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WELCOME AND FAREWELL



Above: Komal and Kunal Odedra

The future of our village shop is in good hands after new owners Kunal and Komal Odedra opened for business.

The Village Stores, better known in the village as 'Joys' was put on the market a year ago when Joy Stowe decided to retire. Joy had owned the shop for 15 years and working in it for more than half a century. She remembers when she first worked there the entrance to the shop was on the left hand side as you look at the shop from the front and was only 9' wide and 20' deep. With all the stock they carried there was little enough room to move around.

The shop has been bought by a young couple Kunal and Komal Odedra, and they will continue to trade as a general store. Their new opening hours are Monday to Friday 7.30am to 8.00pm, Saturday 7.30am to 6.00pm and Sunday 8.00am to 5.00pm



"Thankyou" tea and cakes for the staff of our Village shops. Saturday 28th February 3.30-5.00 at Boxford Village Hall

If you would like to come and wish them well, please collect a free tea and cakes ticket from Alan our Butcher. Numbers are restricted because of fire regulations, so you must get a ticket if you want to come. Staff from the shops should have received their invitation and ticket by now, but if not, please phone 210538 Anyone who would like to bake a cake for the event, please contact Tina on Boxford 210538.

BOXFORD POST OFFICE APPEAL



BOXFORD POST OFFICE

Post Office Counters has granted the present Postmaster an extraordinary licence to run the Post Office for February and March 2015. This is understood to be a rolling contract and it may be possible to renew this if the situation has not moved on by the end of March. However The Post Office Counters will not pay the rent required by the Vendors. Costs including Solicitors fees for the first 2 months and for any months thereafter are considerable. These costs are being met by the Boxford Parish Council and the Boxford Community Council but we do not have a bottomless crock of gold.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

To get the ball rolling we are going to place a 'Save our Post Office' box in the Post Office and will welcome whatever contributions you are prepared to make, however small they may be.

It is essential that we should maintain Post Office Services in our villages and your support to this end will be for the benefit of us all. *Julian Fincham-Jaques*, Chairman Boxford Parish Council



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FAREWELL AND WELCOME



On Saturday 31st January we said goodbye to Clare and Jarred who have been in charge at the Fleece for the past 3 years. As they set sail to renew their life in Florida US, we wish them all the best and a fond farewell from all in Boxford. With help from Joseph Norton they introduced Folk at the Fleece and performers have always been massively complementary of how Clare has looked after them, she even gave Kris Drever & Eamonn Coyne a lift back to their accommodation at 4am after the pair had become close friends with our beer and the famous 'Churchfitters' still mention the food Jarred cooked up for them one Sunday lunchtime before playing, even suggesting that he go on tour with them in France. We are very sure that Judith and John, the new management team, will have just as much fun looking after folk at the fleece as Clare and Jarrod and might introduce other music in the not too distant future.

Judith and John are locals coming from Cavendish. For some years they ran a hotel in France but returned to the UK two years ago to start looking for a good traditional English pub and what better than the Fleece.

They have managed to find a great Chef who is due to join them early in March. Food will start to be available agin on 7th March and sample menus can already be seen along with the menu for Mothers day. Bar snacks will be avaliable from Feb16th.



Above: John and Judith, new landlords of the Boxford Fleece. Below: Kimbers Men who performed at the Fleece on Claire and Jarrods penultimate day.

Above left: Clare and Jarrod



eceJazz at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 6 March 8.00 £16 Christine Tobin: It Might as Well be Spring

An exceptional singer songwriter, Christine specialises in idiosyncratic highly musical poetic vignettes. Christine Tobin vocals, Phil Robson guitar, Dave Whitford bass, Gene Calderazzo. A wonderful evening of classic songs is in store from the ever popular Great American Songbook by 2014 'Jazz Vocalist of the Year', Parliamentary Jazz Award winner Christine Tobin. Her programme for this concert marks a return to the classics and includes favourites by Jerome Kern, Ellington, Gershwin, Michel Le Grand and many more.

Christine's stellar band are; A-list jazz guitarist Phil Robson, Dave Whitford double bass & US drummer Gene Calderazzo. "Gorgeous, affecting and deeply human" The Guardian ***

Friday, 13 March 8.00, Ticket £16 Tim Whitehead

Tim has a highly personal and always gorgeous sound on tenor sax and an infinite vocabulary. Tim Whitehead sax, Jonathan Gee piano, Oli Hayhurst bass, Eddie Hick drums Lawyer turned jazz musician, highly acclaimed Tim Whitehead, is now well known on the British jazz scene. His career goes back forty years when he played with Ian Carr's Nucleus before becoming a member of the prestigious twenty one piece band "Loose Tubes". Tim brings with him three musicians with their own national reputations, Jonathan Gee, Oli Hayhurst and Eddie Hick who have entertained and enthralled us many times. "He is a prodigious tenor player whose graceful compositions always rise above the mere technicalities of the conservatoire... amid the crowd of anonymous, garrulous and hard-edged tenor

saxophonists, Tim Whitehead's music is marked by a sense of grace and economy." Clive Davis - The Times

Friday, 20 March, 8.00, Ticket £18 The Derek Nash Picante Latin Band

Award winning saxophonist Derek Nash makes a welcome return to the Club bringing his new Latin/Salsa band. Derek Nash saxes, Dominic Ashworth guitar, Robin Jones percussion, Marc Cecil drums, Neil Anguilly keyboards, Andy Staples bass. "At the forefront of the British Jazz movement, Derek Nash is 'one of the most versatile saxophonists in the UK today" (The Guardian) To demonstrate that versatility, he brings to the club his new Latin/Salsa project. Did I mention that two of his many bands are Fleece favourites? Tonight's band will no doubt join that list. How can it miss with the great Robin Jones, Dominic, Marc, Neil and Andy in attendance?

Friday, 27 March 8.00, £15 Tom Green Sebtet

London based trombonist, composer and arranger and winner of The Dankworth prize for composition leads this great young band.

Tom Green trombone, Matthew Herd alto and soprano, Sam Miles tenor, James Davison trumpet, Sam James piano, Misha Mullov-Abbado bass, Scott Chapman drums

Having listened to these stunning young musicians on Youtube, I am eager to hear them. They have an lovely accurate big band sound. John Fordham says, "This medium-sized band manages to sounds like a big one, and Tom Green sounds like an even bigger prospect". This is a tour to promote the band's new CD, "Skvline"

The music is contemporary, accessible and a delight.

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

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All cheques (with S.A.E. please) to:

Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR

THE MARCH LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

Candles and chairs...?

It sounds like one of those quiz questions or challenges: What connection is there between candles and chairs? I know...I am hard pressed to find an answer too! Except that, perhaps there is a link when we look towards the future. The giant paper candles - seen here all over Boxford Church were put up as part of Boxford School's recent assembly celebrating the festival of Candlemas. So in a way, those candles represent the future,

children in our wonderful local school are the future - for our society, for our community, for churches. Т h chairs....well, they are part of an exciting new future that we are working towards the parishes for our



church buildings, a future which will see those buildings become even more welcoming, comfortable and usable for all - and not just on

They say that without a vision, the people perish, and in our benefice we do have a vision for our church buildings and are working hard to realise it – though, it has to be said, it is a struggle at times, with very limited resources of people and money!

In Boxford Church, this vision began by replacing the wood which screened off the bellringing chamber with clear glass. This let more light flood into the building and enabled everyone to enjoy watching the bellringers in action. Our next aim is to create a delightful, welcoming, carpeted space, across the whole of the back of the church (known technically as the narthex!). This will allow us to continue to develop our monthly Café Church, experiment with other informal services and provide a good area for socialising and getting to know each other. It will also provide greater comfort for some of the many who attend concerts and other community events in church.

The other churches in the five villages are also changing and developing to meet the needs of the future, whilst retaining their beautiful, traditional interiors. Edwardstone, with its children's corner and rocking horse, now has permission to remove, temporarily, and on a trial basis, a small number of pews from the back of church. This, again, is to provide more



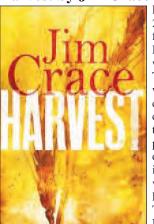
space for coffee and chat after services, as we enjoy our brilliant new concealed oak servery, complete with hot water, sink and storage. Groton has plans approved for a new kitchen area in the base of the tower and a discreetly designed toilet building within easy reach of the church close to the main door. Newton is also trying to meet the needs of its congregation and visitors, discussing with the Churches Conservation Trust possibility of a jointly funded toilet facility. At Little Waldingfield Church, the

children's area is being completely refurbished to provide more table and seating space, with new screens to display children's art and craft work. Chairs and candles...! Of course the other link between these is that they remind us of how good it is to take time out, to rest, to think of others, to offer prayer perhaps, simply to enjoy God's presence.

I hope you will be inspired by our vision for the future, a vision that embraces you - whoever you are - whatever journey in life you are on whatever your beliefs - and for whatever reason you enjoy coming into your village church. With your help, with your support, we know we can make that vision come true. Blessings, Revd Judith

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

Harvest by Jim Crace



Harvest, by Jim Crace, was published in 2013, and he announced it would be his final novel. It was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and many readers were disappointed when it did not win. Those of us who enjoy historical novels will relish this story of how land, commonly owned by villagers for centuries past, is brutally taken from them and converted into enclosures, for profit, progress and enterprise. The era is deliberately vague, probably somewhere in the middle ages, and the un-named village is just a remote hamlet in rural England. It could even be Suffolk.

The novel is narrated by Walter Thirsk, Master Kent's right hand man, and the

book opens with a celebratory feast in the master's barn. The barley harvest has been safely gathered in, and it is time for merry-making. But the tight-knit community is disturbed by a mysterious plume of smoke on the edge of this pastoral idyll. Newcomers have arrived, and they are not welcome. Their presence heralds a nightmare that is about to befall the village and in the next seven days everything changes. Suspicions, jealousies and fears are exposed and the outcome is unpredictable. Reason and humanity are absent. In this regard 'Harvest' could be set anywhere and at any time.

This novel, like the changing seasons, is slow moving and is narrated in delicious, lyrical prose. Crace's descriptions of autumn are especially wonderful. 'The glinting spider's thread will turn in a little while to glinting frost......' Every word counts and every sentence is a delight. This novel is full of gorgeous writing.

Jim Crace was a political journalist for eighteen years and 'Harvest' is not just a historical novel but a comment on man's relationship towards property and land, and about xenophobia, the fear of strangers and their politics. Although set in the past I see it as a book for our time.

Fortunately he announced at the London Book Fair this summer that he has changed his mind, and that there is to be another novel. Hurrah!

