

Box River News

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BOXFORD TORNADO CYCLING SPORTIVE 2015



On a beautiful sunny Sunday morning in April 500 cyclists set out on either a 60 miles or a 40 mile tour of our beautiful Suffolk Countryside. This was the start of the Boxford Bike Clubs 2015 'Boxford Tornado Cycling Sportive'.

The Boxford Bike Club is one of our fastest growing local organisations. All types of cyclists of any ability are welcome to join Boxford Bike Club. Whether your idea of cycling is a relaxing road ride around the local lanes and trails or the adrenalin rush of downhill mountain biking - Boxford Bike Club is for you!

The club is affiliated to British Cycling (the national governing body for cycle sport in England) and abides by their codes of conduct in relation to equal opportunities and child protection. This affiliation also includes third party liability insurance for the club and it's members, while taking part in club activities.

The 'Boxford Tornado Cycling Sportive' has been running for three years now and this year within two weeks of announcing the event it was a sell out. It is an incredible feat of organisation, planning the routes, organising marshals, signing riders up and the feeding of the 500 with

cakes, drinks and a barbecue making it one of the biggest social occasions in the village. A proportion of the funds raised by the event are donated to the Boxford community Council for the benefit of all the organisations in the three villages of Boxford Edwardstone and Groton. A most generous gesture from this great band of sporting folk. May they go from strength to strength.

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IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY!!



On the 28th of March Charlie Smith, Michael Norman and Vic Rice went to Primrose Wood, Boxford, in Charlie's pick up loaded with slabs and tools to install Fred's (Fred Leeder's) rake near his grave. The grave is situated in one of Fred's old fields near the woods. The job was finished in just over an hour during which time it had rained heavily.

The team climbed into the pickup to get out of the rain and to make their way home. Whilst manoeuvring in order to turn the pick up round they got dangerously close to the river Box and as the track had turned into a skid pan they very nearly went into the river were firmly stuck.

John Simpson, a friend of the team was contacted to help get them out with his tractor had access to a tractor but unfortunately it turned out it had a puncture. John agreed to come to see if he could help in his 4x4 estate. Parking well away from where the pick up was stuck he took one look at the situation and said, "we are going to need a big tractor to get you out of there."

He contacted a friend of his, Mr Brooks of Assington, who said he could borrow his tractor so John decided to drive over to Assington to collect it

but in the process of turning his car round he also got stuck in the mud

It was decided that Michael Norman and John should make their way back to Daking Avenue on foot so that Michael could collect his car and drive John to Assington to collect the tractor.

The tractor turned out to be a very a 'big one' with a SatNav on the roof which cost £8000. Several low branches had to be removed from the access track and because the access was so narrow and with many overhanging branches that could have damaged the SatNav equipment both cars had to be towed onto the A1071 covered in mud together with four very wet and relieved men.



The woodland voluntary working team, would like to thank all those involved in the operation especially Mr Richard Brooks for the loan of the tractor.

Now that the rake is in position it is hoped to name the area 'Fred's' or 'Tinkers Corner' (it seems that Fred was also known by many as Tinker) It is also hoped that a small sign will be erected to tell his story. Any of his 'Kids' interested in doing this in memory of him?

Vic Rice

Editors Note. If you had told me this was the outline for a Last of the Summer Wine script I would have believed you. Congratulations to you chaps for all the work you do on behalf of the village

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 1 May 8.00 £16 ANT LAW QUINTET

A student at both Edinburgh University and Berklee College of Music in Boston, guitarist Ant Law is a gifted and versatile musician. Ant Law guitar Michael Chillingworth reeds Sam Leak piano Tom Farmer bass James Maddren drums

Friday, 8 May 8.00, Ticket £16 JIM HART TRIO • CLOUD MAKERS

Jim's special skills, energy and creativity make him one of the brightest stars on the UK and European jazz scene. Jim Hart vibraphone Michael Janisch bass James Maddren drums

Friday, 22 May, 8.00, Ticket £20 BARB JUNGR + SIMON WALLACE THIS WHEEL'S ON FIRE

Barb's passionate and earthy singing style owes a debt to the northern soul, jazz and opera that informed her early years. Barb Jungr vocals Simon Wallace piano

Friday, 5 June 8.00, £15 WILLBUTTERWORTH

A brilliant evening is guaranteed as this creative and prodigiously talented modern jazz pianist and his stellar band pay us another visit. Will Butterworth piano Seb Pipe alto sax Nick Pini bass Chris Nicholls drums

Friday, 12 June 8.00, £15 THE JOHN EAST PROJECT

John East on Hammond and vocals with a very impressive lineup will make this a gig to remember. The gig is sponsored by John East with the profits going to Edwardstone Church. John East hammond organ -vocals Mark Fletcher drums Steve Pearce bass Carl Orr guitar Scott Bayliss trumpet -flugel- piano Dave Lewis tenor sax

Friday 19 June 7.45pm £10 to £17 Clare Teal at The New Wolsey Theatre

Tickets are available from the New Wolsey Theatre. Clare Teal vocals and compere, Jason Rebello piano, Simon Little bass, Matt Skelton drums Fleece Jazz are proud to present Clare Teal and her band as part of the Ipswich Jazz Festival. Clare performs jazz standards, including music by her heroes, Ella Fitzgerald, Doris Day and Peggy Lee as well as more contemporary covers and original material. Beautiful melodies, fabulous arrangements and all interspersed with Clare's warm and witty story telling. A night of wonderful music to open the Ipswich Jazz Festival. Multi-award winning Clare is backed by a superb trio led by Jason Rebello. You will experience a dazzling evening of exquisite melodies sung by one of the UK's greatest interpreters of song For musicians, there will be information about a master class by this superb band, to be held before the gig: the link contains information about the Ipswich Jazz Festival as we acquire it. More Clare Teal at The New Wolsey Theatre

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THE APRIL LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends

Blessed are the poor...? How to navigate shark-infested waters!

As I write this, the election campaigns are in full swing and the economy is top of the agenda. It can all get a bit bolzfogging, especially for someone like me, with numbers and statistics being bandied to and fro. Each party claims that theirs is the only way in which the country can flourish and that people will find themselves better off.

As someone said recently at one of our church annual meetings, many of us might be surprised to know that there are people in these five villages who struggle to make ends meet. Looking from the outside, we see that people have homes and gardens, usually a car or cars to get around. All is apparently well. But of course poverty, worrying about money and how to pay the next bill, is not something we readily talk about with our friends and neighbours. There can often, wrongly, be a sense of shame or guilt in admitting to these things.

Jesus taught more about money and the needs of the poor more than any other single subject and the quotation in the title of this article comes from his teachings on how to live, known as "The sermon on the mount". In some translations, it is given, though as, blessed are the poor



in spirit. And what Jesus seems to be saying is not that being poor in itself is a good thing, but that, sometimes, when we have very little, we have a deeper and stronger sense of the things in life that matter – like our families and the things in life that are free, like the beauty of creation all around us. The reality, though, for those who are really in difficulty financially, is that constant anxiety spills over into the family and relationships. It blinds to the beauties of the world, because the focus is entirely on putting bread on the table or not being dispossessed of one's home.



My late brother swam with tiger sharks! He had learnt that, treated with respect, these a w e s o m e creatures could be found to be, not just aggressive predators, but b e a u t i f u l, i n t e l l i g e n t creatures, equally interested in us as

we are in them. Loan sharks, though, are another creature entirely, sadly preying on the weak and the vulnerable, by tempting them with easy loans and then charging extortionate interest rates which leave the person in a worse state than before.

Archbishop Justin Welby has highlighted this and made sure that the Church of England is in the forefront of helping people to navigate and avoid these loan sharks altogether by encouraging the establishment of credit unions. Set up as non-profit making organisations, they offer loans to people on fair and transparent terms. They offer hope and an alternative to people in desperate situations. But they also offer an ethical way for anyone to invest their money, however much, whether a small or a larger amount, and they also provide a great way of saving up safely for expensive times like holidays or Christmas.

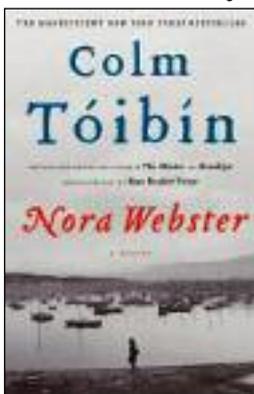
Here in the Sudbury area, Revd. Helen Mitchell from St Gregory's Church and others are currently trying to spread the word about the new credit union in Suffolk, called "Eastern Savings and Loans". You can find out more about it or how you can apply for a loan, save or invest with them by going to their website <http://www.eslcu.co.uk/Home/about-credit-unions/> or by phoning 01473 690690.

By placing some of our money with our local credit union, we can all become a blessing to the hidden poor in our five communities and live out the great Christian principle of loving our neighbour as ourselves.

Blessings, Revd Judith

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

Nora Webster By Colm Toibin



It is 1969 in Enniscorthy, County Wexford, the home of Colm Toibin's childhood and the setting for Nora Webster. Nothing much is happening here, except for the shattering early death of a popular school teacher. His name is Maurice Webster and he has left behind a grieving wife and four children. In the North there are the distant drums of Protestants and Catholics, and the arrival of British soldiers to keep the peace. Students are demonstrating in Dublin. The Americans are sending a rocket into space. Nora is barely aware of any of it, frozen in grief.

This then is a study of how Nora struggles with her loss and loneliness. She has no savings, no job prospects and she is surrounded by do-gooders who want to share her grief over another cup of tea. She has no obvious talents, seeing herself as just an ordinary lady, like most of us. When the book opens we can see that she's had enough of mourning, and wants to move on, make plans and find new excitements. Maurice had no time for music, but Nora is now free to take up new hobbies: she joins a music group, learns to sing (a lovely metaphor for finding her own voice), buys a record player and gets her hair done, buys a new dress and gets a job. Her social circle widens, life is changing, becoming interesting and challenging.

If you like dramatic, plot-driven novels then this will not be for you. Nora Webster is a masterful portrait of a grieving woman finding herself, a study of how she copes with despair, and moves on to quiet triumphs. It is beautifully written, elegant and soft, and Nora is portrayed with sympathy and understanding. You wonder how Colm Toibin does this so convincingly.

