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FLEECE JAZZ TRIUMPH



Sarah Gillespie with Gilad Atzmon

What a fantastic day. The Fleece Jazz Benefit Gig on Sunday 27th February ran for ten hours from 2.00pm until just before 11.00pm.

Over 20 of our finest Jazz Musicians including Tina May, Alan Barnes, John Ethridge and Derek Nash gave their time without charge to help the Fleece Jazz through hard times.

The event was suggested by Gilad Atzmon (above with Sara Gillespie) a multi-instrumentalist playing Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Baritone Saxes, Clarinet and Flutes and Accordion. His album Exile was the BBC jazz album of the year in 2003.

The audience of in excess of 185 was captivated by the incredible variety of jazz played, appealing to all tastes with never a dull moment. To avoid the audience suffering from thirst or starvation the Stoke club laid on a great Buffet with food available throughout the day and of course there was a well attended bar.

The event raised over £3,000 for Fleece Jazz which will go a long way towards ensuring it's future as undoubtedly one of the best jazz venues in the country. Credit must go to the Jazz Committee for ensuring that the event was a starter in the first place and for making sure that it ran like clockwork.

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended and took part, especially the musicians and The Stoke by Nayland Club, for providing the splendid buffet.

Derek Nash, Saxophone



SWAN STREET - GOOD NEWS!



Photos David Lamming

Swan Street

Ellis Street

Many people together with Boxford Parish Council have been complaining for a long time about the appalling state of repair of Swan Street and Suffolk CC's strange sense of priorities in deciding which roads locally to repair or resurface.

David Lamming took the matter up recently with John Boutcher who is the Assistant Area Highways Manager for Suffolk County Council, sending him photographs depicting the potholes and general state of disrepair of both Swan Street and Ellis Street. Whether or not in response to Davids e-mail, it is noticeable that various parts of the road surface in Swan Street have been marked up with yellow paint for repair.

The following is Mr Boutcher's reply to Davids message:

"We have marked up for permanent patching of the areas that have repeatedly potholed over a couple of winters. These repairs are considered a "permanent" arrangement on their own, but we have also arranged to surface dress the whole road to seal it this summer, which will provide a good texture and give a greater longevity on the surface with no potholes likely for 7 to 12 years under normal traffic use. Ellis Street is being monitored but will not be fully treated this year amongst all the other (marginally greater) priorities. I have certainly put it forward as a possible major patching and dressing scheme for next year (2012/3). Any potholes will be repaired within our normal criteria."

David intends to keep the pressure up re Ellis Street! Meanwhile. The proof will be in the eating as to whether, after the promised surface dressing this summer, Swan Street will then be pothole free for at least 7 years!

Please Note

the copy date for the May issue has been brought forward to the 14th in order that the BRN can be printed and distributed before Easter.

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PRIMROSE WOOD - A CELEBRATION 2011

The Woodland Trust is organising a nationwide celebration of the planting of over 200 woods during the millennium year. Boxford planted its new woodland in 1998 along the banks of the picturesque Box River. The village raised an incredible £36,000 in 8 weeks mainly from small contributions so this wood is indeed a people's wood. The site is beautiful with extensive views over the local countryside as well as containing a hidden valley. It includes a Suffolk County Wildlife site, and a meadow sprinkled with Southern Marsh Orchids. Since planting the trees have grown at a phenomenal rate.

At 7.30pm on Thursday 5th May, in Boxford Primary School, the Boxford Society, with the Primrose Wood Group have organised a talk by Geoff Sinclair "Woods: use them or lose them."

Mr. Sinclair is a professional forester in Essex. He is warden of the Fordham Hall Estate, new woodland of over 500 acres, and is responsible for the Allotment Forestry Project in Ipswich. This encourages gardeners to grow their own forestry products, pea and bean sticks for example.

His talk begins by looking at the historical importance of Woods, and how the use of the forest products, down the ages, has shaped, and changed their structure. He will then look at the way the balance between woodland and the other uses of the land has changed over time. Now, there is an emphasis on the recreational use of forests, but is this the only or even the best use? Finally he will look at the traditional folk toys, made from the natural wood, often by children for their own use.

At the meeting the results of a photographic competition will be announced. This competition is open to all; the subject of the photographs is to be a celebration of the wildlife and plants found in any woodland which lies within Boxford, Edwardstone or Groton. Alternatively the subject should give an indication of their importance to our local communities... To enable anyone to enter, the pictures can be small; indeed they must have their longest side shorter than 18 cm (roughly 7") and need not be mounted.

Entries can be handed in to Boxford News by mid-day on Tuesday 5th April. Each picture should have the owners name and phone number on the back.

The best will be selected by Nick Oliver, a prize winning local photographer who has studied the wild life within Primrose Wood over many years, and Terance Bond, a well known local wildlife artist. There will be a prize for the best picture selected by the judges; in addition there

will be Highly Commended certificates for the runners up. The judges decision is final but the aim of the competition is to create an exhibition of photographs which celebrate as many aspects of the woodland as possible. The photographs will be returned to their owners at the meeting.

So take the challenge and get out and take the pictures now!

On Sunday 12th June we will be organising an open day (10am to 4 pm) in the Woodland, with a quiz for the family to enter and members of the group on hand to answer questions and to talk about the life of the woodland. There will also be a demonstration of wood working using a pole lathe. If the weather is fine you are encouraged to bring a picnic and really enjoy this most delightful corner of the village. If you would like to be part of the Primrose Wood team please contact any of the members below. We carry out surveys of the wildlife and maintain the entrance path, a pleasant way to enjoy company and to relax.

The photograph below was taken on the planting day in November 1998 by Vic Rice *Ian Lindsley*



Friday, 1 April 8.00, Ticket £14 **Phronesis**

Phronesis have the ability to excite, inspire and move people in a way that few bands are able. They have developed a fierce reputation as one of the most formidable trios in the UK. Hoiby's compositions are anchored on powerful, melodic and hypnotic bass grooves. Phronesis have just won "Album of the year" from Jazzwise and MOJO for their album "Alive".

Friday, 8 April 8.00, Ticket £12 **Tim Richards Trio**

With Tim Richards piano, Dominic Howles bass and Jeff Lardner drums.

Pianist and composer Tim Richards was established on the UK scene in the early 80s with his bands Spirit Level and the nine piece, Great Spirit. The trio have appeared frequently over the years at many venues and festivals, delighting audiences from Istanbul to Inverness..

Friday, 15 April 8.00, Ticket £14 **The Minimum Trio**

With Damon Brown trumpet, Laia Porta vocals and Francesc Capella piano.

The trio have an intimate and original take on the standard repertoire and original compositions that draw on jazz, soul and Brazilian rhythms. This is music with minimum pretence, but one charged with emotion.

Friday, 22 April 8.00, Ticket £18 **Outhouse + Hilmer Jensson**

With Robin Fincker tenor saxophone and clarinet, Tom Challenger tenor saxophone, Johnny Brierley bass, Dave Smith drums and Hilmer Jensson guitar.

A super charged group featuring a frenetic twin saxophone attack, fuelled by a thundering rhythm section. Outhouse is one of the most exciting bands to have emerged from London's Loop Collective. Tonight's special guest will be rock edged, Icelandic guitar wizard, Hilmer Jensson.

Friday, 29 April 8.00, Ticket £20 **Tina May**

With Tina May vocals, Nikki Iles piano, Mark Hodgson bass and Stephen Keogh drums.

One of the brightest jazz singing stars on the scene today, Tina cemented her jazz diva reputation by recording, in New York, classics of the American songbook with pianist Ray Bryant. Ray, former accompanist of Ella, Billie and Betty Carter, is a great fan of Tina's. Her new CD "I Never Told You", must rank among her very best.

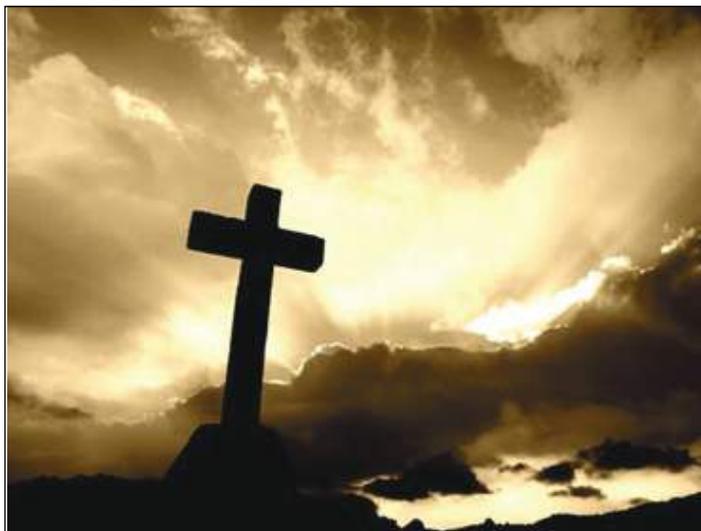
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THE April LETTER FROM REV JUDITH



Dear friends,

April is traditionally a month for both sunshine and showers. Very much like life, in fact, which, for many of us, so much of the time, is a mixture of the good and the bad – those times when everything seems to be going swimmingly and the times when little or nothing seems to go right.

