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On one of the coldest Friday mornings of November, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011 a wreath was laid at the Edwardstone War Memorial followed by the silence and prayers.

## Remembrance is all about memories

I spent two and a half years of almost continuous front line service in North Africa. For nearly two years of that time I was gunner on an armoured car. During this time there was plenty of shooting and killing but it was at a distance of 500 to 1000 or more yards. I don't think any of us thought too much about it, it had to be done, it was our job.

Just before Christmas 1941 I had to shoot at a lorry laden with 30 men as they were trying to get away. I fired a shot into the engine and hit the driver as well. Firing a burst of machine gun fire is the quickest way to unload a lorry load of men. The driver was mortally wounded. This was the first time I had seen anyone close up. He was a little chap and as I looked down at his young boyish face he looked like a ten year old. I felt terrible, I thought, "Poor little boy, he is someone's son". His comrades were pleading with us to help him. I threw them some bandages, it was a useless gesture as I could see he was beyond help. I suppose I did it to make me feel better, but it didn't.

When it got dark we closed in for the night. My troop leader came and patted me on the back and said "Well done", but I did not think so. I put my blankets on the ground and although I did not let anyone know, I cried until I fell asleep.

The sight of his little boyish face as he lay dying haunted me for years after the war. As you get older you learn to cope with these things but the memory will be with me until the day I die. I am sure there must be many others with similar experiences.

*Harry Buckledee*

## BCC AT THE CROSSROADS!

As a resident of Boxford I feel I am privileged to live in a village as vibrant and active as this. Every day I thank the twist of fate that drew us, initially to Groton, then down to the hub of Boxford village. Our involvement in FOBS, the scouts, Boxford Rovers and the Playing Fields committees has given us a great deal of pleasure and many friends over the years.

However, I am writing this today on behalf of the Boxford Community Council which has been in existence for 45 years but is now reaching a crossroad in its life-cycle. The Community Council was formed with the remit to provide the village with a playing field. This it managed to do and the facility is currently run by the sub-committee of BCC, the Boxford Playing Fields Management committee. Over the years the BCC has evolved to the unit that now exists to provide a vehicle for village organisations in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton to share information and solutions and to provide a source of funding, especially important to those who find great difficulty in raising funds themselves. Over the last 12 years BCC has raised in excess of £54,000 which it has distributed to 36 local organisations. I do not have to hand records of the funds raised before 1999 but along the way the Community Council has started or developed such local favourites as the Boxford Firework Display, The Fun and Games Night and The Senior Citizens Outing. The Firework Display was discontinued some years ago as the people running it within Community Council had been doing so for in excess of 30 years and, for some reason, wanted a rest! The same problem is now going to affect the central committee of the Community Council putting the remaining 2 favourites, the Fun and Games Night and the Senior Citizens Outing, at risk. Several members of the Council will be standing down in April after many years on the Committee. It is possible that the villages feels that the BCC has run its course, that the villages needs are already served by other organisations that have come to the fore in recent years, The Gareth Weiland Fund and the 2012 Committee to mention 2 successful fundraising groups. I support both of these committees totally and GWF has made a huge input to village funding and the 2012 Committee will have served its purpose by the end of the next summer, but I wonder how the villages will support the smaller organisations over the next 50 years. As I mentioned above, 36 different groups have received support from the BCC over the last 12 years. Boxford Community Council is holding its next meeting at The White Hart on 6th December at 8.00pm. Would you all think about what I have said above and, if you have any comment, suggestions or offers of assistance please come to the meeting to express your views.

Thank you for reading this  
*Roger Cunningham*, Chairman,  
Boxford Community Council

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## BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY AGM AND PARTY



Boxford Gardening Society held their end of year party and AGM in Boxford Village Hall on 15th November. The Society, which now has almost 100 members, has enjoyed a year of excellent talks and interesting outings. Speakers have covered a huge range of topics and members have learnt a lot, laughed a lot and returned home feeling they have had a great evening out.

The Star event in 2012 will undoubtedly be 'Bob Flowerdew' talking about "No Work Gardening". This will be on 15th May in the village hall.

The end of year party was a great success with a quiz won by a team led by Paul Rose and the results and prize giving of the annual photographic competition.

Everyone enjoyed the excellent food provided, especially the many and varied puddings and sweets provided by the members themselves.

## HISTORY OF THE EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS PUD

Many readers of the Boxford News will have enjoyed one of the famous Edwardstone Christmas puddings but few will know that it is made to an Australian recipe. How did this come about?

When her husband retired Elizabeth Clement came to live at Edwardstone Lodge and after a couple of years she was asked by Jan Paul,



then running the Christmas Fair, if she would come and help. At a preliminary meeting Elizabeth asked why no puddings were sold at the fair, and not surprisingly was told that if she would make them, they would be sold. Fortunately, Joyce Alecock, a long time resident of Edwardstone had experience in catering and agreed to help and for the next two years together they made the puddings according to a recipe which Joyce produced. After two years Joyce decided to retire and for several years Elizabeth Clement made up to 70 puddings of various sizes single-handedly.

As a child in Australia, she remembered her mother's Christmas puddings as being not only delicious but light, so a message was sent and her mother produced the recipe, which is thought to have been originally printed in the Sydney Morning Herald. Since that date all the Edwardstone Christmas puddings have been made to that recipe, considerably multiplied. By 2002 Elizabeth Clement felt that she had made (literally) her contribution to the Christmas fair and in the late summer she conducted a master class in pudding making with a group of husbands of the fair committee. They proved such apt pupils and the results of their labour of such quality that after a repeat class in 2003 it was obvious that the production of the Edwardstone Christmas pudding would be safe in their hands (as long as they stuck to the recipe!) and so it has proved.

**Peter Norris is a winner** Peter Norris of Boxford was the Daily Telegraph's photographic competition winner for w/e 29th October with a photograph of a giant patchwork quilt, part of a world record attempt outside Helsinki Cathedral.



**Friday, 2 December, 8.00, Ticket £15**

### **John Law Trio**

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## THE DECEMBER LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

A month in which happy and sad events have been interleaved and interwoven... the funerals of much loved members of the community and the baptisms of little ones whose lives are just beginning. Times of mourning and times of celebration. There is a time, the Bible tells us, for every purpose under heaven, and this was reflected, too, when, on the same Sunday, two very contrasting services were held in the benefice.

In the morning, an exuberant Five Villages service celebrated - appropriately at All Saints Church, Newton - the festival of "All Saints". Everyone, young and old, took up percussion instruments of all kinds to sing with a swing the old favourite, "Oh when the saints go marching in". Many people in church were



genuinely shocked when my sermon was "interrupted" by David and Pauline Lammings, alias "a Lieutenant" and "Private Nicely". The two "soldiers" burst in from the back of the church singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and proceeded to upstage the vicar. There then followed a hilarious sketch which highlighted the gap between the enthusiastic new Christian's hope of changing the world by "doing good and righting wrongs", and the damping down by the "rules and regulations" churchgoer. "It's the church you've joined", he scoffs, "not Robin Hood's band of merry men..." \* A funny yet serious challenge to us all to remember the big issues that the church should really be about. All credit to the Lammings who entered into the spirit of things with such gusto, having only been given the sketch by me two days before the service.

The afternoon saw a service of a very different kind as over sixty people came along to St Mary's, Boxford, for a time of "Remembering Our Loved Ones." Gentle music, poems, prayers and stillness provided a safe space for people to focus quietly on loved ones who had died - whether recently or many years ago. Each person had the chance to come forward to light a candle for the person they were remembering, taking the light from the Remembrance Candle, surrounded by a wreath of rosemary - the

herb traditionally associated with remembering. The candle seems to be a universally understood symbol of life and hope, and of the enduring nature of the human spirit, all encompassed for Christians in the person of Jesus. Each person was given a ribbon-tied sprig of rosemary to take home with them. (Grateful thanks to Jayne Foster)

Greenery of a more unwelcome kind met its match when a group of Edwardstone folk

gathered to clear and tidy the churchyard on their "Gardening Day", with one of their young helpers producing an impressive amount of smoke from the churchyard bonfire!

Finally, the annual Remembrance Services around the five villages gave many of us the chance to reflect on the bitterness and losses of war, but also on the courage of those who gave their lives, and of those who still serve their country in the forces today.

It seems fitting, then, to end with a reminder that we are entering the church season of Advent, a time - the right time - to look forward with hope to the arrival, at Christmas, of the one Christians believe can transform human nature and transform our broken and war-torn world - Jesus, the Light of the World, the Prince of Peace. Do come and celebrate the triumph of that Light over darkness at one of the many Christmas service around the villages. Blessings,

Revd. Judith



\*Sketch in "Kingdom Airways" by Stephen Deal. Nimbus Press, 2000.

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It has been a busy and exciting couple of months for the members of the newly formed Boxford Bike Club. Sketchy ideas and plans are finally, it seems, falling into place and the informal meetings of a couple of riders on a Sunday morning turning into a forward looking, organised and official cycling club.