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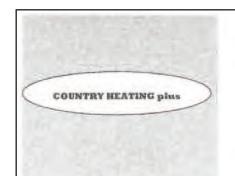
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Congratulations to former Boxford School pupil

Congratulations to William Hilsum, former pupil of Boxford Primary School, who is one of two lucky recipients to win the prestigious Jubilee Scholarship to Culford School which is a Headmaster's award for those children who show outstanding qualities and future potential.

William and several other children from Old Buckenham Hall School, near Lavenham, learnt of their success just before half term; Francesca Hughes with a Sports Scholarship to Oakham School, Molly Webster who has won with a Music Scholarship not only to Woodbridge School but also to Framlingham College, Maddie Anderson with an Art Exhibition to Culford School, Jonty Lecompte, Faith Bahar and Sam Ponty have all won Albert Memorial Scholarships to Framlingham College and finally Tilly Lockhart who has won an Art Exhibition to Framlingham College. Tom O'Sullivan, Headmaster, said it has been a very proud moment for him to congratulate these pupils on their very well deserved awards and is testament to their determination and ability to shine through in a wide field of competition. www.obh.co.uk

THE BCC FUN AND GAMES NIGHT | THE BROWNIES CLEAN UP



The Boxford Community Council Annual Fun & Games Night held on Saturday 24th January proved to be yet again a very enjoyable, sociable, hectic and at times very competitive evening, which seemed to be enjoyed by all whether regular competitors or new this year. For those of you who may not have heard the outcome, the top three places were:

1st UNIVERSALLY CHALLENGED 310 Points 2nd FADY DAFYS 287 Points A NEW LEASE OF LIFE 283 Points 3rd

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with this event, which requires a lot of hard work: organising teams and helpers, buying all the food and drink, preparing the food, serving behind the bar, setting the games up, manning each game and clearing up afterwards. We are indebted to all who helped in any way, as we could not have done it without you. Thank you also to all the local businesses and individuals who kindly donated raffle prizes, which is much appreciated. Finally, thank you to the 16 teams who took part and we hope you all enjoyed the evening, which is essentially about having fun. It also helps us with our fundraising, where the funds are then granted out to organisations in the local villages. We look forward to seeing you all again next year. It's **Boxford Community Council** never too soon to sign up!

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The brownies had their turn in cleaning the church. Rev Judith popped in to see them and have a chat. She was very impressed with how hard they were working. Then Richard turned up as it was bell ringing practice. He very kindly allowed the girls to climb the tower to the bell room were he talked about the history and rang some of the bells. It was a great end to the evening and the girls were so excited going up the tiny stone staircase. They weren't so excited when they then had to climb back

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John & Judith welcome you to The Fleece

Serving Great Beer & Fantastic Food

Fleece Food is back!

We will soon be serving fantastic food here at the Fleece!

From 7th March our new chef will be serving up a wonderful new menu. We'll be putting it online and on the bar, so keep your eyes peeled. Food served:

Tuesday - Saturday: 12 - 3pm & 6 - 9pm Sunday: 12 - 4pm

Call us now on 01787 211183 to book.

Bookings now being taken for Mother's Day! 15th March 12 - 4pm - Free glass of Prosecco for mums.

St Patrick's Evening!

Celebrate the Irish way. 17th March. Pints of Guinness just £3.

Regular Live Music

We are planning on having regular live music nights here at the fleece. Keep your yes peeled for info on our first live music night.

The Fleece

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Boxford School News

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2014



Here is a picture of our victorious High Fives team which won the Sudbury and District High Fives Tournament. They won all of their games and now go on to represent the Sudbury District in the County Finals.



On Saturday 22nd March a group of children and parents from our school took part in the annual Swimathon in the Hadleigh Swimming Pool. We all completed 1,000 metres in under half and hour.

This is the Boxford School Team with Edward and Flynn from the Waglands.



Here is a picture of our victorious swimming team that won the Sudbury District Schools Swimming Gala. The team represented the school at the County Finals Day and finished a very creditable 4th beating many teams from much larger schools. Well done to Eliza, Cameron, Max, Jacob, Daniel, Isabel, Rosie and Otis.

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

>Consultation has begun on Chilton Woods development outside Sudbury.

Residents and local villagers have been urged to take part in a consultation and have their say on proposals relating to the Chilton Woods development in Sudbury. The consultation, which began on Friday 30th January, will detail proposals which recognise the site to the north of Sudbury as an ideal location to meet local housing and employment needs and deliver wider benefits for the area. These benefits will include provisions such as a new primary school, village hall, community woodland, a pub, shops, sports pitches, walking and cycling routes. As part of the consultation, residents were able to view and comment on proposals for the site and see what has changed since a housing developer presented a scheme back in 2012. From Friday 30th January 2014, plans and other information is available on the SCC website, at www.suffolk.gov.uk/chiltonwoods

The consultation closed on 16th February 2015. Views and feedback during the consultation helped inform the planning Outline Planning Application which SCC hopes to make this spring. If you have any questions regarding the consultation, please call 0345 603 1842 or e-mail chilton.woods@suffolk.gov.uk

\triangleright New campaign calls on Suffolk people to make the connection with loneliness:

A new campaign, launched by Suffolk's health professionals, invites people to play their part to beat loneliness; drawing attention to the fact that loneliness can affect any of us at any time.

Age UK Suffolk predicts that 15,000 older people in Suffolk can go a month without speaking to a friend, family member or neighbour. The campaign, entitled 'Loneliness. Make the connection', began last month and kicks off a year-long focus on loneliness and how it affects people in different ways, from new parents to bereavement and unemployment. A number of studies have linked the harmful effects of loneliness to both mental and physical health; claiming the same long-term harmful effects as obesity and smoking. SCC's public health team is joining forces with voluntary-sector organisations and other partners to co-ordinate the campaign, drawing attention to the support already available from befriending schemes and organised groups to telephone and on-line advice. More information about this campaign is available from www.healthysuffolk.org.uk including the ability to make a pledge, find out what support is available, read case study examples and download a range of useful resources.

Supporting those most vulnerable in our communities is not only a key priority for us, but a moral obligation. That's why I heartily support this campaign to raise awareness about loneliness, the wide range of people it can afflict, and the effects it can have. We can all play our part and make a big difference on our doorstep.

> Suffolk care success at 'Going the Extra Mile' awards

The best of Suffolk's care providers gained recognition and acclaim as the second Suffolk Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Awards ceremony took place. The event, which was hosted by SCC's Safeguarding Team and supported by the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), took place at Trinity Park in Ipswich on Wednesday 21st January, sponsored by Integrated Care 24. This year the awards focused on the achievements of supported living, sheltered housing and care-at home providers and celebrated the achievements of providers who deliver creative, innovative and dignified care.

The GEM awards are not just about providing a good quality service, as this is expected from all care providers. As the title suggests, this is about their going the extra mile. It is an opportunity to celebrate exceptional cases and those who are committed to going above and beyond 'good' to ensure that the people they support live life to the full and have truly positive experiences. I congratulate all those who were recognised on the day and I urge all to keep up the great work.

➤ Amendments to the development plans on Sand Hill, Boxford.

I have been lobbied to ensure that only the necessary trees are removed as per the plans on Sand Hill when the path is made for the new development. I am speaking to the Highways team and the planners to ensure that only 10 trees are removed and these are clearly marked for the contractor. I am advised that the remaining trees which are mainly Ash will compensate quite quickly to retain the rural vista coming into the village.

My priorities for Suffolk

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength – all underpinned by strong financial management and low council tax

SHED SECURITY

There have been a number of sheds targeted across the Mid Suffolk district recently both at residential properties and on community allotments. Criminals are tempted by the goods and equipment stored within then including hand tools, power tools, lawn mowers, bicycles and fishing equipment. Sheds are usually poorly secured, or indeed left insecure making them an ideal target for the opportunistic thief.

A few simple steps however can help keep your equipment safe while deterring thieves. Suffolk Police are therefore urging everyone to follow these recommendations;

Are perimeter hedges, fences and gates in good repair?

Consider your boundary security; keep fences, hedges and ditches in good condition.

Repair any holes and gaps, and cut back overhanging tree limbs which could be used as a climbing aid to gain unauthorised access.

If considering new fencing, where possible, avoid chain link which is inherently weak. Welded mesh is preferable.

Regularly check your gates and locks for evidence of tampering or damage. Use quality close shackle padlocks; Refer to www.Soldsecure.com for recommended manufacturers.

Are there places where individuals could hide themselves from view? Consider removing obstructions, places of concealment and recessed areas near stores and sheds. Consider installing lighting where it will

increase your chances, or that of a neighbour or a passer-by, to detecting any criminal activity. Lighting installed in a remote or very rural location will only however aide an offender.

Are your tools secured within your sheds?

Inside the shed consider securing your tools to a ground anchor or through their handles to a 'shed shackle', or other similar security anchor point. Anchor points are designed to reinforce the security of equipment within a shed by securing it to an 'anchor' point. Please bear in mind that the chains and padlocks used should be just as secure and fit for purpose. Consider an alarm; either a battery operated alarm (sold at most police stations) or upgrade an existing house alarm to include the shed.

Are tools easily identifiable?

Tools that are obviously marked are difficult for an offender to sell on. Property mark your tools, popular options include obvious marking such as etching, painting or DNA products like Smartwater and SelectaDNA. Advertise the fact that they are marked with signs or window stickers to deter an offender, but make sure you keep a note of serial/ make/ model numbers and take photographs of any valuable or unique garden ornaments and tools. Register all equipment with a serial number on the national database www.immobilise.com for free. This helps police identify and locate an owner if items are lost or stolen.

Be proactive - Consider organising a "Property Marking Weekend"

If you are an allotment holder in particular encourage other members to participate in a property marking weekend and make it an event. Your local safer neighbourhood team (SNT) are always happy to assist. You can contact them by calling 101.

Are you aware of local crime and suspicious activities in your area?

Sign up to Police Connect alerts and receive up-to-date information relating to crime, suspicious activities, vehicles and individuals as well as crime prevention advice. This Suffolk Police service is completely free. For further information log onto

www.suffolk.police.uk/aboutus/ourservices/policedirect.aspx. For further help or advice on security please call your local SNT or Crime Reduction Officer on 101.

WILLS ON WHEELS

Time flies. It's six years since I set up The Will Business as a home visit service for local clients who didn't want to go into town and pay more than they needed for a will.

When I started the business I cycled to clients' homes – great if the weather was good! I still use the bike if its fine and there's not too much on, but we can get really busy these days.