The Christian faith recognises our common human experience, and it is there, too, in the life of Jesus, who went through the depths of suffering and death on the cross on Good Friday, but emerged into the light and glory of new life in the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

At services all around the benefice this Holy Week and Easter, there is a chance to bring your particular experience of life - whether at the moment it is dark or light, sad or happy - and to hear the promises of God to you.

The promise of Good Friday - that God loves us so much that he is prepared to lay down his life for us; that he understands and cares when our life is dark, because he has been in that dark place too.

The promise of Easter Sunday - that nothing, not even death itself, can defeat God's love for us; that he is able to bring us - in new ways we can never possibly imagine - life in all its fullness.

The Christian faith is a faith which offers to welcome and embrace us - just as we are; to weep with us when we weep, to laugh with us when we laugh. More than that, it is a faith which offers us a new perspective, a new hope.

You will be made warmly welcome at any of the Holy Week and Easter services in our five villages, or at the remaining sessions of the informal evening Lent course, which are listed elsewhere in the magazine.

Blessings, *Revd. Judith*

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

on

Tuesday 5th April 2011 at
7.30 for 7.45 p.m. start in Boxford Village Hall

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS

The Guest Speaker will be Louise Wilby from Suffolk ACRE sharing the results of the recent Housing Needs Survey. Reports will be provided from the Chairman and other Village Organisations. As an Election Year for the Parish Council, there can be no better time to take an interest in important village matters.

Parish Councillors:

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

Babergh District Councillor: Bryn Hurren

Suffolk County Councillor: James Finch

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Whilst this is taking place the 'Community Responder Desk' will be checking to see if a 'Community Responder' (3PR in our case) can be of assistance and if so will be asked to attend. And are usually the first help to arrive. We are not sent to Road Accidents, Children under 8 years, Childbirth, or dangerous situations, it all depends on what information you give to the Call Taker.

The Responder will be called by telephone or text message given the details of the call. To find your address, we have a book of maps containing every house in Boxford Edwardstone and Groton, it is also helpful if we cannot find a name/number but can see the name/number of a house nearby and can count the number of houses to the required address. We find this much more reliable than a Satnav as it doesn't always work in the countryside

You can help us by informing us if you change your house name, (So we can update our records). Having the house name displayed where it can be seen and not hidden by hedges etc. If you are thinking of having a new house sign perhaps it could be one that is, of a colour which can be seen at night using a torch. When you call us at night! Please put on the house lights and make sure dogs etc. are locked in a

separate room so we can enter without hindrance.

And stay on the phone if requested to by the 'Call Taker'

You may see us around the villages with our maps as we are checking and updating them this spring.

One other thing, How many of you have put I.C.E 'In Case Emergency' on your mobile phone contact list, beside the person you would like the police to call if you were involved in an accident Its well worth doing.

If you have any queries about the above. Please call me on Boxford 210504.

Vic Rice

President 3P.R.

The Responders awards certificates will be presented to members by Roger Balls, Chairman of Boxford Parish Council, at the Boxford Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting to be held in Boxford Village Hall on Tuesday 5th of April at 7,45pm.



NEEDS



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28th April - 2nd May



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Traditional Dances		Live music everyday		What a weekend!	
Thurs – Eve: Foolproof Posers	Fri – Afternoon: French/Euro Dance (perfect for family fun, light-hearted wedding day celebration). Eve: Céilidh (barn dance style) there will be tuition and guidance, so wear your flat shoes and give it a go.	Sat – Afternoon: - Brian Crockett (folk) - Peter Booth (folk). Eve: - Bradfield Redshift (Rock/Blues) - Rockhouse (50's, 60's rock)	Sun – Afternoon: - Morris Dancers (traditional) - The Bluesnight Men (rock/blues). Eve: This Boy Wonders (Superb local Indie Rock group)	Mon – Afternoon: Folk Session (everyone welcome) 3pm	

Camping is popular this time of year and is a brilliant way of making the most out of the facilities, ensuring that you get a good sample of the beers and don't miss a minute of the live music.
 Please check our website or Facebook for further info on available beers, music line-up, accommodation etc or ring Amy and Gav on 01787211211

What's new at the White Horse.....

- Our attractive 'Green Room' is now available for parties and meetings. Contact the pub for details.
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Kimber's Men April 10th

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THE GROTON CHEESE AND WINE



At last the Groton Cheese and Wine party at Groton Village Hall happened following the delay caused by one of the worst winters in recent history.

IT WAS WORTH WAITING FOR.

The company was great with a full house adding to the ambience one has begun to expect at events organised by the Groton PCC. This is a Village event which also attracts folk from surrounding villages.

The team produced a great spread that apart from cheese and wine included a variety of nibbles to make the mouth water which was followed by chocolate eclaires and meringues.

After we had been fed the inevitable Bob Bowdidge conducted an Auction of Promises that included a day in a beach hut in Frinton, a water colour painting of your garden, curtains to be made by Pat Kennedy Scott.

The net total for the Cheese and Wine was a little under £770 helped by making £216 on the Auction of Promises, which was a new venture for them, and replaced the ordinary auction. All proceeds went to St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton.

All thanks must go to the Groton PCC fund-raising committee, and Bob Bowdidge for such a great auction!

Ed



Photos David Lamming

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GARDENS
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GROTONS PANCAKES



Photo David Lamming

Boxford may not have had a Mardi Gras carnival on 8th March but Mary's House was definitely the place to be at lunchtime on Shrove Tuesday when over 40 people tucked into a veritable feast—traditional on the day before Lent—of homemade pancakes. With the fillings on offer ranging from savoury salmon and scrambled egg to lusciously sweet cherry pie filling, as well as 'plain' lemon and sugar, all tastes were catered for and many came back for more. Those enjoying the lunch included a family of five from Nijmegen in Holland, on holiday in the area, who happened to be passing. "What is this 'Shrove Tuesday'?" they asked, as we sought to explain that we did not do this every day. Some present, however, clearly thought we ought to!

Over 100 pancakes were served—though none observably tossed!—by the five-strong team of cooks and waitresses: Sue Edwards, Jayne Foster, Sheila Gooderham, Pat Kennedy Scott and Pauline Lamming.

The lunch was the brainchild of Pat Kennedy Scott, chairman of Groton's fundraising committee and, due to her hard work and that of her catering team, a welcome £125 was added to Groton's church funds.

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WHITE HORSE WINTER ALES FESTIVAL



The Edwardstone White Horse celebrated winter ales with a week of over 20 of the most highly regarded local and national brews. These were accompanied by some excellent local music acts including 'The Skagils', who are made up of several locals from the neighbouring parishes. Brewed especially for the festival Mill Green Brewery's 'Governor John Winthrop's Colonial IPA' was popular, as were brews from Brewdog and Thornbridge. Despite this festival being the smallest of The White Horse's 4 annual beer and music events, there were approximately 1700 pints sold and a great atmosphere throughout.

The White Horse is also having a special stop off visit from the Nationally acclaimed 'Kimber's Men' on the 10th April at 2pm, these guys are really good. They are a 5 piece band singing shanties and songs from the sea. They are also trying their hands at organising a couple of lighthearted dance events on the Friday of the Dark Ale Days beer festival, with the afternoon Euro/French dance and music aimed at getting parents and their children involved.

THE NEW TEAM AT LETTINGS MANAGEMENT UK



Above: from left to right: Jan Rudder, Charlotte Fitzgerald, Cheryl Wilson, Craig Phillips

Boxford now boasts a new lettings and property management company based at the Black Barn in Swan Street. The company will cover every area of Lettings from short term lets, company and corporate lets, serviced apartments and holiday lets. Lettings Management UK is the one stop shop for all your property needs.

A fully managed service is provided at a 5% fee and includes maintenance, emergency call out, legal paperwork and meet and greet. Cheryl Wilson, Managing Director believes the team has the combined experience to cover all the bases. She has the experience of managing a busy lettings agency on the waterfront in Ipswich as well as dealing in both holiday and serviced lets. She says: "It has been a long held ambition to run my own company in Boxford and provide the top notch management service that puts people at its heart".

