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THE US AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO GROTON



Forty Groton Villagers join the Ambassador (kneeling centre) and the Winthrop Family for a historic photograph after lunch at the Old Rectory

Warm sunshine and blue skies greeted US ambassador Matthew Winthrop Barzun on his visit to Groton on Wednesday 24th June. The ambassador, accompanied by his squad of four Met Police protection officers (happily unobtrusive) spent nearly five hours in the village visiting, first, St Bartholomew's Church where he was welcomed by the Revd Judith. Churchwarden Sue Knight reminded the ambassador of the historic Winthrop family links between Groton and New England, after which, to the obvious interest of the ambassador, John Kirby and Elaine Carpenter read a selection of the love letters exchanged between Governor John Winthrop and his third wife, Margaret Tyndal (who signed herself 'your obedient wife!'), in 1630-31. Mr Barzun then visited the historic Winthrop home at Groton Place, following which he was entertained to lunch in the garden of The Old Rectory, (courtesy of Lis and Colin Blackmore) where he joined about 40 Groton residents. After lunch, it was a short stroll to Groton Croft where the ambassador was interviewed by Anglia TV by the ancient mulberry tree, thought to date back to the time when Governor John was Lord of the Manor of Groton and still bearing fruit each year. Finally, and following the precedent set by his predecessor, Phil Lader, in 1999, the ambassador planted an English oak tree on the Croft. Also present for the day were John and Libby Winthrop (John is the ambassador's

uncle), and their son, Jay, and his wife, Louisa, and their two sons, Brad and Robbie, who, it is hoped, will maintain the much-appreciated link between our two countries.

David Lamming.

The Ambassador gets family help with tree planting.



Photos David Lamming

THE BOXFORD POST OFFICE AND STORES

The new owners of the Boxford Stores are seeking a Tenant to take over the shop premises. The shop is completely separate from the house and has its own utility's. The Post Office will remain with the new proprietor either taking on the Post Office themselves or leaving it in the charge of a temporary postmaster already in place, with the option to take it on later if they wish.

The shop is in need of some TLC but the owner is willing to receive a reduced rent for a number of years in order for the new proprietor to get in and have the best of starts possible. Anyone interested in taking over this, the oldest shop in the United Kingdom, should either email Lawrence at Lawrence@mottsbodysrepair.co.uk or simply put it in writing and leave it at the post office counter in Boxford.

Lawrence hopes that Someone from the village will take on the lease and is aware how much interest there was when the shop was first up for sale but was thought to be just too much to take on as a whole. Now that it can be run separately it should be far more viable to a wider public. The post office generates between 500-600 visits through the door every week.

It would be great if the whole community could become involved by letting it be known what sort of business they would like to see in the village that would be useful to them and the village as a whole. This would help a prospective tenant determine what would be the most viable business they could start, knowing it was going to meet local demands.

If you have any suggestions there will be a form in the Post Office that you can use, please jot your ideas down on the paper provided. If you can not get to the Post Office, send them directly to Lawrence at his email address above.

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AMBASSADOR VISITS NORTH WING OF GROTON PLACE



Above: (L to R) David Jones, Matthew Barzun, Matthew's uncle, John Winthrop Jeremy Osborne

As part of the programme of the USA Ambassadors visit to Groton the Ambassador and his family were escorted to Groton Place, the family home of the Winthrops from 1619-1631, by Jeremy Osborne, in his capacity as Groton Recorder. They walked along part of the footpath from the Church to the house that the Winthrops would have followed in Tudor times and were received in the main section of Groton Place by Debbie Wills of Doggetts, where they viewed a C16th century ceiling and brickwork.

They then visited the North Wing of Groton Place where David and Audrey Jones showed them various other features of the pre-Tudor and Tudor House.

It was discovered during the visit that Matthew Barzun is a great fan of Sherlock Holmes, and David, as Honorary Membership Secretary of the prestigious Sherlock Holmes Society of London (which has several hundred American members) will be making arrangements to induct Matthew as an Honorary Member.

SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING



The Annual Senior Citizens outing organised by the Boxford Community Council, took place on 16th June which turned out to be a beautiful beautiful sunny summer evening.

After a Mystery Tour of some 20 miles everyone arrived at The Horseshoes public house at Cockfield in good time.

The food was very good and a sing along followed with old favorites accompanied by our chairman, Ward Baker, on the piano. The evening was much enjoyed by all.



FleeceJazz
at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

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.

"Robert is no stranger to the stage and has played some of the world's most respected theatres, including the London Palladium and Royal Albert Hall, but in this more intimate setting he'll give you a fun evening to remember." - London Evening Standard.

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, Steve Fishwick trumpet, Larry Bartley bass, Rod Youngs drums

Basil Hodge has played with some of the leading UK players such as Jim Mullen, Dave O'Higgins, Pete Wareham and Renato D'Aiello. He has lead his own band for some years, and has been much admired at Fleece Jazz. Basil's hard swinging, bop-tinged piano perfectly captures Silver's sound.

Multiple award winning Tony Kofi spent four years at Berklee college. He returned to the UK in 1991 and joined the Jazz Warriors. His playing on any sax is passionate.

Steve Fishwick is "well known as a fleet and expert bebopper, but his sideman performances in more experimental groups at the last London jazz festival confirmed his sharp ear for other kinds of melodies and structures" - John Fordham.

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THE AUGUST LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

Holy Cow.....!

"If you go down to...not the woods, but to Mary's House.. today, you're sure of a big surprise"...because, tucked up in a corner, amongst the comfortable chairs and welcoming coffee tables of the benefice cottage – open to all during the week - you will find two or three very small, knitted, black and white creatures.

