

# Box River News

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## BBC SHOWCASE FOR BOXFORD BAND



Left to right: Mark Willis, Chris Athorne, Robert Lait and Lee Wilkins

Boxford band This Boy Wonders featured on the BBC Introducing series on Radio Suffolk last month, playing two songs live. The show, broadcast from The Fleece, was hosted by presenters Graeme Mac and Richard Haugh.

The four piece band featuring Chris Athorne (Vocals & Lead Guitar), Lee Wilkins (Rhythm Guitar), Robert Lait (Bass) and Mark Willis (Drums) also played a 45 minute set on the night which was recorded by BBC engineers for broadcast on the show later this year. All band members are resident in the village.

This Boy Wonders were joined on the night by Haverhill outfit, Umbrella Assassins, whose sound harked back to the thrash punk of the 1980's.

The BBC show marked a high point for the Boxford band, who were formed at the end of 2008. The two songs broadcast, 'All I Know' and 'As I Go Now', written by lead singer Chris Athorne, produced a fantastic reaction from the capacity audience of over 100 people. The tracks will be available on the band's forthcoming CD "Frame by Frame" due out in April.

Speaking to the BBC presenters on the night, lead singer, Chris, said the band were really pleased with the sound of the new EP, recorded at Punch Studios in Ipswich through February and March.

The night was also a coup for The Fleece, whose landlord Jay Ionnone is keen to bring live music back to the venue following the Jazz Club's move away two years ago. The famous old venue is launching an 'Open Mic' night on 2nd April and there are plans for regular showcase nights for local bands. Texan singer songwriter, Sam Baker, is also scheduled to play there in the summer.

This Boy Wonders can be seen live at The White Horse in Sudbury on 26th March and at the Steamboat Inn, Ipswich on 4th April. On 10th April they play in the regional final of Live and Unsigned, the UK's biggest competition for unsigned acts. For more information on This Boy Wonders visit [myspace.com/thisboywonders](http://myspace.com/thisboywonders).



Mark Willis being interviewed by BBC presenters Graeme Mac and Richard Haugh.

## FINLAY HUNTERS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Above: Finlay receiving his award from Robert Audley, Chairman of Prolog (sponsors) and Jennie Jenkins, Chair of Babergh District Council.

Finlays citation read:-

FINLAY has worked tirelessly to restore the Village Hall for the benefit of the village. Over the years the Hall had deteriorated and Finlay was instrumental in getting it re-decorated in order to secure further bookings. His greatest achievement was over the past year where, supported by his committee, he led a costly project to construct a new roof on the hall which involved renewing all the electrics. Due to Finlay's continual persistence in bidding for funding from various grants organisations and involving all of the village organisations in the process, construction started as planned in the summer of 2009. Finlay's attention to detail during construction ensured amazing and timely results.

The village now has a hall which it can be truly proud of and it is in no small part due to the efforts of Finlay. Boxford Village hall was officially re-opened in September two years after Finlay was elected Chairman and told it was not fit for purpose. His nominators say "We are extremely grateful to Finlay for his continued dedication and endless voluntary work and cannot think of a more deserving candidate for a Community Achievement Award this year".

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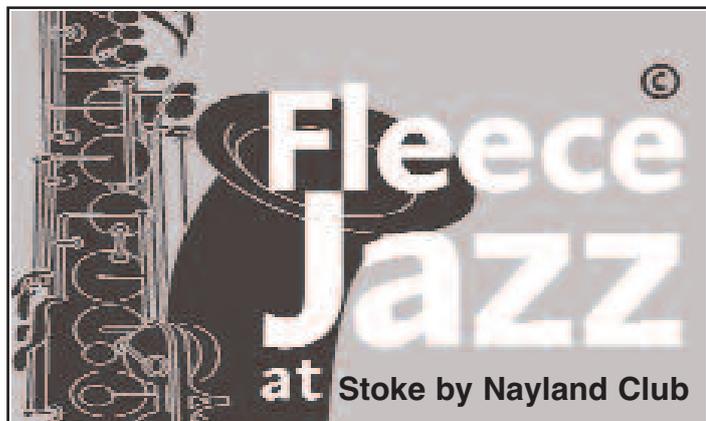
## THE ASSINGTON GROUP OF ARTISTS



The Assington Group of Artists held an exhibition and sale of works at the Assington Village Hall on 12-14th March. More than 150 paintings were on display from 40 local artists two of whom, Elizabeth Gardiner and Sue Beven, are from the Boxford Art Group which meets every Thursday afternoon in the Boxford School Hall from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. The picture above called 'Brancastrer Boats' is by Sue Beven who was exhibiting 5 paintings.

The exhibition was held in aid of 'The Bridge Project' in Sudbury and was sponsored by Waitrose and Roy Chapman, The Estate Agents of Nayland. The Bridge Project was setup in 1995 as a local charity to assist disadvantaged adults within the community.

The project strives to work towards its vision, 'a community within a community', an inclusive place where everybody is treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Vocational training, continual education and employment opportunities are provided that are fully accessible in a safe supportive and welcoming environment for adults who face multiple disadvantage through there learning, physical and or 'hidden' disabilities.



**Friday, 2 April 8.00, Ticket £20**  
(No discounts for this gig)

### **Jacqui Dankworth and Charlie Wood**

Singer Jacqui Dankworth and the Memphis based Hammond organ virtuoso / pianist and vocalist Charlie Wood team up in a new project celebrating great jazz duets including Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong. This is also a particular celebration of the seminal 1961 Ray Charles / Betty Carter album "Dedicated To You".

**Friday, 9 April 8.00, Ticket £16**

### **Theo Travis - Double Talk**

Double Talk is the project of London based saxophonist Theo Travis. Melody based, the music is bluesy, atmospheric, incorporates improvised multi-layers of flute and saxophone and is influenced by the late 60's British psychadelia. The band features the soulful organ of Pete Whitaker, the soaring guitar of Mike Outram and the subtle drums of Roy Dodds, a master of light and shade.

### **Public Notice**

Boxford Parish Council politely requests that residents of Swan Street take every care to park considerately and make full use of any off street parking. The request to park considerately extends to all users of Swan Street. This is due to the considerable on-going congestion experienced.

Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

*Debbie Hattrell* –

Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

### **JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT**

## **2012 – A YEAR TO REMEMBER!**

To mark the Monarch's 60 years on the throne, her official birthday on Monday, June 4, will be declared a one-off Bank Holiday. The traditional late Spring Bank Holiday will be moved back a week to Tuesday, June 5, to provide a four-day break. The Working Party in respect of the Boxford, Edwardstone & Groton Joint Community Event wish to inform you that they propose to hold this event on Monday 4 June 2012 in the middle of the Jubilee Weekend and after the usual events held by the Church and Boxford Open Gardens on the Sunday.

For further information, and to register your interest and support, please contact:

daphne@clark-home.me.uk

mmayhew@btinternet.com

suzanne.excell1@virgin.net

**Friday, 16 April 8.00, Ticket £16**

### **Josephine Davies Quintet**

One of the top rising female stars of the saxophone Josephine Davies is making her Fleece debut with her stellar band of Ross Stanley piano, Robbie Robson trumpet, Dave Whitford bass and Nick Smalley drums. Winner of the 1999 Perrier Young Jazz Award, Josephine is a regular member of various groups including the all female trio "The Toot Sweet Horn Section". Her influences are Chris Potter, Brad Mehldau, Walt Weiskopf and John Coltrane. Look out for the super new album entitled "The Brink".

**Friday, 23 April 8.00, Ticket £15**

### **Daryl Sherman**

Creativity is at the core of guitarist Jonathan Bratoeff's quest to produce music which is emotionally and intellectually rewarding in equal terms. The key ingredients are simple with powerful melodies, energetic and vibrant rhythms, rich colourful textures and a mixture of traditional jazz blended with other musical idioms including African, Rock and Latin music. The band consists of Mark Hanslip saxophone, Tom Mason bass and James Maddren drums. We can look forward to an evening of truly contemporary jazz with strong emphasis on melody and energy – unmissable!

"Imaginative 21st – century jazz" John Fordham, The Guardian

**Friday, 30 April 8.00, Ticket £17**

### **Simon Spillett and Vic Ash**

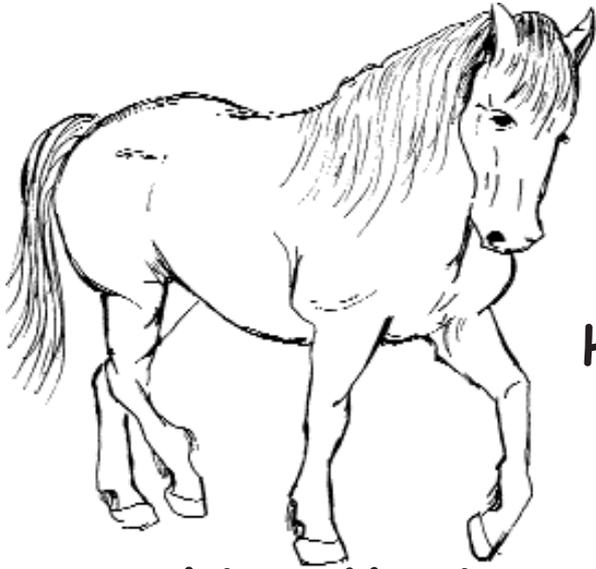
This is a new collaboration from award winning saxophonist Simon Spillett and multi-award winner British jazz legend clarinettist and saxophonist Vic Ash With John Critchinson piano, Alec Dankworth bass and Martin Drew drums.

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

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# Soap Box

Next month we are likely to be casting our vote for a new government. As I write, the actual date of the General Election has yet to be announced, but the greater majority of people are expecting it to be Thursday 6th May. Central to the arguments being put to the electorate by the main political parties on why they should be granted the stewardship of this country will be how they plan to deal with the state of the government's finances. With borrowing massively higher as a result of efforts to stave off the worst effects of the recession, this will be no easy task.

Already we are feeling the effects of belt tightening as civil servants endeavour to balance the books. Locally this is manifesting itself in the decision to introduce car parking charges in Sudbury and other Babergh towns. A slimming of the local authority work force is also likely. At the County level, efforts will need to be made to cut the Council's cloth to fit an altogether slimmer budget. I wonder if this will have implications for the state of our roads.

Drive anywhere around the lanes and even the main roads of Suffolk and you will encounter potholes. The severe winter has disclosed how temporary some repairs in the past have been. With prolonged sub zero temperatures and more snow than we have become used to, any careless maintenance will have been undone. The cost of bringing our highways back up to scratch does not bear thinking about.