If you want to discuss any area of letting out your property please don't hesitate to give Cheryl a ring on 01787 212903 or email cheryl.w@lettingsmanagementuk.com and she will be happy to assist.

D C Tree Services

D. C. Tree Services are now based in Polstead having been operating very successfully in Aldborough for several years. They are now available for Tree work in this area and are happy to quote for any tree or hedge work including felling, shaping and planting etc.

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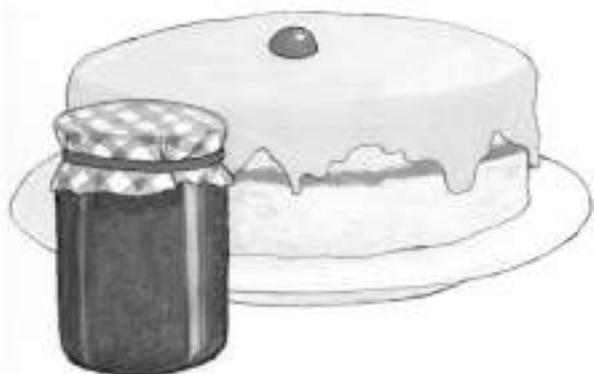
The following came to the BRN from Eddie Tricker in Australia
"I have an old photograph of Boxford School children, taken I guess, in about the late middle to late 1920's to 1930.

I was wondering if you would be interested in publishing it for me, with a question to your local readers, asking if they could identify any or all of the children in this photo? There are quite a number of them, of course. It would be the entire school for that particular year, arranged so

that the school photo can be taken.

The only child in this photo who is known to me is my father's youngest brother, Arthur, who was born in 1919, and who I guess to be about 10 years of age in this photo. Hence a start date of 'about 1928/1929'. Can anyone oblige? please let me know and you can contact Eddie direct at etricker@ozemail.com.au.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Parish Council Election May 5th 2011

Are you a resident of Boxford who would like to stand for election as a Parish Councillor?

If you care about our village and think that you would like to devote some of your spare time in the future as a Parish Councillor you can obtain Nomination Forms by contacting Babergh District Council Electoral Services (01 473 825713) or Debbie Hattrell, the Parish Clerk (01 787 210943)

Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7-30pm in Bell House. We deal with numerous matters relating to our village such as Planning, Roads and Policing. Our annual budget is in excess of £30000 and this enables us to support the work of village organizations. We work closely with our District and County councillors who attend our main monthly meeting which enables us to obtain their support on local matters.

If you would like to find out more details, you can attend one of our meetings to talk to the present councillors or have an informal conversation with one of them to find out if you could help Boxford to continue to be a great place to live.

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES REGISTERED NUMBER:- 207861 PUBLIC NOTICE

To those whom it may concern notice is hereby given that with effect from 21st. February 2011 David house is no longer Clerk to the Trustees. The Trustees appointed Mr. Guy Godfray as the new Clerk to the Trustees to be effective from 21st. February 2011.

All future correspondence relating to Boxford United Charities, including applications for grants should be sent to :-

Mr. HGN Godfray, 17 Swan Street,
Boxford,

Sudbury, Suffolk. CO 10 5NZ

David House - Former Clerk to the Trustees.

The Mystery of the Dying Bees at St Marys Boxford

Clergy, congregation, Boxford School and visitors alike at St Mary's Boxford all became familiar with raining honey bees inside the church during the months of May and June 2010.

It was while I was on my Seasonal Bee Inspector training course at the Food and Environment Research Agency (FERA) at Sand Hutton, York, that my husband Michael was approached by Chris Cuthbert. Whilst Chris was performing her duties as part of the cleaning rota team she became concerned at the amount of dead honey bees she was sweeping up. With the wonders of the mobile phone I advised Michael to get a "large matchbox" full and I would speak to my line manager Keith Morgan, who is Suffolk's Regional Bee Inspector, on my return.

Once home and visiting St Marys I was not prepared for the gravity of the situation. It was not a few honey bees but many hundreds that were dying. The sample which was sent to the National Bee Unit contained not only honey bees but bumble bees and ladybirds. As with all large scale cases of dying honey bees, Natural England was informed. Ed Blane from Natural England visited St Marys and with Ruth Kingsbury, Church Warden, investigated the incident.

FERA tested the bees for pesticides. These tests confirmed the presence of a number of pesticides in the bees, including some old banned organochlorine insecticides, including Dieldrin (banned in 1981) and HCH-gamma (also known as Lindane - banned in 2001). Also found was the fungicide Propiconazole, the insecticides Permethrin and Thiadoprid.

A honey bee flies up to three miles to collect pollen and nectar. Whatever they collect returns with them to the hive, including any pesticides that are used. Natural England's investigation indicated that these pesticides had not come from the church - it is believed that no insecticide wood treatments have been carried out in the church for 50 years, so the source of the poisoning remains a mystery. One possible source is the use of an old insecticide in a garden. If you have any information which might assist us find the source of the pesticides in this incident please contact Natural England on 0800 321 600 (please quote reference 101/946).

There are now strict rules on the use of pesticides - both in farming and in the garden. Many old products, once considered safe, are now known not to be. Only products which are approved by government can now be used or stored - and these approvals only last for a few years. So the old container of insecticide / weed killer lurking in the back of the garden shed is probably no longer legal and should be disposed of correctly.

Details of where these old pesticides can be disposed off can be found at www.pesticidedisposal.org and further information on the use of pesticides in the garden and home can be found at www.pesticides.gov.uk/garden_home.asp You can also use this website to check if your garden pesticides are still approved. You can also obtain a range of leaflets on how to promote wildlife and bees in your garden from the Natural England website (www.naturalland.org.uk).

The late Rev Canon Eric Hamlyn "Ethel's Christmas List"

Sale of the CD over the Christmas period raised £160 for the Boxford Church Building Trust. Copies are still available at £3.00 each from the Box River News. address as front page of this edition

Warning to Advertisers

Someone has been telephoning Box River News advertisers claiming to be known to me (Eddie Kench, Editor) and attempting to sell advertising space in a new publication/book he claims is due to be published shortly. He maintains he is doing so with my blessing but is unable to provide any details about the publication nor has he any dummy copies that can be seen. Beware, this man is a con man. Do not do business with him under any circumstances, you will never have your ad published and never see your money again
Ed.

Theft of Heating Oil Little Waldingfield

Within Little Waldingfield, between 10pm, 03/03/11 and 11am, 04/03/11, a quantity of heating oil was stolen from a residential tank. Calls in relation to this incident should be made to Sgt Liz Ireland at the Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood Team and quote Crime Ref: SU/11/464.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF GROTON HOUSES AND RESIDENTS?

As the Recorder for Groton, I am planning to organise an exhibition of photographs of Groton as part of the events planned for the Boxford/Groton/ Edwardstone 2012 - A Year to Remember celebrations in June next year.

I am hoping to tie some of the photographic material in to the 1911 Census, details of which were recently released, and I have full records for Groton including those parts of Swan Street, Boxford which were included as parts of Groton in the Census.

I already have some postcards of Groton Fete in 1906, and some other material from the 1900-1915 period about Groton Street, the Rectory, the Church and the Fox and Hounds Pub, but in order to make the exhibition worthwhile I need to locate and borrow a lot more material from all decades of the C20th, but particularly anything pre 1960.

If you have anything that might be of interest that you are prepared to let me copy, borrow or just see, please contact me at home or by phone and I will be delighted to arrange to meet you to discuss it.

Thank you in anticipation for any material or information you can provide

.JEREMY OSBORNE, Waterside Barn, Groton Place, Groton Street
Groton CO10 5EE

E-mail: jeremyosborne1@btinternet.com

Telephone: 01787 211960

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

District and Parish Council Elections will take place on Thursday 5th May 2011.

If you wish to stand as a candidate for Edwardstone Parish Council Nomination forms are available from either the Returning Officer, Babergh District Council Corks Lane Hadleigh IP7 6SJ, or the Parish Council Clerk Mrs Sandra Gray 2 Stone Street Road Boxford.

Nomination Papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer no later than noon on Monday 4th April 2011.

Benefice WebSites

We plan to produce a directory of websites in the benefice. Websites for Clubs, Organisations, Businesses, Parish and Parochial Church councils etc will be included. would anyone responsible for a website please email the address to the Editor and hopefully we will have a useful reference in the not too distant future.
Ed

Wot's On

Quiz Evening

Saturday the 26th March 2011

at Sudbury Resource Centre,

Chilton Industrial Estate, Northern Road, Sudbury, Suffolk.

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start -9.30pm. Ticket price £7.00p to include ploughmans. Bring your own drinks. "Come along and pit your wits against the best!!"

