

# Box River News

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## BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY PLANT SALE



Members of Boxford Gardening Society put on a very successful and magnificent Plant Sale in the garden of The White Hart by kind permission of the Manager, Miguel, who generously provided a marquee. Members brought wonderful plants, cakes and jams and the proceeds exceeded all expectations, raising over £700. This is the Society's big fund raising day, making it possible to meet the high cost of speakers and their increasing travel costs.



## AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO VISIT GROTON



Matthew Winthrop Barzun, the US Ambassador to the Court of St James (i.e. the American ambassador in London) will be visiting Groton on Wednesday 24 June. Matthew is the nephew of John Winthrop, the direct descendant of the first Governor of Massachusetts and founder of the City of Boston. John and his wife, Libby, will also be visiting, together with John's sister Serita (Matthew's mother.) Precise details of the Ambassador's visit will be available in due course. We are honoured by this visit - the second to Groton by an American ambassador, following the visit of Philip Lader in 1997. The Box River News has it on good authority that the ambassador "is very much looking forward to returning to his ancestral home."

Matthew W. Barzun was selected by President Barack Obama as National Finance Chair for the president's 2012 re-election campaign. He previously served as U.S. Ambassador to Sweden from 2009 to 2011. Ambassador Barzun is an internet pioneer who was the fourth employee at CNET Networks, where he worked from 1993-2004. Ambassador Barzun served in a number of roles at CNET, including Executive Vice President, Chief Strategy officer, and member of the executive committee.

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## KYLE EASTWOOD AT FLEECE JAZZ



With considerable charm and unassuming excellence, composer, performer, arranger Kyle demonstrated his command of the base on a welcome return to Fleece Jazz on 24th April.

Kyle has very much made his mark as a performer, composer and arranger and his many screen credits as composer include *Mystic River*, *Million Dollar Baby*, *Gran Torino* *Invictus* *Letters from Iwo Jima* and as arranger, *Flags of our Fathers*, and *Changeling*. Kyle has also appeared on screen in several Hollywood productions.

Music featured a lot in the young Kyle Eastwood's upbringing and he was much influenced by his father's (Clint Eastwood) love of jazz growing up to the sounds of Miles Davis, Dave Brubeck, Thelonious Monk and the Stan Kenton Big Band. He began playing electric bass in high school learning R&B, Motown and reggae tunes by ear. After studying with French bassist Bunny Brunei he began playing gigs around New York and Los Angeles eventually forming the Kyle Eastwood Quartet who contributed to 1996's *Eastwood After Hours* a concert saluting Clint Eastwood and his love of jazz.

Eastwood displayed his technical prowess on double, electric and six string basses throughout the evening, while allowing the other band members to showcase their equally impressive talents.

A great sell out evening at FleeceJazz.

## CHRISTIAN AID CAKE STALL



A Christian Aid cake stall and coffee morning was held at Mary's House on Saturday, 9th May. Local organiser, Janet Daniels, can be seen at the door, with the banner above that it was hoped would not blow away in the high winds being experienced.

## FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday, 5 June 8.00, £15

### WILL BUTTERWORTH

"A precociously talented young modern jazz pianist who plays with spacious and fractious beauty. A rising Brit Jazz piano star" - Time Out.

Will Butterworth piano, Seb Pipe alto sax, Nick Pini bass, Chris Nicholls drums, "His effortless poise and crisp, attractive classically-trained sound is one of his great strengths... Butterworth can capture a sense of atmosphere with well-placed notes and treads artfully between drama and intimacy and romantic sentiment and dry inquisition. Butterworth is a young pianist deserving more attention." - Jazz Review.

"A precociously talented young modern jazz pianist who plays with spacious and fractious beauty. A rising Brit Jazz piano star" - Time Out.

What a talented team! Altoist Seb Pipe, bassist Nick Pini and drummer Chris Nicolls have all been enjoyed at our club.

Friday, 12 June 8.00, £15

### THE JOHN EAST PROJECT

John East on Hammond and vocals and his stellar band will make this a gig to remember.

John East Hammond organ and vocals, Mark Fletcher drums, Steve Pearce bass, Carl Orr guitar, Scott Bayliss trumpet/flugel/piano, Dave Lewis tenor sax

The John East Project led by vocalist and organ player John East was formed five years ago and is a regular and popular feature tan the 606 Club in Chelsea and elsewhere. John has played the Hammond for many years working with musicians

such as John Etheridge, Phil Robson and Katie Kissoon. John's stellar band of Mark Fletcher (drums) Steve Pearce (bass) Carl Orr (guitar) Scott Bayliss (trumpet) and the great Dave Lewis (tenor sax) are all firm Fleece favourites. Melodic vocal jazz with blistering solos driven on by the distinctive Hammond sound is sure to give us a night to remember.

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.

Friday 3 July 7.45pm £16

### JACQUI HICKS QUINTET

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"Jacqui Hicks is one of those rarities, a great singer and a consummate musician." Bruce Adams

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## THE APRIL LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

### The real thing?

Way back when.... there was an advertising slogan for the fizzy drink, Coca Cola, reminding us that, as various similar, rival drinks came on to the market, it remained the true, original drink – the “real thing”.

We are surrounded today by technology that can rapidly bring us experiences: smartphones and i-phones allow instant messaging and the passing of photos between friends, wherever they are; i-phones and downloading or burning tracks from the web can bring us instantly the music we want, when we want it.

I am the first to say that that all these things can be good in their own way, if they are used to bring happiness or comfort or encouragement or just sheer fun. But we do have to ask, at times, are these experiences the real thing?

Recently, on my travels through the benefice, as I have watched people focusing only the smartphone in their hands, I have wondered whether they may be missing “the real thing”. Perhaps I just caught them at one unrepresentative moment, but in one case someone was riding their horse and texting at the same time, on another occasion, someone was walking their dogs and texting. Many, too, always wear earphones whilst out jogging.

I caught myself thinking – have they looked up to notice the different greens in the trees, as late spring takes on its distinctive look? Have they glanced down to notice the early purple orchids in the grass verge they are passing? Have they noticed, or are they even able to hear, the screams of the first swifs as they tear up and down Swan Street. Do they stop and take pleasure in their annual welcome return from lands hundreds of miles away?

Thanks to the wonderful hospitality of Richard and Deirdre Abrey, at Park Farm, Edwardstone, about 40 of us were able to experience “the real thing” as we celebrated Rogation Sunday, the day when we ask God’s blessing on our lands, crops and all human endeavour. Out in the fresh open air, sitting on straw bales, we were able to take in the beautiful countryside around us. Somehow, even the cakes and coffee (and wine!) seemed to taste so much better being outside! It was a moment when we could put ourselves back in touch with the real things: the soil that brings us our food, the farmers whose work we depend on simply to live.



Another moment of wondering at the power of “the real thing” came when, with over 100 others, I had the delight of attending the concert at Little Walsingham Church, when Gill Harritt and her talented musical colleagues, entranced us with their playing of violins, oboe, cello and the sounds of harpsichord. So used to listening to CDs, I found I had forgotten the incredible depth and richness of the sound of the instruments heard first hand. There was no comparison between the two experiences.

We have been given the gift of our five senses: touch, sight, smell, taste and hearing. So while we continue to enjoy instant communications with friends and the music so easily brought to us, let’s keep the phones in our pockets at times, take out the earpieces, and simply enjoy and revel in God’s creation, in all its wonder and variety. If we can do that, we will keep ourselves and our lives in closer touch with “the real thing”.

Blessings,  
Revd Judith

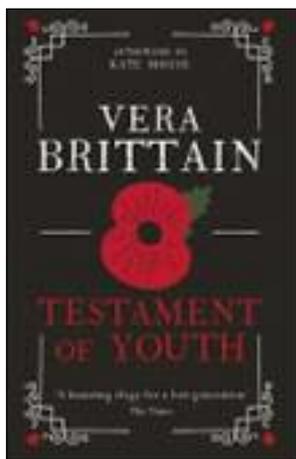


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## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

### Testament of Youth by Vera Brittain

An Autobiographical Study of the Years 1900-1925



Vera Brittain was born in 1893 into a comfortable middle-class family. From early days her bright and rebellious nature was plain to all. She loved writing and she would gather scraps of paper from her father’s paper mill and write little stories on them. She vowed that marriage and children were not for her. She had ambitions to be an author, but it was not until 1933 that her autobiography, Testament of Youth, was published. There had been other novels but this was her masterpiece. In it she recounts her early life, including her harrowing experiences in the First World War.

