

# Box River News

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*St Mary's Church from the gardens of Chequers*

## WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY IN BOXFORD'S GARDENS



*The Lake at Waterside in Edwardstone*

Once again the sun shone all day for the 18th Boxford Gardens Open on Sunday 7th June. With 27 gardens open this year, including 6 new gardens, the shuttle bus was in great demand all day, ferrying visitors backwards and forwards between Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton. For many it was difficult to decide where to start first - a bit of plant retail therapy at the plant stalls in the school car park or maybe an ice cream from Major Miles, the vintage ice cream bike? In the event most people set off for the gardens, returning for a delicious ploughman's lunch at the village hall. People were not only heard to comment about the lovely gardens but also about the warm welcome they were receiving. We had just over 450 visitors and the day raised £4,100 for Boxford St Mary's Church. Thanks go to all gardeners who opened their gardens and to everyone who helped in any way before, during and after the day. Thanks also to our sponsors Copella, Suffolk Medical Clinic, The White Hart, Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel and Zinnia Garden Design. Angela Tolputt

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## BOXFORD SCHOOL POOL OPENING 1964



In the June 2015 edition of the Box River News under the heading Boxford School News appears a report of the schools activities. Emphasis is made of the fact that every child leaving the school last year was able to swim - a truly magnificent achievement. It is stated that the school always had a swimming pool, but just how many persons can remember it being built?

During the time that Mr Peter Blackey was head master a Parent Teachers Association (PTA) was formed, the Chairman being Mr Leslie Clarke, a school governor. The inevitable committee was formed to look into the possibility of constructing an indoor swimming pool. Mr Edwin Panks drew up the plans and work eventually started. How to fund the project? The mothers of the children organized Whist Drives, Coffee Mornings, Bring and Buy, Jumble Sales in fact anything that would generate money. Meanwhile the men folk of the village set about the actual construction, all persons giving of their time and expertise without thought of reward. Material and equipment was made available by Mr W.B. Kingsbury, the local builder, all at cost price, I know this because I was the Treasurer of the undertaking. Eventually the pool was finish and opened by Mr John Hill the County Education Officer in 1964. I do not doubt that during the 51 years it has been in use many changes have been made, and hundreds of children have been taught to swim.

*P.W.Fletcher*

## BOXFORD MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP



Boxford Baby and Toddler Group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who purchased the Boxford Christmas Card 2014. The village kindly chose us to receive the proceeds from sales in 2014, and a few weeks ago we were amazed and delighted to be given a cheque for £264! We have been able to buy some much-needed supplies for the group, including arts and crafts materials, aprons for the children for messy activities, fancy dress costumes and (very importantly!) some lovely new coffee mugs for the grown ups! We are also planning to purchase a fold-up house/den for the children to play in.

We meet every Wednesday during term time from 9am to 11am at Boxford Village Hall and are always delighted to welcome new people. There is no obligation to come every week - just pop in whenever you fancy it for fun and games for children, and coffee and homemade cakes for grown-ups!

Thank you once again Boxford for supporting us. Boxford Baby and Toddler Group has been running for at least 30 years and we hope to continue to thrive for many years to come!

## FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 3 July 7.45pm £16

### JACQUI HICKS QUINTET

"Jacqui is the best we have." Digby Fairweather

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

Friday, 10 July 8.00, £16

### Mark Crooks Quartet

Mark's flair for phrasing is reminiscent of Stan Getz and his return is eagerly awaited. Mark Crooks clarinet/tenor sax, Colin Oxley guitar, Jeremy Brown bass, Ed Richardson drums

"Mark is brilliant on both instruments (tenor sax and clarinet), but it is on the clarinet that he shines brightest, in our opinion".

Quoted from comments in a local paper regarding a previous visit to Fleece Jazz. More shining from this polished quartet is promised tonight. First rate indeed, with Colin Oxley, Jeremy Brown and Ed Richardson to work and play with.

Friday, 16 July 8.00, £16

### Kevin Flanagan: Rip-Rap

"Acoustic jazz of the highest order where the musicians solo beautifully and sit in grooves like they've found a new place to live." - Sue Edwards, Royal Festival Hall.

Kevin Flanagan sax, David Gordon piano, Joel Humann bass, Tom Hooper drums. Riprap features quite extraordinary musicians who knit so well together in their modern progressive jazz style. Kevin and Gordon seem to work as one mind in the RipRap context. The band wowed us at their last visit. Kevin has made an indelible mark on the British jazz scene, having played

with a huge range of top people in a variety of styles.

Gordon is a classically trained pianist and composer with much work for BBC Radio 3 and others, as well as with fellow jazz musicians. Joel and Tom are the heart of the band: excellent players. You won't want to miss them.

Friday 7 August 8.00 £15

### Robert Habermann Sings Gershwin

Robert Habermann takes his audience on a journey through some of the 20th Century's greatest love songs and the stories behind them. He has met many of the actual writers! His show is punctuated with anecdotes and stories to make this a fun evening. Robert Habermann vocals, Trevor Brown piano Robert Habermann is an accomplished singer/songwriter of The Great American and British Songbooks. He worked in the U.S.A where he was voted Best International Performer 1994 by the prestigious Manhattan Association of Cabarets of New York, resulting in several major tours. Robert was the first major British singer to perform a concert to celebrate Frank Sinatra's 80th Birthday at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Pianist Trevor Brown is known for his versatility and virtuosity. Trevor spent twenty years as pianist with the Joe Loss Orchestra. Nowadays he very much enjoys being part of The Syd Lawrence Orchestra.

Friday 21 August 8.00 £16

### Basil Hodge Quintet: Celebrating Horace Silver

Pianist Basil Hodge and his brilliant band pay homage to the influential American jazz piano player, composer and hard bop pioneer, Horace Silver, who died last year, aged 85. Basil Hodge piano, Tony Kofi saxes, Quentin Collins trumpet, Larry Bartley bass, Rod Youngs drums

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## THE APRIL LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

### Eastern Delight !

Some aspects of ministry are challenging, some are exhausting...but there can be great moments of consolation! Tonight – as I write this – was certainly one of those. John East, resident of Edwardstone and acclaimed jazz musician and singer, and his brilliant band, enthralled an audience of about 120 people crammed into the room used by Fleece Jazz at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club and Hotel. All this to raise welcome funds for Edwardstone Church.

I'm not sure how many vicars get to attend a jazz gig as part of their ministerial duties (so I enjoyed dressing in civvies for once!), but it doesn't get much better than this ! Thank you John, thank you to all your fellow musicians and to all who organised the event, for so generously giving of your time, skills and energy on our behalf.



John East

Different, but comparable joys, took the form, last month, of meeting and mingling with many residents and visitors at the stunning Boxford Open Gardens event. With over 20 beautiful gardens in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton, it was impossible for most people to get around all of them, although many made a gallant effort. Angela Tolputt and her loyal team, plus some welcome newcomers, gave us gardens to remember and refreshments to savour.



Scott Bayliss

The beauty of both these events seems to lie in two things.

Firstly, those involved really want to please others. The John East Project clearly takes delight when its audience is responsive and shows its appreciation as much as we did. The Open Gardeners and Caterers are happy when people have enjoyed their gardens, bought their cakes or enjoyed a delicious tea or lunch.

Secondly, people at both events work together seamlessly as a team. John East and his musicians watch each other all the time for their cues as to when to come in or when to stop. Then, when it is one musician's turn to take a solo and shine, the others keep themselves out of the limelight, even ducking down so the focus is all on their colleague. They admire and recognise each other's talents, but without jealousy or competition. But then they also come back together as one, to produce a whole band sound which raises the roof. So too, in the gardens, on the stalls, in the village hall, each person plays their role, but all support each other and watch out for each other.

What a lesson for life! What a lesson for church! To want to please others; to go out of your way and do all that you can to make them happy and then to delight in their happiness; to recognise and admire the gifts and talents of those around us; to make space for them to have their moment; to allow them to shine as individuals, keeping a lower profile ourselves; then to come together, united, to produce and offer something than cannot be achieved by any one person on their own.

St Paul wrote: "We are not to please ourselves...Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself...Live in harmony with one another...so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you"

Two great community events, two groups of people who have shown us, so powerfully, what it means to please other people and to make them welcome.

Blessings, Revd Judith



Mary's House garden

## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

### The Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey



I first read *The Daughter of Time* in the 1960s. It is Josephine Tey's attempt to seek out the truth regarding Richard III and the murder of his nephews, the two young princes in the Tower. Prompted by the discovery of the twisted skeleton in the Leicester carpark I was inspired to read her classic murder mystery once more. It felt good to have this familiar novel in my hands again.

It is the 1950s, and in a hospital bed lies Police Inspector Alan Grant, frustrated and bored, and waiting for his broken bones to heal. A friend brings him a photo of the famous portrait of Richard III, and with it comes the chance for Grant to solve an ancient murder mystery. It makes a change from staring at all those cracks in the ceiling. Grant is immediately intrigued and wants to know more. He has little knowledge of history, but at his bidding, his hospital visitors are sent away with questions to answer and research to do.

Grant learns that Richard, Duke of Gloucester, was a Yorkist and the younger brother of the tall and handsome King Edward IV. Edward dies suddenly and his two young sons are placed in the custody of their uncle Richard, who guarantees that the elder son will be crowned Edward V. However, the boys disappear whilst living in the Tower of London and then Richard claims the throne himself. Within two years Richard III is killed at the Battle of Bosworth. The Plantagenet dynasty is over and Henry Tudor is crowned Henry VII. These are the undisputed facts, but what about the disputed ones?

Was Richard responsible for the murder of the boys? Many thought so and Shakespeare added credence to this Tudor propaganda. Grant is not so sure, and from his hospital bed he applies his detective's intuition, questioning and probing, seeking out the evidence and discarding rumour and speculation. Why is Richard painted as wicked and devious when the evidence suggests otherwise? Why did Henry Tudor not accuse Richard of the murder? It is a complex web of fact and fiction, but Alan Grant is determined to unearth the truth.

Josephine Tey wrote *The Daughter of Time* in 1951, and it was an immediate best seller, adding to her fame and fortune. She died, aged only 55, the following year. Fortunately her book lives on, still intriguing readers. In 1990, *The Daughter of Time* was selected by the British-based Crime Writers' Association as the greatest mystery novel of all time.