Also **Easter Family Fun Day** Saturday the 23rd April 2011. 2.00m - 4.30pm. Easter bonnet making £1. Judging of best one at 3.30pm with prize of Easter egg. 2.30pm Easter egg hunt £1. Face Painting £1.50p. Raffle. Teddy tombola 50p (everyone a winner).

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Friday 13th May 2011 9.15 am – 2.30 pm

Edwardstone Village Hall

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FRIDAY 15th April 8 pm

SATURDAY Matinee 16th April 2pm
AT MILDEN PAVILION

Go back to a time of 78's when it all started in the 1950's with Elvis, Rock & Roll into the '60's, then Glamrock it up for the '70's. Enjoy more great entertainment by this popular singing group, which will also include extracts from Monty Python and The Two Ronnies.

On Friday night doors open at 7.30pm with licensed bar and buffet after the show.

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The Prostate Cancer Charity Ball

We are holding a fundraising Ball in aid of The Prostate Cancer Charity and The Bridge Project Sudbury on Friday 13 th May 2011. This event will take place at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, tickets are priced at £50 which includes a drink on arrival followed by a three course meal. There will be a quality raffle and an auction after. Dress code will be evening wear with a theme of blue tie and bangles. We have a five piece band called Tangent playing and carriages at 1.

Please note this is the third Fundraising Ball we have organised in the last five years. Five years ago we raised £4125 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and three years ago we raised £6400 for Click Sargent. Due to the popularity of both the band and venue it is recommended that people book their tickets early. Tickets are available on 07970 337228.

CULINARY MASTER CLASS on SATURDAY 7th May 2011
MILDEN PAVILION

'STRESS FREE DINNER PARTY'

Hosted by Master Chef of Gt Britain David Ryan

10.30am Arrival - Coffee & Biscuits

10.40am Intro. To Master Class by David

Demonstration and cooking with Tasters

Review and Questions

Lunch to be served

Demonstration only.....£16.00

As above with Lunch..... £29.00

Limited spaces, to book please call Pearl 01787 247965 or Andrea 01449 740601.

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Management Committee

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Boxford Playing Fields AGM will take place on Thursday 7th April 2011 at 8.00pm 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.

2012 Diamond Jubilee and Olympics A Year to Remember! Monday 4 June 2012 - A Day to Remember!



A committee drawn from the parishes of Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton is pushing ahead with plans for a memorable event for the enjoyment of the community on Monday 4th June 2012, a bank holiday and a national day of celebration. UK celebrations for HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will centre around the first week in June (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th).

The Government has announced its plans for a special four-day Jubilee Weekend which will allow communities time to come together to celebrate and commemorate the events of the last 60 years. This has entailed putting back the late May bank holiday to Monday 4 June and adding an additional Jubilee bank holiday on Tuesday 5 June. Activities will be planned in all three villages, culminating with a community fair and street party in Boxford on Monday 4th June 2012. We will also be looking forward to the London Olympics taking place two months later.

The aim is to create a day for everyone to enjoy, children and adults alike. It is hoped to close Broad Street to through traffic, to stage a street party with food stalls, exhibitors, local arts and crafts, produce, cake stalls, face painting and all the fun of a local celebration to mark this historic day. At various times during the day plans are being made for a display by the Elmsett Marching Band and Majorettes, a duck race on the Box, a Children's Street Party, an OAP's tea and a Soapbox Derby. There will be live anecdotes of the Coronation and local historical picture exhibitions. It is hoped to hold a big quiz and a 'mini-Olympics' on the playing field. There will be music throughout, with local performers, and an evening disco.

There is much to do and the committee would very much like some more volunteers to come forward to organise and help with events and to play a part in making this an historic and enjoyable day.

For details of the day, updates to the event or to offer your services, do visit our website:
www.boxford2012.org

Wot's On

Polstead Cinema

Polstead Village Hall. Forthcoming films

Friday 15 April "Alamar"

Friday 20 May "The King's Speech"

Available from the Polstead Shop or by telephoning 01787 210029.

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

We also have Eastern Angles coming on Tuesday 8 March, 7-30pm.

This is their Spring Tour and the play is called "Up Out O'the Sea by Andrew Holland, directed by Ivan Cutting.

Tickets are £7-50 concessions £5-25.

AN ECCENTRIC LOOK AT SUFFOLK WITH CHARLIE HAYLOCK

Sat. April 9th Groton Village Hall 7.30pm

Tickets are now available for this event, which we hope will prove to be a very popular evening. Charlie will talk about dialects from all round the country as well as Suffolk, and we are sure it will be most amusing, interesting and informative. There will be a break for refreshments in the middle of the talk, when you will be served some of Groton's special food and drink, and if you would like to bring your own wine, please do so, glasses provided. Tickets are £8 each, from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Sue Edwards [210785] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Groton.



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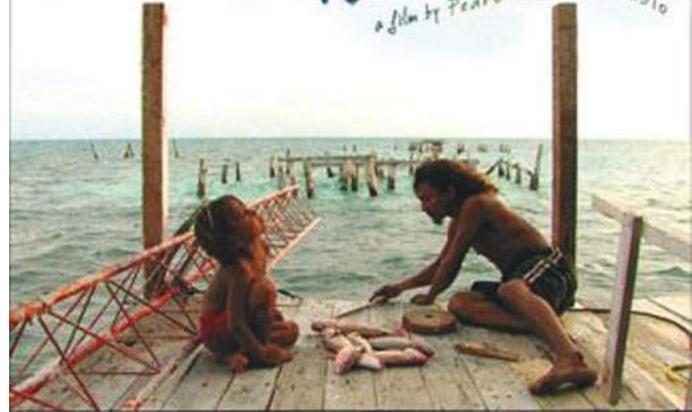
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Wot's On

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).

The Friends of St. Mary's Church Present An evening with THE UNTAPPED WRITERS

This talented and enjoyable group return to St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh on Saturday 2nd April at 7.30 p.m. With a collection of comic and serious poetry, prose and sketches. TICKETS £7.00 (includes wine & nibbles) available from The Parish Office & The Idler Bookshop
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BABERGH WEST PUBLIC MEETING

7:00pm – 8:00pm, Thursday 21st April 2011

Boxford Village Hall, Stone Street, Boxford, CO10 5JT
And

7:00 – 8:00pm, Thursday 22nd September 2011

Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton CO10 5EL

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Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Please note that the dates for the coffee morning and Quiz night. This has been necessary now that the Flower Festival dates are known (17th & 18th Sept) and to give the Bad Companions more time to set up their stage.

2nd April	Close-up Card Illusionist
25th June	Car Treasure Hunt
15th October	Coffee Morning & Memorabilia Exhibition
5th November	Quiz Night
25/26th November	Bad Companions - Crankenstein
2nd/3rd December	Bad Companions - Crankenstein

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

WELCOMES THE PAMPERED CHEF

At its last meeting the committee agreed it's priorities for the year ahead. The committee unanimously agreed that this year should see the installation of a permanent hot water supply to the kitchen area and construction of a new, disabled toilet area at a cost of approximately £5000. Fundraising for the disabled toilet is now underway and the hall is delighted to be hosting a Pampered Chef evening on Saturday 2nd April 7.30pm, where you can enjoy a cooking show and share the products, recipes and tips, a licensed bar and raffle. Tickets for this event are available in advance, at a cost of £2 from Boxford News or by phoning 01787 211529. Alternatively they can be purchased at the door on the night for £2.50. This is the first of several planned fundraising events, look out for details of our music quiz coming soon.

Stoke by Nayland W.E.A.

Annual General Meeting

Stoke by Nayland Middle School, 7.30pm, Thursday, 7th April 2011

After a short A.G.M. and complimentary refreshments there will be a lecture entitled:

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"Men Only" gentle yoga class

We have some spaces for the "Men Only" gentle yoga class 11.30am Thursday mornings,

Boxford Village Hall

This class is for men who may be a "little stiff in their joints"

Any queries phone Heather 01787 211 765.

Hadleigh Choral Society

THE SEASONS - HAYDN

Saturday 9th April 7.30p.m. St.Mary's Church Hadleigh

Colchester Symphony Orchestra - conductor Christopher Phelps

Tickets £10 £8(conc) £2(under 16) available on the door, or from The Idler Bookshop, Hadleigh

The Barn at Assington

The Street, Assington, Suffolk CO10 5LW

You may have already heard about the new Farmers' Market starting in Assington on the second Sunday of the each but did you know that there will also be a Vintage Tea Room and Craft Centre opening in The Barn at Assington, Suffolk, on Sunday 10th April!

