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FUN AND GAMES NIGHT



Above: The 'Fobtastic Four' winners of the Fun and Games Night representing FOB's (the Friends of Boxford School).

Boxford Community Council Fun and Games Night 30th January.

A good time was seen to be had by all. Lots of noise, lots of healthy but friendly competition, lots of fun and lots of drink consumed by most !! Congratulations to Emma Cook's team FObTASTIC FOUR who gained the prestigious title of Indoor Fun and Games Champions 2010 with a score of 266. The top 5 teams were within ten points so that will sharpen up the appetite for next year. A good profit was made on the night which will eventually go back into the village through our grants scheme.

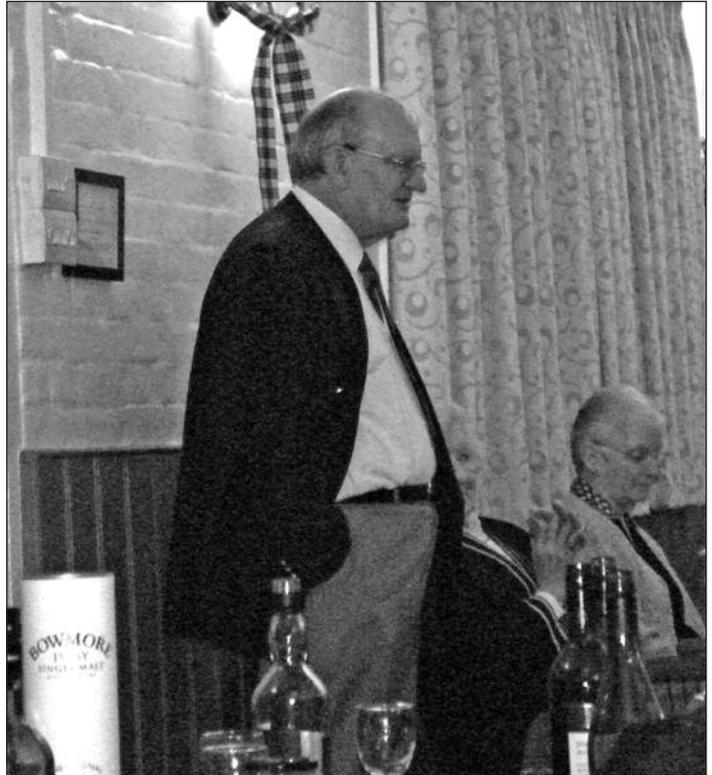
Many many thanks to all helpers who turned out and kept a lid on things and to the team on the Social Committee for a great effort, look forward to next years championship.

Peter Hibben Social Committee Chairman.



Above: Getting down to it. Two of the teams battle it out on the table top football.

NEWTON'S BURNS NIGHT SUPPER



Above: Alan Vince in the middle of one of his many anecdotes.

The Burns night supper at the Village Hall in Newton lived up to its reputation of excellence. This year it was regretted that the Piper, having reached a certain age for the umpteenth time, felt he could no longer muster enough breath to play his pipes for the Parade of the Haggis.

Chairman and MC, Alan Vince, kept the evening moving with his many amusing, if not pleasantly corny jokes and the Haggis accompanied by tatties, neeps, and a wee dram, was up to Janet Weavers usual high standard. It was noticeable that most of the men were managing a generous portion of seconds. The evening moved on with 'The Immortal Memory', toasts to the Lassies and the Lassies poking fun at the menfolk. Songs and poems rounded off the evening which concluded with the singing of Auld Land Syne.

The team are to be congratulated for providing such an enjoyable evening and our thanks to John and Shirley Taylor for inviting us as their guests.

Ed

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PYLON UPDATE

Email to the editor of BRN from Mark Dawson:

I am writing to update you on the position taken by The Colne-Stour Countryside Association who you featured some time back in your Box River News.

We are implacably opposed to any more pylons and it seems as though the consultation process is flawed as National Grid have failed to offer two known options namely undergrounding and undersea. The latter is the obvious way ahead and their CEO has admitted this in relation to a supply from Scotland to Liverpool. Go to our website www.colnestour.org click here then go to Latest News and scroll down to Pylons. Our latest piece on the issue is in blue.

*Copy of a letter sent to Mr Robin Clarke, OPM National Grid:
Proposed Pylon Route, Bramford to Twinstead*

I have been following developments closely, trying to gain as much information as possible, on the way. One thing that has become abundantly clear is that National Grid (NG) has ignored any possible alternatives to the four routes put forward. What about under sea? As I understand it your Chief Executive has proposed an undersea cable from Scotland down to Liverpool and another on the East Coast. Why has NG failed to put forward this option? Why did NG not give local Councils this option, and undergrounding, for consultation? This would seem to be a breach of its obligations under Section 47 of the Planning Act of 2008.

I cannot find anywhere an assessment of lifetime costs for any of the proposals and most importantly the comparative costs of undersea and undergrounding. The Chief Executive of NG commented, on 23rd July 2009 in an interview with the Independent, in relation to the undersea link from Scotland to Liverpool "It is no more costly than the more conservative upgrade plan"

I cannot find any reference to the fact that once the existing line is upgraded the need for immediate action is considerably delayed. Furthermore it is my understanding that if the overland route were built then it would not be sufficient to handle the additional electricity generated by a new Sizewell and additional Wind Farms. What does NG have in mind to cope with this? Yet another line of pylons? Perhaps NG should start from this point and work backwards to establish the long term requirements, rather than a short term solution, that is totally unacceptable. I think my comments are sufficient to show that this whole matter should

be sent back to the drawing board and the finance officers to properly assess all options.

Yours sincerely *Mark Dawson*

*The following is the position taken by Babergh District Council
Bramford to Twinstead Overhead Line Project*

That the comments as set out below be approved as Babergh District Council's formal response to the National Grid on the Bramford to Twinstead Overhead Line Project: Route Corridor Consultation Study (Stage 1):-

(a) National Grid has not yet demonstrated conclusively that the current proposals are the most appropriate means of achieving the required network improvements and the District Council therefore urges that the options for offshore and underground routing should be fully explored before any consideration is given to over ground routing in any form.

(b) In the absence of such a conclusive study the District Council cannot support any of the proposals.

(c) Whilst not to be construed as support at this stage for any of the options under consideration, the District Council makes the following comments on the options:

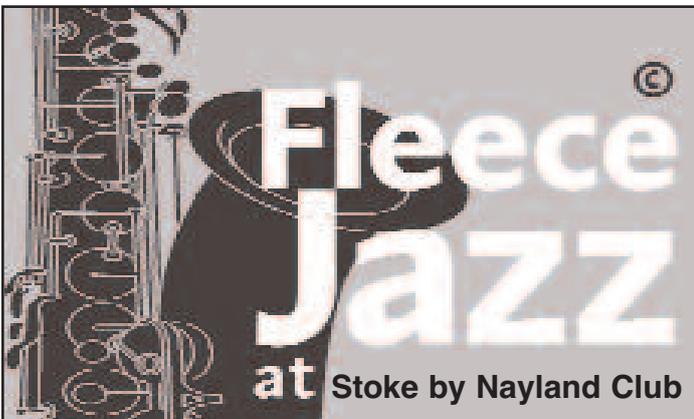
- Strongly objects to the use of Corridors 1, 3 and 4 in any form
- Were Corridor 2 to be selected by National Grid it is insisted that steps be taken to lessen the impact of any powerline by undergrounding the cables.*

(d) The District Council strongly encourages National Grid to pay full regard to the views of local people and their elected representatives before embarking upon Stage Two of their consultation process.

(e) The District Council strongly encourages National Grid to set up a community forum to support Stage Two of the consultation process.

Suffolk County Council also ask whether National Grid has demonstrated conclusively that a new overhead line is the most appropriate means of enhancing the electricity supply network and this is something we will discuss at Cabinet".

Why have the Groton Alliance gone out on a limb to support route 2. Why is it that the letter we have been requested to sign fails to ask why NG have not put forward the option of undergrounding or under sea? Why did NG not give local Councils this option, for consultation? As Mark Dawson said, this would seem to be a breach of its obligations under Section 47 of the Planning Act of 2008. With an election brewing this should be pursued vigorously. Ed



Friday, 5th March, 8.00 Ticket £14

Judy Lewis

Judy Lewis is a world class artist who at the age of seventeen was a nationally recognised classical pianist in the USA. Today she is known internationally as a unique performer and composer of contemporary jazz who has six critically acclaimed albums on the market and the hottest jazz fusion band of Dave Marks bass and Motti Cohen drums, this all adds up to one sensational gig! "She has established herself as a star attraction on the international jazz circuit" Chris Parker

Friday, 12th March, 8.00 Ticket £17

Nicolas Meier

Multi award winning Swiss guitarist Nicolas Meier's knowledge of the guitar allows him to play jazz, latin, oriental, rock and heavy metal, but expect to hear strong Turkish and Middle Eastern influences together with flamenco. Nicolas' band features Marl Lockheart saxophone and Pat Bettison bass and harmonica and Asaf Sirkis drums. The new album is called 'Journey and is highly recommended.

Friday, 19th March, 8.00 Ticket £16

Tommaso Starace

Saxophonist Tommaso Starace writes tunes with a strong component exploring traditional and more contemporary harmony and always maintaining the sense of swing and groove. His repertoire ranges from his own compositions to modern interpretations of standards. Tommaso's passion for black and white photography, painting and cinema are a continual inspiration to his writing and music. Frank Harrison piano, Laurence Cottle bass and Chris Nickolls drums complete his stellar band.

Friday, 26th March, 8.00 Ticket £15

Daryl Sherman

A sparkling mainstay of Manhattan nightlife, Daryl Sherman has been a fixture playing and singing for savvy New Yorkers and international visitors at the Waldorf Astoria's famed Cole Porter Steinway. Her swinging approach is sprinkled with anecdotes, instrumental solos and creative vocal interpretations from the Great American Songbook. Her many recordings have received critical praise and international airplay. Daryl's latest recording is Johnny Mercer, 'A Centennial Tribute'. She is accompanied by Dave Cliff guitar and Jeremy Brown bass. "Effervescent and madly talented" Rex Reed, New York Observer "A first rate singer / musician" Artie Shaw

AND JUST A TASTE OF OUR SPRING 2010 SEASON

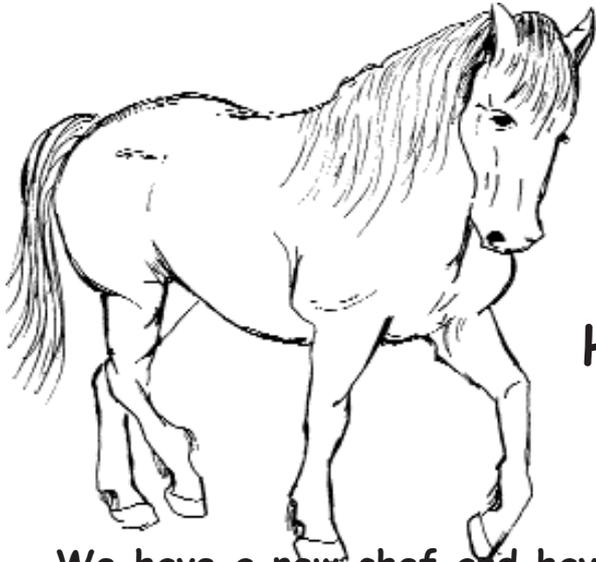
We eagerly await the Fleece debut of Kyle Eastwood and the return visit of Jacqui Dankworth together with the Memphis based Hammond organ / piano vocalist Charlie Wood who also makes his Fleece debut.

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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Soap Box

Doesn't the weather get you down from time to time? Not that I wish to sound like a serial complainer, but having just returned from Florida – "America's Sunshine State" – where the weather resembled more a damp English November than a sub-tropical holiday paradise, I feel I've been short changed by the climate. After all, aren't we all being told that global warming is a reality? But where exactly is it taking place?