The Will Business was designed to help local people who had never made a will (over 60% around the UK). I wanted to encourage them to make a will, at a sensible price. That worked well – I now have nearly 500 clients within those eight cycling-friendly miles from our home in Polstead which I mapped out in my original business plan.

We are still writing loads of wills. They are the heart of our business and we know from experience that our clients like them because the wills are personalised, they are easy to understand, and they are inexpensive. Also

(maybe I shouldn't mention this) they work.

A major change in our business has been the explosion of interest in Lasting Powers of Attorney (which didn't even feature in my business plan) We are now writing as many LPAs as wills.

These LPAs (the successors to enduring powers of attorney) provide a unique opportunity for people (typically in their 50s or earlier) to register their children or other younger members of their family to act as their attorneys when they eventually find their affairs too hard to manage.

There are two types of LPA – one dealing with property and finance, and the other with health and welfare. Because we are so well served locally on the health and welfare front, the majority of my clients go for the property and finance version, which can be invaluable in helping them (once they need to rely on the LPA) to keep abreast of their bank accounts, paying bills, even selling the house.

You can make your LPA today, but if you remain in good mental health you may not need to implement it for many years. Importantly, we should register it now with the Public Guardian in Birmingham and once this has been done the LPA's effectiveness will continue despite any change in your mental capacity.

This is a really important facility for everyone. Get it done now, and it will always be in place. I am formally approved by the Public Guardian to act as the certificate provider for registration applications, and this helps to keep the cost affordable.

Our fee for dealing with and registering an LPA is £200 per application and the Public Guardian's fee is £110. There are no further fees. Registration is currently taking around 6 weeks, when the LPA becomes effective. There is no VAT on the fees and there is currently no more cost-effective means locally of making and registering an LPA.

Trevor Dodwell

The Will Business Ltd

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Bex Morrison-Corley has worked for over ten years in London as PA / Production Coordinator in the television, film and theatre industry for Chairmen and Artistic Directors. She has recently returned to Suffolk to dedicate more time to writing children's books, the first of which is currently being considered by agents.

For references, a current CV or to talk through any professional / domestic way in which Bex might be able to help please email her on - bexmc21@gmail.com

Rate £12 per hour

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THE BRITISH RED CROSS IN SUFFOLK

The British Red Cross in Suffolk hit the headlines in January 2015 as they helped save 123 bed days at Ipswich Hospital over six weeks.

Here's how else the Red Cross in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk helped the local community cope with crises in 2014:

Our Emergency Support team responded to 30 call-outs (9 times to notifiable incidents)

Our Fire and Emergency Support team responded to 89 call-outs

Our Ambulances were required to transport 7 patients between hospitals Our Events First Aid team attended 307 events (recovering 72% of their costs through charges)

Our International Family Tracing team assisted 111 people

Our Refugee Support team helped 636 people (including dependents)

Our First Aid Learning team helped: 941 vulnerable adults e.g. homeless people, 125 vulnerable young people e.g. young carers and 4605 young people e.g. in schools

Our Humanitarian Education team reached 2888 young people

Our Independent Living team helped: 3078 Support at home clients, 10,247 Mobility aids clients (wheelchair loans), 504 Transport support clients, 3075 Hand arm and shoulder massage clients, 15,924 other health and social care clients e.g. Accident and Emergency dept. support, home welfare checks etc

We spent over £150,000 helping people in Suffolk in 2014.

Also - volunteers needed...

We need someone to visit sites in their local area to display posters/fliers and help with our community collection tins. All visits will be to established Red Cross supporters. We anticipate that sites will need to be re-visited every three months.

Suggested hours: one day every three months, or as suits.

Typical tasks include

- Visiting pubs, shops, fast food outlets and other commercial premises which support the Red Cross.
- Displaying challenge event or emergency appeal posters
- Replacing community collection tins, counting and banking the income from full collection tins

Interested?

Contact Jane Dow 01284 727247 janedow@redcross.org.uk



BOXFORD Gardens Open

Sunday June 7th 11.00am till 5.00pm

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and open your garden?
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If you live in Boxford, Groton or Edwardstone please contact:
Angela on 01787 212264
or Email: angela@tolputt.com

All funds raised benefit St Mary's Church Boxford

The Boxford Study Centre Presents

A five-week Spring lecture course by Roger Cooke

The Representative of the People

The History of Parliament from 13th to 20th Century

On Tuesday afternoons this spring:

3rd March: Birth to Childhood – Medieval Origins

10th March: From Near Death to Certain Life 17th March: The Crisis of the Early Stuarts 24th March: The Glorious Revolution

24th March: The Glorious Revolution 31st March: Reform Acts from 1832 to 20th Century

Venue: Groton Village Hall, starting at 2.30pm

Email: jo.marchant@virgin.net

Fees: £35 for the course, payable at the first lecture, or

£8 for individual lectures

Roger Cooke was deputy head at Bishop Stortford High School. He has an MA in 18th century political history and has spent the last 10 years lecturing to WEA history groups.

New members welcome – just turn up for the lecture and enjoy a free cup of tea in the break!





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Fantastic ales from these breweries available at some point in March! Dark Star, Woodfordes, Thornbridge, Crouch Vale, Wild Beer and Adnams.

Burger Night (every Tuesday) Fantastic Burger with all the

trimmings and a pint for just £7.95!

Steak Night!

Every Friday from just £14.95 with a pint or glass of wine

Live Music - March

Acoustic Folk Night Weds 11th 8.30pm

Electric Blues Night Weds 25th 8.30pm

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Award winning beers brewed on-site. We always have a number of MGB ales. Keep your eyes open for these in March:

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For further information please contact Laura at lauraleeder.pa@gmail.com or telephone 01787 210990.

COMMUNITY TOUR COMING YOUR WAY

Local writer, performer and artist Robert Crighton is going on tour this Easter with his acclaimed production of The Summoning of Everyman, a radical reinterpretation of a medieval morality play.

The story sees Everyman being summoned by Death to meet his makerand chronicles his struggle against the inevitable. Robert's interactive performance brings this struggle directly to the audience, asking them to become part of the story, to stand in the footsteps of Fellowship, Good Deeds and even Death himself.

Robert's tour is taking in any village hall, church room or even living room who would like to have him – the show can even tour directly to your home, if you want to host a house party with a difference. Every show is open to anyone, thanks to the Pay-What-You-Want system – so that those who couldn't normally afford to go to the theatre can. The audience decides at the end of the show how much they want to give.

It's a unique event, as the audience is invited by Robert to help make the action happen – without them the story cannot be told. This process turns what could be a dry late medieval play into a piece of living theatre, one that can be shared in terms of the early 21st Century.

The Summoning of Everyman is touring mostly over Easter – with dates between 24th March and 22nd April 2015 to village halls and other community spaces.

Tickets are Pay-What-You-Want on the night and can be reserved by calling 07946 652 196 or emailing contact@milkbottleproductions.co.uk Nearest Local Venues: Great Waldingfield Village Hall - Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm

Boxford Village Hall - Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm Leavenheath Village Hall - Sunday 5th April at 6pm Assington Village Hall - Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm Full list of tour dates can be found online robertcrightonstoryteller.moonfruit.com

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Janet Woollard and Wendy Green Wecome you to the 'The Bell'

Their new menu is now out and has lots of new dishes as well as a few classic pub favourites.

They have curry nights on Tuesday's and pie and pudding day on Wednesdays.

For Sunday lunch there are three roasts Beef, Pork and Lamb.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 2015

Boxford, along with other similar villages, faces a challenging future no matter which party wins the General Election.

The Parish Council Election in May gives you the chance to stand for Election and make a contribution to the future of our village.

There has been much comment, both supportive and critical, of our present Parish Council so now is your opportunity to help to influence future decisions about planning and about the services and support given by our County and District Councils.

The Parish Council meets once monthly on the first Monday of each month. You are welcome to come and witness our meetings and talk to the Councillors and our Clerk about what is involved.

If you really care about our village please take this chance to use your skill and knowledge to make it the village that you think it should be. Boxford Parish Council

POLITE NOTICE REGARDING DOG FOULING

Over the years, the Boxford Playing Fields Committee has always tried to strike a balanced view about the needs of playing fields users.

Committee members, myself included, want to safeguard this fantastic facility so it continues to provide enjoyment for everyone in the future – for sports and village events, recreation and picnics, and for walkers and their dogs to enjoy.

However, there are reports of persistent and worsening cases of dog fouling on the field. Dog faeces are a health hazard and those who break the law are risking the health of others, especially young footballers and cricketers who have frequent contact with the grass in the course of their matches.

It can spread parasites such as Ringworms, Tapeworms and Salmonella. Infected dog poo on your lawn may disappear after a while, but the eggs of the nasty creatures remain in the grass for years. It may contain Cryptosporidium, which causes sickness and diarrhoea. It can contain a parasitic worm, Toxacara Canis, which causes blindness. If this worm is ingested it can cause disease to the brain, lungs, heart, liver and eyes. When footballers come into contact with dog faeces and then touch their mouths, they can become infected.

Please can we remind dog owners and walkers that it is against the law not to clear up after a dog has fouled. The Council has powers to issue 'on the spot' Fixed Penalty Notices of £50, or to prosecute in the criminal courts, which could lead to a fine of up to £1,000.

Should we catch anyone flouting this law, I'm afraid we have no alternative but to report it to the police. Indeed, making an example of an offender with all the attendant publicity increasingly seems the way to bring the gravity of the situation to the community's attention.

We realise that many dog owners are responsible and do collect their dog's mess, bag it up and bin it. To those who do, thank you for the example you set.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to stop this problem, or a comment about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

David Burden Chairman, Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee. (We are a volunteer user group which is part of the Boxford Community Council.). d.burden379@btinternet.com

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!!

Rev. Judith has bought a lovely pattern book for a Knitted Farmyard!

She would love to have one for Harvest, for children to see and play with. So.....

I need lots of knitters to share the load! Could you knit a pig? goat? duck? A barn or church? Or, simpler....a ploughed field (just rib stitch), or even a few cabbages?

Patterns are available from me, or Mary's House, where there are some photos of the finished farm! Amazing! It will all sit on a piece of rug canvas, some of it embroidered).

If there is anyone who would like to organise their village, and produce their own farm , that would be great!! Otherwise, Judith will take the one we do to the various villages for all to see and use.

