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A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year to you all



A Christmas Message from Revd Judith

A New Year edition of the Box River News, but which I know you will read before Christmas! A challenge in deciding the theme of my letter. Perhaps I can start by looking back and end * by looking forward.

Looking back, whilst only “officially” with you since my licensing in October, I find you have all been in my heart for a whole cycle of seasons.

My appointment was made in the spring; then I carried you in my thoughts and prayers over the summer, whilst completing my curacy in Coggeshall; autumn brought our move to the Rectory and the start of my ministry amongst you; now winter brings joyful activity as we celebrate Jesus’ birth in school nativities, carol services and Christmas communions.

So I feel we have been “travelling together” for some time already, and my prayer, as we continue to walk together in life’s journey, over the coming years, is that we will draw closer to each other and closer to God.

A simple prayer for this turning point in the year, and, for some of us, in our lives, as we move from past to future, from old to new:

Lord, forgive what I have been,
Bless what I am,
And direct what I shall be.
Amen

Your friend in Christ, *Revd. Judith*

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FOB'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Once again the children, parents, family and friends of Boxford School turned out to enjoy

The School Christmas Fayre on 4th December. With the popular stalls of Teddy Tombola, Jolly Jars, Wine to Water, Hamper Raffle, Human Fruit Machine, Face & Nail Painting along with the Cash Raffle, a visit to Father Christmas plus all the other stalls and refreshment we were able to raise an amazing £1660. Friends of Boxford School Committee



would like to thank everyone who supported this event and helped make it such a success yet again. The money will be used towards play equipment on the school field, which will cost 15,000 plus all the other events and items Friends of Boxford School supports in the school. Please join us for our Quiz on 30th April.



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Friday, 4 February 8.00, Ticket £14 Asaf Sirkis Trio

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A big thank you to all who contributed to our cake sale in Mary's House on Saturday November 27th. Also to all our friends who helped on the day

There was a steady flow of visitors to Mary's house during the day but the cake stall selling cakes, savouries, Jams and Marmalade all of which were home made enjoyed an early rush. Alison Brain brought her lovely Ugandan beads, and these were much admired. Between us we raised a grand total of £500 for the 'Early Learning Orphanage and School' in Entebbe

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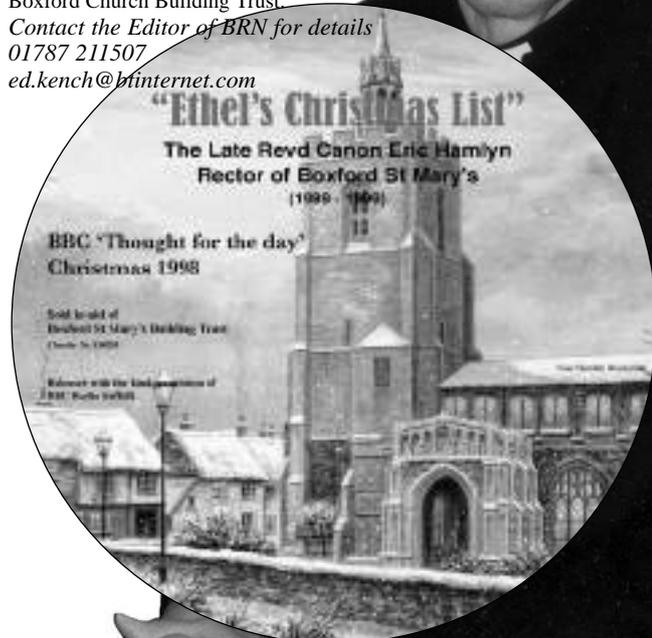
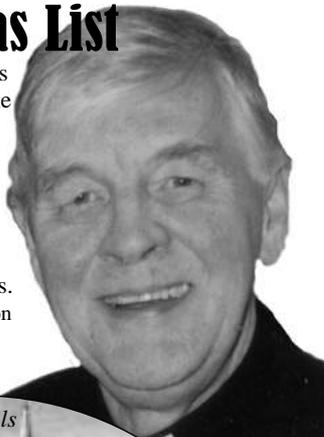
About 3 minutes of the funniest Thought for the Day ever which by popular demand was repeated again just before Christmas.

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Monday 27th	12 - 11	12 - 3 and 5:30 - 8:30
Tuesday 28th	12 - 11	12 - 3 and 5:30 - 8:30
Wednesday 29th	12-3 and 5 - 11	12 - 3 and 5:30 - 8:30
Thursday 30th	12 - 3 and 5 - close	12 - 3 and 5:30 - 8:30
Friday 31st	12 - 1am	12 - 3
Sat 1st Jan 2011	12 - 11	12 - 3 and 5:30 - 8:30
Sun 2nd Jan 2011	12 - 11	12 - 3
Mon 3rd Jan 2011	12 - 11	12 - 3

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL 2010

This year has been very busy for the hall, since February the ladies toilets have been re-fitted with new sanitary ware, installation of a public telephone in the passage way to the store room, new flooring put in the committee room and bar, decoration of the bar area and the main hall and extensive work undertaken to the heating system to improve it for the winter.

Whilst we were doing this, new plans were drawn up for a disabled toilet and the installation of the new windows. As I am sure you are aware, it proved to be very difficult to get permission for replacement of the windows, which we finally managed at appeal with the assistance of Bryn Hurren and Richard Gates speaking on our behalf at the meeting.

Whilst I was battling to get the plans through Babergh, Veronica offered to help ease the workload by liaising with various contractors to gain the best quote for the new units, which she did with outstanding success and subsequently being my eyes and ears once installation started ensuring everything has gone to plan, I am very grateful for all the work and support that Veronica has provided.

But the work of both Veronica and Robert has not stopped there. Over the last year, having the full bar licence has proved very profitable for the hall and Veronica and Robert have given up many evenings and weekends to run bars that have raised considerable funds towards installing the windows. As well as supporting me with other fund raisers including the cake stall, the quiz which made a profit of over a thousand pounds, the forthcoming Christmas Bazaar and the sterling work they are currently doing with the Grand Christmas Raffle. Whenever there is something that needs doing they are both sure to pop up and be the first to volunteer their time. They have proved a very valuable asset to the hall. I hope their association continues for the foreseeable future.

Over the last few months the committee has tried very hard to listen to issues that affect the clubs and has openly encouraged all clubs to raise any issues they have via Veronica as the bookings secretary. I would ask club representatives to continue contacting Veronica direct if there are any problems concerning hiring the hall and ensure they notify her if they need to cancel a booking, otherwise they may find themselves being charged for times they have not used the hall.

Cleaning has also proved to be a continuing issue, the committee has reviewed what they ask the cleaner to do and are currently monitoring the

situation. Shirley has agreed to be responsible for the cleaning and raising and resolving any issues with the cleaning, therefore if you have any comments or observations, whether good or bad, concerning the cleaning then please do not hesitate to contact Shirley.

Looking forward to the new year, the committee proposes to continue improvements to the hall with the installation of a disabled toilet, possibly an outside seating area to the front of the hall and investigating how we can improve access for the disabled. This does however come at a cost and as heating and electric bills continue to increase, a rise in the rates of hire will need to be made from the New Year.

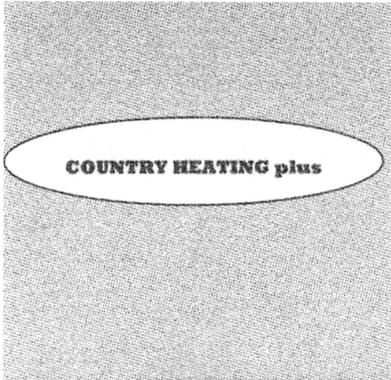
Finally I would like to thank everybody for working with us over the last year and their understanding when some things have not gone so well. I also thank the committee, for their work over the last year and wish everybody the very best for the festive period ahead.

Julian Fincham-Jacques

Chairman, Boxford Village Hall



Some of the new windows and doors replaced in the Village Hall



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OH YES IT WAS



Above: Snow White (Hannah Carpenter) and The Prince (Kerrie McGivan) duet with 'Your The One That I Want'

With more smoke than we have seen since July 2007 the Boxford Drama Groups annual Panto went off with a bang (several bangs to be precise).