Far be it from me to doubt the warnings that have been showered upon us from those who would have us believe that Armageddon, in the form of parched fields and dwindling water supplies, is imminent, but experts are truly divided as to what is actually happening. A friend, and occasional contributor to this journal, met a climate scientist on holiday (in the Amazon basin, would you believe) who opined that nothing that had so far taken place could be considered as outside reasonable variations in our weather.

And there was all that fuss over doctored emails from a local university that might have skewed the argument towards the climate change concernchiks. Perhaps this is a debate in which vested interests are just a little too partisan, but just now I consider our weather, far from resembling more a Mediterranean pattern, is actually getting worse. Or could it be that these aging bones simply feel the cold more easily these days.

Whatever is really taking place (and I am not so naïve not to recognise that a rising global population and growing industrialisation will inevitably have an impact on the natural world), I do feel that the fuss presently being made is ill-judged. Of course we need to pollute less and recycle more, but achieving the right balance with the needs of an aspirational growing middle class from what we currently style the "emerging world" will need more than soft slogans on how to be "Green".

As it happens, the Tora household is something of a recycling convert, with little household waste reaching our black bin. We have become experts in finding where to get rid of the more awkward objects capable of being recycled. But in America finding any recycling site was a task in itself. They existed, as did the boxes that households used to dispense of appropriate items, but they were less in evidence than here.

In Portugal it seems that every street corner has an "Eco Ponto" range of bins. My apologies to any Portuguese speakers if I've got the name wrong, but I have been truly impressed by the ease with which recyclable items can be disposed of in that country. These containers are, as like as not, buried underground, with access through relatively unobtrusive bins on the surface. The contrast with our own giant wheely bins – often full to overflowing – is hardly favourable to us.

Although I have not visited mainland China, my guess would be that recycling plays a less important role there. Their priorities lie elsewhere – hence the line they are taking over reducing pollution, or rather, how any reduction is paid for. Whether a greener world will do anything to improve the weather is debatable. In the meantime I cannot wait for the Spring and an end to the bleak, grey skies that have been such a feature recently. I live in hope, of course.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.



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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Boxford Gardens Open – 2010

Whether you are a keen gardener or you just like admiring the handiwork of others (perhaps both), it's never too early to book Gardens Open in your diary. The date next year will be Sunday 6th June. Keep it free and enjoy another tour round the gardens of Boxford. A special plea: I hope Boxford gardeners who opened last year will note the date and open again. I will, of course, be writing to you in the New Year. And can we have some new gardens?

Joan Smith, who has made the lunches such a central part of the day, has decided it is time to hand this over to a new team. If you would be willing to help with the catering in any way, from cooking to serving the lunches in the Village Hall, or helping with coffee and teas both in the Church and in Boxford gardens, please let me know. I shall also be looking for volunteers to sell programmes and garden-sit on the day. All offers of help will be very gratefully received and acknowledged. Elizabeth Wagoner (elizabeth.wagoner@btinternet.com or 210223).

Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood Team

PCSO 3193 Siobhan Hemmett & PC 182 Stephaine Roe covers Little Waldingfield, Gt Waldingfield, Newton, Acton, Bures St Mary, Chilton, Leavenheath, Assington & Little Cornard

PCSO 3065 Penny Molkenhain and PC 1142 Ensie Howe covers Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Lindsey & Milden

We can be contacted on 01473 613500 or 999 in an emergency, email baberghwest.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk, we also have a website which gives useful information and where the team will be over the next 3 months and this can be accessed by onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk/WestBabergh

We have a priority setting meeting which members of the Babergh West public can attend and the next one is 25th February at 11.00 - 12.00 noon at Glemsford Social Club Glemsford. The next one after that will be on the 18th March at Acton Village Hall, Acton again 11.00am - 12.00 noon. *PCSO 3193 Siobhan Hemmett*

Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood Team, Police Station

Helping Hands

We need your help - Are you able to assist

Helping Hands, a registered Charity, needs your help! Our aim, is to assist the Sudbury Resource Centre with fund raising events and also to maintain the services that our Sons and Daughters enjoy within the superb community where they work together.

Over the years our committee has raised thousands of pounds, and our most recent acquisitions include a new Trailer and a new Polytunnel for the recycling and horticultural projects, which will prove to be very beneficial. However, we now find ourselves without hardly sufficient committee members to form a quorum to make our meetings valid. We cannot allow this to continue, and it is of paramount importance that we find new members who are prepared to attend our meetings on a monthly basis, are willing to raise money for the centre and fight tooth and nail to maintain the wonderful Care Services and Projects that the adults with learning difficulties enjoy at the moment.

Please give this request your earnest consideration, and contact either of the undersigned should you be able to help!

Anne Molyneaux 01206 262698 Secretary Helping Hand

Paul Fullbrook 01206 262979 Member Helping Hands

Marion Corner, the Manager at Sudbury Resource Centre situated on the Northern Industrial Estate, is seeking volunteers with some gardening experience, who are prepared to give some time towards keeping the Horticultural Project on an even keel. You would work beside people with learning difficulties and their staff and would help in transplanting, propagation and general garden maintenance on all types of flower plants and shrubs. Any time that you could give would be much appreciated, and would contribute towards the well being of the S.R.Centre.

Please contact Marion on 01787 296090 for a chat, or to be shown around the Horticultural Project! Thank You

Real benefits to cutting back on salt

Healthy Ambitions Suffolk is encouraging everyone in the county to boost their health by cutting back on salt in the run up to National Salt Awareness Week. Taking place between 1 and 7 February, the week aims to encourage everyone to eat a healthier diet by reducing their salt intake. The benefits are well worth the effort, and will help increase a sense of wellbeing while cutting the risk of developing illness and serious

disease.

A high salt diet can not only lead to high blood pressure but also osteoporosis, stomach cancer, kidney stones and stroke. Each year, more than 150,000 people in the UK have a stroke, and its estimated that there are three million people in the country with some form of osteoporosis, costing the NHS an estimated £2.3 billion annually.

Through its healthy eating campaign, Healthy Ambitions Suffolk is asking people to always check food labels for salt content and avoid products with high levels of salt. By checking the label for nutritional information you can compare different brands and choose those that are lower in salt and fall within the recommended daily intakes of a maximum of 6g a day for adults and between 2g and 6g for children, depending on their age.

Sally Hogg, head of health improvement partnerships at NHS Suffolk, said: "Making small changes to the way we buy and consume our food can result in real benefits for the whole family. Simply being more aware of the salt content in the food we buy, and buying those products with less salt, can make a huge difference to health and wellbeing.

"And if you add salt while cooking your food, why not try other flavourings such as herbs and spices instead? By making small changes, your palate will soon adjust and you won't even notice the fact you're not using as much salt.

"Its very important to get the balance right, and we should all be looking to eat a healthy diet which includes plenty of starchy foods like bread, rice and pasta, at least five portions of fruit and vegetables and a moderate amount of meat and dairy each day."

For more information about Salt Awareness Week, visit www.actiononsalt.org.uk

GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

The Trustees will meet in April to consider applications for grants from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the area of benefit as defined by the Charity Commission. This is the area of the 'ancient parish of Groton' as shown on the 1881 Tithe Map, and includes Homefields, Partridge Close, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church.

Following the review of our objectives, we can now also consider applications from organisations in parishes adjacent to Groton whose activities can be shown to benefit Groton parishioners.

Applications can be made for various purposes in case of need or hardship, and particularly in support of costs arising from a medical condition or emergency.

Would anyone who wishes to apply, or knows of someone in need of help, please contact

Jeremy Osborne

Clerk to the Trustees. Groton United Charities, Waterside Barn,

Groton Street, Groton, Sudbury CO10 5EE

If you need advice on whether you or anyone you know would be eligible, please contact the Clerk on 01787 211960.

Little Hall in Lavenham

Do you like meeting people? We need volunteers to greet visitors to Little Hall in Lavenham, and to tell them about the house and its history. Little Hall is now a museum completely staffed and managed by volunteers. Training will be given and we have a well-tryed induction process. We also need people who can help with events and provide support in a variety of areas. If you would like to know more please contact Vic Flute by emailing info@littlehall.org.uk or phoning 01787 247554.

NEWTON FETE 2010 - THE WILD WEST

SAT. 12TH JUNE - HIGH NOON 'TIL 4

FOLLOWED BY BARN DANCE & HOG ROAST

- 7.30 'TIL LATE!



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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STEVE & HELEN COTTEE, ALSTON HOUSE, CHURCH ROAD - 881286

Wot's On

BARN DANCE

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR SOPHIE CUNNINGHAM'S
FIELD TRIP TO AFRICA, SUMMER 2010

Saturday 6th March 7.30 - 11.30pm Dancing to the "Hosepipe Band"
£10 to include ploughman's meal. Licensed Bar
Tickets available from Boxford News, or telephone 01787 211592

Polstead Digital Cinema

Forthcoming films:

Friday 19th March "Bright Star"

Tickets £3.50 from the village shop or telephone 01787 210029
Doors open 7pm film starts at 7.30pm

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Here are some important dates for your diaries.

20th March Quiz Night. 15th May Beetle Drive.

3rd July Car Treasure Hunt.

11th September Alternative Horticultural Show.

13th November Quiz Night.

Whilst the Horty Show was well supported this year with entrants it did not attract the expected surge of visitors. We are therefore hoping to broaden the appeal by adding other attractions. For example, if any villagers who have hobbies and would like to display or demonstrate them, we would be pleased to hear from you.

The Assington Group of Artists

After their well-attended and very successful exhibition in 2006, the Assington Group of Artists will be back with another show on March 13th and 14th in Assington Village Hall. Doors will open from 10am - 6pm on Saturday, and 10am - 3pm on Sunday.

The Group is made up of 36 artists who meet weekly to paint under the tutelage of a well-known local artist, Belinda King. They come from all over Essex and Suffolk, as far afield as Ingatestone and Bury St Edmunds, with the core of the group hailing from around Colchester and Sudbury. Many exhibit their work locally, and several are members of the Colchester and Suffolk Art Societies. Elizabeth Gardiner and Sue Beven are two artists within the benefice who will be exhibiting.

The exhibition will include a wide selection of work, including drawings and paintings in oils, acrylics, watercolour and pastels with subjects ranging from traditional representational images to abstracts - something for every taste. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the Bridge Project in Sudbury, which does wonderful work assisting disadvantaged adults within the community. *Sue Beven*

STOKE BY NAYLAND ANTIQUES FAIR

Saturday, March 13 from 10.30am to 2.00pm

Furniture, upholstered chairs, stools, mirrors, old copper, maritime collectibles, jewellery, pictures, glass, books & more. The Fair is at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall...FREE entrance. Refreshments are being served in aid of TWAM - Tools With A Mission - a charity to which local people commit time and energy, to send tools, sewing machines and bicycles to villages in Africa.

For information and enquiries about the Antiques Fair telephone *Wendy Prescott* on 01206 262087

BOXFORD WI

At our February Meeting we were treated to an exceptional talk by Flight Lieutenant Laura Hearnshaw a Helicopter Pilot from the Search and Rescue Team stationed at R A F Wattisham

Laura using laptop pictures and equipment showed us the type of work she and her colleagues do, this work often done in very difficult conditions. What would we do without these brave people helping us all whether on land or at sea we are all very lucky to have them

We would recommend this talk to other groups who use speakers

Book Club meets at Heather's house on February 24th when we shall be reviewing *The Road Home* by Rose Tremain

Craft Club meets at Mary's House on March 11th when we shall be doing Beading

On March 3rd we shall be welcoming back Jonathon Lambert who will be talking on jewellery

We welcome any visitors to our meetings we charge £2 for the meeting which includes Tea or Coffee and Biscuits.