Even though the weather has been cooling down and the nights drawing in, at a time when less hardy fair weather cyclists might be calling it a day for the winter months, we have managed to attract a number of new members. Keeping our rides accessible to all has hopefully helped us to do this. The idea of holding an introductory 1 hour ride (9.30am Sunday mornings leaving from the White Hart) for those new to the sport or interested in joining the club has been a real success, and for this reason we will be continuing with this format, subject to weather conditions! We also have a rides going out on a Wednesday evening at 7pm and an earlier ride on a Sunday that leaves the White Hart at 8am. Please just turn up, or contact the club if you are interested in joining us on one of these rides.

To help organise and promote the club we have recently launched an exciting new club website which can be found at [www.boxfordbikeclub.co.uk](http://www.boxfordbikeclub.co.uk). On this site you can find more information about rides, events and membership. We can also be found on Facebook, search for 'Boxford Bike Club', and on Twitter @boxfordbikeclub.

We have also had a club cycling kit designed. Hopefully this will attract more new members to the club and give existing members more of an identity when attending cycling events. As I write these words we are in the early days of the manufacturing process, so watch out for these snazzy new kits flying around Boxford in the Spring!

Finally, all of this would not have been possible without the considerable

support of two village based organisations that have both contributed financially to help the development of the club. Both the Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund and the Boxford Community Council have recently awarded grants to the Boxford Bike Club. The money from Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund being used to help design and produce a club kit, affiliate the club to British cycling, and to cover any costs associated with organising and running our own cycling event in the future. The Community Council's grant covering the costs of the club's new website. The club members are all extremely grateful to both organisations, and would like to say a big thank you for their support!

## DECEMBER BOOK REVIEW Jo.marchant

### The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

John Steinbeck was born 1902 in Salinas, California, amid rich farm land. As a young man he worked on local farms and met the migrant workers. He became aware of their plight and saw the dark side of human nature. The Grapes of Wrath, published in 1939, is his most famous book. He won the Nobel Prize in 1962.

The Grapes of Wrath is about a poor family of sharecroppers and their constant battle to survive all that the Great Depression of the 1930's throws at them. He supports their cause, recognising their daily struggles.

Steinbeck became a communist in 1935, and The Grapes of Wrath was strongly criticised by people who found his views too sympathetic with the plight of the workers and over-critical of capitalism. The book was burnt in Salinas, the last occasion in 2003 on grounds of profanity, and it was banned by school boards in Mississippi. But the working class loved it!

The story is of the Joad family, driven from their Oklahoma land by the Dust Bowl. They piled their possessions into a car and chased their dream of a new life in California where fruit was 'dripping off the branches waiting to be picked'. They braved the horrors of the 2000-mile journey along Route 66 only to discover that 300,000 other sharecroppers were doing the same. You will have to read ending at least twice to take it in.

This story of survival and human dignity in search of a better future gripped me from the start. I think that it resonates with today's world and is quite the best read I have enjoyed for years. It was first recommended to me 50 years ago – don't wait that long!

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The family then took ownership of a vegetarian wholefood restaurant, French Bistro and wholefood shop in Hampstead High Street in 1976 which at the time was the largest vegetarian restaurant as well as one of the biggest stockists of Copella in London. They named the restaurant Pippin, after the apple variety, and it was launched at a celebration party by Monty Python's Graham Chapman. Other regular clientele included Eurythmics singers Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart, comedians Peter Cook and June Whitfield, and actor Alan Bates, who all lived locally in Hampstead and frequented the restaurant on a sometimes daily basis for their macrobiotic and vegetarian treats. Pippin was famous for serving delicious freshly made savoury delights, unusual salads, desserts, bread and cakes. Upstairs the French-style Bistro was open in the evenings and delighted customers with its great live music.

All three of Devora and Bill's daughters, Susanna, Tamara and Carmella, ran the restaurant for up to a year each after leaving university and it became a great hive of activity and success, often catering for up to 500 people a day. It was eventually sold in 1983 so that the family could concentrate their efforts on their businesses closer to home, and the girls became more involved with Copella, Boxford Fruit Farms and Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa.

As the last four decades have seen so many contrasts and changes, so has the Pippin name. It is now thriving in the form of Pippin Shop at Stoke by Nayland Hotel where it offers an Aladdin's Cave of hand made gifts, jewellery and toys, top quality foods and wines, seasonal cards and decorations, and a myriad of delightfully quirky items. It also stocks the largest range of ladies' designer golf and leisurewear in the region.

"Pick your own" Hampers and Boxes are a speciality of the shop. They are exquisitely wrapped and packed on site and make fabulous gifts at any time of year. In season Pippin also sells all the delicious fresh fruits which are still grown on the family farm surrounding the hotel - apples, strawberries, raspberries and blueberries.

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## THE LEAVES ARE FALLING, AND THEY ARE AT MY FEET!

Spring came with an early hint of summer. However, despite our expectations being crushed and drenched, nonetheless we have had a fabulous autumnal flourish with which to help us look forward to shorter days and longer nights and the onset of winter and all that that brings to us. It has been a while since I last wrote about my steady progress. It continues to amaze me just how much interest people in the village have taken in following my journey back to some semblance of normality. For which I thank you all.

My time at ICANHO is now coming to an end. Without doubt being a patient there has been manifestly beneficial to my overall recovery, particularly with getting my left arm and leg working once more. Over the past few months, my arm, hand and fingers have noticeably improved I feel, especially as I am now able to scratch and blow my nose with my left hand! Moreover, I am able to use my index finger to play a key on my keyboard which I was able to demonstrate at my recent Charity Networking Dinner at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel. But more on that in a moment.

There are however a couple of points that I have discovered along the way on my journey that I would like to share with you. Firstly, and here I am speaking for all disabled people, as I have discovered that being disabled can in fact be quite a lonely existence. You might think that for someone like me, who is very outgoing, this cannot be. But just for a moment imagine that you are restricted not only in your ability to move but also to travel; the effort required to do things seems twice, if not thrice, as hard as it was before you were taken ill; that you get very tired very quickly; and friends and family come to see you less and less, until it becomes occasional. And whilst you have a telephone and possibly a computer, if you can work it, you don't want to bother people in their busy lives. Besides which you feel that they don't really want to hear about your life. Haven't got time! So, with a quiet tear in your eye, you can slowly disappear into obscurity.

For my part I am extremely lucky, inasmuch as I live in this wonderful village with many friends around and family close by. But I do worry for those less fortunate than myself. So perhaps, as we approach the Christmas period, we might all make an extra effort to make contact or visit a little more often those friends and family who are perhaps more housebound than perhaps they would like and who would be overjoyed to see or hear us. Simply pick up a phone and say hello!

Secondly, road manners. Love 'em or hate 'em, the "double yellows" have arrived! And with this change, clearer visibility and access of the junction

of Swan Street and Ellis Street, which you might think, would be a good thing! Welcome to the Santa Swan Street Raceway! What has not changed is the distance across the road between 'Joy's' and the Post Office. Nor indeed the time it takes for the likes of myself and others, mums with toddlers and prams or strollers included, to cross the road. One can well appreciate I am sure the heightened trepidation with which one now has in order to cross the road! I now understand what it must be like for a race marshal at a Formula One Grand Prix race having to contemplate going onto the track to remove a piece of debris! However in Boxford we do not have pace cars to slow down traffic! I should point out that there are indeed some very considerate drivers who not only slow down but actually stop, yes stop, to allow us to complete our crossing. They know their Highway Code! Thank you to them! However there are also those who do not! Perhaps when the lines denoting priority were re-painted, we should have had 'STOP' painted on the road at the same time! That's Stop, as in Stationary!

To close on a positive note, my Charity Networking Dinner at Stoke by Nayland went down a storm with just over 130 people from the business worlds of Essex and Suffolk attending, with the result that just under £4,000 was raised which will be split equally with Success After Stroke and ICANHO. A big thank you to those who supported the event and to those who contributed prizes. Hopefully we shall get to do it all again next year.  
*Nick Athorne.*

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# THIS BOY WONDERS DEBUT ALBUM



Boxford based band, This Boy Wonders, are set to release their debut album next month and to mark the occasion they are inviting local people to support them at a launch party on Friday, December 9th at the White Hart pub in the village.

The album was recorded throughout September and October at MonkeyPuzzle House, a state of the art recording studio in Woolpit near Bury St Edmunds.

The ten track recording features all new material written by lead singer Chris Athorne and the band.

2011 has been a great year for This Boy Wonders. Following two successful gigs at the O2 Academy in London they were then selected by Radio 1 to play at the Reading and Leeds festivals in August. The band were featured in BBC 3's highlights package following their Reading gig and also by BBC Suffolk's Introducing show.

The launch event kicks off at 7pm – everyone who is interested in the band is welcome to attend. The CD will be on sale together with band related merchandise.

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## Little Waldingfield Over 60's & Friendship Club

We now have 24 members coming from four villages, Little Waldingfield, Great Waldingfield, Lavenham and one member from Polstead. We meet each month, except December, on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Parish Room.

We have enjoyed a very happy year, with speakers and outings. In February Bill Martin told us of the day he received the Maunday money in our cathedral. In June we had Barbara Falkener telling us of the history of Tea "The Cosy Caffe", it all started in China in 2737BC. We look forward in November to hearing Don Tyler telling us about his trumpet and the brass instruments.