In 1913 she meets the man she will want to marry, Roland Leighton, a friend of her brother Edward. The boys are at Uppingham School and all three of them have plans to go up to Oxford University. Their futures look very promising. But in 1914 everything changes. Vera encourages her brother to enlist, against their father’s wishes, and Roland adds his name as well. Before long two other dear friends are in uniform. Now, the four young people she most loves are fighting the Hun and she feels distanced from their world. Very soon she discovers that war is not the glorious adventure that most young men thought it would be. Three weeks into the war she writes that “the destruction of man seems a crime to the whole march of civilisation. There is nothing holy about war.” Before long, she decides to leave Oxford and enlist as a nurse in the Voluntary Aid Detachment. It is her way of getting as close as she can to her friends at the front.

She writes from the heart, the words pouring out of her in a cascade of rage and loss, her lively intelligence and fervent pacifism evident throughout. When Testament of Youth was finally published in August 1933, the book was an instant success. By the close of publication day, its first print-run of 3,000 had sold out. The Sunday Times called it “a book which stands alone among books written by women about the war”. Rebecca West wrote that it was “a vivid testimony”. Virginia Woolf noted in her diaries that she felt compelled to stay up all night to finish the memoir. I was equally gripped when I read it a few months ago.

Vera Brittain died in Wimbledon on 29 March 1970, aged 76. Her will requested that her ashes be scattered on Edward’s grave on the Asiago Plateau in Italy – “...for nearly 50 years much of my heart has been in that Italian village cemetery”. Her daughter, Shirley Williams, honoured this request.

In September 1970 Testament of Youth was made into a hugely popular television series, and the book hasn’t been out of print since. Indeed, it is now on school and college reading lists. Vera would be delighted, not only because her book is so appreciated, but also because it’s one of the growing number of recommended books which warn us all against the grief and horrors of war. Do read it.

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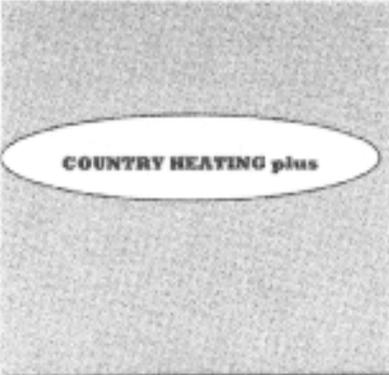
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- Keep a well-stocked medicine cabinet
- Call NHS 111 anytime for urgent medical advice

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- NHS 111 for help and advice on urgent medical matters. When the GP surgery is closed and it's not a life-threatening emergency, then call NHS 111. Calls are free and will be answered by a trained health advisor, 24 hours a day.

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#### B&B Room - Open

Friends or family visiting? Then why not suggest they stay in our lovely new B&B room. The characterful double and en-suite room is the perfect place to relax whilst staying in beautiful Boxford

#### Walkers & well behaved dogs welcome

so why not take a stroll in the lovely Suffolk countryside and enjoy something to eat and drink in our beautiful courtyard garden.

Our **Guild Room** is available all year for birthday's, wedding receptions etc.

**Open on Mondays!** As we move into Summer we'll be opening Mondays too.

#### Family Fun Dog Show June 14<sup>th</sup>

in the courtyard garden there will be agility Sessions and fun classes for all! Advice on keeping children safe around dogs. Free entry, Prizes and Certificates.

**Open Mic night - Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.**  
Everyone welcome to play or just listen.



Above, Bar Courtyard Garden. A sun-trap in the centre of Boxford

### Weekly Pub Quiz - Every Sunday 8.30pm

Join in our weekly quiz nights. Test your knowledge against the best of Boxford

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# Boxford School News

The next month is going to be a very busy one for us all as we set about the endless Summer Term assessments followed by our Year 6 residential visit to Kingswood in North Norfolk. Kingswood is an Outdoor Education Centre and the children get to take part in a wide range of activities including quad biking, abseiling and jumping from a high platform onto a trapeze. Last year we had a fantastic time so we are all looking forward to what should be a fun few days at the end of a very challenging period for us all.

As many of you will be aware we have always had our own indoor heated swimming pool and we have always taken great pride in our swimming programme. I am delighted to be able to report that every child leaving our school last year was able to swim. With the national percentage of children being able to swim at 11 years old standing at around 60% this is a remarkable achievement for the school.

This emphasis on swimming has many rewards not least our ability to enter into the annual Swimathon every year. Our team of Rosie Beven, Ellie West, Jacob Fenner, Daniel Flockhart and Hannah Hilsum completed the 5,000 metre course in a time of 2 hours, 21 minutes and 29 seconds. Congratulations to them all for their fantastic achievement. In addition a team of swimmers took part in the Sudbury and District Schools Swimming Gala and finished first by some considerable distance. Our swimmers, Rosie Beven, Ellie West, Keeley Tate, Hannah Hilsum, Jacob Fenner, James Sandford, Archie Fraulo and Charlie Dando swam superbly and were a real credit to the school. Winning the gala means that we will be representing the Sudbury District at the Suffolk Games in July.



*Our victorious swimming team*

Finally may I remind everyone of two dates for your diaries. On Saturday 6th June FOBS will be holding their annual quiz night and are welcoming applications from teams of up to 8 people. If you are interested in entering a team for what is always a great evening then please ring the school office on 01787 210332. In addition this year's Summer Fete will be on Saturday 4th July.

## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### • Reflections on May's election results

The last month has been dominated by general and local election activity. Very few will have predicted their outcome. All the talk had been of a hung parliament, with a potential coalition government being formed of any number of permutations. The Conservative victory – the first the Conservatives have achieved since 1992 – can be interpreted as a feeling across many parts of the country that the economy is slowly being put on a firmer footing, and that the Conservatives more successfully tapped into the aspirations of voters. There were, of course, many other reasons, but it is worth noting that, even looking just at the share of the vote, the Conservatives and UKIP between them achieved 50% of all votes nationally and in South Suffolk 68%. Our congratulations must go to James Cartlidge, our newly elected MP who I am sure we will see a lot of over the months and years to come here in South Suffolk as he lives nearby and his children attend Boxford school

Meanwhile, locally, voting followed the same course, with the Conservatives winning overall control of Babergh District Council with 31 out of the 43 seats. Again, the scale of the victory was not predicted, but can be taken as a clear expression of people's desire for strong Conservative values, that speak to the aspirations of voters, and who back up their policies with a bedrock of strong financial management. There are still extremely tough times ahead for the economy, both locally and nationally. It's now the Conservatives' job, at all levels, to steer a steady course, and help generate the prosperity and quality of life that people across our county and country expect.

### • Suffolk energy-from-waste facility in line for national design award

Suffolk's energy-from-waste facility is in line for a top national award for being the best-designed waste facility in the country. The short-listing in the Let's Recycle Awards for Excellence comes in the same week it was announced that during construction the site was among the best-run building sites in the country. In the Awards for Excellence Suffolk is up against three other projects for the top award in the design of a waste facility category. The design award is not just about how the building looks, it also recognises environmental features within the building and efforts to make sure it operates effectively and efficiently.

The Suffolk site has been fully operational since the beginning of December last year. Since then it has dealt with over 90,000 tonnes of waste and used it to generate 59,534MW hours of electricity. Over 2,600 tonnes of metals have also been recycled and ash, left after the incineration process, has been used as an aggregate for building. In 2012 the Suffolk project was voted the best example in the country of a council and private company working together for the benefit of local residents. Over the 25 year life of the contract between SITA UK and Suffolk County Council, switching to energy-from-waste will be at least £350 million cheaper than continuing to landfill.

There will be the opportunity for our residents to have group visits to this facility. I look forward to being able to arrange them over the coming years - you only have to ask.

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# Story of Lieutenant Sam Lum and his Newton “family”

## The World War II Story of Sam Lum and his Newton “family”.

Seventy years on we are remembering Victory in Europe in May 1945 and Victory in Japan in September 1945 amongst other key events of World War Two. These are significant dates, both for our Nation and for individual families with loved ones overseas. Young fighting people of all Allied nations were far away from home in very stressful situations. They often relied on the kindness of those around them for companionship and friendship. This was certainly the case for the young American airmen based at the Sudbury USAAF base which was constructed between Acton, Chilton and Great Waldingfield. The 486 Bomb Group occupied the base between March 1944 and August 1945 and between May 1944 and July 1945 they flew 191 combat missions over Germany. There was accommodation for 3,000 men and 400 of those airmen died over this short period. (These factual details differ in different sources.) The kindness of local people is remembered by the USAAF on a plaque they erected in Sudbury.

