then ourselves enjoy activity and stimulation through sport. You can find out more information at www.lordstaverners.org.

As you can imagine training is tough and I will have covered over 450 miles in the 18 week period leading up to the race. The weather has been very unkind this winter but I did want to thank all those that donated last year and toot and wave when they see me running, your support and generosity really does make a difference and keeps me going.

I have been very generously supported this year and Tom Norton at Mill Green Brewery has even brewed a special beer to mark the occasion, called Marathon Gold. Tom has kindly donated 26p from every pint to my charity so please come and try the new brew. I am also been kindly supported by Edwardstone White Horse, A.Leeder Butchers, Boxford Village Stores, the Post Office and Boxford Newsagents, all of which have sponsorship forms available for you to help me reach my fundraising target. You can also sponsor me online, safely and securely at : www.justgiving.com/tkrunningfm09

Please do not be afraid to stop and talk to me , even when I am in full flight, I will be more than happy to tell you about my charity and if you have more time, bore you with my running stories, facts and figures !!

I will be hopefully having a post marathon drink at the White Horse on Sunday 26th April, in the afternoon, so please look out for more information.

I appreciate that we are in tough economic times but please be sure that every penny counts and is greatly appreciated. I have seen how all the money donated is put to use here in the UK, with The Lords Taverners funding specialist adapted mini buses, wheelchairs and sports equipment so as to give young people, particularly those with special needs, a sporting chance.

If you can, please do help sponsor me. See you at the end Tom K



Found Cat

A black cat has been living in our farm buildings for a long time. More recently it has started to move into the house and it is clear that it is a cat which has been loved and is used to living in a house. We think its real owners must be missing it. Please phone 01787211402 if you think it could be yours. Gillian Sturgeon

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The Pavilion has a fully fitted kitchen (with cooker, fridge, and microwave), changing rooms, disabled access and toilet facilities. The main hall area measures approximately 11.5m x 6m (38ft x 20ft) and has a maximum capacity of 100 people subject to type of use. A carpet bowls mat is available for hire.

A Milden cricket team has already been formed and anyone who is interested in playing or helping is invited to contact David Porteous Butler on 01787 249566 or Richard Robinson on 01787 211114 for more information.

Various events and fund raising activities will be put on during the year (the famous Milden Summer Ball is returning to Serens Hall on Saturday 1st August, more details to follow). The Pavilion Committee hope you will all support and make good use of this fabulous facility we now have. If anyone has some ideas for events or sporting facilities they might like in the future please contact the people below to discuss your plans.

The official opening ceremony and cricket match is on Sunday 31st May and is between MildenCC and Monks Eleigh CC

For bookings and info call Pearl on 01787 247965 or Justine 248145

NHS Suffolk consultation- have your say!

On Monday 23 February NHS Suffolk, the county's primary care trust, launched a consultation to invite everyone in Suffolk to have their say about GP and dentist services available outside normal surgery times - or 'out of hours'. The out of hours consultation - will run for 12 weeks until 22 May 2009 - and will give people across Suffolk the chance to give their views of the current service and what improvements they think could be made.

The contract for the current service has been extended for one year throughout 2009, so that a newly tendered service can begin in 2010. NHS Suffolk assures patients that during this changeover period, if they require attention from a doctor or dentist outside normal surgery times, they will continue to receive a high quality and consistent service.

The consultation and questionnaire is now online at www.suffolk.nhs.uk and in print from the NHS Suffolk communications team, telephone 01473 770014 or by e-mail to comms@suffolkpcet.nhs.uk.

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For more information about NHS Suffolk visit www.suffolk.nhs.uk

The Launch of "Daisy Chain"

Announcing the launch of "Daisy Chain" a 50/50 Dress Agency on April 25th at 20 High Street, Hadleigh

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For further information, please contact Barbara Boyd on 01473-823619 or alternatively Teresa Talbot on 01473-822912.

Groton Archive Film Evening

Groton Village Hall went back to its roots on the 7th March when we welcomed the Suffolk Archives for an evening of films evoking memories of life and farming in Suffolk from the time of the 1st World War.