Richard III is now buried in Leicester Cathedral, and visitors flocking to see his impressive tomb must wonder if therein lies the body of a murderer. If you are a fan of history and crime and have not read *The Daughter of Time*, this is a novel for you.



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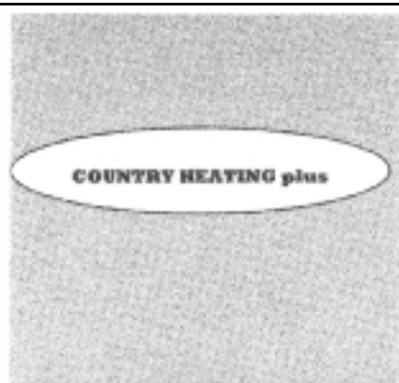
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### Jazz is back!

Jazz at the Fleece is back, rising from the ashes on 12<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm in our  
Courtyard Garden. It is free entry and there will be a BBQ.  
This will hopefully be the 1<sup>st</sup> of many, so keep your eyes peeled for more jazz!

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Open on Mondays! As we move into  
Summer we will be opening Mondays too.

#### Summer at the Fleece

Why not soak up the summer sun with Pimms  
in our courtyard garden.. Or try our new  
summer menu, with favourites such as BBQ  
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# Boxford School News

As I sit here contemplating what to put into this month's news I am reminded that we are about to move into our busiest time of year. Over the next few weeks we will be having sports days, swimming galas, our leaver's concert, a music evening, a Year 6 performance of Midsummer Nights Dream and any number of trips and education visits. Whilst it is a very busy time of year it is also one of the most enjoyable for the children and staff.



Last week we went to the Kingswood Outdoor Centre in Overstrand, North Norfolk for our Year 6 Residential. The children took part in a wide range of activities including abseiling, quad biking, caving, archery and climbing. As always our children were fantastic and approached the activities with great enthusiasm and effort. It is always interesting to see how the children will react to various situations when they are challenged by activities that are outside their normal comfort zone or that ask them to think and co-operate as part of a team. It is not always the children you expect to excel that do so. The picture shows one of our children taking part in the leap of faith 10 metres from the ground.

This time of year is when we conduct the endless range of national tests and end of year assessments and just before half term our Year 6 pupils took their all-important SATS tests. It was a very intense experience for the children but they all behaved impeccably and showed a very mature and sensible attitude throughout. I am sure that they have done us proud. It is now the turn of the rest of the school!

Just before half term we had a non-uniform day and cake stall to raise money for the Variety Club. This was organised by Elizabeth Hood, who is a young ambassador for the club, and her friends who did a fantastic job in raising £310 for the charity.

This year's summer fete will be on Saturday 11th July. I am sure that as usual it will be a fantastic event so please put the date in your diary. Earlier in the year I put a piece congratulating one of our ex-pupils who has gained a place at Cambridge University next year. Since then I have been contacted by the Raymond family who have told us that their son and another of our ex-pupils, Freddie, has also been accepted for Cambridge. Congratulations Freddie, well done for an outstanding achievement.

## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

**Suffolk County Council announces new Tenancies at Suffolk Show to rural businesses**

Four agricultural entrepreneurs were presented with a farm tenancy at the Suffolk Show as part of the "Grow Your Future" programme. The successful applicants for rural business tenancies with Suffolk County Council were presented with the awards by Terry Hunt, President for the Suffolk Agricultural Association.

The aim of the Grow Your Future programme is to encourage rural entrepreneurs to put forward new and exciting business proposals for sites within Suffolk County Council's farm estates. The various locations identified as part of the project within Suffolk County Council's farms estate offered a range of exciting opportunities for prospective new tenants.

To help develop their proposals, those shortlisted were enrolled on a programme run by Easton & Otley College and the Eastern Enterprise Hub (EEHub) called 'Grow Your Future' which was sponsored by Suffolk County Council

Through the programme they were supported to explore the feasibility of their business idea, develop a strong support network and present to experienced rural business people.

- Ray Chin: 'Back to Wilderness'. A newly established business providing Bushcraft Survival and Wilderness education in woodland throughout East Anglia
- James Macbeth: who wants to establish a sustainable business from the production and sales of grass reared lamb and beef, with the use of native British breeds.
- James and Will Gadd - "Gadd Brothers": who will be expanding their business of arboricultural, landscaping and firewood production services, together with a machinery dealership.

### Suffolk's Fostering Fortnight

SCC's fostering team invited members of the community to make a connection to fostering, raise awareness and have a conversation about the opportunities for foster care.

Children in need of fostering are some of the most vulnerable young people in our county. Foster carers do a wonderful job to provide support and a loving, stable home to young people. Anyone interested, or who knows someone who may be interested, is very much encouraged to come forward and find out more about this hugely valuable and rewarding work. To find out more, visit: [dreams.suffolk.gov.uk](http://dreams.suffolk.gov.uk)

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### Suffolk County Council Annual General Meeting – 21st May

New appointments were announced at the annual meeting of the County Council on 21st May.

Cllr Jane Storey was appointed as Chairman and Councillor Noble the new Leader. The Leader announced his new Cabinet at the meeting namely:

Cllr Christopher Hudson – deputy council leader and cabinet member for Ipswich,

Cllr Lisa Chambers – education and skills,

Cllr James Finch – highways and transport,

Cllr Tony Goldson – health;

Cllr Matthew Hicks – environment and public protection;

Cllr Becky Hopfensperger – adult care;

Cllr Gordon Jones – children's services;

Cllr Richard Smith – finance;

Cllr Sarah Stamp – communities.

I will also take responsibility as Lead Councillor for the County Farms estate so Life will become even more busy for me !!

### 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 11th June 2015

County Councillor Stour Valley Division

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# Story of Lieutenant Sam Lum and his Newton family II

## Part 2: The Long March and POW Camp

Last month's BRN article left Sam captured after being shot down over Germany and then imprisoned in Poland at Stalag Luft 3 during the hard winter of 1944-5. He picks up the story in his second letter to his English friend in Newton. Additional modern commentary is given in plain font between brackets below



Honolulu  
1 September 1945

Hello again,

*To resume my interrupted letter again. We didn't have too much luck in catching Samoan Crabs last night.*

*We were imprisoned in Stalag Luft 999 in Sagan about 90 miles SSE of Berlin in a fairly established camp. (Zagan is the camp depicted in the films The Great Escape (1963) and The Wooden Horse (1950), and is in Poland.) Red Cross food parcels came in fairly regular and together with the German rations, we had enough to eat.... but you can be sure no body put on weight. I lost about 15 pounds during the period from August to January. In January, you remember the Russians began the big winter offensive and tore across the country and were coming across the Oder. There were rumours of all sorts; some to the effect that we might have to evacuate camp, some believed there were too many prisoners to move and then came an ugly rumour that we might be executed by the SS troops. Then on the night of the 28 January came the orders to evacuate camp. What a flap! We were having evening tea at 9 and somebody dashed into the barracks with the word that other compounds nearby had orders to push out. We threw everything upside down making packs and putting our belongings into knapsacks and making sleds, tearing up all the room furniture and bed sheets, etc. We left camp about 2.30 in the morning in freezing weather and marched all night and morning, resting 10 minutes every hour until we hit a market place called Freiwaldau where we had lunch. (With Soviet troops only 16 miles away, the remaining 11,000 POWs were marched out of camp with the eventual destination of Spremberg. In below-freezing temperatures and 6 inches of snow, 2,000 prisoners were assigned to clear the road ahead of the main group. After a 34-mile march the POWs arrived in Bad Muskau where they rested for 30 hours before marching the remaining 16 miles to Spremberg.) The water was frozen, the bread sandwiches we prepared were like crunching icy biscuits. We were all tired and my hands and feet were numb from cold. (You know how I hate cold weather.) We had been dragging a huge 5 man sled with all our belongings of the 8 men in our room for about 28 kilometers. We then continued our journey towing the sled, taking turn relieving one another every hour. We could only go at a very slow pace. At night we slept in barns on straws or with horses or cattle for warmth. We were on the go for about 10 days until we hit Spremberg where we entrained for Nuremberg.*

(January and February 1945 were among the coldest winter months of the 20th century in Europe, with blizzards and temperatures as low as  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and even until the middle of March, temperatures were well below  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Most of the POWs were ill-prepared for the evacuation, having suffered poor rations and wearing clothing ill-suited to the appalling winter conditions.)

*Oh yes, I must tell you about the incident where I nearly let myself freeze to death at a place called Muskau on the trek from Sagan to Spremberg. We were supposed to stop for the night and sleep in a glass factory on the top of the hill at Muskau, but upon arrival we found out that the place was too crowded. Nobody knew what the situation was. We had given up every bit of energy going up the steep hill with that bulky 400 pound sled with the idea that here was journey's end. And then to hear that we had to keep on going further*

*to where no body could tell. Even the few guards were apathetic and it was getting dark, we were dragging one foot after the other as if in a trance. I believe most of the boys (those that did not already give up along the roadside and laid down on the snow) were just running on will power. Finally F/Lt Zillesen (RAF- you might have heard of him) with his command of the German spoken language went up on ahead and found out that we were supposed to encamp at a French POW Camp about 4 kilometers from Muskau. We turned off from the main road into a side road with drifts up to a foot and the towing began to be so slow and tiresome a lot of the boys just gave up and laid down beside the snow. I don't know whether they were picked up later or not. Anyway it was here that I had a terrific belly ache plus my exhaustion that I must have been in a daze. I couldn't keep up with the rest of my room mates and ashamed as I was that I couldn't keep up in helping pull the sled that I told them to go on by themselves. I stayed back barely able to stumble and pick up my feet. Then after I relieved myself of my pain, I intended to rest a bit on the snow. Had it not been for the assistance of my Australian room mate I would have fallen asleep on the snow. We kept on and finally reached destination - a destitute French prisoner-of-war camp. The Frenchies were very obliging people.*

*After a couple of days we rested up and then the Americans left camp while the British stayed behind. The idea was to separate all the Americans and the British. When we pulled out to the main road there were thousands and thousands of American Air Force prisoners just littering the road and we took our turn joining the formation. It was strung out miles upon miles and we could see all sorts of civilian evacuees on horse carts fleeing from the Russians on the East front. German troops were coming and going. The road was about thawing and everything seemed to be in the peak of confusion.*

*And finally after days of marching we decided to modify our sleds into back packs because the melting slush was difficult going with a sled we had to drag. Marching at night was pretty rugged because it was slippery and dark and going up hills we slid and fell many a time especially when the ice was too hard and smooth from so many fellows walking it smooth.*

*Finally we arrived at Nuremberg. Nuremberg was a miserable place to be in. Day and night, the place was pounded by night raids by the RAF and daylight raids by the Americans.*

(Sam wrote on 486th Bomb Group website in 2003, "Nuremberg (Stalag VIII-D) was a hell hole as it was next to a marshalling yard and it was bombed day and night as a consequence. Everything that moved was strafed and we thought that our camp was going to be obliterated in some of these bombing raids by the British when they were dropping their eggs between a flare path lit by chandelier flares dropped by their Mosquito fighters earlier. When the wind started to blow them over toward us in the cover, we thought our camp was going to be wiped out.")