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Pauline Lamming is the co-ordinator behind a wonderful benefice project to bring the children of our villages into close, imaginative contact with the fields and farms which we celebrate, and give thanks for at our church Harvest Festivals. The farmyard will be taken round to all the five Harvests in September and October (look out for the service nearest you in the church pages for those months) and the children will be able to set up the animals (including those holy cows!), farm buildings and figures, using their own creative ideas



Yes, this is for fun, of course, fun not just for the children, but hopefully also for the many people who have kindly used their knitting skills to bring the farmyard to life. But the project also has a deeper purpose.

I am currently reading a new book by Robert Macfarlane, one of today's great rural observers and writers, called "Landmarks". It is a

celebration, but also in a way, a lament, for the incredible range and variety of dialect words from across the country which describe our landscape, many of which are in danger of disappearing without trace.

In his introduction, the author refers to a telling, not to say chilling, change in the words considered relevant or appropriate for inclusion in a revised edition of the Oxford Junior Dictionary. Under pressure, and in response to one reader's demand for clarification, the publishers admitted that the following words had been excluded: acorn, adder, ash, beech, bluebell, buttercup, catkin, conker, cowslip, cygnet, dandelion, fern, hazel, heather, heron, ivy, kingfisher, lark, mistletoe, nectar, newt, otter, pasture and willow. In their place had come: attachment (as in a file attached to an email), block-graph, blog, broadband, bullet-point, celebrity, chatroom, committee, cut-and-paste, MP3 player and voice-mail. Asked why so many nature words had been culled, the answer came that the dictionary needed to reflect the consensus experience of modern-day childhood...

I hope that, as parents and grandparents help their children to play with the knitted farmyard, that they will pass on to them a language and love for God's creation, keeping alive a childhood in which bluebells and buttercups, cowslips and cygnets feature as strongly, or more strongly, than bytes and computers.

Jesus found, and taught, great and enduring wisdom, about mankind, about God, and about the relationship between them, using the things he saw in nature: the lilies of the field, the fig tree, the vine, the birds of the air, the fox, the mustard seed...We can also find and be enriched and changed by that wisdom, if we and our children, remain connected to the land, its flora and its creatures.

Blessings, Revd. Judith



THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

Mapp and Lucia by E. F. Benson



'Mapp and Lucia' was written in 1931. E.F Benson had written three earlier novels featuring either Elizabeth Mapp or Emmeline (Lucia) Lucas, but this was the first to feature both characters together. I discovered this wickedly delightful novel when visiting a beautiful National Trust house in Rye, Sussex. E. F. Benson had lived there and there were references to Mapp and Lucia in several rooms, including exquisite costumes from last December's television series.

The book opens with Lucia, a pretentious socialite. Her husband has recently died and she is restless. She rents a beautiful house called

Mallards, in Tilling, a sleepy, picturesque town in Sussex (based on Rye). Here she seeks to make her mark. The owner of the house is Elizabeth Mapp, the local queen bee, and swords are drawn between them as they fight for social supremacy. Both are ladies approaching middle age with private means and servants, so they have plenty of time to indulge in mischief and mayhem. Sparks ensue. Their gentle concern for each other disguises their scheming rivalry, and soon Tilling is a town buzzing with competitive social gatherings; musical soirees, fetes, exhibitions, bridge parties and suppers.

There is a lot of froth in Mapp and Lucia but on another level it is a sharp pastiche about class and snobbery and one-upmanship. Unattractive as they may be, the two ladies are not caricatures, and you may well have come across their types yourselves. Twenty five years ago I knew a lady called Bette, who held formal 'soirees', as she liked to call them. She would wear her diamond tiara and throw out scathing words to people who did not possess one! She was pure Mapp and Lucia.

Benson's novel is set in beautiful Rye. Its humour is very English too; witty, but with a sting. I was entertained from start to finish, and wanted more at the end. Fortunately there are other books in the series for me to read, but in the meantime I recommend this light hearted novel as a perfect summer read.

"Au Reservoir then", as they say in Tilling. Until next month.

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The Beauty Bunch

The Beauty rooms at Suffolk Medical Clinic on Broad Street opened 3 years ago and have grown from strength to strength ever since. An extension and refit earlier this year gave more space for Beauty Therapy treatments to take place alongside the other aspect of the clinic's business, traditional cosmetic aesthetics, such as Botox, fillers and Laser therapy.

With a new look inside the clinic, another fantastic offer this month and some new faces on the team, we thought it was about time we introduced you to the Suffolk Medical Clinic Beauty Bunch!



The Beauty Team is headed up by Danielle Hunt.

Dannee qualified at the Colchester Institute in 2009 with a level 3 advanced Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

Since then, she has worked in various high-end spas and is our resident Dermalogica expert.

Dannee has trained at the International Dermal Institute and achieved her 'Expert' status by completing a series of specialist product, treatment and business workshops.



Holly Sharp joined the team this Spring.

Holly qualified as a beauty therapist from Suffolk New College in 2001 with a NVQ level 3 advanced Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

She has worked at a number of high-end salons and is Dermalogica certified and fully trained in Spray tanning, Microdermabrasion and Gel Nails. She also loves doing nail art!



Emma Broomfield recently joined the team as Clinic Administrator.

Following a recent move to Suffolk, Emma has brought her passion for superb customer service and satisfaction to her role as Clinic Administrator with us at Suffolk Medical Clinic.

As first point of contact, Emma looks forward to welcoming you to the clinic and making you feel at home.

To make use of August's amazing half price offer or for any other enquiries, please either pop in to the clinic on Broad Street, Bosford, or call 01787 211 000

Boxford School News



If I had any thoughts about slowly winding down those thoughts have been completely blown out of the water by the wide range of Summer Term events that characterise this time of year. As I write we have finished all of our sports days and are beginning to embark on our swimming galas. If that was not enough we are also going to fit in a Music Evening, a Leavers Concert and a Year 6 BBQ. The end of the Summer Term is one of the busiest and most enjoyable periods in the school year.