We had outings to Scotsdale Garden Centre, and to Dunwich and the Fish Restaurant. In September we had our annual trip to the Rose and Crown near Tollshunt Knights, always a good lunch. As always, we call at Tiptree Jam Factory for coffee beforehand.

In May we had a very successful coffee morning at Anne Millers home where we raised £70.30 for funds.

In July we had our annual strawberry tea, supplied by Sue Mitchell and her granddaughters.

Lastly in October, we celebrated our 50th birthday with a tea supplied again by Sue Mitchell ably assisted by her granddaughters. Sue made us a beautiful birthday cake. We welcomed the Rev'd Judith who took lots of photographs.

We look forward to another happy year in 2012. We are always glad to welcome new members. *Betty Rattee, Hon Sec*



Children's Centres are here for the community. Our aim is to provide a quality service for families with children under five, offering a range of FREE support, FREE advice and FREE activities.

Ask us anything from children's health to housing benefit, breast feeding to childcare, if we don't know, we'll find out.

Make new friends and stay for a chat, feel free to share stories and experiences together.

Singing, rhyming and dancing, feel free to make a noise!

There are lots of great FREE activities on offer so pop in or give us a call and we will send you a timetable.

## Boxford Baby & Toddler Group

Time flies when you're having fun: The second half of term is well under way, Christmas is rapidly approaching and there are plenty of changes afoot at Toddler Group. The first Song Time was well-received, with children of all ages joining in with the songs and actions. This will be a regular feature, starting at about 11.15am.

Another new feature is Book Corner. Situated at the rear of the carpeted area of the hall, Book Corner provides a quiet and calm space for the children to choose a book, look at the pictures or share a story. We will vary the book selection regularly, to ensure that it remains a fresh and inspiring place to be.

It is always fantastic to see new faces at Toddler Group, and we are thrilled to welcome so many. If you are a parent, grandparent or carer with a child aged 0-4 years, then this is the group for you. It runs every Wednesday during term time in the Boxford Village Hall (opposite the school on Stone Street Road) from 9.00am til 11.30am. It costs just £2 per family per session, and includes snack time for the children, and tea/coffee and homemade cakes for the grown-ups. It is the perfect chance for the adults to catch up, meet new people and relax while the children play in a safe, creative and fun environment. There is a baby area, craft table, ride-on toys, dressing up and role play areas, cars and trains and so much more.

Whether you're a new parent / childminder or an old pro, EVERYONE IS WELCOME, and we look forward to seeing you.

For more information about the group, please contact Laura on 01787

## £1,100 RAISED AT SNAIL RACE

The 9th Annual Snail Race was again a great success. About 80 people had a really good evening and helped to raise £1,100 for The East

Anglian Children's Hospice. As usual the Snails raced really well with only a couple falling at the hurdles. The Bounty Hunters, Gay, Richard, Mary, David, Val and Gilly would like to thank everyone who came to support us and help raise this fantastic amount. The date for your diaries for next year's event is 10th November.

## Edwardstone Christmas Fair – A Sparkling Success

The 2011 Edwardstone Christmas fair, which took place in the church last week, raised over £4000 for the church and village hall, and local Sudbury charity Success After Stroke. Given the current economic climate, the organisers were delighted to see so many people supporting their local fair, enjoying seasonal refreshments and a chance to catch up with their friends and neighbours, as well as starting their Christmas shopping.

We would also like to say a huge "thank you" to the local businesses who sponsored us, and also to everyone who contributed to the fair, either by donating to the produce stall and tombola, or by giving up their time on Thursday and Friday to man stalls and help with the organisation of the event.

## Olympic Games London 27 July – 12 August 2012

### Danes Worldwide Initiative

The 92 year old Danish organisation Danes Worldwide have committed to finding B&B accommodation for the relatives of up to 120 Danish athletes competing in the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Approximately 500 relatives and family members are expected to require overnight accommodation.

Distance between hosts and the Olympic Park in Stratford should be maximum 2 hours. But there is also a need for hosts in places near Eton Dorney, Weymouth and Greenwich Park where rowing, sailing and equestrian disciplines take place.

Should you be interested in accommodating a few paying guests for any time during this period, then please request an information sheet from:

Kaj W. Jensen, London Representative, Danes Worldwide, Whatfield Hall, Whatfield, Ipswich IP7 6QY

Tel: 01449 744 004 kwj@btconnect.com www.danes.dk

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

What a wonderful response to our shoebox campaign yet again! We have taken 170 boxes to the warehouse in Sudbury. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and generosity. To all those who helped us at Mary's house and also to those who packed their own boxes we were delighted with the response this year. Our faithful band of knitters supplied us with lovely hats, mitts, scarves, hand puppets and knitted bags. If anyone wants to knit for us next year Ann has very easy patterns to share with you. Our boxes will be going to Belarus again this year to make a lot of children very happy. We are told that many children have never received a present before and can't believe that someone cares enough to send them one. So thank you once again and we hope to do it all again next year.

For further information please contact:

Ann Porter 210581 Jennie Lindsley 210520 Shirley Watling 210024

## PLAYING FIELDS CAR PARK

Because Of the construction work at the end of Homefields there will be a need to block off the car park entrance on a couple of occasions for a few days each time.

The builders will give notice of the blockage about a week before it is due and also will ensure that there is no blockage over a week end so that football teams will have access for training and matches.

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES Also known as John Wincoll – 209981

The purpose of the charity is to relieve "conditions of need, hardship or distress".

However, if you are over sixty-five and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more you may be eligible for the Christmas gift.

Please apply by 15th November, to Sue Mitchell on 247173.

# Wot's On

## SET SAIL TO TREASURE ISLAND

Splice the main brace, hoist the main sail, swab the decks and set sail with Boxford Drama Group to Treasure Island from Wednesday 30 November to Saturday 3 December at Boxford Village Hall. With plenty of yo-ho-ho, a buckle swashed here and there, and the pottiest pirates to tread the poop deck, this year's panto, written and directed by Joe Barrett, features all the familiar characters from Stevenson's classic – Jim, Long John Silver, Billy Bones and Captain Smollett are all aboard, along with some surprise additions including Jim's Damelicious mum, Mrs Hawkins, all ship shape and Bristol fashion. The race is on to find the treasure on the unlikely island in the Caribbean where you can quench your thirst with a pinna colada at the Tropical Heatwave cocktail bar. Family night is Wednesday, curtain up at 7.00pm, with tickets at £3 for children and £6 for adults – there is no supper on the Wednesday – while all other performances start at 7.30pm, and the tickets are £13 which includes a delicious supper. There is a licensed bar each evening. Please be aware that strobe lighting will be used. Tickets go on sale on Saturday 5 November from 9 o'clock outside of the newsagent when tickets are limited to 8 per person, and thereafter from inside the newsagent where there will be no limitations on the number of tickets bought, but please bear in mind tickets cannot be reserved and we cannot refund tickets. Treasure Island is a colourful and comical traditional start to the Christmas season.

## GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

**Saturday, December 3rd at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall**

Christmas must be on the way! The usual Cheese and Wine Party will follow the same format as usual, excellent food, Pat-and-Gerald bar, raffle, gift stall and another Auction of Promises after the success of the last one, BUT we need your talents! Please could anyone who feels able to offer a service, however small, please give me a call [Pat Kennedy Scott 210319] Tickets at £7 each available now from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC and all proceeds to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew.

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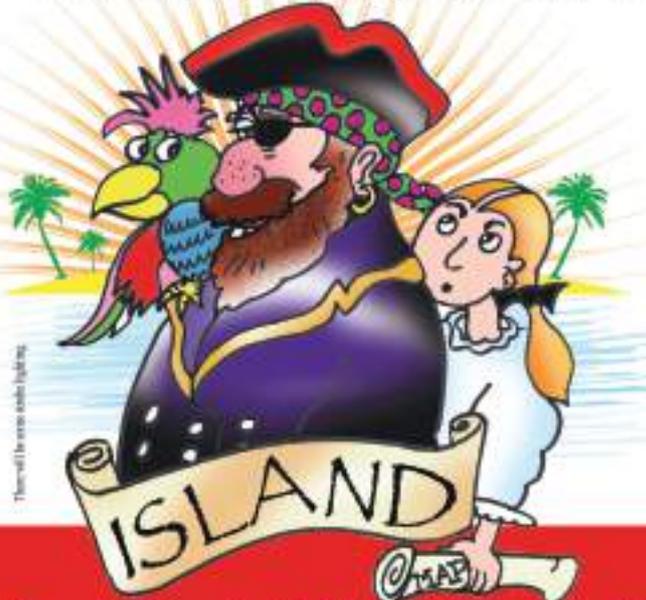
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Boxford Drama Group Presents

# TREASURE



Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> To Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday is Family Night, starts 7pm £6.00 Adults & £3.00 Child (No supper)

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, starts 7.30pm £13.00 Includes Supper  
Licensed Bar and Raffle every night

Please Note: Tickets (Max 8 per person) on sale outside Boxford News at 9am November 5th  
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## Wot's On

### CHRISTMAS AND ALL THAT JAZZ

with the MILDEN SINGERS

Enjoy festive music and jazz favourites at the Mildens Singers Christmas Concert. Friday 16th December Doors open 7.30 for 8pm with licensed bar and buffet.