This is the story of one such airman who found friendship with a Newton family and recorded his experiences in a letter to the 19 year old daughter of the household.



A B24 Liberator

One young man, Samuel M. Y. Lum, a Lieutenant in the Air Corps Army of the United States and navigator from Hawaii, was a regular visitor. A daughter of the family, then 10 years old, still remembers him well.

Sam Lum flew many missions with his friend Lt. Paul George in a B24 Liberator bomber, but Sam was not on the mission on the day George was shot down as it was his day off. The USAAF were trying to conserve navigators by this time. He was subsequently assigned to flying with Pilot Nathan Adler and on his 18th mission on the 4 August 1944 on the way to Hamburg they too were shot down over Germany. It would be 12 months and the war would be over in Europe before he finally reached home in Hawaii. He then wrote to the 19 year old daughter of the family to explain why he had not come back that night one year ago.

The letter is vivid in its telling and, when in 2003 he rewrote his story for the 486 Bomber Group website, his recollection was as clear as ever. There now follows a transcript of Sam's original letter.

Honolulu,

30 August 1945

My Dear (name withheld),

*It sure has been a long time, hasn't it? You might think that I had forgotten, but I don't pass up people I really like. I arrived home on the third of this month and was really feted like the proverbial long lost boy. I wish you could spend a vacation here. How are you and the rest of the folks? Please convey my best regards as I really feel like one of the family.*

*I suppose you want to hear my story. To make it short, I was shot down on the 4 August 1944. We were heading for Hamburg as our target. Everything went haywire that day; one of my nose guns went out on me and I wasted about 20 minutes on it and finally had to enlist the help of my engineer who fixed it in about 10 minutes while we were on course at about 20,000 feet. We went by way of the North Sea, departing from England climbing on course. We entered Germany by way of a narrow, (supposedly flak-free corridor between two cities, Cuxhaven and Wesermunde). We managed to get by without mishap, but on skirting Bremen on our right as we were heading south, we ran into a terrific barrage of flak as the city hid itself by burning smoke pots and shot up everything they had. We were flying the same position as Paul George was when he was shot down (what a coincidence): the No. 3 position on the lead element of the squadron. The first burst that hit us knocked out two starboard engines simultaneously and we had only the two port engines left. The pilot managed to keep the ship under control but we were left far behind the rest of the formation due to lack of power and we were gradually losing altitude. We kept on going with the intention of following the rest over the target by ourselves. Then the next burst put the finishing touches. It caught us directly below the nose compartment and the burst seem to explode right in the nose; there was a muffled explosion with some black smoke and the poor bombardier was somersaulted right into my lap head-over-heels almost. A piece of shrapnel had deflected from the bomb sight and hit him in the calf. He was momentarily stunned; I pulled him back and gave him a little help - fixing back his oxygen into another outlet and handed him the first aid kit. Then I noticed that I couldn't breathe through my own oxygen.....I looked at the gauge and it registered zero. What a fix! I tore off the mask but we were down from 26 thousand to about 20 thousand then. Then the pilot called me up and asked for a heading to turn back. I gave him a rough 180 and intended to make that squeeze play again. Then to top of it all, fire broke out after we turned round. I called up the pilot and told him, if we had to bail out, we had better do it over land instead of the cold North Sea. Then came the orders to hit the silk. I motioned to the bombardier to go ahead. I followed him*



The Newton Shop and Post Office

In 1944 a USAAF pilot visited the village shop in Newton in the hope of finding someone to do his washing. He found a lady willing to do it for a reasonable sum and other crew members soon followed suit. Some of them came often to visit the family and enjoy the peace of a small Suffolk village. Some came to collect washing and report their safe return after what would have been stressful action over Germany. The youngest member of this family, then 10, remembers their jolly visits and the party the airmen threw for the local Suffolk children at Christmas 1944.



Samuel M. Y. Lum

out. I made a free fall (a count of about 30) and jerked my ring. As I dangled in the air, do you know what I was thinking. I thought that I was a pretty lucky guy as I saw our plane about 8 miles away giving two final circles and then burst into flames and exploded into pieces. I also thought how you would cry over me believing that I was gone forever from this earth. I felt sorry that I couldn't let my mother and my folks know that there was nothing to worry about. I was finally captured by the Wehrmacht as I hit the ground. They searched me and took my escape kit and my pen plus my watches. Then I was taken on the truck after the rest of the boys were picked up within the vicinity of 10 miles and went to Wesermunde Hitler Youth camp where we stayed for a couple of days. The bombardier and the engineer were both hit in the leg and the co-pilot had his eyes scratched by the parachute opening up in his face and the radio-operator and the tail gunner sprained their ankles. I was unscratched. I missed you quite a bit - you know how I always came home to see you after I returned from a mission.

Then from Wesermunde we were railroaded to Dulag Luft for interrogation at Oberusel near Frankfurt on the Main. I was in solitary confinement for about 5 days while they tried to sweat out some information. I told them that according to the Geneva Conventions that all they will get out of me was name, rank and serial number. The German Captain (who flew in the last war and was wounded a number of times and was now an interrogation officer due to his age) then threatened to throw me to the Gestapo because he thought he could bluff me into talking because I could be executed as a parachutist spy. He gave up after 5 days; I was polite but firm. I was a bit apprehensive though as after all I was at the mercy of my victors. We ended up pretty good friends. He told me that it wasn't necessary as he showed me a huge book with the picture of the squadron C.O. and told me the name of the outfit I belonged to and where we were based in England and then to top it all he showed me a map of the route we took from the time we left England going in over the target and back. I was certainly amazed but did not verify anything.

From Oberusel after solitary confinement and interrogation we were taken nearby to Wetzlar (where the famous Leica cameras were made in peacetime) where we went to a Red Cross Camp to get some clothes, shoes and toilet articles. A few days later we were transported by train to Stalag Luft 3 in Sagan near Poland (in Silesia to be exact) where we stayed in the North compound with a lot of RAF and RAAF and New Zealanders, Polish Flying Officers. Life wasn't too bad here, it was pretty well regulated. There were only two roll call formations to be made and the rest of the day was for ourselves. In fact during the summer, it was just like a rest camp; only without enough food. We didn't starve. In the winter I sure hated the cold freezing weather. It was the coldest winter for Germany. I believe with averages of minus eighteen below Centigrade. I wrote a lot of letters to you but I wondered if any went through. I didn't receive any letters at all (except two from the United States about a week before liberation about 8 months later.)

Yes, I believe I'm a bit long winded. I think I better continue in another letter as the gang here with me is rushing me to go crabbing. I am temporarily spending about two weeks at my uncle's place up the island of Kauai. Cheerio for now.

Affectionately,  
Sam.

P.S. I am sending you a photo of myself just taken today in my battle jacket that I had made in London.

We know from his recollections when he was in his 80's for 486 Bomb Group web site in August 2003 that he was an only son and grandson when he joined the Air Cadets at Hickam Field in Hawaii. His mother was so concerned she took him to the Chinese fortune teller, but was reassured that the lines on his hands and face told he would return. The Newton family wrote to his mother to get news when he failed to return. She wrote back in November 1944 to say she had just had a letter from Sam and could now communicate with him. Unfortunately it seems he received only two letters just before his release, both from his mother. Nothing else had got through. The Newton family, however, did get a letter from Sam in late December 1944. Sam's mother wrote again in the hope that the Newton family could get information that she could not, and then later to say he was on his way home.

Sam's second letter about his experiences up to the end of the war will appear in next month's magazine.

Tina Loose



The Crew of a B24 Liberator at Sudbury (Chilton) airfield



The Sudbury Control Tower



Local girls at a dance on the base



The 486th Bombardment Group war memorial at Sudbury airfield

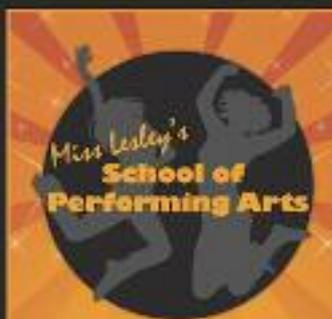
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## Youth Must Have Some Dalliance A Talk by Sarah Doig

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Sarah Doig to the Parish Room last night. As anticipated, the packed room was enthralled with her account of the life of Henry VIII as viewed through the eyes of his many wives and mistresses.