The answer is that Nora Webster is a novel very close to his heart. His own father died when he was twelve and he watched his sensitive mother struggle to pick up the pieces. In fact Nora Webster's story was so painfully close to his mother's experience that it took him ten years to write – he had to stop occasionally to take a breath before he could continue and add another carefully constructed scene to the many layered story.

This is my first read of a Colm Toibin novel. I have discovered that he is Ireland's much loved and highly regarded writer with seven successful prize winning novels to his name. Nora Webster was published in October 2014, too late to be short listed for the Man Booker prize. I gather it has been long listed for 2015. I now want to read his earlier novel, Brooklyn, about a girl who escapes Ireland and moves to America. But that's another story.

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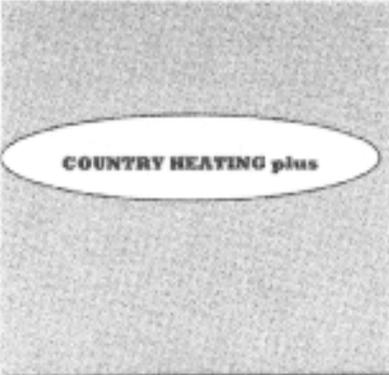
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Wot's On

Fleece Jazz by the John East Project, In aid of Edwardstone Church

"Friday 12th June sees a special benefit gig at Fleece Jazz by the John East Project, with all proceeds going to Edwardstone Church. The John East Project led by vocalist and Hammond organ player John East and described as a fine band by Time Out, was formed five years ago. The exceptional musicians in his stellar band have played with some of the best artists in the world. They are Mark Fletcher – drums, (Liane Carroll, Georgie Fame, Michel Legrand) Steve Pearce – bass, (Van Morrison, Stevie Wonder, Herbie Hancock, Al Jarreau) Carl Orr - guitar, (Billy Cobham, George Duke, Randy Brecker) Scott Baylis - trumpet and piano (Maceo Parker, Prince, Roy Ayers) and Dave Lewis - sax (John Mayall, Lamont Dozier, Eric Clapton) The band plays melodic vocal jazz with blistering solos, driven on by the distinctive Hammond sound. Further details in the Fleece Jazz advert on page 2."

ANTIQUES VALUATION DAY

Saturday, August 8th, 11.00am--2.00pm at Groton Church.

We are very lucky to have both Jonathan Benson and Mark Stacey [well known TV Antiques expert] of Reeman Dansie Colchester coming to give valuations and advice on all your Antiques and Collectables, so start digging around in your attic for items to bring, and get the date in your diaries. There will be a charge of £2 for the first item, and £1 for any further items which you bring. There will also be Coffee and Snack Lunches available, and all proceeds will go to St. Bartholomew's Church. [Enquiries to Liz Gardiner 210869 or Pat Kennedy Scott 210319]

Robbie Williams Tribute

Friday 8th May from 7pm

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

A Summary Report for Boxford Annual Parish Meeting•

SCC freezes council tax for fifth year in a row

SCC's share of council tax is to be frozen for a fifth year in a row. This means that Suffolk residents will not pay any more than they did in 2010/11. The council has successfully delivered savings in excess of £130m over the last four years. However, with the government's deficit reduction programme set to continue until at least 2018/19, there is a forecast of a further £120m budget shortfall that will need to be addressed over the next three years.

• Suffolk schools' ascent of league tables confirmed

Figures out last month confirmed the trend of improvement in Suffolk's relative position in educational attainment. In data released by the government in January, Suffolk has climbed 12 places in the national league table for GCSE results since the previous year; from 137th to 125th out of 151 local authorities. This means we are getting ever closer to bridging the gap between ourselves and the national average. There has been slow but inexorable improvement, with the gap between Suffolk and the national average narrowing to 4.6% in 2013, and now, following 2014's results, to just 1.7%.

• Suffolk first in the country to extend Better Broadband prog.

Plans to extend the roll-out of super-fast broadband to more households and business were signed October. Along with other commercial and existing programmes, the contract aims to extend the coverage of fibre broadband to 95% of homes and businesses in Suffolk. The £15m capital grant from BDUK will be locally matched by £5m from the New Anglia LEP's Local Growth Fund and £10m from SCC. The roadside fibre broadband cabinets that are being connected to the network serve very localised areas, so not all parts of the towns and villages where they are located will be able to receive fibre broadband initially. As the service becomes increasingly available, people should use the 'Better Broadband for Suffolk' website (www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com) to check to see if their home or business can receive faster broadband services.

• Drive to create 5,000 new apprenticeships to address skills shortage

A £1.5million campaign aimed at doubling the number of apprenticeships in Suffolk and creating thousands of new jobs and training opportunities for young people was launched during the year.

• **UK's first Youth Employment Centre opens in Suffolk.** The UK's first-ever dedicated youth employment centre this winter. The MyGo centre will offer all 16-24 year olds in Ipswich and the surrounding area free training, career and employment support. The project is funded through the Greater Ipswich City Deal - the government's flagship programme to devolve power to local authorities and businesses to put them in control of economic opportunities and challenges.

• **Multi-million-pound investment in skills secured.** Businesses and local councils are joining forces with the government to invest more than £18 million in equipping people with the skills local businesses need. The investment will be used to fund projects set out in the Greater Ipswich City Deal including a new youth employment centre in Ipswich and an incentive scheme to encourage businesses to invest in training. The money includes at least £4.5million to be invested in skills and training by local businesses in Suffolk and Norfolk and will fund employer-designed projects that will aim to halve youth unemployment in the Greater Ipswich area over the next two years.

• **Suffolk's waste creates energy in Blakenham on time.** £8million a year is the expected amount to be saved for Suffolk's tax payers by diverting Suffolk's waste from Landfill to this plant. The plant was opened on time and on budget last December 2014. The Energy from Waste Plant (EFW) is designed to handle up to 269,000 tonnes of waste each year. This is now working to capacity with SCC committed to sending 196,000 tonnes for treatment.

• Suffolk County Council pledge to tackle Mental Health

In February this year, Suffolk County Council have signed the Time to Change Organisational Pledge. "The Time to Change organisational pledge, signed on World Mental Health Day, is a public statement of aspiration that as an organisation, Suffolk County Council with the NHS in Suffolk will tackle mental health stigma and discrimination. The council has submitted an action plan to Time to Change which demonstrates how this pledge will be carried out. This is a significant step forward for Suffolk County Council, as we aspire to eradicate discrimination and the stigma of mental ill-health.

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

James Finch 1st April 2015

Jane Basham

Labour

I was born into a working class family in Kent. I have lived in London, North Essex and am now settled in South Suffolk. I consider myself a true local having lived here for more than 23 years, first in Glemsford and now in Hadleigh. I have worked since the age of 18, holding senior management roles in the private, public and voluntary sectors. I studied for my professional qualifications in Human Resource Management whilst working full time.



As Chief Executive of Suffolk's leading civil rights charity, I am experienced in case work, holding services to account to all citizens, challenging inequalities, promoting justice and in change making community activism.

To relax, I love spending time with my ever growing family and my friends. I do a little running and cycling. I am currently working part time in a hostel supporting homeless young people, whilst on the campaign trail.

I am Chair and Womens Officer of the South Suffolk Labour Party, Board member at Runnymede Trust and the Police Public Encounters Board. I care deeply about the inequalities that persist in our society. I know that only by eliminating inequalities can our economy, flourish and it is this that drives me as a Labour woman. I believe that I come to this role as a working class candidate having lived a full life with a real diversity of experiences. It is about time voters in a perceived safe Tory area like mine were offered a real choice. The choice to vote for a woman who would work for them full time and represent for all of them not just the few. This is the choice I believe I offer voters.

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Grace Weaver

Lib Dem

Having lived in East Bergholt for the first 20 years of her life, Grace has a strong knowledge of local issues including housing, education and transport.

Grace attended local schools, and therefore has a strong attachment to the area. Grace will be working with local councillors and residents over the coming months to deepen her knowledge of issues affecting local people and to help develop potential solutions to local problems.

Grace was first attracted to the Liberal Democrats at the age of 16 by the party's emphasis on social mobility, liberal values, and the environment. She wants to become an MP so that she can fight for those values in Parliament. As a young candidate, she aims to engage more young people in politics. Grace is a Young Ambassador for the Diana Award, which recognises the achievements of extraordinary young people and aims to promote a better image of young people in public debate. She has also volunteered as a Youth Leader for the gay rights charity Stonewall.

For the past three years, Grace has worked with health and disability charities, helping them to realise their public affairs and campaigns strategies. She is particularly interested in mental health, and has campaigned for better visibility and advocacy for mental health in the workplace.

Email: gracesouthsuffolk@gmail.com



James Cartlidge

Conservative

When I first moved to South Suffolk - to Assington, from over the border in Essex - it was a scramble to exchange contracts so that my daughter could start the new academic year at Boxford School. It was a stressful time, as house-moving so often is, with those desperate calls to conveyancing solicitors that many readers will be more than familiar with, the deadline looming large. But we made it, and have never looked back. Boxford remains an excellent school; the



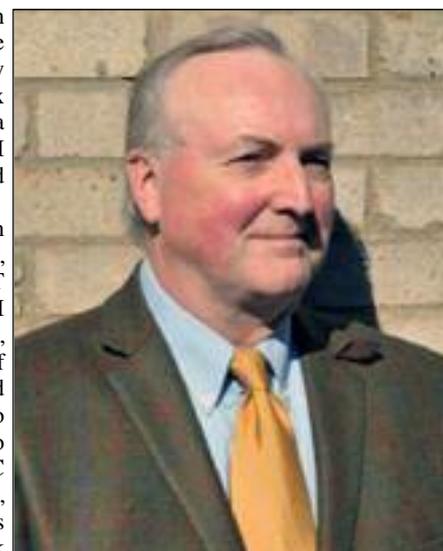
surrounding area is one of the most charming in an area with plenty of competition; and my family feels at home. So it's a great honour to now be standing as a Parliamentary Candidate for South Suffolk on May 7th. I am standing for the Conservatives, and proudly so. I suspect most people realise that the last five years have not been an easy time to govern - back in 2010, most people expected our debt-laden economy to deteriorate sharply. In fact, Britain is recovering strongly, with record employment and last year the sharpest fall in unemployment on record. For me, the challenge is how we use that platform of national economic stability to deliver local opportunity. Specifically, my priority is to make this area attractive enough to potential employers that today's school pupils have a realistic chance of finishing their studies and finding well-paid employment locally, rather than facing the inevitable heave to London to find work with all the cost in time and money that implies. It will help if we also have a strong hand on the tiller at Babergh and I'm delighted to be standing alongside another Boxford dad with twins, David Talbot Clarke. We are not just a new face for the Conservatives, we want to make a real difference, but for that we need your support on May 7th.