Then there is the state of our National Health Service. Subdued economic activity and tighter controls on central government spending is likely to have an impact here too. Indeed, I cannot help but wonder if I have been an early victim of a less inclusive approach to providing the health care that we have all come to rely on.

It happens that I have had problems with one of my knees over

a number of years. Eight years ago I underwent an arthroscopy, during which the cartilage in the knee joint was trimmed. While the improvement was considerable, recently I have been feeling more than a few twinges, leading me to consult my GP on a number of occasions.

The doctors I have seen have been strangely reluctant to refer me to a specialist. In the early stages, I dealt with this by visiting (at my expense) a sports physiotherapist, who recommended exercises that did alleviate the pain – initially. As my condition worsened, so my trips to the surgery increased until, at last, I was referred to the hospital.

A chance remark in a local hostelry suggested that this unwillingness to refer me to a specialist might be part of a wider plan to cut costs, keep waiting lists down and meet targets. If, indeed, doctors are being discouraged from making referrals unless absolutely necessary, then it concerns me that some people without my persistence and communication skills could find themselves denied appropriate medical attention.

In the end it will be a matter of individual judgment and I have no doubt that the greater majority of general practitioners are caring and concerned with the well-being of their patients. Still, with finances as tight as they are, and with a health service as pre-occupied with targets and other measures dreamt up by bureaucrats as ours appear to be, there does seem to be genuine cause for concern.

Next month we do have the opportunity to change the way in which this country is run. Whichever party wins, it will be tough for the foreseeable future. I fear a diet of trimmed local services and higher taxes inevitable as we try to trade our way out of the current mire. Changing the culture of our society so that blame and dependency are less of a feature than at present would be nice, but I am not holding my breath.

*Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.*

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## 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 this 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?

All offers of help will be very gratefully received and acknowledged. Elizabeth Wagener (elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com or 210223).

## 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.



## Rotary Club of Sudbury Talbot

Want to put some of your time back into your community and make the World a better place?

Contact Sue Beven 01787 210021  
suebeven@talktalk.net

The Chairman of Boxford Parish Council invites all residents to the

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

on

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at**

7.30 for 7.45 p.m. start in Boxford Village Hall

THE THEME IS VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### WHY NOT SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

The community has achieved a great deal in recent times including the provision of a new play area and extensive Village Hall refurbishment. Please come along, celebrate success and listen to reports from various organisations

#### Parish Councillors:

Roger Balls, Steve Egglestone, Veronica Hobbs, Suzanne Impett, Michael Norman, Richard Gates, Cecil Hughes, Julian Fincham-Jacques and Darren Rule

**Babergh District Councillor:** Bryn Hurren

**Suffolk County Councillor:** James Finch

**Police Representative:** PCSO Penny Molkenthin

Will all be present and Tea & Coffee will be served at 7.30 p.m.

## A New Plant Centre in Boxford

GRO Plants are to open a Plant Centre at the Green Lawns Bonsai Centre in the Hadleigh Road, Boxford.

The new centre will be opened this Easter for the supply of Trees, Shrubs, Herbacious Perennials and Garden Sundries. They will be joining on the same site, the already well established Bonsai Centre and also Richard and Sheena Dranes Succulents.

Proprietors Vicky & Guy Ormes also supply a professional garden design and landscape service

For information about the new Plant Centre contact:

Vicky on 07748 515294 and enquiries for Landscaping should be directed to Guy on 07880 703593 [www.grolandscapes.co.uk](http://www.grolandscapes.co.uk).

Richard and Sheena Drane can be contacted on 07740 151869 [www.cactiandsucculents.co.uk](http://www.cactiandsucculents.co.uk)

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'An Education' Friday 23rd April

'A Single Man' Friday 21st May

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.

15th May Beetle Drive. 3rd July Car Treasure Hunt.

11th September Alternative Horticultural Show.

13th November Quiz Night.

Whilst the Horthy 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.

## Milden Singers

Milden Singers are performing 'Songs from the Shows' at Milden Pavilion on Friday 23rd April at 8pm. Tickets are £5 each and there will be a licensed bar. For tickets or if you would like to join this group please call Pearl on 01787 247965 or come along on the night.

## Milden Wine Tasting Evening

Wine Tasting Evening with Nethergates Wines of Cavendish at Milden Pavilion on Friday 16th April at 7.30pm. This is a chance to learn about wines and you will also have the opportunity to buy. Proceeds to be shared between Milden Pavilion and St Peter's Church, Milden. Tickets are £10 to include a Buffet, please call Justine on 01787 248145 or come along on the night..

## Suffolk Villages Festival

### J S Bach and his World:

27-30 August 2010

Artistic Director: Peter Holman

Friday 27 August, 8pm, St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland

J S Bach: Cantatas directed by Peter Holman

Saturday 28 August, 12 midday St James's Church, Nayland  
Consort of Viols

Saturday 28 August, 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland  
Dresden Orchestra

Sunday 29 August, 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland  
Music at the Court of Frederick the Great. Flautist: Rachel Latham  
Pre-concert talk by Professor Anthony King

Monday 30 August, 12 midday St Mary's Church, Boxford  
19th Century Lieder. Stephen Varcoe and David Miller

Monday 30 August, 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Hadleigh  
Philippa Hyde, Tom Raskin, Psalmody, Essex Baroque Orchestra

directed by Peter Holman. C P E Bach: St Matthew Passion  
Box office & further information: 01206 366603

box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

## Boxford Society

### "Living in The Arc"

A family's first winter in the Boxford Eco-House

Saturday 24th April 2010 at 7.30pm Boxford School

Talk with slides and a brief Boxford Society AGM

If you have been interested in the Eco -House now is your chance to come and find out more about it from Jonathan Belsey, the owner.

Free to members and £2 to visitors.

Everyone is welcome and coffee and biscuits will be served.

## 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 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

## MELFORD MUSIC HOLY TRINITY CHURCH LONG MELFORD LUNCHTIME RECITALS

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### MAY 2010

- 5 **PETER DOLLIMORE**  
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Piano Music from Russia
- 12 **LAS GUITARAS**  
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- 19 **KANTOREI GROSS FLOTTBEK**  
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- 26 **KATHERINE HAMBRIDGE**  
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## Wot's On

### Kersey Through the Ages

Kersey Village Hall committee are holding an exhibition of "Kersey through the Ages". There will be many photos showing you how the village has changed over the years and also some memorabilia from the past

Saturday and Sunday 17th and 18th April 11 - 4pm  
Admission Free

### BOXFORD WI

At our March meeting we were disappointed when our speaker failed to turn up however members came to the rescue and we played games which we all enjoyed

We were pleased to have some visitors at the meeting and we hope that the failure of the speaker to turn up will not deter them from coming again

**ON APRIL 7th** we have Janet Dann visiting us to speak on Poems and Book Readings

**CRAFT CLUB** meets on April 8th 2pm at Mary's House when we shall be doing Beading

**BOOK CLUB** meets at Heather's house on April 28th at 3pm when we shall be reviewing Where Are You Now by Mary Higgins Clark

Advance notice on June 1st at Boxford Village Hall 7pm we shall be holding an open evening with Steve Western speaking on Weather Forecasting and Climate Change

Steve is a meteorologist and broadcasts on the radio He also started a company called Weather Quest with Jim Bacon

This will be an open evening for every one and we hope that you will support us again this year as you did last year when Julian Worricker came to speak to us

### SALE AT MARY'S HOUSE

**Saturday, May 8th at 9.00am**

Groton PCC would be grateful for contributions for the Sale at Mary's House on May 8th, particularly books and cakes. We will also be selling Bric-a-Brac and Tea Towels etc. and also serving coffee. Any contributions to the stalls can be left at Mary's House [Swan Street, Boxford] which is open for coffee on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, or could be collected, please phone Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] We look forward to seeing you all there.

### Eastern Angels

#### The Long Way Home

Polstead Village Hall, Wednesday 7th April 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50; £5.25 concession from Polstead Shop or 01787 210029.

### Barn Dance

Semer Village Hall on 24th July

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## Boxford Playing Fields AGM will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Wot's On

Leavenheath WI

## Table Top Sale

Saturday May 15th, 11am to 3pm At Leavenheath Village Hall  
Entrance by donation

Highlights;

- W.I. Cake Table • Refreshments • Tombola, Raffle • Books
- Balloons • Hand knitted garments • Bric-a-Brac tables

To book a table contact Lesley Collin 01206 262505  
each table costs £10

## Woodland Corner

SATURDAY 22 MAY, LET'S PARTY...

NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL 7pm – Midnight

Join us for a great night out and help to raise money for Woodland Corner.

BBQ, BAND, BAR

Local band, "OUT OF EXILE" plus disco. Great sounds from the 70s, 80s & 90s. Tasty BBQ plus licensed bar.

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# Wot's On

## Boxford Over 60's

Meeting in the village hall at 2.30pm on:-

**Monday April 12th.** Mr Ray Condon - Tales of a Magistrate

**Monday April 26th.** Mr H Parsons - Talk on the Millenium Tower in Bury.

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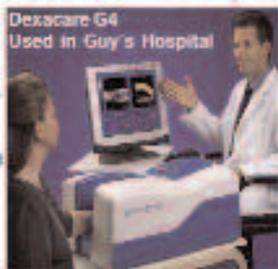