Sarah began by telling us about Henry's early life, as the second son of Henry VII he was not expected to become king and so was not trained "in the art of Kingship". Instead, he received a good all round education, becoming proficient in the athletic pursuits of hunting, fencing, jousting and archery; he could write poems and was a talented and skillful musician able to play several instruments, compose music and write lyrics. Sarah then played "Pastime with Good Company", also known as The King's Ballard - an English folk song written and composed by Henry and the source of the title to Sarah's talk:

*Pastime with good company  
I love and shall unto I die  
Grudge who lust, but none deny  
So God be pleased thus live will I  
For my pastance  
Hunt, sing, and dance  
My heart is set  
All goodly sport  
For my comfort  
Who shall me let*

*Youth must have some dalliance  
Of good or ill some pastance  
Company methinks then best  
All thoughts and fancies to digest  
For idleness  
Is chief mistress  
Of vices all  
Then who can say  
But mirth and play  
Is best of all*

*Company with honesty  
Is virtue vices to flee  
Company is good and ill  
But every man hath his free will  
The best ensue  
The worst eschew  
My mind shall be  
Virtue to use  
Vice to refuse  
Thus shall I use me*

In 1502, Henry's elder brother Arthur died, aged 15, after just 20 weeks of marriage to Catherine of Aragon, the youngest surviving child of King Ferdinand II & Queen Isabella I of Spain. Arthur's duties were then given to 10 year-old Henry, who became Duke of Cornwall in October and Prince of Wales in February 1503.

Henry VII renewed efforts to seal a marital alliance between England and Spain by offering young Henry in marriage to Arthur's widow Catherine; on 23 June 1503 a marriage treaty was signed and they were betrothed two days later. Henry's age of eleven prevented cohabitation and he rejected the marriage as soon he could, when aged 14. Henry VII died on 21 April 1509 and Henry became king, declaring soon after his father's burial on 10 May that he would marry Catherine.

Sarah described the marriage as good at this time with Catherine soon conceiving, though the girl was stillborn on 31 January 1510. Four months later she became pregnant and on New Year's Day 1511 a boy - Henry - was born, sadly dying seven weeks later. Catherine miscarried in 1514 but gave birth in February 1516 to another girl - Mary - who later became queen following the death of Edward VI (after having gathered together supporters and troops at Framlingham castle).

Relations between Henry and Catherine had been strained, but became better after Mary's birth; during this period Sarah informed us Henry had mistresses, particularly during the numerous confinements of the queen. In 1510 he had an affair with one of the sisters of Edward Stafford, though for about three years the most significant mistress was Elizabeth Blount, one of only two completely undisputed mistresses. It seems Henry had relatively few mistresses for such a virile young king, though quite how many is still disputed.

Catherine did not protest about the mistresses and in 1518 fell pregnant again with another girl, who was also stillborn. Blount gave birth in June 1519 to Henry's illegitimate son, who was given the name Henry Fitzroy - Henry after his royal father and Fitzroy to ensure that everyone knew he was son of the King. Henry VIII possibly felt the lack of a male heir was

a slur on his manhood and he openly acknowledged the boy, who was made Duke of Richmond in June 1525.

Sarah moved the story onto Mary Boleyn, another mistress from roughly 1521 to 1526, who very possibly bore Henry two more children, though he acknowledged neither of them. Mary was also rumoured to have been a mistress of Henry's rival, King Francis I of France, between 1515 and 1519, something Sarah postulated could have been of great interest and attraction to Henry.

She then told us that in early 1526 Henry began his pursuit of Mary's younger sister Anne, who initially refused to become his mistress. He therefore desired to annul his marriage to Catherine so that he would be free to marry Anne. Henry and Anne married on 25 January 1533. On 23 May 1533, Thomas Cranmer declared Henry and Catherine's marriage null and void and five days later that Henry and Anne's marriage was good and valid.

The Pope decreed sentences of excommunication on both Henry and Cranmer and the first break between the Church of England and Rome took place, with the Church of England brought under the Henry's control. Anne was crowned Queen of England on 1 June 1533 and on 7 September she gave birth to the future Queen Elizabeth I, whose gender once again disappointed Henry, though apparently he was not entirely discouraged, saying that a son would surely follow.

On 8 January 1536 Catherine of Aragon died. The queen was pregnant again and aware of the consequences if she failed to give birth to a son. Later that month Henry was unhorsed and badly injured in a tournament. When news of the accident reached Anne the shock caused her to miscarry a male child of about 15 weeks, on the day of Catherine's funeral; this was the beginning of the end of the royal marriage as by March 1536 Henry was courting Jane Seymour.

Anne's downfall came shortly after she had recovered from her final miscarriage with Henry's new mistress, Jane Seymour, being moved into new quarters and Anne's brother being refused the Order of the Garter. The day after Anne's execution in 1536 Henry became engaged to Jane, who had been one of the queen's ladies in waiting - a fruitful source of Henry's mistresses according to Sarah. The pair were married ten days later and on 12 October 1537 she gave birth to a son - the future Edward VI. The birth was difficult and Jane died two weeks later from an infection.

To ensure the succession, Henry wished to marry again; Cromwell, now Earl of Essex, suggested Anne, the sister of the Duke of Cleves, who was seen as an important ally in case of a Roman Catholic attack on England. Hans Holbein (the younger) was dispatched to Cleves to paint a portrait of Anne for Henry. After regarding Holbein's portrayal and urged by the complimentary description from his courtiers, Henry agreed to wed; however, it was not long before he wished to annul the marriage so he could marry another (perhaps the reality was not after all as good as the painting). Anne did not argue, confirming the marriage had never been consummated, whilst her previous betrothal to the Duke of Lorraine's son provided further grounds for annulment. The marriage was subsequently dissolved, with Anne receiving the title of "The King's Sister", two houses and a generous allowance.

Sarah then told us Henry had fallen for Catherine Howard, the Duke of Norfolk's niece, seriously worrying Cromwell because Norfolk was a political opponent. Cromwell may have been blamed for the failure of the marriage and of the foreign policy it accompanied and was charged with treason. On 28 July 1540, the day Cromwell was beheaded, Henry married the young Catherine Howard, who was first cousin and lady in waiting to Anne Boleyn. Henry was delighted with his new queen and awarded her Cromwell's lands and a vast array of jewellery. However, soon after Catherine had an affair with the courtier Thomas Culpeper and also employed Francis Dereham, who she had had an affair with and had been engaged to prior to her marriage, as her secretary.

It seems the court was informed of the affair with Dereham when Henry was away, despatching Thomas Cranmer to investigate. He brought evidence of Catherine's previous affair to the Henry's notice. Dereham confessed and Henry went into a rage, blaming the council before consoling himself in hunting. Sarah advised us that, when questioned, Catherine could have admitted a prior contract to marry Dereham, thus making her subsequent marriage to Henry invalid; she instead claimed that Dereham had forced her to enter into an adulterous relationship. He meanwhile, exposed Catherine's relationship with Thomas Culpeper; Culpeper and Dereham were executed and Catherine was beheaded on 13 February 1542.

Henry married his last wife, the wealthy widow Catherine Parr who was more his own age, in July 1543, dying four years later, giving rise to following ditty of what happened to his wives:

Divorced - Executed - Died, Divorced - Executed - Survived

Everyone had a fantastic evening, hearing a quite incredible story from a very gifted and natural narrator who both knew her stuff and could put it across in an entertaining manner.

*Andy Shepherd*

## KENNY'S SASAW NEWS



Things have come to a pretty pass! First I was usurped by that precocious Ollie "The Black" Cat when he wrote my April blog. Next, I nearly missed the June deadline because I had to wait for this article to be typed. Generally I'm an easy going fellow but I think the time has come to find some more helpers! The fundraisers are rushed off their feet organising events so if you would like to join the happy team

please leave a message on the answer phone.