Despite the dreadful weather and poor road conditions and outside temperatures close to -9° the group played to packed houses all four nights. In fact when the tickets went on sale, by ten o'clock in the morning, Friday and Saturday were sold out and only a few tickets remained for the Thursday performance. What a reputation they needed to live up to and live up to it they did.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (we was robbed there were only five) was written, produced and Directed by Michael Munn and also jointly produced with Jane Lindekam who included the task of stage manager. It was good to see some more newcomers to the panto. A group of Street Dancers calling themselves 'The Street Kids' entertained us at times during the performance. These were members of the Boxford Street Dancing Group that practices in the Village Hall each week. Other



Above: As if I would!!! Bod (Hannah Carpenter) displays the sensational issue of the Box River News containing a report of the Panto and useful job vacancy ads.

notable newcomers were the very beautiful Feriyalle Sharm playing Rose Red, Sister of Snow White and equally stunning was Kerrie McGivan who played the Handsome Prince in such a suave and professional manor including some exciting thigh slapping.

I must mention Hannah Murphy who played Bod, paper seller, optician, and stationery merchant, always there when she was needed. She was joined on this occasion by both her parents with Dad as a less than terrifying Goliath and Mum as a most impressive Old Hag.

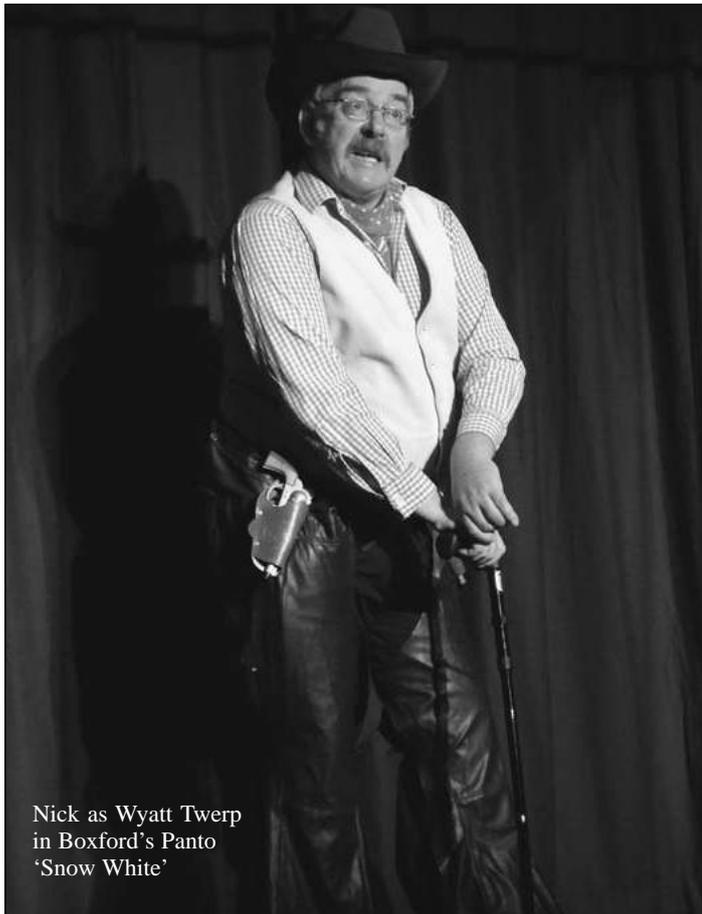
With a cast of thousands it is difficult to pick out any specific performance but the Carpenter duo playing Professor Malady (Will) and Bodger (Elaine kept our sides aching and the Scissor Sisters (Coralie Marshall and Elaine Horne) gave us plenty of opportunity to Hiss and Boo not to mention the Wicked Queen whilst the dame, Mabel (Joe Barratt) kept everything including her buns, in order.

I have been asked to mention the Lighting and Sound so here goes 'Lighting and Sound'. However No Boxford Panto would be complete without all the backroom boys and girls and especially Di Butler, Jan Graves and Derek Butler who together produced such an excellent meal during the interval.

Below: Members of the cast line up at the end of the show. Several can not be seen because the Five dwarfs are so big they have hidden the poor young dancers.



NICK'S RECOVERY CONTINUES



Nick as Wyatt Twerp
in Boxford's Panto
'Snow White'

Many of you from around the villages, friends and acquaintances alike, have remarked to me how much you enjoy reading about my recovery from my stroke and asking me as to when to expect the next installment of 'Nick's Recovery'. So here it is. May I say how touched and humbled I am that so many of you not just care, but are also genuinely interested in hearing about my progress. Thank you. I hope that you all gain from it.

As to how I feel, I can say that I feel much more clear-headed. Also I feel my strength is returning, yet I get very frustrated at the speed, or rather the apparent lack of it, at which I do improve. That said I do consider myself lucky. So my overall state of health is, I have to say a year on, whilst not yet in the rudest, then certainly in ruder, health than before. Part of the reason is, in a word, ICANHO. This is quite the most amazing place. As I mentioned last time I was accepted to undergo an initial six month period of rehabilitation. Thusfar I have been attending physiotherapy sessions twice a week since June. I have to say that, whilst progress and repair are slow, nonetheless, improvement is noticeable. Perhaps one of the more inspiring aspects is meeting other patients, listening to their stories and witnessing the progress they make. Not everybody who goes there is a stroke survivor, some have suffered head injuries as a result of a variety of accidents, but the way each individual addresses his or her issues is not just a privilege to see, but also a catalyst to spur one on to achieve one's own recovery expectations and goals.

Consequently for me, there have been a number of developments. Firstly I have had my rehab period extended to next March, about which understandably I am delighted. Secondly, I have been issued with a lower leg and foot support, which I have nicknamed 'Tiny Tim'. Essentially it is a leg support with 'Velcro' straps that has an attached metal footplate that goes inside my shoe, offering my foot strong support. The purpose behind it is to encourage my foot to rise when I walk, and reinforce my brain with messages to tell my foot, hip and leg muscles to walk properly. Tiny Tim is fantastic as I have found that not only can I walk further, but that my walking gait has also noticeably improved. Although I do have to check that I do not fall back into old habits of swinging my leg out. Thirdly, there is the issue of my left hand and arm, which together need some work. So in order to address this, I have been issued with the Saeboflex glove (www.saebo.com). This is quite the most amazing piece of remedial equipment. But rather than me try to explain how it works, simply go to the link and you can see for yourself how the glove works. The purpose behind it is to strengthen the muscles and open the pathway from that part of my brain that now controls my arm to encourage it to send commands to my arm and hand. Over time I am

hoping that use of my hand and arm will become more extensive allowing greater functional use. Well that's is the plan. On visiting the website you will see why I have nicknamed it Edward Scissorhands!

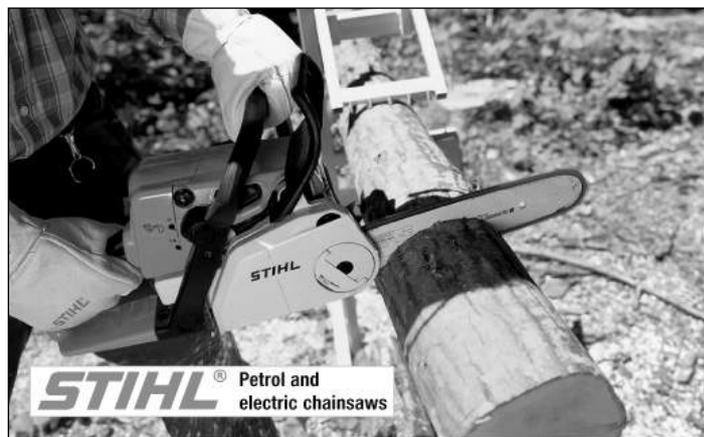
You may well be asking as to what else I have been doing these past few months. Aside from physiotherapy and stroke club with Success After Stroke (SAS) I have been down to Canterbury on a couple of occasions. I visited Ely Cathedral with Vanessa recently, and I am getting to know my grandson, who is simply wonderful.