*The place was full of fleas (being formally occupied by Italians). To top it all, there was an extreme scarcity of food for a while as every time any food or any supply was on the move to us, every vehicle was being strafed from the air by our eager fighter boys. In fact, the situation was so bad at times that we had to exist on about a fifth of a Red Cross parcel for a week and we were down to 900 calories for a couple of weeks. We were being fed dehydrated potatoes and a sort of weed soup that we called "Green Death" because it tasted awful. We saved up potato skins many a time and fried it up with margarine. My combine (6 men who stuck together in a sort of partnership of convenience for the division of food) had to resort to splitting up a can of meat to last for two days. The German issue of black bread was sometimes reduced from one 7th to one 14th of a loaf per man. We cut the bread very thin to get more slices to get the impression we were eating more. We ate the kernel of prune seeds. Personal relations with one another were at breaking point and there were a lot of quarrels over nothing and over the division of food. When the food was being divided, it had to be done to the most minute fraction or else people would jump on the divider's throat.*

*The boys were getting haggard and thin. Morale was pretty high however. We never lost hope. At nights, our meals were sometimes interrupted by an air raid and we had to sit in the dark and manage. The thawing winter was bitter cold. I must have lost an additional 10 pounds or more here. Everybody had a mild case of dysentery or cold here. I myself was coughing blood from my throat for a couple of days. There was no fuel provided and in desperation we often tore up sides of buildings including the latrines and bed boards etc. in defiance of German and American court-martial.*

Then after about a month we evacuated camp heading for Moosburg (Stalag Luft VII-A) (a march of about 100 miles). It was the approach of spring. We had to march at nights for the first few days because the American senior officer was afraid of being strafed on the road. It is very miserable marching in the nights because you cannot see very far ahead and after a while one feels like a mechanical being walking in a fantastic dream. It rained a few nights. We often fell asleep in the rain. It was not as bad as the evacuation march from Sagan to Nuremburg. After a few days of marching, the weather was beautiful and we could often see huge mass bombing formations on their way to bomb towns nearby. I heard then that our boys in the air knew where we were and that they had orders to be careful to drop only where they were supposed to drop. A few fighter planes came down on the deck to buzz us and wag a wing to show us that they knew what the score was. We slept in barns most of the time. Bavaria (the area we were in) was a country farming place and we were treated fairly decently by the country folk. We scrounged bread and eggs whenever we could by offering cigarettes or soap from our Red Cross parcels in exchange. Cigarettes had a high medium of exchange. A pack of cigarettes (American brand) could be exchanged for a whole loaf of bread sometimes. The best places to go was where the people had not been subjected to too many POW pestering them before. The later part of this journey was like a picnic. We had a lot of spuds which we made fried, boiled, mashed, etc. Red Cross trucks driven by our GI drivers came through to meet us on the road and we got about a parcel a week. We finally hit Moosburg.

Moosburg, was a huge camp... Russians, French, Indians, Poles, Australians, a few Belgians, English, and Air Force, Parachutists, Infantry, etc. were represented. (Originally Stalag Luft VIIA was planned for 10,000 prisoners, but at its liberation some 110,000 Allied soldiers were detained in the main camp.) Here we stayed a little more than a couple of weeks before we were liberated by the Third Army. We could hear heavy artillery fire a week before and we knew the allies were pushing through and the big day would be any day soon. That morning of April 29th we were cooking our meagre breakfast in the yard when machine gun slugs came whistling above our heads as the tanks came down the rolling hills and a fighter plane was circling overhead. We hit the ground until the chatter abated, then dove into the hut. Then that afternoon the German flag was lowered and our Stars and Stripes were raised amid cheers and shouts. Still we had to wait in camp for about two weeks before we were flown out to Le Havre, France, on C47s. Here we were given a good bath, fresh clean clothes and a new blouse and uniform. We went on a special diet and had most of our papers straightened and waited to be shipped back to the States.

Then we went across the United States by train where we stayed a while at a reception station. Then I caught an army transport plane and crossed the Pacific to the good old Hawaiian Islands. That in brief is my story.

Well, are you married yet? I am sending you a snapshot of myself and later on a photo. Will you please send me your photo. I lost the snap shot that you gave me as my belongings have not been returned to me yet. Give my best regards to the rest of the family.

Forever,  
Sam.

Sam made it clear in a postscript to this letter how close he felt to his English friend from Newton but they never saw each other again. She married an Scottish soldier and had a son and two daughters. She sadly died recently. Since starting to write up Sam's story we discovered that in 2003 he recorded part of his story on the 486th USAF Bomb Group website. Sam had married and had at



Sam, aged 85, with his grandson Jack in 2004.

least one child. He was at that time living with his wife May near Tampa, Florida. In 2004 he was photographed with his grandson and an article appeared in a local newspaper. As far as we know, he is still living in Florida aged around 95 with his wife aged 92 and son Wallace. Members of his Newton family are currently trying to contact him at his last known address which we have just discovered online.

Tina and Roger Loose



View of Sam's first POW camp in Poland

US soldiers from General Patton's Third Army liberate Stalag Luft VIIA on 29 April 1945



Portrait of Sam Lum in uniform on his return to Hawaii in 1945 as sent to his friend in Newton.

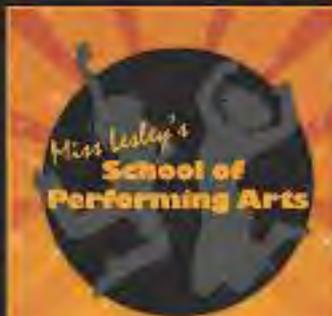
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## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY



Little Waldingfield History Society was absolutely delighted to welcome Roger Clark to the Parish Room last Wednesday night. As we anticipated, he enthralled our thirty plus audience with remarkable stories from his lifelong association with and passion for horses, all without reference to any notes or other aids, making it particularly difficult to write this review as I also took no notes! After the meeting, trustees all agreed that we should probably have recorded the talk as it reminded us in many ways of the interviews we conducted for the recent LW history project.

Roger briefly explained his thoughts on the farrier trade, which he believed was a craft rather than a profession, as he believes many want to turn it into. He explained there were three levels of qualification, the first being a Diploma, when newly qualified farriers have been judged by an eminent panel of examiners as competent to prepare a foot and, if required, to apply a shoe. The next level of Associateship of the Worshipful Company of Farriers is particularly concerned with corrective farriery, and currently there are just 183 Associates in the UK. Candidates sit a written exam, three oral examinations, a practical test requiring the fabrication of a shoe from plain steel and the correct fitting of two corrective shoes, along with a test in the use of modern materials to repair a damaged hoof.

Roger is however a Fellow of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, the most senior qualification that denotes a very high level of achievement, as the small number of Fellows (31) is testament to. Candidates must prepare an original written thesis for consideration by a panel of senior WCF examiners, then deliver a lecture on a subject of their choosing with just 60 minutes preparation time; they must also forge a corrective shoe from plain steel - this sounds extremely difficult, and perhaps explains the very small number of fellows - apparently just 175 since founding and just 31 today, per their website.

Illustrating his craft versus profession point, Roger told us about one horse which continually became lame over an 18 month period, despite many examinations by vets and special care from a professional though inexperienced farrier. Roger was eventually called in and after a quick look he diagnosed "Right Handed Farrier Syndrome", to the evident surprise of everyone present at the time. If a farrier cannot perform his trade both left and tight handed, for the different sides of the horse, it seems there is a risk that hooves will be trimmed with a hard to spot bias to one side, resulting in the horse compensating by balancing his weight on one side; the horse effectively tip-toes, stressing muscles and joints which can result in pain and lameness. Easily cured but hard to detect.

Roger then told us about "The Man of No Consequence", an interesting concept associated with the handling of heavy horses. It seems that heavy horses can occasionally be a bit over lively, posing a risk when they are to be used to pull carriages; the solution is to burn off their excess energy and quieten them down, which is achieved by driving them round a field for 20 minutes or so, by the man of no consequence. Roger then advised this term was commonly used in the farrier / farming community to describe someone doing something of little apparent value or use - a most interesting epithet indeed.

After anecdotes too numerous to mention (sadly I can't properly recall most) Roger told us a bit about Suffolk Punches, that most iconic English breed of draught horse developed in the early 16th century which takes the first part of its name from our fair county, the second part deriving from its solid appearance and strength.

Much of Roger's work, along with that of his colleagues past and present, has been judging the structure of Suffolk Punch hooves at major horse shows, a practice unique among horse breeds; this has resulted in such an improvement that the breed is now considered to have excellent foot conformation, something it didn't have in the past. Sadly the breed is not as international as other heavy horses, but there are dedicated overseas breeders that help maintain the DNA. Somewhat surprisingly Roger told us he has supplied Suffolk Punch mares to Pakistan, not for continuing the breed but more prosaically for creating Mules, a product of a male donkey and a female horse. It seems mules are much valued because they are stronger than horses of similar size and have the endurance and disposition of donkeys; they also tend to require less food than horses of similar size and tend to be more independent than most domesticated equines.