Life at SESAW can be a roller coaster of happy and sad stories but this one ends like a Walt Disney film. Three months ago, a Graylag Goose was shot and callously left to die. Fortunately, caring people brought her to SESAW where she eventually recovered and was ready for release. Very early this morning, along with our own domestic geese and ducks on the field, Mum spotted something new - a pair of Graylag Geese. Quietly, she ushered the rescued bird out to meet the visitors and after grazing for two hours, the three flew away together until they disappeared into the distance. Arrh!

Meanwhile, two little chaps still looking for a home are Snoopy, a Parsons Jack Russell and his Chihuahua type companion, Pip who loves a cuddle once he knows you. Initially nervous, these five year olds would soon settle with a grown up family or active retired couple.

Let's hope the sun shines for the Leavenheath Open Gardens day on Sunday 14th June, at least between 11-5pm. Please call in to see us and browse our gardening stall on your way around the village. There will be plenty of bargains at Barbara's Summer Sale in the Village Hall, Stoke by Nayland on Saturday 27th June from 2-4pm. Which reminds me, I'd better check my secret stash of interesting objects. If you find a partly chewed biro or bent pair of spectacles at the Sale, they may belong to me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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## AN AFTERNOON IN ARGER FEN

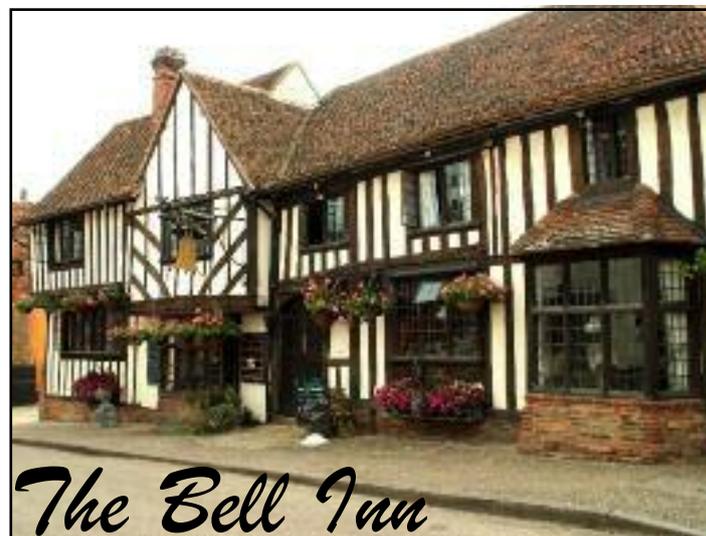


About twenty five parishioners met in Arger Fen in the afternoon of Sunday 27th April and were escorted by Suffolk Wildlife warden, Gordon Kennett, who took us on an informative walk along leafy paths between carpets of bluebells and primroses.

He pointed out some of the work that he and helpers had been doing to improve the reserve and to help maintain it's character. We all, including our vicar, Judith, thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and finished the afternoon with tea and cakes at the Assington farm shop.

Please organise another visit soon Gordon.

*Elizabeth Gardiner*



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If you've found yourself muttering under your breath about irresponsible parking & speeding traffic or worry about the safety of children (& us adults) cyclists & shoppers - please consider joining SPEEDWATCH for the sake of your family & friends.

Ring Debbie (parish council clerk) on 210943 for more information or drop a note into Bell House. Thank you.

## Stowmarket Choral is now recruiting new singers.

With about 60 members we attract singers from a wide area of mid Suffolk and have performed in a wide variety of venues including Snape Maltings, Ely, Bury St Edmunds and Rochester Cathedrals, The Smetana Hall in Prague, The John Peel Centre, Stowmarket URC and Parish Church and The Apex in Bury St Edmunds.

If you would like to come and see what singing in the choir is like you are welcome to attend for 2 or 3 weeks without commitment. We meet at Combs Middle School from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

If you are interested in joining please ring out Membership Secretary Janice Prior on 01449 678425 or e mail her at [Janice.prior@btinternet.com](mailto:Janice.prior@btinternet.com)



Photo David Lamming

Gerald Smith, who stood down at last month's elections after 20 years service on Groton Parish Council, several as chairman, was presented with a standard rose and a framed commemorative certificate at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May. He is seen here with David Elliott and current chairman Carey Fraulo.

## Dear friends,

Just a note of thanks for the support given to me in the recent District Council elections. Your support enabled me to be elected against the odds to serve for another term as your Babergh Councillor for the next 4 years. The welcome I received during the election and the warm congratulations since have been a very humbling experience.

Over the campaign I became aware of three things:-

Firstly; the people of Boxford ward put good representation above Politics and voted for the Person, not the Party.

Secondly, housing is still the most prevalent issue across the whole Babergh District. I feel that now we have secured the Sandhill Site for Boxford other parts of the District should play their part in this National problem which is blighting the upcoming generation.

Thirdly, I found so many people during my campaign who lead very lonely lives and have little to look forward to. People with no transport are very isolated in our villages. With this in mind and wearing my Quay Theatre hat I will be organising a trip to the Quay on the 27th May to see Sudbury Musical Societies Acorn Antiques, a fantastic and funny show. I will hire a 12 seater mini bus and drive it myself, the trip will be for people who find it difficult to get out in the evening because of lack of transport. Theatre ticket price is £10 and I am hoping to arrange the travel cost for free with the help of friends and contacts who feel as I do that everyone deserves a treat sometime.

If interested, please call me on 01787 210854 or leave a message at Boxford Post Office. Thank you all, *Bryn Hurren.*

## GROTON VILLAGE HALL

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm

The Annual General Meeting of Groton Village Hall will be held in the Hall (formerly the WI Hall) at 7.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report & Accounts for the period to 31 March 2015
2. To elect members of the Management Committee
3. To conduct any other relevant business.

All residents of the Parish of Groton, aged 18 or over, are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

By order of the Management Committee  
12 May 2015

## THE QUAY THEATRE

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**Saturday 6th June 7.30pm**  
Bootleg Bee Gees Tickets: £14.00 No Concessions  
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**Friday 12th June 7.30pm** Robin Ince: Blooming, Buzzing Confusion Tickets: £14.00 No Concessions, Versatile comedy veteran delivers a highly improvised set.

**Saturday 13th June 7.30pm** The Blues Brothers Experience Tickets: £15.00 No Concessions  
A mind-blowing Blues Brothers Tribute.

**Thursday 18th -20TH June 7.30pm** Quay Productions Lettice & Lovage Tickets: £10.00 No Concessions. Peter Shaffer's multi-award winning comedy.

**Friday 26th June 7.30pm** Alan Bonner with Guest Michael John McGlone Tickets: £9.00 (Friends £8.00), Alan Bonner brings his soulful sensitivity with original songs to The Quay.

**Saturday 27th June 7.30pm** Germaine Greer: The Disappearing Woman Tickets: £14.00 (Friends £13.00). Forty years ago it seemed that women were about to take their rightful place in the world, in parliament, in the church, in the judiciary, in the workplace but when you open my newspaper you find that news is still made by men in suits.

# Wot's On

## BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

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

### Monks Eleigh Whist Drives 2014-15

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

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

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

### Newton Village Hall Events REGULAR EVENTS:

Monday mornings (term time only) : Yoga class ( 313662 for details)

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

Tuesday evenings: JT Steppers Line Dance Club (377343 for details)

Friday afternoons: Art Club ( phone Anne on 312346 for details)

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

### 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

### Polstead Art Group 2015 Exhibition

**Polstead Village Hall, Saturday 25th July 10am-5pm**

and Sunday 26th July from 11am to 5pm, Free admission

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# Wot's On

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## Leavenheath Open Gardens

### & Magna Carta Scarecrow Trail

Sunday 14th June 11:00am – 5:00pm

Gardens open, Craft Fair village hall; Magna Carta exhibition

Music- Choir singing period music, Men of Straw- folk/country duo,

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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
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# Wot's On

## Sounds of the Past OPEN DAYS

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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: 8th July. 9th Sept. 11th Nov.  
*Sue Green.*

## 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]

## Quiz night

Quiz night at The Lion Leavenheath in Aid of The East Anglia's Children's Hospice & Leavenheath Scouts/Cubs & Beavers  
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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

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# Wot's On

## 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](mailto: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

See behind the scenes on the Artists' Trail.