I am involved with the Boxford Drama Group once more, which is great, and have been doing some prompting. Last year, following the now infamous unscheduled appointment with the Stroke Unit, I was unable to take part in the Pantomime! However, I did get to see it, saying to myself then that 'Next year I'll be back!' Well I was, and here's a photo to prove it. The writer/director of this year's Panto, Michael Munn, released me back onto the stage for 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. What a blast! Such fun! I can't tell you how good it felt. Such a confidence booster. Michael, thank you.

As many of you know, before I had the stroke, I was a business facilitator, holding large business networking events around East Anglia. And so, being "Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking!" I have been guest speaking to a number of some local business clubs, and other groups, particularly in Essex, talking about stroke and how best to manage it should it occur to any of them or someone close. It's my way of being able to make people become more aware of stroke, whilst at the same time helping me restore my self confidence.

I have also watched son Christopher and TBW (This Boy Wonders) perform at the O2 Academy in London recently. A seminal moment! Believe me! Gave me goose bumps! As for his brother, Rik, it's all systems go in New Zealand, as The Hobbit finally goes into film production early next year. And their brother Charlie, he's a very hard working Dad, making a big impression in two of East Anglia's leading hotels. Makes one very proud!

My thanks to all of you who have offered support throughout the year, it has been greatly appreciated, I can assure you. I accept that reading about how someone manages a newfound disability may not be everybody's cup of tea of light reading, so I shan't be offended. I guess it depends upon whether one's glass is half full or half empty. I certainly know how full is mine. In the meantime, have a fabulous Christmas and catch up again in the New Year. Very Best Wishes Nick Athorne.



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With Jamie's appointment, the police surgeries at Mary's House are to be resumed. Jamie will be attending on the following dates, from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon, during the time when Mary's House is open for coffee and tea:

Monday 6 December 2010, Monday 10 January 2011,

Tuesday 1 February 2011, Thursday 3 March 2011, Monday 4 April 2011

Thursday 5 May 2011, Monday 6 June 2011

Do feel free to drop in for a word with Jamie, either to report anything to him or to share any concerns you may have about local crime or policing issues. If you want to speak to him in confidence, there is a room available upstairs where you can do so.

The Stoke-by-Nayland High School Group

The Stoke-by-Nayland High School Group are very pleased to inform you that on 5th November 2010 our proposal was approved by the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, to progress to the final stage of the process to achieve an 11-16 High School in Stoke-by-Nayland.

With the help from our expert panel, education specialists, local businesses and volunteers from our communities we are now putting

together the full and detailed Business Case for the School. Once the Business Case and timetable is agreed by central government staff recruitment will begin in preparation for the Stoke by Nayland High School September 2013 opening.

There is a lot of work ahead of us over the next year, however with the support of the wider community we strongly believe that our school will not only be an exciting learning environment for our children but also an asset to our rural community.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone from across the entire community who has given their support, expertise and good wishes over the past 12 months.

Our aim is to have a High School that involves the whole community and therefore we ask for everyone to be a part of this amazing opportunity. If you would like to find out more or get involved please go to our website <http://www.stokebynaylandhighschool.org.uk>

We will continue to keep you posted with any news and updates.

Many thanks

The Stoke-by-Nayland High School Team

"A Boxford Calendar 2012"

Calling all photographers- "A Boxford Calendar 2012" We will be producing a calendar - proceeds in aid of Boxford Church for 2012. We need your favourite Boxford photos taken during the year – our panel of judges will select photos for our calendar. Further info from a churchwarden- get clicking! Email photos to ChrisKingsC@aol.com,

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Fun and Games Night Saturday 22nd January 2011 7.30pm.

Boxford Village Hall

We are getting well booked for this event so if you have a team then contact Stephanie on 21044 for a chance to enter. We are looking for helpers to man the games, if you want a fun night with refreshments included you will be very welcome. Please let Peter know on 210819 so that we can cater.

GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

The Trustees will meet in January 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.

We can 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX

Once again the shoebox campaign is over for another year and all the boxes from Boxford are on their way to Belarus. We thank everyone for their generosity. We had fun at Mary's house wrapping the boxes and then filling them with all the goodies you gave us. All our knitters provided us with a mountain of hats, mitts, scarves and hand puppets. Please carry on for next year! If anyone wants knitting patterns Ann has a supply.

Thanks also to all who filled their own boxes. It is quite amazing how you'll find such lovely things to fit into the boxes.

Nena Harding who organizes the Sudbury warehouse always remarks on the love that goes into the boxes for these needy children so we thank you all and hope to do it all again next year.

For further information please contact:

Ann Porter 210581 Jennie Lindsley 210520 Shirley Watling 210024

NEWS ETC.

The Boxford Fleece and 3PR

In last months BRN I commented on the collections made at the Fleece on behalf of 3PR and asked if anyone knew where the money had gone because 3PR had not received any of it. I have since been advised that 10% of the revenue from one of the draws intended for 3PR was diverted to Gt Ormond Street Hospital instead, a very worthy cause. The reason given for this change of mind was apparently due to a dis-enchantment with Boxford villagers!

Parking in Boxford

During the very cold and freezing conditions at the end of November and early December, Boxford villagers will have noticed that the police started to cone the areas outside our village shops and Post Office forcing the elderly and lame to park some distance from the shops and having to walk on frozen roads and footpaths at considerable risk to their limbs in order to do their shopping. The net effect was a serious down turn in turnover at The Village Stores and great concern that after 110 years during which it has been OK to park outside the shops, the police should have taken it upon themselves to interfere with village life in this high handed manner.

There is no doubt that vehicles should be prevented from parking on the bridge and probably on the road up to the Post Office door and there should be greater control of parents parking on the corner of church street where the entrance to the cemetery is. But to prevent us from parking outside the shops on the pretext that it represents a Hazard is a nonsense. No villager can remember an accident at that point in living memory except one a few years ago when a cyclist ran into the back of a car turning left into Broad Street. I was there and it was noticeable that no other vehicles were involved or parked there.

The law regarding parking at junctions is anything but clear. It is recommended that you should not park within ten meters of a junction. If you do park within that area, police may declare that you are creating a hazard and they may issue a ticket. The operative word is 'may', there is no obligation on their part to do so. Since the parking in front of the Village Stores and Newsagents has been proved over very many years not to cause a hazard there is no good reason why the police should act.

At a police surgery held in Mary's house on Monday 6th December, well attended by concerned villagers it was agreed that the cones would be

removed and shoppers would be allowed to park for up to 10 minutes as they shop, preferably not across the double white lines. It is intended that double yellow lines will be painted across the bridge and up to the door of the post office. Until this work is carried out please avoid parking on that area. Lets hope that common sense will prevail. Ed



Cones outside the Post Office and Village Stores



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Wot's On

BEWARE

It seems that Babergh District Council have been scanning through the Box River News and other publications to see if there is anyone or any charity that they can jump on from a great height. BEWARE avoid including reference to alcoholic beverages in any of your advertising if you do not have a licence, even if you are offering the drink without charge. This was a red rag for a lot of Bull resulting in the threat of a fine of £1000 and causing the charities to spend money intended for a good causes on TENs licences. You have been warned

New Years Eve with "The Ultimate Party Band"

"The Ultimate Party Band" are to entertain at Stoke by Nayland Hotel's New Year's Eve Ball

New Year's Eve revellers are in for a treat this year at the glittering annual Gala Ball at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa. Soul Kitchen, named by many as the "greatest party band in the South East" will be delighting guests with their combination of professional musicianship and a stunning stage show crammed full of soul, ska, funk and blues classics, and a liberal smattering of humour. One past guest has commented "These guys are not only fabulous musicians but incredible entertainers who put on a show to remember – the atmosphere was electric from the start!"

Tickets for the New Year's Eve Black Tie Ball are selling fast and are available from the Sales Team at Stoke by Nayland Hotel on 01206 265818/825 or email sales@stokebynayland.com and visit www.stokebynayland.com for details. Tickets cost £90 or £75, (£10 discount for members) which includes champagne and canapés on arrival followed by a sumptuous 5 course dinner. Limited hotel rooms are also available from just £40 pp including use of the luxurious poolside facilities.

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Stoke by Nayland W.E.A.