Andy Sheppard

## Minutes of a meeting of Little Waldingfield Parish Council

19th May 2015

**Election of Chairman:** It was resolved that Andy Sheppard be appointed as the Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council (LWPC) who signed the Declaration of Acceptance accordingly.

**Apologies for Absence:** Colin Spence (Suffolk County Councillor) sent his apologies.

**Declaration of Office from Councillors:** The Clerk confirmed that the Declaration of Office had been received from all councillors.

**Election of Vice Chairman:** Stewart Braybrook was appointed the Vice Chairman of LWPC.

**Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation:** Cllr Campbell declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 15/027e as she is a member of the PCC. Cllr Braybrook declared a pecuniary interest in Item 15/027e as he is the contractor for the works. No requests for dispensation had been received.

**General Power of Competence:** The councillors resolved that as LWPC met the criteria for the Clerk's qualification and the number of councillors who stood at the 2015 Parish Council Election, that LWPC would adopt the General Power of Competence.

**Minutes of Meeting held on 31st March 2015:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Representatives to Outside Bodies:** Cllr Mound was appointed as LWPC's representative to the Playing Field Committee and Cllr Coomber was appointed as the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) representative.

**Internal Auditor:** It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2015 / 2016 and the Clerk to send a letter of engagement.

**Annual Subscriptions:** It was resolved that the annual memberships to SALC and Community Action Suffolk be renewed for 2015 / 2016.

**Public Forum:** Frank Lawrenson updated councillors on his new role as Portfolio Holder for the Environment and that the rollout of solar panels on council housing continues. He also mentioned the impending planning application for Chilton Woods which BDC hope to use as a mechanism to get funding for the Sudbury Bypass. Frank Lawrenson was asked to find out if there was any threat to the existing bus services to Little Waldingfield. Margaret Mayberry introduced herself as the newly elected member to BDC. Questions were raised by the public on footpath cutting schedules, Broadband and play equipment. The Clerk will liaise with Suffolk County Council over the footpath cutting.

**Routine Correspondence:** After the councillors reviewed the correspondence and the emails circulated by the Clerk it was agreed that Cllr Coomber will attend the BDC Liaison meeting on the 11th June at 10am.

**Clerk's Report:** Following a review of the Clerk's report Cllr Campbell agreed to circulate the Risk Assessments via the Clerk to councillors.

**Finance:** a. The councillors reviewed and resolved to accept the Internal Audit report produced by Heelis & Lodge for the year ending 31st March 2015

b. LWPC Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st March 2015 were approved.

c. The councillors resolved that Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return as at 31st March 2015 were approved and the Chairman signed both sections.

d. All cheques signed and due for signing were authorised. It was noted the income received since the last meeting, the reconciliation of bank accounts against the bank statements, and the Statement of Accounts against the Budget.

e. It was resolved that a donation of £600 be made from the Clive Memorial Fund for the lighting upgrade at the Church.

**Planning:** a. The councillors noted Planning Application B/15/00354/TCA Bramley Cottage, The Street - Reduce 1 No. Copper Beech by 25-30% & thin, crown and sides of 1 No. Yew tree by 1m.

b. The councillors noted Land Adjacent Heathfield House, The Street - Remove various small Ash trees, Field maples and fruit trees.

c. The councillors reviewed Irelands Meadow, Holbrook Hall Park - Erection of single-storey eco house and associated change of use of land from agricultural to residential and resolved their support for an eco house of the standard specified being developed in the countryside in accordance to the National Planning Policy Framework s 55.

d. A further planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted. The councillors reviewed Hall Barn, 2 Woodhall Barn, Haymarket - Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of Windows and resolved to support the application.

**Playing field:** a. The councillors reviewed the new Playing Field Committee (PFC) constitution and whilst happy with the content, questions were raised on the extent to which other village organisations had been involved in the process to look for representatives.

b. The councillors agreed that in principle they were happy to consider a donation towards the costs of registering the playing field and Cllr Sheppard would consult with the Clive family to see if a donation from the Clive Memorial Fund would be appropriate.

c. The PFC were asked to supply a plan and costing for the provision of play equipment in the playing field from which LWPC could start to review the various funding options available for the project.

d. It was agreed that whilst LWPC would not be directly involved in the Fete organisation, individual council members would be offering support towards the Fete.

**Co-option Process:** The councillors reviewed the process to co-opt a member at the June meeting.

**Data Protection Registration:** The councillors reviewed the recommendation from the Internal Auditor for LWPC to be registered with the Information Commissioners Office and resolved that LWPC should be registered.

**SALC Briefing:** The councillors resolved that the Clerk book Cllr Coomber on the SALC Briefing session on Monday 15th June 2015.

**Anti dog fouling measures:** A review of the results of the measurers undertaken to date to stop dog fouling were felt to be sufficient at the current time. More posters were requested by the Dog Warden and it was agreed that a more positive message will be included to raise awareness. Cllr Sheppard will print the posters.

## LONG SERVICE AWARDS AT THE SUFFOLK SHOW



*Karen and David Whymark, Susanna Rendall (MD Boxford Group), Kevin King, Tamara Unwin (Director Boxford Group), Chris and Natasha Moore.* There was much to celebrate at the family-owned Boxford Suffolk Farms and Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa when three of their employees were presented with Long Service Awards by President of the Suffolk Show, Terry Hunt, at a public ceremony at the Show.

**David Whymark** started working at Boxford Suffolk Farms 41 years ago at the age of 16. He had no qualifications at all and was dyslexic – although this wasn't a condition recognised in those days. His first job was cleaning out blackcurrant buckets and he then went on to work in the orchards and packhouse, depending on the season. He is now Workshop Manager which utilises his engineering skills, and he is justifiably proud to have also gained a 2:1 degree in Agriculture from Writtle College at the age of 43, having studied there one day a week for four years.

His tutor said to him afterwards "You knew what to do on the farm, and now you know why you do it!" David said "I love the variation of work that I get on this farm over the seasons. I have always respected the family and they respect me and Mrs Peake was always interested in how I was getting on – she took all the youngsters under her wing. I've seen a lot of changes over the years – we used to grow 187 trees to the hectare and we now grow 4,000 trees to the hectare on our new plantations. We also now use computerised trickle irrigation systems in the new orchards instead of the old fashioned rain guns which wasted a lot of water. It is rewarding to see all these

improvements over the years and know that I have played my part in them." David is also "Tractor Correspondent" for BBC Radio Suffolk, and he sends in texts from his tractor whenever there is something interesting to report. He was interviewed by Leslie Dolphin live on Radio Suffolk after the presentation at the Suffolk Show.

As is often the case in this company where more than one member of the family is employed, David's mother, Eileen, worked for the Peake family as a cook in the kitchen at the Golf Club for 17 years during the 70s and 80s.

**Chris Moore** is celebrating 36 years of service and also came to work at Hill Farm Boxford for the Peake family straight from school aged 15. He started in the Packhouse making up cardboard boxes and helping to load up the lorries that took the apples to the wholesale markets. He then went on to work in the orchards doing a variety of jobs during the apple and blackcurrant seasons. He later studied a week a month for six months at Otley College and Wisbech, and gained his City and Guilds qualifications in Top and Soft Fruit Management in 1980/83

His role is now Orchard Manager and he oversees from between 24 and 60 staff during the course of the season. Chris said "I love coming to work on the farm as there is always something different and interesting going on, depending on the time of year. It is great to work with such a nice family who are all very approachable - and I am part of a really great team. It is also good to be involved with an up and coming business which is constantly growing and improving." Chris was pleased to have played an important role in the farm's achievement in March this year when they received the national "Top Fruit Grower of the Year" award in London.

**Kevin King** began working on the golf course at Stoke by Nayland for Bill Peake in 1978 at the age of 17, just before the completion of the second championship Constable Course, and a year before Bill died. 37 years later Kevin is Course Manager and still loving the job. He is proud to have played a crucial role in perfecting and maintaining the two championship courses in tip top condition so that they have regularly attracted international televised PGA and European Tour events. Kevin said "I have seen some huge changes at Stoke by Nayland during my 37 years here. It was just a Golf Club when I joined - and since 1999 the Peake family has built the hotel, conference centre, fitness club, spa and country lodges. My work is very varied looking after both courses, the driving range and extensive grounds for the members and I am part of the Senior Management Team. However I like to feel that we still look after our golf members just as well as we did before the expansion. Kevin has always lived with his family in a cottage on the golf course, and says "I think in this case I am lucky to have the business in my back yard – the views on my walk to work are hard to beat!"

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## Footpaths in Edwardstone

Edwardstone Parish Council has received complaints about the amount of dog mess on some of the footpaths in the village. Not only is it unpleasant for walkers, but also we are having difficulty in arranging for some of the paths to be cut because strimming throws the dog mess over those carrying out the work. Please clear up after your dog and use the dog waste bins provided. The Parish Council has to pay for the litter and dog waste bins to be emptied regardless of how much waste is in them - this comes out of your Council Tax and cost the Council £222.76 last year.

The Council intends to discuss footpath maintenance at its meeting on Monday 20 July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Not all paths are being cut due to budget restraints and the Council would like comments and suggestions on where we should concentrate our resources. If you have any comments or suggestions please send them to the Clerk, Anita Robinson at Logan Cottage, Groton Street, Groton CO10 5EE, 01787 211673 or clerk.edwardstone@btinternet.com and/or come along to the meeting.

Edwardstone Parish Council

## CALLING ALL FARM ANIMALS!

Could all farm animals and barns etc. begin to be returned to me/or leave at Mary's House. Absolute date is the end of July, but it would be good to begin to see what we have, and what might still be needed. I believe there are a few flocks of sheep around!

ALSO we will try and work together on the farm base (already started) on Tuesday mornings in Mary's House, from the middle of June. Any help welcome - plenty of wool, sewing needles and coffee provided! Just turn up after 9.30.

It will look great!.....thanks to all.

Pauline Lamming 210360

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However, in order for it to function it needs people to run it like any facility of this nature and it would be unthinkable for it to close just for the want of a bit of effort and involvement by members of our community.

If you feel you could give a helping hand then please contact me, David House (telephone 01787 - 210918) and I will be happy to answer any of your initial enquiries or concerns.