'Artisans', the tea room, will be serving a selection of fine teas, freshly brewed coffee, homemade cakes & tasty light lunches. Debra Johnson, a local Milliner and owner of the Tea Room is delighted to be part of this project. She will be showcasing her own collection of Couture Hats and Fascinators together with other crafts from local specialists and wants to bring a variety of crafts and craft courses to the barn.

The courses will include: beginners crochet, introduction to knitting, sugarcraft and fascinator workshops plus many others which, she feels, will compliment the Rural Crafts already offered at Assington Mill which has an excellent reputation and is a well established craft venue just minutes away.

Although part of the Barn will house Artisans Tea Room, there will also be a display of some of the finest hand-made regional crafts including

ceramics, local artwork, soft furnishings, ironwork and stained glass. For enquiries regarding courses at The Barn whether you would like to attend or if you are Tutor offering craft courses please feel free to contact Debra Johnson on 01787 880366, email:djmillinery@hotmail.com or www.assingtonbarn.com She would also be interested if you would like to exhibit your own crafts.

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Quiz and Curry Evening

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Wot's On

BOXFORD WI

Tina Loose came to our March meeting and showed us some spectacular slides of Pyrenean wild flowers. She had been on holiday to the Spanish side of these mountains, where there is the best variety of plant life. We had a tour through several different valleys where various altitudes and growing conditions were ideal for specific plants. Many of these plants are unique to this area and were specific varieties of flowers that we are familiar with. There was the Bird's Eye Primrose, a great variety of buttercups, Pasque Flowers, Orchids, a yellow Wood Violet, a blue Snowbell and many more.

The afternoon was an inspiration for us to try growing some alpine plants.

At the March Craft Club we painted stones to make a variety of paper weights.

At our next meeting, on April 6th, Carolyn Souter is coming to entertain us with her Backstage Tales.

The Craft Club will meet on the 14th April, at Mary's House, to learn tea bag folding.

We welcome visitors to our meetings at a charge of £3, which includes tea or coffee and biscuits.

If you would like a copy of our 2011 Programme please ring Heather on 01787211566

172nd Hadleigh May Show.

Saturday 21st May 8am – 6pm

All the regular, popular displays and demonstrations will be there including the growing countryside area which will again feature sheep shearing, sheep dog handling, falconry, ferrets and a Suffolk horse demo. A new petting area with farm animals, rabbits, guinea pigs and a donkey will please the children and dog owners will be invited to take part in terrier racing competitions where allcomers can have a go.

The Food Hall will be brimming with tempting local produce which you can often taste before you buy and the numerous tradestands will offer bargains for those who enjoy shopping.

Lines of cattle and sheep will be taking part in the many showing classes as well as horses, ponies, donkeys and goats; the winners parading in the grand ring before being presented with their cups and trophies.

With the Art Exhibition, Flower Show, Rural Craft Marquee, Donkey Rides, Funfair, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Schools Art Competitions, Ipswich Hospital Band, Poultry and much more, there is literally something for everyone – a great day out for the whole family. Refreshments will be available from the many catering units or you can bring a picnic to enjoy whilst watching the many displays.

Car parking is free and entry on the day is £10 for adults, £8 for senior citizens and £5 for children between 5 and 16 (under 5s go free and a bargain family pass is available for 2 adults and up to 3 children). Reduced price tickets may be purchased in advance from several local outlets as well as from www.hadleighshow.co.uk where further details can be found.

TRINITY SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

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Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting in the Village Hall on alternative Monday afternoons at 2.30pm

April 11th Alison Brain 'Further update on Uganda'

May 9th Jan Davey "Can Itake worms to Britain"

May 23rd David Padwick "Songs from the Shows"

May 20th Coach trip to Woodbridge leaving the Fleece at 12.15pm or Homefield at 12.10pm.

Members £8 Non members £9.50

July 14th Coach trip to Felixstowe leaving the Fleece at 10.00am or Homefield at 8.55am

Members £10.50 Non members £12.00

We would love to see some new members join us in the club.

Telephone Barbara Hamling 210936 or Shirley Watling 210024 for information

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL WELCOMES THE PAMPERED CHEF

At its last meeting the committee agreed it's priorities for the year ahead. The committee unanimously agreed that this year should see the installation of a permanent hot water supply to the kitchen area and construction of a new, disabled toilet area at a cost of approximately £5000.

Fundraising for the disabled toilet is now underway and the hall is delighted to be hosting a Pampered Chef evening on Saturday 2nd April 7.30pm, where you can enjoy a cooking show and share the products, recipes and tips, a licensed bar and raffle.

Tickets for this event are available in advance, at a cost of £2 from Boxford News or by phoning 01787 211529.

Alternatively they can be purchased at the door on the night for £2.50.

This is the first of several planned fundraising events.

Look out for details of our music quiz coming soon.



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Forthcoming Events Diary

March	24-26 Boxford Drama Group 29 Edwardstone PCC	Tiptoe Through the Tombstones The Kelvedon Singers	Boxford Village Hall Edwardstone Church	7.30pm 6.00pm
April	1 Groton Village Hall Mgt Committee 2 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room 2 Boxford Village Hall 2 Boxford Community Council 3 Boxfords Got Talent 5 Sunflowers 6 Boxford WI 7 Boxford Playing Fields 9 Groton Pcc 10 Boxford WI 11 Boxford Over 60's 14 Boxford WI Craft Club 15/16 Milden Singers 20 Groton PCC 27 Boxford Community Council 30 FOBS Quiz	Quiz and Curry Evening Close-up Card Illusionist The Pampered Chef Visit to Westminster Abbey Pampering and Relaxation Carolyn Souter Back Stage Tales AGM An Eccentric Look at Suffolk with Charlie Haylock Back Stage Tales from Carolyn Souter Alison Brain Tea Bag Folding 'The Vinyl Years' Lent Lunch AGM	Groton Village Hall Parish Room Boxford Village Hall The Fleece Boxford Village Hall Boxford School Hall Village Hall Pavilion Groton Village Hall Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Mary's House Milden Pavilion Mary's House The Pavilion Boxford School	7.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 10.00am 3.00pm 7.30pm 2.00pm 8.00pm 7.30pm 2pm 2.30pm 2.00pm See ad 12-2.00pm 8.00pm 7.30pm
May	4 Boxford WI 5 Primrose Wood Celebration 7 Boxford Rovers 7 Musicology 7 Milden Pavilion 9 Boxford Over 60's 12 Boxford WI Craft Club 23 Boxford Over 60's	Nathaniel's Story by Denise Hammond The Box Soc "Woods: Use them or lose them" The Great Boxford Fun Run Songs and Music Stress Free Dinner Party Jan Davey Spirelli David Padwick	Webb Village Hall Boxford School Playing Fields St Lawrence Church Lt W Boxford Village Hall Mary's House Boxford Village Hall	2pm 7.30 p.m 11.00am 7.30 pm 10.30am 2.30pm 2pm 2.30pm
June	1 Boxford WI 5 Boxford Gardens Open 9 Boxford WI Craft Club 18 Groton PCC 25 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Field to Fork by Alastair Angus Boxford Building Trust Drawing and painting Groton Food Market Car Treasure Hunt	Village Hall Boxford Mary's House Groton Village Hall Parish Room	2pm 2pm TBA 5.00pm
July	Groton PCC 9 FOBS	Benifice Lunch Summer Fete	Groton House School	TBA 2-5pm
September	10 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room 10 Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	Coffee Morning & Memorabilia Exhibition Cycle Ride	Parish Room local churches	10.30pm 9am to 5pm
November	12 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room 18/19 Bad Companions 25/26 Bad Companions	Quiz Night Crankenstein Crankenstein	Parish Room Parish Room Parish Room	7.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm				

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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 Easter Bunny is Santa – isn't he?”

This was one of the rather unexpected, not to say rather confused, answers from a child as I sat in on school lesson, recently, exploring the meaning of Lent and Easter. When asked what Easter meant, the recurring answers were “Easter eggs” or “chocolate” or “Easter Bunny”....

It is great that children have fun at Easter, great that they can enjoy their Easter Eggs and Easter Bunnies, but sad that no-one has bothered to tell them the real Easter Story.

The challenge to us this Easter, whether we are parents or grandparents, aunts or uncles, is, to tell the children that simple but amazing story. The story of God's son, Jesus, put to death by cruel people for loving others and telling the truth, but whose love was unstoppable, as God brought him back to a new special kind of life on Easter Day, a life which we can share with him.

We don't have to be theologians, we don't have to use churchy words, we don't have to make a big song and dance about it. But let's take the opportunity, whenever it arises. It might be as you are sitting around the table at the family meal, it might be when you give the children their Easter eggs or at the end of an Easter Egg hunt around your house or garden.