Saturday 17th December 2pm with Tea, Cakes and licensed bar.

Tickets are £5 and available from Pearl on 01787 247965.

If you would like to join this popular singing group which meets each Thursday please contact Pearl and male singers are needed.

### BOXFORD WI

This month's meeting included our AGM. After outstanding business and notices were dealt with the AGM commenced. The previous year's minutes were approved and signed, the treasurer presented the financial statement and this was approved and signed as was the secretary's report. The president was unanimously re-elected and 2 new committee members were elected.

The afternoon ended with a short session of Christmas card making.

At the craft afternoon we were reminded that Christmas is not far away as we made festive wreaths to decorate our front doors. We are hoping our efforts will last until nearer Christmas. Our next monthly meeting, on 7th December will be our Christmas celebrations.

On the 8th December the craft group will meet to organise next year's programme.

All visitors are welcome at a cost of £3.

If you would like a copy of our 2012 Programme, this will be available at the beginning of January, please phone Heather on 01787 211566.

### Little Waldingfield Open Gardens

We shall be opening our gardens again on Sunday 10 June 2012. All proceeds to church funds. More details will follow.

### But You Don't Look Ill

1-3pm - drop in any time. The Stevenson Centre, Great Cornard Tel: 07950 436584. £1 towards room hire.

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER 12 noon till 4pm

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## Wot's On

### LittleWaldingfield Parish Room

Please note that the dates for the coffee morning and Quiz night have changed. This has been necessary now that the Flower Festival dates are known (10th & 11th Sept) and to give the Bad Companions more time to set up their stage.

25/26th November Bad Companions - Crankenstein

2nd/3rd December Bad Companions - Crankenstein

### Polstead Cinema

Polstead Village Hall. Forthcoming films

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH 'Bridesmaids'

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# Wot's On

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Saturday 7th January Jane Eyre

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We hope you enjoy the films and look forward to seeing you at the Leavenheath Village Hall for a night at the Cinema

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### Winter Concert Series 2011 - 2012

Artistic Director: Peter Holman

**Sunday 27 November 2011, 6.00 pm** St James's Church, Nayland

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**Sunday 22 April 2012, 6.00 pm**

**St Mary's Church, Boxford**

David Owen Norris (fortepiano) From Mendelssohn to Elgar

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directed by Peter Holman

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### Boxford Community Council

## Fun and Games Night

**Saturday 21st January 2012 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 2012. 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 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.

## CRANKENSTEIN!!

The Bad Companions are back and currently rehearsing for their next production, a comedy, Crankenstein!! Obviously, no prizes for guessing the theme this time. There are four performances, the 25th and 26th of November and 2nd and 3rd December at The Parish Room, Church Road, Little Waldingfield. Doors open at 7.00p.m. and the shows will start at 7.30 prompt. There will not be a bar there but you may bring your own drinks if you wish.

Tickets for the last night are sold out but the remaining nights are still available. The tickets are on sale at The Fox and Hounds, Groton and The Swan Inn at Little Waldingfield and are £7.50 per person. If you have difficulty obtaining tickets, contact martin.doman@yahoo.co.uk. Any profits will be donated to charity

## SUNDAY KIDS CLUB

Every Sunday from 10.30-12.00 children of all ages are welcome to come and join in the craft & storytelling activities held at Sudbury Library, Market Hill, Sudbury - free of charge

**4th December** Make Xmas Decorations for the Library

**11th December** Xmas Scene Shoeboxes (back by demand!)

**18th December** End of Term Games Session

All sessions start 10.30-12.00 Come at any time during session

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**Santa Run 2011**  
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This year, Santa will again be visiting our children.

He said he would like to come on Saturday 17th December when he will visit Boxford and Edwardstone and also he will have enough time on Sunday 18th December to visit Newton Green and Assington.

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# Wot's On

## Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting in the village hall at 2.30pm

December 2nd is the proposed date for our Christmas Lunch at The Brewers Arms

For info contact: Barbara Hamling 210936 or Shirley Watling 210024

## Sudury Resource Centre

**Pamper Night** - 2nd December 2011 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Tickets £2.50p each.

All the above events are held at Sudury Resource Centre, Northern Road, Sudbury, CO10 2XQ. All tickets/enquiries on 01787-296090/1 option 5.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RETURNS TO BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL Saturday 10th December will see the Christmas Bazaar return to the Village Hall for its third year. This has become a popular event in the weeks preceding Christmas. If you would like to book a table then prices are frozen at least year's rate of £10 per table. For a booking form and further information then please ring 01787 210376 or 01787 211529. Alternatively you can e-mail us on boxford.villhall@btinternet.com or visit our web site, [www.boxfordvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.boxfordvillagehall.co.uk) to view and download a copy of the booking form. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

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# Forthcoming Events Diary

## November

25/26 Bad Companions	Crankenstein	Parish Room	7.30pm
30 Treasure Island	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.00pm

## December

1/2/3 Treasure Island	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
2 Boxford Over 60's Club	Annual Christmas Lunch	Brewers Armsl	TBA
3 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
3 FOB's Christmas Fayre		School Hall	2-4pm
2/3 Bad Companions	Crankenstein	Parish Room	7.30pm
6 Boxford Community Council	Executive Meeting	White Hart	8.00pm
7 Boxford WI	Christmas Party	Mary's House	2.00pm
8 Boxford WI	Planning for 2012/Craft Club	Mary's Hoise	2.00pm
10 Christmas Bazaar		Boxford Village Hall	TBA
16 Milden Singers	Christmas and all that Jazz	Milden Pavilion	7.30pm
31 Barn Dance	Boxford Village Hall	BVH	8 to 1.00am

## January 2012

21 Fun and Games Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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## February

21 Pancake Lunch	Groton PCC	Mary's House	12.30 -2.30pm
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## March

16 Illustrated Talk by Mark Mitchels	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
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## June

10 Little Waldingfield Gardens Open

**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.

"Do not stand at my grave and weep....."

These words – the first line of a poem - come from a reading that many people have chosen to include in the funeral of their loved one. They are words which aim to try to encourage the person who is mourning to find their lives again and gently move forward.

However, as I said recently at the service "Remembering Our Loved Ones" at Boxford Church, bereavement is a very complex process. It is rarely a simple progression from feeling completely sad and desolate to feeling better about ourselves and the world. Often, grieving is much more of a roller-coaster or emotions. Some days we will feel a bit stronger and more able to cope. On other days we may be overwhelmed by the pain of it all and a sense of emptiness and desperation.

The experiences of bereavement and grief are also never identical for any two people and we should always be cautious of assuming – or telling someone – that we know just how they feel. The loss of a baby, the loss of a child, the loss of one's lifetime's spouse, the loss of a parent – each brings their own particular kinds of grief. And intertwined with a natural sadness and sense of loss can be other difficult and turbulent emotions: anger, guilt, resentment.

Often, one of the things which can really begin to help, making the difference between coping and not coping with bereavement, is the chance to be with other people who have also known what it is to lose someone. This can offer a safe haven where feelings and emotions can be confidentially shared and understood.

Before I came to be parish priest here, I was privileged to share, for three years in the running of a bereavement support group, offered by St Peter's Church, Coggeshall. The meetings were, of course, often very poignant, places where tears were shed. But they were also places of shared love and even shared laughter. To their surprise, those who were grieving themselves also found that they were able to offer support to each other. After about a year, the members of the group, who had grown close, decided that their healing was underway and that they were strong enough not to need to meet any longer as a bereavement group. Instead, remaining friends, they met up occasionally for a drink or a meal in their local pub.

I am planning to start up a bereavement support group for anyone in the five villages who might find it helpful. We will meet one evening a month in "Mary's House", the cottage in the middle of Boxford which is open four mornings a week for coffee. The evenings will be completely informal and friendly, with a chance to talk over a cup of tea or coffee. I will be there, along with one or two other experienced listeners, to offer support and comfort. If you would like to receive details about the group and the date and time of its meetings, please email me: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com or phone me on 01787 210091, leaving your name and telephone number if I am not there to take your call. May the God of all comfort bless you. Revd. *Judith*



## 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** from; ADVENT 1955 by Sir John Betjeman

"We praise the price of things in shops

We give plain boxes fancy tops

And lines which traders cannot sell

Thus parcell'd go extremely well

We dole out bribes we call a present

To those to whom we must be pleasant

For business reasons. Our defence is

These bribes are charged against expenses

And bring relief from Income Tax

Enough of these unworthy cracks!

'The time draws near the birth of Christ'

A present that cannot be priced

Given two thousand years ago

Yet if God had not given so

He still would be a distant stranger

And not the baby in the manger."

Maybe, after reading that, we might want to think again about how we are preparing this year for the celebration of Jesus's birth.

This year's Advent & Christmas services include:

Saturday 26th November An Advent Celebration at 6.30pm

Sunday December 4th Christingle Service at 4.00pm.

Sunday December 18th Traditional Carol Service at 6.30pm - with mulled wine & mince pies.

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

Sunday 25th Christmas Day Family Service at 10.30 am

**The Boxford Calendar** - Will be on sale in November - Many thanks to all who sent in such wonderful photos. Do purchase your copy from village shops. It will make an ideal Christmas present. Proceeds to St. Mary's Church

**Remembrance Sunday Service 13th November 2011.** The church was full for the service of remembrance. The sum of £425.00 was collected at the service for The Royal British Legion.