Over the past ten years or so much work has been carried out by various Village Hall Management Committees. Improving and renewing the hall floor this August is a major undertaking but there is still further work to be done besides the day to day running of the Hall, so you still have the opportunity to make a real contribution which will benefit our community.

Please give this appeal due consideration because if there is no response then there could be no Village Hall for Boxford.

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## Update on outings to Quay Theatre.

Dear Friends. Although there was only five of us for the Acorn Antiques trip to the Quay the feedback has been very good and I have had calls of support for the idea and requests to do another trip. With this in mind I have booked seats for the Marshall King tribute to Elvis on Thursday 16th July. The outing is open to anyone who has difficulty with transport and mobility and also for their carers who help them.

The tickets for this show which will be excellent cost £15.00 each but the transport will be free, we will use the school mini bus and help will be at hand at both ends to embark and dis-embark and we can pick up and drop off at your door if anyone should wish. The bus will leave Broad St Boxford ( opp the Fleece ) at 6.45 pm and we have 15 seats. I hope we can fill them. Please call Bryn and Lisa to book seat and ticket. 210854.

## 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.

## 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: JULY

Tuesday 7th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – Flower Quiz
Wednesday 8th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 15th	6.00 pm	Youth Council
Tuesday 21st	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – Scrabble and Whist
Friday 31st		the Fireside Club – Outing – Orwell Lady

### AUGUST

Tuesday 4th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – Wendy's Tea Party
Tuesday 18th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – Beetle Drive and Quiz
Friday 28th	10.00 am	Fireside Club Outing Thorpeness

### REGULAR EVENTS

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

Monday evenings: (6.00 pm) Trayfit high intensity exercise class (call Tracy 07772 575325)

Monday and Thursday evenings: Western Partner Dance Club (call Chris 371006)

Tuesday evenings: JT Steppers Line Dance Club (call Jean on 377434)

Friday afternoons: Art and Craft club (call Anne on 312346)

Friday evenings: Sudbury and District Wargames Club (call Brian on 312160)

### Little Waldingfield History Society

#### Programme of Events - 2015

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage 01787 248298

Tickets, Members £2.00 Non Members £4.00

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

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

### 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

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# Wot's On

## Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

5 & 6 September. This year's theme is 'Children at Play'. We will be serving our usual delicious refreshments in the Church, and lunches in the Parish Room. There will also be stalls, tombola and a raffle, so something for everyone! We look forward to welcoming you.

## SESAW Open Day, Fete and Fun Dog Show

Important announcement! This is your official invitation to the SESAW Open Day, Fete and Fun Dog Show at midday on 26th July. We look forward to meeting old and new friends – particularly ex-SESAW dogs! There will be displays by ACE Agility, doggy games and 13 classes including a special one for our re-homed canines. Our volunteers love to see how the dogs are progressing, what better time for a get-together and photos?

Mum says I must also mention the stalls, games, competitions, wildlife corner, BBQ, homemade food, ice cream van, bouncy castle and music from "Jazz Galore". Visitors will also see the animals awaiting homes and view entries to our Facebook Photo Competition. All this in just four hours, whatever the weather, as most of it will be under marquees and gazeboes.

Over £450 was raised at our Bank Holiday Garage Sale which was more like a social occasion, thanks to all the lovely people who attended. Next month I'll tell you about our Autumn fundraising events and animals for rehoming. Currently Mum is busy feeding the annual influx of wildlife casualties and last week two litters of kittens were born.

After all the painting, repairing and hammering in the garden it is time for me to inspect the Open Day preparations. They have made a good job of the fencing but I bet there is still a space that a few can get through, including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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# Wot's On

## 14th July, Ladies Who Lunch, from 12.30pm

A delicious 1-course lunch with troubleshooting makeup workshop hosted by Peake Spa beauticians. Tickets cost £14pp! Call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com to book.

## 14th July, Ladies Too Busy To Lunch, from 7pm

A delicious 2-course dinner (for the ladies who aren't able to 'do lunch' during the day) with troubleshooting makeup workshop hosted by Peake Spa beauticians. Tickets cost £19pp! Call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com to book.

## 15th July, Wedding Open Evening, 4pm – 8pm

A free event where you can view our banqueting suites dressed as they would be for a wedding. Canapés and welcome drinks will be provided so why not stop by? Call 01206 265818 or email sales@stokebynayland.com if you need to book a consultation with our Wedding Planner.

## Yoga classes

Running Thursday mornings 9.00-10.00am and evenings from 5.45-6.45pm at Boxford Village Hall.

Come and enjoy an hour of stretching and relaxation. All levels welcome. To book a place call Marianne Marshall (trained Alexander Technique teacher and British Wheel of Yoga) 01787 210323 or email marianmarshall@fastmail.fm.

## Nayland Flower Show

**Saturday 8th August, 2pm-5pm Nayland Village Hall CO6 4JH**

Refreshments, produce stall, raffle.

Classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, flower arranging, cookery, photography, art, craft and hanging basket competitions.

Fun family & children's classes

Non members welcome to enter. Schedules: local shops, www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or 01206 262807

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 (CO6 3BL). You will be required to provide your own transport to the Museum in the afternoon but places are limited to 26 so early booking is recommended.

To book please contact: Sue Whiteley. Phone: 01787 210945  
or email: whiteleys@hotmail.co.uk

Next course 24th September 2015

Language: Lore & Legend - The Story of English with Graham Potts.

The Welfare: Stretton Road, Boxford (01787 210323) or at the village hall, Stoke by Nayland (01206 265837) and at Boxford (01206 265837) and at the village hall, Stoke by Nayland (01206 265837).  
Address: The Welfare, 11 Stretton Road, Boxford, CO6 3BL.

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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 Boot Sale £5 pitch
- 2pm Traditional style village fete
- Tug of War
- Pétanque/Boules
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- Stalls
- 7pm Evening quiz in marquee – £4 pp including glass of wine and nibbles

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## HILARY OWEN ARTIST



Hilary Owens is a working artist who lives in Edwardstone, and has a studio at Cuckoo Farm Studios in Colchester. She trained as a fine art printmaker at Central Saint Martin's in London, and has focussed on drawing in recent years.

Drawing mostly with charcoal, her work is generally of a large scale which she finds enables her to use a freedom of movement to express herself on paper. This sense of freedom comes through in her work.

Hilary says, 'the recent addition of paint and ink, drips and scrapes have opened new possibilities allowing the mark making to dictate the outcome, as the work 'becomes'.'

Her recent exhibitions and practical courses at The Waiting Room and Firstsite Art Gallery in Colchester, at Gallery Argentum in London, and Clywd Theatr Cymru, North Wales have stimulated viewers and participators alike. She is a favourite with artists, and her workshops are with teachers as well as students.

Her next exhibition of these studio size drawings is at The Cut in Halesworth, which runs from 12 June - 22 July.

For more information contact: [hilary.owers@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.owers@btinternet.com)  
[www.newcut.org](http://www.newcut.org)

## Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

An 8 week course on Monday afternoons 3.30 - 5.30pm  
meeting in Groton Village Hall, CO10 5EL,  
Starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Tutor: Steven Trelise

## GODS THAT FAILED? Certainty or Doubt

The twentieth century witnessed a steady erosion of personal and political certainties. The western world experienced increasing materialism and secularism which, with the collapse of utopian social and political movements in eastern Europe, undermined both spiritual and political optimism.

The novels we shall discuss reflect and challenge this questioning, and attempt to find reasons for optimism in a world of uncertainty.

We will be discussing:

**Helbeck of Bunnisdale** : Mrs Humphrey Ward

**Darkness at Noon** : Arthur Koestler

**The Middle of the Journey** : Lionel Trilling

**How Far Can You Go?** : David Lodge

Course Fee: £70 for the complete course, payable on the first or second meeting. Newcomers to these classes are very welcome.

Further information from:

Mrs Etain Todd, Mount Farm Cottage, Edwardstone, Sudbury CO10 5PY.  
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Please contact Etain as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.



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## Forthcoming Events Diary

### June

20 Newton Green Fete	Newton Green	12.30-5pm
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### July

1 Boxford WI	Museum Costumess	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
7 Boxford Gardening Society	Designing With Plants, Fergus Garrett	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
9 Boxford WI	Glass Painting and Deco patch	Kersey Mill	2pm
11 Boxford School Fete	FOB's	Boxford School	2-5pm
11 Little Waldingfield Fete and Fun Day		The Ltl W Playing Fields	1pm till late
31 Fireside Club outing to the Orwell Lady			

### August

8 Antiques Valuation Day	Groton PCC	Groton Church	11.00am-2.00pm
28 Fireside Club outing to Thorpness			10.00am

### September

2 Boxford WI	Samaritans	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
5/6 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival	Children at Play	St Lawrences Church	10am-6pm
10 Boxford WI	Christmas Decorations	Mary's House	2pm

### October

12 for 8 weeks Boxford Study Centre	Gods That Failed	Groton Village Hall	3.30pm
31 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.30pm

First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

**Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton**

**Priest in Charge:** The Revd Judith Sweetman  
The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford CO10 5JT  
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:** Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD  
Tel: 211236; Fax: 211238; e-mail: ChrisKingsC@aol.com

**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 Parishes

## café church



An informal time of worship  
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Boxford Church  
Sunday July 5th  
11.00 am.

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

### Churchwardens:

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



**Café Church** is at 11.00am. All are most welcome. The next Café Church will be on Sunday July 5th.

**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.

**The “West End Project”** Many thanks are due to those who have recently donated funds towards the improvements at the West End. Through the donations received we have been able to buy 20 chairs & 5 tables which were used to great effect at the last café church. If you feel able to help please contact the Revd Judith or a Churchwarden.

### Looking ahead –future events for fundraising:

Monday 31st August a Suffolk Villages Festival Concert at 12.00 noon  
September- Date to be confirmed - A Quiz Evening in the Village: with kind assistance & great help from Veronica Hobbs.