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# Forthcoming Events Diary

March	25/27 A Brush With Comedy	Boxford Drama Group	Village Hall	7.30pm	
	27 40's Dance		Newton Village Hall	8.00pm	
	27 Boxford Over 60's Club	Where there's a will there's a Relative	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm	
	31 Lent Lunch	Edwardstone PCC	Mill Green End	12-2pm	
April	3 Boxford Gardening Society	Visit Little Blakenham Woodland Garden		Meet there 2.30pm	
	7 Boxford WI	Poems and Book Reading, Janet Dann	Boxford Village	2.00pm	
	8 Boxford WI Craft Club	Tissue Flowers	Mary's House	2.00pm	
	12 Boxford Over 60's Club	Tales of a Magistrate	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm	
	13 Playing Fields Management Committee AGM		The Pavillion	7.30pm	
	16 Quiz & Curry Evening	Groton VH Mgt Committee	Groton Village Hall	7.30	
	20 Boxford Gardening Society -	Brdg. End Garden Restoration	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm	
	23 Milden Singers Concert.		Milden Pavillion	tba	
	24 Boxford Society	AGM and talk Living in the. Arc J Belsey	Boxford School Hall	7.30pm	
	25 Boxford and Distict Bowls Club	Green Open		2.30pm	
	26 Boxford Over 60's Club	Talk on the Millenium Tower in Bury		2.30pm	
	27 Boxford Community Council AGM and Guest Speaker		Pavilion	8.00pm	
	May	28 Boxford WI	Book Club	Heathers House	3.00pm
5 Boxford WI		Quiz/Silent Auction	Village Hall	2.00pm	
8 Coffee Morning and sale		Groton PCC	Mary's House	9.00am	
13 Boxford WI Craft Club		Peg Dolls	Mary's House	2pm	
15 LtI Waldingfield Parish Room		Beetle Drive	Parish Room	7.00pm	
18 Boxford Gardening Society		An Evening with Bees	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm	
20 Boxford Over 60's Club		Trip to Woodbridge	The Fleece	12.15pm	
22 Boxford Community Council		Duck Race Evening	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm	
25 Boxford Community Council		Executive Meeting	The White Hart	8.00pm	
26 Groton PCC		Ruby and Her Horses	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm	
June		1 Boxford WI	Open Evening with Steve Western	Boxford Village Hall	7.00pm
		6 Boxford Gardens Open	In aid of Boxford St Mary's Building Trust		
		12 Its A Knockout - Summer	Fun Day	The Playing Fields	tba
	12 Newton Fete & Barn Dance & Hog Roast		Newton Playingfield	12 till late	
	13 Little Waldingfield Open Gardens			TBA	
	15 Boxford Gardening Society -	Summer Hanging Baskets	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm	
	18 Boxford Gardening Society -	Visit to Green Island Garden	Meet there	7.00pm	
	22 Boxford Gardening Society -	Visit to Bridge End Garden	Meet there	11.30am	
	23 Senior Citizens Mystery trip	Boxford Community Council			
	30 Boxford Society	Summer visit, Hill Farm, Gestlingthorpe (Roman Remains)		6.00pm	
	July	3 LtI Waldingfield Parish Room	Treasure Hunt	Parish Room	TBA
		10 Boxford School Fete		In the School Grounds	2 till 5pm
		11 Boxford Community Council	Boule, Bowls and BBQ	The Fleece Yard	TBA
28 Boxford Gardening Society -		Sandrinham Flower Show	Visit by coach	7.15am	
August	28 Joint Music Festival		Boxford Broad Street	2.00 till 10.30pm	
	Sept	11 Church Sponsored Cycle Ride			
11 Alternative Horticultural Show			LtI Waldingfield Parish Room	10.30am	
October	25 Boxford Fun Dog Show		The Playing Fields	tba	
	9 Boxford Community Council	Beavers Dance	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm	
	9 Boxford Society	Autumn Talk, Suffolk Folk Tales. Clive Paine	Boxford School	7.30pm	



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# Halcyon Days

By Percy Fletcher Part 3

Nurse Peake who lived in a bungalow next to Crown House in Church Street Groton was also a valued and necessary member of the team, acting as midwife and district nurse. I remember her firstly on a cycle and then a motor cycle. Another lady, who to the best of my knowledge was unqualified was Mrs 'Dusty' Griggs who lived at No 3 Swan Street. Her contribution was the laying out of the dead and generally assisting when required. I have to this day a scar on my left thumb caused by cutting it on barbed wire, which she dressed daily.

To help with the cost of medication and Doctors visits, was a Stoke and Melford Club, which would today be called Insurance. What the quarterly contribution was I do not know, probably 2d or 3d, but this was religiously taken to 'Knollgate' the home of Capt Tuke on a designated evening which became known as the 'Stoke and Melford Club' night.

The Church in Boxford was, in the 30's, as were other Churches, heated by fires in large upright stoves. Boxford boasted two of these monsters, one situated near to the choir stalls and the other in the south end. On most Saturday evenings I accompanied 'Kitchener' Bill Munson, the son of Mabel 'Pop' Munson to light these fires. Of course there was no electricity in the Church and the whole operation was carried out with either a light from a torch or hurricane lamp. The coal and coke was stored under the Tower as was the kindling. Depending entirely on the direction of the wind, for the smoke pipes went directly upright through the roof, the time it took to get the fires going varied considerably. The following morning the tops of the stoves would be red hot, but alas ones feet were frozen.

Electricity first came to the village in 1935. The then East Anglian Electric Supply Company wiring houses free of charge providing three lights and one 5 amp socket. What a social change this made to the village - possibility of electric wireless sets, no more accumulators to be charged, electric refrigerators for the four butchers, no more weekly delivery of block ice from Ipswich, no more paraffin oil to feed the lamps and cooking stoves.

Further social changes took place with the building in 1937 of the 6 Council Houses opposite to the Chapel in Swan Street. These houses were numbered 1-6 Bonsey Terrace, named after the Rev Bonsey of Groton who was a District Councillor at the time. Similar houses built by the Cosford Rural District Council at the time were similarly named after Councillors - Harwood Place Lavenham, MacKenzie Place Cockfield, and Brunyate Terrace Bildeston to name a few. The rent for these houses averaged 8 shillings per week inclusive of rates, but these rents should be looked at with regard to the wages earned at the time.

1947 saw the provision of pre-fabs to house ex service men and replace bomb damaged properties, fortunately none fell within the latter category. They were situated in Homefield where the flats have been built. It is interesting to note that six of the dwellings were occupied by local ex-service men with two by farm workers. Although only intended to last for 10 years, they in fact provided accommodation far beyond that time. In 1948 The Airey Houses in Swan Street were built and in 1950 the huts on Cox Hill - former Prisoner of War camp - were converted into living accommodation.

As one grew older one realised the characters that lived within the village. One such was a Mr William Kingsbury brother of the builder, who lived in a small cottage No 38 Ellis Street. He was a brilliant organist and pianist when he put his mind to it for he was a little eccentric. He played the Church Organ and to supplement his income he gave private piano lessons, and I was one of his victims. What I remember and now appreciate is that his upright piano was fitted with a long organ seat and the instrument had fitted to it foot pedals which replicated those of an organ. I have to this day not seen an instrument like it.

Mr Frith Dawson of 28/29 Swan Street, a watchmaker, who hired out bicycles, sold paraffin oil and the East Anglian Daily Times.

Mr Arthur Baker (nicknamed Shitles), the one armed walking postman covering the distance between Boxford and Assington daily via Assington Lane. He was provided with a hut in Assington Street for rest purposes before making the return journey.

Johnie Whymark who repaired cycles in his garage in Ellis Street and his brother Maurice who collected coal from Sudbury Railway Station in a three wheeled vehicle and delivered in the village.

Mr Marshall Smith of 23 Stone Street, an evangelist, but matcher by trade who, after attending Chapel on a Sunday morning, would stand in The Square praising The Lord and playing hymns on his cornet.

Mr Walter Bowers of Parsonage Farm, carrier and owner of horse drawn hearse.

Mr D. Grimwood (nicknamed Mousey) of Stone Street Stores the founder of the Grimwood grocery shop, who smoked a short pipe which he could never keep alight and by looking on the ground one knew where he had been by the pile of spent matches he had dropped.

Mr Walter Eley (Nicknamed Pickling) who had a fish a chip shop at no.43 Swan Street.

Mr Stanley Rice (nicknamed She Sticks) who drove a lorry owned by Mr Tom Skinner.

Mr George Griggs who lived in Hadleigh Road (nicknamed Double Up) And so one could go on for every one was known mainly by their nickname which originated either through some misdemeanour or passed down through the generations.

Then there was Tornado Smith who was famed for his Wall of Death exploits about which books have been written. I recall him walking his lion on a lead throughout the village. There was a great deal of concern expressed about his appearance on the Village Sign, by a section of the inhabitants, so much in fact that the Parish Council called a public meeting. I recall asking the meeting for a show of hands indicating those who knew him - only two hands were raised, one of them being mine.

Although what I am about to describe happened much later in my life I feel that it is worthy of recording. I was called up into the army and when war in Europe ended in May 1945 I was still in Germany. Evie my wife wrote almost daily to me and I have taken an extract from her letters to me describing the events which took place in the village.

**Letter dated 9.5.45.**

*On the evening of the 7th it was announced on the wireless that V.E. Day was to be the 8th and two days public holidays. I had to go to work yesterday (the 8th) but not much work was done. During the morning everyone put out flags etc. and by dinner time Sudbury looked quite gay. We went for a walk in the morning just to see the decorations. It was amazing as practically every house had found a flag or decoration of some sort. They fitted speakers on the Market Hill and*

*so we had music while we worked. We closed the bank at 3 o'clock and went onto the hill to hear Churchills announcement over the microphone. At 5 o'clock we went to the service in St. Peters Church, The Church was packed they were standing in the aisles. After the service singing was held on the Market Hill and we went to another service in the Friars Street Chapel. At 8.30 I came back to Boxford and after listening to Montgomery and Eisenhower on the wireless, your Mother, my Mother and Father decided to go for a drink. The Fleece was full so we went to The Swan. They had an extension until 11 o'clock. After we left The Swan we went up to Sandfords to a bonfire. It wasn't a great success but when we returned to the village everyone was making whoopee. Archie (Rule) and Lol Smith had dressed up in old top hats and had got a couple of drums and Hilda (Rule) got her accordion. Then Archie, Jack Tricker etc got some bales of hay soaked in petrol and some old tyres and set fire to them on 'The Square'. It made a marvellous blaze until about 1-30. Of course there were the usual chaps who wanted to start fights, the Kings and the Tricksters. Young Bertie Munson came home from Germany yesterday and he got fighting with Vie King and got two lovely black eyes.*

*Tonight (i.e. the 9th) we are having another huge bonfire on The Square. They have got a lorry load of faggots ready so we should have a good blaze. Also there is a dance so it should be quite lively later tonight, the time being about 4 o'clock in the afternoon now. The yanks were confined to the drome last night but they are free tonight so they will liven things up. Sudbury last night was overrun by Airborne troops and evidently had a good time dancing on the hill. They also had searchlights playing over the Market Hill so I think it was a good sight.*

**Letter dated 10th May 1945.**

*At about 9 o'clock Vera (Claydon) and I went round to the Village Hall to the dance. Every one looked very gay in their red, white and blue. I wore my blue frock with red sash and white button hole. Your Mum and Ethel (my sister) were round there with Mrs Rule. At about 10.45 they came into the hall to announce that the bonfire was about to be lit and Hitler cremated. Thus we all put on our coats and paraded off down the street. My dancing partner, a yank, insisted on escorting me and I thought to myself that this will give them something to talk about! Bill the tall chap who works at the bakery had dressed up as a Parson, Archie Rule and Tondy King etc had got bowler hats and acted as bearers. All day they had an effigy of Hitler hung up by The White Hart. Q Gant had made a coffin complete with handles and once the fire was lit Hitler was put in the coffin and they bore him through the street amid much cheering. He was then laid in State and whoever liked could go and give him a kick or spit at him. Then it was left to the women folk to put the coffin on the fire. Of course yours truly had to have a go at that! It was a marvellous fire with all those faggots - we were a bit nervous about the sparks but Dad had got his hose ready. Fortunately everything was O.K. Of course once this started the dance at the Hall finished and we had dancing round the fire with Hilda playing her accordion and Bill the drums. The fire died down about one o'clock and after Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King everyone began to disperse and so we went to bed.*

*It appears that on Monday night a whole gang of men had a fire up the Croft (now the Playing Field) and burned Harold Hughes faggots. Of course being him he has reported it to the police and Cobbly (George Cobbold)*

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

**Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton**

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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

Dear Friends,

Easter is the time when the Christian Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ,

four days following His betrayal by an erstwhile 'friend' resulting in his arrest, a sham trial, sentenced to death by crucifixion, throughout which turmoil Jesus continued to reveal His inner characteristic of love, for His family and His followers, His executioners and His fellow prisoners also condemned to crucifixion, all without any trace of resentment to those who humiliated Him, nor to his followers who deserted Him and were understandably disheartened. Yet seemingly there are many for whom belief in the Resurrection is a 'step too far' for them.