Steven Whalley

UKIP

I have two children both now grown up, and one grandchild to date. My wife, who I met at Essex University, worked as a teacher for many years. I was educated at Stamford School, Lincolnshire.

My background is in technology, research, consultancy, and IT business management. I worked for BT until 1996, covering the early days of digitisation, Web, and mobile networks. I also had the opportunity to work on EEC collaborative projects, which took me across Europe to other network



operators and their technology manufacturers. It also included many meetings in Brussels with the EEC steering committees, which was an introduction to the labyrinthine bureaucracies of what was to become the EU.

Looking after the rural environment is of great importance. The Coalition's relaxation of planning laws to allow house building on greenfield sites has an immediate effect on the quality of the local environment. It cannot be stopped, though, just by local opposition, but needs representation at a higher political level.

One of the other local issues that I support is the move to providing better broadband and mobile connections in rural areas, which I see as being very important in providing local development and in improving social conditions. A large part of my technology work dealt with the social impacts which such technologies bring.

Robert Lindsay, Green Party

a Bildeston parish councillor, journalist and smallholder who lives in Bildeston with his wife and two young boys.

Robert said: "We've all been selected in the teeth of some of the most extreme weather this country has ever seen and in the eye of the storm of the climate change debate. It's still not too late to avert runaway climate change. But if global temperatures rise another two degrees, we will be unable to stop mass extinctions. The good news is, if we stop chasing GDP growth and endless consumerism we could actually make our society a better, happier place to live."



Stephen Todd

Christian Peoples Alliance

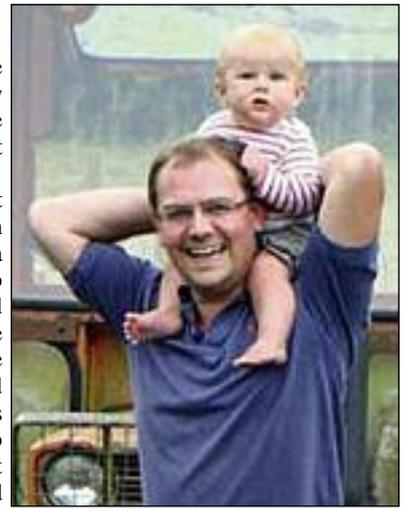
During the forthcoming Parliament, we are told, the British people will be given a referendum on whether or not they wish to remain in the EU, unless a Labour Government is elected. The Christian Peoples Alliance wants a referendum, and last year laid out in our European Manifesto the reasons why, and what we see as Britain's place in the world should the British people leave the EU. One issue has arisen since. Some people have indicated that even if the majority of the British people vote to leave the EU the Government may not implement it. It must therefore be stated in the Bill to call a referendum that the effect of it will be to immediately repeal the European Communities Act if the majority is in favour. of leaving the EU. In this way the decision will not need to be implemented afterwards by Parliament

Babergh District Council Candidates

David Talbot Clarke Conservative Party

Thank you to the BRN for the opportunity to share a few words of introduction with the electorate of Babergh District Council's Boxford Ward.

I believe, passionately, that Community doesn't just happen and that every one of us has a degree of responsibility to ensure that the villages and hamlets in which we live continue to be sustainable. We are privileged to retain a good number of excellent local shops and businesses but need to ensure that we use them so that they remain viable – and



hopefully thrive; we need to ensure that we are able to meet local housing needs to accommodate demand and our desire to allow locals to stay local, but with a consistent, proactive approach that ensures development does not spoil the quality of our existing environment.

But we can only do so much individually. To support everything that we can do, we have to join-up the combined representative voices of our communities – from Parish, to District, to County, to Parliamentary level – and deliver a strong "community voice" to guarantee a positive return for our five parishes. I believe that the weight of Conservative representation across these bodies should be leveraged to maximise this benefit – and this is why I believe that Boxford needs a Conservative District Councillor.

I live on Broad Street in Boxford and my three youngest children are all educated here, so I have a personal interest in ensuring that our community continues to thrive!

I'm prepared to roll-up my sleeves on local issues for the residents of Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Lindsey and Milden parishes and hope that you will allow me the privilege of representing your opinions on Babergh District Council.

David Talbot Clarke Conservative Party candidate

Bryn Hurren, Liberal Democrats

Dear Elector, first of all thank you for voting for me to be your representative on Babergh District Council for the past 16 years. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve you on the Council for so long. As those of you who know me well probably know already, I am not very big on politics but am passionate about the people and the issues that affect them. The big issues of the past 4 years have been running the Council on much reduced resources without increasing Council Tax, building much needed affordable homes so that our young, old and those on low incomes can be housed, striking the correct balance between green issues and keeping our countryside unblighted from large wind turbines and acres of solar panels and keeping Hadleigh free of another giant supermarket beginning with 'T', thereby giving the existing High Street some hope of prosperity.

Among the challenges for the next term if I am re-elected will be keeping the Post Office services in Boxford, providing better mobile phone coverage in all areas of my Ward, encouraging all the businesses in my Ward to grow and prosper, protecting our beautiful landscape and countryside, ensuring sensible planning decisions are achieved and staying in contact with all my Parish Councils and Councillors.

I have a reputation of being one of the hardest working Councillors in Babergh and if you re-elect me on the 7th May I will continue to be so. During this campaign I will try to call on every household but if you are not at home when I visit and have any questions please feel free to contact me. You will find my contact details on my leaflet.

Thanks to you all. Bryn



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Wednesday 29 April 2015
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Little Waldingfield History Society was absolutely delighted to welcome James Hayward to the Parish Room to hear the personal stories of East Anglian survivors of the Titanic disaster, along with many obscure facts concerning the ship and the sinking. James' talk was a real tour de force and our 35 person audience was completely enthralled from the first minute of the talk to the last.

James began his talk with some background on the Titanic - the second of a trio of superliners intended to dominate transatlantic travel business. Owned by the White Star Line and built by Harland and Wolff in Belfast, she was the largest passenger steamship in the world at the time of her launch. She was 269 m long and 28 m wide, with a gross weight of 46,328 tons; the height from the water line to the boat deck was 18 m. There were 2 four-cylinder steam engines and a steam turbine to power 3 propellers; 29 boilers fired by 159 coal burning furnaces gave her a top speed of 23 knots (about 27 mph). The four funnels were 19 m tall, the fourth added to make her look more impressive serving only as a vent. Titanic could carry 3,547 passengers and crew.

The first connection to Suffolk came the day before she departed Southampton, when a surveyor compared the size of the ship to the then well known William Pretty corset factory in Ipswich - apparently Titanic was three times longer and one and a half times higher!

During her maiden voyage, Titanic struck an iceberg at 11:40 PM ship's time on Sunday evening April 14, 1912, sinking two hours and forty minutes later at 2:20 AM Monday morning. More than 1,500 people perished, making it one of the worst peacetime maritime disasters in history and the most famous by far, despite there subsequently being even greater maritime losses, particularly during the two world wars. Titanic used the most advanced technology then available and was popularly believed to be unsinkable; the impact of her demise, which incredibly James informed us was spread around the world in just a couple of days, was a profound shock to many.

James then told us the disaster was the sad culmination of a whole series of small incidents, any one of which, if different, could have either prevented the disaster or greatly reduced its impact:

- Titanic's original Second Officer David Blair, had been with her during seaworthiness trials and final journey from Belfast, but was reassigned just before the maiden voyage. As a result of the hasty departure, he sadly kept a key to a storage locker believed to contain the binoculars intended for use by the crow's nest lookout.
- On the night of the sinking there was no moon and the ocean was said to be like a millpond, there were therefore no waves breaking round the iceberg, making it far less visible.
- Titanic had three screws with the centre one directly in front of the rudder

driven by a non-reversible turbine. On spotting the danger, this screw was stopped, sadly reducing rudder effectiveness so that Titanic could not turn quickly - a collision then could not be avoided.

- Titanic's hull was divided into 16 'watertight compartments' by 15 transverse bulkheads. Despite not extending all the way up, because of the impact on passenger movement round the ship, this innovation allowed four compartments to be flooded without the ship sinking - poignantly the 300 foot gash from the glancing impact caused five compartments to flood.

On her maiden voyage, it seems there were a number of very well known stars, including:

- *John Jacob Astor IV*. The richest man onboard didn't survive, leaving \$85 million in his will, circa £2 billion today. He requested a place on a lifeboat with his new 18 year old wife, but when he was turned away, by all accounts calmly accepted his fate. The couple had been on an extended tour of Europe to wait for the gossip columns to calm down, returning home via the Titanic.

- *Benjamin Guggenheim*. Having helped rescue the women and children, he dressed with a rose at his buttonhole and prepared to die. He was seen heading into the Grand Staircase and heard to remark "We've dressed up in our best and are prepared to go down like gentlemen". He left a message Tell my wife, if it should happen that my secretary and I both go down, that I played the game out to the end. No woman shall be left aboard this ship because Ben Guggenheim was a coward. He and his valet were last seen seated in deck chairs in the foyer of the Grand Staircase, sipping brandy and smoking cigars; both went down with the ship.

- *Isidor and Ida Straus (of RH Macy fame)*. Ida refused to leave Isidor and wouldn't get into a lifeboat without him. Isidor was offered a seat to accompany Ida, but refused whilst there were still women and children aboard. Ida insisted her newly hired English maid, Ellen Bird, got into lifeboat #8, giving her a fur coat which "she would not be needing". Isidor and Ida were last seen on deck arm in arm, eyewitnesses describing the scene as a "most remarkable exhibition of love and devotion."