Sunday October 4th a Suffolk Villages Festival Concert at 6.30pm  
Sunday 18th October at 6.30pm A Concert by the Serendipity Singers  
70th Anniversary of VJ Day 1945. A special service of commemoration is being planned for Sunday 17th August

## 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 AUGUST Box River News:

**Please, NO LATER THAN 15th JULY 2015**

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

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
**Vacant**

**Rota:**

**Sidesman/Coffee:** 19th July 9.30 Holy Communion  
David & Sheila Saddleton

**Flowers:** Frances East

**Cleaning:** Justine Walters



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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

*Sue Knight:*  
*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

### ANTIQUES VALUATION DAY

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**PCC MEETING:** Tuesday 21st July, 7.00 pm at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, Tel: 210360; e-mail djlamm@hotmail.com) by 12th July.

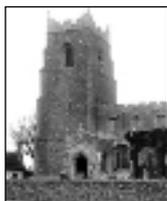
**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015** -£427.58 was raised by the house-to-house collection in Groton this year - nearly the same as last year. With other gifts the total raised was £502.58. Of this total, £279.21 was gift-aided, raising the value of the collection, after Christian Aid recovers the tax from HMRC, to £572.38. Thank you, on behalf of Christian Aid, to all who contributed and to those who collected.

**Rota:**

**Sidesman:** Mrs Foster

**Flowers:** Mrs Foster

**Cleaning:** Mrs Knight



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**  
**Vacant**

"Our thanks to the many people who helped make our Coffee Morning such a success in May, in particular Fran Gregor-Smith whose display of photographs greatly enhanced the atmosphere of our event, held in the Parish Room by kind arrangement with Sue and Richard on behalf of the trustees. We were able to send a donation of £120 to this year's Christian Aid Appeal". Trisha & Chris

**16 May** The launch of our new Church Guide by Clive Paine. A large gathering assembled to hear a most lively and interesting talk on the architecture and history of our church. Many of us realised, perhaps for the first time, how important the building is and how lucky we are that we can still worship there. The Guide is on sale in the church, price £4. Money can be left in the wall safe.

**17 May** Our second reflective service was held in the Lady Chapel, led by Revd Judith and the lay team. The theme was Peace. Peace in the world is within ourselves. The service was well attended, and afterwards tea with delicious coffee and walnut cake provided by Nancy Roser was enjoyed by all.

**23 May** Our Coffee Morning in the Parish Room raised £120 for Christian Aid. It was well supported, and visitors enjoyed the generously donated cakes and biscuits. An interesting exhibition of photographs by Fran Gregor-Smith of her travels in Ethiopia were very much admired.

**24 May** The wedding of Angela and Iain Shepherd took place at 2.30pm.

The Revd Judith presided and Patrick Friend played the organ. The bride entered to Handel's 'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba', and the happy party left to Vivaldi's 'Gloria'. The church had been decorated by the village flower team and Jayne Foster. Many compliments were received on the beauty of the flowers. It was a most happy occasion.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015.** £121.00 was raised for Christian Aid by the cake stall and coffee morning on 16th May. A big 'thank-you' to all who made cakes, gave and to those who collected.

### Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

5 & 6 September. This year's theme is 'Children at Play'. We will be serving our usual delicious refreshments in the Church, and lunches in the Parish Room. There will also be stalls, tombola and a raffle, so something for everyone! We look forward to welcoming you.

**Rota:**

**July 5**

**July 12**

**July 19**

**July 26**

**Sidesman**

Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington

Visiting

Visiting

Visiting

**Flowers**

Mrs Squirrel

Mrs Eddington

Mrs Gregor-Smith

Mrs Roser



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

**Churchwarden:**  
Christine Cornell,

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

**24th May:** Although a number of our usual members were away due to illness or holidays, we were delighted to welcome friends from the other parishes. Revd Judith, in the appropriate red garments took the 11.00 am Service of Holy Communion. The reading from Acts chapter 2 must be one of the longest in the Church calendar and read by one of our members. Thank you to all helpers and to our friends who joined us after the service for refreshments and conversation.

**20th June:** Saturday: Our Village Fete 12.30 to 5.00 pm. On the Playing Field and Village Hall. Come and join in all the fun and the Grand Draw. All this for 50 pence with children - admitted free.

**27th June:** Saturday 7.30pm Village Hall. Post Fete Quiz Night. £10.00 includes Fish 'n' Chip supper and complimentary drink.

### Benefice News

**MINISTRY TEAM:** The next meeting of the ministry team is on Wednesday 15th July, 7.30 pm at Mary's House.

### General Church News

#### DEANERY SYNOD

Due to unavoidable delays in the programme for progressing the deanery plan, the June meeting of the synod, at which it was hoped to present a first draft of the plan, has been cancelled. Instead, the meeting pencilled in for 15th September, when it is now hoped that a draft plan will be discussed, has been confirmed. This meeting will be at St Mary's Church, Boxford. More information in the September BRN.

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER OPEN FORUM

The next Open Forum is on Thursday 25th June at St George's Church, Shimpling. The meeting, which will include a presentation on the Hadleigh Porch Project, starts at 7.30 pm, with a barbecue at 6.30 pm. All are welcome.

#### PICNIC AND PRAISE

On Sunday 5th July the Church of England will be hosting a stage in Christchurch Park, Ipswich, for the 'Music in the Park' day (part of the 2015 Ip-art festival) - the biggest free one-day music festival in the UK (so we're reliably informed). Music from 12.00 noon. From 4.00 pm musicians/bands including Chip Kendall, Daughters of Davis, White Goose and Release Dance Crew. From 6.00 pm join Bishop Martin for an open-air Songs of Praise. All are welcome - come and bring the family.

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<b>Wednesday 1st</b> Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd David Abel
<b>Thursday 2nd</b> Lt. Waldingfield	19.00	Holy Communion at Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Lay Team

<b>Sunday 5th</b> Boxford	<b>Trinity 5</b> 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
<b>Boxford</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Café Church – informal service for all ages</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

<b>Wednesday 8th</b> Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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<b>Sunday 2th</b> Edwardstone	<b>Trinity 6</b> 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) Revd Judith
Newton	9.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

<b>Wednesday 15th</b> Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
<b>Thursday 16th</b> Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline	Lay Team

<b>Sunday 19th</b> Edwardstone	<b>Trinity 7</b> 09.30	Holy Communion	(G) Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

<b>Wednesday 22nd</b> Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
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<b>Sunday 26th</b> Groton	<b>Trinity 8</b> 09.30	Morning Worship	(G) Revd Judith
Newton	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith & lay team
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

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## Soap Box

Those of you who have been following this column in the Box River News since it started, more years ago than I care to remember, will know that I originally wrote on financial topics. Well, I would, wouldn't I? The financial services industry is where I have made my living for more than half a century. The trouble was, what was interesting to me bored the pants off some of the readers of this august journal – a point that was made to me quite forcibly in our local pub one evening.

And so I broadened the content to include whatever was exercising my mind at the time. Unfortunately, this month it happens to be the banking sector, arguably the core of the financial services sector. Certainly, it is the part of this industry that has received most coverage in recent years. The trigger for deciding to focus on banks, or rather the less savoury aspects of their behavior, was the Mansion House speech which takes place in the heart of the City of London and provides a platform for both the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of the Bank of England to outline their plans to a financially oriented audience.

Both gentlemen made reference to the series of scandals that had beset the banking sector in recent years. From mis-selling financial products, such as Payment Protection Insurance, to rigging important financial instruments, like foreign exchange and interest rates, it seemed that greed had created a culture where ethics no longer held a place. Yet, as the Chancellor pointed out, few of those who had perpetrated these misdeeds had ended up in prison. Both our senior financial figures said all this had to change.

Perhaps I had better declare an interest here. During my career I have worked for no less than three banks – two major high street names and one smaller operation, then termed a merchant bank, a sub sector of this market that no longer exists. This was the only job I chose to take. On both the occasions that my ultimate employer turned out to be one of the major banks in this country, it was because they had taken over the firm for which I worked.

This is an important distinction. The first time this happened, some 30 years ago, I really didn't know what to expect. Also, I was younger and more junior in those days. The early years of working within a giant financial organization with operations all over the world was really quite exciting, but as our new masters tightened their grip on us, so life became less fun and I ended up leaving to take a post with a much smaller, non-banking company.

The irony is that this business grew and grew until it finally caught the attention of a major UK bank and was snapped up to form the basis of a new division. This time I had no false illusions as to what the future might hold in store, but for reasons I won't bore you with, I chose to stay on board and try to fit in to the culture I new would be foreign to that to which I had become accustomed.

It didn't last. Within a couple of years I was screaming to be let out and, under the guise of early retirement, left to establish the freelance activities that continue to this day. At the time I was pragmatic over my decision. Banks simply worked to a different agenda to the one with which I was used to. They were bigger, so demanded scalability. They were conscious of reputational risk, so required greater central control of activities.

This latter point is particularly ironic, given the damage the banking sector has done to its image in recent years. This is where the cultural aspect really comes to the fore. What sank RBS was its belief that it needed a global investment banking presence, leading it to acquire ABN Amro. Whisking this Dutch giant from under the nose of Barclays, which was also in the market for more investment banking capability, brought them down and probably saved Barclays from a similar fate.

What drove both banks was the knowledge that the American investment banking giants, like Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, were making fortunes from trading as principals and advising multinational corporations on deals and tax saving schemes. And the executives that were behind these highly profitable activities took what they saw as their fair share of the gains generated, resulting in eye-watering remuneration packages being handed out.

It all ended in tears, of course, but it seems that the cultural shift that assailed British banking has yet to be fully reversed. Extremely generous pay to talented investment bankers had a knock-on effect elsewhere, with major corporations having to increase their pay levels to attract the best to their boardrooms. Globalisation made this even more of an issue. It all seems to have led to expectations that are unrealistic and arguably socially divisive. I wait with interest to see if the tough words of the Chancellor and Governor will result in a real change in attitudes.

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# GARDENING IN JULY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Continue to remove all flower stems for pinks, water the plants thoroughly in dry weather and feed with a high potash liquid fertiliser. Propagate border carnations by layering, this is the easier method of increasing your plants and in any case they are better replaced after two years. Prepare the soil round the parent plants by mixing equal parts of peat and sharp sand into the top two inches of soil. Select strong side shoots with four to six inches of soil. Select strong side shoots with four to six pairs of fully developed leaves and make a cut along the centre of the stem just below a leaf joint, bend the shoot down and press the cut into the prepared soil making sure that the cut remains open. Secure the layer to the soil by a small weight or wire peg. Water well and make sure the soil does not dry out during rooting. After about six weeks the layer should be ready for severing from the plant and after another four weeks should be ready to lift for planting or potting.