On 11th July we had our annual Summer Fete and it was nice to see so many people there. If you were able to come along I hope you had an enjoyable time and were able to take away a prize or two from the many stalls. Once again I am indebted to the Trujsje, the FOBS team and all of their helpers for putting on such a wonderful afternoon.

Last week we represented the Sudbury and District Schools in the County Finals for swimming. Against some much bigger schools our children performed very well and finished in a very creditable mid table position. Well done to them all.

At the end of Year 6 we like to treat the children by giving them the opportunity to take part in an end of term concert/play. This year the children undertook to put on a performance of Shakespeare's Mid-Summer Night's Dream. Putting on any sort of Shakespeare play is not easy and when you are restricted to four days of rehearsal things become even more difficult but the children rose to the challenge and worked tirelessly to put on a fantastic performance. They were lucky enough to be able to work with professional directors who adapted the play especially for them.

Another highlight of the Summer Term is Mrs Gibbens' Early Years Camp. My camping days are well behind me but I am informed that everyone who attended had a wonderful time, relaxing, enjoying the swimming pool and singing round a camp fire in the evening. A big thankyou to Mrs Gibbens and her staff for giving up their weekend to host the event.

At the beginning of July several of us from school went to Bury Cathedral to witness the ordination of Tricia Box, an ex Teaching Assistant at Boxford School. Tricia is now a Deacon and will be working in this area in her new role. Part of that will be to continue to take assemblies in school we hope. I am sure you will join with me in congratulating Tricia and wishing her all the very best in her new career.

After twenty three years as Headteacher of Boxford School this will be my last contribution to the Box River News. I can still remember my first few weeks and the wonderful way in which I was welcomed into your community. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to have served the people of Boxford and its surrounding villages and I have been lucky enough to have worked with a fantastic staff team who have always been fully supportive and committed to Boxford School. Coupled with amazing children and supportive parents my time at Boxford is one I will look back on with a huge amount of affection and pride.

Finally I would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone who has been connected with Boxford School over the last twenty three years and to wish you all the very best for the future.

Rob Giles

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ Suffolk Community Transport

Following a Rural Transport Policy Development Panel (PDP) of which I was a member, a report was discussed at Cabinet. The report made several recommendations to improve rural transport, especially that local organisations should be involved in the design of services as well as being encouraged to co-operate with each other to integrate services. This would then help the public to access these services and open them up to even more people. The report also emphasised the importance of the different providers of transport (bus/taxi/community transport) to start to work together to make the system understandable to the public.

Last month we started discussions with community travel operators, bus companies and taxi firms. Our intention is to co-design the services with the market, prior to starting a procurement process to replace the existing contracts and grant agreements which end in March 2016. Your local input will be most welcome.

➤ Suffolk Fire and Rescue (SF&R) is asking the public for their views on helping to shape the future of the Service.

The pre-consultation, running until 24th July, is asking members of the public, our staff and other partner organisations to put forward their thoughts on how to maintain a service with a reduced budget, detailing what they value about the current service and what aspects should be preserved. SF&R provides a round-the-clock, seven-days-a-week emergency service to the people of Suffolk. The service currently employs 701 people; 208 full-time firefighters, 435 on-call firefighters and 58 fire service staff in non-operational support roles. It is further supported by 26 community fire volunteers, a number that the service is keen to increase. In 2014/15 SF&R received 6,762 emergency calls for help and subsequently responded to 5,003 emergencies across Suffolk. This is a reduction of about 40% from the number of 999 calls we attended 10 years ago. In Suffolk we are expecting to have to make savings in excess of £1m over the next two years with details becoming clearer in government spending review announcements later this year. To participate in this pre-consultation and let us know your views, you can either contact us by e-mail, at:

FireServiceRedesign@suffolk.gov.uk ; call us on: 01473 260588 between 9am and 5pm (Monday to Friday); or write to us at: Service Redesign Programme Manager, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service HQ, 8, Russell Rd, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

Maintaining valued services in a tough financial climate requires some difficult decisions. The Fire and Rescue Service is one such valued service, and it is vital that we hear from as many people as possible before coming up with our proposals for the future. We would urge everyone who is interested to get in touch and let us know their views.

➤ **Coming to a high street near you...Suffolk County Council's Leader is listening.** On Saturday 20th June, SCC leader, Colin Noble, began his series of Suffolk high street events. On this occasion, he visited The Arc in Bury St Edmunds town centre. Colin was available between 10am and 2pm to listen to local views and answered any questions that were represented to him.. Talking ahead of the 'We Are Listening' event, Colin said: "I want to get out there and meet our communities across the county, speaking to residents who care passionately about Suffolk. I want to hear about the things that are close to people's hearts, to find out what issues are at the top of their agenda and what they want to see happening locally." Our local opportunity is on Saturday 26th September in Sudbury between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Colin will be joined by the county council's local councillors.

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 14th July 2015

County Councillor Stour Valley Division

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£1700 FOR THE SICK CHILDREN'S TRUST



Photos David Lamming

Summer teas in a garden raised over £1700 for The Sick Children's Trust. On the two gloriously sunny afternoons of 4th and 5th July, Jo and Simon Marchant opened their garden in Groton for tea and cakes in aid of The Sick Children's Trust. About 135 people came and gave generously for the cakes and the raffle and the plants for sale. Waistlines gave a little too, but everyone seemed quite happy about that. This wonderful charity provides free accommodation close to Great Ormond Street Hospital for the parents of very sick children. Thank you to all who came, and a special thank you to those who helped make these events so successful.

In addition to these tea parties, many other friends and family have been donating through Jo's page on the justgiving website. The total raised for The Sick Children's Trust (including gift aid) now amounts to £4405, enough to fund 160 nights for a family to stay close to their child.