- *Margaret Tobin Brown*. Known to the world as "the unsinkable Molly Brown", Margaret was the estranged wife of the Colorado mining kingpin J.J. Brown. She took charge of Lifeboat 6 and threatened to throw Quartermaster Robert Hitchens overboard when he refused to allow her and the other women to row back to the site of the Titanic's sinking to look for survivors in the water.

- *Dorothy Gibson*. A pioneering American silent film actress, artist's model and singer who was active in the early 20th century. She survived the sinking and starred in the first motion picture based on the disaster, called 'Saved from the Titanic', which was released on May 14, 1912, one month after her rescue. In the film she wore the same dress, sweater, gloves, and black pumps which she had been wearing when pulled from Lifeboat 7, the first boat launched.

- *J. Bruce Ismay*. The chairman and managing director of White Star Line who sketched the first plans for the Titanic on a dinner napkin in 1907. Some people believe Ismay behaved like a scoundrel on the night she sank because he left on board one of the last collapsible lifeboats, shirking his responsibilities as a gentleman and White Star executive by leaving the ship when hundreds of passengers, many women and children, were still on board. Ismay swore there were no more passengers on the deck when he was offered a place in a lifeboat.

A really sad thing James told us was the differing policies followed by the officers in charge of the Port and Starboard embarkations - one of whom rigorously enforced a policy of women and children only, even when there were available spaces in lifeboats with men ready to take them - they were simply turned away.

James then explored some of the East Anglian connections, notably the following:

- *Violet Constance Jessop*. Miss Jessop retired to a 16th century thatched cottage in Great Ashfield, filling her home with mementoes of 42 years at sea. She was interviewed for Woman Magazine when the film 'A Night to Remember' was released in 1958.

She had a great story to tell as the following interview quotes attest:

I was ordered up on deck. Calmly, passengers strolled about. I stood at the bulkhead with the other stewardesses, watching the women cling to their husbands before being put into the boats with their children. Some time after, a ship's officer ordered us into the boat (16) first to show some women it was safe. As the boat was being lowered the officer called: 'Here, Miss Jessop. Look after this baby.' And a bundle was dropped on to my lap. After eight hours in the boat Violet and the others were picked up by the Carpathia. "I was still clutching the baby against my lifebelt when a woman leaped at me and grabbed the baby, and rushed off with it, it appeared that she put it down on the deck of the Titanic while she went off to fetch something, and when she came back the baby had gone. I was too frozen and numb to think it strange that this woman had not stopped to say thank you".

- *Julia Florence Cavendish*. Julia Florence Siegel was the daughter of Henry Siegel, one of the wealthiest men in New York who opened the famous Siegel-Cooper department store on Lower 6th Avenue. She married Tyrell William Cavendish and moved to Suffolk in 1907, renting Battlies House on

the Rougham Estate. In 1912 Tyrell hoped to go into politics and actively sought nomination for a parliamentary seat with a trip to the USA to obtain sponsorship from his father-in-law.

Julia described their parting: My husband kissed me and put me into a boat in which were 23 women. He told me to go and that he would stay on the ship with the other men. They were happy to see us lowered away in the boats and kept telling us they would be alright as the ship could not sink. Most of the women in the boat I was in were in their bare feet. I can still see those husbands kissing their wives and telling them goodbye. I can see the sailors standing by so calm and brave. The sight of those good men who gave their lives for others will always be with me. Words can't tell the tale of their sacrifice. The hours we spent in that small boat after those heroic men went down were hours of torture. When we got on the Carpathia we were treated with the utmost consideration. I am prostrated by the loss of my husband, but rejoice in the fact that my children are safe, having been left at home.

Julia and her maid were saved, but Tyrell died. After the tragedy, Julia never stayed at Thurston House, which was sold soon after. Thurston was then

given a new village hall in 1915, known as the Cavendish Hall. An inscription inside reads: "This hall was built and given to the People of Thurston by Julia F Cavendish in Memory of her husband Tyrrell William Cavendish who lost his life on the SS Titanic, April 15 1912."

It's fair to say that our audience were spellbound from the first moment to the last by James' thoughtful, poignant and incredibly informative talk, which was liberally sprinkled with photos and extracts from newspapers of the time - a truly excellent performance all round.

Our next event will be on 15th April at 7.30 in The Parish Room Little Waldingfield, when Sarah Doig will regale us with her talk "Youth must have some dalliance" - A romp through Henry the Eighth's life through the eyes of his wives and mistresses - it should be an absolute riot!

A professional genealogist, local historian and accomplished musician (Ancestral Voices), Sarah specialises in research in East Anglia and London, and presents on a wide range of talks on local / family history and on selected historical subjects.

Andy Sheppard

WILDLIFE ON GROTON CROFT



Owl box safely in position and awaiting new tenant

Bob Bowdidge helps unload the barn owl box



Observant walkers on Groton Croft may have noticed the owl box which has been installed in the corner of the Croft near the houses on Church Street.

The cost was met by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust as part of their campaign to encourage the increase in the barn owl population, and visitors who are up early (before 7.30am!) and at twilight may well be rewarded with sightings.

The Trustees of the Croft have also been over wintering three rescue hedgehogs from SEESAW which were too small to be able to hibernate successfully, so please keep an eye open for those as well. They have been released in mid March.

We have been asked to monitor them, as hedgehog numbers have declined considerably in recent years. You can report sightings on the Suffolk Wildlife website, and if any are seen around Groton Street, Church Street, the church and the Fox and Hounds please let me know! Jeremy Osborne



At the coffee morning held in Mary's House on 28th of March in aid of Mary's House. The cake stall was a sell out and the editor won the raffle



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Please come along to the AGM of the Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee on Wednesday, May 13th, 8pm, The Pavilion.

We are a voluntary group, part of the Boxford Community Council, and our job is to look after the playing fields, the Pavilion, the children's play area, tennis courts and allotments for the community's use. We would warmly welcome anyone who wants to come along and find out more about what we do, or even to get involved.

Alternatively, if you have any comments or issues you want to raise about these well-used village facilities, please do not hesitate to contact me before the meeting on d.burden379@btinternet.com

Our Pavilion is for hire for children's parties and club meetings at very reasonable rates (advertised on the Pavilion window) and you can find out about its availability by looking on the Boxford Community Council website on www.boxford.me.uk

If you are interested in growing your own veggies, you are welcome to contact Karen Coleman our allotments representative on k.coleman105@btinternet.com to find out if there are any allotment vacancies.

The tennis courts are open for use by everyone for a small annual fee. Contact our treasurer Pauline Lamming for more information on baldypml@lineone.net

We hope you are able to attend our AGM on May 13th and look forward to seeing you there. David Burden, Chairman Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee

CHARITY CYCLE CHALLENGE

This July I will be cycling from Lands End to John O' Groats over an 8 day period covering 899 miles. I am raising money for Action Duchenne, a charity set up to help and support people who suffer from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. BDO have a client connection with this charity, hence they asked for a volunteer from our staff to do the challenge.

I have been set a donation target of £2,500 as part of the ride and any small contribution towards this total would be gratefully received. To donate please follow the link below.

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/John-Atkins2>

Many thanks to everyone who has already sponsored me. It is greatly appreciated. Saturday assistant required for Furniture/Interiors shop in Lavenham.

Boxford WI – April 2015

Our speaker this month was Margo Harrison from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Margo is profoundly deaf and knows how isolating and difficult this condition can be. The charity is now 32 years old and was first showcased at Crufts. The dogs are specially trained to alert people to high pitched noises like fire alarms, door bells and the telephone ringing. The dog will nudge the owner to get their attention and can also give a danger signal by lying down after alerting them. The dogs are trained by volunteers for a year to eighteen months before being matched with a suitable recipient. Training includes obedience classes and exposure to the outside world of buses, trains and busy roads. The average wait for a dog is up to 5 years and Margo recently got her delightful dog Pebbles who paid us a visit too!

POLICE PRIORITY MEETING

The next POLICE PRIORITY MEETING is:

Tuesday 19th May 6-7pm in Lawshall Village Hall, Harrow Green (oppo' The Glebe) IP29 4PE.

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Sue Green.

St Mary's Church, Kersey

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Linda Newbigging

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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

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Monday and Thursday evenings : Highway 12 Western Partner Dance Club (phone Chris on 371006 for details)

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Friday evenings : Sudbury and District Wargames Club (phone Brian on 312160 for details)

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

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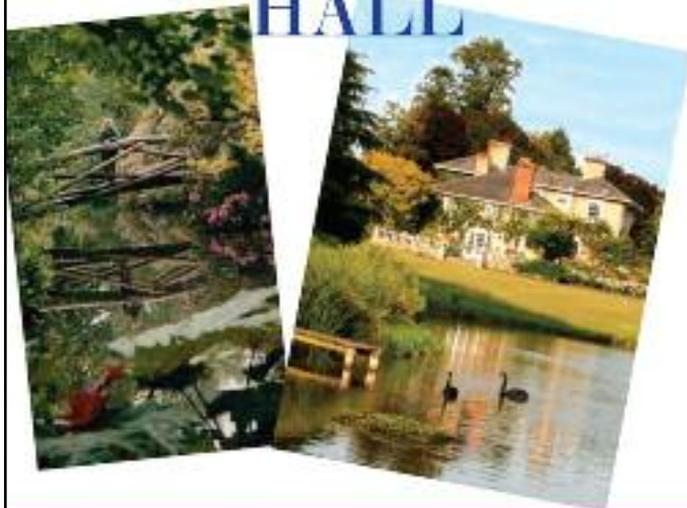
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Wot's On

Little Waldingfield History Society

Programme of Events - 2015

20th May Roger Clark My customers and other animals.

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17th June Darren Clarke

This successful metal detectorist will discuss his craft and some of his many historical finds from around the local area, a number of which have been reviewed by Find Liaison Officers and included in the Portable Antiquities Scheme 2004/5 annual report for the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council.

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Taste of Sudbury

Taste of Sudbury Food & Drink Festival will be held on Sunday 14th June 2015 between 11am and 6pm, this will be the third year this successful event has been held in the centre of Sudbury with cookery demonstration throughout the day on stage compered by Mark David. The event promotes local food and local restaurants and has 70 exhibitors from Essex and Suffolk in St. Peter's and on the Market Hill. The event will be opened by Lesley Dolphin of BBC Radio Suffolk.