BARN DANCE

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR SOPHIE CUNNINGHAM'S
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SATURDAY 6TH MARCH, 2010

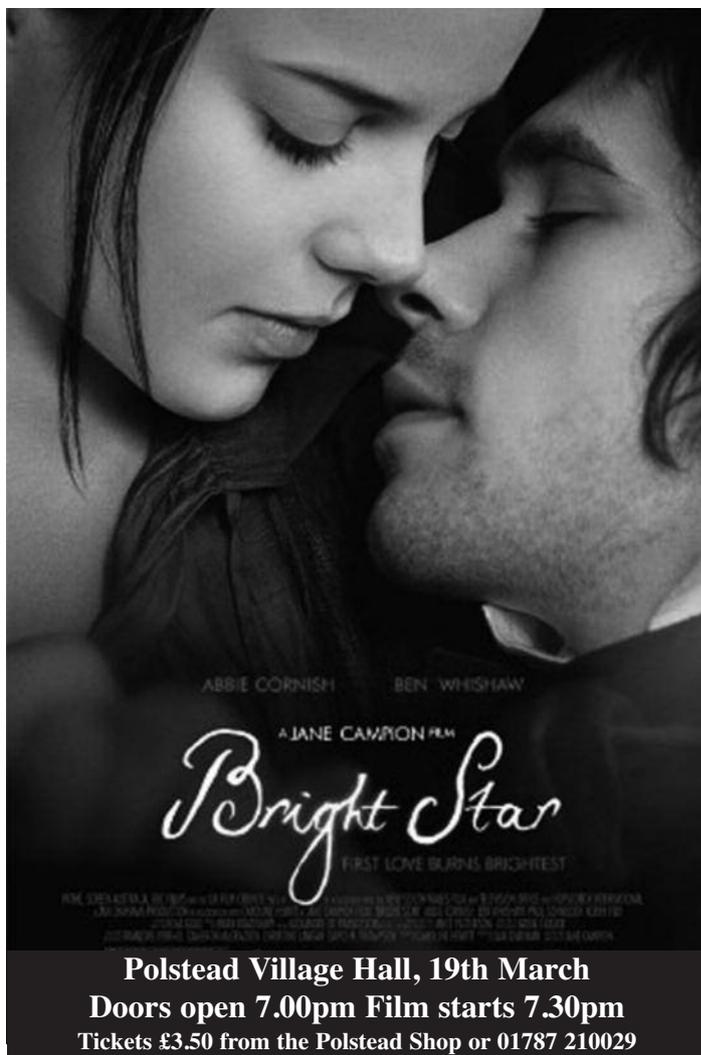
7.30 - 11.30PM

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Bright Star

FIRST LOVE BURNS BRIGHTEST

Polstead Village Hall, 19th March
Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm
Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Shop or 01787 210029

Wot's On

Boxford Drama Group A Brush with Comedy

The Walling family seem like any other middle class family living in Hampstead. Henry is a successful psychiatrist, his younger sister Anne is a high school teacher with aspirations of becoming head teacher, and youngest sister Sarah is a former drama student who spends most of her time listening to her I-pod. Their mother is a little...eccentric, and father...well, he passed away under extremely dodgy circumstances. Then one day the Wallings decide to get the chimney swept, and something nasty is discovered up the flue. A dead body. Who was he – and how did he get there – and what does Mother know about it?

Frantic to keep the discovery a secret, the family attempts to fend off a nose-y detective inspector whom mother seems intent on confessing all, Henry's horse-jumping champion fiancée who catches him seemingly writhing about on the sofa with an attractive and needy foreign female client demanding he cure her of her "urges," Sarah's obnoxious boyfriend who comes to the conclusion the whole family is mad, and an opportunist chimney sweep who figures the family will gladly hand over enough to pay for a brand new off-the-back-of-a-lorry entertainment system for his silence...and to get rid of the body.

Brush with a Body by Maurice McLoughlin is an old fashioned British comedy farce, presented by Boxford Drama Group at the Boxford village hall on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th March at 7.30pm. Tickets (£6 Thursday – no supper; £12 Friday and Saturday with supper) will be available from Saturday 20th February from the Boxford newsagents.

ENJOYING OLD CHURCHES WITH ROY TRICKER

Saturday, March 20th at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall

We are most fortunate that Roy Tricker, whom some of you will know, has kindly agreed to give us an illustrated lecture about East Anglian Churches. Roy is a Lay Reader, and has both an extreme knowledge and an abundant love of old Churches; he has written books on the subject, and also about 200 church guides. We know that this will be a very entertaining talk, and together with some light refreshments, it will be a fun evening not to be missed. Please bring your own wine if you wish; glasses provided and also a Fruit Punch. Tickets at £6 each available from members of Groton PCC, and all proceeds will go to the Parish Church of Saint Bartholomew. Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]

Boxford Over 60's Club

Meetings in the Village Hall at 2.30pm on:

Monday 1st March. Mr Grant Elliot - History of Monopoly

Wednesday 15th March To be announced

Monday 27th March Mr Chris Winter - Where there's a will there's a relative. *Shirley Watling* (Sec) Telephone 210024

FOBS QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 20th March 2010

Friends of Boxford School are holding their Annual Quiz Night at the School Hall on Saturday 20th March 2010. Quiz Start time is 7.30 prompt. Doors Open from 7pm. £5 each per head. Teams of up to 8 people. Refreshments available and Licensed Bar. Raffle. To book tables please call *Sharon Ireland* on 210302, *Stephanie Atkins* 210444 or pop into the school office.

Film @ Quay presents

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Tickets £5.00 Children £4.00 And are available from the Quay Theatre Box Office on 01787 374745 (boxoffice@quaytheatre.org.uk).

LENT LUNCHESES

Lent Lunches are to be held in the benefice this year on the following Wednesdays, from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm:

3rd March – at Mary's House, Boxford (hosted by Groton PCC – in aid of Haiti earthquake relief)

10th March – at 3 Daking Avenue, Boxford (hosted by Gill Nation – in aid of Save the Children)

17th March – at Newmans Hall, Little Waldingfield (hosted by Anne Miller – in aid of Help for Heroes)

31st March – at Mill Green End, Edwardstone (hosted by Pam & Antony Dodd – also in aid of Help for Heroes)

Come to meet friends and share a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese.



Boxford
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Management Committee

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Boxford Playing Fields AGM will take place on 13th April 2010 at 7.30pm in The Pavilion

We hope you will come along and support your Playing Fields. We are looking for helpers as well as members of the Committee.

So please support us to keep the playing fields for everyone's enjoyment.

QUIZ NIGHT EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL SATURDAY 13TH MARCH 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

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Wot's On

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27th March 8.00pm to 11.30pm

Entry £4.00

At Newton Village Hall

For more information telephone Paul Goodchild 01787 372478

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in the Long Melford Royal British Legion Hall

Cordell Road, Long Melford

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Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding

There will be a Quiz Night based on "Who wants to be a Millionaire" in Polstead Village Hall on Saturday 6th March, 7 for 7.30pm. Proceeds to the Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding. Teams of 4. Licensed bar. Tickets £10 to include fish and chip supper (vegetarian option available if advanced notice given), available from the Shelley Centre or send sae to Diane Godfrey, Stable House, Tye Lane, Bramford Tye, Ipswich IP8 4JZ, cheques payable to the Shelley Centre.

Gainsborough Drawings From the Collection

Until 20 March 2010, Gainsborough's House in Sudbury, Suffolk, is mounting an exhibition of Thomas Gainsborough's drawings from the permanent collection.

This fascinating display of works on paper focuses on Thomas Gainsborough's interest in rural life and the landscape. Inspired as a young boy by the Suffolk countryside, Gainsborough was one of the first artists in Britain to depict both observable and imagined views of the land. This exhibition will include drawings from or covering the artist's entire career from an early pencil drawing, c. 1748, of a wooded landscape reminiscent of the Suffolk countryside, to the complex composition of Peasants Going to Market and the Study of a Woodman, produced a year before the artist's death in 1788. The selection has been chosen mainly from the Gainsborough's House permanent collection and is augmented by some important loans, such as Gainsborough's Study for the Harvest Wagon.

Alongside the work of Gainsborough, the exhibition will also feature work by a few other artists of the period, such as Thomas Barker of Bath and Gainsborough Dupont, Gainsborough's studio assistant and nephew, who were inspired by the landscape and indeed influenced by Gainsborough.

LE JARDIN SECRET

MAKES SUFFOLK VILLAGES FESTIVAL DEBUT

Sunday 14 March 2010, 6pm, St Mary's Church, Boxford

Le Jardin Secret – Veiled: Music for Holy Week

Elizabeth Dobbin (soprano), Romina Lischka (bass viol)

Sophie Vanden Eynde (theorbo), David Blunden (harpsichord)

One of the most highly acclaimed young groups currently performing baroque music makes its Suffolk Villages Festival debut in St Mary's Church, Boxford on March 14.

The group, first-prize winners at the 2007 International Young Artists Competition in York, boasts a French name, "Le Jardin Secret", but actually comprises two Australians, an Austrian and a Belgian. "Secret garden" in French refers to the human heart.

The Daily Telegraph described Le Jardin Secret's first CD, released on the Coro label, as "superb". The Independent's reviewer said the instrumental pieces performed on the disc were "delicious".

The title of the group's pre-Easter Boxford programme, "Veiled: Music for Holy Week", reflects the fact that the authorities in pre-revolutionary France banned performances of secular music during Holy Week and even insisted that religious paintings in churches be veiled. In Boxford, Le Jardin Secret – comprising a soprano, harpsichordist and players of the bass viol and theorbo – will perform expressive motets and instrumental works by such well-known French baroque composers as Martin Marais, Marc-Antoine Charpentier, Louis Couperin and his famous nephew Francois.

For further information about the group visit www.lejardinsecret.com.

Louise Jameson, Administrator, 01206 366603

www.suffolkvillagesfestival.co.uk

Little Waldingfield Open Gardens

The date is Sunday June 13th and the centre of activities will be in the Parish Rooms, tea's coffee's and refreshments, tickets will also be sold from here for entry to all the gardens. There is copious car parking on the playingfield and as the the village is fairly compact walking to most gardens is possible. There is a marvellous mix of gardens to visit, the hidden cottage gardens, gardens with unusual plants and more formal ones. All proceeds are going to the RNLI Eastern Region

Audrey Ewen 211466

Boxford Gardening Society

Patio Gardening and Gardening in Small Spaces.

Tuesday 16 March 2010.

This talk to be given by Rodney Tibbs, journalist and writer.

The talk will take place in Boxford Village Hall at 7-30 pm.

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

For membership please contact:

Mrs Elizabeth Wagener on 01787 210 223.

Forthcoming Events

April 3rd Visit Little Blakenham Woodland Garden - Meet there 2.30pm

20th Bridge End Garden Restoration - Boxford Village Hall - 7.30pm

May 18th An Evening with Bees Boxford Village Hall - 7.30pm

Adult Acting Workshop From HADS

Hadleigh Amateur Dramatic Society in conjunction with the fantastic New Wolsey Theatre invites all adults interested in the performing arts to join us at this unique event. Here is your chance to learn new skills or polish existing skills. Experts from the New Wolsey Theatre will be covering a range of acting techniques from character building to voice control, all this for the nominal fee of £2:50.

Niki Seager, one of HADS's leading directors with a track-record of running highly praised junior workshops for many years is now turning her talent to us adults. Niki and the team from the New Wolsey Theatre promise that this will be an evening of fun and inspiration for all.

There is no need to book or buy tickets in advance, just turn up at 7:00pm on Thursday 11th March at the Beaumont Community School, Durrant Road, Hadleigh. (Post code IP7 6GD for all you Sat Nav users.) A nominal fee of £2:50 to cover costs will be charged at the door. Participants will also need to join HADS on the night for insurance purposes (there will be no charge for this).

For more information contact Niki on 07531 184234

or Peter on 01473 824033.

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DUCK RACING NIGHT

YES, ITS BACK !!

Following the fantastic evening we had last year we are once again presenting a Duck Racing Night.

This will be held on Saturday 22nd May at Boxford Village Hall.