The many fine churches and timbered houses built during the prosperous wool trade of earlier times presented a picturesque backdrop to the hard life of the farm labourer between the two World Wars. Heavy horses still provided the main power for farms and people relied on the village for all their necessities.

Ploughman's Platters were served during the interval.

The second half of films showed more of the tractors and machinery that began to appear on farms in the mid 1930's. Dick Joyce's light-hearted film depicted the work of the Land Army in the 1940s - pitching sheaves, threshing, handling heavy horses and machinery. All full of life and energy. Happy Days.

All funds raised from the evening will go to Groton Church - many thanks to all who attended.

Barbara R.

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GARDENING IN APRIL HARRY BUCKLEDEE

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Half-hardy annuals can be sown in the greenhouse and should germinate without artificial heat especially if the greenhouse is insulated with bubble polythene. Don't be too early with tomatoes, the last week in the month is soon enough for planting in an unheated greenhouse. There is little to be gained by planting earlier as the soil is still cold and root growth will be slow. One of the commonest causes of failure in an unheated greenhouse is incorrect watering, by giving too much water in the early stages, the soil will be kept cold and the plants will not grow.

Courgette seeds and the ridge cucumber (burpless) should be sown about the second week in the month to produce good plants for planting outside at the end of May, either in growing bags - two to a bag - on the patio or in the open ground. Small amounts of sweet basil and coriander can be sown every three or four weeks to keep up a regular supply through the season.

As well as sweet peas, there are several other annual climbers which will provide a good splash of colour through the summer months. Some good ones are *Eccremocarpus Acabe* (Chilean glory vine) which is

herbaceous and easy to raise from seed. Others are Black-eyed Susan, Morning Glory, Mina Labata, Rhodochiton and *Trapaeolum* (canary creeper). All can be raised from seed and most can be obtained at good garden centres during May.

House plants will now begin to respond to the longer hours of daylight and now is the time to prepare them for good growth during the summer. Examine each plant for signs of pest and remove any dead leaves. Small plants can be taken to the sink and sprayed with tepid water. Large plants with large leaves can be washed gently with a sponge. There are proprietary liquids for adding shine to the leaves and these are quite effective. Never use milk, or any other oil substance to give the leaves a shine, these will only clog the pores. Slightly increase the water as the days lengthen and get warmer and feed with a good liquid house plant fertiliser. Re-pot any that are pot bound in a one inch size up larger pot. Now is a good time to propagate from house plants by cuttings, layering, from offsets and by division. Silver and grey foliage plants should be pruned hard now to keep them neat

and in good shape. These include sage, rue, santalino, curry plant and senecio. If not pruned regularly every year they will become woody and sprawling in habit, eventually needing to be replaced. Apply a spring fertiliser to all established lawns if this has not been done already. Now that the weather is warming up, continue to mow little and often. A light mowing twice a week is better than a hard cut once a week. A light rolling of new lawns may be necessary to firm the surface of the turf but over use of the roller tends to compact the soil and keep out air and water.

Although gardens are not short of moisture at the moment, care should be taken in April to ensure that newly planted trees, shrubs, heathers and herbaceous plants do not suffer from lack of moisture. Plants will be bursting into growth and moisture will be lost through transpiration. Newly planted subjects will not have made sufficient root system to cope with this moisture loss, so unless water is given many will die. Don't get the idea that because we have had a high rainfall this year that the soil will always be moist, a couple of weeks of hot sun and drying wind and it is surprising how dry the soil can get. Now is a good time while the soil is still moist to apply a thick mulch to conserve moisture and keep down weeds. Old newspapers are useful for this. Give a dressing of good general fertiliser and then spread a thick layer of old newspaper and cover with bark or compost. Any spear grass that does find its way through the mulch can be carefully treated with round up. Taintweed, another troublesome weed can be effectively controlled by treating with a hormone weed killer.

Prepare the ground now for sowing of hardy annuals like Godetia, Clarkia, annual chrysanthemums, *Agrostemma* and cornflower. Rake the ground down to a fine tilth and sow the seed in shallow drills about six inches apart in regular shaped groups. Seed should be lightly covered with fine soil or sand.