Come and visit the studios of artists working in the Sudbury area. Find out how they create fused glass, silver jewellery, paint, spin, weave, sculpt and make pots. What materials and techniques do they use? What inspires them? Perhaps you may become inspired yourself. Each studio is very individual, from a small shed in the garden to one purpose built from straw bales, and all interesting to explore. There will be plenty of original work on view and an opportunity to buy. As part of the Suffolk Open Studios initiative, seventeen artists' studios will be open the weekend of June 20/21 creating a special Artist's Trail around Sudbury. More information will be available nearer the dates in an Artist's Trail leaflet or on the website: <http://www.suffolkopenstudios.org/artist-trails>

## HADLEIGH ORCHESTRA

**Summer Concert at Boxford Church Sunday, June 14th. 6.30 p.m.**

For the first time ever the Hadleigh Orchestra is holding its summer concert in Boxford Church. Previously we have held it in Polstead (and occasionally at Stoke-by-Nayland). The reason for this is that in Boxford you have the ideal piano in Church to perform our main work: Litolf's famous Scherzo for piano and orchestra (about the only thing he's remembered for today!). The other main item will be the last two movements of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony. This is the very dramatic depiction of a storm and the calm that follows it. The programme will also include Bizet's 'Carillon' and the overture to Wagner's 'Lohengrin' – a real crowd pleaser and the whole concert will last for about an hour. We do hope that you will support us and come to enjoy this lovely programme of music that we are preparing under the direction of Ute Cooper.

As is our usual custom, entry is free but we will ask you to contribute to a retiring collection as you leave which will help us to cover our expenses and enable us to make a donation to the church.

John Druce (chairman, Hadleigh Orchestra)

## Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club Vintage Rally

Gret Waldingfield Airfield, 13th 14th June, 1030am to 5.00pm daily  
Steam engines, cars, tractors, motorcycles, stationary Engines, Commercial Vehicles, Stalls, Children's entertainment.

Ring events all day  
Food, Licensed Bar

## Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

Little Waldingfield Flower Festival in St Lawrence Church,  
Little Waldingfield Church on September 5th and 6th.



**BOXFORD**  
Gardens Open

**Sunday 7th June 2015 11.00am-5.00pm**

*Over 20 gardens open in Boxford, Groton and Edwinstone*

**Coffee, cakes, ploughmans lunches  
and cream teas in Boxford Village Hall**

**Plant and cake stalls outside the school**

**Church tower open - breathtaking views**

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Tickets £5 (children under 16 FREE)  
Main ticket desk at the Church or look out for the  
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# Wot's On

## Fashion Show

FunDancing hosts another fabulous fund raising event for Age UK Suffolk Saturday 27th June 2015

St Joseph's Church Hall, Long Bessels, Hadleigh

"I've nothing to wear, it all looks the same and I don't know how to change it?" Well "How to Style Yourself Evening: A Fashion Show With a Difference" may just have the answer. Doors open at 6pm

Be greeted with a welcome drink, before wandering around the various "stalls" of affordable accessories, objects and services that will enhance fabulous you. Buy raffle tickets, have a go at the lucky dip before settling down to be shown, by Liz from Elizabeth: Style and Image Coach, how to transform basic outfits into fabulous ones with minimal cost and regardless of size or shape.

The show starts promptly at 7pm

The evening finishes at 9:30pm, after the Raffle and the Lucky Number Ticket draw. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

Entry by "Lucky Number Ticket" £5.00 in advance or £7.00\* on the door (\*if there are any left!) Available from Janet on 07506 350 455 email janet@fundancing.co.uk, or

Anne on 07747 556 565 email annelouisehall@hotmail.co.uk

## Father's Day at SbN

Sunday 21 June from 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Treat your dad to an afternoon out at SbN with delicious food options available. Booking is strongly advised. Please call 01206 262836 or email sales@stokebynayland.com for more information.

## Ladies Who Lunch, Tuesday 14 July from 12noon

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## Wedding Open Evening, 15 July from 4pm to 8pm –

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Saturday 27th June 2015

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Fashion Show - 7:00 pm (prompt)  
Evening Ends - 9:30 pm

Venue

St Joseph's Church Hall  
Long Bessels  
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A Charity Event for Age UK Suffolk (registered charity no. 1080800)



29th ANNUAL DAY SCHOOL  
Stoke by Nayland Village Hall  
10.30am, Sat, 18th July 2015



## '200 Years of Local Countryside History'

An illustrated talk by Ashley Cooper



Ashley Cooper talking to guests at Hill Farm

This talk will follow the fluctuating fortunes of local agriculture and village life through farm diaries, letters, reports from learned societies, and human memories as we look at the land, those who worked it and lived around it, from about 1730 to 1940

Total cost is just £14 including coffee on arrival, morning lecture, lunch, and visit to the Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe Museum and Roman Villa (GD9 9BL). You will be required to provide your own transport to the Museum in the afternoon but places are limited to 25 so early booking is recommended

To book please contact: Sue Whiteley Phone: 01787 216945  
or email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

Next course 24th September 2015 -  
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## Little Waldingfield Village Fete and Fun Day

Saturday 11th July on the Playingfield

1pm start till late



All day BBQ and Bar

1pm Car Boat Sale £5 pitch

2pm Traditional style village fete

Tug of War

Petanque/Boules

Family games – e.g. Welly Wanging, 3-Legged race

Stalls

7pm Evening quiz in marquee – £4 pp including glass of wine and nibbles

For more information call evenings or weekends to

01787 249111 – Charlie Miller

01787 247603 – Trevor Humel

All profits in aid of Little Waldingfield Playingfield funds

## Forthcoming Events Diary

### May

31 Suffolk Village Festival St Mary's Church 6pm

### June

2 Boxford Gardening Society	Planning and Planting a shrub border	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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
20 Newton reen Fete		Newton Green	12.30-5pm

### July

1 Boxford WI	Museum Costumess	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
9 Boxford WI	Glass Painting and Deco patch	Kersey Mill	2pm
11 Little Waldingfield Fete and Fun Day		The Ltl W Playing Fields	1pm till late

### August

8 Antiques Valuation Day Groton Church 11.00am-2.00pm

### 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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**Priest in Charge:**

The Revd Judith Sweetman

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Tel: 01787 210091; e-mail: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com

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

**NSM:**

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

Tel: 211765; e-mail: davidabel19@hotmail.com

**Reader:**

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**Lay Elder:**

David Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU

Tel: 210360; Fax: 329770; 07968 791135; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com

*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.

Box River Benefice

# café church



An informal time of worship  
With fresh coffee and pastries!

Boxford Church  
Sunday June 7th  
11am

With activities for children  
focusing on Candlemas



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwardens:**

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

Peter Patrick, Amberley,  
White Street Green. tel 210346

### Fundraising:

A Suffolk Villages Festival Concert is being held on Sunday 31st May at 6pm:- A fundraising event for St. Mary's Church and SVF through the generosity of two outstanding musicians: Anneke Scott (natural horn) and Steven Devine (piano). Songs of Love, War and Melancholy: operatic fantasias and song settings for horn ("another voice which sings") and piano. Full details including ticket prices can be found on the concert flyers at the back of church & posters.

See Ad in 'Wots On'

### How to help St. Mary's Church with its fundraising:

When buying anything on line go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) It is very easy to use - the web site explains everything! Register & then go to the link to your favourite on line vendor eg: Amazon. Order as usual. Amazon (as an example) gives a small donation to St. Mary's Church; you don't pay anything more though!

### The "West End Project"

Many thanks are due to those who have recently donated funds towards the improvements at the West End. We need to buy 40 chairs & 10 tables. The chairs are £57.28 each & tables £97.00 each. We also want to carpet this area. 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

### BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN: Sunday 7th June 2015

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### CAFÉ CHURCH- 1st Sunday each month at 11.00am.

All are most welcome. The next Café Church will be on Sunday June 1st

### Bible Study Group –

Meets at 47 Swan Street, Boxford on 2nd & 4th Monday each month at 7.30pm - all are welcome to this time of fellowship

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015:

The Cake stalls & Coffee morning on Saturday 9th May held in Mary's House raised £430.60- a wonderful effort & many thanks to everyone involved.

## MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2015 diary in Mary's House for making bookings

When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of every booking, as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking.

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

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

**Please, NO LATER THAN 12th June 2015**

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

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

email address: [sedwards1946@btinternet.com](mailto:sedwards1946@btinternet.com)



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
**Vacant**

We would like to thank all those who joined us for coffee in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th May. It was great to see so many people there and we are extremely grateful for their help in raising over £230 for our church.