Jo Marchant caught snapping

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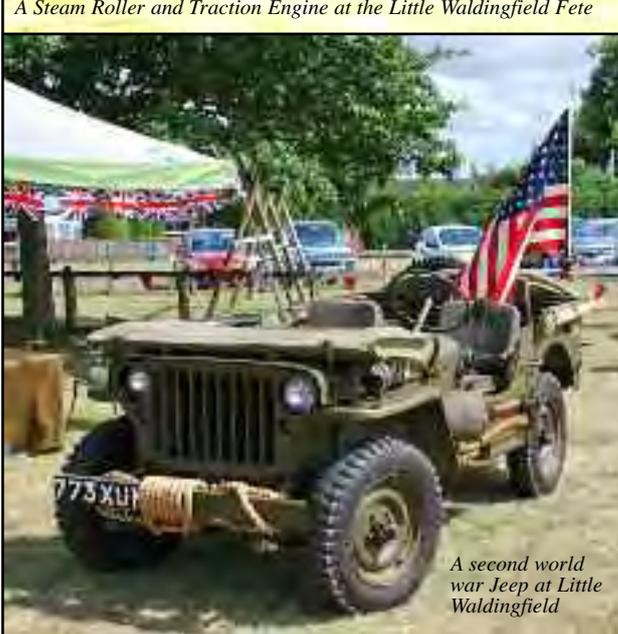


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ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR THE BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP



The Audience and the Cast applaud the Author and Musical Director seen front of stage



The ladies bemoan their partners failings



The men discuss their partners shortcomings

'Reading Between the Wines', a musical written by our very own Elaine Horne and with music composed and played by Mike Keith who also wrote the Lyrics with Elaine, was without any doubt the finest yet. I believed it was going to be difficult to follow 'Haunted' but I was wrong. It started about two years ago as a play and then Elaine had the brilliant idea of turning it into a musical, that is when the great team of Horne and Keith was born and the rest as they say is history.

All ten of the performers had been perfectly cast and each had an equal part to play. There were no Star performers, they were all Stars and with the material they were provided with and excellent direction how could they fail. Each performance was a sell out and there must have been about 300 meals served over the three days. Well done to everyone involved in the production and especially to our local Bard Elaine Horne Ed

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

MILDEN SINGERS

The Mildens Singers got the audience in the country mood during their May concerts with songs of Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond plus many more raising £1047 for Mildens Pavilion Fund.

Their next concerts are on 20th and 21st November and will have a classical twist. If you would like to join this successful and enjoyable choir please contact Pearl 01449 741876, they resume rehearsal on 7th September from 7.30-9.30pm and they are currently looking for Sopranos to join the choir and MORE MEN!

BOXFORD WI – JUNE and JULY 2015

In June we visited the Bowls Club in Boxford on a lovely sunny afternoon. Les, the President and Committee Members Jill and Monica gave us a basic introduction to the game with great humour, patience and kindness. Some of us were familiar with the game but mostly we were novices and a great time was had by all. Afterwards we strolled over to the White Hart where the Team had laid on a superb afternoon tea for us complete with sandwiches, cakes and scones with cream and jam. It was a lovely way to finish our day and our thanks to all at the Bowls Club and the White Hart for their hospitality.

In July Ciara Canning from Colchester museum came to talk to us about the costume collection. The museum houses more than 5,000 pieces which are a local collection showing a social history of the people of Colchester from 1700 to modern day. A lot of time and care goes into documenting the items many of which are fragile and can be damaged by changes in temperature. Before 1850 and the advent of the sewing machine, all clothes were hand sewn and made to fit the individual. These are generally garments from the more well to do, clothing from every day folk did not survive as adult clothes were cut down for children and textiles were recycled. There are more women's than men's clothes in the museum but as Colchester is a Garrison town there is also a military collection. This was a fascinating talk which we all thoroughly enjoyed. At our July meeting we were also delighted to hear from Margaret Walker our delegate who attended the Centenary Annual meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on 4th June. It was a beautiful day attended by Her Majesty the Queen, the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex. It was an amazing experience to hear Jerusalem sang by 5,000 ladies in this spectacular building, what a perfect way to celebrate 100 years of the WI.

Our very own Pat Rocks told us what a marvellous time she had at Buckingham Palace Garden Party in June. She told us it was a really lovely occasion and one she will never forget. Pat was also privileged to have a special introduction to Princess Alexandra

FUTURE MEETINGS

5 August	Visit to Goat	Dairy Bures
2 September	Samaritans	Village Hall 2pm
10 September	Christmas decorations	Mary's House 2pm
7 October	Savvy Shoppers	Village Hall 2pm
4 November	Games Afternoon	Village Hall 2pm
2 December	Christmas Party	Village Hall 2pm
10 December	Christmas decorations	Mary's House 2pm

GOLF MATCH : VILLAGE V NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB

The annual match between the village and the golf club took place on Friday 26th June and was a very successful occasion.

The village fielded its biggest team for several years with 14 players, and there were still some other villagers who would have liked to play. In fact we loaned two players to the golf club.

The match results were:

Roy Gardner and Steve Brown	won 3&2 against	Frank Salt a Trevor Byham
Fred Looman and Rod Donnelly	won 1 up against	Tim Cooper and Ian Duncan
Bob Rowland and Bill Aldworth	won 2&1 against	Peter Mills and Martin Tegg
Dave Crawte and Will Crawte	lost 7&6 against	Bill Havers and Ben Uttridge
Bernie Pratt and Jonathan Acton	halved with	James Fraser and John Ford
Roger Wilkins and Andrew King	lost 5&4 against	Alan Austin and Nick Martin

Although the results suggest that the match was halved with 3 1/2 games each, the village claimed victory because villagers were playing for the club team! The evening was rounded off with a few drinks and a fish and chips supper. We look forward to another successful match next year. Alan Vince

Boxford Baby and Toddler Group

Boxford Baby and Toddler Group would like to clarify that the recent generous donation which allowed us to purchase new equipment was in fact made by Bill and Elaine Horne of Queen Bee Designs (who produce the Boxford Christmas card each year). We are so grateful to them for supporting us.