In the herb garden sow small amounts of Fennel, Dill, Hyssop, Coriander, using the same method as for hardy annuals. Sow seed of Basil in pots. Overcrowded clumps of chives should be lifted and divided.

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Soap Box

G'day Sport! Thanks to the heavy hint left by the editor in last month's BRN, you probably realize my absence from these pages has been the result of a prolonged antipodean adventure. With number one son currently living in Melbourne and a sprinkling of relatives in New Zealand, a grand tour seemed appropriate. Very good it was too.

Two aspects of our holiday seem worth sharing. First was the amazing number of friends and neighbours who were following a similar path to us. Indeed, on our first night in Australia we dined with friends from Kersey and, while walking through Queenstown in New Zealand's South Island, we were hailed by fellow bridge players at Clare who live in Nayland. And there were others down under that we failed to meet up with.

The second aspect was altogether more serious. Our stay in Australia was confined to the state of Victoria, of which Melbourne is the capital. As we were leaving for Auckland the first of the fires that were to take so many lives and destroy hundreds of homes was making the local headlines. By the time we were established across the Tasman Sea, the headlines had spread around the world as the extent of the tragedy became apparent.

What I find incomprehensible about this national disaster is that many of the fires were started deliberately. Hundreds of people were killed in these fires and many more were made homeless. As we discovered, the region is prone to high winds from off the desert. The effect when, as happened to us, the temperature rises to the mid 40s (over 110 degrees in old money) is rather like living in a fan assisted oven. Put a fire in the path of the wind in these conditions and it will spread faster than you can drive.

What do people think they are doing when they light a fire in circumstances such as these? The government in Australia is talking about charging anyone prosecuted for starting one of the fires in Victoria with mass murder. So they should. We had left before it all got out of hand, but one of the places our son had hoped to take us (we ran out of time as it happens) was completely destroyed. It all made us think hard.

It happens that it was in Australia that the anti-litter campaign adopted by BBC Radio Suffolk, "Don't be a Tesser", was first developed. Once again Mark Murphy and his merry men are urging us not to drop litter and to clear up after those who are unthinking enough to spoil our lovely countryside. Rubbish, whether a cast aside food carton or the fly tipping of white goods, is a problem and a scourge. I hope those who offend are caught and prosecuted – as the person who threw wine bottles out of his car in Cornard was.

While I can hardly place dropping litter in the same category as wilful arson that results in loss of life, the fact is that these are both anti-social activities. Society is improved by people taking a responsible approach to their behaviour and by thinking of others. If you consider the effect on those around you before dropping litter, or playing your music too loud, or any one of a number of other unnecessary actions, the world would be a better place.

Do remember that your actions, however minor in your eyes, can affect the whole community. And engaging in remedial action, such as taking part in a litter pick, can bring considerable benefit to your local environment and make you feel better as a result. In Little Waldingfield we will be on parade on 18th and 19th April. Why not join us? It will be fun and your efforts will be appreciated. So I'll see you there then? No worries.

Brian Toot is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE 372ND. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 16th February 2009

1. **PRESENT:** C.Boggis (Temp. Chairman), D.Tolhurst (Clerk), M.Glason, S.Flack, J.Rodger Brown, B.Hurren (District Councillor).

2. **APOLOGIES:** S.Pryor, J.Paul, S.Silverthorne, P.Clark

3. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Dog bins: There will be no bill sent by B.D.C. for emptying the bins until April. This is because of the delay in placing them and also the misunderstanding over the cost. Their position can be changed but at present they seem to be in satisfactory positions. The Clerk said that he has managed to obtain £86.35 from the Locality Budget to cover the cost of the bins which was £286.35 instead of the £200 originally quoted.

Mill Green hedges: These have at last been cut but the clippings and other rubbish has been left in the ditch. Mr.Hurren will look into the clearing of the ditches.

It was suggested that we should submit an entry for Village of the year. The clerk has obtained the necessary forms and will complete them.