Ticket will be priced at £5 which will include a supper.

There will be a bar. A tote will be run at £1 per ticket.

There will be six races with six ducks in each race, you are invited to either sponsor the race for £25 or buy, name and race a duck for £5 (You can elect to race it yourself or nominate a jockey). A quality bottle of wine is presented to the winning owner of each race.

There is a seventh race which will be auctioned on the night.

Doors open at 7.30pm. First race is at 8.00pm

Come and enjoy the experience and thrill of 7 action packed races.

To reserve a table of 8, buy a duck or sponsor a race contact Peter on 210819. Ticket will also be on sale at Boxford News we hope. Get in early !! its going to be popular.

What's On

BBC comes to Boxford!

The Fleece on Thursday 25th February.

BBC Radio Suffolk will be broadcasting live from The Fleece public house on Thursday 25th February. What's more, Boxford band, This Boy Wonders, will be headlining the event together with Haverhill outfit, Umbrella Assassins.

The show, which will go out live throughout the county between 7 and 8pm, is part of the BBC Introducing series presented by Graeme Mac and Richard Haugh.

BBC Introducing is the corporation's platform for showcasing new bands throughout Suffolk. The broadcaster chose three venues to start their BBC Introducing "On Tour" series and The Fleece was selected as the second of the three shows.

It is a real coup for The Fleece as the pub seeks to win back its previously held reputation as a top music venue. Previously it was home to 'Jazz at the Fleece' on Friday nights which featured top acts such as Jamie Cullum. However, the Jazz club has moved away from Boxford and the venue is now looking once more to promote top acts from around the world.

Sam Baker, a renowned Texan singer-songwriter, is booked in for later this year and plans are in the offing for a music festival to be held outdoors at the pub during the summer.



This Boy Wonders

The BBC show is also great news for Boxford band This Boy Wonders, fronted by local boy Chris Athorne. The band have been receiving rave reviews since they recorded their first CD entitled "Chasing Rainbows" last June and are due back in the studio this month with a new CD being released in the Spring.

Chris said "We are really pleased to have been selected by the BBC to play the 'introducing' night and we hope as many people as possible will turn up and support us". Fellow band members, Lee Wilkins (Guitar), Rob Lait (Bass) and Mark Willis (Drums) are all resident in the village.

Mark Willis, who is also working with The Fleece's landlord Jay Ianonne to promote the pub as a top music venue said "This is a great platform for both the band and The Fleece and an exciting opportunity to put Boxford on the music map. It should be a great night".

BBC Introducing live takes place at The Fleece on 25th February from 6.30pm. The event is free.

TABLE SALE

CRAFTS - COFFEE MORNING -

3rd April, Leavenheath Village Hall 10am - 2pm £10 a table

29th May Nayland Village Hall 10am - 2pm £10 a table

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A Date for your Diary
DUCK RACE
Boxford Village Hall
May 22nd

Boxford Drama Group presents

Brush With a Body



Boxford Village Hall

Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th March at 7.30pm

Tickets £6.00 Thursday (no supper), £12.00 Friday and Saturday (with supper)
 Licensed bar. Tickets available from Boxford newsagents from 20th February

GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
 PRESENTS



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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS CONT'D

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On behalf of the Boxford Playground Committee I would like to thank the Edwardstone Christmas Committee for their donation of £2400 towards the Playground project. We are most grateful for all there efforts. I here-by offer them, as a reward, the first go! I hope to see all of them flying down the aerial runway in the near future. Talking of which, I would like to announce the start of a new quest. An aerial runway for the children of Boxford. When the new playground was planned we sort to provide equipment for all ages between 3 and 10. Unfortunately funding shortage and time pressure to get the basics built meant we needed to cut back on our original plans. The centrepiece, the crowning glory of our design, the aerial runway, had to be shelved. Inevitably the older children were short-changed as far as provision of equipment goes and now we hope to rectify this with your help. We shall be approaching the Parish and Community Councils for their support too. Therefore, anyone who like me would like to see the members of the Edwardstone Christmas Committee take to the air (and the children of course), should make donations to 'The Playingfield Management Committee' and either send them to Will Bishop, 22 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ or hand them to Richard at the post office.

INFORMAL POLICE 'SURGERIES' AT MARY'S HOUSE

Starting in March, our neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer, Penny Molkenthin, is to hold a twice-monthly informal police 'surgery' in Mary's House. Penny will attend on two mornings when Mary's House is open for tea and coffee. She will be there between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon. The aim is to provide an opportunity for local residents to pop in, whether to seek crime reduction advice, to report crimes, or just to discuss any concerns they may have. The 'snug' upstairs will be available for anyone who wants to speak to Penny on a confidential basis. The dates when Penny will be attending will be advertised monthly in the Box River News. In March, the two dates are Friday 5th March and Thursday 18th March.



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Wot's On

A GALA EVENING OF SONG

AT LAVENHAM CHURCH 20 MARCH 2010

On Saturday 20 March at 7.30 pm the majestic church of St Peter and St Paul, Lavenham, will fill with the music of some of the region's finest voices.

Baritone Mark Saberton and soprano Julie Roberts will be accompanied by prize-winning pianist Wai Sum Chong in a sparkling programme of melody and song intended to usher in Spring and to delight music lovers. Mark, who has sung with both Royal and Scottish Operas as well as at the Aldeburgh Festival, will perform favourite arias from Mozart's Don Giovanni. Julie, well known to Ipswich audiences but now enjoying a far wider reputation, will sing numbers from Gounod's Faust and Dvořák's thrilling Rusalka. There will also be items from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess and show-stoppers from hit musicals such as Showboat and Carousel. The two singers will join forces to perform folk song arrangements by musicians including Ralph Vaughan Williams and Mark's uncle Pete Saberton!

The programme will feature two further special items. Guitarist Martin Plackett, who has recorded with Sir Charles Mackerras and has been heard on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM, will be joined by outstanding stage actor David Knight in the delightful Platero and I by the Italian composer Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. Platero and I, first performed and recorded by the legendary Andrés Segovia, is a work for guitar and narrator based on the lyrical prose-poem masterpiece Platero y Yo by Nobel Prize winner Juan Ramón Jiménez, and is replete with the rhythms, magic and sunshine of Spain's Andalucía. A more striking contrast could hardly be imagined with Stephen Sondheim's A Little Priest from Sweeney Todd. Audiences thrilled to its vibrant performance by Sian Notley and Mark Jenner at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, and it is a pleasure to announce that they will reprise the number at Lavenham!

A Gala Evening of Song is presented by the Quay Fundraisers in aid of their refurbishment programme at the Quay Theatre, Sudbury. Tickets are £10 unreserved, (which includes an interval glass of wine or juice,) and are currently on sale at the Tourist Information Centre in Lavenham (01787 248207), the TIC in Sudbury (01787 881320 and the Quay Theatre Box Office (01787 374745). They will also be available on the door.



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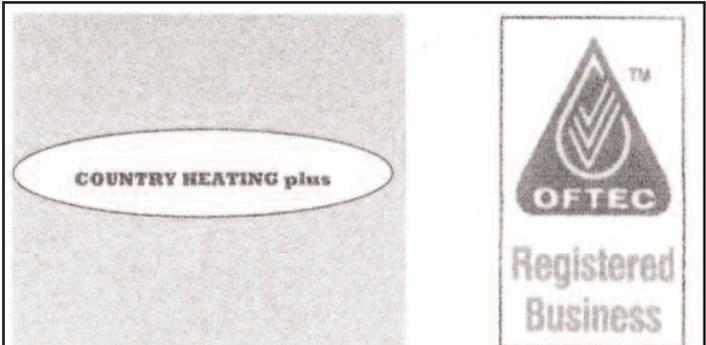
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Forthcoming Events Diary

March

<p>1 Boxford Over 60's Club 3 Boxford WI 3 Lent Lunch 6 Barn Dance 10 Lent Lunch 11 Boxford WI Craft Club 13 Quiz Night 14 Winter Concert 15 Boxford Over 60's Club 16 Boxford Gardening Society 17 Lent Lunch 20 Groton PCC 'Enjoying Old Churches' 20 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room 20 FOB's Quiz Night 21 Little Waldingfield 25/27 A Brush With Comedy 27 40's Dance 27 Boxford Over 60's Club 31 Lent Lunch</p>	<p>History of Monopoly Jewellery Jonathon Lambert Groton PCC Sophies Funraising Boxford PCC Beading Edwardstone Parish Hall Mgt Committee Le Jardin Secret To be advised Small Spaces & Patios Little Waldingfield PCC 'Enjoying Old Churches with Roy Tricker' Quiz Night Lunch Munch Boxford Drama Group Where there's a will there's a Relative Edwardstone PCC</p>	<p>Boxford Village Hall Village Hall Mary's House Boxford Village Hall 3 Daking Avenue Mary's House Village Hall Boxford St Mary's Boxford Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Newnhams Hall Groton Village Hall Parish Room School Hall Newnhams Hall Village Hall Newton Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Mill Green End</p>	<p>2.30pm 2pm 12.-2pm 7.30pm 12-2pm 2pm 7.00pm 6.00pm 2.30pm 7.30pm 12-2pm 7.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 12-2pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 2.30pm 12-2pm</p>
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April

<p>3 Boxford Gardening Society 7 Boxford WI 8 Boxford WI Craft Club 13 Playing Fields Management Committee AGM 16 Quiz & C urry Evening 20 Boxford Gardening Society - 23 Milden Singers Concert.</p>	<p>Visit Little Blakenham Woodland Garden Poems and Book Reading, Janet Dann Tissue Flowers Groton VH Mgt Committee Brdg. End Garden Restoration</p>	<p>Boxford Village Mary's House The Pavillion Groton Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Milden Pavillion</p>	<p>Meet there 2.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30 7.30pm tba</p>
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May

<p>5 Boxford WI 8 Its A Knockout - Summer 8 Coffee Morning and sale 15 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room 18 Boxford Gardening Society 22 Boxford Community Council 26 Groton PCC</p>	<p>Quiz/Silent Auction Fun Day Groton PCC Beetle Drive An Evening with Bees Duck Race Evening Ruby and Her Horses</p>	<p>Village Hall The Playing Fields Mary's House Parish Room Boxford Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Groton Village Hall</p>	<p>2.00pm tba 9.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm</p>
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June

<p>6 Boxford Gardens Open 13 Little Waldingfield Open Gardens 23 Senior Citizens Mystery trip</p>	<p>In aid of Boxford St Mary;s Building Trust Boxford Community Council</p>		<p>TBA</p>
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July

<p>3 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room</p>	<p>Treasure Hunt</p>	<p>Parish Room</p>	<p>TBA</p>
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September

<p>11 Church Sponsored Cycle Ride 11 Alternative Horticultural Show 20 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room 25 Boxford Fun Dog Show</p>	<p>Alternative Horty Show</p>	<p>Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room Parish Room The Playing Fields Boxford Village Hall Parish Room</p>	<p>10.30am tba 7.30pm 7.00pm</p>
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October

<p>9 Boxford Community Council</p>	<p>Beavers Dance</p>	<p>Boxford Village Hall</p>	<p>7.30pm</p>
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November

<p>13 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room</p>	<p>Quiz Night</p>	<p>Parish Room</p>	<p>7.00pm</p>
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Halcyon Days

By Percy Fletcher Part 2

With the advent of home freezers we now take ice cream as an every day purchase. No shops had the facilities to store such a delicacy and it was left to entrepreneurs to come into the village to supply mainly the children's needs. One such person was a Mr Cooke from Nayland who dispensed his home made ices from an adapted side car of his motor cycle combination. His weekly visit was on a Sunday afternoon, and he made his presence known by the ringing of a handbell. My recollection of the ice cream can dispensed from a tricycle more suited for Urban use but nevertheless pedalled from Hadleigh to the surrounding villages by a rather elderly gent. The greatest impact was the introduction of 'Creamax' ices ,this time dispensed from a motorised van.