Spring course of ten weekly lectures starts at 7.30pm on Thursday, 13th January 2011 at the Middle School, Stoke by Nayland

Coastal Ecology and Conservation In East Anglia

Tutor: Fred Boot

Fred has been associated with the Essex Wildlife Trust for forty years (Chairman for eight years).

A well-respected lecturer, Fred will deal with aspects including erosion management and differing habitats for flora and fauna.

There is no charge for the first evening, but the cost for the whole course of ten weekly sessions (£44) must be paid at the second session.

There is no need to book a place; just turn up on the first evening about 7.15pm. There will be a free refreshments and the evening should finish by 9.15pm. There is no required "extra-mural study", essays etc.

Newcomers will be made welcome.

Should you require further information please contact either:

Ruth Bellairs (Secretary) 01206 262 312 or

Roger Bawden (Chairman) 01787 310 918



HIGHCLIFF VETERINARY PRACTICE



Highcliff Veterinary Practice has now completed an extensive refurbishment and modernisation programme, undertaken over the last two and a half years at its Hadleigh surgery. The practice has evolved over five generations, from the Lemon family who were horse doctors in Kersey.

It is now a fully modernised small animal practice with purpose built surgical diagnostic and hospital facilities. The reception area is now lighter and more spacious with separate areas possible for waiting dogs, cats and 'small furrries'.



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Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Another successful and enjoyable Quiz Night was held on 13th November. It was very pleasing to see some new villagers attending. The winning team was Pete, Reet, Wendy & Fran, who were known as "My Round". This caused our popular Quiz Master Brian, some discomfort when asking for the scores. These events are proving most popular. We were sold out by 25th September – before posters and tickets could be printed.

So here are the dates of the 2011 planned events. We already have bookings for some, so book early to avoid disappointment – tickets will have to be issued on a first come first served basis.

12th February	Quiz Night
17th March	Ruby & her Horses
2nd April	Close-up Card Illusionist
25th June	Car Treasure Hunt
10th September	Coffee Morning & Memorabilia Exhibition
12th November	Quiz Night

FILMS AT POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

Friday 17th December 'A Christmas Carol' (Children £2.00)

Friday 21st January 'Made in Dagenham' (15)

Tickets £3-50, from Polstead Community Shop or on 01787 210029.

All films begin at 7-30pm, doors open at 7-00pm

Over 60's meetings

January 17th Bingo

January 31st Quiz

February 14th Win A Bake

February 28th Roy Spillar (entertainer) this is an open meeting to which everyone in the village is invited

Brian Havis, Secretary



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Wot's On

MILDEN SINGERS

NOSTALGIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday 19th December. Doors Open at 7pm at Milden Pavilion
Enjoy the songs of Glenn Miller and The Andrews Sister in a 1930's and 1940's Christmas Concert. You may even wish to dress in outfits from that era.

Tickets are £5 this includes a finger buffet after the show. The licensed bar is available for pre-show drinks and afterwards with the buffet. Show time is 7.30pm.

Past shows have been a sell out with standing room only so if you would like to reserve tickets or even wish to join this popular singing group please contact Pearl on 01787 247965. Proceeds being raised towards the Milden Pavilion and Playing Field Fund

Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club

Bygone Exhibition

20th February 2011. 10.30am to 5.00pm.

Long Melford Village Hall, Refreshments, Raffle

Boxford Gardens Open

Sunday June 5th 2011, 11am-5pm

The date has been set for next year's Boxford Gardens Open. It's not too early to put the date in your diaries for 2011 and to hope for good weather! This popular event requires a large number of volunteers to make it run smoothly, so any offers of help would be extremely welcome. In addition to existing gardens, we are also looking for new gardens to open. All money raised is used by the Boxford St Mary's Building Trust to maintain and restore Boxford St Mary's church. Contact Angela Tolputt (212264).

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

A ten week course on Wednesday afternoons, 2-4pm,

starting on Wednesday 12th January 2011

in Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford.

Tutor: Peter Strickland

Tel: 01787 210344

Friends Of Boxford School



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 30th April 2011

7pm Boxford School Hall

7.30 start (prompt)

Tickets - £5 per head - Teams of up to 8

To enter your team Telephone:

FOBS Chairman on 01787 210302 or

School Office on 01787 210332

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Kazimir Malevici

Wot's On

Boxford Community Council Fun and Games Night

Saturday 22nd January 2011 at Boxford Village Hall

Once again we will be holding our annual Indoor Fun and Games Night challenge in the Village Hall. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various games and mindbenders striving for the prestigious title of Fun and Games Champions for 2011. A fun night is promised for all and we will be having a licensed bar and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30pm for registration with first round of games at 7.50pm. Ticket prices will be £48.00 per team, £6.00 per head.

Our limit is 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed, please contact David Gasson on 210796, Stephanie Atkins on 210444 or Peter Hibben on 210819, we will list you on first come first served basis. We already have four teams registered so there are twelve team vacancies left. We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas if possible so ask your help in a swift reply.

If anybody is not in a team but would like to come and help then please give Peter Hibben a ring on 210819.

Boxford WI

December saw us at Mary's House enjoying our Christmas Party Good foody Company and lots of fun

In November two meetings were held to discuss locally the proposed resolutions for next year, one at Newton Green and one at Park Farm This year we will be deciding between various topical issues which include Mega Farms Saving Trees Controlled Use of Mobility Scooters Helmets for Cyclists Closure of Libraries Medication for Alzheimer's Sufferers These subjects will be discussed in each WI voted on the results being collated at our Regional Office then sent up to Central Office in London The Chosen Resolution will be announced next year

Craft Club Our program for 2011 is now being decided This Program and our 2011 Meeting one is available to anyone who would like a copy This can be obtained from Heather Worricker 01787 211566 or any member

January sees us at Cavendish for our Christmas Meal

In February we welcome Jan Byrne Hadleigh's Mayor to talk about her Role

COME AND JOIN US FOR A WALK!!

Babergh District Council Health Walks Programme Jan – March 2011

Do you want to get fit without over-exerting yourself?

Do you fancy a stroll in the Babergh countryside?

Do you want to meet people and make new friends?

Do you have an hour to spare on a Thursday lunchtime?

If the answer is yes, then these FREE walks are for you.

The walks are mainly flat and easy going although there are a couple with fairly steep inclines. Suitability will be discussed before the walk starts. Walks last for approximately 40-45 mins and start at 12.00pm (please note the time change from last year)

Date	Area	Led By
Thursday 6 January	Sudbury	Samantha Cross
Thursday 13 January	Hadleigh	Barbara Tottle
Thursday 20 January	Sudbury	Samantha Cross
Thursday 27 January	Lavenham	Barbara Tottle
Thursday 3 February	Sudbury	Samantha Cross
Thursday 10 February	Boxford	Samantha Cross
Thursday 17 February	Sudbury	Barbara Tottle
Thursday 24 February	Hadleigh	Barbara Tottle
Thursday 3 March	Sudbury	Samantha Cross
Thursday 10 March	Boxford	Samantha Cross
Thursday 17 March	Sudbury	Barbara Tottle
Thursday 24 March	Lavenham	Samantha Cross
Thursday 31 March	Hadleigh	Barbara Tottle

Hadleigh walks meet outside the Library in the High Street

Sudbury walks meet outside the Quay Theatre Quay Lane.

Lavenham walks meet outside the Cock Pub

Boxford walks meet outside the White Hart Pub

Please meet outside the venue unless it's raining

Refreshments will be provided after the walk

For more information please call Barbara Tottle on 01473 825834

Boxford Community Council BOXFORD TEA TOWELS



As we approach Christmas what would be a better present or accompaniment to a present than a Boxford Tea Towel. These are nicely manufactured from top linen quality and printed with scenes from Boxford village together with the Boxford village sign. They sell at £3.50 each or 3 for £10 and are on sale at Boxford News and Boxford Post office.