If anyone is moved enough to get their own copy of the pattern, I bought mine second-hand on Amazon for £2.50! it is "The Knitted Farmyard" by Hannelore Wernhard. (be careful – don't spend a lot – some are very expensive!) In the meantime, I have photo-copied all the different animals and other elements – please get in touch – happy knitting! We all have till then end of July!! Pauline Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road. Tel: 01787 210360



SUNFLOWERS CHILDCARE

THANKS "NEIGHBOURS" COURT KNOLL LODGE

Sunflowers Childcare has received £365.00 from Court Knoll Lodge for their outdoor play equipment.

Court Knoll Lodge, based in Boxford found out from the parish council that Sunflowers Childcare were looking for sponsorship towards their new outdoor play equipment and Court Knoll were only too happy to help.

Kirit Bedia, secretary for the Lodge said "We all take great pride in being part of the court Knoll Lodge and part of that is being located in the beautiful village of Boxford, Suffolk. Sunflowers Childcare is one of our "neighbours" and does a splendid job of looking after the children of the village; we look forward to seeing the new play equipment installed and more importantly the children of the village having fun."

Court Knoll Lodge is part of the Suffolk Freemasons and meets on a Tuesday at the Village Hall, seven times per year. The Lodge has 31 members and is part of the Suffolk Freemasons Province which has almost 3000 members belonging to 67 Lodges.

This is the second time that Court Knoll has donated to village funds and are always happy to be involved where they can.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Court Knoll Lodge please email Kirit Bedia at kirit.bedia@ecsitsolutions.co.uk as we would welcome new members from the village and surrounding areas.

Please email any village sponsorship or funding request to Jonathan Neill, Charity Steward jon@sportsafeuk.com

Stone Street and Boxford Lane Distribution

I am looking for one or two people to deliver copies of the Box River News to the houses in the Stone Street Hamlet and School Hill and Boxford Lane. If you can help. Please get in touch with me. Eddie Kench telephone 01787 247528, email ed.kench@btinternet.com

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

has a vacancy for a councillor. If you are interested in standing for the council in the elections on 7 May, please contact the clerk for details.

Anita Robinson, Clerk to Groton Parish Council 01787 211673, clerk.groton@btinternet.com

ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY IN A PRACTICAL WAY? IF SO HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY IN WHICH YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED.

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR AN HONORARY TREASURER TO REPLACE THE CURRENT TREASURER WHO WISHES TO CEASE HIS DUTIES AT THE END OF AUGUST 2015. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT IS INVOLVED THEN

PLEASE CONTACT:-

DAVID HOUSE -TELEPHONE NO. 01787 210918

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Boxford Village Hall and guests (£5 each) are very welcome. See this months ad. Just turn up. .

Monks Eleigh Whist Drives 2014-15

Come and join a group who play whist every third Monday of the month in Monks Eleigh Village Hall. We play 12 hands, refreshments are provided and we have a raffle.

We aim to have a social game of cards and a fun evening so beginners to experienced players are welcome.

Dates: 15th January 19th February 16th March 16th

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD VILLAGE WALKS

The walks are stopping for the foreseeable future. Maybe they can be revived later in the year!

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our next event is the Themed Supper on 11th April. This will be an India Supper with all the trimmings. 7.00 for 7.30. The last two have been a great success, so book early by ringing Sue on 247173. There will be a small quiz, just for fun.

Newton Village Hall Events REGULAR EVENTS:

Monday mornings (term time only): Yoga class (313662 for details) Monday and Thursday evenings: Highway 12 Western Partner Dance Club (phone Chris on 371006 for details)

Tuesday evenings: JT Steppers Line Dance Club (377343 for details) Friday afternoons: Art Club (phone Anne on 312346 for details) Friday evenings: Sudbury and District Wargames Club (phone Brian on 312160 for details)

THE FRIENDLY INVASION

Saturday, March 7th 7.30pm Groton Village Hall

We are very lucky to have Clive Stevens coming to give us a talk about the American air bases in World War 2.

At under forty years old, Clive Stevens is unusually young to be so interested in the wartime activities of the East Anglia region, yet he has been researching his specialist subject since he was a sixth-form student and has attended numerous veterans reunions and commemorations in both Europe and America. His presentation entitled 'The Friendly Invasion,' tells the story of the American Eighth Air Force, from their arrival in England in 1942 to Victory in Europe in 1945 and also takes a retrospective look at the region seventy years after the airfields fell silent. This light-hearted, yet poignant presentation, is fully illustrated with some of the finest original wartime photographs (many in full colour) that still exist, and will take the audience on a nostalgic trip down memory lane to the Suffolk and Essex of yesteryear.

Clive Stevens, originally grew up in Marlborough, Wiltshire and moved to Suffolk in 2002. He lives on the edge of one of the many old American military airfields in mid-Suffolk that were constructed throughout the region during WWII. With his wife Suzanne, they run a Water Softener Company that specialise in the supply and installation of household and commercial water softener.

There will be a break in the middle of the talk for light refreshments, including soft drinks but glasses will be available if you'd like to bring your own wine. All proceeds will be for Groton Church and tickets [£7.50 each] are available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC..

Nayland Open Gardens:

Sunday 14th June 2-6pm. Tickets £5 from any garden. Teas and Car parking at the village hall. Proceeds to local conservation projects of the Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society. registered charity no. 268104

The Nayland Village Players Present: Dead Ringer

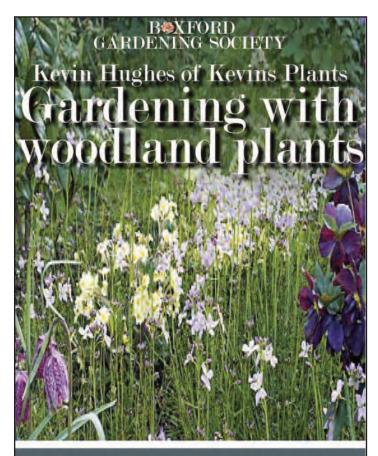
When the Prime Minister dies of an apparent heart attack on the eve of a General Election, an out-of-work actor is hired as his double. However, as the actor grows accustomed to his role, it becomes apparent that all is not as it seems. Set in 10 Downing Street, Dead Ringer is a comedy thriller that will keep you guessing until the very end!

Performances are on April 16, 17 and 18

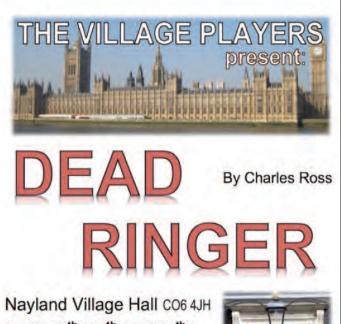
Evenings: 8:00pm (Doors open 7:30pm)

Tickets £7.50 (£6 for under 16) from March at Nayland Post office (afternoons) or by calling 01206 262808.

More information can be found at www.villageplayers.co.uk.



Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm



April 16th, 17th and 18th 8:00pm (doors open 7:30pm)

Tickets £7.50 (under 16s - £6)

From Nayland Post Office (From March, PM only)

or call 01206 262808

www.villageplayers.co.uk



Little Waldingfield History Society

Programme of Events - 2015

18th March - Ship of Dreams by James Hayward, The stories of Suffolk people connected to the Titanic.

15th April - Youth must have dalliance by Sarah Doig A romp through Henry the Eighth's life through the eyes of his wives and mistresses. All talks will be at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp.

Please book & pay in advance to guarantee your place, as seats are limited.

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage 01787 248298

Tickets, Members £2.00 Non Members £4.00

Membership of LWHS costs £10.00 per person pa and entitles each member to the following benefits:

• Reduced price entry to LWHS events;• Access to exclusive LWHS member events; • Access to Suffolk Local history and other local events; and • Access to the Suffolk Review.

Boxford Drama Group

Haunted

Do you dare watch it on Friday 13th?



What would you do if your dinner party had an uninvited guest – a guest who died two hundred years ago and had chosen this night to unleash hell? What if you tried to escape but discovered the house would not let you leave?

That is the horror let loose on Mark and wife Kate, who thought they had bought their dream cottage, and their friends Bill and Louise who arrive to celebrate Mark's birthday and instead find themselves in a battle for survival against an unspeakable evil, and a struggle to help free a lost soul.

As the tale unfolds in the style of such terrifying classics as The Woman in Black and Turn of the Screw, be prepared for shock upon shock, to be chilled to the bone, and to witness a violent end to a story that starts with a birthday celebration and finishes with a scene of horror bathed in blood.

Haunted, written by Michael Munn and presented by Boxford Drama Group, is designed to shock and scare, and is not for the squeamish or faint-hearted and is not suitable for children.

The performances are on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th March at $7.30 \, \text{pm}$. Tickets are £13.00 with a meal and there will be a licensed bar.

Are you brave enough to come and see it on Friday 13th?

To obtain your tickets call in to 'Mary's House' Swan Street Boxford between 9.00am to 11.00am every Saturday until 14th March.

If you can't get to Boxford then simply email

hauntedtickets@btinternet.com or call 01787 211951

Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Mother's Day Lunch, Sunday 15th March, 12.30pm – 3pm.

A special 3-course Sunday Lunch including a gift for Mum! Just £22.95pp! Call 01206 262836 to book in advance.

Comedy Night Friday 20th March, from 6.30pm

A line-up of comedians hand-picked from the London comedy circuit. Tickets cost £20pp and include a delicious buffet supper. Call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com to book.