Jane Hatton, Town Centre Development Manager said "added attractions this year will include a Guinness World Record attempt and pop up restaurant. It will be an ideal day out for Father's Day and to make it extra special you can book a table in the pop up restaurant for lunch. Information can be found at www.tasteofsudbury.co.uk"

If you are a local business and would like to get involved either to exhibit or sponsor then please contact Jane Hatton on 01787 468634 or enquiries@tasteofsudbury.co.uk

THE MILDEN SINGERS

Get in The Country Mood

Friday 8th May doors open 7.00pm Show time 7.30pm

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Friday night includes buffet & Saturday afternoon tea both performances with licensed bar. Tickets £6 available from Pearl 01449 741876 at and in aid of Milden Pavilion

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Leavenheath Open Gardens

& Magna Carta Scarecrow Trail

Sunday 14th June 11:00am – 5:00pm

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Music- Choir singing period music, Men of Straw- folk/country duo,
Medieval stocks & games, Visit a Medieval house,
Apple bobbing, Lucky dip, Magna Carta clues to solve;
Entrance via Village Hall

£4:00 adults, Children under 14 free

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Hadleigh Community Choir

SUMMER CONCERT 2015

We are delighted to announce that Hadleigh Community Choir will be presenting its annual Summer Concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th June in Hadleigh United Reformed Church, Market Place, Hadleigh, Suffolk IP7 5DL. Tickets are now on sale price £6 each from The Idler bookshop and Keith Avis Newsagents, both in Hadleigh High Street.

The choir will be singing a mix of light and popular songs, mainly with a summer flavour, and there will be additional performances by choir soloists plus themed readings by our guest reader. Refreshments in the Ansell Centre, all included in the ticket price. 01473 824462

Reading Between The Wines...

An original musical comedy by Elaine Horne Music by Mike Keith



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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

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County Councillor James Finch

will be in Mary's House, Boxford to hear complaints (or compliments) 4-6pm on the following dates; 13th May, 8th July. 9th Sept. 11th Nov. *Sue Green.*



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Advance tickets £6.00 (£7.50 on the night) are available from

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LAUNCH AND BOOK SIGNING

A Suffolk 'Landmark' Church: History and Guided Tour

Little Waldingfield Church, Saturday 16 May, 10.30 a.m. We welcome you to the launch of the first History and Guide (27 pp., 19 colour photos) to this elegant church. Clive will present it in a short talk and a short tour round, with signing and refreshments.

All proceeds of sale to St Lawrence's fabric fund.

CLIVE PAINE, the author, is a local historian, author and TV/radio broadcaster. He has written many books on Suffolk's local history and was formerly Advisor for the teaching of history in Suffolk schools and Lecturer for the University of Cambridge Board of Extra-Mural Studies. On BBC TV, Clive appeared with Jeremy Paxman on 'Who Do You Think You Are?', with Prince Edward on his 'Crown and Country' series and with Aled Jones in 'Songs of Praise' from St Edmundsbury Cathedral - where fortunately, Clive adds, Aled was doing the singing and Clive the history. He also frequently broadcasts on Radio 4 and Radio Suffolk. He is a speaker who presents his closely researched and often curious subject matter in an engaging style.

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)

Boxford Drama Group

Our next production is a 'First' for Boxford Drama Group and a World Premier! With the script written by Elaine Horne and some amazing music composed by Mike Keith, it's an original Musical/Comedy entitled 'Reading Between the Wines'.

It is a tale of a Ladies' Book Club and a Gentlemen's Wine appreciation Group with a few twists and turns thrown in.

Guaranteed to have you laughing, crying and tapping your feet, we hope you will come along and enjoy this very exciting new venture.

Performances are on Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June. Tickets are £13.00 and include Supper served during the interval. Tickets will be on sale from the 1st of May from The Post Office Boxford or you can book your tickets by phoning Elaine on 01787 210643.

Suffolk Open Studios

Over 128 Suffolk artists will be opening their studios to the public over the weekends of June 2015. Visitors will be treated to a huge range of art, from watercolours and acrylics, to photography and printmaking, and jewellery and sculpture. Everyone is sure to find local art that captures their interest which is why the Open Studios event grows bigger each year with more members of the public visiting the studios. There is no need to book when a studio is open although if you did want to visit outside of the hours provided, we highly urge you to book a visit. Information is also available via the website

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Forthcoming Events Diary

May

5 The Gardens of Little Bently Hall	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Boxford WI	Resolutions	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
8/9 Milden Singers	Get in the Country Mood	The Pavilion, Milden	7.30 and 1.30pm
9 A Musical Soiree	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.00pm
14 Boxford WI	Coasters	Mary's House	2pm
16 Clive Paine: Personal launch of History/Guide to Lt Waldingfield Church		Little Waldingfield Church	10.30am
16 PlantSale	Boxford Gardening Society	White Hart, Boxford	9-11am
20 Roger Clark My customers and other animals	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
31 Suffolk Village Festival		St Mary's Church	6pm

June

3 Boxford WI	Bowling Club	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
7 Boxford Gardens Open	Boxford PCC		11am to 5pm
10 Boxford WI	Blue Badge Walk	Lavenham	
16 Senior Citizens Outing	Boxford Community Council	Meet Broad Street	5.30pm
17 Darren Clarke	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
18/19/20 Reading Between the Wines	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

July

1 Boxford WI	Museum Costumess	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
9 Boxford WI	Glass Painting and Deco patch	Kersey Mill	2pm

August

8 Antiques Valuation Day	Groton PCC	Groton Church	11.00am-2.00pm
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September

2 Boxford WI	Samaritans	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
10 Boxford WI	Christmas Decorations	Mary's Housel	2pm

First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in

Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm

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Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.

Benefice house:

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



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

Ruth Kingsbury, Rose Cottage,
Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone tel.211236

Peter Patrick, Amberley,
White Street Green. tel 210346

At the Annual Vestry Meeting on April 12th Ruth Kingsbury & Peter Patrick were both elected as churchwardens for the coming year. This will be Ruth's 15th year as a warden & Peter has served 10. Ruth also serves as Hon. PCC Secretary & Peter as Hon PCC Treasurer & Deanery Synod Representative.



A special Service of Thanksgiving will be held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Boxford on Sunday 10th May at 4.00pm All are very welcome.



Photo's David Lamming

The "West End Project" We have reported previously on our wish to improve the West End of the church both for use as a "Café Church area & for wider community use. We need to buy 40 chairs & 10 tables. The chairs are £57.28 each & tables £97.00 each. We are seeking donations to enable these items to be purchased. Several people have already very kindly offered to buy some chairs which is a great start. If you feel able to help please contact the Revd Judith or a Churchwarden.



Café Church Is held on 1st Sunday each month at 11.00am. All are most welcome. The next Café Church will be on Sunday May 3rd at 11.00am. Lots of help is needed for Café Church. If you can help in any way please let Revd Judith know.



Christian Aid Week 2015 is 10th-16th May. Thank you for all the support you give to this cause year after year. I am seeking help for our house to house collection. If you have time to spare to help collect in your area please contact me on the number below.



Other Christian Aid events:

Saturday May 9th. We shall be running a cake stall in Mary's House from 9.00am. There will be a wide variety of homemade produce both sweet & savoury on sale. Alison Brain will be selling her homemade beads & other items from Uganda. There will be a raffle & we shall be serving coffee!

Please come along, If you can do any baking I shall be most grateful.

Saturday May 16th. Jennie & Ian Lindsley are holding a coffee Morning & Bring & Buy at "Littlefield" Cox Hill, Boxford from 10.00am-12.00noon. Please join them for this happy event.

Sunday May 17th. A Christian Aid theme will be part of this service at St.Mary's Boxford at 11.00am.

Christian Aid say: "Let's be the change we want to see. Act now. Do justice". If you can support in any way please get in touch with me, Janet Daniels 01787210798

.We will be holding a **Christian Aid Service on Sunday 17th May at 11.00am in St. Mary's Parish Church.**

Christian Aid is the biggest act of Christian witness in Britain & Ireland. It is a way of answering Jesus' call to help people in need.

Copy Date for Church News in the June Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 13th May 2015

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Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Palm Sunday Procession: It was pouring with rain but that didn't dampen the spirit of the 83 adults and children who turned out for the Palm Sunday procession that started very appropriately from the Temple Bar Arch at Edwardstone. Complete with Charlie the donkey (kindly organised by Sally Cobbald) holding our 'palms' (and umbrellas!) and accompanied by Jesus (aka Joshua Gray) Rev. Judith led the way whilst we all sang Ride on, Ride on in majesty. On arrival at the Church Charlie led us in and around the aisles. The hymns were rousing and ably accompanied by Nancy Roser. All in all a very memorable experience for adults and children alike.

Jan Paul

Coffee Morning Saturday 9th May in Village Hall at 10.30. There will be a Cake Stall and a Plant & Produce Stall. Any produce for the stalls would be much appreciated. Please contact Pam Dodd on 210397 for any help you can give. Do come and join us for coffee and meet your friends and maybe even make new ones! All proceeds to the church.

Calling all Jazz lovers. Friday 12th June 7.30 at Stoke by Nayland Hotel. The Fleece Jazz is kindly running a gig in aid of Edwardstone Church. The John East Project will be playing their brand of melodic vocal jazz. This is a great opportunity to hear some of the best musicians in the country in a great local cause. Tickets £15 each in advance of general release by phoning 01787 211865. Please send all cheques, with a stamped addressed envelope to: Fleece Jazz, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR.

Rota:

Sidesman/Coffee

May 17th 9.30 Holy Communion Jan Paul/Caroline Williams

Flowers: Ineke Morris

Cleaning: Sally & Chandos Hoskyns

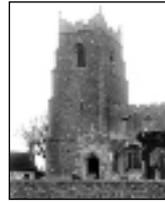
Groton or Little Waldingfield, please contact me on 01787 210360. David Lamming.

Rota:

Sidesman: Mrs Gooderham

Flowers: Mrs Gill

Cleaning: Mrs Gill



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Our **Good Friday** family service was very well attended, and afterwards everyone enjoyed hot cross buns, tea and coffee in the Parish Room.