St Lawrence Church, Little Waldingfield 2015 Appeal

The members of the Parochial Church Council at St Lawrence's Church would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all the villagers who have so generously contributed to the 2015 Fabric Fund Appeal. Total donations have now exceeded £10,000, following launch of the Appeal in May. This takes us to nearly 30% of our target of £35,000. Our plan is to carry out urgent repairs to our much loved and historic church and we will keep everyone updated as we progress with our plan.

New donations from friends and supporters will be gratefully received. If readers of the Box River News would like to contribute. A Donation Form can be found on the village web site www.littlewalingfield.onesuffolk.net then looking under ORGANISATIONS then CHURCH then CHURCH APPEAL DONATION FORM.

Photographs of some of the areas needing attention can also be seen on the web site.

Alternatively our church is open every day, for people of all faiths and none to take time to reflect away from our busy lives. Donation Forms are also available at the back of the church

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet at 4.30pm on Thursday 3rd September, 2015 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5ER Tel:- 01787 210263

Applications from organizations serving the above area will also be considered.

Bryns Quay Theatre Trips

On Thursday 16th July 8 folk from the Boxford area went to see Elvis at the Quay Theatre. It was a brilliant evening and enjoyed by all. Our next trip will be in September to see the S.D.S. drama Lady Windermere's fan, an excellent Oscar Wilde play, and then in November by popular demand to see the Johnny Cash Tribute Band. There are 15 seats on the Boxford Primary School bus so please come and bring a friend. All best wishes, Bryn.

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YOUR PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

For the last three years Boxford has produced a calendar featuring photographs taken around the village and, this year, Groton produced a similar calendar with pictures of and around Groton. For 2016 we are looking at the possibility of producing a benefice calendar that would feature photographs from each of our five parishes: Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Little Waldingfield and Newton. However, this will depend on receiving such photographs from the five villages. Sales of the calendar would benefit each of our fine benefice churches.

So that we can make a decision on the viability of the project, please send your pictures by e-mail to David Lamming (djlamming@hotmail.com) and Christopher Kingsbury (ChrisKingsC@aol.com) by 30th September 2015.

The reward? Not \$10,000, but at least an acknowledgment of your photography in, hopefully, 500+ copies of the 2016 calendar!

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: 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)

Sounds of the Past OPEN DAYS

The new museum of sound and broadcasting with live performances. Something for all the family, 1st Sunday Every Month all year. 10.30am to 4.00pm at The Old Chapel, Monks Eleigh, Refreshments available.

Donations to Prostate Action and MacMillan Nurses
For more info telephone Paul Goodchild 01787 372478

County Councillor James Finch

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

Sue Green.

ANTIQUES VALUATION DAY

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

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

BOAT TRIPS organised by the River Stour Trust, Easter to end of October. Travel from Sudbury to Great Henny via Gt Cornard lock. Saturdays ,Sundays and Bank holiday Mondays, plus mid week charters by arrangement. Have a great day out , or just a short trip, on the beautiful River Stour.

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web address www.riverstourtrust.org

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Thursday 6th August from 6.45pm –

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Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

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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

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ANTIQUES VALUATION DAY

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Saturday 8th August 2015

11am until 2pm

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Wot's On

Little Waldingfield History Society

Programme of Events - 2015

All talks will be at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp.

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

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage

Phone: 01787 248298

Tickets, Members £2.00 Non Members £4.00

16th September, Roger Green

Simon of Sudbury and the French Connection.

Simon was Bishop of London (1361 to 1375), Archbishop of Canterbury from 1375 until his death and in the last year of his life Lord Chancellor of England.

21st October, George Hodgkinson

Suffolk Apples and Orchards.

George will discuss climate & soil; give a brief history of commercial & traditional orchards, Suffolk Cyder, the greengage & give some words looking to the future.

18th November, Robert Halliday

Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings.

Robert has a long-standing interest in ghost stories, folklore & the paranormal and will share tales & anecdotes about the phantoms & paranormal seen across Suffolk.

16th December, Dave Steward

Hampton Court Palace and Gardens.

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Stoke-by-Nayland WEA presents a series of 10 Lectures

Starting on Thursday 24th September 2015, in Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Language in this country was very different 1000 years ago, and yet still forms the basis of our own language. We shall look at the main phases in this development by tracing the broad history of settlers here and their language legacy, including stories, traditions and legends they brought with them.

Dr Graham Platts has had a lifelong interest in English as a language and evolving medium of communication. He has taught English to children in school as well as to speakers of other languages and before his retirement worked as a School Principal in Oman and Pakistan. He has a BA in English Literature, also an MA and PhD in medieval studies.

Fees: Adult £48 (payable after the first lecture). Come to the first session or please contact Sue Whiteley for further information. Phone: 01787 210945 or email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

Nordic Walk in Polstead

Learn how to Nordic Walk in Polstead - New group starting in September

We are setting up a new Nordic Walking group in Polstead in September.

There will be a free taster session on Wednesday 16th September at 10am, followed by an 8 week subsidised Nordic Walking course. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn something new and be active outside in your local area. There are many benefits of Nordic Walking. It tones the whole body and is great for neck, shoulder and back problems, while being easy on the knees and joints. Nordic walking burns 46% more calories than normal walking. Anyone can enjoy Nordic walking and you can take it at your own pace. Why not come and give it a go? The group is being set up by the Suffolk Sport "Fit Villages" project which aims to help rural communities set up sustainable physical activity sessions in their villages. We will provide the poles and the instructor, but there are limited spaces, so please contact us if you would like to book a place for the free taster session: Mary Baker (Nordic Walking UK Instructor): marybakernordic@hotmail.com 07730 421212

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

Arrive at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm. Friday our next film will be the 2015 "Far from the Madding Crowd" on September 25th.

We also have the Common Ground Theatre Company coming on 19th Sept. with "Count of Monte Cristo" (adapted by Pat Whymark and Julian Harries.).