The application for the supermarket in Hadleigh is now completed.

The Boundary review is again delayed. It is doubtful if it will ever be implemented. So far about £150,000 has been spent on the project!

The annual B.D.C. budget will increase by about 2.9 to 3.5 per cent. A large amount of income has been lost this year due to decreased planning applications and money withheld by the government.

4. AOB

The ridiculous proposals by the present government to alter the doctors' dispensary arrangements have been withdrawn. Again this has been a waste of time and money.

There were no further reports. Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The council met on 3rd March. 5 councillors attended plus one villager.

Declarations of Interest. None

Police matters. No officer attended nor was a report received.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising. None.

Financial matters. Cheques were signed for street lighting, hire of Parish Room, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, the clerk's salary and expenses and insurance of the War Memorial.

Planning matters. The application for 10 stables at Park Farm was object. There was not objection to felling of a pine at the Priory and an apple tree at Boston Cottage nor for the cart lodge at School House or the extension at Badger Cottage. Permission has been granted for the grain store at The Haymarket. BDC have granted a lease to EDF for the sub-station at Croft Lea despite vigorous objections from the Council, the district councillor and villagers. The appeal for the development at Hammonds Holt has failed.

Correspondence. Letter received from BDC inviting us to get involved in a Litter-pick in April. See separate entry for details.

Footpaths. The fallen signs have not been re-erected.

Churchyard. We are waiting for a response from the local farmer regarding the weeds on the rear wall, when he returns from holiday. A quote for grass cutting to be sent from the existing contractor.

Any other business. SCC have inspected the damaged verge in Church Road and put forward an idea but as the damage has worsened to the grass and the road, it was deemed unsuitable and photos giving SCC the up to date "picture" have been sent for further consideration.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th April at 7.30 in the Parish Room.

Newton Parish Council Minutes of a meeting held 25th February

Present: Cllrs R Gardner (Chairman), A Vince and R Schwenk.

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Flowers, Haylock, Poole and Wade sent their apologies. Selwyn Pryor (Suffolk County Councillor) also sent his apologies.

Declaration of Interests: None were declared.

Minutes of Meeting held on 14th January 2009: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

With no member of public present there was no Public Forum.

Planning

a. No planning applications have been received.

b. The councillors reviewed the draft hearing statement in respect to NPC's attendance at the Examination into the soundness of SCC's Minerals Specific Site Allocations DPD which is due to be held between the 17th to 20th March 2009. The councillors resolved that the statement be sent to the Programme Officer, Simon Osborn, as soon as possible.

Boundary Committee Review of Suffolk: With the Secretary of State revising the deadline for the Boundary Committee's final proposal on the Unitary Government Structure for Suffolk to the 15th July 2009, there was no further action that the councillors could take at this time. With an

additional consultation on further draft proposals now to be held between 19th March and the 14th May 2009, the councillors will be able to send their observations following the meeting on the 13th May 2009.

Flooding along the A134: The councillors discussed the events that took place on the 10th February with regard to the flooding along the A134 from the Green to the A1071 junction. It was agreed that:

a. A map of the village be obtained from Suffolk County Council

b. The map be updated with the existing drainage system based on local residents knowledge and document any known issues

c. Review the plans with SCC in order to determine:

• who is responsible for the clearance of ditches, drainage pipes, pond and soakaways • the resolution of any issues • the details of the SCC maintenance programme calendar for the drainage system.

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

Date of next NPC Meeting: Date of the next scheduled meeting will be 11th March 2009.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Parish Council Matters

Minutes of Newton Parish Council Meeting

14th January 2009

Present: Cllrs C Poole (Chairman), G Flowers, R Gardner and R Schwenk.
Attending: D Crimin (Clerk) and Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Haylock and Vince sent their apologies due to holidays and Cllr Wade sent her apologies due to a prior engagement. Selwyn Pryor (Suffolk County Councillor) also sent his apologies.

Declaration of Interests: Cllr Gardner declared a personal and prejudicial interest in 09/006 b in that his property adjoined the proposed zebra crossing and left the meeting while the item was discussed.