Above all, think about bringing the children to church - to the Good Friday service at Little Waldingfield, followed by Hot Cross Buns, and to the Easter Sunrise service at Groton or the other Easter Sunday family services. But just remind them, so that they will not be disappointed, that they won't find the Easter bunny there – or Santa!

For those adults who do want to find out more about the Easter story – don't forget the three remaining informal discussion groups at Marys' House at 7.30pm on Thursdays: 31st March, April 7th, April 14th.

Finally, don't forget that the evening services of daily prayer, said at Little Waldingfield on Tuesday and Boxford on Thursday will change to 5pm from April.

May God bless you this Easter.

Revd. *Judith*

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Copy Date for Church News section in the May 2011 Box River News:

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Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

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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: This year sees the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James translation of the Bible (otherwise known as the Authorised Version). It has been praised as one of the literary works (alongside the complete works of Shakespeare and the Oxford dictionary) that has helped shape the English language and culture. Many turns of phrase and speech patterns still in use today derive from the King James Bible: “the apple of his eye”, “go the second mile”, “a thorn in the flesh” and “by the skin of the teeth”, to name but a few.

Held by many as the only truly valid edition of the Bible, the King James translation was once read in every church at every service. It is not surprising that its language passed from the pulpit to the street. It came out of the church and embedded itself in the everyday culture.

Whether we return to the King James text from a faith perspective or purely for its aesthetic, we are offered an opportunity to reconnect with a part of British culture and history. Perhaps we might glance something of the Hebrew understanding of the Bible that believes that each letter was more than a letter, it told a story.

“What language does God speak?” By way of answer, the first chapter of the Gospel of John suggests that if God has a language, it is that of love; a love made real in God's embrace of the human condition. “The word became flesh and dwelt among us.” These words of John can resonate afresh in our ears and help us to inscribe our own story in the greater narrative of humanity's relationship to God.

Fundraising in 2011 We would like to hold several fundraising events this year but we need dedicated people to help if you could assist in any way please contact a church warden or PCC member. Events to include, a Grand Draw, Quiz evenings, Bridge evenings etc.

The Bible Study Group- The group meets on the 2nd & 4th Monday each month at 47 Swan Street at 8.00pm

Calling all photographers- “A Boxford Calendar 2012” We have received lots of lovely pictures, but we need lots more – please send them to ChrisKingsC@aol.com – our panel of judges will select photos for our calendar. Further information 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 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 to this time of fellowship.

Ladies Lunch- The next Lunch will be on Thursday April 7th at the home of Yvonne Hughes, Rectory Gardens, School Hill. Please let Yvonne know if you would like to come Tel: 210706 - make a note to come.

Boxford Open Gardens 2011: Sunday June 5th 2011, 11.00am-5.00pm. Put the date in your diary now!

Smile Lines From a church notice board in the States - "As you pass this little Church, be sure to plan a visit, So when at last you're carried in, God won't ask, "Who is it?"



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone
Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone
Tel: 211161

AN ECCENTRIC LOOK AT SUFFOLK WITH CHARLIE HAYLOCK Saturday, April 9th 7.30pm Groton Village Hall

Tickets are now available for this event, which we hope will prove to be a very popular evening. Charlie will talk about dialects from all round the country as well as Suffolk, and we are sure it will be most amusing, interesting and informative. There will be a break for refreshments in the middle of the talk, when you will be served some of Groton's special food and drink, and if you would like to bring your own wine, please do so, glasses provided. Tickets are £8 each, from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Sue Edwards [210785] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Groton.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) is on Wednesday 6th 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"). This is the meeting that elects representatives to serve on the PCC for the coming year. Also, this year, two representatives are to be elected to the deanery synod. The PCC presents its report and accounts for 2010 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). Do come to this important meeting in the life of the church and have your say.

PCC MEETING: Wednesday 6th April in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and elect the standing committee for 2011-2012).

CHRISTIAN AID: This year's Christian Aid Week takes place from 15th to 21st May. This is Christian Aid's main fundraising event, which last year raised £458 in Groton. Can we top £500 this year for the first time? Volunteers to help with the house-to-house collection are always welcome: please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360.

ROTA

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs McCorkell & Mrs Kennedy Scott
Flowers: Festival arrangements
Cleaning: Ms Edwards



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 15th—21st May 2010: Could you help with the house-to-house collection this year? For the last two years we have been 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

Sidesman	Flowers
April 3 Mr Squirrel	no flowers (Lent)
April 17 Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington	no flowers (Lent)
April 22 Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	no flowers (Lent)
April 24 Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell	Mrs Ewen



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,
12 Links View. Tel: 312828

Family Service: On the last Sunday in February the first of what is hoped will be a regular monthly Family Service at Newton Green was held. It was attended by an encouraging number of children, parents and grandparents. Rev Judith accompanied some of the hymns on her guitar and the children listened to the story of the creation that she read and drew pictures of some of the animals and birds. Everyone enjoyed the

service and our granddaughter remarked on the way home "That was fun!" The next service will be on March 27th at 11am and we hope that more families will join us - they will be made very welcome.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL:

The annual revision of the church electoral roll will take place between 20th March and 3rd April 2011. Only those on the roll are entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Application forms may be obtained from the electoral roll officer, Marlene Clarke (Tel. 210689).

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS:

This meeting will be held on 12th April 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in Edwardstone Church to elect Churchwardens.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM):

This meeting will be held on 12th April 2011 at 7:40 p.m. in Edwardstone Church. At this meeting annual reports will be presented, including the annual accounts; also, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will be elected.

PCC MEETING: The first meeting of the elected PCC will take place in Edwardstone Church, following the APCM.

TREASURER: Our Treasurer for the past 10 years, Peter Dawson, wishes to retire. Please think about playing an active role on the PCC (ex officio member) and offer your services to take on the position of Treasurer. Contact David Saddleton (Tel. 211161) or come to the APCM if you are interested.

ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
April 3:	Mrs Dodd	Mrs Morris	No flowers (Lent)	Mrs Clark
April 10:	Visiting	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	"	
April 17:	Mrs Dodd	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	"	
April 24:	Mrs Dodd	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	Easter	

General Church News

POLICE SURGERY AT MARY'S HOUSE: PCSO Jamie Fudge will be at Mary's House between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon on Monday 4 April (see details in the December 2010 BRN.)



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.

UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: The service this year is at 6.30 pm on Sunday 15th May at St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard.

PRAYER BREAKFASTS IN APRIL: Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am. 2nd April at the Salvation Army, Station Road, Sudbury; 9th April at All Saints Church Hall, Sudbury; 16th April at Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street, Great Cornard, and 30th April at Sudbury Baptist Church.

The Church At Worship April 2011

Sunday 3rd	Mothering Sunday	(P)	
Lt Waldingfield	8.00 Holy Communion		The Revd Judith Sweetman
Edwardstone	9.30 Mothering Sunday Family Service		The Revd Judith Sweetman
Boxford	1.00 Mothering Sunday Family Service with uniformed organisations' parade		The Revd Judith Sweetman
Boxford	8.30 Evensong		Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 6th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion (reserved sacrament) Mary's House Antony Dodd

Sunday 10th	5th of Lent	(P)	
Groton	8.00 Holy Communion		The Revd Judith Sweetman
Newton	9.30 Holy Communion		The Revd Judith Sweetman
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion		The Revd Judith Sweetman

Wednesday 13th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion, Mary's House The Revd David Abel
Thursday 14th
Lt Waldingfield 9.00 Compline, Newmans Hall Tim Harbord

Sunday 17th	Palm Sunday	(R)	
Edwardstone	8.00 Holy Communion		The Revd Judith Sweetman
Lt Waldingfield	9.30 Holy Communion		The Revd Judith Sweetman
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion		The Revd Judith Sweetman

Wednesday 20th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion, Mary's House The Revd Judith Sweetman
Maundy Thursday 21st
Groton 19.30 Holy Communion & Stripping the altar **(W)** The Revd Judith Sweetman
Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Holy Communion (reserved sacrament) Tim Harbord
Good Friday 22nd
Lt Waldingfield 9.30 Family Service (with hot cross buns) The Revd Judith Sweetman
Groton 12.00 Reading of Matthew's Gospel from the King James Bible David Lamming
Boxford 14.00 Hour of Devotions The Revd Judith Sweetman and Christopher Kingsbury

Sunday 24th	Easter Sunday	(W)	
Groton	5.30 Easter Sunrise open-air service at the War Memorialtriangle and Groton church, followed by breakfast		The Revd. Judith Sweetman
Edwardstone	9.30 Holy Communion		The Revd David Abel
Newton	9.30 Holy Communion		The Revd Judith Sweetman
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion		The Revd. Judith Sweetman
Lt Waldingfield	11.00 Holy Communion		Revd Canon Christopher Sansbury

Wednesday 27th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion (reserved sacrament), Mary's House Antony Dodd

Please note we are in Year A of the Lectionary

Soap Box

Perhaps it is the time of year, or else simply a consequence of getting older, but funerals seem to be taking place more frequently than in the past. Last month we laid to rest Peggy Pell – a stalwart of our village if ever there was one. I remember her husband Jack so well. He was on the Parish Council when first I joined, but our association pre-dated my involvement with grass roots local government.