**Fleece Jazz** Don't forget to book your tickets for the Jazz Gig in Stoke by Nayland Hotel on Friday 12th June at 7.30. Ring 01787 211865. All cheques to be sent with a SAE to: Fleece Jazz, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk, CO10 5JR.

On **Sunday 10th May** the outdoor Benefice Rogation Service was held, by kind permission of Richard and Deirdre Abrey at Park Farm, Edwardstone. We started with a service on the hillside, overlooking their lake with the Box River running through the valley and Edwardstone Church nestling amongst the trees in the distance. We sat on straw bales and sang hymns, accompanied by the Revd Judith on her guitar. The sun came out and we were given delicious refreshments before we were shown round their amazing collection of exotic birds in their aviaries and on ponds and lakes around the farm. It was a truly enjoyable morning for everyone.



**Rota:**

**Sidesman/Coffee** 21st June 9.30 **Morning Worship** Pam Dodd/Anita Steel

**Flowers** Pam Dodd

**Cleaning** Marlene Clarke and Ineke Morris

occasion with great pleasure.

16th May: We are looking forward to the launch of our new church guide compiled by Clive Paine who will be with us on the day to talk about his research. Refreshments will be served.

17th May: Our second Reflective Service at 4 pm will be led by Reverend Judith and our lay team and tea will be served. Everyone welcome.

**Rota:**

	<b>Sidesman</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
<b>June 7</b>	Mr Bowden & Mrs Ridgeon	Mrs Gregor-Smith
<b>June 14</b>	Mr & Mrs Simpson	Mrs Roser
<b>June 21</b>	Visiting	Mrs Duffy
<b>June 28</b>	Visiting	Mrs Ewen



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

12th April: Our Holy Communion Service was taken by Revd Judith and she spoke of the circumstances of Jesus' resurrection and of Thomas' doubt. Thank you to Revd Judith for providing the music and to all helpers.

26th April: Revd Judith took our Service of Morning Worship and to illustrate her Address on the story of the good Shepherd, she produced a beautiful shepherd's crook. Revd Judith welcomed a family from Newfoundland, Canada who were staying with a member of the congregation. We held in our thoughts the sudden death of a young mother in our village. Our collection went to help the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. Thank you to Bob Smith who played the organ for us and to all who helped including two young children.

2nd May: The Village Hall was full of the sounds of activity at the Annual Gift Day Coffee Morning. Revd Judith explained our plans for the church. Thank you to all who helped to make the event successful and especially to all who gave generously towards our funds.

10th May: Rogation Sunday was held at Park Farm, Edwardstone by the kind invitation of Richard and Deirdre Abrey.

### Benefice News

**MARY'S HOUSE:** £445.70 was raised for Mary's House by the coffee morning held on 28 March 2015. Grateful thanks to Joan Smith for organising this and to all who helped both by providing cakes or other items for sale, and on the day. The money is a significant contribution to the running expenses of Mary's House, which is a valuable community asset in our benefice.

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETING:** A reminder that the ministry team meets next on Wednesday 27 May 2015 – 7.30 pm at Mary's House

**ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION:** The annual 'visitation' service for our deanery, when the churchwardens elected to office at this year's church annual meetings are sworn in, is at St Mary's Church, Glemsford at 7.30 pm on Thursday 18 June 2015. Please come to support your churchwardens on this significant occasion in the life of our deanery.

### General Church News

**SUFFOLK SHOW:** As in previous years, the Diocese will have a marquee and place of hospitality at the Suffolk Show on 27 and 28 May 2015. Find us at tradestand 138 (Flower Show Avenue, next to Adnams Beach Eat catering area.)

**DIOCESAN SYNOD:** The summer meeting of the synod is on Saturday 13 June at 9.00 am in the St Nicholas Centre in Ipswich. This will be the first meeting of the synod to be presided over by our new Diocesan Bishop, Martin Seeley.

**ENTHRONEMENT OF BISHOP MARTIN:** Following his consecration in Westminster Abbey on 14 May 2015 (Ascension Day), Bishop Martin will be enthroned at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Saturday 20 June 2015. Look out in the weekly pewsheet, The New Wine, for a notice on how to apply for tickets for this service.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY AND DISTRICT:** Visit the website for reports and news of CTIS&D events: churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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

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**VISIT OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR:** See the report on page 1 about the visit of Ambassador Matthew Barzun to Groton on Wednesday 24 June. More details to follow nearer the date.

**NEPAL:** £136 was sent to Christian Aid for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal following the 9.30 am service at Groton on 26th April.

**Rota:**

**Sidesman:** Mrs Scriven

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### Wednesday 3rd

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

### Thursday 4th

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

### Sunday 7th

<b>Trinity 1</b>	(** Boxford Open Gardens **)	(G)
Boxford	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
<b>Boxford</b>	<b>11.00 Café Church – informal service for all ages</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

### Wednesday 10th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

### Sunday 14th

<b>Trinity 2</b>		(G)
Lt Waldingfield	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

### Wednesday 17th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

### Thursday 18th

Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Lay Team

### Sunday 21st

<b>Trinity 3</b>		(G)
Edwardstone	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

### Wednesday 24th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House TBC

### Sunday 28th

<b>Trinity 4</b>		(G)
Groton	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00 Morning Worship	Revd Judith & lay team
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury



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## Soap Box

I know the election is now a few weeks behind us, but please forgive me if I take this opportunity to return to what actually happened in early May. First a confession. I spent election night and much of the preceding week on holiday in Madeira. Holiday, note. While I accept that Madeira is Portuguese territory, this was not one of our trips to the Algarve to work on our garden there or try to keep on top of the house we bought last year.

Madeira is a magical place. It is 30 years since I first visited the island – a little longer in my wife's case. We first stayed there together some 20 years ago. Since then we have been hooked and May is our favourite time. The flowers are in full bloom, the weather as near perfect as you could imagine, though admittedly cloudy some of the time, with a wind that demands a cardigan or pullover, but charming, peaceful and generally relaxing.

So if the choice is between flying off to our little island paradise or staying behind to participate in what promised to be the most difficult to forecast election in a generation, where's the choice? And we did make certain we contributed to the demographic process by securing postal votes. Moreover, waking early we found ourselves drawn to the BBC World Service television coverage of the election, with all the excitement of seeing the pollsters confounded.

Should we have been surprised at the eventual result? Probably not, given that the final post-voting exit poll gave a very good steer as to the final outcome. One US pollster, contributing to the media debate in the final run up to polling, warned that the presence of the "shy Tory" voting should not be ignored. These were those who, while unprepared to own up to being a likely Conservative voter if asked, nevertheless planned all along to support the Prime Minister.

As a lifelong Conservative and, until recently in any event, an activist, I am hardly likely to quarrel with the result. Still, elements of the outcome do appear to make it hard to justify the way in which our electoral system currently operates. The near

annihilation of the Liberal Democrat presence and a surge of Scottish National representatives, elected with far fewer votes, does seem a trifle unfair. UKIP also feels sorely treated, though I suspect their role as the equivalent of "none of the above" on the ballot paper inflated their following and hardly presents a strong case for proportional representation.

During the last government, the way in which our elections were conducted and the methods used to secure a winner were debated nationally. We opted for the first past the post system that has been in place for many years. But the move away from a two party dominance of the electoral register may make this less appropriate for the future. The Tories secured more than 50% of the seats with less than 40% of the votes. While I feel certain this was the best outcome for the country – and for us in South Suffolk, too – it seems to me that a better justification for the final result would be no bad thing.

There are several options for reforming the voting system in this country, though I suspect none will be on the agenda for this parliament. Electoral reform is likely, though, as a strong belief that there are too many MPs with widely differing constituencies does exist. This is not specifically a party political issue, though it is likely the Conservatives would benefit from any boundary changes introduced. Still, providing a method for securing a government through a vote that is clearly fair and allows minority parties a role that is appropriate is now looking overdue. I wonder when it might happen?

*Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.*

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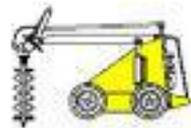
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# GARDENING IN JUNE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Tall bearded irises are at their best this month and in exposed positions the tall stems will need the support of a light cane to keep them upright. Remove the dead blooms as they die to allow ample space for the new flowers. Cut back all stems as soon as flowering has finished and give 4ozs per square yard of a general fertiliser to encourage sturdy growth for next years flowering. Inspect leaves of bearded irises for signs of leaf spot disease (brown spots with yellow rings around them) and spray with a copper based fungicide. Trim back to ground level the leaves of iris unguicularis, often known as iris stylosa, to allow the sun to ripen the rhizomes which is essential for a good flowering.