Harvest time in the countryside was an event looked forward to by the younger generation. Word quickly spread that so and so was cutting a field which was getting close to being finished. A binder - maybe only 4 feet wide pulled by horses cut the field in a square, commencing at the hedgerow and continued round and round ending up eventually with a small piece of standing corn in the centre of the field. This of course had the effect of driving the rabbits into this small area. Boys and men stood around waiting for the animals to exit, whereupon there was the incredible sight of the assembled company chasing in all directions waving sticks. Depending on the farmer, he might stop cutting operations to allow the dogs to enter the corn and hasten the exit of the rabbits. Lucky villagers were to be seen, cycling home with their catch hanging from the handlebars of their cycles. Sticks used in the chase were suitably notched by their owners indicating the number of animals caught. During the harvest time the Kingsbury boys and myself spent most of the time at Sherbourne House Farm,now occupied by Mr T. Suckling, but at that time by Mr J. Daking. We would probably be about 10-12 years old and used to lead the horses and empty wagons from the stackyard to the fields, returning with a full load. When one looks back one realises what risks were taken, especially when corn was being carted from a field near to Cowpers Wood, known locally as Coopers Wood, which entailed the use of a trace horse, a stallion called 'Nelson', to get the load up the hill to the lane leading to the yard. We were paid 2d. a week for our efforts, but it was not the money, but being able to be with the horses which really counted!.

My father was a keen bowls player and played on the green to the rear of The Fleece. but it has been very much improved since those days. There was no pavilion and the playing surface left something to be desired We boys used to gather there on a summers evening for a specific purpose which was not to watch the game. Playing bowls, being a thirsty game, we were commissioned to run errands to The Fleece for bottles of beer and there always seemed to be a penny change which was given to us. On occasions I have known that members would be short of a player and we would be asked to make up the numbers. Perhaps that's how I first found my love of the game.

We really did have a fire engine in the village together with volunteer firemen. The engine was of wooden construction on iron clad wheels requiring six men to operate it as it was completely manual. Three men either side were required to operate the beast. It was hauled to fires by a lorry owned by Mr T. Skinner of Ashley House,Swan St. and housed in the building opposite to the Fleece the old Jail now the Bus Shelter. The siting of the 'chene' house as it was known was convenient in as much that it was next door to the White Hart and opposite to Mr Peachey's the baker. When there was a fire and the engine turned out, sufficient needs both of a liquid nature and a wholesome nature were loaded onto the lorry. I have a very vivid memory of the engine attending a fire in Stone Street, Mr Waterworth 'Chante Claire' now No 9, and of Mr Brett the Captain, standing in the back of the lorry blowing his whistle for the crowd to get out of the way.

However on the night of 21st August 1934 the engine and the village firemen came into their own, and no doubt many of the old houses in Swan Street would not exist in their present form had it not been for the volunteer fireman and the villagers as a whole. I refer of course to the Mill fire,now the site of the surgery. I have a copy of the East Anglian Daily Times describing the fire, but what is not reported is the fact that at the height of the fire consideration was given to creating a fire break by cutting down the overhang between Victoria Cottage and Kingsbury's workshop in Swan Street nor the fact that at Brick House Farm, in Ellis Street, now 'River Hall', stacks were alight from flaming hessian sacks being blown from the fire, even the apples on my Uncle's tree at 5 Swan Street, now Mary's House, were baked on the side nearest the fire.

What happened to the engine and its present whereabouts is unknown in great detail but it spent its last days in the village in a shed at the back of The Chequers. In 1955. Mr T. Tuke of knoll gate, made approaches for its purchase,and the saga continued under the auspices of the Parish Council until 1960 when an offer of £10 was accepted. The proceeds of the sale together with money left over from the football club amounting to £15 was handed over to the Boxford Playing Field Fund It was a pity that the Rev.

Biddicombe., who at that time was Curate in Charge during an inter regnum, did not agree to it being housed in the Church on the grounds that he did not wish for the Church to become a museum. I was a friend of the King boys, and I spent many an hour with them and their father in the mill.

It is worthy of note that the Boxford & District Fire Brigade owned the building in which the engine was housed, and that the Secretary of the Brigade was Mr Roy King the owner of the mill to which I have referred. In 1940 the Brigade formed part of the Hadleigh & Cosford Joint Fire Brigades.

Whilst on the subject of the mill one can see, near to the village sign, what appears to be a waterfall. This is not an ornamental feature but an essential part of the mill operations. There is in this waterfall a properly constructed circular hole constructed of brick and known by we older folk as the 'gull', the purpose of which was to get rid of the water from the water wheel within the mill. To the rear of the mill was the mill pool which fed water to the water wheel. The water having forced round the wheel was at too low a level to return directly to the river, and so a gully was constructed from the bottom level of the wheel, under the river bed, to discharge through the outlet at the point of what appears to be a waterfall. Often fish including large pike would appear through the hole and lay up in the shallows opposite to the Fleece. I have a vivid memory of the late Archie Rule using his mothers linen prop with a rabbit snare attached, snaring the pike. It was not too difficult if one had a steady hand and approached the fish from the tail end, for the fish were somewhat dis-orientated having been whisked around the mill wheel and confined to a dark tunnel Up until such time as the floodgates to the rear of the mill collapsed after the fire, the river Box to the rear of the mill was wide and deep. Boating, fishing and swimming took place. Another favourite place for swimming was further down river not far from the wash in Wash Lane. This spot was called 'Simpsons Long' and was approached via a meadow usually occupied by cattle. It is now a wonder how we avoided catching a disease for cattle used that part of the river for drinking and other purposes.

Boxford School which I attended until aged 11 years was slightly different to the present day school. If one stands in the road facing the school, the old building to ones left was the Senior section whilst that to the right the Juniors The toilets were to the rear and the least said about them the better, consisting as they did of pail closets and squares of newspaper. In making the building as it is today the Education Authority joined together the two existing buildings, improved those awful toilets and purchased additional land. After the war a tremendous village effort was undertaken - the provision of an indoor swimming pool built entirely by voluntary labour, the materials being purchased from the proceeds of various fund raising events.

I have mentioned the awful toilets at the School but those conditions existed throughout the village. It brings back memories of what I like to describe as the 'Eau-de-Cologne Cart' In 1950 plans were made whereby a mains Sewerage Scheme would be provided,where possible,throughout the whole of the Rural District of Cosford,but until that time a method of 'night soil' collection was operated throughout this village. In the early 1930's the contractor for Boxford was Mr C.Raynham of Brick House Farm (now Riverhall) who had to provide 2 men, a horse and suitably adapted cart to receive the contents of toilet buckets. Memories exist of a cart trundling through the village in the hours of darkness, it being no more than an open topped tank transported on iron clad wheels,drawn by a weary horse who no doubt wished it was doing something else. For the purpose of road safety and to comply with the law, a hurricane lamp hung either side of the vehicle. There really was no need for this as the awful smell from the contraption put its position in the street beyond doubt. The task of the men was to collect from individual properties the contents of pails from small buildings at the rear of properties and deposit same into the open topped tank. In 1939 the contractor for Boxford was Mr S. Ribbans of Tills Farm, Hadleigh Road who received £160 per annum. The vehicle then used boasted pneumatic tyres which was the only advance in technology. This method of collection continued in various forms and by different contractors until the completion of the sewerage disposal plant in Wash Lane in 1953. It must have been a task but one that was essential for the well being of the inhabitants. It was essential, as well as showing ones gratitude,to remember these gentlemen at Christmas!

Before the National Health Service people were encouraged to make some provision for ill health,and for the payment of medication and visits to the Doctors. This village had a resident doctor, Dudley Becket Trueman who lived, and held surgery in a property in Ellis Street called Greenbank. It was not uncommon for someone to have cycled several miles,especially in the afternoon,requesting the assistance of the Doctor, for a bedroom window to open and Mrs Matilda Trueman in a superior voice to announce that the Doctor couldn't come as he was resting, whereupon another window would open and the Doctor himself would put his head out and announce that he would be there shortly.

A TRIBUTE TO FINLAY HUNTER

As I am sure many of you are now aware, regrettably Finlay has taken the decision to step down from the management committee.

The role that Finlay has played with Boxford Village Hall can never be under estimated. He has led the hall through some difficult times and leaves it in a strong position for the coming years, having dedicated a great deal of his time and energy to ensuring that the hall benefited from gaining a new roof.

After some 18 months of intensive work, securing funding and finally constructing the roof I am sure the hall will continue to be an essential asset to the community of Boxford and the surrounding area.

In completing this work we must remember that this is not just about bricks and mortar but about people. We have provided the facility but we must ensure that it is now well used for the benefit of all. Our village hall is a focal point for the community and, in my opinion, ranks as one of the best in the area. This should not just, however, be judged upon the facilities it offers but by the wide range of the activities that take place on a daily basis throughout the year for the benefit of everyone, from young to old.

We know that there are many people in the community that are reluctant to leave their homes and to become involved in all that is on offer to them. Many of these live on their own, so if you know of such people please talk to them and encourage them to come along and to see what is on offer.

So what next I hear you ask. As many will know, the committee is planning to install new windows to reduce energy costs and a disabled toilet as soon as possible to further improve the facilities on offer.

At the present time we have very little left in the renovation fund, therefore we will soon begin a second phase of fundraising events and hope that you will all continue to support us, thus ensuring that the hall remains a vital part of the community for years to come.

The committee and I would like to thank Finlay for all the sacrifices he has made and for the dedication he has shown towards the hall and hope that he and Heather enjoy the time that they will now have to spend together.

Julian Fincham-Jacques, Chair Boxford Village Hall, 01787 210376

Note: Finlay has been awarded a Babergh Community Achievement Award. Full details and the presentation will be in the April BRN Ed

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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.

With effect from 1 October 2009 the benefice will be in a period of inter-regnum. While there is no rector working here, please refer all matters concerning baptisms, marriages or funerals to the rural dean of Sudbury, the Revd Canon Robin King, The Vicarage, Church Square, Bures CO8 5AA; Tel 01787 227315; e-mail robin@rolcking.orangehome.co.uk and a churchwarden for the parish concerned.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

Ruth Kingsbury, Rose Cottage,
Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone tel.211236
Peter Patrick, Amberley,
White Street Green. tel 210346

Looking forward in Lent

Once again we find ourselves in the season of Lent, with Christmas seemingly a long way behind us and spring now thankfully just around the corner.

We also know that there will be a general election very soon, and whoever governs, some hard economic decisions will have to be taken. It will mean for some of us the loss of jobs, and difficult times.

But for me, 2010 will be a very special year, despite the problems it will bring, for by the end of it I will have been married for forty years. Will have served as Reader in the benefice for ten years, & with three lovely grandchildren (at the time of writing a fourth is due!)

All of these things mean a great deal to me and as I look back over those years I can honestly say it is only by the grace and love of God and by the loyalty and love of my wife, that these have been realised.

In Lent we look forward to Mothering Sunday which is a very important time of the year for the church and the community. We are going to celebrate Mothering Sunday this year on 14th March not only with special services (for example in St. Mary's Boxford & St Bartholomew Groton) to celebrate our mothers,

At a time when family life is sometimes seen as falling apart, partly due to changes in law and a taxation system which is against married families, it is good to celebrate the true meaning of family, marriage and motherhood and to reaffirm our commitment that we all need stable families to belong to.

As we progress through Lent I cannot but think of the Messiah who comes to us on Palm Sunday, (28th March.) The special services in the benefice on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & of course Easter Day itself on Sunday 4th April.

Finally, I think of Mary. The Mary who bore Jesus, the Mary whose motherhood we are celebrating on Mothering Sunday, the Mary who went in agony with Jesus, as he suffered and died on the cross, but who also knew the joy of His resurrection on Easter Day. Mary was there for the bad times as well as the good times. Particularly the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee where she instructed the servants to fill the jars with water and said, "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2: 5.)

That is something all of us should bear in mind. When we follow the example of Mary and obey the teaching of Christ, not only do things start to come right, but God's blessing is added to it.