For reasons that have faded with the mists of time, we held a party in our garden not long after we moved to Little Waldingfield. Denny Cardy (whose wife, Beattie, we lost last year) organised a tent for us so that the capriciousness of the English summer weather would not upset our plans. It was erected by him, Jack, Robin Carter – also, sadly, no longer with us – and the father and son team of Bill and Kevin Brown.

All had been born – and lived at the time – within a few miles of the village. As a thank you to the erection team, I took them next door to the pub – then run by Roy Scott, someone else who has shuffled off this mortal coil, though his son and grandchildren still reside in the village. In what was then the public bar (whatever happened to them?) they reminisced over life in our delightful corner of Suffolk in country-speak that left me bemused – and wondering quite what tales they were telling.

It happens that both my wife and I are hardly foreigners. Both of us were born in Essex and have travelled only a few miles in reality to where we now consider our home. Indeed, my wife has strong Suffolk credentials, but they hardly prepared us for the strong (to us at the time) dialect

of rural residents. Now, of course, I have become used to the slipped vowels and East Anglian terminology still in common use, but it was something of a shock at the time.

Personally, I value the individuality of local language – something, I fear, is fading fast as modern communications drive us all down a route to media mediocrity in terms of how we sound and what we say. All power to the arms of people like Charlie Haylock (whose son and daughter-in-law live in this village) who aim to keep the local style of speaking alive in an amusing way, in my opinion. They say use it or lose it, but I fear with how we speak, losing is viewed as a virtue, or at least an inevitability.

As someone who has been brought up to use what is often termed as “received pronunciation”, I am hardly likely to support this point of view by suddenly adopting bucolic phrases and accents in my day-to-day conversations. This would be just as false as dropping the way in which you used to speak in favour of a more “acceptable” approach. But it saddens me to realize that the Suffolk way of speaking may not last another generation.

Peggy Pell represented good old Suffolk stock. Her life centred around this village, Acton and Lavenham – hardly the most cosmopolitan of existences, but one which I’m sure gave her both happiness and fulfillment. She sounded Suffolk, too – not in a dramatic or threatening way (not that a Suffolk accent ever sounds threatening), but in a local, friendly and intimate way. I’ll miss her. And we all may well miss the Suffolk way of talking in time.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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GARDENING IN APRIL HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Apply a spring fertiliser to all established lawns if this has not been done already. Now that the weather is warming up, continue to mow little and often. A light mowing twice a week is better than a hard cut once a week. A light rolling of new lawns may be necessary to firm the surface of the turf but over use of the roller tends to compact the soil and keep out air and water. Although gardens are not short of moisture at the moment, care should be taken in April to ensure that newly planted trees, shrubs, heathers and herbaceous plants do not suffer from lack of moisture. Plants will be bursting into growth and moisture will be lost through transpiration. Newly planted subjects will not have made sufficient root system to cope with this moisture loss, so unless water is given many will die.

Don't get the idea that because we have had a high rainfall this year that the soil will always be moist, a couple of weeks of hot sun and drying wind and it is surprising how dry the soil can get. Now is a good time while the soil is still moist to apply a thick mulch to conserve moisture and keep down weeds. Old newspapers are useful for this. Give a dressing of good general fertiliser and then spread a thick layer of old newspaper and cover with bark or compost. Any spear grass that does find its way through the mulch can be carefully treated with round up. Bindweed, another troublesome weed can be effectively controlled by treating with a hormone weed killer.

Prepare the ground now for sowing of hardy annuals like Godetia, Clarkia, annual chrysanthemums, Agrostemma and cornflower. Rake the ground down to a fine tilth and sow the seed in shallow drills about six

inches apart in regular shaped groups. Seed should be lightly covered with fine soil or sand.

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

Sow Runner Beans, French Beans, Marrows, Courgettes and Ridge Cucumber in pots in the greenhouse for planting out at the end of May when the danger of frost is past. Brussels Sprouts, Calabrese, Cauliflower and Leek plants started off under glass should be hardened off and planted out by the end of the month.

Feed spring flowering bulbs when the flowers have dried off to build up the bulbs for good flowering next year. Do not knot the leaves of daffodils, this practice checks the growth of the foliage and prevents it from continuing to put energy back into the bulbs for flowering next year. Daffodil leaves should be left to grow for at least six weeks after flowering before cutting down. 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 bare rooted. Magnolia, Hydrangia grandiflora and Hydrangea petolaris can be propagated by layering shoots in peaty soil or in pots of peat compost.

Bonfires

As spring and summer are just around the corner and hopefully, some pleasant weather is on the way, may we raise the issue of bonfires?

To be thoughtful of others perhaps the following ideas could be considered.

- 1) Bonfires not to be lit until late in the day - say no earlier than one hour before dusk.
- 2) Do not choose a rare perfect day or evening when others may be enjoying being in their gardens.
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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: D Elliott, C Fraulo (from 8.25pm), M Mayhew & G Smith (in the Chair).

In attendance: J Finch (County Councillor), B Hurren (District Councillor), S Gray (Clerk), Suzanne Excell, David Burden and Tony Riddleston.

1) Apologies for Absence: J Osborne (Vice-Chairman), C Blackmore & N Roberts the Councillors consented to these absences.

PCSO Jamie Fudge

To Receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on the agenda: Chairman Gerald Smith declared an interest in Agenda item 10 Section 137 Payments and Donations as husband of a member of Groton PCC. The Declarations of Interest Book was signed.

Mark Mayhew declared an interest in Agenda item 10 Section 137 Payments and Donations as husband of a member of Groton PCC. The Declarations of Interest Book was signed

2) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 5th January 2011

The Minutes of the 5th January 2011 were approved; proposed by David Elliott, seconded by Mark Mayhew.

3) To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary. The report stated that there were no crimes for the period compared to two crimes for the same period last year.

4) To receive a report from Suffolk County Council: James Finch reported to the Council on five areas. With regard to the budget, James informed the Council that there would be a 0% increase in the Council Tax for 2011/12 but there would be £42.5 million of savings.

The Library Consultation was under way. James emphasised that no decisions had been made and ideas of utilising a mobile library service were encouraged. The County Council would be supporting the Academy & Free Schools initiative. In this area, this meant The Stoke by Nayland Free School plans is being supported.

Suffolk County Council and Groton Pylon Alliance had met Tim Yeo and other local authorities in London to consider the future for electricity transmission.

5) To receive a report from District Council: Bryn Hurren reported to the Council that, in relation to the budget, Babergh had to save £1.5 million and that there would be a 0% increase in the Council tax for 2011/12.

Bryn informed the Council that there will be a chance for residents to vote on the proposed merger of services with Mid Suffolk in May.

In relation to the recent issue of the street cleaning, resident Mr Wood suggested that it was an unnecessary cost in a rural area. Bryn replied that every road in Babergh is cleaned once a year and that the contract was a minimal cost.

6) To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public: Tony Riddleston asked the Council to enquire with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust why it was that Groton residents were unable to have the logs of trees that were being cut from Groton Wood. The Council agreed for the Clerk to make the necessary enquiries.

The Chairman welcomed Suzanne Excell and David Burden, to the meeting. David Burden explained the proposed "2012, a year to remember" event to the Council. The three villages, Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton are all invited to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics culminating in a street party on the 4th June, a Bank Holiday. There are to be planned events such as a children's mini Olympics, and music. The working party asked for the support of Groton Parish Council and the Council, which has offered their support previously, agreed to continue to offer their support. When the new Council is formed in May it was agreed that they would discuss a financial contribution. It was further agreed for the 2012 Community Event to be an agenda item until May 2012 and any suggestions/ comments would be sent to Suzanne Excell.

7) Planning Matters: Application No: B/11/00080/FHA Frog Hall Castlings Heath Groton Sudbury CO10 5ES. Erection of single-storey side and rear extension

This application had been received after the meeting on 5th January 2011. The Councillors had not raised any objections

Application No: B/11/00081/LBC Frog Hall Castlings Heath Groton Sudbury CO10 5ES Application for Listed Building Consent- Erection of single - storey side and rear extension.