Ladies Who Lunch. Thursday 26th March from 12noon

Lunch and a fashion show – what better way to spend a day out with the girls? Just £14pp! Call 01206 265837

GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE





QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

At

Groton Village Hall

On Friday 17 April 2015 7.30 for 7.45 Start

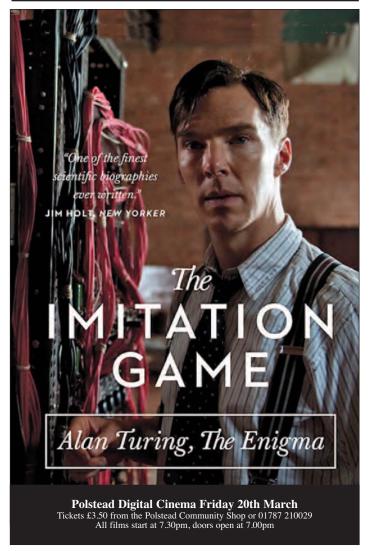
£10.00 per head (entry plus choice of curry & dessert)

Teams of four

B.Y.O. Bar

Raffle

Phone Joanna: 210619 or Jayne: 211360 to book your place



BOXFORD WI

Our speaker this month was Kevin Willmott a massage therapist. Kevin gave a fascinating talk about both the history and the benefits of massage. Massage first started in China in 5,000 BC and was also used by the ancient Egyptians in 2,000 BC. It was in subsequent years well known in Japan and the Roman baths before becoming more widely used in Europe. Massage is both a spiritual and a physical treatment that promotes relaxation and stimulation. Although not a panacea for all ills, massage can be used to help a number of ailments including sciatica, frozen shoulder and unspecified back pain and stiffness. It helps to improve muscle tone and to remove toxins from the body. There are many different types of massage such as Swedish, deep therapy and Indian head massage. Treatments can be given in health spas and even in your own home. Our next meeting is on March 4th Women on the Western Front village hall 2pm

Nayland Church Fete

Monday 25 May 2015 2 - 4.30pm at Nayland Playing Field

Traditional Stalls and Sideshows, Children and Adult sports, Tug of War, Jazz Band, Homemade Teas, Classic Vehicle Display

Admission Adults £2 Concessions £1 Children 50p Free parking Proceeds to St. James Church Fabric Fund

Groton's Lent Lunch

Wednesday, March 25th

Groton's Lent Lunch is being held at Malting Lodge, Groton from 12.00noon - 2.00pm

Sounds of the Past OPEN DAYS

The new museum of sound and broadcasting with live performances. Something for all the family, 1st Sunday Every Month all year. 10.30am to 4.00pm at The Old Chapel, Monks Eleigh, Refreshments available. Donations to Prostate Action and MacMillan Nurses For more info telephone Paul Goodchild 01787 372247

The Lost City of Dunwich

A lecture by Mark Mitchels

The Boxford Society

Mark Mitchels makes a very welcome return to The Boxford Society on Saturday 18th April at 7.30pm in the School Hall when he will talk about the Lost City Of Dunwich. As always with Mark we know it will be a thoroughly researched, illustrated and entertaining lecture. It will be followed by a very short AGM which usually lasts around 15 minutes. Visitors welcome.

Please put the date in your diary now so you don't miss it.

Bridge at Newton Green Golf Club.

There were 5 tables in play at the Bridge Drive held on 9th February The prizes were won by:

Brian Waghorn and David Tolhurst 3700 Barbara Latta and Rosemary 1930 Andrew King and Alan Vince 700

Unfortunately recent attendances have been low with not enough people attending to make the drives worthwhile so I have reluctantly decided not to hold any more. We have had some very enjoyable times over the 30 or so years that I have been running the drives and I know it is disappointing for those regulars who would have liked to carry on.

However all good things come to an end and I would like to thank all who have loyally supported the drives over the years.

Alan Vince.







HADLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY

St Mary's Church Hadleigh, Saturday 28th March 7.30pm

SCHUBERT: Mass No 6 in E flat major

Colchester Symphony Orchestra, conductor Christopher Phelps Soloists: Julia Roberts, Muriel Kwint, Robyn Lee Evans, Ashley

Catling, James Arthur Charles Hine (clarinet)

Tickets £14 £12(conc) £2(under 16)

from The Idler, Hadleigh 01473 827752 or on the door www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk

DAVID OWEN NORRIS

Plays a grand pianoforte by John Broadwood & Sons, 1828 Sunday 29 March 2015 • 6pm • Lavenham Village Hall

MOZART Sonata in D major K.576 HAYDN Sonata in E flat, no. 52

BEETHOVEN Sonata in C minor op 13 Pathétique

MENDELSSOHN Sonata in E major op. 6 MENDELSSOHN Rondo capriccioso op. 14

David Owen Norris is one of Britain's most versatile and enterprising pianists, noted for his radio and TV appearances – most famously deconstructing Parry's 'Jerusalem' in the Prince of Wales's programme about the composer. We are delighted to welcome him back to the Festival with his magnificent 1828 grand pianoforte by John Broadwood & Sons. The programme consists of five masterpieces



from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, when the piano was developing rapidly and composers were revelling in the possibilities it offered them. English pianos were prized all over Europe, and Broadwoods gave Beethoven one of their largest grands in 1818. A concert not to be missed – in a warm and comfortable venue! 'Quite possibly the most interesting pianist in the world' Toronto Globe & Mail

'swaggering conviction, glinting mischief ... once again, Norris's pianism is past praise in its scrupulous poise, immaculate touch and attention to dynamic nuance. What's more, he also displays an acute intellectual and emotional understanding ... artistry of a very high order'. The Gramophone

Tickets: £18 (reserved), £12 (unreserved), with half-price tickets available to full-time students

Box office via the National Centre for Early Music, 01904 651485, www.ncem.co.uk

LAUNCH AND BOOK SIGNING

Little Waldingfield Church

A Suffolk 'Landmark' Church: History and Guided Tour Little Waldingfield Church, Saturday 16 May, 10.30 We would like to welcome you to the launch, by the author, of CLIVE PAINE's new colour- illustrated history and guide to our elegant church (available March, in the church). All proceeds of sale to St Lawrence's fabric fund.

Clive is a well-known local historian, author and TV/radio broadcaster ('Crown and Country', 'Songs of Praise' and more). From a mine of knowledge, and engagingly as ever, he will present the Guide in a short talk, to be followed by signing and refreshments.

COME AND ENJOY AN ENTERTAINING MAY MORNING

BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN

Sunday 7th June 2015, 11am-5pm

This will be the 18th year of Boxford Gardens Open and the event is still proving as popular as ever, drawing visitors from a wide area to see our lovely gardens. This year we will be doing lunches in the village hall and there will be plant stalls in and around the church and school. Please put the date in your diary and also pray for good weather! The event requires a large number of volunteers to make it run smoothly, so any offers of help are always extremely welcome. In addition to existing gardens, we are also looking for new gardens to open. All money raised is used to benefit Boxford St Mary's church. Contact Angela Tolputt (call 01787 212264 or email angela@tolputt.com)

Nayland Horticultural Society

Talk: 'An Incitement to Early Marriage: A Social History of the Allotment'

Tuesday 17th March

From their birth in the 18th century Dr Twigs Way, acclaimed garden historian and author, will lead us through the fascinating history of the not-so-humble allotment.

Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland at 7.30 for 7.45pm. More info www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or 01206 262807

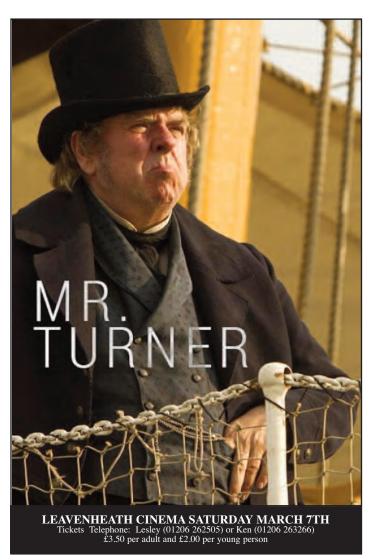
Spring Flower Show

Saturday 21st March

Displays of spring flowers and refreshments. Cakes on sale & raffle. Church Hall, Bear Street , Nayland from 10am-12noon, entry free. Exhibits 8.15am-9am - schedules from www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or 01206 262807

Matthews Church Leavenheath **Spring Fayre**

Help fund the internal decoration of the beautiful Saint Matthews Church by attending the spring Fayre being held in the Leavenheath Village Hall on Saturday 18th of April from 10 am until 2 PM. There are lots of stalls refreshments games raffles etc. All welcome



Forthcoming Events Diary

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Tuesdays Boxford Study Centre	The Representative of the People	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm
3 Boxford Gardening Society	Gardening with Woodland Plants	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
4 Boxford WI	Women of the Western Front	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
7 The Friendly invasion lecture by Clive Stevens Groton PCC		Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
12/13/14 The Haunting	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
12 Boxford WI	Hadleigh Sheep	Mary's House	2pm
18 Ship of Dreams, James Hayward	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
28 Coffee Morning	In aid of Mary's House	Mary's House	9am to 12noon

April

1 Boxford WI

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9 Boxford WI	Walk in Groton an	d Boxforde			
11 Indian Supper	Lt Waldingfield Pa	arish Room	Parish Room	n	7.00pm
15 Youth must have Dalliance Sarah D	oig Little Waldingf	ield History Society	Parish Room	n	7.30pm
17 Quiz and Curry evening	Groton Village Ha	ll Mgt Com	Groton Villa	age Hall	7.30pm
18 The Lost City of Dunwich Talk by	Mark Mitchels	The Boxford Societ	ty AGM	Boxford Village School	7.30pm

Boxford Village Hall

2pm

Hearing Dogs for the deaf

25 Clairvoyant Evening Sunflower children Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm

May

6 Boxford WI Resolutions Boxford Village Hall 2pm 14 Boxford WI Coasters Mary's House 2pm 16 Launch and Book Signing Little Waldingfield Church 10.30pm

June

Bowling Club Boxford Village Hall 3 Boxford WI 2pm

Boxford PCC 7 Boxford Gardens Open

11am to 5pm 10 Boxford WI Blue Badge Walk Lavenham

16 Clive Paine: Launch of his History and Guide to Lt. Waldingfield Church

July

1 Boxford WI Museum Costumess Boxford Village Hall 2pm 9 Boxford WI Glass Painting and Deco patch Kersev Mill 2pm Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in









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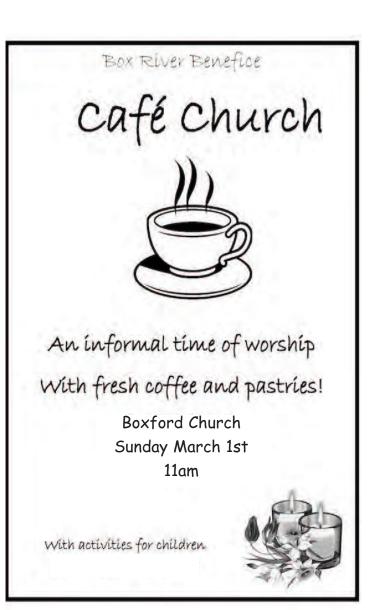
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Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or

otherwise where they might be of assistance.

Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ. Benefice house:



MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2015 diary in Mary's House for making bookings When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of every booking, as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking.

Please note that the suggested donation is now £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings. For inquiries about bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 210360.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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



Make a date to come- on Sunday 1st March at 11.00am What's it all about!

the 1st Sunday in the month at 11.00 am. We sit around café

style tables instead of in rows of pews. We drink coffee - eat pastries etc. Lots of help is needed though. Please contact the Revd Judith of a churchwarden if you can help.