**An Advent Celebration** This year will be held on Saturday 26th November at 6.30pm. A great way to start the festive season. With seasonal music & readings. Do make a note to come. The Celebration will be followed by a Supper. The Celebration is of course free. Tickets for the supper will be available in village shops or from a churchwarden. Please obtain any more details from a Churchwarden

**The Christingle Service 2011** Will be held at 4.00pm on Sunday 4th December. We raise funds for The Childrens Society, in a candle lit service which is much enjoyed by everyone. All are most welcome.

**Musicians Wanted** for Christingle Service in December (1st Sunday) : Musicians wanted to create a band for this years Christingle Service, do you play the drums, guitar or another instrument? or know some one who does? then please get in touch with either David Richardson on 01787 379343 or Rev. Judith Sweetman on 01787210011 .... for more details  
Smile Lines "People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

### Churchwarden:

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Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone  
Tel: 211161

**CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY:** Many thanks to those who worked so hard on the gardening day in the churchyard. Although few in number, much was achieved in tidying parts of the churchyard and the flower cupboard.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Once again the Christmas Fair committee held a successful Fair both in the Church and in the Parish Hall. Many thanks to all those for their hard work in setting up and running this happy event. *David Saddleton*

### ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
<b>Dec 4:</b>	Mr Saddleton	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	No Flowers	Mrs Saddleton
<b>Dec 11:</b>	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	No Flowers	
<b>Dec 18:</b>	Mr Saddleton	Mr & Mrs Dodd	No Flowers	
<b>Dec 24:</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		<b>All help</b>	
	Mr Saddleton	Carol Service at 6 p.m.		
<b>Dec 25:</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>			
	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Dodd		
Daily Prayer:	9.00 a.m. every Tuesday			



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** *Jayne Foster:*

*Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360*

*Sue Edwards:*

*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

### GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Saturday, December 3rd at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall

Christmas must be on the way! The usual Cheese and Wine Party will follow the same format as usual, excellent food, Pat-and-Gerald bar, raffle, gift stall and another Auction of Promises after the success of the last one, BUT we need your talents! Please could anyone who feels able to offer a service, however small, please give me a call [Pat Kennedy Scott 210319] Tickets at £7 each available now from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC and all proceeds to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew.

Christmas carols, mulled wine and mince pies

As you will see from the 'Church at Worship' page, Groton's Carol Service this year is to be held on Monday 19th December 2011. Holding it on a midweek evening, rather than Sunday, will enable the Revd Judith to attend all the carol services in the benefice. Everyone is welcome to this traditional service of lessons and carols as we "let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels" in the lead-up to our celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas Day. After the service we are all invited by Elisabeth and Colin Blackmore to go back to The Old Rectory for mulled wine and mince pies.

### Rota

**Sidesman with Sacristan:** Ms Edwards/ Mrs Foster/ Mrs J Riddleston/ Mr Blackmore

### Cleaning:

Mrs V Riddleston



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

### Rota:

	Sidesman	Flowers
<b>Dec 4:</b>	Mr Squirrell	no flowers – Advent
<b>Dec 11:</b>	Visiting	no flowers – Advent
<b>Dec 18:</b>	Mr Bowden	no flowers - Advent
<b>Dec 20:</b>	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	no flowers - Advent
<b>Dec 24:</b>	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	All
no flowers during Advent – then Festival arrangements.		



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

### Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,  
Tel: 370331

### CHURCH CLEANING:

Mrs. Wendy Turner  
Mrs. Judith Smalley

### FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS:

Mrs. Jean Green and helpers

### CHRISTMAS SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 10th December, 10am to 12am - Village Hall

Gifts, Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Presents for adults and children  
Refreshments. All welcome

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

In aid of St Nicholas Hospice.

Wednesday 14th December, 7.30pm - Village Hall

Festive buffet - Bar - Raffle

Admission Free - All Welcome

### NEWTON'S POPULAR CRIB SERVICE

Saturday 24th December at 3.00pm

## General Church News

**DEANERY SYNOD:** A reminder that Sudbury Deanery Synod is meeting at St Gregory's Church Hall, Sudbury, at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm on Wednesday 30th November 2011.

**METAL THEFT PETITION:** The petition, calling on the Government to tighten the law on scrap metal dealers, now has nearly 29,000 signatures (and, hopefully, many more by the time this appears in print.) With more news almost daily of further thefts of copper cable, disrupting our railways and putting lives at risk, as well as of lead from church roofs, the pressure on the Government to amend the law is mounting. So, if you haven't done so yet, please sign the online petition: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/406>.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

Two Churches Together events in early December:

**Sunday 4th December** – "Light up a Life" United Service for the Hospice, 6.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Sudbury

**Thursday 8th December** - Churches Together Open Forum, 7 for 7.30pm at Cornard Christian Fellowship, 1 Broom Street, Great Cornard.



*Above: Five Villages Service at Newton on 30 October 2011*



*Edwardstone Christmas Fair*

Photo's David Lamming

# Box River Benefice The Church At Worship DECEMBER 2011

**Thursday 1st**

Little Waldingfield 19.00 Home Communion - Newmans Hall Tim Harbord  
(Reserved Sacrament)

<b>Sunday 4th</b> Little Waldingfield	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(P)</b> Revd Judith
<b>Edwardstone</b> Boxford	<b>9.30 Morning Prayer</b> 16.00 Christingle Service	<b>Christopher Kingsbury</b> Christopher Kingsbury & Revd Judith

Wednesday 7th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Antony Dodd  
(Reserved Sacrament)

<b>Sunday 11th</b> Groton	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(P)</b> Revd Judith
<b>Newton</b> Boxford	<b>9.30 Holy Communion</b> 11.00 Holy Communion	<b>Revd Judith</b> Revd Judith

Wednesday 14th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd David Abel  
Little Waldingfield\* 19.00 Compline - Newmans Hall Tim Harbord  
\*Note changed date

<b>Sunday 18th</b> Edwardstone	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(P)</b> Revd Judith
Little Waldingfield	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
<b>Newton</b> Boxford	<b>16.00 Carol Service</b> 18.30 Carol Service	<b>Revd Judith</b> Revd Judith

Monday 19th

Groton 19.00 Carol Service Revd Judith

Tuesday 20th

Little Waldingfield 19.00 Carol Service Revd Judith

Wednesday 21st

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

<b>Saturday 24th</b> Newton	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 15.00 Crib Service	<b>(W)</b> Revd Judith
Edwardstone	18.00 Carol Service	Revd Judith
Little Waldingfield	21.30 "Midnight" Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	23.30 Midnight Communion	Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 25th</b> Groton	<b>Christmas Day</b> 9.30 Family Communion	<b>(W)</b> Revd Judith
Boxford	10.30 Family Service	Christopher Kingsbury & Revd Judith

Wednesday 28th

Boxford Please note that there is no service at Mary's House today.

<b>Daily Prayer</b>	A 30 minute informal said service with Revd Judith	All are welcome
Tuesday	9.00 Edwardstone	
	17.00 Little Waldingfield	
Wednesday	9.00 Groton	
Thursday	9.00 Newton	
	17.00 Boxford	

*Little Waldingfield Over 60's and Friendship Club 50th Anniversary Tea.*



## Soap Box

In the past I have shared with you articles I have written for Sudbury Newstalk – a worthy charity that delivers talking newspapers and magazines to the visually impaired. A recent magazine article is, I feel, worth sharing with a wider audience. The theme was “Journeys” and my thoughts immediately went to my younger son Tom. He is, as it happens, much travelled. But it was his church that sprung to mind. It rejoices in the name – “The Journey”.

My wife and I are churchgoers, but we are far from being tub-thumping evangelists. Indeed, when I was once asked if I was religious, I replied, “No, I’m Church of England.” That sort of sums up our involvement, really. Believers and supporters, we draw the line at knocking on doors to carry the message out to others.

Tom is more evangelical, though. He first discovered Christianity properly at school. Boarding, as he was, in the Midlands, more than two hours from home, the first inkling we received of his conversion to active participation in the religion in which he had been baptised was when he invited us to his confirmation. It seemed he had met some interesting characters at school from “Christians in Sport” and the rest, as they say, is history.

From then on his involvement with the more outgoing elements of the Christian faith gathered momentum. For three years he travelled to California during his summer holidays from university, teaching and mentoring at a camp for disadvantaged children from Los Angeles. Actually, the camp was in Malibu – it didn’t sound too arduous. But it was good and useful work he undertook and the organisers were pleased to have him back each year.

At Southampton University he was an active member of the Christian Union and even changed his course to Theology to give himself a better understanding of religious doctrine and principles. But it was after he left university to enter the world of work that he became involved with The Journey.

Although I had attended services and events at his church, it nevertheless seemed sensible to check out what lay behind this particular offshoot of the Christian Church. Where better than the internet to find out just what they stood for. Of course, I should have

realised that such a powerful name as “The Journey” would be in considerable use.

Top of the list on a Google search was a website offering “a truly transformational healing process”. This example of “The Journey” had offices all around the world and promised to unlock the true potential of those who signed up. This wasn’t what I was after.