To my mind there are two reasons which provide support for the truth of the resurrection:-

1) I can find no alternative explanation as to how that distraught, dispirited, disillusioned band of Disciples could be so speedily transformed other than by the resurrection of their Lord which was to so enthuse them to persuade so many others of the reality of what they 'knew' for themselves to be true, which process has continued on & off ever since and in which many believers have been willing to die for their belief.

2) I am persuaded that there is contemporary evidence of Love transforming situations which seem dead. I would instance grieving mourners of departed loved ones whom given time and support may be resurrected to a new life of confidence and outgoing hope for the future, or perhaps where a relationship which seems to be dead, may be enabled by the love and support of friends and family be resurrected back to a renewed meaningful relationship.

Bishop John Robinson said "Don't keep looking back at the chrysalis but rather look at the butterfly" To my mind glimpses of such a miracle are beginning to surface within the life of the Benefice, in that there seems to be more of a sense of togetherness amongst our various congregations than has been evident for a long while. To my mind there is hope for the resurrection of the Parishes of our Benefice identifying ourselves as a whole rather than an enforced amalgam of separate parts. I hope that this perception be not a triumph of hope over experience but rather the resurrection of life emerging from that which has sometimes seemed to be dying.

Now that is a Resurrection to the Glory of God.

A Happy Easter to you all.

David Abel

**Thought for the Month:** At Easter the cross is revealed not as a defeat but as God's victory over sin & death. Jesus is now seen not as a godforsaken failure but as the one who has received all authority, and not just in his locality but universally – "in heaven and on earth"

However, if God has indeed given all authority to the risen Jesus, why has this been revealed only to his disciples on a lonely mountain in Galilee, and not to the wider world, perhaps starting with a dramatic public display in Jerusalem?

The crucifixion happened for all to see, but there is a curious hiddenness about the resurrection. God's way, it seems, is not to impose the authority of the risen Jesus on the world, but to entrust this "open secret" to the disciples. They are to proclaim it, and to form communities which live by it. That is the Church's continuing task. David Marshall

At the Lent Lunch held at the home of Jill Nation (10th March) £100.00 was raised for Save the Children. Thanks to Jill & everyone who came along.

**Easter Lilies-** Donations for Easter Lilies (in memoriam perhaps) should be given to Jill Nation please.

### EASTER AT ST.MARY'S:

**2nd April** – Good Friday at 2.00pm a service of devotional readings & hymns.

**4th April** – Easter Sunday at 11.00 am Holy Communion

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Sunday April 18th – Don't miss it! ... it will be held at 11.15 am after a short break & a coffee following the morning service at 10.00 am. The election of churchwardens & PCC members is very important as all elected members have a significant role in the life of the church, making decisions of various kinds during the year. No doubt this year will bring a number of decision making items to the fore.

Hon. Secretary to the Parochial Church Council – We urgently need a secretary for the PCC- taking minutes of meetings (about 5-6 per year) & dealing with correspondence etc. If you feel you could help please contact one of the churchwardens.

**Electoral Roll** – this year is being revised between 7th March & 3rd April – Application forms to join the electoral roll are on the table in church.

**The Ladies Fundraising Group-** Are planning lots of exciting events this year starting with a lunch at the home of Teresa Patrick on Thursday 6th May at 12.30pm. Please let Teresa know in good time if you would like to attend. Meanwhile watch this space!

**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 article elsewhere in the newsletter.

**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 May 2nd 10.00am. Everyone is most welcome. (Many thanks to the Explorers Youth group from Hadleigh URC for taking the service on March 7th)

**Christian Aid Week-** This year is May 9th -15th We urgently need more help with collecting for Christian Aid for that week. If you could assist in any way please contact *Janet Daniels*

Details of our Christian Aid Service will be in the next newsletter.

**The Bible Study Group-** The April meetings of the group will be at 47 Swan Street on Monday 12th & Monday 26th at 8.00pm, where we continue our study of St.Luke's Acts of the Apostles. All are most welcome.

**The House Group-** 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.

**Concerts in Church** - The next Suffolk Villages Festival Concert in St. Mary's will be on Monday 30th August. For full concert details & booking office information please pick up a leaflet in church.

**Smile Lines:** A husband can let his wife know he loves her by buying her flowers; a grandson can do the same.....with a fistful of dandelions.



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

### Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone

Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone

Tel: 211161

### IN MEMORIAM – JEAN DAPHNE TREGEAR:

The memory of Jean Tregear, who died in November 2009, has been commemorated by the presentation of a pair of fine oak bookcases. These were made by Michael Hearnden and presented to the church by Henry Tregear in Jean's memory.

Jean was a great supporter of Edwardstone Church over many years. As a long term member of the PCC, Jean fulfilled many different roles – Lay Chairman, Sacristan, Deanery Synod Representative, Sidesman just to mention a few. Jean also played a major part in fund raising activities, including organising a major flower festival. She made a significant contribution to the fabric of the church and her needleworking skill can be seen in the cushion on the Bishop's chair, the collection bags and the lectern sashes, all of which add to the beauty of the church.

Jean finally retired from the PCC in 2005. Her contribution to the life of the Church sets an example to us all.

During her last years Jean experienced some difficult times and may she now rest in peace and enjoy her just reward in Heaven.

Henry Tregear wishes to thank all those who attended Jean's funeral and who gave so generously to the Combat Stress charity. David Saddleton

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH FOR EASTER:

Please could all help with the flowers in the church for Easter? Please contact me with any queries. Many thanks. Jan Paul

**A MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS** for the election of churchwardens will be held on 13th April at 7:30 p.m. in Edwardstone Church; all persons whose names are on the church electoral roll of the parish or who are resident in the parish and whose names are entered on a register of local government electors are eligible to attend and vote.

This will be followed by:

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for the election of parochial representatives of the laity for various church appointments and to consider the various reports as listed on the church notice board; all persons whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to attend and vote.

This will be followed by:

**The first meeting of the newly elected Parochial Church Council.** David Saddleton

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Lent Lunch Reminder

At the home of Pam and Antony Dodd, Mill Green End, on Wednesday 31st March from 12 noon. Any enquiries 210397.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL:** Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July in Edwardstone Church.

**Musicology Concert:** Evening of Saturday 10th July. More details nearer the time. Pam Dodd

### COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 12th JUNE, 10.30 to 12.30:

We are holding a coffee morning on 12th June at Ladderfarm Hall, Groton, by kind permission of Mr. Peter Dawson, in aid of the Edwardstone Flower Fund. There will be a Cake Stall, Book Stall, Plant Stall and a Raffle. If you can help by providing anything for these stalls I would love to hear from you on 210397. Pam Dodd

**METAL DETECTING:** There will be metal detecting in Edwardstone on Sunday 15th September in aid of church funds. More details soon. Jan Paul

### ROTA: Sidesman Cleaning Flowers Teas/Coffees

April 4: Simon Boggis Mr & Mrs Dodd All help Mrs Boggis

April 11: Visiting Mr & Mrs Dodd "

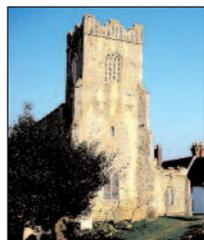
April 18: Simon Boggis Mrs Morris

& Mrs Kennett "

Mrs Morris

& Mrs Kennett "

April 25: Visiting



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

**Lent Lunch [Groton]:** Groton PCC hosted a Lent Lunch at Mary's House on March 3rd, which was well attended, and raised £116 for the British Red Cross Haiti appeal. Many Thanks to all who supported us.

### SALE AT MARY'S HOUSE Saturday, May 8th at 9.00am

Groton PCC would be grateful for contributions for the Sale at Mary's House on May 8th, particularly books and cakes. We will also be selling Bric-a-Brac and Tea Towels etc. and serving coffee. Any contributions to the stalls can be left at Mary's House [Swan Street, Boxford] which is open for coffee on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, or could be collected. Please phone Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**CHRIST IS RISEN!** On Easter Day this year we welcome our new archdeacon, the Ven David Jenkins, to preside and preach at our 9.30 am Family Communion service with traditional Easter hymns. Come and join us in the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS:** this year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) is on Wednesday 14th April at 7.30 pm in Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton. It will be followed at 7.40 pm by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM") when reports and the financial statements of the PCC for 2009 are presented. The meeting also elects representatives to serve on the PCC for the coming year and there is an opportunity to raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. Anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll is entitled to attend and vote (see the paragraph about revision of the roll in last month's BRN).

**PCC MEETING:** Wednesday 14th April in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and elect the standing committee for 2010-2011).

**CHRISTIAN AID:** This year's Christian Aid Week takes place from 9th to 15th May. Anyone willing and able to assist with the house-to-house collection in Groton, please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360.

### Rota

Sidesman with Sacristan:

Ms Edwards

Cleaner:

Mrs Smith

Flowers:

All



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

### Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

12 Links View. Tel: 312828

John Turner, '

Severn', Church Road. Tel: 372677

### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

This year the Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held in Newton Church on Thursday 22nd April at 7.30 pm to elect Churchwardens.