Proceeds from the sales go to Boxford Community Council and ultimately back into the local community via grants



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Optional 1930's or 1940's dress

Forthcoming Events Diary

December

17 A Christmas Carol	Polstead Village Cinema	Polstead Village Hall	7.30pm
19 Christmas Concert	Milden Singers	Milden Pavilion	7.30pm

January

5 Boxford WI Christmas Meal		The George, Cavendish	
13 Boxford WI Craft Club		Mary's House	2.00pm
17 Boxford Over 60's Club	Bingo	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
18 Boxford Garden Society	Zing and Drama in the Garden	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
18 Boxford Study Centre	Russian Art	Boxford School	7.30pm
22 Boxford Community Council	Quiz Night	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
31 Boxford Over 60's Club	Quiz	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm

February

2 Boxford WI Jan Byrne Mayor of Hadleigh		Boxford VH	2.00pm
12 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Quiz Night	Parish Room	7.00pm
14 Boxford Over 60's Club	Win a Bake	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
15 Boxford Garden Society	Nature through the lens	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
28 Boxford Over 60's Club	Roy Spiller	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm

March

2 Boxford WI	Tina Loose on the Pyrenees	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
5 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
8 [Shrove Tuesday] Pancake Lunch	Groton PCC	Mary's House	12.30
17 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Ruby & her Horses	Parish Room	7.00pm

April

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30 FOBS Quiz		Boxford School	7.30pm

June

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25 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Car Treasure Hunt	Parish Room	5.00pm

September

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November

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

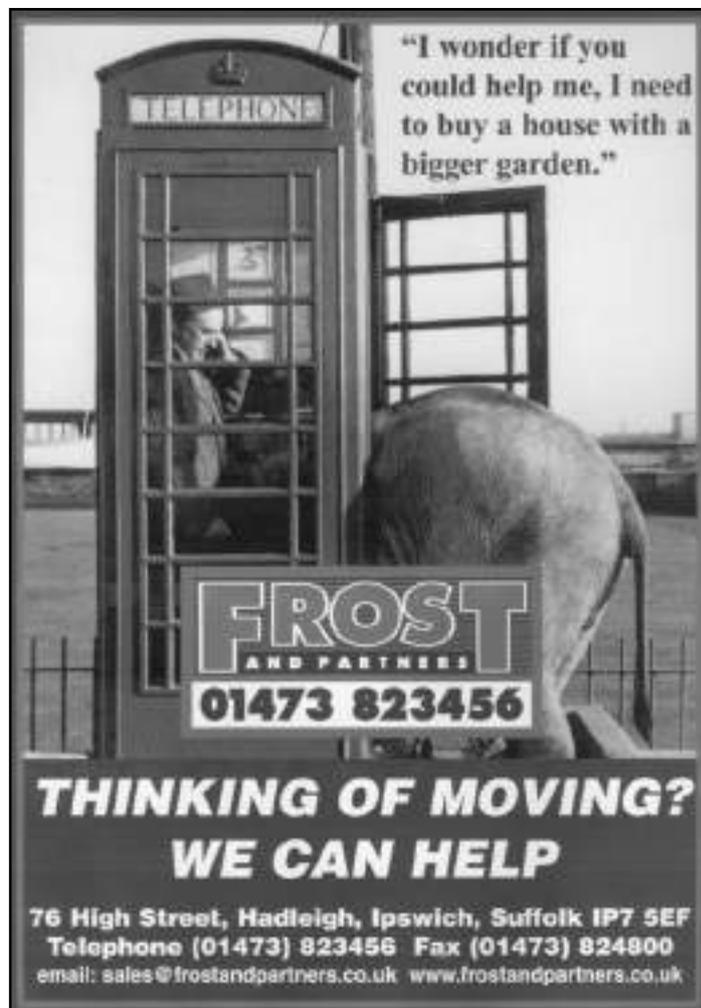


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The Box River Parishes Church News

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Priest in Charge:

The Revd Judith Sweetman
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Tel: 01787 210091; e-mail: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com

The Revd Judith's day off is normally Friday but this may vary according to circumstances

NSM:

The Revd David Abel, 13 Church Street, Boxford CO10 5DU
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Reader:

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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.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

Thought for the Month:

Words like credit crunch and recession are now an integral part of our language, not just as mere figures of speech, but a painful reality, crippling countless lives. Many of us might look at 2011 with dread and uncertainty and we all wonder whether we'll be able to hold on to that vital job, be able to repay the mortgage or merely afford the increasing cost of life, let us, hear again the encouraging words of Jesus: do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? (Matthew 6:25-27)

So, let us be a people defined by hope; hope that redeems our fears and transforms our dreams, hope that causes us to stand together, to stand for one another, hope that carries us on the journey. A new year has started. It comes with its train of expectations and fears, dreams and challenges. May 2011 be to us all a memorable year for all the good reasons we can each think of.

Cake Stall -

A Cake Stall will be held on Saturday 15th January -9.00am -proceeds towards church funds- donations of cakes to Ruth Kingsbury please

Calling all photographers

"A Boxford Calendar 2012" We will be producing a calendar-proceeds in aid of Boxford Church for 2012. We need your favourite Boxford photos taken during the year - our panel of judges will select photos for our calendar. Further info from a churchwarden- get clicking!

The Box River Club:-

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.

The Bible Study Group-

The Bible Study Group meets 2nd & 4th Monday in the month at 47 Swan Street Boxford at 8.00pm. All are most welcome.

The House Group-

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

Smile Lines - Bible Trivia

Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A: Ruthless

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 February 2011 Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 15th January

Failure to meet the date will mean your copy may not be included

Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

email address: SEDWARDS1946@aol.com



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone
Tel: 210972
David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone
Tel: 211161

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – REMINDER:

The traditional Christmas Carol Service will be held at Edwardstone Church on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. Let us hope the weather will be kinder to us this year. *Pam Dodd*

ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers
Teas/Coffees			
Jan 2:	Mr Boggis	Mr & Mrs Dodd	Mrs Morris
	Boggis		
Jan 9:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Dodd	“
Jan 16:	Mr Boggis	Mrs Morris	“
Jan 23:	Visiting	Mrs Morris	“
Jan 30:	Mr Boggis	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	“



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

PCC MEETING

Wednesday 26 January 2011,

7.30 pm at Mary's House.

Items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary, David Lamming, by Sunday 16 January. [*E-mail djlamming@hotmail.com*]

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Pat Kennedy Scott.

Rota

Sidesman with sacristan: Mrs McCorkell

Flowers: Mrs Foster

Cleaning: Mrs Foster



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

Rota

Jan 2

Jan 9

Jan 16

Jan 23

Jan 30

Sidesman

Mr Squirrel

Visiting

Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell

Visiting

Visiting

Flowers

Mrs Eddington

Mrs Gregor Smith

Mrs Grunsell

Mrs Harbord

Mrs Ewen



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

12 Links View. Tel: 312828

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE (commonly referred to as 'women bishops')

The Diocesan Synod will be debating this issue at its meeting on 11 June 2011 when it will have to vote on the formal motion, "That this synod approves the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and in draft Amending Canon No. 30." All the other 42 diocesan synods in the Church of England will be debating the same motion during 2011 and a vote in favour by a majority of the dioceses is required to enable the measure and amending canon to go forward for final approval by General Synod.

Bishop Nigel (who is also chairing the group set up by the House of Bishops tasked with drawing up a statutory Code of Practice to accompany the Measure to provide for those who, in conscience, could not receive Episcopal or priestly ministry from an ordained woman) is concerned that there should be as wide as possible discussion of the issues within the diocese. To that end, four 'listening' evenings, "Living with Difference," are to be held in January and February, to which all deanery synod members have been invited. Each meeting is to be chaired by either Bishop Nigel or Bishop Clive. The nearest meetings to our benefice are at Holy Trinity Church, Ipswich, on 25 January and at All Saints' Church, Chevington, on 26 January. Please pray for those who have the responsibility to decide this controversial matter and especially for Bishop Nigel as he chairs the group drafting the Code of Practice.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The dates and venues of this year's services/events are:

Monday 17 January, 12.30 pm at Sudbury Baptist Church

Tuesday 18 January, 12.30 pm at St Gregory's Church, Sudbury

Wednesday 19 January, 12.30 pm at Long Melford United Reformed Church

Thursday 20 January, 12.30 pm at St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury

Friday 21 January, 12.30 pm at Sudbury Roman Catholic Church

Saturday 22 January, 8.00 am – 9.30 am: prayer breakfast at St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard

Sunday 23 January, 6.30 pm: United service at All Saints' Church, Acton, followed by refreshments in Acton Village Hall.