Nor was “The Journey Centre” – a bike shop in Rotherham, Journey, a rock band formed in San Francisco in 1973, or the journey of a cheese sandwich – an interesting concept which was all about what the name suggested and appeared to have more web pages dedicated to it than any of the other journeys I looked at.

Tom’s Journey was eventually found. Part of a group of churches in the Egham and Maidenhead area known as the River Church, The Journey was the Englefield Green congregation and altogether lower key in internet terms. I knew from my previous visits that the average age of the supporters was far lower than in my own village church. What I did not know until I spoke to Tom was that one of the church members had been blind from birth.

I spoke to his friend, Darren. He had been a student at the Royal Holloway College in Englefield Green, where son Tom lives. His involvement with “The Journey” had started with a journey. He had met some members of the church on a railway station as they all waited for the Brighton train. Travelling down together, they had plenty of time to convince Darren to join them. And he did.

When he completed his course, he spent his gap year working for the church. This finished last summer and he is now looking for a job in IT. Remember, Darren has no vision at all and has never been able to see properly. Yet he is a wiz with computers and uses modern technology to ensure he is as well informed as any sighted person. He made me realise how technology could be harnessed to improve the lot of the visually impaired. Talking to him was positively inspirational.

So my quest for material on Journeys took me to unexpected places and even brought me back to Newstalk – or at least to what Newstalk is all about. Life, it is said, is just a series of journeys. And travelling should be, and usually is, fun. I enjoyed this particular journey. I hope you have too.

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

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# GARDENING IN DECEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Trees, although rather pricey, are a good investment for the future. With the right care and attention they will last a lifetime or longer. The planting of a tree requires careful planning in choosing a suitable site where it can grow undisturbed for many years. Before buying a tree, find out what size it is expected to grow to in about 20 or 30 years, then decide if your garden is big enough to accommodate such a specimen.

Many trees are planted too close to the house or to the boundary fence and are grubbed out because they have outgrown their allotted space. There is no need to remove such a tree, it can be made into a pollard or a cob as it was always known around here).

To pollard a tree means cutting the main branches back close to the crown so that a close thick head of growth shoots from the top of the trench. This process should be repeated every two years or so, or whenever it becomes necessary. By reducing the size of the top growth, root growth is also reduced and therefore less likely to invade foundations, etc.

There are many trees of a compact and slow growing nature, suitable for small gardens, Amelanchier Lamarchi is an ideal tree where space is limited; has white flowers in spring on coppery foliage which turns red in autumn. Robinia pseudoacacia frisia, has bright yellow foliage all summer. Any of the Birch family with their silver white bark and upright growth take up little space. Bare root trees can be planted from now until March. Never buy container grown trees that are pot bound. These are usually slow to get moving when planted out.

Dead and diseased branches on trees and shrubs should be cut away as soon as possible. Make the cut well below the affected area and treat the wound with a fungicide.

Mummified fruits, which are a source of brown rot disease, still remaining on the trees and any that have fallen, should be gathered up and burned. Brown rot is a disease which seriously affects the storage life of fruit.

Wisteria is now due for winter pruning to ensure a good crop of flowers next year. Left to its own devices it would become a tangled mess of branches with few flowers. Prune previous years growth back to two buds from the main branch. Once established wisterias require little feeding and flower better if a little on the hungry side.

Grape vines should also be pruned now in a similar way to wisterias by cutting this years lateral growths back to two buds from the main stem or

rod. Loose and peeling bark on the main stem should be removed to prevent pests over wintering there.

Remove all the lower yellow leaves from the stems of Brussels Sprouts. These can harbour fungal diseases which will spread to the sprouts causing them to rot.

New planted Rhododendrons and Camelias are easily killed by severe penetrating frost. Cover the roots with a thick layer of straw or leaves and a sheet of polythene draped round the plant will protect the foliage from drying winds.

Digging can continue, when weather allows. Particularly with clay soils, digging when the soil is wet and sticky can do more harm than good. It's also more hard work.

As with October & November, as ground becomes vacant, you can dig it over and spread manure over the surface. Leave the soil roughly dug in large clumps and the worms will break these up as they get the manure. The freezing and thawing of water in the soil will cause the soil to break up finely so becoming easier to handle in the spring.

Winter is a good time to undertake double digging, incorporating manure into the bottom of the trench and deepening your topsoil.

Ensure compost bins are covered to prevent excess rain leaching the nutrients and to keep some of the heat of decomposition in. Try and keep things tidy to avoid providing winter homes for pests waiting for the spring.

December is the traditional month to go through the seed catalogues, decide what you want to grow and make a list. Then realise you'll need 10 times the room to plant everything you want to grow!

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# Parish Council Matters

## Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in September 2011

### Meeting on 5th September

**Public Forum:** A number of residents attended due to concerns about an application for 5 new dwellings at Ramree, Clubs Lane. Copy letters of objection were handed to the Parish Council. Issues raised included garden grabbing in a conservation area, highway safety, the visual impact and the affects on wildlife and biodiversity. On other matters, Revd Judith attended to discuss the maintenance of the Churchyard.

**Finance:** In addition to the usual business, the grant request from the Village Hall was discussed. Members agreed to increase the amount to £1500 for this year.

**Reports from Members:** Cllr Gates advised that the gate to the playground was in the process of being repaired. Cllr Norman had researched the cost of materials for the Cox Hill to Clubs Lane footway. The landowner had given his consent for the Parish Council to undertake the work. It was noted that the work had been authorised to finish the churchyard gate posts.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

1) Babergh Council advised the application for an extension to 8 Marsh Road had been withdrawn.

2) Permission had been granted for a garage extension to 3 Gunary Close.

3) The District Council had confirmed to Openreach two 9 meter wooden poles at Boxford School were acceptable as permitted development.

The following applications were discussed:-

a) The proposed 5 new dwellings at Ramree, Clubs Lane:-

Members voted to strongly object to this proposal due to overdevelopment, all the points raised by residents in their letters, to protect the significance of existing Listed Buildings in the vicinity and due to serious concerns regarding safe access.

b) The proposed single storey rear extension at 23 Stone Street.

c) Proposal to reduce willow tree at 30 Stone Street

d) The Parish Council was concerned at proposed changes to Planning Policy

### Parish Council Meeting on 19th September

**Police Report:** PCSO Jamie Fudge was unable to attend, however, provided a report. During the period from 15th August to 13th September there were no crimes recorded (which compares to 8 crimes for the same period last year). The Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood team priorities included speed detection in Valley Rd, Gt Waldingfield and other villages in the area and school visits ahead of the summer holidays.

**Correspondence:** The Clerk had circulated her report ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. County Highways had restructured and our contact is now based in Ipswich. The Clerk shared a letter about ball games at Gunary Close. It was noted that a suggestion by a resident of changes to the prohibition of waiting scheme was too late to be considered. The Mobile Skate Park sessions went well during the summer holidays with over 40 children attending each session. The costs were shared between the Parish Council and the Community Council. It was agreed to respond to enquiries about the Old Chapel garden.

**Community Speed Watch:** Three locations had been approved to use the detection equipment in the village. The numbers of volunteers make the scheme just viable, however, further people would be helpful. It was noted that a coordinator would be required. The training can now be arranged and the Clerk was to write to Hadleigh Town Council to formally request the sharing of their detection equipment.

**County Council Report:** County Cllr James Finch was present to deliver his report. His report covered details of the County Council budgeting process. The first stage is to seek ideas and suggestions with the second stage will involve stakeholder sessions discussing in more detail the emerging budget proposals. He went onto explain the mobile library consultation and encouraged the Parish Council to contribute ideas.

**Babergh District Council Report:** District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report. He confirmed Babergh District Council will continue to work with other Councils to achieve savings. He touched upon the National Grid Consultation working out the detail along the chosen route corridor. He lacked confidence that the long term situation and available technological advances were being explored. He felt the Quay Theatre was offering some good events currently from music bands and films to cooking demonstrations and hire for parties. Questioning was raised regarding the procedure for acquiring an Affordable Home. District Cllr Hurren confirmed the Choice Based Letting system is used and applicants would need to be on the Housing List and bid for specific properties. The local connection requirement narrows the field of applicants. Cllr Hurren agreed to follow up concerns regarding the progress of the Homefield flats development including the provision of dropped kerbs and junction improvement.

**Cemetery:** Members agreed to start work on a plan for the Cemetery.

**Reports from Chairman and Members:** It was agreed to chase the progress regarding installing a new street light on School Hill and the repairs to the light opposite the flats in Homefield. Some minor trimming is required to the cherry tree that is touching the Church porch.

Planning: The following applications were discussed:-

a) Proposed removal of eucalyptus tree and replace with a standard fruit tree at Little Orchard, Butchers Lane

b) Proposed side and rear extension at 8 Marsh Road

c) Proposal to erect a side extension and front porch at Bishopton Lodge, Calais Street.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

## Meeting of Newton Parish Council

### 14th September 2011

**Present:** Councillors Colin Poole (Chairman), Roy Gardner, Lee Parker, Paul Presland, Rita Schwenk, Philip Taylor and Alan Vince.