Remove rose suckers as they appear through the soil, after tracing them back to their source. Suckers which appear some distance from the bush are often difficult to track back to the rootstock, in which case spraying with paraquat will kill the sucker without damage to the bush. Do not spray a sucker with a weed killer containing Glyphosphate (round up) as this will kill the whole bush.

Plant out young dahlias and pinch out the growing point after two to three weeks. This will encourage the production of several side growths and make bushy plants that will give a long succession of flowers.

Chrysanthemum plants need stopping the same way as dahlias. They should never be allowed to become dry at their roots otherwise the stems will become hard and woody and will not produce good quality flowers. Give 1/2 ozs. per square yard of Nitro-chalk to produce fast growth and supple stems. Water thoroughly each week and give an overhead spray of clear water on sunny days.

Plant leeks as land becomes available to provide a crop for winter use. For ordinary purposes the best method of planting is to make holes with a blunt dibber six to eight inches and nine inches between plants. Trim the roots and leaves back a little, and drop the plants in the holes. Water the holes to settle the roots and do not fill with soil, they should be left open to give room for the leeks to swell.

Most years the young leaves of Broad Beans are attacked by the pea and bean weevil. The signs are U shaped notches at the edges of the leaves. This is not a serious pest and under good growing conditions the plants suffer little damage. Some people confuse this with vine weevil.

"A dripping June puts things in tune" is the old saying. June is the month when all plants are making lush growth and at no time should they suffer

from the lack of moisture. Good strong growth is essential to producing good crops of vegetable flowers or fruit. No plant can give of its best if allowed to become hard, woody and stunted by lack of moisture and nutrients.

June 21 is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth. But this extra light and warmth also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions.

## Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds
- 2 Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas
- 3 Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes
- 4 Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes
- 5 Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside
- 6 Mow lawns at least once a week
- 7 Plant out summer bedding
- 8 Stake tall or floppy plants
- 9 Prune many spring-flowering shrubs
- 10 Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch

## Tidy and Mend

Strong winds at this time of year can cause quite a bit of damage to taller perennials, so it's essential to keep staking and tying them up to help prevent damage, especially with vulnerable plants such as Delphiniums and Peonies. Metal plant supports are ideal for use in borders and at the edge of lawns and paths to do this. And Flower rings are also great for supporting plants such as freesias, chrysanth.

Any remaining spring flowering shrubs can be pruned back when over to encourage next year's growth.

Continue to hoe soil to keep down weeds, or pull them out by hand. This should be done in warm, dry conditions to ensure any weed seedlings left on the surface dehydrate and die.

Come June it's pretty safe to assume the frosts are behind us (although nothing is guaranteed). So now is the time to plant out those varieties that have been brought on in the greenhouse. But still be cautious of rushing this, making sure your plants are well established before putting them through the transition to outside. It's an idea to still have some fleece or newspaper to hand to cover plants outside should a night frost be forecast.

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# Parish Council Matters

## Meeting of Boxford Parish Council 7th April District Council Report

District Cllr Bryn Hurren reported that an Appeal had been made against the refusal to grant permission at Cynet Court. He confirmed P Kirkham was starting to gather support from residents in relation to a Neighbourhood Plan. Negotiation continues in relation to the Post Office. The mobile phone mast consultation is at a very early stage. Cllr Balls raised the issue of site construction and delivery vehicles breaking up the road as they use Daking Avenue to access the works on Goodlands. Cllr Hurren agreed to follow up with the site foreman. Cllr Hurren agreed to make a formal complaint regarding the unsatisfactory planning pages on the District Council website.

### Correspondence

It was agreed to seek a progress report from the County Council on potential street lighting for Goodlands. The County Council has no plans to upgrade their lanterns in the centre of the village for the present. In relation to the Parish owned lanterns, the next phase of upgrades are being considered. The LED lantern currently used is similar to the one provided in phase 1 with no feasible heritage or bulb replacement alternatives.

### Finance

A saving had been gained by including the Parish Council's building under its general insurance policy. A large Invoice had been received from the County Council which appeared to be duplicated. The Clerk successfully challenged it. The annual cost of grass cutting at the Playing field was duly paid along with the other routine commitments.

### Planning

The Planning Authority confirmed Listed Building Consent had been granted to retain external oil fired boiler to the rear of 10 Ellis Street. Members reviewed the pre application consultation in respect of a 20m mobile phone mast at Sherbourne Ho Farm, Sherbourne Street. The Parish Council was supportive of this proposal. The Parish Council also had No Objections to proposed tree work at Ramree.

### Clubs Lane. Reports

The road patching had been marked out in Stone Street and the state of Assington Lane had been reported to County Highways. A damaged sign at the junction of Assington Lane and Brick Kiln Hill was reported. 2015 Meeting dates for **Boxford Parish Council:**

1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December.  
Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council



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## Readers Letters

Sir

I would like to say a very big thank you to all those that phoned, family and friends who sent cards, flowers and offers of help during my extended stay in hospital. I am now at home and getting stronger each day.

Thank you to everyone who sent words of comfort and cards on the loss of my dad, George Green on 11th April. Dad loved Boxford and the people he met here on Tuesdays at the Bingo.

Thanks again  
Shirley Grimwood

Dear Sir,

May I take this opportunity, through your pages, to thank the 583 residents of Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Lindsey and Milden who chose to put their faith in me and vote Conservative on May 7th – I am grateful for your support - and to congratulate Bryn on his fifth successive election.

For those unaware, the final result was as follows:  
Bryn Hurren – Liberal Democrats – 654 (45.04%)  
David Talbot Clarke – Conservative – 583 (40.15%)  
Andrew Hathaway – Labour – 127 (8.75%)  
Felix Reeves Whymark – Green Party – 81 (5.58%)  
Spoilt ballot papers – 7

Turnout across the five parishes was 80.58% (1,452 votes cast out of 1,769), the greatest number of voters in any Babergh Ward – a statistic to be incredibly proud of.

I would also like to thank Andrew and Felix for making this the first time in 16 years that there has been more than two candidates for Boxford in a Babergh election; democracy can clearly be seen in action here – I trust they'll both be back in 2019 to offer choice to our residents once again. I hope to be there too.

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## 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.



MILDEN CRICKET CLUB  
[www.mildencricket.com](http://www.mildencricket.com)

Milden Cricket Club play in the Hunts County Bats League and their home matches are played at Milden Pavilion on Sundays starting at 1.30pm \* against the following teams:-

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## BOXFORDS NATIONAL KARATE SILVER MEDLIST



Amelia Lait of Boxford attended the KUGB National Karate Championships at the NIA Arena in Birmingham on May 2nd. Amelia, who is 9 years of age, is a 3rd kyu (Brown belt) and competed in the under 10s IPPON KUMITE with participants from all over the country including Ireland.

Successfully winning each of her rounds, she narrowly missed out on winning gold in the finals and came home with a SILVER medal which is a fantastic achievement.

Amelia attends the Stoke by Nayland karate club who meet every Tuesday and Friday at the Stoke by Nayland Golf Club. They welcome all ages from 7years and further information can be found on their website [www.snskc.org.uk](http://www.snskc.org.uk)

## JASMINE AND DAWN'S MARATHON SUCCESS



We would like to thank all our friends, family and the people of Boxford for their huge support in our Marathon adventure. There were times during our training that we found very tough with injuries being the main problem. The actual day started incredibly well, we tried to take it all in but it was all too overwhelming. Dawn finished in a fantastic time of 5 hours 4mins. I, however, experienced some leg problems at mile 19 but crossed the line in 5 hours 26mins.

The charity that we were running for was a charity called MACS. This is a charity that helps children born in the UK with either no eyes or underdeveloped eyes. We are proud to announce that we have managed to raise a combined, fantastic total, of £4151.

We would like to thank Rodbridge Car Centre, Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, The White Hart, The Fox and Suffolk Medical, to name just a few, for providing prizes for our Grand Prize Draw. Special thanks goes to Paul Kelshaw at Kelly Media for providing the top prize of a 2 night stay at a hotel in Dorset which was won by Robert Estall.

Thank you again to everyone who supported us.

Regards Jasmine Lait and Dawn Mace

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