The Church At Worship January 2010

Sunday 2nd Little Waldingfield Edwardstone Boxford	2nd of Christmas (Epiphany Sunday) 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 18.30 Evensong	(W) The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Revd. Judith Sweetman Christopher Kingsbury
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Wednesday 5th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House The Revd. Judith Sweetman

Thursday 6th
Little Waldingfield **Epiphany**
19.00 Home Communion at Newmans Hall Tim Harbord

Sunday 9th Groton Newton Green Boxford	The Baptism of Christ 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Plough Sunday Service 11.00 Holy Communion	(W) The Revd. Judith Sweetman Roy Tricker The Revd. Judith Sweetman
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Wednesday 12th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Antony Dodd

Sunday 16th Edwardstone Little Waldingfield Boxford	Epiphany 2 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Holy Communion	(W) The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Revd. Judith Sweetman
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Wednesday 19th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House The Revd. David Abel

Thursday 20th
Little Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Newmans Hall Tim Harbord

Sunday 23rd Boxford Groton Newton Green Boxford Groton	Epiphany 3 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Matins 12.30 Baptism	(W) The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Revd. Judith Sweetman Christopher Kingsbury The Revd. Judith Sweetman
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Wednesday 26th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Antony Dodd

Sunday 30th Edwardstone Boxford	Epiphany 4 The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas Sunday) (W) 10.00 Holy Communion 12.30 Baptism	The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Revd. Judith Sweetman
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Newton's Poppy Appeal

The Newton Poppy day collections achieved a grand total of £1031.32
Thanks to the door to door collectors, Lisa Robertson and Ken and Marilyn Burpitt

Thanks also to collections from the Golf Club, Saracens Head, and the church together with donations from the Parish Council and the Village Green Trust

Harry Buckledee

Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton Poppy appeal

Thanks once again to the generosity of people in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton, the recent local poppy collections have generated a record

sum of over £2,300 to help the Royal British Legion in its vital work. On behalf of the Legion, I would like to thank all the house-to-house collectors for their hard work and dedication.

Thanks also to the various local organisations who purchased wreaths or made space for collecting boxes, and to Boxford School whose staff and pupils have given their usual support at Remembrancetide. The donations at the special service in Boxford Church, which again exceeded last year's figure, made a significant contribution to the above sum.

Brian Jones

Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

Soap Box

I'm not sure I've ever met Jeff Wells, and I do appreciate his kind comments on Soap Box, but I do feel obliged to set the record – if not straight, then at least a little less skewed against bankers. Not that I have any wish to act as defence counsel for what has become a reviled group, all to easy to have a pop against. Let's face it, bankers are not easy to love.

Having worked for a couple of the major banks, I readily confess to these being the least enjoyable of my periods of employment. More than a quarter of a century ago I joined the revered firm of James Capel. Probably the most successful firm of its kind in the City, it had already agreed to a takeover from HSBC, following the restructuring of the City that was taking place, when I joined. But HSBC were based out in Hong Kong, even if the management had been predominately Scottish. Not for nothing was Hong Kong referred to as Dunfermline-on-sea.

As it happened, HSBC was very hands off for the first few years I worked there. It was only after a big loss was incurred in the wake of the stock market crash of 1987, following "Black Monday" in October of that year that they started to take a particular interest in us. It was downhill from then on.

So when I found myself working for a company on the receiving end of a takeover bid from Barclays some seven years ago, I just knew it wouldn't be for me. It took three years to extract myself, for a variety of reasons, but the reality was every bit as grim as the anticipation. I know we need banks. They do, believe me, provide essential services. It's just that I don't like working for them.

Banks work to a different agenda to smaller, more entrepreneurial businesses. And understandably so. They are concerned about scalability and reputational risk (though you'd be hard put to spot such a concern, given how they are conducting themselves at present). This leads them to adopt an approach demanding more central control and the use of targets – probably the most damaging aspect of their current business model.

But despite this, I find it hard to lay all the blame for our current economic woes at the doors of bankers. True, the rocket scientists that devised the complex financial products that obscured the extent of over-borrowing taking place are as culpable as anyone, but you need to look higher up the pecking order to find the real culprits. For too long governments have relied on a greedy consumer society to generate the tax revenues it needs to carry out unnecessary and often damaging social engineering. And the easiest way to encourage this approach was to make lending easy.

So who can blame the banks if they rose to the challenge? It didn't just happen here either. Across vast swathes of the Western world banks lent too much and the de-leveraging (to use an American expression – it did start there, after all) that is now needed will be long and painful and will, indeed, impinge upon the poor and needy as much as it will on the Godfathers and gangsters.

Governments have bailed out the banks, using our money, because they recognize that the problems are of their creation. There are other issues that arise as a consequence of all this. Is it appropriate to reward chancers in financial markets to the extent they have been in the past? I have worked in this industry for all my life and, while I accept some quite amazing bonuses have been paid in some areas, in my domain of advising private investors, few would aspire to earning as much as, say, the chief executive of Suffolk County Council, even with a bonus.

The problem, in my judgment, is less that bankers have driven the global economy off course than they have over-engineered financial instruments to a degree where the inventors no longer fully understand potential consequences, while politicians have been allowed to point to unrealistic figures that appear to justify the approach they are taking to borrowing and spending. Greece used an American investment bank to "redefine" the extent of their borrowing. Who is the most guilty? The Greek government or their paid advisers? I'm afraid, Mr. Wells, that blaming the banks, while an easy option, misses the point that we have been chronically mismanaged as a nation for too long. Dare I say thirteen years?

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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GARDENING IN JANUARY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Weather permitting, this is the best time to carry out alterations and constructional work in the garden. In the summer there is too much maintenance work to permit it. Pathways can be laid, pergolas built flower beds and shrubberies made. Examine posts and tree stakes for signs of rot and replace. Posts on pergolas and archways that are rotten at ground level can be supported by driving a metal stake into the ground beside them. Slacken off ties which are in danger of cutting into tree trunks.

Carry on with the winter digging of the vegetable garden. Lime, in the form of hydrated lime can be applied this month, if necessary. Manure and lime should not be applied at the same time because the chemical re-action of the lime releases nitrogen from the manure in the form of gas. Allow at least three months between manuring and liming.

Many people will have received house plants for Christmas presents and may not understand what is needed to keep them as near as possible to the conditions they have become accustomed to in a nursery.

One of the most difficult plants to keep in a good condition is the Poinsettia which in the nursery are grown in exactly the right environment to ensure that they are in perfect saleable condition for the Christmas market.

The temperature, humidity, light and water they received is all carefully controlled by highly skilled nurserymen, so when they are

moved into our homes they are going to undergo a great change from what they have been used to throughout their growing period, and plants do not like sudden changes. To help them to acclimatise to their new surroundings keep them in a room where the temperature is

fairly even and does not fluctuate too much between day and night. Avoid draughts and do not place too close to a hot radiator. Give as much light as possible and pay particular attention to watering.

Watering is bound to be a little bit hit and miss because we do not have the highly sensitive automatically controlled system in our homes that the professionals have. Do not water from the top. It is better to stand the plant pot on a two inch layer of fine grit in a shallow tray or bowl. Add water to the level of the grit and it will be taken up by capillary action. As the level drops, add more water, but do not more than the level of the grit. The water tray will also help create the right humidity around the plant and prevent leaf drop.

Examine regularly plants which are over-wintering in the greenhouse, such as geraniums, fuchsias, primulas and cyclamen, removing any faded flowers, dead or discoloured leaves, which if left on will attract grey mould and will soon spread to the stem causing the whole plant to collapse. Be careful not to over water but do not allow plants to dry out completely.

If you can provide the necessary heat in the greenhouse a start can be made with the spring seed sowing of bedding plants. Begin by sowing those that need a long growing season, such as lobelia, antirrhinums and begonias. Sweet peas can also be sown now if - like me - you did not get around to doing this in the autumn.