How to help St. Mary's Church with its fundraising: When buying anything on line go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk it is very easy to use - the web site explains everything! Register, & then go to the link to your favourite on line vendor e.g.: Amazon. Order as usual. Amazon (as an example) gives a small donation to St. Mary's Church, you don't pay anything more though! Please use this to support your parish church.

Boxford Church Tea towels are available to buy see notices in church. Do make a date for Open Gardens 2015. Please contact Angela Tolputt on 211264 if you can open your garden or help in any way. This is a major fundraising event for the church.

A LENT LUNCH is to be held on Thursday 5th March 12.00-2.00pm at the home of Jill Nation, Daking Avenue- make a date to come along. Please let Jill know if you can come.

Boxford Guides are cleaning the church on Saturday 28th March and are also being sponsored to carry out the cleaning in silence! This is to raise funds for new equipment. If you would like to sponsor them or donate towards the guides equipment please speak to the Revd Judith, Eloise Bircher, Guide Leader, or a churchwarden.

Also the Guides are collecting "Active Kids" Vouchers from Sainsbury's. If you shop at Sainsburys do collect the vouchers & bring them to church where we can pass them to Eloise.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - this year will be held on Sunday 12th April following morning service – meeting starts at 12.15pm.

Revision of the Electoral Roll 2015 The annual revision of the roll will be between 13th March & 27th March. If your name is not the roll & you think you qualify for enrolment please collect a form from the back of church or speak to the PCC Electoral Roll Officer, Mr Dennis Picton.

> Copy Date for Church News in the April Box River News: Please, NO LATER THAN 13th March 2015

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

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785 email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, **EDWARDSTONE**

Churchwarden: Vacant

March 15th 9.30 am Mothering Sunday Morning Worship

Ineke Morris/Pam Dodd

10.00 am Palm Sunday 5 Villages Service March 29th

Pam Dodd

No flowers in Lent

Cleaning: Caroline Williams/Melanie Childs



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, **GROTON**

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

THE FRIENDLY INVASION

Saturday, March 7th 7.30pm Groton Village Hall

We are very lucky to have Clive Stevens coming to give us a talk about the American air bases in World War 2.

At under forty years old, Clive Stevens is unusually young to be so interested in the wartime activities of the East Anglia region, yet he has been researching his specialist subject since he was a sixth-form student and has attended numerous veterans reunions and commemorations in both Europe and America. His presentation entitled 'The Friendly Invasion,' tells the story of the American Eighth Air Force, from their arrival in England in 1942 to Victory in Europe in 1945 and also takes a retrospective look at the region seventy years after the airfields fell silent. This light-hearted, yet poignant presentation, is fully illustrated with some of the finest original wartime photographs (many in full colour) that still exist, and will take the audience on a nostalgic trip down memory lane to the Suffolk and Essex of yesteryear.

Clive Stevens, originally grew up in Marlborough, Wiltshire and moved to Suffolk in 2002. He lives on the edge of one of the many old American military airfields in mid-Suffolk that were constructed throughout the region during WWII. With his wife Suzanne, they run a Water Softener Company that specialise in the supply and installation of household and commercial water softener.

There will be a break in the middle of the talk for light refreshments, including soft drinks but glasses will be available if you'd like to bring your own wine. All proceeds will be for Groton Church and tickets [£7.50 each] are available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC.

LENT LUNCH: Further to the notice in last month's BRN, a Lent Lunch is to be held at Malting Lodge, Parliament Heath, Groton (Anthea Scriven's home) on Wednesday 25 March 2015 from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm. All are welcome to drop in for a simple lunch during this time. (Details of other Lent lunches in the benefice are on a poster displayed at Mary's House.)

ANNUAL MEETINGS: This year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) is on Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7.30 pm in Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton. It will be followed at 7.40 pm by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM"). This is the meeting that elects representatives to serve on the PCC for the coming year. The PCC presents its report and accounts for 2014 and there is an opportunity at the meeting to ask questions or raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. Anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll is entitled to attend and vote. Do come to this important meeting in the life of the church and have your say. A copy of the accounts and the annual report will be on display on the church noticeboard at least a week before the meeting.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION - The church electoral roll is revised annually prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The aim is to ensure that it is an accurate record of our church membership, with only those whose names are on the roll entitled to attend and vote at the APCM. There is a slight change in the dates of this year's revision period from those announced in the February BRN due to the date of the APCM being brought forward to 19th March (see above). The revision period is now from 22nd February and 3rd March. Please contact me to check if you are not sure if your name is on the roll. If your name is not currently on the roll but you would like to be on the roll and think you qualify for enrolment (either by living in the parish or by attending worship regularly), please get in touch and ask me for an application form. Forms must be returned to me by 3rd March. Anyone qualified for enrolment is encouraged to apply and to take a full part in the life of your local church. David Lamming (Tel: 210360).

PCC MEETING: Thursday 19th March 2015 in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and to elect the standing committee for 2015-2016).

PAROCHIAL FEES Small increases in the fees for marriages and funerals came into effect on 1st January 2015. A copy of the 2015 fees list has been posted on the porch noticeboard. Please contact the Revd Judith or David Lamming if you have any queries about the new fees.

Rota:

Sidesman: Mrs Knight Cleaning: Mrs Gooderham No flowers - Lent Flowers:



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

Our first service in February was Morning Worship, led by our lay team. Their theme was Candlemas. Each member of the congregation was given a candle as they entered. The readings told of the infant Christ being presented at the temple, and the joy of Simeon and Anna who had waited so long for His coming. The address was taken from the writings of Ronald Blythe.

We were pleased and surprised by the numbers who came, and indeed the support from others in the benefice. We are so happy that people enjoy our lay efforts, as we feel a great responsibility in deputising for Reverend Judith, whose workload only seems to increase. For two weeks now she has led a course at the Parish Room here and in Boxford. We have enjoyed these meetings and look forward to the remaining ones on 17 and 24 February at 10am.

The snowdrops are blooming in the churchyard, Gill Harritt has replanted the flower tubs, and a small prunus tree is just unfurling its tiny pink blossoms in a nearby garden. Spring!

Come to our Lent Lunch on 17 March at Newman's Hall at 12-2pm.

	Sidesman	Flowers
March 1	Mr & Mrs Tora	No Flowers - Lent
March 8	Visiting	No Flowers - Lent
March 15	Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell	No Flowers - Lent
March 22	Visiting	No Flowers - Lent
March 29	Visiting	No Flowers - Lent



THE PARISH OF **ALL SAINTS, NEWTON**

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell, "Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton, Tel; 370331

25th January: Revd Judith led our service and her address told the story of the wedding feast and the various tasks people took so that all went smoothly . To illustrate this, Revd Judith asked three members of the congregation to re-enact the well known TV sketch of John Cleese and the two Ronnies saying how - The tallest looked down on one person and that person looked up to the first and finally the third person looked at both and said "I know my place". Without all the layers of humanity things would not run smoothly. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all who helped in any way to make our service run smoothly.

8th February: Our Service of Holy Communion was taken by Revd Judith and attended by a number of friends from the other churches in our Benefice ,who are always very welcome. Reminding us of a children's TV programme, Revd Judith started her Address with the quote "are you sitting comfortably?" but she meant - were we sitting comfortably in our own skin. There is so much that we can do to reflect on all that we think, do and say in our everyday lives to improve the lives of others. While sharing our refreshments and chatting together we get the chance to put into practise some of this. Thank you to our organist, Michael Colleer and our helpers.

Now that the builders are repairing the fabric of the church and starting

to improve the path, we had to tread carefully into church, but the prospect of a natural ramp from path to doorway will be of great help to all and especially for wheelchair users. We hope that this new facility will encourage you to join us at church where you will be warmly welcomed. **Notices:** 3rd March: Our Lent Lunch will be at Hook End, Sudbury Road ,Newton, where Lisa Robertson and her team will welcome you there from 12.00 to 2.00pm.

21st March: Saturday Quiz Night at the Village Hall . 7.00 pm. £5.00 - pate, cheese and bread. Bring your own wine. Tickets from Alan Vince 01787 373963

Benefice News

MINISTRY TEAM MEETING: The Ministry Team meets at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Monday 16 March 2015.

General Church News

OUR NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP. It was announced in November that our new diocesan bishop is to be the Revd Canon Martin Seeley, currently principal of Westcott House theological college in Cambridge (see the January 2015 BRN). Some dates have now been announced relating to Canon Seeley's appointment. He will be ordained (or consecrated) as a bishop in Westminster Abbey on Ascension Day, Thursday 14 May 2015. His enthronement as Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich will be at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 20 June 2015. He will legally become our bishop on a date prior to that at a ceremony at St Mary-le-Bow church in London called 'Confirmation of Election', the date of which has not yet been announced, so watch this space next month.

FAREWELL TO ACTING BISHOP DAVID

Sunday 1st

There is to be a farewell service for our acting bishop, the Rt Revd David

Thomson, on Easter Sunday, 5 April 2015. The service, one of Choral Evensong at 3.30 pm at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, will provide an opportunity to thank Bishop David for all he has done in leading the diocese in the period since October 2013 when Bishop Nigel left us to become Bishop at Lambeth.

ANNUAL 'JUSTICE' SERVICE AT ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL. On Sunday 8 March 2015 the regular service of Choral Evensong at 3.30 pm will be a special service for Her Majesty's Courts of Justice in Suffolk. The address this year is to be given by Lord Sumption, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court.

ELECTIONS: As well as the General Election on 7 May 2015, elections will be held later this year for lay representatives of the deanery to serve on the diocesan synod for a three-year term from 2015-2018, and to represent the diocese on General Synod for a five-year term from 2015-2020. More details next month, but meanwhile please consider whether you, or anyone you know, might think about standing for election.

GENERAL ELECTION – HUSTINGS On Wednesday 29 April 2015 Churches Together in Sudbury & District are to hold a general election hustings in St Peter's Church, Sudbury. Starting at 7.30 pm, this will provide an opportunity to grill the candidates standing for election in the South Suffolk constituency on their parties' policies and promises. **DEANERY SYNOD:** The synod meets next on Thursday 12th March 2015, at 7.30 pm at St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard.

DIOCESAN SYNOD: The spring meeting of the diocesan synod is on Saturday 14th March 2015 at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2015: A reminder that this year's Fairtrade Fortnight runs from Monday 23rd February to Sunday 8th March.