This is immediately followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The Church Council will present the Annual Accounts, and report on the past year. At this meeting members are elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

All Parishioners are invited to attend, and will be made very welcome. It is your village Church!



## 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.**

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 9th – 15th May 2009:** Could you take part in the house-to-house collection this year? Last year we were short of collectors and thus not able to cover the whole village. This is Christian Aid's major annual fundraising initiative so, if you are able to help, please contact David Lamming (Tel: 01787 210360.)

### Rota

April 2 Sidesman

Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse

April 4

Mr & Mrs Tora

April 11

Visiting

April 18

Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington

April 25

Visiting

### Flowers

No flowers

Mrs Grunsell

Mrs Harbord

Mrs Ewen

Mrs Squirrel

## General Church News

**ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION**, 7.30 pm on Thursday 6th May 2010 at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Once again this year Sudbury Deanery is joining with five other deaneries for this annual service. Please make a note of the date and come to support our benefice churchwardens when they are formally admitted to office. This is a good opportunity to hear our new archdeacon, the Ven Dr David Jenkins. (If, as expected, 6 May is also the date of the General Election, vote early!)

**POLICE SURGERIES AT MARY'S HOUSE:** PCSO Penny Molkenthin will be at Mary's House between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon on Tuesday 6th April and Thursday 29th April (see details in last month's BRN.)



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### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

**EASTER STORY** – Saturday 3rd April: This enactment around the streets of Sudbury of the central events of the Christian faith and lasting about one hour, starts at 11.00 am at the Croft where Jesus is betrayed by Judas and is seized by the soldiers. Jesus will carry the cross from St Peter's Church through the market place and back to

the Croft where he will be 'crucified'. The performance ends with Jesus's resurrection and a short act of worship. For more information contact Eleanor Ridge on 01787 379239.

**GENERAL ELECTION 2010 - HUSTINGS: CTIS&D** are combining with the Sudbury & District branch of the United Nations Association in arranging a 'hustings' meeting in Sudbury to provide an opportunity to put questions to the candidates for South Suffolk and hear their views on the important issues facing our nation and society. The date has yet to be confirmed but if, as expected, the election is called for Thursday 6th May, it is planned to hold the meeting one evening the previous week, probably at St Peter's Church. Watch out for the publicity for this event, which will provide all the details.

**UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** The service this year is at 6.30 pm on Sunday 9th May at St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury. Speaker: Eldred Wiley, Area Co-ordinator for Norfolk and Suffolk.

**ALIVE ON MARKET HILL:** make a note of the date – Sunday 11th July. Details later.

**PRAYER BREAKFASTS IN APRIL:** Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am. 10th April at Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street, Great Cornard; 17th April at Living Waters, Gregory Street, Sudbury; 24th April at the Salvation Army, Station Road, Sudbury.

## The Church At Worship April 2010

### Thursday 1st

Groton 18.30  
Lt. Waldingfield 19.00

### Friday 2nd

Lt Waldingfield 9.30  
Boxford 14.00

### Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion & stripping the altar  
Home Communion\* Newmans Hall

### Good Friday

Family Service (with hot cross buns)  
Hour of Devotions

The Rev David Stranack  
Tim Harbord

Tim Harbord  
Christopher Kingsbury

### Sunday 4th

Groton  
Lt Waldingfield  
Newton  
Edwardstone  
Boxford

### Easter Day (W)

9.30 Family Communion  
9.30 Holy Communion  
9.30 Holy Communion  
10.30 Holy Communion  
11.00 Holy Communion

The Ven. Canon David Jenkins  
The Rev Andy Wolton  
The Rev Christopher Sansbury  
The Rev David Abel  
The Rev Gerald Drew

Wednesday 7th 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House

The Rev David Abel

### Sunday 11th

Groton  
Newton  
Boxford

### Second Sunday of Easter (W)

8.00 Holy Communion  
9.30 Morning Prayer  
11.00 Holy Communion

The Rev David Abel  
**Diana Stock**  
The Rev Christopher Sansbury

Wednesday 14th

Boxford 10.30

Holy Communion\*

Pauline Lamming

Thursday 15th

Lt Waldingfield 19.00

Compline, Newmans Hall

Tim Harbord

### Sunday 18th

Edwardstone  
Lt Waldingfield  
Boxford

### Third Sunday of Easter (W)

8.00 Holy Communion  
9.30 Holy Communion  
10.00 Matins (Followed by APCM)

The Rev Canon Robin King  
**The Rev Canon Robin King**  
Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 21st

Boxford 10.30

Holy Communion Mary's House

The Rev David Abel

### Sunday 25th

Boxford  
Groton  
Newton  
Boxford

### Fourth Sunday of Easter (W)

8.00 Holy Communion  
9.30 Holy Communion  
9.30 Holy Communion  
11.00 Holy Communion

The Rev Simon Gill  
**The Rev Gerald Drew**  
The Rev David Abel  
The Rev Gerald Drew

Wednesday 28th

Boxford 10.30

Holy Communion in Mary's House

The Rev David Abel

### MARY'S HOUSE, Swan Street, Boxford

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30 to 12:30

Drop in for a chat and a coffee Everyone welcome

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

**Please, NO LATER THAN 16th April. Failure to meet the date will mean your copy may not be included**

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

*the ringleader has got a summons. Everyone is laughing about it and I know it wasn't quite V.E.Day but you wouldn't have thought he would have made such a fuss about it. Last night I got Dad to pass my Red Cross tin round when every one was round the fire and he collected over £3. Cobbly also collected over £4 for the Welcome Home Fund last night and on Tuesday he got £2 7s Od. for the Red Cross which he handed over to me. He didn't bother with a tin but collected it in an old top hat. He is a jolly good chap for that sort of thing. During the excitement round the fire we had a minutes silence in memory of those boys who were still fighting and those who were prisoners of war in the Far East"*

*Evie*

Hanging over the V.E.Day celebrations was the thought of the continuing war with Japan as many of the local lads were either still fighting out there or were prisoners.

What ever ones views on the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in early August 1945, there is no doubt that many allied lives were saved and the prisoners released from captivity.

I was home on leave on V.J.Day the 14th August 1945, with my documents stamped FAR EAST 1.(I still have them) and as you might imagine I too was extremely grateful for the dropping of the bombs. This time I was able to enter into the celebrations. After a visit to The Swan with Evie and our families we made our way down the street to The Square. It seemed that all the Villagers were there, and they probably were. Throughout the evening crates of beer appeared which encouraged, but did not improve, the singing. There were not many local lads in uniform but I was fortunate to be there and enjoy the celebrations. Yet another fire was lit and a tin passed round to collect for The Welcome Home Fund, the proceeds of which went to a supper, held later, when most of the serving personnel were home, together with a cheque and specially printed card, thanking us for our service, from the inhabitants of Boxford. I do not recall what time the party ended, but I remember standing around the remainder of the fire with Evie at half past one in the morning thanking God the war was over.

You may remember that I have already described that part of the highway which was known as 'The Square', can you imagine such a thing being allowed to happen in the highway today!!.

*Percy Fletcher December 2009*



*Above: Tornado (Tornado) Smith on his Penny Farthing with Ben Godden on his trike, passing Peacheys the Bakers in Broad Street, Boxford*



*Left: Arthur Baker (Shitles) The one armed walking postman who lived in Swan Street and delivered post in Assington walking there from Boxford twice a day.*

*Below: Searchlights playing over Market Hill, Sudbury on VE Night*

*Bottom Left: The Airborne troops marching up Market Hill in Sudbury on VE day*



*Above: Airborne troops marching up Market Hill, Sudbury on VE Day.*



# Parish Council Matters

## Newton Parish Council Minutes 13th January 2010.

**Present:** Councillors Colin Poole (Chairman), Gary Flowers, Roy Gardner, Peter Haylock and Rita Schwenk.

**Attending:** D Crimmin (Clerk), James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) and one member of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from Cllr Vince who is on holiday, Cllr Wade due to business commitments, Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor) and PCSO Siobhan Hemmett.

**Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Schwenk declared a personal and prejudicial interest in 10/006 a as she owned the property and left the meeting while this item was discussed.

**Minutes of Meeting held on 15th December 2009:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.32pm for the Public Forum (Appendix A) and reconvened at 7.35pm

**Correspondence and Clerks Report (Appendices B & C):** Following a review of the Correspondence the councillors resolved that there was submission consultation on the Waste Core Strategy Submission Draft. Following a review of the Clerks Report the councillors resolved to raise the issue of the Bus Stop opposite the Saracens Head and the Bus Shelter by Links View at the Annual Parish Assembly in April to see if the residents have any concerns. The councillors also asked the Clerk to put an article in the Newsletter in respect to the landowners offer of allotments in the village to gauge interest.

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

b. The councillors resolved to set the 2010 /2011 Precept at £7,300 and the Chairman, two councillors and Clerk signed the Charging Authority for submission to Babergh District Council (BDC).

**Planning:** a. The councillors reviewed and agreed to support Planning Application B/09/01377 1 Assington Road - erection of single-storey side extension

b. The councillors reviewed and agreed to support Planning Application B/09/01475 Saracens Cottage - erection of first-floor side extension and single-storey rear extension (existing single storey rear extension to be demolished)

c. Since the agenda was posted another planning application had been received. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/09/01513 2 Links View - erection of a single-storey side extension (existing garage to be demolished) and although there were no objections the council are aware that neighbours have issues with the proposed extension being built beyond the existing line of the front of the dwelling.

d. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
	Zehu Crossing in Newton	09/006 b	Requested James Finch to support finding of a safety audit by Highways.	Quality of Life finding: agreed by James Finch
B09/01172	Land to the West of Plumbers Cottage, 1 Rectory Road - Change of use from agricultural to domestic garden.	09/106 a	Supported Application	Approved 22/12/2009
B09/01215	Box Valley Farm, Bosford Lane - retention of 1.55m high close boarded timber fence	09/106 b	Objected that fence is intrusive and not in accord with Babergh Local Plan Policy CR07	REFUSED 09/12/2009
B09/01299	Box Valley Barn, Bosford Lane - change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden retention.	09/123 a	Supported Application	
B09/01180	Perkell, Sudbury Road - change of use of garage to dog grooming room (continuing use).	09/123 b	Supported Application	

**Community Speedwatch:** With the report that all the obstacles in creating the scheme had now been resolved, the councillors were pleased to hear that NPC would be administering the scheme, on behalf of the 5 parish councils. It was also stated that all set-up costs for the scheme would be covered by SCC's Locality Budget. All purchase orders have been raised for the equipment and the councillors resolved that NPC insure the scheme camera under the council's insurance policy but the cost of the insurance to be shared amongst member councils.

### Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme:

a. The councillors reviewed the costings for the new play equipment and playground fencing costs and agreed to forward the papers to the Newton Green Trust (NGT) in order to seek their approval for the works. Following the meeting with NGT in December, it was also agreed that the proposal for siting the BMX Cycle Track in the playing field be raised with NGT for their approval.

b. It was resolved that the 2010 contract for the grass cutting be awarded to Bob Rowland.

c. The councillors resolved to appoint PR Scammel to undertake the repairs and preventative maintenance to the 3 wooded pieces of play equipment with a budget of £500 being allocated. The issue of an additional grit bin in village hall car park to be raised with residents at the Annual Parish Assembly in April.

The meeting adjourned at 8.30pm for an update from James Finch (Appendix A) and reconvened at 8.51pm

### National Grid:

a. The councillors resolved that NPC should support the Corridor 2 option in the National Grid consultation on the overhead line project from Bramford to Twinstead. This option would be to take down the existing 132,000 volt distribution line and build the new 400,000 volt National Grid transmission line in its place. This option reduces the number of pylons on the existing route and would mean that the number of pylon routes in this part of the county would remain at two.

b. The councillors agreed that they should decline the invitation to take part in the

BDC Strategy Committee meeting on the National Grid proposal.

**Local Government Review:** After reviewing that the Boundary Committee now prefers the single unitary option for Suffolk, which is the option NPC preferred, the councillors resolved that no further action was required in the Secretary of State consultation.

**Village of the Year Prize Money:** The council had received 4 suggestions for using the Village of Year prize money:

- New tables for the village hall
- New padded chairs for the village hall
- Putting money towards flashing warning signs at the entrances to the village to deter speeding motorists
- Interpretive Walk in the village.

The councillors felt that the village should make the decision on how the money is used and will ask for more suggestions in the Newsletter and raise the subject at the Annual Parish Assembly.

**Parish Plan:** With no more volunteers forthcoming the need for 3 to 4 more helpers will be raised in the Newsletter and at the Annual Parish Assembly.

**Box River News:** The councillors were pleased that their request to the Box River News to modify the editorial statement had been actioned, albeit not precisely how it had been requested. The councillors will see what impact the change has in the coming months.

**Effectiveness of NPC's Internal Control and Internal Audit process:** The councillors reviewed the current system of NPC's internal control and internal audit and resolved that they were satisfied:

- With the independence of the internal auditor and the financial control / management of NPC
- That the internal auditor fully understands the legal framework in which NPC operates, the risk management issues and its powers and duties, and that the role of the internal auditor includes reviewing systems as well as cash book entries
- That the annual internal audit review with the level of detail and scrutiny of the council's processes was proportionate to the level of activity and budget at NPC
- That the scope of the audit is in accordance with The Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales, A Practitioners Guide 2008 and the guidelines issued with the 2007 Annual Return and by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils
- With the report provided by the internal auditor at the conclusion of audit for review by NPC.

The councillors further resolved that NPC's Terms of Reference for the internal audit were in accordance with the role required to be undertaken by the internal auditor.

**Risk Management Review:** Following a review of NPC's Risk Management Register the councillors resolved that a tour of the council's assets would be conducted by the councillors in the hour ahead of the July meeting.

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

**Village Hall and Trust representatives update:** The Village Hall Management Committee has been pleased with the Winter Warmer sessions which are raising good revenues for the Village Hall funds. Further events planned over coming months and the upgrade to the kitchen is still being planned. With no NGT meeting taking place there was no Trust report.

**Question to Chairman:** The issue of a barn being replaced at Marks Meadow, beyond Orchards House in Rectory Lane, was raised. As the Clerk confirmed that no planning application had been submitted for the work he would ask BDC whether planning permission was required.

**Date of NPC Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th March 2010.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.

### Appendix A Public Forum

With the Police not present at the meeting the Clerk read out their report. "The report tonight covers the period from 11th November to 31st December 2009. During this time no crimes were recorded within the parish, this compares to 4 crimes during the same period last year."

James Finch (SCC) updated the councillors on a number of issues including the 2010/11 SCC Budget, the bad weather work undertaken by SCC, the efficiency measures taking place in both young and older peoples care, dementia responsibilities of SCC and the School Organisation Review.

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

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

weeks to keep up a regular supply through the season.

As well as sweet peas, there are several other annual climbers which will provide a good splash of colour through the summer months. Some good

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

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

Silver and grey foliage plants should be pruned hard now to keep them neat and in good shape. These include sage, rue santalino, curry plant and senecio. If not pruned regularly every year they will become woody and sprawling in habit, eventually needing to be replaced.

Seeds of Broom and Genista can be sown in pots or in the ground where they are to flower as they do not transplant well but are rooted. Magnolia, Hydrangea grandifloras and Hydrangea petolaris can be propagated by layering shoots in peaty soil or in pots of peat compost.

With spring and the warmer weather please be thoughtful to others when lighting bonfires. If you must have a bonfire please do not light until late in the day and never on a rare perfect day or evening when others are enjoying themselves in their gardens.



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# Parish Council Matters

## Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in February 2010

### Meeting on 1st February

**Public Forum:** A member of the public attended to seek clarification of the road closure on Cox Hill. Information had already been sought by the Parish Council. Another member of the public attended to seek a further letter of support from the Parish Council in respect of social housing.

**Finance:** In addition to the usual business, the Annual Grant of £1000 was agreed for the Village Hall. The Chairman took the opportunity to share a letter from Mr Finlay Hunter confirming that he had resigned as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. Members asked for a letter to be sent to Mr Hunter thanking him for all his work and considerable achievements as Chairman and confirming that on-going support would be given to the new team.

**Reports from Members:** Cllr Hobbs reported a broken water meter cover outside the Village Stores causing water to pour out. This obviously freezes and makes the pavement dangerous. The owner of the shop has reported to Anglain Water. It was agreed to report the implications for pedestrian safety to County Highways. The state of the A1071 layby was discussed and it was agreed to liaise with Babergh Council in this respect.

**Planning:** Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

- 1) Babergh Council confirmed permission has been granted to insert a bay window at 13 Fen Street.
- 2) The application for a two storey dwelling at Old School House had been withdrawn.

The following applications were discussed: -

- a) Notice to pollard ash and eucalyptus trees, reduce crown of another ash tree and to fell a silver birch tree at The Lodge, Stone Street.
- b) Notice to remove 7 leylandi trees at Newlands Lodge, Stone Street.

### Meeting on 15th February

**Questions from the Public:** A member of the public attended to raise various matters including the failure of contractors to reinstate the surface on the corner by the bridge. It was also reported that staples have been used on village notice boards. Members would urge parishioners not to use staples as they eventually ruin notice boards.

**Housing Needs:** Mr Tippett, Strategic Housing Manager at Babergh District Council, attended to guide the Parish Council in respect of a further potential Affordable Housing Scheme. He outlined the process of establishing the Housing Need, identifying solutions to meet a proven need and partnership working. He confirmed the first stage is a Housing Needs Survey which would be organised by Suffolk ACRE. The Chairman thanked Mr Tippett for a very interesting presentation. Cllr Impett commented from past experience, whilst these schemes can be contentious and are not an easy option, they can be extremely worthwhile.

**Babergh District Council Report:** District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report. He advised Babergh Council cleared Wash Lane, however, it seems contractors vehicles had returned the Lane to its muddy state following clearance. Cllr Hurren agreed to follow up. Locally, Babergh Council has undertaken sweeping in Boxford and surroundings. Cllr Hurren advised that he feels strongly that local connections should be taken into consideration in the allocation of Social Housing in the area. He confirmed that budget would soon be ratified and the increase was likely to be around 3%. He referred to the recent decision not to proceed with Unitary Status and confirmed the District Council is undertaking joint working with other Councils. Babergh Council issued a strong and robust stance on the Pylons Project and confirmed that if pushed they believe corridor 2 would cause the least environmental damage.

**Suffolk County Council Report:** County Cllr Finch was present to deliver his report and confirmed that a recommendation would be taken to full Council for a 2.4% Council Tax increase in respect of the Suffolk County Council proportion. This would mean an approximate rise of 50 pence per week in respect of a Band D property. He confirmed the County Council had compiled their response to the National Grid regarding the Pylon Project. He urged members and the public to read in full the County Council's response and referred them to the website. In summary the County Council welcomed the opportunity to comment and also encouraged the National Grid to pay full regard to local views. They expressed concern that the National Grid had not published comments received on their website. The County Council was of the view that all corridors would cause severe damage to the environment in South Suffolk. They considered that National Grid should take a more strategic longer term view and investigate alternative solutions and they urged the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) to request that this takes place. However, if the IPC ultimately accepts the case for a new overhead line, the County Council believe routes 3 and 4 should be ruled out because they traverse large areas currently free from pylon intrusion and there is insufficient justification for a 3rd pylon line on option 1. Therefore the County Council considers that option 2b would cause the least environmental damage of the 4 options but in the AONB and the Stour Valley area the transmission lines should be undergrounded. To compensate

and maximise the environmental benefit, the length of the existing lines should be placed underground in these areas. Cllr Finch stressed again that the response from County Council should be read in full. With regard to the School Organisational Review, the County Council has published its response to the consultation and responded to the campaigners who wish to save Stoke by Nayland School as a High School. Finally, Cllr Finch confirmed that the County Council would welcome feedback following the severe winter period regarding the salt position, road and pavement conditions, pot holes and the service received.

**Correspondence:** The Clerk circulated her report ahead of the meeting. A letter had been received from Boxford Youth Club asking for financial assistance towards the cost of hiring the Village Hall. The youth club was due to start on 26th February. It was agreed to support the cost for the first 12 weeks, however, to state that members would like to see the club make every effort to fund themselves and a progress report was requested after the first 6 weeks. A letter was read from a resident suggesting the village considers making use of hydro electricity from the river Box. The Clerk confirmed that the risk assessment of the Street Lights, carried out on behalf of the County Council, revealed no issues. It was therefore agreed to obtain a quotation for a new lighting column for School Hill. Members agreed to support the comments made by a parishioner to West Suffolk Highways regarding the status of Swan Street and the poor surfacing.