Seeds of hardy alpine plants perennials and shrubs can be sown. Many of these need a cool period after sowing to break the dormancy. After sowing place the pots or trays in a cold frame where the temperature can fall to freezing point. Keep the frame lid on to prevent the pots becoming saturated by heavy rainfall. Some seeds may take weeks to germinate so it is best to use John Innes compost with added grit or sharp sand.

Where there are any signs of waterlogging on lawns or around herbaceous plants, pierce the ground several times with a digging fork by inserting it to its full depth. This will help the surface water to drain away.

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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday 3rd November 2010 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: C Blackmore, C Fraulo, J Osborne (Vice-Chairman), N Roberts & G Smith (in the Chair).

In attendance: J Finch (County Councillor), B Hurren (District Councillor), S Gray (Clerk) and Mr. Fraser.

1) Apologies for Absence: D Elliott and M Mayhew. The Councillors consented to these absences. J Fudge (Suffolk Constabulary)

2) To Receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on the agenda: There were no declarations of interest

3) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 1st September 2010
The Minutes of the 1st September 2010 were approved; proposed by Vice-Chair, Jeremy Osborne, seconded by Chairman, Gerald Smith.

4) To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary: There were 2 crimes for Groton which compares to no crimes for the same period last year. The Councillors agreed that they were disappointed at the lack of attendance from the Safer Neighbourhood Team at the Parish Council meetings. There had been no PCSO attendance since the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2009.

5) To receive a report from Suffolk County Council:
James Finch reported to the Council that, now the Comprehensive Spending Review had been published, Suffolk County Council know that they have to find savings of 28% (£160 million) over the next four years. James Finch stressed that those services to the elderly, disadvantaged and children would be his three priorities.

6) To receive a report from District Council
Bryn Hurren reported to the Council that the Homefield development would now be started in November 2010. Bryn assured the Council that the plans included the footpath and the splay from Partridge Close to Homefield. The decision regarding National Grid and the proposed pylons would now be made in January 2011.

With regard to the budget, Bryn reported that, with the savings which had to be made, grants would be cut and services and staff would possibly be merged with Mid-Suffolk District Council.

7) To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public: Mr Fraser, who had recently moved to Groton, informed the Council of the dangers of speeding traffic for the residents at Daisy Green and requested if there could be a 30mph speed limit. James Finch agreed to speak to Suffolk Highways to arrange the measurement of traffic speed on that particular part of the Mildred Road. It was also agreed by the Council for the Clerk to inform Jamie Fudge of the concerns of the speed of cars on the road.

Vice-Chair Jeremy Osborne reported to the Council of his and Mark Mayhew's attendance at the Babergh Connect Weekend on Saturday 9th October 2010. They had reported their concerns at the speed of traffic on Groton Street as well as the recent antisocial behaviour in Groton. The PCSO, Jamie Fudge, had only recently started working in the area and assured the Vice-Chair that he would investigate their concerns.

8) Footpath and Highway Matters: With reference to the reported damaged verge on the road from Castlings Heath to Spout Hill, opposite Goslings Hall, in September the Chairman reported that a lorry from Suffolk Highways had delivered tarmac and it had been deposited on the opposite side of the road causing more of a danger due to the unevenness. James Finch said that he would investigate the matter.

The Council agreed for the Clerk to request the allocation of £294.00 of the Locality Budget from James Finch to purchase a Grit Bin for the crossroads at Park Corner

9) Planning Matters: Planning Application Number B/10/01331/FHA Knoll House Groton Street, Groton Sudbury CO10 5EE. Proposal: Erection of single-storey rear extension (demolition of existing conservatory).

The Council discussed the above application and had no objections, proposed by Chairman Gerald Smith, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeremy Osborne. All in favour.

10) Dates of Next Meetings:

- 5th January 2011
- 2nd March 2011
- 13th April 2011 Annual Parish Meeting
- 11th May 2011 Annual General Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Help is at hand to switch to digital TV

TV is changing. In 2011 the traditional TV signal will be switched off in the Anglia region and replaced with a digital TV signal. This is not a concern for most people but some may find it harder to make the switch than others.

The Switchover Help Scheme has been set up by the Government and is run by the BBC. Its purpose is to make digital TV easy for older and disabled people by converting one of their televisions to digital in the run-up to digital TV switchover in their region.

People living in the Suffolk area served by the Ipswich Stoke transmitter will begin to switch on 06 July 2011.

What does the Help Scheme do?

The Switchover Help Scheme aims to reach out to all eligible people, and ensure that those who need our help get it, so that no-one eligible need be left behind without access to television after switchover.

People are eligible for help if they are:

- aged 75 or over,
- have lived in a care home for six months or more,
- get or could get, disability living allowance,
- attendance or constant attendance allowance, or mobility supplement,
- Or if they are registered blind or partially sighted.

What's next?

Most people will be asked to contribute £40 towards the help. The service is free for people who are eligible and also get pension credit, income support, income-based jobseekers allowance or employment and support allowance.

In the run-up to switchover, every eligible person receives a Switchover Help Scheme information pack explaining the options for switching to digital.

In the meantime, if you want more information for yourself or someone you know, please log onto www.helpscheme.co.uk

Where can I get face-to-face advice on switchover?

Digital UK has been working closely with charities to organise local advice points during switchover. These will be staffed by trained volunteers and are open to everyone. To find out where your local advice point or roadshow will be, visit digitaluk.co.uk or call 08456 50 50 50.

Switchover starts in the **Anglia TV region** in March 2011 and ends in November 2011.

There are 3 transmitter groups in the Anglia TV region that will switch from analogue to digital TV at different times. The time at which you switch depends on which transmitter group you receive your signal from.

Sudbury parts of Suffolk and Essex 06 Jul 11

If you're eligible for the Help Scheme, we'll be in touch in plenty of time before switchover to ask if you want our help.

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Parish Council Matters

Edwardstone Parish Council. Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 15th November 2010 at Edwardstone Village Hall
Present: C Boggis (in the Chair), P Clarke, S Flack, M Glason, S Norman (Vice- Chair), J Rodger Brown.

In attendance: J Finch (County Councillor), B Hurren (District Councillor), S Gray (Clerk),

1) Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from J Konopka. The Councillors consented to this absence.

Apologies were received from J Fudge (Safer Neighbourhood Team)

2) To Receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on this agenda: There were none.

3) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 17th May 2010

The Minutes of the 16th August 2010 were approved; proposed by Matthew Glason, seconded by Paul Clarke.

4) To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary.

In the absence of Jamie Fudge, the Clerk gave the Safer Neighbourhood Team Report for the period 8th August to 13th November 2010. During this time, two crimes were recorded.

5) To receive report from Suffolk County Council. James Finch reported to the Council that, now the Comprehensive Spending Review had been published, Suffolk County Council know that they have to find savings of 28% (£160 million) over the next four years. There are 128 services delivered by the Council and it is planned that there will be closer working with the Community to look at what is needed. James Finch handed to the Councillors a copy of "Suffolk County Council the New Strategic Direction". James stressed that those services to the elderly, disadvantaged and children would be his three priorities.

With regards the care of the elderly. Matthew Glason asked James Finch about the specific future of the Angel Court care home in Hadleigh and stressed the high standards which were maintained there. James said that all views would be taken into consideration and encouraged Councillors and parishioners to submit their views.

The Chairman thanked James for his attendance and his report.

To receive a report from District Council With regard to the budget, Bryn reported that, with the savings which had to be made, grants would be cut and services and staff would possibly be merged with Mid-Suffolk District Council.

Bryn stated that Babergh has the following three main aims (a) to push Broadband, (b) environmental issues (particularly planning issues with listed buildings and updating windows etc) and (c) unsustainable Villages notably when there is a need for low cost housing.

The Chairman thanked Bryn for his attendance and report.

6) Planning Matters: Mill Green Affordable Housing Scheme

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to the Councillors the correspondence from Tracey Brinkley stating that the Housing Panel approved the report to them on the 24th September 2010 in relation to Mill Green, Edwardstone. The Housing Panel supported the recommendation to continue with the scheme but without the additional parking measures in order to keep the overall cost of the scheme as low as possible. They have however asked that the issue of parking in Mill Green be discussed further with the contract and Asset Management Team. This is to highlight the concerns that have been raised by Edwardstone Parish Council to establish whether any further improvements can be made in future from the Council's resources. Councillors expressed their deep disappointment to Bryn Hurren at the decision regarding the parking and that no mention of the maintenance issues with Flagship raised was addressed in Tracey's reply. The clearing of the ditch and cutting of the hedge had taken place once in six years. Bryn agreed to raise these concerns again with Tracey and report to the Council in February or before via the Clerk.