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th November 2008: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.35pm for the Public Forum (Appendix A) and reconvened at 7.50pm. The councillors asked the clerk to write to the Police noting that it was unusual for NPC not to have a written Police Report when a police representative was unable to attend as was the case this evening.

Correspondence and Clerks Report (Appendices B & C): Following a review of the Correspondence and the Clerk's Report no further actions were required.

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. The councillors resolved to increase the budget for publicising NPC's opposition to the proposed quarry at Chilton, originally allocated at the meeting on 10th September 2008 - 08/123 c, from £200 to £250. LGA 1972 s 111

b. The councillors resolved to purchase a poppy wreath annually, with a budget of £50, which will be presented at the Remembrance service in Newton. LGA 1972 s 137

c. The councillors resolved to set the Precept at £7,300 for 2009 / 2010 and the P2 form was authorised by the Chairman and two councillors for return to Babergh District Council.

Planning: a. The councillors reviewed and agreed to support Planning Application B/08/01870 2 Hall Cottages - erection of two-storey rear extension and replacement windows.

b. The councillors reviewed Suffolk County Council's proposal for a zebra crossing in Newton. Whilst being impressed with the level of detail in the design they requested that clarification be sought from SCC on the need for:
i. a pavement to be installed from the Rectory Road to the Saracens Head
ii. street lighting along the A134 either side of the crossing

c. The councillors reviewed and agreed to support the Application for Listed Building Consent B/08/01789 Saracens Head - retention of retractable canopy to the south-east elevation and provision of wheelchair access. The councillors also reviewed and supported the proposals for improving the safety of the A1071 for 800 metres from the junction with the A134 subject to clarification that the double white lines are retained and extended throughout the proposed scheme.

d. In order to discuss the implications of the Examination into the soundness of SCC's Minerals Specific Site Allocations DPD the councillors agreed to:
i. hold a working group meeting on 21st January

ii. meet with the other Parish Councils and groups to discuss strategy ahead of the Examination hearing

iii. hold an extra NPC on Wednesday 25th February in order to finalise the representation to the Inspector

c. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC, are as follows:
Chilton Estate 08/108 c - 08/106 a 08/124 a. Objected to application based on safety of road users and Newton residents. Rejected by SCC on 04/12/2008 APP/V35000/A/08/207992/NW1 - Appeal against refusal by SCC of B/07/00177 - Chilton Quarry. 08/108d. Wrote to support rejection of appeal. Brett Aggregates has withdrawn appeal.

APP/D3505/E/08/2081352/NW1 - Appeal against refusal of B/08/00200 - Saracens Head canopy. 08/108 d. Supported appeal

APP/D3505/A/08/2081349 - Appeal against refusal of B/08/00086 - Saracens Head canopy. 08/108 d. Supported appeal

APP/D3505/C/08/2081698 - Appeal against enforcement order for the removal of canopy at Saracens Head. 08/124 d. Supported appeal.

B/08/01498: Land south of Polar Negri House - change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden. 08/139 d. Supported application

Approved 28/11/2008

Community Speedwatch: There is a meeting planned between the parish councils interested in forming a joint scheme at the start of February which Cllr Poole will attend.

Boundary Committee Review of Suffolk: With the final proposal for the unitary local government structure due to be announced on 13th February 2009, NPC will have 4 weeks in order to submit a representation on the proposal. The councillors agreed to hold an extra NPC on Wednesday 25th February in order to agree the representation. The councillors had no comments to make on the independent financial assessments published by the Boundary Committee.

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme: a. The councillors agreed to continue with the arrangement with Tony Langley for the grass cutting and maintenance around the playground and Jubilee gardens in 2009.

A budget of £500 has been allocated and a contract covering the work schedule will be drawn up. Open Space Act 1906 s 10

b. Plans for the playground presentation on 25th April, which have been circulated in the newsletter, will be finalised at the next scheduled meeting on 11th March.

c. The vandalism to the notice board in Church Road has been repaired.
Rights of Way and "Access Suffolk": The councillors resolved that the existing priorities be maintained on the rights of way within Newton. The councillors hoped that SCC's plan to cut priority one paths twice a year come to fruition. The councillors did not wish to take part in the pilot "Access Suffolk" scheme but want to be kept involved with the scheme's developments.