For the first time, the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service was held here in the churchyard in Little Waldingfield. Reverend Judith celebrated Holy Communion with 21 parishioners and friends. It was a beautiful still morning, with the first rose-red rays of the sun showing through bands of purple-blue clouds. A wonderful dawn chorus accompanied us. As the glorious sun rose, we repaired to the Parish Room for breakfast. It was a lovely occasion, and enjoyed by all.

The Rev. Simon Gill of All Saints Church, Sudbury, came to Little Waldingfield to hold the funeral service of Mrs. Irene Rowland, who once lived here. Many people attended the service and the burial in the churchyard.

On Sunday afternoon **12 April** we celebrated the Christening of Lillian Elizabeth Rose Phillips. Her family and friends, including many small children, filled the church with chatter and laughter. It was a lovely and joyous occasion, and we are delighted to welcome Lillian and her family to our church.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10th—16th May: Please see the paragraph in the Groton section.

Rota:

	Sidesman	Flowers
May 3	Mr & Mrs Simpson	Mrs Duffy
May 10	Visiting	Mrs Ewen
May 17	Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell	Mrs Squirrel
May 24	Visiting	Mrs Eddington & Gill



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:
Rambler Lane. 211360
Sue Knight:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

CHURCHWARDENS: Jayne Foster and Susan Knight were again re-elected as churchwardens at this year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 19th March 2015. Jayne and Sue, together with other churchwardens from the Sudbury Deanery, including those from our benefice, will be formally admitted to office by the Archdeacon of Sudbury, the Ven Dr David Jenkins, at a service in St Mary's Church, Glemsford, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18th June. The service is open to all: please come to support our churchwardens at this annual service which acknowledges and affirms their vital rôle in the life of the local church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2015: At the APCM on 19th March, which followed the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, the following were re-elected to serve on the PCC for the year 2015-2016: Sheila Gooderham, Pat Kennedy Scott, Howard Knight, Simon Marchant, Diana McCorkell and Pat Smith. Jayne Foster was elected as a representative of the parish for the next two years to fill the vacancy on the Sudbury Deanery Synod. She joins David Lamming and together, with other members of the deanery synod, they will have a vote in the elections for the Diocesan Synod and General Synod elections taking place this year.

LENT LUNCH: Thank you to all who attended the Lent Lunch at Anthea Scriven's home on 25th March (and thank you to Anthea for hosting it.) £75.00 was raised for the charity *Medécins sans Frontières* (Doctors without Borders.)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015, 10th—16th May.

A reminder that no sooner than we are all recovering from post-General Election blues, Christian Aid Week 2015 will be upon us. Whatever the political parties say in their manifestos about their commitment to overseas aid [and Parliament has recently committed the UK to meeting the United Nations ODA target of 0.7% of gross national income in 2015 and subsequent years: see the International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Act 2015, which received Royal Assent on 26th March], Christian Aid, along with other aid agencies, remains in the forefront of providing help when and where it is most needed. Christian Aid Week is their main fund-raising event. If you are able to and would be willing to help with the house-to-house collection in either

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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



On a sunny morning the saddle stone was repaired and then a new stone cross was blessed by Revd Judith before being hoisted up onto the apex of the Chancel of All Saints' church. This had been commissioned in memory of Peter Lowe and Geoffrey Williams (who died two days apart) by their widows. In 2013, Tricia Eddington gave a wonderful talk in the Village Hall about her late husband Paul, in memory of Peter, and many of you from our Benefice attended or gave towards the evening. That has now gone towards the cross. So in a way you have shared with us in the restoration of our lovely church.

22nd March: Revd Judith celebrated Holy Communion on this Passion Sunday and gave us a page to take home. This contained five thoughts on the meaning of this fifth Sunday in Lent which is the start of Passiontide. We were delighted to welcome a newcomer from our village and friends from the other parishes. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ and to all our helpers.

29th March: A wet, windy morning at Edwardstone did not deter a large number of people from all the parishes singing and carrying green branches to join in the re-enactment of the Palm Sunday procession from the Temple Bar archway with a young boy, aptly named Joshua, walking with the donkey. Charlie, the donkey behaved immaculately even when paraded round inside the church. A palm cross was given to everyone which was held aloft during the service. After the service, there was a happy atmosphere during the refreshments.

5th April: The bells rang out and our church was filled with so many daffodils that they gave a wonderful glow on this special day. Having already taken the 6.00 am Sunrise Service in Little Waldingfield, Revd Judith then led our service of Holy Communion. We were delighted to have young children and their parents joining us. Revd Judith had to rush off to Boxford for the next service and was unable to stay for

refreshments which included a traditional Simnel cake. Without an organist, our singing was accompanied by a cleverly devised CD collection prepared by Revd Judith. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make our service special.

Notices: 2nd May: Our Church Gift Day Coffee Morning in the Village Hall 10.00 till 12.00 am. Raffle, Cake and Book stalls. All are very welcome.

Benefice News

MINISTRY TEAM MEETING: The ministry team meets at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27th May 2015.

'THE NEW WINE': A reminder that this weekly 'pew sheet' is now being produced as a benefice publication, with copies available in each church in the benefice. It provides an opportunity, additional to the church news pages in the BRN, to exchange up-to-date news about what is happening in the benefice. Please look at it for notices for the week ahead and any changes to dates or times advertised in the Box River News. E-mail Christopher Kingsbury: ChrisKingsC@aol.com, or telephone 01787 211236, if you would like an item included. Copy, please, to Christopher by 6.00 pm on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's edition.

DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS 2015 – CANDIDATES WANTED! 2015 is a year of elections! Not only the General Election, but also elections to the Diocesan Synod and to General Synod. More of the General Synod elections later, but deanery synod members (who

comprise the electorate) will shortly receive official notice of the Diocesan Synod elections with nomination forms. Although you need to be nominated by a member of the deanery synod, you do not need to be an existing member of the synod, or of a PCC, to be a candidate. The only requirements for nomination are to be (i) over 16 years of age, (ii) a communicant member of the Church of England, and (iii) on the electoral roll of a parish in the deanery. The synod meets three times a year in Ipswich, on Saturday mornings in March, June and November. The synod desperately needs younger members, so if you qualify, please consider standing. David Lamming (tel 201360 or e-mail djlamming@hotmail.com) can answer any queries about synod membership and what it entails.

General Church News

CONSECRATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP: The Revd Canon Martin Seeley will be ordained and consecrated as our new diocesan bishop at a service in Westminster Abbey at 11.00 am on Thursday 14 May 2015. All are welcome to this service, with tickets, issued on a "first-come, first-served" basis, available to print out directly from the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eucharist-with-ordination-and-consecration-of-canon-martin-seeley-to-be-bishop-of-st-edmundsbury-tickets-16398409083> For anyone unable to access this link, please call the Abbey on 020 7654 4846 to order tickets by post.

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship May 2015

Please note the special services this month!

Sunday 3rd: Café Church at Boxford; **Sunday 10th:** outdoor family service at Park Farm, Edwardstone and commemorative service at Boxford celebrating the 70th anniversary of VE Day; **Sunday 17th:** informal reflective service at Little Waldingfield; **Sunday 31st** Five Villages service at Groton. **Do join us!**

Village Daily Prayers: Each week, said in the five churches*: an informal, friendly service, lasting about 40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, for 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 about any situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed to: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com. The rota from April to September is now: Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, Wednesday 9.00 Groton; 17.00 Little Waldingfield, Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford. * *Please note 1) changed day for Little Waldingfield 2) No village prayers 6-10 April **

Sunday 3rd	5th Sunday of Easter	(W)
Boxford	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Café Church – informal service for all ages	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 6th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

Thursday 7th

Lt.Waldingfield 19.00 Holy Communion at Newmans Hall Lay Team
(Reserved Sacrament)

Sunday 10th	6th Sunday of Easter	Rogation	(W)
Groton	08.00 Holy Communion		Revd Judith
Park Farm,Edwardstone	10.00 Outdoor Family Rogation Service		Revd Judith
Boxford	16.00 VE 70 Thanksgiving Service for VE Day anniversary		Revd Judith

Wednesday 13th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 17th	Sunday After Ascension (7th of Easter)	(W)
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Little Waldingfield	16.00 Informal Reflective Service	Revd Judith and Lay Team

Wednesday 20th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

Sunday 24th	Whit Sunday Day of Pentecost	(R)
Groton	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith & lay team
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 27th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 28th

Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Lay Team

Sunday 31st	Trinity Sunday	(W)
Groton	10.00 Five Villages Service with Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Soap Box

If there is something we Brits love discussing amongst ourselves it is the weather. I recall a cartoon once in which a rather posh lady was taking a call from a friend who clearly lived abroad, visited England infrequently but was interested to learn how the climate was. The reply was that we didn't have a climate in England, just weather.

Perhaps that is why I so like the Algarve. There is plenty of weather down there, mainly in the form of strong winds. True, we do get much more sunshine in southern Portugal. Indeed, the sunniest place in Europe is considered to be a town in Alentejo – the province immediately to the north of the Algarve. It is also an important wine growing region, so it really does tick all the boxes as far as I am concerned.

But is it just me, or does the weather seem to be getting more unpredictable? Take our last trip to Portugal as an example. In early April we left clear skies and a temperature of the high teens centigrade to arrive in driving rain, with the car registering 12C on the temperature gauge. Even our esteemed editor remarked that the weather in Suffolk appeared to be somewhat more clement than that which we were experiencing in the Algarve.

There are few things more infuriating than to head off to sunnier climes only to learn that those back home were experiencing the very weather you hoped to find, but hadn't due to some unseasonal glitch in the local climate. This increased unpredictability has been laid at the door of global warming by some. While the way in which we treat this fragile environment of ours may indeed contribute, I cannot help but think that there is probably more to changing weather patterns than we could possibly understand.

Take the extremes of weather some parts of the globe are now experiencing. Cyclones in the Pacific, hurricanes in the Caribbean, torrential rain in the Philippines – all appear to be more damaging than those which have occurred in the past. Even flooding in the UK seems to have taken on new dimensions,

though that probably owes more to the way in which development has taken place in the post World War Two years.