**Attending:** PCSO Alex Vinter, D Crimmin (Clerk) and 1 resident.

**Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) and Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor).

**Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Taylor declared personal and prejudicial interests in items 11/106 d and e as he owned the property. Cllr Presland declared personal and prejudicial interests in items 11/105d as he is a member of Newton PCC. The councillors left the meeting while the items were discussed.

**Minutes of Meeting held on 24th August 2011:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.36pm for the Public Forum and reconvened at 7.57pm. (Appendix A)

**Correspondence (Appendix B):** There were no actions required of the Clerk following a review of the Correspondence.

**Clerks Report (Appendix C):** Following a review of the Clerk's Report the councillors requested the Clerk to provide proposals for the bench to be positioned by the bus stop opposite the Saracen's Head. The councillors are looking for the total installation cost to be £350. The councillors also requested that the proposed purchase of the Street Lights switch gear be included in the November meetings agenda.

Cllr Presland joined meeting.

**Finance:** a. The councillors resolved to approve and accept the Annual Return from BDO LLP for the year ended 31st March 2011 and the publication of the results to the residents.

b. After reviewing the Asset Register against the quotation for insurance the councillors resolved to renew the insurance with Aviva.

c. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix D, were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget and the bank reconciliation against the bank statements.

d. The councillors resolved to give Newton PCC £350 towards the churchyard maintenance.

e. The councillors resolved to give the Royal British Legion £35 towards the Poppy Appeal.

**Planning:** a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/00884 The Deans, Sudbury Road - Replacement of existing metal fence and gates with 1.65m high timber close-boarded fence and timber gates and resolved to support the application.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/00885 The Deans, Sudbury Road -Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of existing metal fence and gates with 1.65m high timber close-boarded fence and timber gates and resolved to support the application.

c. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/00736 Box Valley Barn, Boxford Lane - erection of 1.55m high close-boarded fence (retention of) fronting Boxford Lane and resolved to support the application.

d. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/00766 Rogers Farm, Rogers Lane - Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of solar PV panels and resolved to support the application.

e. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/00765 Rogers Farm, Rogers Lane - Installation of solar PV panels and resolved to support the application.

f. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/01033 Penfold, Sudbury Road - and resolved to object to the continued use of kennel block as a dog boarding facility and continued use of part of garage as extension to existing dog grooming parlour. The councillors are concerned that what started off as a small cottage business in a residential part of Newton was now trying to expand on what is a very small site with 4 dwellings in very close proximity. The noise impact of the dogs upon the neighbours and the vehicle access issues to and from the A134 are the councillors main concerns.

g. No further planning applications had been received since notice was posted.

h. The councillors requested the Clerk to seek clarification from BDC on the precise issue that needed to be resolved before Whisper Wood would receive planning permission following BDC's Development Committee approval. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

11/107 Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme

The councillors resolved to purchase a new rubbish bin for the fenced play equipment area and set a budget of £150 for its installation.

The Clerk was asked to write to SCC Highways regarding the 2 broken road signs on Rectory Road and Rotten Row.

**BDC's Budget Challenge:** The councillors felt that there was insufficient information available to make a worthwhile comment on the discretionary spending currently undertaken by BDC.

**Mobile Libraries consultation:** The councillors resolved that as none of the proposed changes to the mobile libraries schedule affected Newton, no response was necessary from NPC.

**NPC 4 Year Plan:** The councillors agreed that the drafts presented of NPC's 4 year proposals for the residents' questionnaire were nearly fit for purpose. It was resolved to hold an extra meeting on the 28th September 2011 at 7pm in order to finalise before printing and it is now planned to consult with residents on the questionnaire in October.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012:** The councillors resolved to invite all the village groups to a meeting on 28th September at 8pm in order to look at plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration in June 2012. Church Road. a

# Parish Council News continued

**Unnamed roads in Newton:** The councillors reviewed the issues caused by the three unnamed roads on the Green. The councillors resolved that in order to gauge the opinion of the residents whose dwellings are on these unnamed roads that a letter be written outlining NPC's option to have these roads named in order to help delivery drivers and visitors. The proposed names are as follows: • Road by Village Hall, *School Lane* • Road leading to Mill House *Mill Lane* • Road leading to Golf Club, *The Drive*.

**BDC meeting with Town and Parish Councils:** Cllrs Poole and Parker were nominated to attend the evening session on the 12th October 2011.

**NPC Standing Orders:** The councillors resolved their acceptance of the changes proposed to NPC's Standing Orders. The Standing Orders will be proposed for adoption at the next meeting.

**Village Hall and Trust representatives update:** The VHMC are nearing the end of the kitchen refurbishment and are currently undertaking repairs to the chimney. It is hoped that new crockery, fridge, window blind and towelling can now be purchased. A £350 donation has been received from the Fete Committee and £721 was raised at the Midsummer Munch.

NGT had changed their method of evicting the travellers following residents' concerns. They are now installing extra security measures at all entrances to the playing field. The trustees are now looking to resolve their boundary dispute as well as liaising with BDC over the Whisper Wood development. The trustees are also reviewing the licence agreements they have with residents.

**Question to Chairman:** The Clerk will liaise with BDC over the container that has been placed in a field along the A134.

**NPC meeting dates in 2012:** The councillors agreed to the following meeting dates in 2012:

- 11th January • 14th March • 9th May • 11th July • 12th September
- 14th November.

**Next NPC Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November 2011 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.52pm.

**Appendix A Public Forum:** PCSO Vinter gave the Police Report. "This report covers the period from 9th July 2011 to Sunday 11th September 2011. During this time there has been 4 crimes recorded within the parish, this compares to 6 crimes for the same period last year.

1 report of Vehicle Crime – Between Friday 26th August 2011 and Tuesday 30th August 2011 an unknown offender stole a Vauxhall Brava Pick Up vehicle colour white registration R743VHE from Airey Close by unknown means. Crime Number SU/11/2106 refers and the OIC is PC69 French  
2 reports of Theft – Between 0400hrs and 0645hrs on Tuesday 30th August 2011 an unknown offender stole a milk bottle holder containing 6 pints of milk from the entranceway to a residential property on Church Road. Crime Number SU/11/2132 refers and the OIC is PCSO3244 Vinter  
Between 0400hrs and 0600hrs on Thursday 1st September 2011 an unknown offender stole a pint of milk from the entranceway to a residential property in Church Road. Crime Number SU/11/2148 refers and the OIC is PC3244 Vinter

1 report of Criminal Damage – At 0230hrs on Tuesday 16th August 2011 a fire was set alight inside derelict barn in Rectory Road by a group of suspects from Ipswich. All 9 suspects were arrested on the night in question and 2 admitted starting the fire. They both received a formal police caution for their actions. Crime number SU/11/1897 refers and OIC is DC302 Blayney."

PC Garrod added that he appreciated that there were considerable concerns regarding travellers that made camp over on the village green over the last few weeks of the summer holiday. It is pleasing to see, that the presence of the travellers did not increase crime in the area, in fact the reported crime was a reduction of a 3rd from figures in the previous year. I trust that the extra patrols by both the Safer Neighbourhood Team officers and neighbourhood response officers, whilst the travellers were at this location, helped to alleviate the concerns of local residents.

PCSO Vinter will get further information on the caution given to the two offenders at Gouldings Farm and will see if Newton is a selected venue for the SNT meeting.

Mrs Frost outlined her concerns in relation to the planning application for Penfold to the councillors.

End of Appendices

## Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 25 October 2011

**Present:** B Tora, M Ewen, C Hamblett, R Ridgeon, R Williams. Councillor J Antill 2 members of the public

**Apologies:** D Kiddy, V Flute. Councillor F Lawrenson

Councillor Antill was invited to speak and advise on a number of topics that are of interest to the village. It is important that we send a representative to the meeting re the Local Development Framework on 3 November at Acton VH. The provision of a bookable transport service from the village was discussed at length and the Chairman confirmed he is in discussion with J Phillips of GoStart. Councillor Antill can arrange for the relevant officer from Babergh DC to attend a meeting to discuss affordable housing provision. A Local Needs Survey would have to be undertaken if this is something we wish to pursue. The possible provision of a footpath to the

Lavenham Road and the results of our site meeting with representatives of SCC and our County Councillor were reported with details of the possible options to be considered.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police Matters/Speedwatch:** No police report received. Three new volunteers have signed up to Speedwatch and there is a speed check arranged for later this week.

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

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

**Financial Matters:** A cheque for the second half of the precept payment has been received. Cheques were signed for the purchase of the telephone box and in favour of SALC for the website training for V Flute. It was also agreed that the Council would support V Flute in his voluntary role as Local History Recorder by funding the membership fee if it is decided that a charge is to be made.

**Planning Matters:** A TPO application for the oak tree in Priory Farm meadow was signed. No objections were raised to the application for works to 2 x walnut trees at Malting Cottage.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence received.

**Telephone Kiosk:** It was suggested, and agreed that the telephone sign be removed and be replaced with 'Little Waldingfield'. All ideas for the future use of the box will be gratefully received and considered.

**Village Website:** Proposals from V Flute for further development of the site were discussed and it was decided that;

A comments facility will be made available but all will need to be approved by the webmaster, but with no moderation by the Parish Council.

A 'wanted and for sale page' will be inserted.