Consultations: The councillors resolved that they had no comments on the following consultations:

a. Communities & Local Government - Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity

b. Babergh District Council's - Affordable Housing Draft Supplementary Planning Document

c. SCC's - Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options (Part ii)

Review of the effectiveness of NPC's system of Internal Audit

The councillors reviewed the current system of NPC's internal audit and resolved that they were satisfied:

• With the independence of the internal auditor and the financial control / management of NPC

• That the internal auditor fully understands the legal framework in which NPC operates, the risk management issues and its powers and duties, and that the role of the internal auditor includes reviewing systems as well as cash book entries

• That the annual internal audit review with the level of detail and scrutiny of the council's processes was proportionate to the level of activity and budget at NPC

• That the scope of the audit is in accordance with The Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales, A Practitioners Guide

• With the report provided by the internal auditor at the conclusion of audit for review by NPC

• That NPC's Terms of Reference for the internal audit were in accordance with the role required to be undertaken by the internal auditor.

Risk Management Review: Following a review of NPC's Risk Management Register the councillors resolved the following:

a. That councillor training requirements will need to be identified by the council meeting in May

b. That a visual inspection of the War Memorial be undertaken by councillors during 2009.

Asset Register: The councillors reviewed NPC's Asset Register and agreed with the contents.

Councillor Training: NPC are not sending a representative to the BDC councillor training in respect to conduct on 3rd February.

Village Hall and Trust representatives update: The Village Hall Management Committee has now completed the decoration to the porch and is now looking to upgrade the kitchen.

Question to Chairman: The councillors were surprised at the lack of consultation on the installation of the bus stops opposite Airey Close and the Saracens Head. The Clerk to write to SCC raising NPC's concerns on the bus stop opposite Airey Close not being fit for purpose in terms of access for the disabled and the dangerous drop at the back of the narrow platform.

Date of NPC Meetings: Dates of meetings up until May 2010 are as follows:

• 11th March 2009 • 13th May 2009 Annual Meeting of Parish Council

• 8th July 2009 • 9th September 2009 • 11th November 2009

• 13th January 2010 • 10th March 2010

• 12th May 2010 Annual Meeting of Parish Council

The meeting closed at 21.50pm. Appendix A Public Forum

Peter Holbrook gave the councillors an update on the decline of planning applications being received by BDC, £106 money now available to parish councils and the Chilton Quarry.

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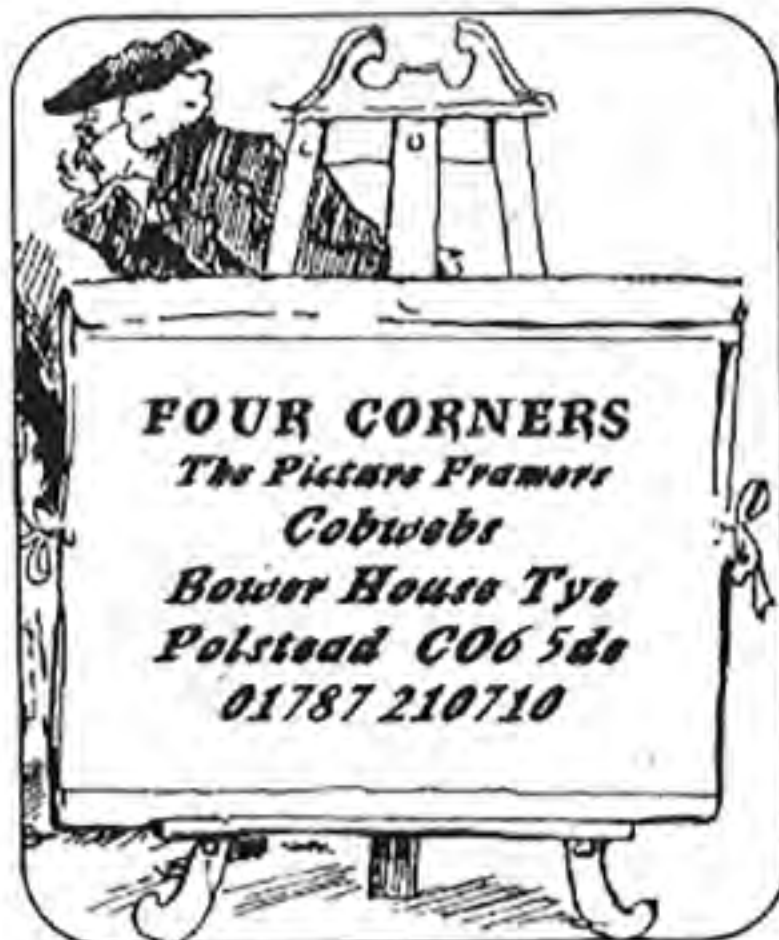
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NEWTON GOLF CLUB AGM