In fact man made changes to the landscape can account for a number of recent weather related catastrophes. Our annual pilgrimage to Madeira a few years ago came shortly after some disastrous storms which resulted in heavy flooding and some loss of life. The main town of Funchal bore the brunt, with the three rivers that carried water through the built up areas all overloaded and many areas flooded, partly because the rain had carried mud and rocks down from the surrounding hills, blocking the water courses.

Such was the devastation that thousands of tons of debris had to be dumped in the harbour, much to the concern of local restaurant proprietors who suddenly found themselves cut off from the water's edge. The plan is to turn this dumping ground into a waterside park, with additional facilities for cruise ships to dock. When we return this month it will be interesting to see how far these plans have progressed, given that the storms took place several years ago.

Some good did come out of this particular bout of extreme weather. At the resort where we have our timeshare, the sea level swimming pool and ballroom were both trashed by the ocean. The pool has been restored to a high standard, while the ballroom (not a must have facility for hotels these days) has been turned into an indoor spa, with a decent sized swimming pool – useful, given the capricious nature of weather these days.

Meanwhile, I pen these thoughts overlooking the Atlantic, with the Algarvian wind howling around our house, wearing a pullover because the temperature has dropped from the weekend's 23+ to the mid teens. Knowing that back home our Suffolk neighbours are basking in temperatures that seem more Mediterranean than North Sea does not really bother me too much. Still, it would be nice to know what the weather might have in store with a little more certainty. On the other hand, perhaps that would give us less to talk about.

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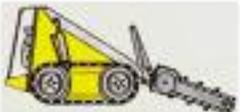
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Make three plantings of Gladioli at fortnightly intervals to give a supply of cut flowers during summer and early autumn. As well as making excellent cut flowers gladioli are a great way to provide extra height and colour to summer bedding. They need a well drained soil and sunny position. The corms should be planted four to five inches deep or even deeper if your soil is very light and sandy. The tall spikes when heavy in flower are likely to blow over if planted too shallow. Plant the corms six inches apart in clumps and mark each position so as not to cut off the new shoots before they appear above the ground.

Sow dwarf French and runner beans in the open ground - by the time they have germinated the danger of frost is fairly remote. Sow, also late greens such as savoys, white and purple sprouting broccoli, autumn cauliflowers and winter hardy cauliflowers using varieties like St George and leamington for cutting next April and the variety May Queen to extend the cutting period until June.

Hardy biennials such as wallflowers, Sweet Williams, Forget me nots should be sown now on the vegetable garden for planting out in the autumn. Alternatively they can be sown in seed boxes and the seedlings pricked out into boxes for eventual planting out in a nursery bed. This method gives more control over germination and is useful if the soil is cold and wet at sowing time and by allowing them to be planted singularly makes sturdier plants.

Thin out vegetable and hardy annual seedlings as soon as they are big enough to handle, failure to do this results in the plants that are left being weak and spindly. Carrots are best thinned in the evening to avoid the carrot fly which is attracted to the smell of the foliage, spraying with a week solution of Armillotox is a good deterrent.

Prune Forsythia by cutting out some of the old wood and cutting back the flowering stems to two buds. Remove suckers from roses, trees and shrubs, especially lilacs. Lilacs flower better if grown on a single stem allowing suckers to form seriously reduces the vigour of the plant and its capacity to produce good flowers.

Gooseberries are prone to attacks of mildew which can render the fruit useless for eating. Keeping the soil moist at the roots by providing a thick mulch will help prevent an attack. Watch out for caterpillars of the Magpie Moth which usually attack the centre of the bush and can completely defoliate the bush in a few days. Spray with Derris to control.

Roses are beginning to make good growth and already greenfly are attacking the succulent young shoots and if steps are not taken to control the plant will be severely weekend. Spray regularly with a combined insecticide to protect the bush from all pests and diseases.

All plants are making new lush growth and will soon use up soil nutrients so feed regularly with any fertiliser to avoid any check in growth.

As bulbs fade and herbaceous borders grow in leaps and bounds, it is now clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin, depending on regional weather variations, and you can take softwood cuttings. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime, as the lawn will be loving the warmer temperatures this month brings

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
- 3 Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
- 4 Collect rainwater and investigate ways to recycle water for irrigation
- 5 Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
- 7 Mow lawns weekly
- 8 Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
- 9 Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs
- 10 Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs

Continue with the spring cleaning. Hoe your borders to get rid of weeds before they take hold (ideally on a dry day to desiccate the victims) - annual weeds such as bitter cress and groundsel are enough of a nightmare without allowing them to go forth and multiply by seeding. If it's dry, attack ground elder and the like with systemic weed killer painted onto the leaves. Remember these systemic weed killers are indiscriminate and will kill anything they contact. Dandelions are a monstrous nuisance at this time of year - if you don't have time to deal with them terminally, at least chop their heads off before they set seed.

Mulch away while you can still see what you are doing and before the herbaceous growth really takes off. Use your own garden compost or leaf mould, well-rotted manure, the contents of out-of-date grow bags or ready-made soil conditioner.

Now the soil is warming up and things are starting to grow, add general purpose fertiliser before covering with mulch especially in borders.

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Parish Council Matters

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 16 March 2015 at Edwardstone Village Hall

Present: S Norman (in the Chair), S Flack, J Robinson, M Childs, P Clarke

In attendance: B Hurren (District Councillor), PCSO J Fudge, A Robinson (Clerk) and one member of the public

To receive and approve apologies for Absence – Clare Britcher sent her apologies which were accepted by the Council. James Finch was unwell and sent his apologies after the meeting.

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any items on the Agenda

Jim Robinson declared a pecuniary interest in 7.3, and Paul Clarke and Shirley Flack declared a non-pecuniary interest in 7.2.

To approve Minutes of the Meeting of 17 November 2014

Approved, proposed by Jim Robinson and seconded by Shirley Flack.

To receive reports from:

Suffolk Constabulary - PCSO Jamie Fudge reported that there had been no crimes in the village in February or March so far. The Priority Setting meeting was on Tuesday 17 March at Alpheton. Bryn Hurren asked how they would be affected by the proposed cuts and PCSO Fudge said that their numbers would be reducing from 3 to 2 officers. The Council resolved that the clerk should write to the Police Commissioner expressing their concern at the reductions.

Suffolk County Council - James Finch had circulated a copy of his report which recorded that SCC had frozen council tax once more, and that there were to be changes to children's centres across Suffolk. Applications were invited for the Leading Lives Benefit Fund and consultations have begun on the Chilton Woods development outside Sudbury. He had reported that SCC's service for children and young people had won a national award.

Babergh District Council - Bryn Hurren reported that BDC had not increased its budget this year. Options are still being considered as far as council premises are concerned. The inspector had visited the proposed solar farm site and a decision should be received next week. Solar panels are being fitted to council houses locally, including 2 in Edwardstone. The Sand Hill development had received planning approval. He advised that Boxford's Annual Parish Meeting was due to be held on 1 April and that Peter Freer of BDC was due to give a presentation on neighbourhood plans, and councillors from Edwardstone were invited to attend.. To receive reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public Daphne Clark asked if anything further could be done about potholes in the village as the situation at Hilly Farm in particular was very serious. The Clerk will chase again.

To consider Planning Matters: Planning approval had been received for the proposed works at The Coach House, Edwardstone Hall, Temple Bar and Seytons, 2 The Winthrops. The application relating to Green Oaks, Priory Green was withdrawn.

Financial matters

To consider and approve the Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment

The Council's financial position was reported as follows by the Responsible Financial Officer:

Business Saver account as at 27/2/15	£2515.28
Community Account as at 27/2/15	£3300.03
Total	£5815.31

Councillors authorised the proposed payments.

To consider donations and s137 payments for 2014-2015

Councillors resolved to make the following payments now:

£300 to Edwardstone PCC, £375 to Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust, £350 to Edwardstone Village Hall and £100 to Boxford Playing Fields. They will reconsider the request to support Boxford Post Office if required at a later date.

To consider the Clerk's salary following CiLCA qualification and one year's service - The Clerk's salary was due for review as from 1 April 2015 and the Council resolved that her salary be increased by 2 SCPs on Scale LC1 as she had also now passed her CiLCA.

To check the accounts to date and assess the effectiveness of the internal financial controls - Two Councillors checked the accounts to date and countersigned the Accounts Book. The Council reviewed the internal control systems and found them satisfactory.

Other financial matters - The Clerk reported that she had received notice that E-on were changing the contract rates as from 1 May 2015. She will speak to them to see if they can be kept at a low level.

Highways and Footpaths - To receive an update on the potholes near the pits

The potholes had been discussed at 5 above.

Any other Highway and Footpath matters - Bryn Hurren provided copies of footpath maps of the village following a query from a parishioner.

To consider the implications of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the changes due to be made by the code.

To consider adopting the draft Code of Conduct for handling complaints

The Council considered the draft policy and resolved to adopt it.

To consider adopting the draft Grant Awarding Policy

The Council considered the draft policy and resolved to adopt it.

To receive and consider an update on the bus shelter. Paul Clarke advised that the shelter had been built approximately 60 years ago by his father in law and others on a voluntary basis for the village. The Council resolved to continue to insure it as it was used by children waiting for the school buses.

To report on the telephone kiosk proposals

Jim Robinson said that no progress had yet been made on this.

To report on and consider Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence. The Chair reported that there had been a good turnout for James Finch's meeting of chairs of parish councils within his division. They had had a presentation by Highways which was interesting and provided information on how potholes were prioritised and treated. A letter had been received from BDC confirming that payment of £2568 of s106 to the Millennium Green Trust had been approved. Paul Clarke said that the money would be spent on new swings. They hoped to extend the play area next year. The Chair mentioned that the trees at the war memorial should be checked and Paul Clarke will arrange this. The Clerk will ask Bryn Hurren to look at the Parish Council noticeboard on Sherbourne Street as it is unstable.

To confirm the dates of the meetings for 2015

18 May 2015 (Annual Meeting 7pm, Annual Parish Meeting 8pm)

20 July 2015

21 September 2015

16 November 2015

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 4 March at

Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: C Fraulo (in the Chair), J Osborne (Vice Chair), R Kelsey, A Dixon-Smith, G Smith; In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), J Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), B Hurren (Babergh District Councillor), PC D Marshall

Apologies for absence - Apologies were received from Nick Cox.