This application had been received after the meeting on 5th January 2011. The Councillors had not raised any objections

Application NoB/10/00716/FUL Lynnfield Butchers Lane Boxford Sudbury CO10 5EA. Erection of replacement dwelling (existing dwelling and outbuilding to be demolished).

The Councillors discussed the above application and had no objections

8) 2011 Elections: The Clerk reported to the Council that she had received the information from Babergh regarding the Parish and Town Elections on 5th May

2011. The Councillors who were wishing to stand again were given nomination papers. The Notice of Election will be published on Monday 21st March 2011. Nomination papers have to be at Babergh by Monday 4th April 2011.

9) Future Agenda Items

• Groton Website

• 2012 Community Event

10) Dates of Next Meetings:

• 11th May 2011 Annual General Meeting(7.00pm)

• 11th May 2011 Annual Parish Meeting (8.00pm)

• 6th July 2011

• 7th September 2011

• 2nd November 2011

• 4th January 2012

• 7th March 2012

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 21st February 2011 at Edwardstone Village Hall

Present: C Boggis (in the Chair), S Flack, J Konopka, and J Rodger Brown.

In attendance: J Finch (County Councillor), B Hurren (District Councillor), S Gray (Clerk), and two members of the public.

1) Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Paul Clarke, M Glason and S Norman (Vice- Chair). The Councillors consented to these absences.

Apologies were received from James Finch and Jamie Fudge.

2) To Receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on this agenda: Chairman Charlie Boggis declared an interest in Agenda item 9C.

3) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 20th November 2010: The Minutes of the 20th November 2010 were approved; proposed by Jim Rodger Brown, seconded by Chairman Charlie Boggis.

4) To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary: Three burglaries had taken place, including an oil theft. This compares to no crimes for the same period last year.

5) To receive report from Suffolk County Council: In the absence of James Finch the Clerk circulated his report to the Councillors. The Councillors discussed the lack of speed of Broadband and its economic consequences for those who worked from home in the country.

6) To receive a report from District Council: Bryn Hurren reported that, in relation to the Broadband service, it was the aim of Babergh to bring about improvement over the next two years and would update the Clerk on progress. Bryn explained that Babergh had to save £1.5 million but there would be a 0% increase in the Council tax for 2011/12.

The Planning Application for Mill Green had been approved and the current residents will be re-housed. Jim Rodger-Brown asked whether Babergh would sell the land if Flagship could not get the funding to build the proposed houses in the current economic climate. Bryn categorically stated that the land would not be sold privately and that it has been allocated for low cost housing.

Bryn also informed the Council that there will possibly be a chance for residents to vote on the proposed merger of services with Mid Suffolk in May.

7) To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public: Daphne Clark reported to the Council regarding recent Village Hall maintenance projects. The major project is the replacement of the windows at a cost of £6500.00. A grant for £5000.00 had been obtained and went on to explain how the Village Hall Committee wanted to improve the website for the hall.

Daphne Clark also talked of the tentative plans for the 2012 Community Event. The Councillors were in full agreement that events to take place in Edwardstone should be fully discussed and it was agreed for the event to be a future agenda item.

8) Locality Budget Allocation: The Council discussed the allocation of £387.00 from the James Finch's Locality Budget. It was unanimously agreed by the Council that the Village Hall was an essential part of the fabric of Edwardstone and the improvements proposed would ensure its future. The Council, therefore, agreed for the Locality Budget of £387.00 to go to the Village Hall Committee to help towards the new windows. Proposed by Jane Konopka, seconded Shirley Flack, all in favour

9) Parish Council Elections 2011: The Annual Parish Meeting can follow immediately after the Annual General Meeting and the Councillors accordingly agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting this year to be on 16th May 2011 after the Annual General Meeting.

The Council discussed the possibility of changing ordinary meeting days from the third Monday to the third Thursday of alternate months. It was agreed by the Council that this would be discussed at the Annual General Meeting and, if required, the Standing Orders would be amended accordingly.

10) Future Agenda Items: 2012 Community Event Quality Council

11) Dates of Future Meetings: 16th May 2011 (Annual General meeting at 7.30 pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15 pm)

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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Boxford Clubs & Organisations

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Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop
Boxford Gardens Open
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Boxford School
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County Councillor
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Green Team
Local History Recorder
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Babies and Toddlers Group
Parish Council
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)
Poppy Appeal
Primrose Wood
SESAW
Sponsored cycle ride
Village Hall Draw Tickets

Diana Taylor 210239
Moira Grant 211513
Adam Marshall 210323
Lil Benton 210809
Janice MacMillan 210565
Richard Gates 210432
Mark Miller 211596
Denzil Smith 210020
Vic Rice 210504
Richard Gates 210432
Sue Beven 210021
211077
Les Clark 210698
Mark Miller 211596
Jean Saunders 210725
Roger Cunningham 211592
Peter Patrick 210346
Janice Macmillan 210565
David Mayhew 248585
Angela Tolputt 212264
Elizabeth Wagener 210223
Elaine Powling 211243
Nell Suckling 210250
Richard Gates 210432
Gary Jarvis 01787 211471
Bob Giles 210332
Tina Loose 210538
Gordon Edgar 210108
Moira Grant 211513
Bob Martin 210837
Jane Wood 210181.
David House (Clerk) 210918
Veronica Hobbs 211529
Ian Lindsley 210520
Iris Robinson 01473 658567
Pauls Hoare 211033
Janet Daniels 210798
EddieKench 211507
Phillip Ingram 210771
Bob Giles 210332
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James Finch 01206 263649
Bryn Hurren 01787 210854
Iain Young (01787 210048
David Gasson 210796
Sharon Ireland 210302
Elaine Carpenter 210601
Philip Rich 210605
210558
Helen Shinn 211296 or Salley Lewis 210213
Debbie Hattrell 210943
211236
Brian James 210814
Ian Lindsley 210520
Maggie 210888
Barrie Thorpe 211346
210640

Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club
Line Dancing
Local History Recorder
Newton Fireside Club
Newton Golf Club
Newton Green Trust
Newton Keep Fit Club
Newton News Views & Coffee
Newton Village Hall
PCC
Police Liason Officer
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Surgeries
War Games Club
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Alan Vince 373963
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Boxford Mill 210558
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Hardwicke House 370011
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Tina Boyes 375423

Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust
Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary
Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman

Clare Rytcher 211234
Fiona Raymond 210461
Daphne Clark 210698

Edwardstone United Charities
Edwardstone and Boxford CC
Local History Recorder
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)
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Ed Croome 07768 732676
Daphne Clark 210698
210360
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Sandra Grey 211465
Jeremy Osborne 211960
Joanna Roberts 210619
Jeremy Osborn 211960
Peter Kennedy-Scott 210319

Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

Gt Waldingfield WI
Ltl Waldingfield Parish Council
Lt Waldingfield Parish Room
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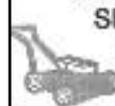
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The award is made annually to the junior who is considered to have contributed most to junior golf in the county in the previous 12 months. He received the award at Aldeburgh Golf Club from Jan Reiss-Watson, who donated the trophy in memory of her late husband.

In making the award, the county junior committee take into account not only results and performances, but also the manner in which golfers conduct themselves, both on and off the course, and how they act as a role model for other junior golfers.

Adam, who has been involved in Suffolk junior golf since the age of 10, and has represented the county at every age group, including the Suffolk men's teams, has recently completed his final year as a junior. He has been captain of the Suffolk Under 18 boys team which won the Junior Anglian League, and is current holder with Chris Bartrum of the Suffolk Junior Foursomes title.

Adam is currently studying at a golf academy in Spain, and the county junior committee has praised him for fulfilling all the principles required of a holder of the Nick Reiss award.

Previous winners of the prestigious trophy are current professionals Lawrence Dodd, Jamie Moul, Jamie Abbott and assistant professional Warren Goddard, along with James Reiss, now at golf college in America, former junior Welsh international Rhodi Harston, and England internationals Hugo Dobson and Patrick Spraggs.

Towards the London 2012 Games

Jonathan Adams lives in Great Cornard and has been selected to represent Great Britain in the IWAS (International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports)/CPISRA (the international governing body for cerebral palsy sport) World Junior Games in Dubai in April. Jonathan is a seated discus and shot put thrower and is already a member of the GB paralympic squad working towards selection for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. To support Jonathan and his family I'm holding a coffee morning in Newton Green Village Hall on Saturday 9th April from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and invite everyone along to show support for Jonathan and wish him luck in Dubai.

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