Social events notices will be welcome from any organisation within the village. The facility to monitor the number of visits to the site will be enabled. For in the future there is the capability to conduct an online poll.

**Footpaths:** A letter needs to be sent to neighbouring residents regarding the dumping of garden waste next to the footpath. A working party will be organised to clear as necessary.

**Newsletter:** A report will be submitted to the BRN and the website.

**Churchyard:** Nothing to report.

**Any Other Business:** The Diamond Jubilee of 5 June 2012 – if we are to hold a village event decisions need to be made before the end of December. The Chairman will contact his opposite numbers in the other village organisations. The church is no longer illuminated at night.

**Date of next meeting is 6 December.**



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Dear Sir

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Maggie Jackaman - SESA W

Dear Sir

On behalf of Cheryl at Lettings Management, Mark at The White Hart and ourselves, we would like to thank all the residents of Boxford and those from neighbouring villages who attended the MacMillan Coffee morning on 30 September at The White Hart in Boxford. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of everyone and raised over £450,00 for MacMillan's.

Cakes were donated by Lettings Management and Elizabeth Valda Estates. Mark and his team kept the supply of fresh tea and coffee flowing all morning whilst guests enjoyed the chance to catch up with friends and enjoy a couple of hours socialising.

Warm regards

Christine & Brigitte  
Elizabeth Valda Estates"

Dear Sir

Once again may I on behalf of the Kidney Association thank everyone who has saved their stamps again this year. I know that the Association appreciates everyone's help for this very good cause. Also thanks to all at Boxford Post Office for letting me have the collection box there and thanks to Margaret.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and please keep saving your stamps

Yours

C Boon

Dear Sir

We both wish all our friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and New Year. We will be making a donation this year to the RNIB in lieu of cards.

God bless you all  
Ann and Ken King

Dear Sir

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those people who have sent us cards and gifts following the birth of our beautiful daughter, Sarah Bronwyn May. The generosity people have shown has been very touching.

Best wishes to you all.

Julian & Donna Fincham-Jacques

Dear Sir

Dear Sir

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody that sent cards and their condolences on the death of my son Alex. It was a tremendous shock to the family that Alex died while in Namibia while seemingly having the time of his life. The support of the village has been wonderful and helped enormously in our effort to come to terms with the loss.

Kind regards,

Cheryl Wilson

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Boxford Bowls Club  
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Boxford Carpet Bowls  
Boxford Community Council  
Boxford Conservative Assoc  
Boxford Drama Group  
Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop  
Boxford Gardens Open  
Boxford Gardening Society  
Boxford Netball Club  
Boxford Over 60s Club  
Boxford Playing Fields  
Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion  
Boxford Rovers Football Club  
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Boxford Society  
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District Councillor  
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Fleece Jazz Club  
Friends of Boxford School  
Green Team  
Local History Recorder  
Mill Surgery  
Babies and Toddlers Group  
Parish Council  
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)  
Poppy Appeal  
Primrose Wood  
SESAW  
Sponsored cycle ride  
Village Hall Draw Tickets

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Moira Grant 211513  
Adam Marshall 210323  
Lil Benton 210809  
Janice MacMillan 210565  
Richard Gates 210432  
Mark Miller 211596  
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## Boxford School News

As I sit here writing this month's school news I can hear the gentle sound of Hosanna Rock echoing down the corridor. Yes it's that time of year again! This year's Nativity will be based around the songs from a children's musical called Hosanna Rock and if I have to be honest it is probably our favourite. For my part I will be getting my guitar tuned and ready to go again. I always fancied myself as a rock guitarist!

As you will probably be aware Boxford School has recently been federated with Monks Eleigh, giving me the role as Headteacher for both schools. So far it has been a very enjoyable, if challenging experience but I am very positive that we can make a real difference to what is a delightful village school in the middle of the beautiful village of Monks Eleigh. One of the best aspects of a Federation is the opportunity for the two staff teams to work together, share ideas and plan interesting and exciting learning opportunities for our children. We have also been able to share educational visits and just before half term children from both schools joined together to enjoy the delights of the Ipswich Transport Museum, somewhere I must admit I have never heard of.

Every year we encourage the children to join in with the two minutes silence held at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month. This year the children were particularly fascinated with the date as it was 11.11.11. In addition at the end of this year's two minutes silence, impeccably observed by the children, Geoff Webb, our music teacher from the County Music Service played the Last Post on his trumpet. It was quite something hearing it played at such close quarters and surprisingly LOUD!

By the time you read this our children will have enjoyed the day of mayhem which is the annual Children in Need event. This year the children (and staff) will have to wear something dotty which is going to be a real challenge for me I have to admit.

Finally this year's Christmas Fayre will be held in the school hall on Saturday 3rd December. As always there will be a wide variety of stalls, including activities for the children to enjoy and of course a visit from the main man. You are most welcome to join us for the afternoon and I look forward to meeting many of you there. It would be especially nice to see some of our ex-pupils and parents again.

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Debbie Hattrell – Parish Clerk (210943).

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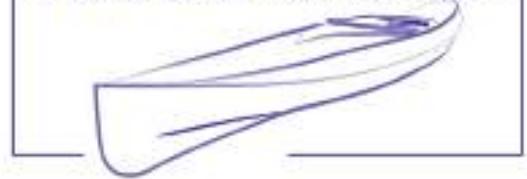
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## ENGLAND UNDER 21S STAY AT STOKE



There was a real buzz around Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa when the team and large entourage of the England Under 21 football squad came to stay for a week in November with Head Coach, Stuart Pearce. They used the hotel as their base for training and to play against Iceland at Colchester Stadium.

The team performed brilliantly against Iceland, winning 5 – 0, and many of the hotel staff were given tickets to go and watch their decisive victory. The team then went by coach to watch England play against Spain at Wembley on the Saturday, and then flew from Stansted the next day for their match against Belgium.

The squad numbered 47, to include trainers, physios, video analyst, performance analyst, security officer and guards and several other admin staff. Many of the team, some of whom are very accomplished golfers, also managed to fit in some golf on one of the hotel's two championship courses.

The team trained at both Ipswich Town and Colchester Utd and also made good use of the Peake Fitness Technogym gymnasium and pool during their stay. Some of the Peake Spa Therapists were also booked for treatments.

The FA selected Stoke by Nayland to host the team because of the hotel's superb facilities as well as its excellent track record in accommodating Premiership teams such as Manchester Utd, Arsenal and Chelsea in the past. The England Ladies Football Team has also stayed at the hotel for a training week.

Some of the boys are already playing for Premiership teams, such as talented 18 year old Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain who plays for Arsenal and whose father Mark Chamberlain also played for England. Alex was the youngest English player to score a goal in the Champions League recently. During the team's stay he was interviewed by ESDN presenter, Darrell Currie, by the roaring fire in the Hotel Lounge and spoke about his recent hat trick.

Other notable players included Team Captain, Jordon Hendersen who plays for Liverpool and Chelsea's Josh McEACHRAN.

## PODIUM FOR WILL EGGLESTONE



*Above: Will being presented trophy by pro rider Elliot Banks Browne*

Will Egglestone gets podium place at British Supercross

Boxford boy William Egglestone competed in the future west british supercross event held at the motorpoint arena sheffield on 22 oct.

The format was 2 qualifying races of 12 riders with the top 3 in each going through into the evenings main final in front of a crowd of around 5000.

Although Will did not get the start that he wanted he soon came through the pack and finished in a very well deserved third place on the podium. it was a very fitting end to what has been a great career on his ktm 50cc bike.

Over the last three years he has won no less than 65 trophies and has picked up 2 winter series championships and most currently the Norfolk and Suffolk Championship with maximum points in all qualifying rounds this season, all this despite breaking his collar bone whilst competing in the british cobra challenge half way through the season.

His riding talents have not gone unnoticed and he has picked up sponsors from rhino goo bike cleaning products and has a kit sponsor from ktm main dealer jim aim racing

On 5th November Will was presented with the outstanding rider of the year award, this has never been won before by a 50cc rider and it is the first time in the clubs history that a rider has got maximum points

## JUNIORS FACE TOUGH WIND IN NEWTON GREEN OPEN

Despite sunny skies, competitors found a stiff wind difficult to combat as 70 players took part in the annual Newton Green Golf Club Junior Open. A player at Felixstowe, where windy conditions off the sea are not unknown, four handicapper Paul Waring showed the way to combat the Newton breeze with a gross 75 to take the Championship award, followed by Jasper Johnson (five handicap), of Woodbridge, with a score of 77. Best girl on the day based on Stableford scoring was Eloise Aldous, of Newton.

In the Stableford age group competitions, division three was won by Sam Bishop, of Newton, with 36 points. Division two was won with 40 points by another Newton player, Brad Hayward, who led with 40 points on a count back from Oliver Roberts, of Ufford Park.

Division one, competed for on net stroke play, was won by Josh Cantwell, of Stowmarket, with Joshua Robertson, of Ufford Park, a shot behind.

With all the holes supported by sponsorship, and prizes sponsored by home professional Tim Cooper and his suppliers, the event made £1,000 to help provide coaching during the year for the host club's junior section. Prizes were presented by Newton club captain Alan Cunningham.



*Above: Prizewinners at the Newton Green Golf Club Junior Open*

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