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

An 8 week course on Monday afternoons 3.30 - 5.30pm
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Starting on Monday 12th October 2015

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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 Bannisdale : 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 Elaine Todd, Minn Farm Cottage, Edwardstone, Sudbury CO10 5PY.
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Forthcoming Events Diary

July

31 Fireside Club outing to the Orwell Lady

August

4 Boxford Gardening Society	Alpines and Alpine Triughs	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
4 Newton Village Hall	Fireside Wendy's Tea Party	Newton Village Hall	2.30pm
5 Visit to Goat Dairy	Boxford WI	Bures	
9 Shoe Box Appeal 2015	Cream Teas	Coner Cottage, Wash Lane	2 pm
8 Antiques Valuation Day	Groton PCC	Groton Church	11.00am-2.00pm
4 Newton Village Hall	Fireside Beetle Drive	Newton Village Hall	2.30pm
28 Fireside Club outing to Thorpness			10.00am

September

2 Boxford WI	Samaritans	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
3 Groto Educational Foundation	Trustees Meeting	Mary's House	4.30 pm
5/6 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival	Children at Play	St Lawrences Church	10am-6pm
10 Boxford WI	Christmas Decorations	Mary's House	2pm
16 Simon of Sudbury	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

October

3 Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
7 Savvy Shop	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2 pm
12 for 8 weeks Boxford Study Centre	Gods That Failed	Groton Village Hall	3.30pm
21 Suffolk Apples and Orchards	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
31 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.30pm

November

4 Games Afternoon	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2 pm
18 Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

December

2 Christmas Party	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2 pm
5 Cheese and Wine	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
10 Christmas Decorations	Boxford WI	Mary's House	2 pm
16 Hampton Court Palace	Little Waldingfield History Society	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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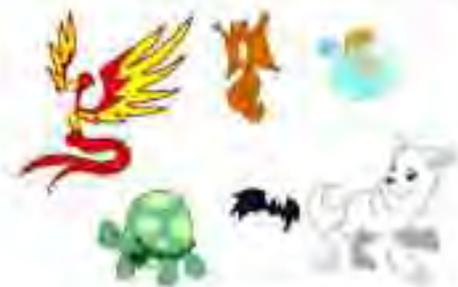
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Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.

Benefice house:

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

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Café Church and Pet Blessing Service

St Mary's Church, Boxford
11 am, Sunday September 6th



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

*Peter Patrick, Amberley,
White Street Green. tel 210346*

On Sunday 16th August at 11.00 am we are holding a VJ Day 70th Anniversary Service to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the Second World War in the Far East, on 14th August 1945.

From a letter from Christian Aid: "We have received from The Boxford & Edwardstone Group the amazing sum of £1933.58. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the time and effort you have put into making Christian Aid Week a success in your area this year. Please pass on our thanks to everyone who helped in

any way to raise funds for our partners. Without you all, Christian Aid's work would not be possible." "Whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me" (Matthew 25:40)

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Benefice Church Calendar 2016 - See the Ad on the 'News from Clubs and Organisations' page of this edition.

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.

How to help raise funds for St.Mary's Church: Many of us buy things "on-line" so go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk Register, then follow a link to your favourite on line store eg Amazon. The retailers give a donation to the church & it costs you nothing extra!

Boxford Church Teatowels make a good gift- these are available in church or the Post Office stores £5.00 each or 2 for £8.00

The "West End Project" We now have 20 new chairs & 5 new tables thanks to donations received. (The chairs are £57.28 each & tables £97.00 each). We will also want to carpet this area. We are seeking donations to enable the project to be completed. Several people have already very kindly offered to buy some chairs which is a great start.. If you feel able to help please contact the Revd Judith or a Churchwarden.

On Sunday September 6th at 11.00 am we are planning a Pets Blessing Service at St Mary's. Please bring along your pets to this family service with a difference!

Future fundraising for St Mary's:

- Monday 31st August a Suffolk Villages Festival Concert at 12.00 noon
- September - date to be confirmed - a quiz evening in the village hall
- Sunday 4th October A Suffolk Villages Festival Concert at 6.30pm
- Sunday 18th October at 6.30pm A concert by the Serendipity Singers



Above: Libby Winthrop, John Winthrop, Louisa Winthrop, Matthew Barzun and Rev Judith Sweetman

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.

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Christian Aid Collection 2015 Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's collection. We now know the total raised in Edwardstone was £166.42. Many thanks to all who gave their time delivering and collecting the envelopes around the village.

Fleece Jazz Gig held at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel on Friday 9th June was a great success. About 125 people came to hear the John East Project performing in aid of Edwardstone Church. Thank you to everyone involved and to those who came to that splendid evening, helping to raise over £1,450.00.

DAC Visit. On Tuesday 7th July we had a visit from volunteers who help support the work of the Diocesan Advisory Committee which considers faculty applications regarding changes to buildings/internal orderings etc. About 15 came and seemed to enjoy looking round the church, as they joined us for coffee, and were delighted to find Bonnie, the rocking horse, our latest addition to the Children's Corner. Several people were seen to have a ride on her, and photos were taken to prove it.

Rota

8th Aug Wedding of Alastair Maw and Charlotte Mockeridge
16th Aug 9.30 Morning Prayer Sidesman Jan Paul Coffees Maureen Cooling
29th Aug Wedding of Oliver Codrington and Joanna Lowry-Corry
Cleaning Jan Paul & Debbie Lewis
Flowers Jan Paul



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

ANTIQUES VALUATION DAY

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

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

Rota

Sidesman: Mr Lamming
Flowers: Mrs Lethbridge
Cleaning: Mrs Smith



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Our first eight o'clock communion of the summer was held in the church. Rebecca and Peter Simpson had arranged seat covers and cushions for our comfort. Friends from other parishes joined us and everyone enjoyed the service.