Although we face many challenges in our lives, we know that if we learn to listen to Jesus and obey everything He says, all will come right. I hope you will join us for the services in the Box River Benefice during Lent – and the Mothering Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter celebrations, but most of all I hope you will hear the voice of Jesus speaking to you and that you will learn how to obey it and enrich your lives through what He teaches.

With best wishes
Christopher Kingsbury

Thought for the Month: "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple who he loved standing beside her he said to his mother "Woman here is your son" Then he said to his disciple "Here is your mother" John 19.26-27

When we are distressed who do we turn to: our family, our friends or our church? Mary was immensely distressed witnessing the death of her own son. She stood through the hours of agony. She heard the crowd laughing as he writhed in pain. She must have longed to stop it but was powerless to help. Mary had other sons but they were not beside her on this awful day. The Bible suggests that they were embarrassed by Jesus. So Christ rejected convention and entrusted her care to his disciples rather than her own family.

In this act Jesus indicated how he saw the church: a real family where people care for each other as brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers. Mary must have needed real on going support after the trauma of what she had witnessed and Jesus expected his disciples to deliver that. May God help the Church to be this kind of family. *Caroline Fletcher*

MOTHERING SUNDAY: We are holding a family service on Sunday March 14th at 11.00 am with flowers for our mums distributed during the service. All are most welcome.

Open Gardens 2010: This event is planned for Sunday 6th June. All offers of help & open gardeners please contact Elizabeth Wagener tel: 210223 or elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com. Please also see item elsewhere in the newsletter.

Concerts in Church: The Suffolk Villages Festival are holding a concert in St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday March 14th – Music for Holy Week by Charpentier, Couperin and Lalande. There are more details of the programme on a leaflet in church. Otherwise the booking office can be contacted on 01206 366603, or box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com or www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

Box River Club: Is especially for children 11 years & under. Lots of children may think that God is boring, but he isn't and at Box River Club we see that he isn't and we have a brilliant time. We meet in the school hall at 3.15 pm in term time. During the winter we go into Mary's House & finish about 4.15. There are games, stories, art & fun. We also have a snack during our time together. Why not come along & see for yourselves.

Choir News: The Choir would welcome new choristers - please do come along to a choir practice – each Friday in church at 7.00pm – If the weather is very cold then at Wynne House, Swan Street (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J Copeland)

All Age Worship: The next service is on Sunday March 7th at 10.00am. We are hoping that the youth music groups Explorers & Inspired will lead our worship. Everyone is most welcome.

The Bible Study Group: The next meeting of the group will be at 47 Swan Street on Monday 1st March at 8.00pm, where we continue our study of St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles. All are most welcome.

The House Group: Generally the group meets on 1st & 3rd Thursday's each month at 3.30pm at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford. Everyone is most welcome for this time of fellowship.

Church restoration: Over the next few months scaffolding is being erected in various locations within the church so that the ceilings can be redecorated.

Looking Ahead: The next PCC meeting is on March 11th at 7.30pm in Mary's House. Deanery Synod meets at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th March at St. Gregory's Church Hall. The Annual Parish Church Meeting will be on Sunday April 18th at 11.15 am following the morning service at 10.00 am.

Smile Lines: The Parable of the woman's purse – The Kingdom of God is like a woman's purse. It is full of treasures, but man is at a loss to find them.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

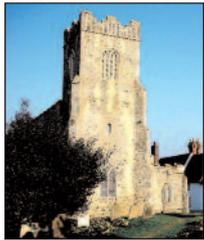
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FLOWER FESTIVAL: There is to be a Flower Festival on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July in Edwardstone Church. There will also be a concert given by Musicology on the evening of Saturday 10th. More details nearer the time. Do please put these dates in your diary now. *Pam Dodd*

Rota:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
March 7:	Mrs Paul	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	No Flowers	Mrs Morris
March 14:	Visiting	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	"	
March 21:	Mr Saddleton	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	"	
March 28:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	"	



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*
Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360
Sue Edwards:
Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

PCC MEETING: Thursday 25th March, 7.30 pm at Mary's House, Boxford.

PCC MEMBERSHIP: Two new members have been co-opted recently to Groton PCC: Mrs Joanna Riddleston and Mrs Kate Mayhew. We welcome them both and look forward to the fresh thinking they will bring to the work of the Council.

PARISH SHARE: It is good to be able to report that Groton PCC paid its 2009 Parish Share to the diocese of £7,503.00 in full. Thanks are due to all who give to our church, with particular thanks to Pat Kennedy Scott, the chairman of the Fundraising Committee whose efforts made this 100% payment possible. In 2010 our contribution increases slightly to £7,581.

REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL:

The church electoral roll is the register of those entitled to attend and vote at the annual parochial church meeting (APCM). Names can be added during the year (six have been added to Groton's roll since the 2009 APCM) but each spring the roll is formally revised to ensure that it is up to date prior to the APCM. This year's annual revision will take place between 7th March and 28th March 2010. Please contact the electoral roll officer, David Lamming, on 01787 210360 if you are not sure whether your name is on the roll, to check whether you are eligible for enrolment, or for an application form. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday 28th March. The APCM is to be held on Wednesday 14th April 2010 at 7.40 pm in Groton Village Hall, when reports will be presented and representatives elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council (more details next month). The APCM will be preceded at 7.30 pm by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect churchwardens.

HAVE YOU MISLAID YOUR GLASSES?: A pair of spectacles has been left in Groton church. They have black sidepieces with a white decoration. They were probably left after the concert before Christmas. If they are yours, you will find them on the ledge behind the small table at the back of the church.

ENJOYING OLD CHURCHES WITH ROY TRICKER

Saturday, March 20th at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall

We are most fortunate that Roy Tricker, whom some of you will know, has kindly agreed to give us an illustrated lecture about East Anglian Churches. Roy is a Lay Reader, and has both an extreme knowledge and an abundant love of old Churches; he has written books on the subject, and also about 200 church guides. We know that this will be a very entertaining talk, and together with some light refreshments, it will be a fun evening not to be missed. Please bring your own wine if you wish; glasses provided and also a Fruit Punch. Tickets at £6 each available from members of Groton PCC, and all proceeds will go to the Parish Church of Saint Bartholomew. Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]

Rota

Sidesman with Sacristan: Ms Edwards
Flowers: No flowers
Cleaning: Mrs Kennedy Scott



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

While there is no rector working in the benefice, please refer all matters for the attention of a churchwarden in Little Waldingfield to David Carse, Pink Cottage, Church Road, Little Waldingfield CO10 0SR. Tel: 01787 247585.

Rota

	Sidesman	Flowers
March 7:	Mr Squirrel	No flowers - Lent
March 14:	Visiting	No flowers - Lent
March 21:	Mr Bowden	No flowers - Lent
March 28:	Visiting	No flowers - Lent



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,
12 Links View. Tel: 312828
John Turner, '
Severn', Church Road. Tel: 372677

General Church News

SUSPENSION MEETING WITH BISHOP CLIVE

The Bishop is consulting the benefice PCCs on a proposal that the "right of presentation" to the Box River Benefice be suspended. If the proposal is implemented, it will mean that our new priest, when appointed, will be a "priest-in-charge," rather than rector. Although there is a commitment by the diocese to appoint a new priest to succeed David Matthews, suspension is proposed to facilitate possible future pastoral reorganisation within Sudbury and Hadleigh deaneries, the stated priority being "to ensure that the pastoral and mission needs in this part of Suffolk are met in the most appropriate manner."

Boxford, Groton and Newton PCCs have asked for a meeting with Bishop Clive to discuss the proposal. The meeting, open to all parishes, is to be held at Groton Village Hall on Wednesday 10th March 2010, starting at 7.30 pm. Do come, both to ask questions and to have your say on this important issue potentially affecting the future of our benefice.

The consultation is not delaying the search for a new priest. You can view the advertisement of the vacancy, together with the 'Benefice Profile' on the diocesan website: <http://www.stedmundsbury.anglican.org/pages/latest/vacancies/Box%20River%20benefice.htm>

The closing date for applications is 9th April, with interviews scheduled for 26th April

LENT AT SOUTHWOLD - CREATION: For those willing to travel to the north-east corner of the diocese, this is the theme of a stimulating series of Lent Lectures to be given in the United Reformed Church in Southwold at 6.00 pm on each of the Sundays in Lent, starting on 21st February. For details see page 4 of the February issue of East Anglican.

LENT LUNCHESES: Lent Lunches are to be held in the benefice this year on the following Wednesdays, from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm:

3rd March – at Mary’s House, Boxford (hosted by Groton PCC – in aid of Haiti earthquake relief)

10th March – at 3 Daking Avenue, Boxford (hosted by Gill Nation – in aid of Save the Children)

17th March – at Newmans Hall, Little Waldingfield (hosted by Anne Miller – in aid of Help for Heroes)

31st March – at Mill Green End, Edwardstone (hosted by Pam & Antony Dodd – also in aid of Help for Heroes)

Come to meet friends and share a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese.

INFORMAL POLICE ‘SURGERIES’ AT MARY’S HOUSE:

Starting in March, our neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer, Penny Molkenthin, is to hold a twice-monthly informal police ‘surgery’ in Mary’s House. Penny will attend on two mornings when Mary’s House is open for tea and coffee. She will be there between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon. The aim is to provide an opportunity for local residents to pop in, whether to seek crime reduction advice, to report crimes, or just to discuss any concerns they may have. The ‘snug’ upstairs will be available for anyone who wants to speak to Penny on a confidential basis. The dates when Penny will be attending will be advertised monthly in the Box River News. In March, the two dates are Friday 5th March and Thursday 18th March.

LENT AT LAVENHAM – OTHER FAITHS: Lavenham Church is

holding a Lent Course entitled “Some other faiths – an introduction”. The five-week course, which will look at Hinduism and Jainism, Buddhism, Paganism, Islam, and Judaism, is to be held at Lavenham Village Hall on Monday mornings, February 22nd and March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, from 9.45 am to 11.30 am. For further details contact Jean Guy on 01787 249067.

THE BIG BREW: On Thursday 4th March, St Andrew’s Church, Great Cornard are hosting a ‘big brew’ event at the church from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. This is party of Fairtrade Fortnight, which runs from 22nd February to 7th March.

OPEN FORUM – Thursday 4th March

The next ‘Churches Together’ Open Forum is on Thursday 4th March, 7.30pm at Sudbury Baptist (refreshments from 7.00 pm). Further details on the CTiS&D website: www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.

OPEN COUNCIL MEETING – Monday 8th March

Churches Together in Suffolk (the umbrella body for the county) are holding an open meeting at Sudbury Baptist Church at 7.30 pm (coffee from 7.00 pm) on Monday 8th March. Tim Everson of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Achievement Service will speak on “Loving our neighbours as ourselves?” All are warmly invited.

EASTER STORY – Saturday 3rd April – disciples wanted!

CTiS&D are presenting the Easter story in dramatic form on Saturday 3rd April. More disciples (non-speaking parts) are needed. Rehearsals each Wednesday, 7.30 pm at Cornard Christian Fellowship.