Now is also a good time to layer shoots of wisteria, passiflora and honeysuckle.

Hydrangea, always a popular plant, are easy to propagate. Insert cuttings of well ripened, non flowering shoots of medium thickness in three inch pots. Take three inch long shoots severing them immediately below a leaf joint and removing the lower leaves. They root fairly quickly and if necessary the plants can be grown on as single stems to produce single giant heads next year.

Plant autumn flowering bulbs early in the month to provide a bit of unusual colour during a dull time of year. One of the most attractive is the Amaryllis belladonna which has many scented pink trumpet shaped flowers on top of 2 feet stems. Bulbs should be planted 6 inches deep in a warm situation, close to a south facing wall is ideal, where they are protected from severe weather - Nerines have similar but smaller flowers and only the variety bowdenii is really hard enough to grow outside. Plant them with the tops of the bulbs just covered with soil. Autumn crocus can be planted 2-3 inches deep in soil which will not be disturbed by cultivation, or in grass which will be left uncut from August until the following May or until leaves have died down. The leaves of all these bulbs follow the flowers and continue to grow during the spring. Bulbs benefit from a high potash 2oz. Superphosphate and 1oz Sulphate of Amonia.

A lady was asking what to do with medlars. Medlars should be picked

late October - early November. They are hard when picked and need a period of storage before they are edible. Pick the fruits on a dry day and store them in trays, in single layers, with the eyes downward, for about a month until the flesh turns soft and brown then the fruits are edible. They are normally used for jellies and preservatives but can be eaten raw when over ripe.

Plant out sprouting broccoli, savoy and January King cabbage by the middle of the month. Make another sowing right away of perpetual Spinach to provide picking in winter and next spring. Last week in the month sow spring cabbage seed to provide plants for setting out in October.

## Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
- 2 Place conservatory plants outside now that it is warm
- 3 Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
- 4 Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
- 5 Pick courgettes before they become marrows
- 6 Treat apple scab
- 7 Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
- 8 Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
- 9 Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
- 10 Give woodwork a lick of paint or preserver, while the weather is dry

Autumn-flowering bulbs, such as autumn crocuses, Colchicum, Sternbergia, Amaryllis and Nerine, can be planted now.

Some seeds are best planted just after collection, and others may need specific climatic conditions to break dormancy (e.g. some alpiners). If unsure, then sow seeds in 'batches', i.e. one immediately after collecting, one in winter, and one in the following spring.

Cutting back plants in baskets followed by feeding can encourage new growth and help revive tired displays.

Cut back delphiniums and geraniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage a second flowering period. Feed after cutting them back.

Deadhead flower borders regularly to prolong flowering. Disbud and dead-head dahlias if growing for large blooms.

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# Parish Council Matters

## GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday

13 May at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

**Present:** C Fraulo, J Osborne, A Dixon-Smith, R Kelsey, P Roberts

**In attendance:** A Robinson (Clerk); J Finch (Suffolk County Councillor)

**Election of Chairman:** J Osborne chaired the meeting and welcomed the newly elected Councillors. He proposed that C Fraulo be co-opted to the Council and all were in favour. J Osborne proposed that C Fraulo be elected Chairman, seconded by R Kelsey, and C Fraulo was unanimously elected Chairman.

**Election of Vice-Chairman:** C Fraulo took the chair and proposed that J Osborne be elected Vice Chairman, seconded by R Kelsey, and J Osborne was unanimously elected Vice Chairman. All Councillors present signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

**Councillor vacancies:** The Council resolved to advertise the outstanding vacancy in the Box River News and continue to approach people who may be interested in standing.

**Appointment of representatives:** The following representatives were appointed:

Babergh Area Committee of SALC	J Osborne
Boxford Community Council	J Osborne
Groton Village Hall	A Dixon-Smith

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 4 March 2015 were agreed, proposed by J Osborne, seconded A Dixon-Smith and were duly signed.

**General Power of Competence:** The Clerk advised that the Council now met the criteria for the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011. The Council resolved to adopt the power.

**Planning Matters:** Local Housing Needs

C Fraulo had chased BDC but had received no response.

Highway and Footpath matters

**General highway and footpath matters:** J Finch reported that there was an issue with the fence recently erected on Church Street but that Highways were dealing with it directly with the landowner.

**Speeding traffic:** Thanks were recorded to J Finch for the use of his locality budget to pay for the 30mph roundels. There is still a need for all traffic to slow down.

**Footpath cutting error on Groton Farm House's land:** C Fraulo reported that she had had a call from Caroline Last complaining that the grass cutters had cut a swathe through her hay field instead of sticking to the correct footpath line. This is a repeat of a similar incident elsewhere last year. The Clerk is to contact Patrick Scrivens or Kevin Verlander to clarify and arrange a meeting to establish correct cutting areas. J Finch advised that in his view responsibility for footpath cutting should be delegated to Parish Councils with funding to carry it out. He hopes that this will be achieved in due course. C Fraulo will apologise to Caroline Last and advise that the Parish Council is dealing with the issue.

**Financial matters:** To approve the Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment The Clerk reported that the Council's financial position was as follows:

Reserve Account as at 31 March 2015	£2515.83
Current Account as at 30 April 2015	£5031.39
Total	£7547.22

This was approved and the cheques were signed.

To approve the end of year accounts: The accounts were approved.

To receive and approve the internal audit report: The internal auditor had approved the accounts and had no issues with the Council's practices. The Council approved the report.

**To approve the Annual Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2015 for submission to the external auditor:** These were approved. 11.1-11.5 above were all proposed by R Kelsey and seconded by J Osborne.

**To receive an update on the bank mandates:** C Fraulo said that she would ensure that the mandate was signed as required and she would then ensure that the bank effected the changes required.

**Chairman and Clerk's reports and correspondence:** J Osborne advised that he was unable to go to the Town and Parish Liaison Meeting on 11 June but that past meetings had been useful. R Kelsey will attend and the Clerk will book her a place. There were no other issues arising from the correspondence. The Clerk advised that she would no longer use the cashbook for the Council's accounts but would prepare spreadsheets instead.

**Future Agenda items – Local Housing Needs**

**Date of next meeting – 1 July 2015**

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 18 May 2015

at Edwardstone Parish Hall at 7pm

**Present:** J Robinson, S Norman, P Clarke, M Childs (from 7.35pm)

**In attendance:** J Finch (SCC); B Hurren (BDC); A Robinson (Clerk); 3 members of the public.

**Election of Chairman of the Council:** S Norman took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She confirmed that she would be standing down as Chairman and nominated J Robinson as Chair, with P Clarke seconding. J Robinson said that in the absence of anyone else willing to stand as Chairman, he was happy to do so. However, he had some concern that as he was married to the Clerk this was not ideal, but the job had to be done by someone. In view of his business commitments he is rarely in the village during daylight hours so will have to delegate certain matters to other members of the Council, and he did not want to overburden the Clerk over and above her contracted hours. Under those

conditions he was willing to take on the role and he was elected unanimously.

**Election of Vice Chairman of the Council:** This item was held over until the arrival of M Childs who had been unavoidably detained. S Norman nominated M Childs to be Vice Chairman, seconded by J Robinson and M Childs accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected.

**To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Shirley Flack (holiday) and Clare Britcher (unwell) – approved.

**To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on this Agenda:** J Robinson said that regarding the White Horse Inn's application for a Certificate for Lawful Use to be discussed under 6.4 below, he did not have a financial interest but was a partner in Mill Green Brewery adjacent to the pub. He would not declare an interest, would take part in discussion but should it come to a vote, would abstain.

**To approve Minutes of the Meeting of 16 March 2015:** These were approved, proposed S Norman, seconded J Robinson, and signed.

To consider Planning Matters: Borehouse Manor Farm Notification under Part 3 T&CP (Gen Permitted Dev) (Amendment and Conseq Provs) (England) Order 2014 – Prior approval under Class MB(a) conversion & change of use from Agricultural Building to Dwellinghouse (C3), and prior approval under Class MB(b) - The Council discussed this application and resolved to offer no objections. B Hurren said that not all such applications are passed, dependent on the quality of the original building.

**To consider the letter dated 1/4/15 relating to the proposed installation of 20m high lattice tower mobile phone mast at Sherbourne House Farm:** The Council discussed this application and resolved to respond with the Council's full support.

**To note planning decisions received:** The Clerk reported that planning approval had been granted for the development at Goodlands Farm, Swan Street, Boxford.

**Any other urgent planning matters:** White Horse Inn, Mill Green, Edwardstone Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use – Use of land for campsite accommodation. The Council discussed the application. Councillors and neighbours present confirmed that the site had been used for camping since 1987, using the whole site and at a similar intensity to present use. The Council resolved to send a letter in support of the application in these terms.

**Financial Matters:** To consider and approve Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment. The Council's financial position was reported as follows:

Business Savings Account as at 30 April 2015	£2515.56
Business Current Account as at 30 April 2015	£4338.29
Total	£6853.85

Approved, proposed J Robinson, seconded P Clarke; the cheques were signed.

**To approve the end of year accounts:** Approved, proposed P Clarke, seconded S Norman

**To receive and approve the internal audit report:** Approved, proposed P Clarke, seconded S Norman

**To approve the Annual Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2015 for submission to the external auditor:**

Approved, proposed S Norman, seconded P Clarke

**To consider adoption of the General Power of Competence:** The Council resolved that it met the criteria for use of the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011.

**Highway and Footpath Matters:** To consider the issue of potholes Garry Peacock had kindly provided an updated report showing that a large number of potholes had been repaired. However, the quality of some repairs was better than others. J Finch formally thanked G Peacock for his very detailed reports. The Clerk is to report the state of the road near Hilly Farm again and provide J Finch with details of the poor repair in Slabbs Lane.