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on the Agenda

Gerald Smith declared an interest in item 11.2.

To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2015 were approved and signed, proposed by Jeremy Osborne, seconded by Rona Kelsey.

To receive reports from - Suffolk Constabulary - PC Marshall reported that the Police Direct system is being replaced with Police Connect, and he left application forms. Parishioners can receive alerts as well as crime statistics. Jeremy Osborne said that the new monthly police reports were much more useful.

Suffolk County Council - James Finch had circulated his report prior to the meeting, providing information on changes to children's centres, applications for grants from the Leading Lives Benefit Fund and Suffolk Autism service which has been nominated for a national award.

Babergh District Council - Bryn Hurren said that BDC had set a budget with a nil increase. 12 council houses in Boxford are being fitted with solar panels. The result of the Rogers Farm solar farm appeal should be received within the next 5 weeks. A lot of work is being carried out to try to retain Boxford Post Office. Bryn said that Boxford Annual Parish Meeting is on 1 April at 7pm and councillors from Groton are invited to attend to listen to a presentation from Babergh/Mid Suffolk's planning officer Peter Freer on Neighbourhood Plans.

To receive reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public

Jeremy Osborne attended the SALC meeting in December where there was a presentation on SCC's budget by Jenny Antill. He also attended the March meeting where there was a presentation by Timothy Passmore and Police Inspector Jennifer Powell regarding the police budget. Jeremy also reported that Groton United Charities had donated £400 to the Boxford Post Office fund. An owl box has been installed on The Croft and rescued hedgehogs are due to be released later this month. Rona Kelsey said that she had not heard back regarding the Community Speedwatch.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence - Carey Fraulo reported that she had visited the Energy from Waste incinerator plant at Great Blakenham with James Finch, which was very interesting and it would be worth arranging a visit for others later in the year. She also attended James Finch's meeting of chairs of parish councils within his division when the head of Suffolk Highways gave a presentation. She suggested that as the meeting is very useful, if she is unable to attend another councillor should attend in her place. Gerald Smith advised that he would not be standing for re-election as a Councillor and he was thanked for all he had done for the Council over many years.

To approve and sign the amended Grant Awarding Policy - The Council had previously resolved to adopt the Policy and the amended document was signed.

To consider the implications of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the changes due to be made by the code.

To consider Highway and Footpath matters - It was noted that very little, if any, sand had been delivered and the Clerk will ask SCC to ensure that deliveries are made. Gerald Smith said that there were potholes at Hole Farm Road, outside The Spong and in Church Street near the church gate. There are others between the top of Hole Farm Road and Groton Manor Farm. There are also deep water filled ruts on the side of the road between Groton Manor Farm and Groton Wood. The Clerk will report all these. Carey Fraulo advised that the new SCC pothole reporting website was up and running. Anyone can report potholes easily on the site which is at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/environment-and-transport/highways/report-a-highways-problem-in-suffolk/>. Alternatively pothole or other highway problems can be reported by email customer.service@suffolk.gov.uk or phone on 0345 606 6171.

To consider Planning matters - Local Housing Needs - Carey Fraulo reported that BDC had considered the suggested sites for affordable housing and identified a site, but the landowner was not willing to sell the land. She is waiting to hear from BDC as to what, if anything, can be done next and Bryn Hurren agreed to chase this up.

Financial matters - To approve Statement of Finance and Orders for Payment The Council's financial position as at 30 January 2015 was reported as follows:

Reserve Account	£2515.41
Current Account	£4228.50
Total	£6803.91

Three payments were approved, proposed Rona Kelsey, seconded Jeremy Osborne.

A further letter to Nat West requesting transfer of monies from the current account to the reserve account was signed as this had not yet been carried out by the bank. Carey Fraulo said that she had obtained a quote for £60 to repair the noticeboard and the Council resolved that she could put this work in hand, proposed Jeremy Osborne, seconded Gerald Smith.

To consider donations and s137 payments - Carey Fraulo proposed and Adam Dixon-Smith seconded that the following donations be made:

S137	East Anglian Air Ambulance	£100
	Donations Boxford Playing Fields	£320
	Groton PCC	£330
	Sudbury CAB	£150

To consider the Clerk's salary following CiLCA qualification

The Clerk's salary was due for review as from 1 April 2015 and the Council resolved, proposed by Jeremy Osborne and seconded by Adam Dixon-Smith, that her salary be increased by 2 SCPs on Scale LC1 as she had also now passed her CiLCA.

To check the accounts to date - Two Councillors checked the accounts to date and countersigned the Accounts Book. The Council reviewed the internal control systems and found them satisfactory.

Next meeting - 13 May 2015

7pm Annual Parish Council Meeting

8pm - Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting of Newton Parish Council 11th March

Present: Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Roy Gardner, Lee Parker, Philip Taylor, Alan Vince and Deborah Williams.

Attending: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), James Cartlidge (Babergh District Councillor), PC Gary Austin, D Crimmin (Clerk) and 2 residents.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Schwenk (unwell) sent her apologies..

Declaration of Interests: Cllr Parker declared a pecuniary interest in Item 15/033a as the applicant is married to his business partner and left the meeting while the item was discussed. Cllrs Vince and Gardner declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15/032a as they are members of the village hall committee.

Requests for councillor dispensation: None were received.

Minutes of meeting held on the 14th January 2015: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: Reports raised are in Appendix A. Following James Finch's report he was asked to raise NPC's concerns on the lack of consideration being given by SCC Highways to the Valley Road / A134 junction with regard to the plans to build 1,250 homes at Chilton Woods.

Correspondence (Appendix B): Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated there were no further actions requested of the Clerk.

Clerks Report (Appendix C): Following a review of the Clerk's Report there were no further actions requested of the Clerk.

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

b. The councillors resolved to give the Kernos Centre £50 as a donation for their work with mental health counselling in the local community.

c. The councillors resolved to carry forward the following Earmarked Reserves to **Planning:** a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/14/01614 Organic Box, Rectory Road - Change of use of land for grazing. Erection of part constructed barn with profiled steel walls and roof, retention of shelter & 3 no. polytunnels. The councillors resolved to object to the proposal that a metal building be built, due to its impact on the visual amenity of the area, but would be inclined to support the proposal if it were a wooden structure.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/15/00042 Quatre Vents, Church Road - Erection of two-storey rear extension & replacement porch and resolved that they supported the application.

c. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted d. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

Local Plan consultation: The councillors reviewed Babergh's consultation on the Local Plan and considered that as there were no direct references to the parish of Newton they had no comments.

Transparency Code: After reviewing the information that NPC will be required to publish online from the 1st April 2015, the councillors resolved that the current practices of the council would enable full compliance with the Code.

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme: Cllr Gardner reviewed the bus shelter and could not find any damage. The Clerk to see if a local resident had undertaken the repairs.

Local Housing Needs Scheme: NPC's preferred partner for the Local Housing Needs scheme, Hastoe, is still in discussions with landowners on the availability of land for the proposed scheme.

Fit Village: A 30% response to the survey undertaken with Newton residents in January has highlighted that there is sufficient interest to support pilates and nordic walking groups. There will be a launch event at the Annual Parish Assembly on the 22nd April 2015.

Policies & Procedures: The councillors reviewed the following policies and procedures: • Charitable Giving Policy (revision)

• Statement of Community Engagement Policy (revision) • Health & Safety Policy • Equality Policy • Freedom of Information Request (revision)

and resolved to adopt them from the 11th March 2015.

Local Community Achievement Award: The councillors reviewed a number of candidates and resolved to award one award at the Annual Parish Assembly in April.

Byelaws: The Clerk updated councillors on the 4 vehicles that had been placed for sale in the layby since the start of 2015. NPC is currently requesting the registered owners' details from the DVLA and taking advice on legal action.

Village Hall and Trust representative updates: The Village Hall Committee are reviewing its constitution. The Trust are talking to contractors in relation to resurfacing the Little Green track, reviewing licences and reviewing its constitution. Chrisi Donders has resigned as Secretary to the Trust.

Newton Annual Parish Assembly: The councillors noted that the APA will be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Questions to the Chair: The repainting of the garage in the playing field was raised as well as the "overgrown" hedge in Rectory Road from the Rectory to Gouldings Farm which the Clerk will raise with SCC Highways. Cllr Vince updated councillors on the first week's surveys of the Speed Watch operation.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 13th May 2015 starting at 7.30pm.

NPC Election: The Clerk updated councillors and the public on the process for nominations for the May Election.

The meeting closed at 9.31pm.

Appendix A Public Forum: James Finch updated councillors on his previously circulated report. PC Austin gave the Police Report which showed three vehicle related crimes, all at the same location, during February. Residents were also warned to ensure that their outbuildings are secure as there is a rise in this type of crime. James Cartlidge thanked the councillors for their support during his time as BDC councillor which will come to an end in May.

Appendix B Correspondence: No correspondence received since last meeting.

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Pauline Lamming
Boxford

Sir

May we say a big thank you to everybody that came to Doreen Tait's 90 birthday party. We had a lovely afternoon made by all her friends and family. A huge thank you to Jackie and Kim for all their help and also to Veronica who works hard to keep the village hall going and was very helpful. Donations for cancer research were £194.00 a big big thank you

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He collected nine awards, and aims to join the Professional Golfers' Association training scheme with professional Tim Cooper later in the year.

Seeley's awards included being voted junior club person of the year. His other awards included the KVR Trophy, Cooper Trophy, Junior Shield, coaching/skills Award, C List electric, Order of Merit and also the S Woodhead doubles knock-out with Harvey Watts.

Another major award winner was James Cooper, who is following in the footsteps of his dad Tim, Newton's professional.

Other winners: Oliver Page (handicap championship and P Hawkins Salver), Ben Tatum (scratch championship), Connor and Bob Talbot (H Wordley Cup for junior-adult foursomes), Alex Iveson (four clubs trophy and A Dodds trophy), James Cooper (Bill Mills trophy, Newton salver, player of the year and most improved player), Ben Uttridge (D Salmon trophy), Kieron Heard (Arctic cup, Mary Whittle trophy and mid-week roll-up).

The presentation meeting heard that Connor Talbot would be succeeding Ellie Aldous as junior captain.

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