Membership Developments approved at A G M MEMBERS of Newton Green Golf Club heard of a significant year of progress and plans for new membership initiatives in the future at the annual gecmeeting. The meeting opened with a presentation to Caroline Sansum, the widow or long-serving head green keeper Kelvin Sansum, who passed award during the year.

A cheque for £400 was presented to her for the St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds, from the proceeds of a new memorial trophy being played for annually in Kelvin's memory.

Members heard from treasurer Roger O'Brien-Hill that significant one-off and long-term savings had been achieved during the year, enabling the club to position itself to implement a number of revenue generating initiatives in the coming years.

The meeting agreed to introduce a new intermediate membership range for the 18-30 year-old bracket, offering an incentive for younger players to continue in the sport at a significantly reduced cost.

A new Davey membership category was also unanimously endorsed, which will offer casual players the opportunity to become members of the club at approximately one-third of the cost of a full subscription.

New captain Steve Wordley was voted in and he follows in the footsteps of his father Harry, who has twice been captain. It is the first time in the history of the 102-year-old club that successive generations of a family have held the captaincy.

Paddy Lockwood was installed as chairman in succession to Nick Smith.

NEWTON GREEN CAPTAIN'S DRIVE IN



New Newton Green Golf Club captain Steve Wordley drove off his season with a 248 yard drive down the first fairway. A single handicap golfer, who started with the club as a junior, he follows in the recent footsteps of his father Harry as club captain. Steve is also seen with outgoing captain Tony Hayward taking his ceremonial last put before retiring.

BOXFORD ROVERS YFC NEWS

Making the headlines for Boxford Rovers this month are our under 12's and under 9's in cup competitions. The under 9's played in the fourth round of the league cup against one of the best teams in the league, Cornard Dynamos Blues, and lost by the narrowest of margins 1 - 0. This was an excellent performance from our youngest team and proves the future for Rovers is in safe hands. The under 12 team are through to the quarter finals of the Colchester Open Cup after beating visitors from the Chelmsford area, Broomfield Youth, 5 - 3. Can they go further? If they put in another team performance like this then the answer is "quite possibly".

The under 10's have moved up to third in the table after toppling league leaders Reed Hall Sentinals 2 - 1, in probably their best performance of the season. When they play to their best they need fear no one.

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The under 14's team are on the lookout for a couple of new players for next season. If you are currently in year 9 and want to join in Boxford Rovers success, then email Malcom on malc555@aol.com



Above: Pictures of our players are always available, but Boxford Rovers really appreciate our stalwart supporters, two of which are pictured watching the under 12's.

EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB

As April approaches, now is the time to check your kit for the new season. If you haven't played for a few years, only wish to practice or perhaps play the odd game or two, get in touch with us. We have an extended fixture list this season with some friendlies during June and July that would suit occasional and junior players. We had a successful season last year finishing runners up in Division 3, so this year will be challenging in Division 2. Our season starts on 19th April, with the first league game at home on 26th April against Earl Stonham.

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EDWARDSTONE JUNIOR CRICKET

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