7) Highways & Footpath Matters: There were no matters reported.

8) Millennium Green Playground: The Council were in full agreement that obtaining equipment for the playground was proving more expensive than at first thought and the Councillors were concerned that they would not be able to use the Locality Budget of James Finch in the time allocated. The Councillors were unanimous in their agreement that the Clerk write to the Village Hall Committee and the PCC at Edwardstone Church asking if they had a specific project in need of funds. The Council would discuss the allocation at the meeting in February 2011.

9) Dates of Future Meetings:

21st February 2010

11th April 2010 (Annual Parish Meeting)

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm



JANUARY POLICE 'SURGERY' AT MARY'S HOUSE

As announced in last month's BRN, informal police 'surgeries' at Mary's House have been resumed, on a monthly basis, attended by our new Police Community Support Officer, Jamie Fudge. The day each month will vary, to fit in with Jamie's shift pattern. The surgery this month is on

Monday 11 January 2011

Jamie will be in attendance from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon, during the time when Mary's House is open for coffee and tea.

Do feel free to drop in for a word with Jamie, either to report anything to him or to share any concerns you may have about local crime or policing issues. The surgery on 6 December was certainly a lively session, with a constant stream of visitors giving Jamie their differing views on the 'hot' local issue of parking restrictions at the Broad Street / Swan Street junction.

(If you want to speak to Jamie in confidence, there is a room available upstairs where you can do so.)

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Readers Letters

Sir,

We would like to express our feelings about the decision to ban the free running of dogs on our playing fields.

Whoever made this ruling has now succeeded in allowing irresponsible owners to continue to let their dogs foul whilst the rest of us take the punishment for their behavior.

Why do I say this?

Consider - If action can be taken against us for allowing our dogs to take adequate exercise, why is action not being taken against those that are causing the problem in the first place?

We all know it is an offence to allow your dog to foul in a public place and not clear up, so why not use the statutory powers at our disposal to deal with this. I would suggest that the Playing Fields Management Committee concentrate their efforts on those that are causing the problem rather than trying to prevent the rest of us from legitimately using the area.

Could it be that they feel that this is the easy way out?

What makes them think this ban will prevent the early morning and late evening fouling? They must know this will not work. These sort of people will not heed any warning signs, and we all know it.

Instead of "policing" the area to prevent us from allowing our dogs to run free, then do it to prevent the unacceptable behavior of those few owners who are spoiling it for the rest.

Sincerely yours,
Ian and Olga

Sir,

Farewell 3.P.R.

As from 1st December I will no longer be the Co-ordinator of 3 Parishes Responders (3PR)

It was started in Feb 2002 when a Paramedic Andrew Barlow wrote an article in the East Anglian regarding helping Heart Attack victims living in rural by volunteers who, lived close by, to administer oxygen and use of a Defibrillator. I met up with Andrew and thought the idea a good one which could work in our area. I then discussed it with Boxford Parish Council who gave their blessing to the idea.

Our first meeting was at 'Stargate' in Swan Street where aprox 25 people attended. It was going to cost £4000 for the equipment we needed to get started. We decided to 'go for it' and raise the money. We were very fortunate that Waitrose of Sudbury gave us £1000, also The British Heart Foundation, gave us a 50% grant for the Defibrillator and a grant from the Community Council helped swell the coffers, then there were all the individual gifts from members of the public with collection at anniversaries, dances, birthdays, donations from funerals instead of flowers, donations from private individual and so it has gone on and it makes our fund raising much easier.

At the same time we had to recruit and train the volunteers to become Responders. Our first course was in Boxford Village Hall in July 2002 with students from all three parishes and we started responding on the 6th Sept.2002. One of the first groups in Suffolk

Since then we have been able to help members of the community when they have been taken ill. I hear from some of our patients that it is very reassuring when the doorbell rings and a responder is there to look after them until an ambulance arrives, its very much like being a 'good neighbour', which is as it should be in the countryside.

The responders receive no payment and are very dedicated. We are always looking for more recruits to join us How about you? they can train you and the reward is helping someone in distress. If you are 18/70 and have a car and have the time, have a chat with them or me.

During my tenure I have been supported by so many kind people and groups I would like to thank you all, especially the Responders for all the long hours they are on Standby, wondering if the phone will ring and when it does ,dealing with the situation in a caring and professional manner as I am sure they will continue to do so.

Thank you all very much.
Vic Rice

Dearest humans

There has been an unprecedented response to my need for shelter and I was taken in by a lovely lady in Boxford very soon after the last advert was placed. I am settling in and finding my feet and I have to say I am

very glad that I was rescued the day before the great snow came. It has been an incredibly heart warming experience to know that so many of you care and although I have left my erstwhile masters have continued to get calls about me.

Thank you kind humans!

A very happy Christmas to you all
Coco Channel

Dear Mrs Boon (and all the Boxford Folk who contributed)

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Mary Jordan appeals secretary, British Kidney Patient Association

Sir

I write with reference to the warning from PCSO Fudge in the last issue of Box River News.

I am quite certain that according to the letter of the law PC Fudge is absolutely correct regarding the parking however what makes perfect sense in towns and cities may not be relevant in downtown Boxford. To ban parking in the areas mentioned will merely move whatever perceived issue there is elsewhere , cause absolute chaos at the school and have a detrimental effect upon the shops in the village centre. These local businesses need all the help they can get right now. I understand that there have not been any accidents as a result of parked cars , yes we all experience the odd hold up now and again but so what.Imposing the rules such as this is not my idea of 'Community Policing'. Perhaps in this the season of goodwill I could suggest that in this instant PCSO Fudge uses the Spirit rather than the Letter of the Law.

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Christmas is finally upon us and we are frantically running around making the final preparations for this year's concerts. As always the older children will be performing their Nativity Concert in the church. This year's production is called 'Round the Back' and is based on the story of the Innkeeper who gets a little fed up with constant interruptions to his night's sleep by the constant stream of visitors to see the baby Jesus. As always the staff and pupils have been working very hard to put the production together and we hope that things will go smoothly! When working with around 150 children dressed as chickens, camels, donkeys etc. etc. the chances of something going wrong are as you would imagine quite high.

Last week's unusually cold snap caused some problems and whilst we did not officially close, driving conditions on the Thursday were so poor that few pupils managed to get in and we ended up closing the school in any case. It is always difficult to know what to do when the weather is bad and it has to be up to the individual to decide whether or not to venture out. What I do know is that for the sake of a day it is not worth taking risks by driving in dangerous conditions. I just hope that the cold snap has come early this year and that the rest of the winter will be trouble free.

Last weekend we had our annual Christmas Fayre. The number of visitors was extremely high and the feedback was excellent. For my part I felt there was a lovely relaxed atmosphere and that the children had many stalls and activities to enjoy. As always I am indebted to all those FOBS members who put so much time and effort into making the event such a success and to all the staff and friends of the school who helped out.

This year's Children in Need day involved the children wearing something spotty. Everyone had a fun day and we managed to raise £300 for this excellent charity, a first class effort I am sure you will

agree. Whilst on the charity theme I am delighted to report that we delivered over 75 shoebox parcels to the Sudbury depot in support of the Operation Christmas Child charity. These will now shipped out to disadvantaged children in countries all over Europe. Pictures of us delivering the parcels and helping to check them are on our website.

As this is my last news for 2010 I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou to everyone who has worked so hard to ensure our pupils have had the very best education over the past twelve months. It continues to be a real pleasure to work at Boxford School, with such talented staff and pupils and to be part of a community that is so supportive of its school.

Finally all it remains for me to do is to wish all of you, the Box River News readers, a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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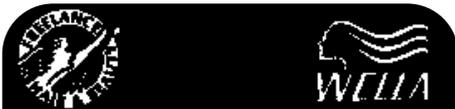
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