The Church At Worship March 2010

Wednesday 3rd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary’s House	The Rev David Abel
Thursday 4th Lt. Waldingfield	19.00	Compline at Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord

Sunday 7th Lt Waldingfield	3rd Sunday of Lent 8.00	Holy Communion	(P) The Rev Canon Robin King
Boxford	10.00	All Age Worship	George Barnes
Edwardstone Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion	The Rev David Stranack
	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 10th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion * Mary’s House	Pauline Lamming
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Sunday 14th Groton	Mothering Sunday – 4th Sunday of Lent 8.00	Holy Communion	(P) The Rev David Abel
Newton Green	9.30	Mothering Sunday Family Service	David Lamming
Boxford	9.30	Hymns & Readings	Diana Stock
	11.00	Mothering Sunday Family Service	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 17th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary’s House	The Rev David Abel
Thursday 18th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion* Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord
Saturday 20th Edwardstone	14.00	Holy Baptism	The Rev David Abel

Sunday 21st Edwardstone	5th Sunday of Lent 8.00	Holy Communion	(P) The Rev David Stranack
Lt Waldingfield Boxford	9.30	Holy Communion (with Holy Baptism)	The Rev Christopher Sansbury
	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 24th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary’s House	Antony Dodd
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Sunday 28th Boxford	PALM SUNDAY 8.00	Holy Communion	(R) The Rev David Abel
Groton	9.30	Holy Communion	The Rev Andy Wolton
Newton Green Boxford	9.30	Holy Communion	The Rev Gerald Drew
	11.00	Holy Communion	The Rev Gerald Drew

Wednesday 31st Boxford	Wednesday of Holy Week 10.30	Holy Communion in Mary’s House	The Rev David Abel
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*Holy Communion by extension

NB The readings are for year C of the Lectionary

Copy Date for Church News section in the April Box River News:

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Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785 email address: SEDWARDS1946@aol.com



*Left: A Walls Ice cream trike typical of the period.
Above: Harvest time in Boxford.
Below: The Boxford Fire Brigade with Captain Brett on the wagon.*



Below: Midwife pre Morris Thousand day's

Right: The Eau-de-Cologne cart outside the Chapel in Swan street where Percy went to Sunday School



Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Newton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 15th December 09

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

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Apologies received from Cllrs Vince and Wade, James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) and Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor).

Declaration of Interests: None were declared.

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th November 2009: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

With no members of public present there was no public forum.

Planning:

a. The councillors reviewed and agreed to support Planning Application B/09/01299 Box Valley Barn, Boxford Lane for the change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden (retention).

b. The councillors reviewed and agreed to support Planning Application B/09/01180 Penfold, Sudbury Road for the change of use of garage to dog grooming room (continuing use).

c. There were no further planning applications received.

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

Date of NPC Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th January 2010.

The meeting closed at 6.37pm.

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday 13th January 2010 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: C Blackmore (at 7.45pm), D Elliott, C Fraulo, M Mayhew, J Osborne (Vice-Chair), N Roberts & G Smith (in the Chair).

In attendance: James Finch (County Councillor) & S Gray (Clerk)

1) Apologies for Absence: B Hurren (District Councillor)

2) To Receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on this agenda: Colin Blackmore declared an interest in Agenda Item 9. Planning Application no: B/09/01510/FHA The Old Rectory Groton Street, Groton, Sudbury CO10 5EE. Erection of 3 no. single-storey rear extensions and Planning Application NoB/09/01/1525/LBC The Old Rectory Groton Street, Groton, Sudbury CO10 5EE. Application for Listed Building Consent- Erection of 3 no. single - storey rear extensions. The Declarations of Interest Book was signed.

3) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 4th November 2009 & 30th November 2009: The Minutes of the 4th and 30th November 2009 were approved; proposed by David Elliott, seconded by Mark Mayhew. All in favour

4) To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary: The Clerk reported that the Sudbury Sector Report for the Parish of Groton stated that there were no crimes for the period 29th October 2009 to 31st December 2009.

The Chairman reported that, just prior to the meeting; he had been notified of household oil being stolen from Crown House.

5) To receive a report from Suffolk County Council: James Finch believed that lessons could be learned from the weather and advised Groton Parish Council to discuss the locations for grit and sand in the parish and the purchase of grit bins at a future meeting. James Finch confirmed that the Parish Council can nominate people to clear roads and paths and the nominated persons are covered by County Council insurance. It was agreed by the Council that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

With regard to the update of the consultation process with National Grid Bramford to Twinstead Overhead Line Project, the Chairman allowed Colin Blackmore to update the Council and James Finch at this point of the meeting. Colin Blackmore reported that the Groton Pylon Alliance now consisted of 18 villages including Lavenham and that a report has been sent to Babergh and Suffolk County Council with clear objections and details of core ground objections. The next public meeting of the Groton Pylon Alliance is on 21st January 2010. James Finch confirmed that Suffolk County Council were looking at comments and listening to constituents challenging National Grid. Tunnelling not being an option was being challenged. At this point James Finch left the meeting.

6) Highway Matters: The Clerk reported that the U8331 Castlings Hall Road would be closed between the C720 Parliament Heath and the U8332 Castlings Heath Road to enable carriageway repairs. The diversion route will be via the C720 Parliament Heath to U8332 Castlings Heath and vice versa. The closure will operate from 25th January 2010 to 7th February 2010.

7) Planning Matters: The Clerk reported that she had received information that Flagship Housing confirmed that they are willing to provide the footpath link between Partridge Close and Homefield at no cost to the Council provided that the land required for this is included within the land transfer arrangements for the visibility splay. The provision of the footpath will be subject to approval by Suffolk County Council Highways and their confirmation that any adopted land required for the footpath can be used for its provision

8) Locality Budget: The Council unanimously agreed that the Locality Budget would cover the purchase of a frost stat which the Village Hall Committee had installed to help prevent the freezing of the pipes in the toilet

9) Dates of Next Meetings:

• 23rd January 2010 • 3rd March 2010 • 5th May 2010 • 7th July 2010

• 1st September 2010 • 3rd November 2010. **The meeting closed at 9.05 pm**

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

held in January 2010

Meeting on 4th January

Police Report: The Clerk read from the Police Report covering 11th November to 13th December. During this time 3 crimes were recorded compared to 4 for the same period last year. A lawn mower was stolen from a shed on School Hill, a shoplifter was apprehended at the Village Stores and in a separate incident a window was broken at the Village Stores. The Clerk shared details of the Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood team members. The Sergeant covering Boxford will remain as Liz Ireland and our Community Support Officer remains Penny Molkenhith. PC Enise Howe covers Boxford along with a number of other villages.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, the 3rd quarter budget review was discussed. It showed the finances to be on target with Income at 108% of Budget and Expenditure at 78% of budget at this point in the year.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch reported that the weather was dominating activities at the County Council with various requests to clear ice. The Contractor was working hard to grit all the A and B roads starting at 3.00 a.m. each morning. He did warn that at the severe ground frost temperatures, salt could become less effective. He was actively requesting that sloped areas particularly near health centres and schools were cleared of ice. The team that usually fills the pot holes has been allocated to this task. A request was made for the area in front of Boxford School to be cleared and Cllr Finch agreed to actively pursue this request.

Correspondence: The Clerk had circulated her report ahead of the meeting. Views were to be sought from Stone Street residents regarding the phone box BT were planning to remove. It was possible for Parish Council's to adopt phone boxes without a working phone inside. The Clerk read a letter from SOS Stoke by Nayland who are a group of concerned parents, ex pupils and local businesses who believe there are compelling reasons for Stoke by Nayland Middle School to survive as a High School in the two tier system. It was agreed to seek further information from County Cllr Finch.

National Grid Proposals: The Clerk read a letter from Babergh District Council confirming their Strategy Committee meeting on 11th February was to consider a formal response to National Grid. Parish Council representatives were to be given an opportunity to speak at the meeting. Further public consultation events were taking place in the vicinity. The Groton Pylon Alliance had drafted a potential response to the consultation and had issued to residents. The Chairman agreed to draft a potential response from Boxford Parish Council.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

1) Babergh Council confirmed work can commence to various poplar, sycamore, leyland cypress, willow and field maple at Wynne House, Swan Street.

2) Permission has been granted to erect a side garden wall at Boxbrook House, Rules Yard.

The following applications were discussed: -

a) Listed Building Consent to remove an internal wall at Close Cottage, 1 Broad Street.

b) Notice to work on a conifer tree at Holly House, 53 Swan Street.

c) Application for a bay window at 13 Fen Street.

d) Application for a two storey dwelling at the Old School House, School Hill.

Meeting on 18th January

Police Report: PCSO Penny Molkenhith was present to deliver her report. She advised that she is now only responsible for 5 villages including Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Milden and Lindsey. She is actively promoting Business, Horse and Allotment Watch. She now has further time to spend in the village and get involved with the school. She will attend with the mobile police station and hold regular police surgeries in Mary's House. She reported from 14th December to 10th January there were 2 crimes compared to 4 crimes for the same period last year. One related to a theft of a laptop from the school and the other was a public order offence to which somebody was on police bail charged with common assault. She is reviewing parking problems outside the school and urged vigilance from home owners with regard to their heating oil.

Questions from the Public: A resident of Partridge Close attended to seek assistance to secure social housing in the area. The Parish Council agreed to write a letter upon his behalf to Babergh Housing Department.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report. He confirmed that it was a busy time with the weather conditions and Babergh Council were finally catching up with refuse collection. He was in discussion with Babergh Officers regarding the sweeping of Wash Lane. He was hopeful that Butchers Lane would be dealt with at the same time. The budget at Babergh Council was being finalized with the potential loss of 17 jobs. Charging for long stay car parking was on the Agenda. Babergh continues to make use of economy of scale in joining up services and money continues to be an issue with maintenance of social housing. Local Government Review was continuing.

Suffolk County Council Report: County Cllr Finch was present to deliver his report. He confirmed that irrespective of Local Government Review, far more collaboration and reduction in overlap was necessary. The objective of the County Council is to make sure essential services are delivered. Priorities include education, children in need, care of the elderly and housing. Costs are increasing with regard to the care of the elderly and there are potentially 70 people that will no longer be able to fund their own care. All these factors have been considered in the County Council budget. Details of which will be available shortly. He spoke of the hard work from County Highways and their contractor regarding gritting. Pot-holes are an issue which should be reported in the usual way. With regard to the Pylons, he is involved in scrutinizing the process. The County

GARDENING IN MARCH HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Many shrubs need pruning now to reduce their size and to maintain their shape. Others need cutting back to encourage strong new growth and attractive flower heads. These include the deciduous species of *Ceanothus* Gloire de Versailles, *Garyopteris clandonensis*, *Hydrangea Paniculata* and *Spirea Gold Flame*.

Slightly tender evergreen shrubs like *Hebe*, *Choisya Ternata* and *Sundance* and *Convolvulus Crisorum* may have had their shoots damaged by recent frosts, these should be cut away and new Healthy shoots will soon fill in.

Trees like *Acer Griseum*, *Prunus Serrula*, *Eucalyptus Gunnii* and varieties of *Birch* grown for their attractive bark should have all. Small shoots cut off from the main trunk while they are still small. If left to grow too large before cutting off it will leave unsightly scars and spoil the appearance of the bark.

Complete the pruning of roses early in the month before too much energy is lost producing young shoots which will have to be cut away.

All plants will be soon showing signs of new growth and will benefit from a top dressing of a balanced fertiliser. It will take three to four weeks for the fertiliser to work so it is important to make an early application so that nutrients are available as leaves begin to form. Gardeners often neglect to feed shrubs and young

Trees, yet these benefit as much as any other plants from regular feeding.

Hardy herbaceous borders should be cleared up right away and will be in need of an annual dressing of fertiliser. Choose a

fertiliser which is high in phosphates and potash and low in nitrogen. Hoof and horn, Bonemeal and John Innes base fertiliser are all suitable and release nutrients slowly over a long period.

Overwintering brassicas, like spring cabbage and sprouting broccoli, will benefit from a dressing of nitrogen in the form of nitro chalk, sulphate of ammonia or dried blood.

Choose a warm frost free spell and drain about three-quarters of the water from garden pools and replace with fresh clean water. This will reduce the concentration of salts and toxic material which accumulates during winter caused by decaying plant material and it will also benefit the fish. Begin regular feeding of the fish as soon as they appear active.



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Parish Council Matters

The County Council is gathering information and challenging why new technologies are not being considered. Eighteen parishes were aligned to Groton Pylon Alliance. He is putting pressure on the County Right of Way Officer to resolve the issue regarding Footpath 18. If the issue is not resolved shortly he was to call a site meeting inviting all relevant parties.