5 July Revd Judith celebrated Holy Communion for us in rather adverse conditions. Owing to the storm in the previous week, the electricity supply just wouldn't work. Candles were lit on the organ for Patrick Friend to play, and Howard Knight and Peter Simpson took turns to pump! In gathering gloom we managed cheerful singing and much laughter but, alas, no refreshments.

We have received a generous response to our appeal for the Restoration Fund. A more detailed account will be given in this magazine.

The gravestones in the churchyard have been inspected, and one in the closed churchyard and four in the open one have been found to be unstable. These have been laid flat in case of accidents to people or pets visiting the graves.

PCC One more appeal. We need someone to take on the cleaning of the silver and brass in the church. Mrs. Margaret Rawles has done this for

us for 14 years. We shall miss her and we thank her for all she has done on our behalf. If you would like to help, please contact Patricia Eddington on 247932.

Rota

	Sidesman	Flowers
Aug 2	Mrs Nicholls & Mr Duffy	Mrs Duffy
Aug 9	Visiting	Mrs Ewen
Aug 16	Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell	Mrs Squirrel
Aug 23	Visiting	Mrs Eddington
Aug 30	Mr & Mrs Simpson	Mrs Gregor-Smith



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

14th June: Revd Judith took our Communion Service and she welcomed us with a revised version of "on this summer morning" as the weather was dull and damp for June. Revd Judith spoke of the many ways that parables are used to illustrate meaningful messages even for us today. We welcomed and thanked Nancy Roser who played the organ for us. Thank you to all who helped.

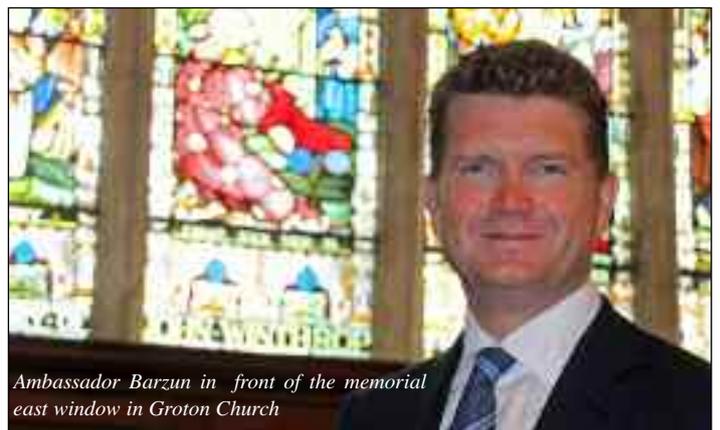
18th June: The church of St. Mary the Virgin in Glemsford welcomed The Visitation of The Ven. Dr. David Jenkins, Archdeacon of Sudbury to the special service for the Annual Churchwardens' Declaration. As usual, his sense of humour was evident as he welcomed each Churchwarden making them feel comfortable in the solemn commitment they were undertaking. The Canon John Parr gave a presentation on "Growing in God". Thank you to all who attended and supported our Churchwarden, Christine Cornell, for the 4th time, and who has carried out her duties with true dedication.

21st June: Our Cake Stall at Newton Fete proved profitable which was further added to with the kind donation from the Fete Committee to our church. Thank you to all who took part in any way.

28th June: Morning Worship was taken by Revd Judith. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ and helping us to sing through a favourite hymn for the funeral of one of our faithful members until she moved away from the village. We were delighted to welcome for the first time one of our villagers and refreshments offer a chance for all to meet and chat. Thank you to all helpers.



Matthew Barzun interviewed by Kate Prout of Angia TV News



Ambassador Barzun in front of the memorial east window in Groton Church

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship August 2015

Village Daily Prayers: informal, friendly service, lasting about 40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, for concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Please let Revd Judith know the names or those you would like prayed for, or about any situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed to: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com. The rota from April to September is now: Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, Wednesday 9.00 Groton; 17.00 Little Waldingfield, Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford Do join us!

** VJ DAY SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION – BOXFORD – 16TH AUGUST **

** REFLECTIVE SERVICE OF READINGS AND MUSIC – LITTLE WALDINGFIELD – 16TH AUGUST

** FIVE VILLAGES SERVICE – LITTLE WALDINGFIELD – 30TH AUGUST**

** PLEASE NOTE - THERE IS NO CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICE IN AUGUST **

Sunday 2nd	Trinity 9	(G)
Boxford	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	12.00 Christening of Lilibeth Land	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 5th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 6th

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

Saturday 8th

Edwardstone 14.00 Wedding of Alastair Maw and Charlotte Mockridge Revd Judith

Sunday 9th	Trinity 10	(G)
Groton	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 12th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 16th	Trinity 11	(G)
Boxford	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	9.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Service of Commemoration:70th Anniversary of VJ Day	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	13.00 Christening of Finlay Ratcliffe	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	16.00 Reflective service of music and readings	Revd Judith and Lay Team

Wednesday 19th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 20th

Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Lay Team

Sunday 23rd	Trinity 12	(G)
Groton	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00 Morning Worship	Revd Judith and Lay Team
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 26th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Revd Judith

Saturday 29th

Edwardstone 14.00 Wedding of Oliver Codrington and Joanna Lowry Corry Revd Judith

Sunday 30th	Trinity 13	(G)
Lt Waldingfield	10.00 Five Villages Family Worship with Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	15.00 Christening of Esmae Durrant	

BOXFORD ROVERS CLEAN SWEEP OF FAIR PLAY AWARDS

Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club have won the Fair Play award in every league they play in this season proud to have won 'the most important trophies'.

Every year, the South Suffolk Youth League and the Colchester & District Youth League award a Fair Play trophy to the one team which has received the most cumulative marks for respect and fair play throughout the preceding season, and it is always, rightly, the most highly sought-after prize. There are over 500 teams in both leagues, playing youth football across Suffolk every Saturday and Sunday morning, so for one team to win the prize from both leagues is a fabulous achievement.