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Box River Benefice The Church At Worship March 2014

Village Daily Prayers: Each week, said in the five churches: an informal, friendly service, lasting between 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us! Please let Revd Judith know the names or those you would like prayed for, or any situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com. The rota is: Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, 16.00 Little Waldingfield at Newmans' Hall) (NB Changed time and place) Wednesday 9.00 Groton; Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford. *No Village Prayers except Boxford in week beginning 23rd March*

The Second Sunday of Lent

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Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Café Church Informal all-age worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 4th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion at Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Thursday 5th			
Lt Waldingfield	19.30	Home Communion at Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Lay Team
Sunday 8th	The Th	ird Sunday of Lent	(P)
Newton	9.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Groton	16.00	Reflective service Informal with readings & music	Revd Judith & Lay Team
Wednesday 11th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion * Beech House, Sherbourne Street*	Revd Judith
Sunday 15th	Mother	ing Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)	(P)
Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	09.30	Mothering Sunday Service Families welcome!	Revd Judith
Groton	10.00	Mothering Sunday Service Families welcome!	David Lamming & Lay Team
Little Waldingfield	10.00	Mothering Sunday Service Families welcome!	Lay Team
Boxford	11.00	Mothering Sunday Service Families welcome!	Revd Judith
Wednesday 18th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion at Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 19th			
Lt Waldingfield	19.30	Compline at Newmans Hall	Lay Team
Sunday 22nd	The Fif	th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)	(P)
Groton	09.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 25th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion at Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Sunday 29th	Palm St		(R)
Edwardstone	10.00	Five Villages Family Service with communion	Revd Judith
		Sunday Procession, walking to the church through	h Temple Bar, as we remember
Jesus entering Jerusalen	n through the	city gate! **	

Soap Box

There has been a lot in the newspapers and on news broadcasts recently regarding the parlous state of Accident & Emergency departments in hospitals all across the country. It seems we are turning to them in greater numbers, frustrated, I imagine, at the difficulties presented when trying to arrange an appointment with our GP. Well, it happened that last month found me necessarily seeking the services of A&E at the West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds. And very good I found them, too.

This was no casual visit. I shall forebear from explaining the nature of the injury that demanded a dash to Bury in case you are reading this while eating breakfast, but suffice it to say that it resulted in an operation under general anesthetic and a stay in hospital. But while in A&E I was treated speedily, with sympathy and just sufficient humour to take my mind off the events of that afternoon.

Having dropped me off at the door of the emergency department, my wife went to park the car, returning just a few minutes later to find I was already in a treatment room being attended by two experienced nurses. A surgeon was swiftly on hand to determine whether I could be dealt with there or if a trip to Addenbrookes might be in order. Having decided they were capable of providing the necessary surgery, I was quickly X-Rayed and provided with a bed. The only delay to the operation was because I had eaten lunch that day, so time was needed for me to properly digest it.

The ward experience was rather less satisfactory, but that was certainly not because the staff were any less attentive. All in all I found the experience as positive as possible, given the circumstances. I certainly have no wish to embark on a repeat performance, but I do feel encouraged by a National Health Service that worked for me. Perhaps we should be counting our blessings, rather than carping on about the shortcomings of healthcare in this country.

Unconnected with this particular incident, I have had cause to visit the new Sudbury Health Centre close to Homebase on Chilton industrial estate. Very smart it is too, though I gather it has had its share of teething problems. Its location makes it most convenient for the proposed Chilton Woods development, should it ever go ahead.

With such a major building programme on the cards, I thought it sensible to take myself to one of the exhibitions setting out the County Council's plans.

Building on part of the old Chilton aerodrome has been on the cards for some time. The last developer to get involved, Redrow – a very large national housebuilder, withdrew on the basis that it would be difficult to make money from it. But the County Council is anxious to realise value for an asset it largely owns (about a third of the proposed site is in private hands), while Babergh are under pressure to deliver more homes in the District. The 1250 houses mooted for Chilton Woods would provide over a fifth of the number they need.

It is hard to find supporters for the scheme, though. In a way, this is a pity. Clearly much thought has gone into determining the nature of the development, with a proper village centre planned for Chilton, including a village green and a pub – and there aren't many new pubs being built these days. Ancillary services include a new school, employment opportunities through new industrial units, maybe a hotel (badly needed in Sudbury) and the possible re-siting of the Sandy Lane recycling plant on the edge of the development, beyond the Tesco store. Having spent too much time queuing to dispose of rubbish in the narrow approach to our existing plant, I view that as a plus.

But the principal objection appears to be the added burden this development would place on our already crowded roads. Sudbury can be a nightmare for drivers, particularly on market days. The heavy lorries that plough through our narrow streets must be damaging some of the historic houses, which Sudbury is fortunate to possess, as well as providing a hazard for drivers and pedestrians alike. While overall I believe the Chilton Woods development should be a plus for our area, I can only hope that the authorities plough back the money they receive into road improvements that make life better for those living and visiting Sudbury, rather than just coping with any extra traffic created by the new homes.

Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.





GARDENING IN MARCH HARRY BUCKLEDEE

March is a busy month in the vegetable garden with the digging to finish. Weather permitting, Shallots should be planted out without delay, use a trowel to plant rather than just pushing them into the soil which tends to form a hard base so that when roots are formed they cannot penetrate and tend to push the bulb out of the soil. The same applies to the planting of onion sets and garlic cloves.

Parsnips need a long season of growth to develop good roots. Seeds should be sown as soon as the soil is right for sowing, they are slow to germinate and the percentage of germination is not as high as most seeds so they need to be sown more thickly. Spring cabbage and sprouting broccoli need a dressing of a quick acting nitrogenous fertiliser, like dried blood or nitro. chalk. Loosen the soil around the plants with a hoe and they will soon make new growth.

Plant a few early potatoes in a position where they can easily be protected from frost.

If you have not got a vegetable garden, try growing them in pots. Potatoes can be grown successfully by planting them in 9 - 12 inch diameter pots, florist buckets with a few drainage holes are ideal. Plant one potato in each pot with about four inches of compost and gradually fill up as the potato grows. Feed every week with liquid fertiliser and you will get a good crop of nice clean new potatoes free from damage by soil pests. Carrots also do well in pots, I have grown as many as three dozen carrots in a 9 inch pot. Simply fill the pot with compost, water to settle it in and then sow seed evenly over the surface and cover lightly with fine compost. Some thinning will be necessary to allow room for development.

When the soil is workable, lift and divide large clumps of herbaceous perenials. Plants will flower much better if they are divided into small portions rather than left in overcrowded clumps. Before replanting, plenty of organic matter and a general fertiliser should be worked into the soil to get the plants off to a good start.

For an informal hedge, the Rugosa rose and its hybrids is hard to beat. All are of bushy habit, sweetly scented, and perpetual flowering with rich green foliage that turns yellow in the autumn. They are vigorous and disease resistant and will grow in most soils. Roseraie de L'Hay with its crimson purple, scented flowers is one of the best. Another good one is Blane Double de Coubert with large white fragrant flowers.

The Rugosa rose is said to have been in cultivation for over a thousand years. All make excellent shrubs and some such as 'Fru Dagma Hastrup make good ground cover. Most produce hips in the autumn.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Protect new spring shoots from slugs
- 2 Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
- 3 Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- 4 Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- 5 Top dress containers with fresh compost
- 6 Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
- 7 Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
- 8 Weeds come back in to growth deal with them before they get out of hand
- 9 Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters 10 Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors and vents on warm days

Frosts can still be a hazard, so keep vulnerable plants protected at night if frost is forecast. March winds are also notorious for their ferocity so check exposed plants are well supported.

Now is the time for a thorough spring clean; weed and dig over your borders incorporating as much organic matter as you can - those chilly winds will really help to dry out the soil. Mulch bare soil once you have done the work and remove moss and weeds from paths, terraces and driveways. They may be boring tasks but if you don't get on top of the garden now (especially the weeds!) it will be a nightmare for the rest of the season.

Make new beds and borders - mark the shape with sand trickled from a bottle, remove the top layer of growing vegetation and dig the ground over, incorporating as much organic matter as possible. If you are making a bed in the lawn, remove the turf and stack it upside down somewhere out of the way - after a year or two it will rot down into fantastic compost. Alternatively chop it up and bury upside down in the planting hole a good spade's depth down. Beware - if you just dig it in the buried grass will regrow and regrow and regrow.

Clean and repair your garden tools, book the lawn mower in for a service and check garden furniture.



A TALK BY LEN MANNING, REAR GUNNER



Little Waldingfield History Society was absolutely delighted to welcome Len Manning to the Parish Room last night, not just as a member but also to talk to us about his incredible experience as a tail gunner in a Lancaster bomber shot down over France during the second world war.

As we had fully anticipated, he enthralled our near fifty member only audience with his remarkably detailed account of how he managed to escape, with just one of his parachute hooks secured and the chute itself beginning to catch fire. In his words:

On my third and final flight, we took off in the dark and crossed the Channel, but soon after we got picked up by search-lights. The pilot took some evasive action, diving steeply and we eventually got out of it and carried on towards the target. Because of this we were out of bomber stream, which was our protection as all the guns of the planes covered each other. I saw several Lancasters go down; just blowing up and going down, which was a terrible sight.

Suddenly there was a huge explosion in the front of the aircraft and flames started coming past the rear turret. Because we had been hit in the port engine, which drove the hydraulic turret motors, the turret stopped working so I had to wind it around by hand to get the doors lined up with the fuselage so I could get out. The plane had now started to dive and the whole fuselage looked like look a blow lamp - it was a mass of flames. I saw my mid upper gunner get out of his turret, put his chute on and make for the door. He got there first, opened the door and jumped out. I managed to get hold of my chute, which was burning, but because we were in a steep dive I couldn't get both hooks on; I just got it on one and thought: if I don't go now I'm not going to.

I jumped into the dark and hit my head on the tail plane; you're not supposed to jump, the theory was that you sat on the step and rolled out. On the way down, I was leaning to one side and felt something brush my face; this was the intercom attached to my helmet, which I had not taken off - another thing you were supposed to do. It got twisted up in the shrouds and the cable was hanging down so I hung onto it. I looked up and saw the parachute was smouldering and just hoped I'd hit the ground before it fell off.

On the way down, the only thing I could think about was where I was going to land - a field, a pond, up a tree? You had no idea and I was quite badly burnt. I hit the ground with a bang in the middle of my back, because I couldn't see it to get ready for the shock. I jumped on the chute, which had caught fire when it hit the ground, put it out and stuffed it in a hedge before wandering off in what I hoped was a southerly direction. I found a road, which I followed for about 8 miles. I passed some farm houses and dogs started barking and thought "I don't want this", so carried on.

Len then described his experiences as a guest of the French resistance for three months, before being brought home to Blighty at the end of the war; another remarkable story which held our audience spellbound throughout.