Correspondence: The Clerk circulated her report ahead of the meeting. It was agreed to send a letter of support to SOS Stoke by Nayland, the group trying to save Stoke by Nayland School as a High School in the two tier system.

Affordable Homes
Cllr Hurren advised there were 34 people on the waiting list who have both connection and choice for Boxford. Members appreciated that much work goes into devising potential affordable homes schemes which are often contentious. Following discussion members agreed to progress towards a Housing Needs Survey. It was therefore agreed to invite representatives from Babergh Housing and Suffolk ACRE to a future Parish Council Meeting.

National Grid Proposals: Members agreed to respond on the following lines: -
1) Whilst they recognise that the efficient delivery of power to the National Grid is an important consideration for the supply of electricity in the UK, it was essential to minimize the damaging effect that a line of 400kv pylons would have on the countryside.

2) Members felt that the proposals for routes 3 and 4 would have a negative impact on the unspoilt countryside surrounding them, compromising areas of beautiful fields and woodlands.

3) Route 3, if chosen would have disastrous visual impact on the north side of Boxford. It would result in Boxford having a line of large pylons visible to the North and South of the village which was highly undesirable.

4) The consensus was that the minimum disruption to the environment and to our countryside would result from using the existing corridors, corridor 2 is the preferred option where the existing 132kv line would be replaced by the 400 kv line. Members strongly suggest that part of this line which goes through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty be placed underground.

5) In conclusion members felt that National Grid was tackling this project with old fashioned ideas and that solutions that use more up to date technology were being ignored. It is important that the beauty of our countryside with its historic villages and churches, which brings considerable income to our region through tourism is not destroyed forever.

Finance: Details had been received regarding plans to refurbish the toilets in the Village Hall. It was agreed to apply for Locality Budget funds to go towards this project.

Reports from Members: Pot-holes were reported in Swan Street and Stone Street. A 30 mph sign had been knocked over in Stone Street. It was agreed to report to County Highways. Cllr Fincham-Jacques reported plans for a 2012 Street Celebration. Cllr Impett advised the new treasurer for the Playing Fields Committee was Hen Abbott.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

"The last Parish Council meeting took place on Tuesday 26th January 2010, but lack of space does not allow reproduction of the minutes. Any parishioner who wishes to see a copy should contact the Parish Clerk, Mary Thorogood. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd March in the Parish Rooms, Church Road, Little Waldingfield at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend."

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The kitchen block at the orphanage is now complete. Many thanks for all the help and contributions. All profit and proceeds go directly to the orphanage in Entebe, Uganda.

Alison Brain, Joan Smith, Jean Saunders, Anne Holdgate, & Frances Munro.



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Readers Letters

"Dear Friends

I would sincerely like to thank all, who have been so kind and caring in supporting me since the loss of John with beautiful words and gestures of real affection. When I have been feeling sad and lonely, I have actually felt the warmth from the words on the cards and letters that surround me, which has helped me so much.

Thank you for the comfort and strength you have given me.

Marsha Rose

Sir

Family and Friends who attended my 60th birthday celebration s will be pleased to know that donations collected for the East Anglian Children's Hospices amounted to the grand total of £700 which will go in it's entirety to each of the Hospices

Once again, thank you all

John Simpson (Simmo)

Sir.

When I was a member of the Parish Council and it was suggested by Peter Haining that we have a Village Sign and a part of it should feature Tornado Smith much to the consternation of some parishioners, in the end it seemed that the majority decided that Tornado should be on he sign. After the decision had been made. Peter and I were elected to be responsible for getting it done.

From that day I have always tried to keep the sign clean and neat. But the day came when I had to admit defeat (my days of standing on the river wall holding on with one hand had passed) and I watched as the sign began to look very shabby with algae starting to cover it and I was concerned that the paintwork would be affected. But help was at hand I contacted Councillor Michael Norman, with my concerns and they were soon allayed, next day he rang me to say that he and his wife Eileen had just returned from cleaning the sign . The sign looks well cared for again now. More power to your elbows Mr and Mrs Norman I am delighted to pass the baton on to you. Now that's service!

Vic Rice
Boxford

Sir.

Adrian and Beverley would like to thank all Family and Friends who helped celebrate David (Kipper) Williams 60th Birthday party. We think much fun was had by all!

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Beverley Williams
Homefield



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Alongside the curriculum and numerous other activities we do we try to encourage the children to learn about and help others. This term the news has been dominated by the disaster in Haiti and many of our children wanted to do their bit to help the victims. A non-uniform day, where essentially we all have a good time, seemed a little inappropriate so instead we decided to sing hymns to our parents on the playground. The children performed three hymns at the end of a Friday afternoon and collected money from the onlookers. In total they managed to collect over three hundred pounds which is a fantastic amount. Next stop Sport Aid.

Whilst the Spring Term is a relatively quiet one for us all we did hold our Annual Bookweek a couple of weeks ago. As part of the week the children studied the books of Anthony Browne and had a wonderful time exploring his many books and stories. As part of this they held a special assembly and each class put on a presentation based on a book of their choice. It was an excellent week and as a result of the book sales we have just over eight hundred pounds to spend on new books for our library. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the week such a success.

Last week was the annual RSPB Birdwatch and as usual our pupils took part and submitted their data. This year we were joined by Chris Dark from the RSPB and he took groups of our Year 3 pupils onto the school field to see how many species they could spot. Fortunately he brought his telescope along which enabled the children to get a great view of the various birds. It is amazing how many different species are present on our field especially when you consider there are often nearly two hundred children charging about on it. In the next few weeks we hope that one of these birds will take up residence in our nest box and that we will be able to watch as the bird lays her eggs and tends her young through our camera in the library.

Finally I am delighted to be able to report that we will be starting the installation of the gazebo in memory of Jane Whitwell next month. Whilst the gazebo itself will be professionally installed the path leading up to it will be created by a volunteer team of parents and local people. Jane was always a keen supporter of FOBS, our Parent's Association, and over the years many of their projects have been completed by volunteer labour so it only seems fitting that we continue the tradition.

Local Walks in and around the area

Lavenham Rambling Club

Sunday 7th March. The Ryes and Great Henny. Meeting Ballingdon Middleton Road (on Street) (GR TL 869 403) Distance 4.5 miles.

Leader *Clare* 017087 312494

Sunday 21st March Towards Nayland/Stoke by Nayland. Meet Leavenheath Village Hall Car Park (GR TL 948 364) Distance 4-4.5 m
Leaders *Jill and Frederick* 01206 263751/263986

These walks start at 2pm and last for about two hours. Anyone is welcome to join in these walks. Please car share if possible. Parking is sometimes limited. For general enquiries phone *Graham* 01787 248128

Ramblers Association Walks

Wednesday March 10th Nayland. Meet to make a 10.30am start at Leavenheath Village Hall car park (GR TL 948 364). Distance 5 miles.

Leader *Iain Taylor* 01787 370019

Sunday 7th March Little Horkesly via Stour Valley Path and Essex Way. Meet at Harpers Hill layby an A134 (GR TL 960346) postcode CO6 4LJ) Lunch at the Beehive. Distance 10 miles.

Leader *John Watts* 07714 108827.

Sunday 29th March Middleton and Henny. Meet to make a 1030am start from Kingfisher Pool Car Park Sudbury (GR TL 875 410) Distance 6 miles. Leader *David B* 01787 371880

Combined Village Walks. Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland and Lavenham Rambling Club.

Sunday 21st March 2pm start. Everyone is welcome to join in this walk and we do look forward to seeing many people. To meet at Leavenheath Village Hall car park, Wrights Way (off High Road) Leavenheath (GR TL 948 364) for a walk towards Stoke by Nayland and Nayland circular of about 2 hours duration, approx 4.5 miles. Returning to the Leavenheath Village Hall for refreshments. Leaders *Jill* 01206 263751 and *Frederick* 01206 263986. Please wear suitable clothing.

Readers Letters

Dear Editor

Further to the piece titled

"Diary of a Church Mouse" in the February Newsletter.

Recently a customer came into Boxford Stores and stated that they reckoned they were saving as much as fifty pounds a week by shopping in the village rather than going into town.

This only confirms a belief that I have long held that the supermarkets do not necessarily save money over the local shops. The cry should not only be "use it or lose it" but also "use it and save"

Sincerely

Richard Gates Boxford



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YOUNG GOLFER INITIATIVE



Above: Newton single-handicapper Ian Woodhead

NEWTON HOSTS WEST SUFFOLK YOUNG GOLFER INITIATIVE
A NEW initiative aimed at uncovering young golf talent in west Suffolk is to be based at Newton Green Golf Club.

Three professionals and a leading amateur will run the nationally funded, part-time scheme from Newton's golf academy.

Home professional Tim Cooper has been named as lead coach for the initiative run under the auspices of the West Suffolk Golf Partnership. Bungay and Suffolk Water Park, near Ipswich, will be the other bases for the scheme elsewhere in the county.

Tim Cooper will be assisted by Haverhill assistant Ollie Rush and Suffolk Water Park based professional Shane Warren, along with Newton single-handicapper Ian Woodhead, who takes a leading role in Suffolk junior golf and holds a Professional Golfers' Association level one coaching qualification.

The initiative will open with a talent spotting day for youngsters that have already started the game or are about to take it up. This will be held at Newton on Monday, February 15. Details are available by contacting 01787-313215 or 07771-324752.

Thirty juniors, including those based in Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket, will be accepted for the monthly course stretching over six months. Three Newton youngsters, Ben Uttridge, Alice Barlow and Eloise Aldous, have already been pre-selected.

The coaching programme has been drawn up by Ian Woodhead as part of a new national strategy to encourage youngsters to join golf clubs and enhance their skills. The best will move on to the county under 15s squad, which will be managed by Ian from February.

ADAM WOODHEAD FINISHES EIGHTH IN RAINY SPAIN



TWO MORE BLACK BELTS AT STOKE



Above: Matt and Phil being congratulated by Tamara Unwin, Director of the Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, and Chief Instructor Sensei Peter Heal.

Stoke by Nayland Shotokan Karate Club has achieved a double success - Matt Lay-Fleurrie and Phil Toogood were recently graded to 1st Dan Black Belts. The National Grading in Reading saw over 60 students go for 1st Dan, with Matt and Phil part of a handful of students who passed the tough examination that day.

The Karate Club is very proud of Matt and Phil as they have trained extremely hard over the past years and now bring the number of Black Belts training there to 8. There is a membership for both seniors and juniors of all levels and new members are encouraged to join anytime. The Karate Club trains twice a week at Peake Fitness at The Stoke by Nayland Hotel on Tuesday and Friday evenings - here it enjoys some of the best training facilities in East Anglia.

Those interested in joining should call Peake Fitness on 01206 265820 or email peakefitness@stokebynayland.com. For more information please visit the karate website at www.snskc.org.uk and come and see if Karate is the sport for you!

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL February Draw Results

1st No 150	B Palmer	Turks Hall	£40
2nd No 61	K.R. Tesner	Wivenhoe	£20
3rd No 139	S Prescott	White St Green	£10
4th No 64	W Segger	Homefield	£5

Next Draw is on March 2nd at the bingo

Newton Green's Adam Woodhead finished 8th in a rain affected Andalucian Boys' Open final held at Finca Cortesin - home of the Volvo World Match Play Final.

The Suffolk player had been looking for a top three place after finishing 8th and then fifth in the previous two years, but a few reckless drives in the first three of the five rounds scheduled over different courses spoiled his chances.

Additionally, his opening round was disrupted when his father, Ian, who was caddying, lost his footing on the steps of eighth tee and finished up in hospital being treated for a fractured wrist.

In a strong field of 24 boys who had qualified from throughout the United Kingdom, Adam was seventh after the first round and held the position on the second day, but the third day was washed out. On the fourth day he slipped to 11th, but still qualified for the final round at Finca, where fine blue skies were finally seen and the Suffolk player recorded a seven over par which was good enough to promote his to eighth.

Left: picture shows Adam Woodhead in centre, front