**To report on and consider other Highway and Footpath matters:** Footpath maintenance – a member of the public complained about the state of the footpath from Tinywent Corner down towards the church. It is very overgrown and very difficult to walk. S Norman explained that when SCC reduced the amount of footpath cutting it was prepared to do, the Parish Council identified the most commonly used paths for cutting, and arranges for a few others to be cut by its own contractor. Other paths are kept clear by landowners and volunteers. J Finch said that this was a very important issue and he wanted to give more power and finance to the PC to arrange for cutting of the most useful paths. After some discussion the PC resolved to advertise in the BRN asking for comments and suggestions, and to put the issue on the agenda for the July meeting for in depth discussion. Thanks were expressed to those volunteers who cut paths close to them. P Clarke agreed to speak to a resident about an overhanging hedge and the Clerk is to write to another resident in a similar vein.

**To consider the adoption of the Telephone Kiosk:** J Robinson will do his best to move this on before the next meeting.

**Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence:** There were no comments on the correspondence received save that J Finch explained the purpose of the Rural Coffee Caravan project was to try to ensure that people living in rural communities were not isolated and suffering from loneliness and inability to get out of the house. The Clerk advised that she would prepare the accounts solely on spreadsheets now and would not continue to use the cashbook.

**To receive reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public:** The issue of footpath cutting was discussed and is reported under item 8.2 above. J Robinson confirmed that there was a vacancy on the Parish Council and this will be advertised and Councillors were encouraged to talk to residents to try to find someone who would be interested in standing. B Hurren confirmed that he had looked at the notice board in Sherbourne Street, and it appears that a vehicle may have hit it. He agreed to replace the broken leg and will invoice the Council.

To set future Agenda items - Telephone kiosk, potholes, footpaths.

**Date of next meeting – 20 July 2015.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

# Parish Council Matters

## Minutes of a meeting of Newton Parish Council

Wednesday 13th May in Newton VH at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Russell Bower, Sue Crawte, Lee Parker, Colin Poole, Philip Taylor and Rita Schwenk.

**Attending:** Lee Parker (Babergh District Councillor), D Crimmin (Clerk) and 3 residents.

**Election of Chairman:** Cllr Presland was unanimously elected as Chairman of Newton Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking the chair.

Apologies for Absence: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) sent his apologies.

**Declarations of Acceptance of Office:** The Clerk confirmed that Declarations of Acceptance of Office had been received from all councillors.

**Election of Vice Chairman:** It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Crawte be elected the Vice Chairman of NPC.

**Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation:** Cllr Parker declared a pecuniary interest in Item 15/072a as the applicant is a customer of his business. Cllr Poole declared a pecuniary interest in Item 15/066d as he works for SALC and non-pecuniary interests in items 15/065 as he uses Heelis & Lodge in the same capacity and 15/066d as he is a member of the SLCC. The councillors left the meeting while their pecuniary interests were discussed. No request for dispensation had been received.

**General Power of Competence:** The councillors resolved that as NPC still met the criteria for the Clerk's qualification and the number of councillors who stood at the 2015 Parish Council Election, that NPC would adopt the General Power of Competence.

**Minutes of meeting held on the 15th April 2015:** The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**HR and Standards Committees:** Cllrs Bower, Crawte and Taylor were appointed to the HR Committee. Cllrs Parker, Poole and Schwenk were appointed to the Standards Committee.

### Representatives to Outside Bodies:

It was resolved that the following appointments be made:

- a. Newton Green Trust Cllrs Bower and Poole
- b. Village Hall Management Committee Cllr Schwenk
- c. Alston & Plampin Charity Mr A. Vince, Mr H. Buckledee and Mr J. Taylor
- d. Cllr Presland was appointed as the representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).

**Internal Auditor:** It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2015 / 2016 and the Clerk to send the letter of engagement.

**Annual Subscriptions:** It was resolved to renew the annual membership to SALC, Community Action Suffolk and The Society for Local Council Clerks

**Public Forum:** Lee Parker updated councillors on his new role as the Babergh District Councillor for Newton, who he would serve for the next 4 years. The councillors congratulated Lee on his appointment. Mr and Mrs Wheldon updated councillors on their work to re-establish a long used "right of way" at Newton Leys. To date a dozen residents have been contacted who are willing to confirm the use of the route for the past 20 years or more. The councillors agreed that the Clerk contacts SCC Rights of Ways in order to prepare a plan and costings for NPC to take the case forward on the residents' behalf.

**Proposed Developments:** With Vaughan and Blyth unable to be represented at the meeting this item was deferred to a later date. Mr Brett Baldwin of Red House Farm updated councillors on his vision of creating six 3 bedroomed semi-detached dwellings in place of Red House Farm. The councillors were grateful to Mr Baldwin for sharing his proposal with them and hoped to give him an update of the NPC's views of the proposal at the July meeting.

**Correspondence (Appendix A):** Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated the councillors agreed that:

- NPC would be represented at the BDC Liaison meeting on the 11th June
- The Clerk would be the nominated contact for the Pensions Regulator
- The Clerk would contact the Wheldon family regarding the change of use to the barn near Newton Leys.

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

### Finance:

- a. The councillors reviewed and resolved to accept the Internal Audit report from Heelis & Lodge for 2014 / 2015.
- b. The councillors resolved to approve the NPC Receipts and Payments Account (Appendix C) for the year ending 31st March 2015.
- c. The councillors resolved to approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2015 and the Chairman signed both sections on behalf of NPC.
- d. 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.

### Planning:

- a. A planning application had been received since the agenda was posted. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/15/00506 Woodean, Links View - erection of 1 No. detached two-storey dwelling and formation of new vehicular access and resolved to object on the following grounds:
  - i. Whilst the councillors acknowledge the 90 degree movement of the property to the one first proposed this does not change their views that the size and scale of the proposed dwelling makes this an overdevelopment of site

- ii. The design is out of keeping with the chalet style of the rest of Links View
- iii. The high roof line still makes overlooking of adjacent properties an issue
- iv. Issues with cars accessing the site will still exist.

b. The councillors requested the Clerk to enquire from BDC the current status of the withdrawn planning application at Newton Leys. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

**Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme:** Cllr Poole will maintain the playground fence and gates in the coming weeks.

**Local Housing Needs Scheme:** Hastoe has reported that a positive meeting has taken place with a landowner on the availability of land for the proposed scheme.

**Byelaws:** The Clerk updated councillors that the DVLA has agreed that NPC is entitled to see the details of car ownership even when the cars are "In Trade". With this information now being supplied by the DVLA the council will be writing to the garages regarding the cases that NPC will now be taking to prosecution.

**Village Hall and Trust representative updates:** The Village Hall Committee are looking for a local handyman for works at the village hall. The midsummer munch will be held on the 19th July 2015. The Trust are still reviewing the resurfacing of the Little Green track.

**SALC Briefing:** The councillors resolved that Cllrs Bower and Crawte attend the SALC Briefing on the 15th June 2015.

**Questions to the Chair:** The councillors agreed that they should meet on the 24th June to discuss the short and long term requirements for new housing in the village in order that they are in a position to review and contribute to the proposals of developers.

### Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 8th July 2015 starting at 7.30pm.

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## BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS

### Report by Chairman Boxford Playing Fields Committee

I have now chaired the committee for over three years and it is a pleasure to do so. I am happy to continue for a year or two as I am keen to try and improve our facilities with the assistance of a grant before I hopefully find a replacement. Thank you to all the committee members, all of whom contribute at the bi-monthly meetings but also do a lot behind the scenes:

Anne Wise- Secretary. Pauline Lamming- Treasurer. Yvonne Woodfield. Paul Abbot. Ray Gibbons- Cricket Club rep and whose work on the pavilion and the ground is very much appreciated.

Richard Gates- bookings secretary. Karen Coleman who has got a good grip on the allotments.

Ward and Karen Baker also invariably attend bringing valuable liaison with the Community council, our parent charity.

The Treasurer reported last year that we had made an operating loss which proved to be very largely due to exceptional expenditure, particularly severe water bills caused by the leak, now not a problem. Indeed it does seem that this leak very probably contributed to the car park flooding which did not repeat this winter. The playing fields, pavilion, tennis courts, playground and allotments, as I said last year are an important asset in Boxford for the benefit of local residents, our clubs and sports teams, and visiting teams and as a venue for a number of activities. In the next year or two, Boxford will increase its population, most likely and hopefully with an influx of young families. Now is the time I believe to seize the moment and try and obtain a significant grant to improve and possibly extend the pavilion for everyone's benefit, to make it more attractive as a venue for hire, increasing income and usage and allowing for the demands of higher league football.

Anne Wise, Pauline Lamming and I had a preliminary meeting on this, particularly looking at Sports Council funding which I had briefly researched.

I am very grateful to Anne who has researched further and her findings confirm that we could indeed be eligible for what is known as "Inspired Facilities" funding.

There are 5 categories under this funding and we think we would enter under the category "Building modernisation". Funding is available from £20,000 to £100,000.

The relevant date for us - Round 9 of funding - is 2nd January 2016, with the decision being made in April 2016.

Anne thinks that we might stand a good chance. The assessment criteria are need, impact, community involvement and sustainability. On that last point we will need to draw up a marketing plan for how we can generate sufficient revenue to keep the facility running for years to come! They also give priority to projects that have NOT received sport lottery grants before and are the only public sports facilities in the local community.

We will need to provide a copy of our leasehold or freehold document. The document must not prohibit Sport England from taking a charge on the title as security; otherwise such a prohibition would render our application ineligible. They would prefer us to have some partnership funding but say they will not rule out funding if we do not have partnership funding.

So, in essence, we'd need to provide:

- Leasehold/freehold documentation
- Our sports development plan and costs (VAT not included in any funding)
- Previous Year's Accounts
- Copies of last 3 months bank statements
- Child protection policy
- Vulnerable adults policy
- Evidence of partnership funding, if applicable
- Income/expenditure forecast
- A marketing plan

**Events:** Firework Night, a triumph for the Community Council and we played an important part, not just in the use of the field.

Tornado, another huge success

Both these are planned to be repeated in the next 12 months.

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## BOXFORD ROVERS GIRLS TEAM



Boxford Rovers U12/13s Girls Team finished the season very strongly with back to back wins in May against Brandon Town FC, winning 2-1 at Homefields & 6-2 at Brandon.

The above photo shows the team being applauded at the end of the Suffolk 7v7 tournament of which the girls had a good tournament winning 3 games, losing 3 and drawing 2.

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