### Reports from Members:

The poor state of pavements outside the Old Chapel on Swan Street and around the bus turning bay on Stone Street Road were reported. It was agreed to chase the County Council to repair the street light in Homefield. This is subject to a G39 Health & Safety issue and cannot be repaired until appropriate assessment and adaption is made. Overgrown vegetation was reported on the bridle way that goes from Running Waters to Bower House Tye. It was agreed to report all the above matters to the County Council and additionally request that all the grit heaps are replenished.

**Planning:** The application for a 2 storey dwelling to be used ancillary to the Old School House was discussed.

*Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk*

## Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 2 March 2010

**Present:** B Tora, C Bowden, P Baker, M Ewen, 1 member of the public

**Apologies:** R Mitchell, S Coomber, Cllr J Antill

**Declarations of Interest:** None, there are no planning matters to discuss.

**Police Matters:** Police report received – no reported crimes.

**Minutes of the last Meeting:** These were agreed as a true record and signed.

**Matters Arising:** None not covered by the agenda.

**Financial Matters:** A cheque was signed to Babergh DC for bin emptying for 2009. Between meetings a cheque was signed for the clerk's salary and expenses

A review of the effectiveness of Internal Audit resulted in no action plan required. The Risk Register was reviewed and deemed comprehensive, and so it was agreed that an annual internal audit is sufficient. 2 requests for funding were put for circulation, and the request from SARS will be revisited in the new year.

**Planning Matters:** None.

**Correspondence:** We will take part in the annual Babergh DC litter pick again and the clerk will request a supply of black bags. The date for this will be weekend of 13/14 March and the clerk will contact the volunteers from last year to see if they will take part.

Because of the notified road closure between Grove Avenue and Nether Hall Road the clerk will put up a poster requesting bus users to speak to the driver if they need community transport given that there will be no buses for three weeks.

Suffolk CC have been requested to install as many posts on the verges as can be funded by the locality budget donation.

**National Grid Proposals:** The village submission to National Grid was extremely good.

**Telephone Kiosk:** There is no further update on progress despite contacting Babergh DC last week.

**Village Website:** The website is now in place and councillors have been asked to visit the site and to decide who will begin to draft articles for publication. Photos of the village sign will be taken and sent electronically to the clerk.

**Footpaths:** Nothing to report.

**Newsletter:** R Mitchell will submit a report as usual.

**Churchyard:** The meeting was adjourned for the discussion of the condition of one of the lime trees adjacent to the churchyard wall. It is thought that the tree is dead from about 10 ft from the ground. Councillors agreed to inspect the tree and to liaise with the PCC prior to contacting Babergh DC. A date is still to be arranged for the clear up. The clerk will contact David Gotts confirm we wish that he undertakes the grass cutting during 2010/11.

**Any Other Business:** The hedgerow survey in the county is due to finish this year, probably before we are able to complete this parish survey.

Dates of meetings were set for Tuesday 20 April, 6 July and 17 August.

Annual Parish Meeting 25 May at 7pm.

## Readers Letters

*Sir*

### Soap Box

Brian Tora's comments on climate change seem to confuse rather than illuminate the subject. Science is a study where argument over the meaning of evidence is the key to progress. Disagreement is healthy in an area as complex as the world's weather system. But it is not true to say that the central issues are in dispute. As Professor Beddington, the Government Chief Scientific Advisor stated in the Times "it is unchallengeable that carbon dioxide traps heat and warms the earth and that burning fossil fuels shoves billions of tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. But where you can get challenges is on the speed of change"

Where I do agree with Mr Tora is that it is totally unacceptable for scientists, whatever their beliefs, to exaggerate or obscure the evidence that is available on the subject. Such behaviour encourages others to ignore important issues.

Unfortunately we face not one problem but a group of interrelated issues each of which potentially magnifies the effect of the others. The increasing population of the world and the need to alleviate the poverty of the majority will lead to a surge in the demand for food, water and energy. This will lead to a further increase in the production of carbon dioxide.

Unfortunately it is not easy to monitor the impact on the world's climate. The atmosphere is a highly complex system in which the day to day, or even the season to season weather may buck any underlying trends.

Mr Tora, talks of "vested interests are just a little too partisan." It is difficult to see who has a vested interest in global warming? It is easier to see who has a vested interest in maintaining the present high consumption of fossil fuels, at a time when common sense says that a reduction in consumption will reduce the stress on the world and conserve valuable resources for our grandchildren. The resources available to us are finite even if probably rather more extensive than realised at present. However they are likely to be more and more inaccessible, increasingly expensive to obtain, and the market for them increasingly competitive as more and more people are able to bid for their share. .

Perhaps on reflection we need to be concerned and even make a fuss, because the progress being made to alleviate the needs of many in the developing world is so painfully slow. Is it so unreasonable that we should ensure that all receive sufficient food, water and energy? How big a risk are we willing to take with the quality of our children's lives?

*Ian Lindsley*  
Boxford

*Sir*

I have read your comments in the Box River News this week regarding the GPA

Before I begin, route 1 and 2 travel behind my house and pylons are already clearly visible from my home and routes 3 and 4 would go either to the left or right of my house depending upon the precise location of the pylons; a "no win" situation. You would therefore expect me to be behind the groups pushing for undergrounding! But, after attending GPA and NatGrid meetings and after many many hours of investigation into all groups, campaigns and more importantly the legal obligations of National Grid, I realised that to push for undergrounding and not vote on one of the four options on the table, would be giving Nat Grid a free hand to LEGALLY choose one of the four routes themselves. The fight for undergrounding should be taken NOW after the end of the present consultation (28th Feb) and if that fight is lost I hope you find some comfort in the fact that the GPA have at least made a clear case for route 2, being the least worst option for our countryside.

In other words. LEGALLY the National Grid has no obligation WHATSOEVER to give any attention AT ALL to votes for undergrounding, and this has happened already in Scotland, where the residents in fact lost their fight. If it were not for the GPA "going out on a limb" National Grid would have the option to choose any route they wish, (which being the cheapest would probably be route three).

I noticed this week that National Grid have published that they are investigating the cost of undergrounding, a week before the end of the consultation, but they have also made it quite clear that that investigation will NOT have any impact on the decision made on the present consultation, i.e. the four routes "on the table"!! Their aim is to confuse people who have not looked further into their policies and legal obligations and I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE ACTUALLY

REALISE THIS ..... Did you

How convenient it is for Nat Grid to make this decision just seven days prior to D-Day, the power of spin, the power of money and the power of Nat Grid.

Best Regards

*Karen McDougall*  
Boxford

*Sir*

### Nick's Stroke – Progress Report

For those of you who might be interested, I thought that I might let you know how I am getting on following my stroke on 26th November 2009.

Firstly, I am making good progress, but more about that later. Firstly I want to say a big 'thank you' to all the team at the Stroke Unit, Colchester General Hospital, without whose care and professionalism, I, most likely, would not be writing to you now. Without doubt they not only saved my life, but also helped me reclaim some semblance of my quality of life. I am extremely fortunate and I owe them a considerable debt of gratitude.

So what have I been doing since I was discharged from hospital on 3rd December? Very simply, taking in the simple things of life and re-learning to do many things. Early on I said to myself that I must get outside every day, and so initially with the help of my eldest son, Richard, who came over from New Zealand to see me, I started walking to the paper shop in the village every day to pick up, yes you guessed it, a newspaper. I now do this on my own each day, although to be fair during the snowy weather, I had it delivered. It gets me out of the flat and very often I shall bump into friends in the village and stop to chat. I have now progressed to include not only the village shop but also visiting the butcher which is slightly further afield, so at least I can go 'hunting'.

I must say that my boys have been fantastic. All three, Richard, Charlie and Christopher have been brilliant. Richard is now back in NZ making movies but having him over for even that short time was an enormous fillip for me. Charlie has now moved house in Bury St E and he and Tanya are expecting a sibling for Tia in June which is all very exciting. Christopher and the band have some interesting gigs coming up in 2010, so watch this space.

I try to maintain the semblance of some routine by at least doing my own chores such as washing, ironing, cooking, cleaning, etc. which I did previously anyway. There's a joke in there somewhere, I hear you say. Some of you may be thinking, 'but why doesn't he get someone else in to do it?' The answer is simply that one has to keep active. It's all part of my therapy.

As a result of writing about my stroke experience, now encouraged by my sons, Richard; Charlie and Christopher; and one or two friends; I am writing about my life story, principally for them. I am finding this not only very therapeutic (good for not just the brain but my hands as well, and also a tremendous pleasure). I hope to have it finished later in the year.

*Nick Athorne*  
Boxford

*Sir*

Lewis and I would like the residents of Little Waldingfield to know that we are not responsible for the cessation of the delivery of the weekly Mercury to the village. It was a decision taken by the Newspaper staff.

*Rosmarie Marriott*  
Little Waldingfield

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Boxford Carpet Bowls	Jean Saunders 210725
Boxford Community Council	Roger Cunningham 211592
Boxford Conservative Assoc	Peter Patrick 210346
Boxford Drama Group	Janice Macmillan 210565
Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop	David Mayhew 248585
Boxford Gardens Open	Jeremy & Elizabeth Wagener 210223
Boxford Gardening Society	Elizabeth Wagener 210223
Boxford Netball Club	Elaine Powling 211243
Boxford Over 60s Club	Nell Suckling 210250
Boxford Playing Fields	Richard Gates 210432
Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion	
Boxford Recorder	Philip Rich 210605
Boxford Rovers Football Club	Gary Jarvis 01787 211471
Boxford School	Bob Giles 210332
Boxford Society	Tina Loose 210538
Boxford Spinney	Gordon Edgar 210108 and Dora George 211789
Boxford Sunflower Playgroup	Maira Grant 211513
Boxford Study Centre	Bob Martin 210837
Boxford Tennis Club	Jane Wood 210181.
Boxford United Charities	David House (Clerk) 210918
Boxford Village Hall Bookings	Veronica Hobbs 211529
Boxford Walks	Ian Lindsley 210520
Boxford WI	Iris Robinson 01473 658567
Boxford Youth Club	John Broughton 377404
Box River Club	Janet Daniels 210798
Box River News	Eddie Kench 211507
Carers Support Group	Phillip Ingram 210771
CE Vol Con School & Nursery Unit	Bob Giles 210332
Community Police Officer	PC Paul Wren 01473 383441
County Councillor	James Finch 01206 263649
District Councillor	Bryn Hurren 01787 210854
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Iain Young (01787 210048
Fleece Jazz Club	David Gasson 210796
Friends of Boxford School	Sharon Ireland 210302
Green Team	Elaine Carpenter 210601
Mary's House	210026
Mill Surgery	210558
Babies and Toddlers Group	Helen Shinn 211296 or Salley Lewis 210213
Parish Council	Debbie Hattrell 210943
Parochial Church Council	
Poppy Appeal	Brian James 210814
Primrose Wood	Ian Lindsley 210520
SESAW	Maggie 210888
Sponsored cycle ride	Barrie Thorpe 211346
Village Hall Draw Tickets	210640

## Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club	Anne Gardner 312346
Line Dancing	Jean Tomkins 377343
Newton Fireside Club	Wendy Turner 372677
Newton Golf Club	377217
Newton Green Trust	Lee Parker 376073
Newton Keep Fit Club	
Newton News Views & Coffee	Alan Vince 373963
Newton Village Hall	Alan Vince 373963
PCC	John Turner 372677
Police Liason Officer	
Sponsored cycle ride	Diane Stock 312828
Surgeries	Boxford Mill 210558
	Meadow Lane 310000
	Hardwicke House 370011
	Siam 370444
War Games Club	Brian Lawson 312160
Whist Drives	Alan Vince 373963
Willow Montessori Nursery	Tina Boyes 375423

## Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust	Clare Britcher 211234
Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary	Fiona Raymond 210461
Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman	Daphne Clark 210698

Edwardstone United Charities  
Edwardstone and Boxford CC  
Local History Recorder  
Sponsored cycle ride

Les Clark (Clerk) 210698  
Iain Young (01787 210048)  
Daphne Clark 210698  
Jan Paul 210972

## Groton Clubs & Organisations

Groton Educational Foundation  
Groton Parish Council  
Groton United Charities  
Groton Village Hall Bookings  
Sponsored cycle ride

Anthea Scriven 01787 210263  
Sandra Grey 211465  
Jeremy Osborne 211960  
Joanna Roberts 210619  
Peter Kennedy-Scott 210319

## Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

Gt Waldingfield WI  
Ltl Waldingfield Parish Council  
Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room  
Little Waldingfield Playingfield Committee (Chairman)  
Little Waldingfield Charities  
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Mary Thorogood 247658  
Sue Mitchell 247173  
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## Boxford School News

As you will be aware I have been at Boxford for many years and during that time we have had numerous Government initiatives and strategies. Since the first National Curriculum was introduced we have had at least two major revisions which have attempted to make the curriculum more manageable and easier to access. Whilst the documents have changed the principle behind them has remained the same and children were expected to study a subject based curriculum based around the traditional areas of History, Geography, Science, Mathematics etc. Last week, to my surprise, yet another curriculum arrived in my post. We knew it was coming but had no idea it would be so soon. This curriculum outlines a major change to the way in primary schools teach and is based on a thematic approach with key areas of learning. These areas of learning encompass the traditional subjects and group them together. For example history and geography will now be taught under the umbrella of 'Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding' and science and technology under Scientific and Technological Understanding. The guidance talks about creating cross curricular units of work which enable children to become fully engaged in their learning. We are very excited by this as this is the way we have always worked and many of you may remember our unit on World War II when we finished the study with a street party outside the school hall and invited the children's grandparents to join us. Interestingly the cross curricular approach to learning was the way we taught when I first started teaching thirty years ago!

Last week our Year 4 footballers attended the Cornard Pyramid Schools Football Tournament. It was a very exciting afternoon and our boys played very well. For the second year running we returned to school with the trophy having finished top of the table. Congratulations to Jamie Colcomb, Joshua Gray, Oliver Hicks, Freddie McCracken, Austin Dakers and Harry Croft. This was a big relief to Mr Hood, as having won the trophy in previous years he was under some considerable pressure to bring home the trophy in his first year as the coach!

Finally I am delighted to be able to report that by the time you receive this news the gazebo we are erecting in memory of Jane Whitwell will be complete. We will be organising a grand opening ceremony at the beginning of next term.

## Local Walks

### Lavenham Rambling Club

The new programme of walks is not yet available. However there will be walks on **Sunday 11th April** and **Sunday 25th April**.

For details of these and for general information please phone Graham on 01787 248128

### Gainsborough Walk

David Burnett is leading this walk on behalf of RA in aid of funds for Gainsborough House.

It will take in some places in Sudbury associated with Gainsborough and also the lost village of Brundon. Start at Market Hill 10am **Tuesday 27th April**, distance 3 miles. Advance booking is essential as there is a maximum number of 205 places. Tickets at £2 per head from reception at Gainsborough House. 01787 372958 10am - 5pm Monday - Saturday.

### Ramblers Association Walks.

**Wednesday 7th April** 10am start. Mount Bures.

Meet at recreation ground car park, Bures St Mary. 6 miles.

Leader *Alan W.* 01787 464094.

**Wednesday 14th April**. 10am start. Dedham.

Meet at Dedham free car park (GR 058336) to walk to Stratford St Mary and Langham Church along the Essex Way and River Stour mbank. Distance 4 miles

Leaders *Cliff and Dorothy* 01255 502976

**Sunday 18th April** 10am start. Boxted, New paths.

Meet at Boxted Church (nr Hartest) car park £1 (GR TL 824504)

Leader *Margaret K* 01787 280996

**Wednesday 28th April** 10am start. Hitcham.

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## PLAYERS WANTED FOR UNDER 8'S



Boxford Rovers Under 8's pictured above after their first match against Ipswich Valley Rangers. They hope to start playing league football at the start of next season and need 3 or 4 more players. If you are interested and currently in school year 3, then contact Rob Hughes on 01473 657646

## SECOND SEASON BACK FOR MILDEN CRICKET CLUB



*Above: (back row): Will Ward, Joe Aries, Richard Harding, James Harding, Alex Cunningham, Mark Harries and James Wilton-Ely. (Front row): Arthur Wormington, Richard Robinson, Tom Konopka and Martin Roffey.*

Milden Cricket Club are gearing up for their second season back at the crease. The Milden boys finished a creditable fifth in Division 5 of the Hunts Bats League and enjoyed some excellent results towards the end of the season. However, as with any small team, Milden are looking to swell their ranks for the forthcoming season. If you have a former cricketer/lazy student/budding Stuart Broad sitting in front of your television - perhaps you could nudge them in our direction? We're netting at Great Cornard Upper School every Sunday from 3-4pm until mid-April and then will start outside nets at Milden on Thursday evenings. For more information check out our stats on [milden.play-cricket.com](http://milden.play-cricket.com) or call 07807229447 if you're looking for some summer cricketing action!

### Milden CC does the 'Italian Job' on 10th April

With the cricket season fast approaching, Milden CC are boosting their pasta intake by hosting an Italian Night! The event, taking place on Saturday 10th April, will be a combination of homemade Italian Food and (later) some Italian Job-inspired 60s music. At £12 per head and with a licenced bar - it is surely a night not to be missed. Edwardstone Village Hall is the venue and tickets are still available - ring 01787 211114 for details or email [richalirob@aol.com](mailto:richalirob@aol.com).

## ROVERS AMAZING 100% LEAGUE RECORD

Not content with securing their fourth successive promotion last season, Boxford Rovers First Team are now heading for their fifth in spectacular style. With March now upon us, Rovers still maintain a 100% record in the league conceding only 9 goals in the process. The team have simply dominated their league with only Clacton United and Brantham Athletic providing any realistic challenge (Boxford winning 2-1 and 1-0 respectively). Leading the charge, are Tim Kerr and Ben Patrick who are topping the goal scoring table with Lee Wilkins captaining. With only ten league games remaining, it would take an unlikely losing streak to prevent the Colchester and East Essex Division Two title heading to Boxford. More silverware is possible as the team remain in two cup competitions. Eastcliff were the latest team to leave Homefields with their tails between their legs. The Division One team were beaten 2-0 by an inform Rovers team with goals from Ben Taylor and James Kossick. Rovers await to hear their opponents in the next round of the League Cup. To keep track of the team's progress, check out [www.boxfordrovers.com](http://www.boxfordrovers.com).

Similarly, Boxford Rovers Reserves are also on the hunt for silverware. The team, playing their games at Webbs Meadow in Nayland, are closing in on promotion from the Sudbury Sunday League Division Four after some excellent recent results. The team are managed by Club Chairman Roger Cunningham and he has been ably supported by goals from Luke Waugh and Will Ward. Aaron Cooper is captaining the team as they seek to bounce back from an unfortunate relegation last season. However, the team have suffered from a string of cancelled games due to poor weather and will now look to consolidate their position. The reserves are also featured on the Rovers' website.

Richard Robinson, squad manager for Boxford Rovers FC, would like to thank the team of players and volunteers who worked so hard to put our dugouts in place. A special mention has to go to the Kerr family (Mike, Tim and Matt), Will Crisell, the Cunningham family, Ben Taylor (transport) and to Geoff Lock who produced the metal frames. As you will see, there is still a little bit of work to do - with a paint job and some perspex needed to finish the job.

## EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB - 200 CLUB

Like other smaller sports clubs, the issue of club funding is never far off the horizon. Unfortunately due to support dropping for the Valentines Dance, we have had to cancel this annual event for the time being. However, to continue fundraising, this year sees the launch of the ECC 200 club. Please support the club, if you can, and buy a ticket - £10 will gain entry into 10 draws from May to February with a minimum prize fund of £50 for each draw, depending on tickets sold - results will be published in the Box River News and in the pavilion window at the playing field. IAIN YOUNG, Secretary ECC (01787 210048)

### SENIOR CRICKET

The new season is almost upon us. With the clocks going back and the evenings lengthening it is time to get back in the groove. Nets for the seniors and colts (14+) will start, weather / light permitting on THURSDAY 8th April at 6.30pm and continue weekly at the same time through the season. We have a full league fixture list on Sundays, and friendly matches on Saturdays during June / July which will suit more occasional players. We will also run a tour to Kent in July. Contact any committee member, or come along to the nets if you would like to play. We have also organised some 20:20 matches locally on the longer evenings later in the summer. We play in the Hunts County Bats Suffolk Cricket League, division 2, track our progress on line!

GREG HAYTON (07980 834715) IAIN YOUNG (01787 210048)

### JUNIOR CRICKET

Our junior cricket season will start on Saturday 24th April @ 9.30am at the Playing Field, Boxford. All current players will have received a newsletter already, but in case of address changes or misdirections, please call Tim or Iain. The age range covered is from 8 to 13, we will run two groups within the sessions, one for more experienced players and another for the younger ones. We aim to play six 20:20 style matches this season, and finish the season with a whole group match, presentations and tea on 24th July. New players are always welcome - please call for registration details and a form. IAIN YOUNG (01787 210048) TIM BEVEN (01787 211841)