Eventually I collapsed on a farmer's doorstep. Fortunately they were members of the Resistance who took me in and put me to bed. The following day Germans came looking for me; after they'd gone, I was moved further down the road where they got a doctor to me. The most frightening thing then was the Resistance interrogation to make sure I was RAF and not a German spy trying to infiltrate their organizations. They accepted I was RAF and gave me a Sten gun, which I put under the bed.

A couple of days later I was moved again and a chap from the Resistance called Lulu turned up and off we went. We wandered off through woods he seemed to know, but it got to the stage where he said "I'm afraid I'm

lost and I've got to go to a house to find out where we are". He sat me in a hedge, gave me his Luger pistol and said "if there is any trouble shoot, don't argue, just shoot". Anyway he came back and eventually we finished up in a café in a tiny little village ... Hello, Hello.

It was run by two elderly ladies, mother and daughter; I think the daughter was 57 then so how old her mother was I don't know, but for these people to take that sort of risk. If they'd been caught they'd have been shot – they took me in and fed me. They could not speak English but with a lot of arm waving they made sure I knew that if the postman turned up I wasn't to be around because he was suspected of being a collaborator. I was given a room to sleep in on the other side of the courtyard of the small hotel they ran from the café – they said that when Germans came into the village they usually commandeered the hotel for their offices, so they moved me into the lady's bedroom.

I remember waking up and one day to be told there were some German tanks coming towards the village, so they again moved me into her bedroom. I got up the following morning, looked out of the window and all the tanks were lined up in the courtyard with Germans strutting about with their machine guns and grenades tucked into their belts.

A young lady from the town hall would come by; she was a member of the Resistance and a forger, forging papers and whatever you wanted. She used to bring me cigarettes and money. Some time later, when it was thought the Germans had gone through the village, I came back from walking in the orchard and went to the café. I walked in to see 4 Germans sitting at the table, which was quite frightening. Madame Lusette, who was serving them, realised what had happened; she got a tea towel and started beating me saying "get out, get out and get back and do your work" So we got away with it.

Another time five of us were sitting in the back room having our evening meal. One of the ladies went to the café, coming back to get some change when a German followed her. He stood in the door way and looked all around; I thought "this is it we're getting caught here", but she gave him his change and he just walked out.

Then one day a couple of Resistance chaps driving a German motorcycle and sidecar, with a machine gun on it, came into the courtyard saying "the Germans have gone". The next day we heard the Americans were outside the village setting up a field hospital, so I went down and met one of the officers, who said he would take me into Paris where the RAF had set up a reception centre in one of the hotels. This was because there were hundreds of people like me roaming the French countryside; they decided to get us all together in a hotel and when they'd got enough, would fly us back to England.

The American gave me quite a lot of tinned food and stuff, as Americans always did, coffee and things for my French friends. I went back and stayed another couple of days and they had a massive party for everyone. The good wines came out of hiding and there was much celebrating. The following day I said goodbye, went down to the hospital and an American officer drove me into Paris in his jeep.

They put us in this hotel and I think I was there two days; we were fortunate to get out and look around Paris at night which was quite interesting. They flew us back the next day to Hendon, where we were interviewed by MI5 and searched for any weapons picked up from the Germans, which were taken from us. They interviewed everybody to make sure we were British and not German.

Then we were taken to a hotel in Marylebone where we were interviewed by Bomber Intelligence and given a slip of paper which told who we were – not an identity card, just a slip of paper with our name and number on it. They said right "you send telegrams home and then you can go".

I sent a telegram, but being in London I got home before the telegram, which was pretty frightening. The amazing thing was that as I walked into our road, right on the edge of Epping Forest, a neighbor was coming down the road with his wheelbarrow, going to his allotments. He saw me, dropped the barrow and ran down the road like he'd seen a ghost. My parents came out and all hell was let loose – after I was shot down my father temporarily went blind from shock, but he was alright. However, because I was very isolated in France, couldn't speak French and they couldn't speak very much English, by the time I came home, I couldn't speak properly, stuttering and splattering for about a month.

After many questions, Len was allowed to enjoy the special cake to celebrate his 90th birthday just the week before - a truly memorable evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At our next talk, Pip Wright will royally entertain us with his presentation on the dissolution of the monasteries. Come along to experience the economic jiggery-pokery of 16th century life and hear how Suffolk's up and coming young men made their fortunes.

We look forward to welcoming guests new and old to the Parish Room on Wednesday 18th February for what is sure to be a fascinating evenings entertainment.

Andy Sheppard

Parish Council Matters

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 21 January at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: C Fraulo (in the Chair), J Osborne (Vice Chair), R Kelsey, N Cox, A Dixon-Smith

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), J Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), B Hurren (Babergh District Councillor)

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Gerald Smith.

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on the **Agenda:** There were none.

To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of 5 November 2014: The Minutes of the meeting of 5 November 2014 were approved and signed, proposed by Jeremy Osborne, seconded by Rona Kelsey.

To co-opt a new Councillor to fill the Casual Vacancy: No-one has yet put their name forward so this matter was carried forward to await the election.

To receive reports from:

Suffolk Constabulary: The Police were not in attendance but their report had previously been circulated.

Suffolk County Council: James Finch had circulated his report prior to the meeting, providing information on the truancy sweep in Ipswich, the provision of 9 new gritters by SCC, and the Warm Homes Healthy People Scheme which aims to make it cheaper for vulnerable people to stay warm over winter. He also updated the Council on the push for greater mobile phone coverage and the provision of high speed broadband to Groton.

Babergh District Council: Bryn Hurren said that BDC's budget was being set with a nil increase. There is a desperate shortage of housing at the moment which BDC is trying to address. The solar panels fitted to council housing in the area are now working well. He confirmed that the Sand Hill development was approved in December. He has been involved in discussions regarding the possible closure of Boxford Post Office and hopes that a solution can be reached.

To receive reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public: Jeremy Osborne had been unable to attend the December SALC meeting as he had had flu. The minutes have not yet been received.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence: The Chair reported that she had been unable to attend the Community Infrastructure Levy Workshop. She will be attending the next meeting of Chairs of parish councils in James Finch's division. The Clerk confirmed that she had attended election training at SALC this week. She advised Councillors that their nomination papers must be handed into BDC by 4pm on 9 April. The Clerk is to put a notice in the March edition of the BRN and put up posters regarding the election and the fact that there is a vacancy on the Council and seeking people to put their names forward. To consider adopting the draft Code of Conduct for handling complaints The Council resolved to adopt the Code as drafted, proposed by Jeremy Osborne, seconded by Nick Cox.

To consider adopting the draft Grant Awarding Policy: Jeremy Osborne proposed an amendment to the policy to incorporate wording regarding the other grant awarding bodies in Groton. The Council resolved to adopt the policy incorporating that wording, proposed by Carey Fraulo, seconded by Adam Dixon-Smith. The Clerk will amend the draft and the Policy will be signed at the next meeting.

To consider the proposals made by County Broadband: The Chair advised that she had not received any proposals and it seems likely that it will not be economically feasible. She will report back once she hears anything further.

Highway and Footpath matters: To consider the issue of speeding traffic and Community Speedwatch

James Finch was thanked again for funding the 30mph roundels, which together with the replaced 30mph sign and improved line painting near the Fox did seem to be helping to reduce speeds. The Chair, Jeremy Osborne and Rona Kelsey were all interested in joining the Community Speedwatch and will take this forward.

Any other Highway and Footpath matters: The Clerk has already reported the potholes in Groton Street and Slabbs Lane to SCC and the large pothole in Groton Street has yellow lines round it so hopefully will be filled shortly. The Clerk was asked to report the potholes and blocked culvert outside Frog Hall. Rona Kelsey advised James Finch that roadworks signs were often left behind for months after work had been completed. James reported that he has a meeting with SCC Highways in February and will mention this.

Planning matters: Local Housing Needs

Councillors have met with BDC planners and will continue to take this matter forward.

To ratify the decision to object to the Goodlands Farm application $B/14/01253/FUL\ due$ to the removal of the public car parking

The Council resolved to ratify this decision, proposed by Jeremy Osborne, seconded by Rona Kelsey.

Any urgent planning matters: There were none. Planning approval has been granted for the extension at 5 Castlings Heath.

Financial matters: To approve Statement of Finance and Orders for Payment. The proposed cheques were approved, proposed Jeremy Osborne, seconded Rona Kelsey

The letter to Nat West requesting transfer of monies from the current account to the reserve account was signed.

To agree future Agenda items: Local Housing Needs, confirmation of date of Annual Parish Meeting, signature of Grant Awarding Policy, Transparency Code

To confirm the date of the next meeting: 4 March 2015

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Sir

Since leaving the Parish Council I have had some kind letters and comments of peoples regret that I had left and thanking me for all I had done for the village. But this could not have been possible without the help of my dear friends and family who were prepared to give up their free time to help me, so this is a big thank you to them from myself and the village.

Michael Norman Boxford



I would like to thank everyone for their wonderful help and support during my many years at the shop especially since taking over in the year 2000. I have enjoyed it so much

I have been overwhelmed with all the beautiful gifts, flowers, cards and goodwishes received on my retirement I can't thank you enough and I shall never forget the warmth shown through good times and some not so good. I couldn't have been I better hands, your kindness is second to none.

Wishing you all the best, I am sure we will meet often in the village nd around

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Nick Athorne

The Athorne family were so overwhelmed by the kindness shown to us when the news filtered through that my brother had suffered another serious, debilitating stroke just before Christmas and even more so when he suffered the fatal, final stroke on 2nd January. Nick's funeral will always remain a very treasured memory particularly with so many people joining us in remembering him and celebrating his life. Nick loved Boxford; the people and village life. He was so happy to make his contribution in his own inimitable way.

So a huge thank you for all your support; it is very much appreciated.

With our very best wishes,

Jo Riddleston, Richard, Charlie and Christopher Athorne

Sir

The family of Eileen Alice Whymark would like to express their thanks to all those people who attended her funeral and those who sent flowers and made donations to Cancer Research. Their kindness has been a great comfort at this time. Special thanks to Rev. Judith and Messers Brown, Fenn and Parker.

With our grateful thanks The Whymark Family.



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Kind Regards Jackie





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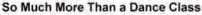
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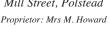
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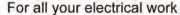
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With weather improving we are looking to get our season back on track and build for next season. BRFC would love to thank Box Valley Building for the supply of a hedge protection system to save our precious footballs from being pierced by the blackthorn. We do, however, desperately need new balls and anyone wishing to sponsor/donate a

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