Melvyn Eke, Chairman of Boxford Rovers, was delighted to pick up the award at Portman Road at the recent AGM; 'I cannot overstate how proud and delighted Boxford Rovers is to win both these awards. We are a club firmly set in the heart of the local community and we pride ourselves on our inclusivity for all players – boys and girls and at whatever age. It is a testament to all our kids playing in the colours of Boxford Rovers and to the hard work and dedication of the coaches and parents. We believe in playing the game in the right spirit and we are very aware of the responsibility we have to all parents to coach their children not only to improve their footballing skills but to grow and to nurture them into respectful and responsible young adults'

Iain Booth, Chairman of South Suffolk Youth League said; 'The Committee was delighted when Boxford Rovers came out on top, because for several seasons now, they have gained a reputation from their fellow Clubs for the way they conduct themselves on and off the field, and the fair play and respect they show towards all their opponents. My own experience is that they encapsulate all that is good in youth football and all their players representing the Club, learn the true spirit of football. Our heartiest congratulations go to Boxford Rovers for winning the most important trophy which the League presents.

Their prize is a full set of kit for a single team in their club, which is donated annually to the league by Total Football in Ipswich. Alex Paul, Boxford Rovers U12 Manager (07503 332675)



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There is an old saying – “Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely”. Attributed to Lord Acton in the late 19th century, it undoubtedly has been around for very much longer. I was put in mind of this most popular saying by a few events of a very different nature a few weeks ago – the humiliation of Greece at the hands of its creditors and the politics and conflicts of an Anglican parish.

Perhaps I had better deal with the seemingly more mundane aspects of the second apparent brush with how power – or rather the search for and exercise of power – can influence outcomes, lest you think I am talking about our own benefice. Most of you will be aware that Elizabeth and I are fortunate enough to own a house in the Western Algarve. There is a strong church community in our little town and we like to engage with it as fully as we can.

In the local parlance we are deemed as swallows – we fly back and forth. The local congregation is made up of ex-pat residents, swallows (like us) and holidaymakers. The running of the parish, though, is mainly in the hands of those who have left the UK (and other European countries for that matter) to live full time in Portugal, with just a sprinkling of swallows to assist.

Southern Portugal sits within the diocese of Gibraltar. It is effectively divided into two parishes – west and east Algarve. With our church in Luz we are the western hub and remarkably both churches in the Algarve are currently without a priest in charge. Where politics come into this situation is that it appears that the eastern parish will have precedence over our church when it comes to filling the vacancy.

This seems surprising to me as more money is raised from our little community than from the Eastern Church. This probably has most to do with the holidaymaker and swallow influence as we are a very popular destination for those seeking more clement weather than that available back home. Judith would undoubtedly love to have the size of congregation we can often muster in the church of St Vincent, which is loaned to us by the local Roman Catholics.

Unfortunately, this is not lost on those who run the parish, so a power struggle has been taking place which could result in the two Algarvean churches separating. Perhaps such a schism will prove

positive in the longer term, but short term it has resulted in resignations and some muscle play that surely has little place in an Anglican community. I will be following events closely and may even have some ideas of my own to help ensure a more secure future.

Greece, of course, is an altogether more serious situation. Let us make no mistake, Greece is largely the architect of its own downfall. To join the single currency zone within Europe it employed a leading US investment bank to help it with some cosmetic accounting to allow it to present its financial position in the best possible light. Moreover, Greece has a reputation for failing to collect due taxes and rewarding public workers with generous retirement deals, so running out of money seemed pretty inevitable.

Twice Greece has been bailed out by its fellow Eurozone members. As I write this, perched above the Atlantic Ocean in a country that has also had to suffer creditor imposed austerity to gain necessary funding, a third bailout package is going through the processes needed to ensure Greece does not go bust. The Greek prime minister was elected on a non-austerity ticket and succeeded in persuading the electorate to vote against the first offer from his fellow Euro adoptive nations. In the end he has had to accept even more stringent terms from his creditors.

The power to impose terms on Greece exists with those countries that hold the purse strings, most notably Germany. We are not part of the single currency bloc – thank goodness – because what the events of recent weeks have demonstrated is that you relinquish control over most aspects of running your domestic economy if you are foolish enough to fall foul of the rules imposed to ensure a homogenous economic approach.

So austerity reigns still in Greece and the Eurozone remains intact. The bullying tactics that took place have left a somewhat sour taste in my mouth, though. Power has been exercised – arguably absolutely. As a self confessed Europhile, I feel rather let down and have started to wonder whether those sceptics who campaign vigorously for life outside the European Union might not have a point after all. I wonder what the good people of the Box River benefice feel.

Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.

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GARDENING IN AUGUST HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Buds are now forming on outdoor flowering chrysanthemums and if large blooms are required they should be disbudded to one flower per stem. Disbudding is sometimes 'called taking the bud' or 'securing the bud'. It simply means removing the side buds which form below the main bud. Allow these side buds to grow to about an inch long before removing them, otherwise the main bud may be damaged causing the flower to be malformed. Complete the disbudding of out door varieties by the middle of the month to ensure the blooms are produced before the Autumn frosts. When the buds have been secured give a feed of high potash fertiliser to help fatten them up. Discontinue feeding when the buds show colour.

Water once a week if the weather is dry and make sure the stems are well supported to allow for the increasing weight of the blooms. Earwigs can be a problem, a ring of vaseline around the stem below the flower will prevent them from reaching and eating the open florets.

During the first week of the month make the main sowing of spring cabbage seed. This sowing will not so readily run to seed as earlier sowings. Thin seedlings out to six inches apart to ensure good sturdy plants for planting out in October.

Onion should be harvested by the middle of the month, no need to leave them until the tops have died completely - they may gain a Little extra weight but it is usually at the expense of good keeping Qualities. Also a heavy rain will encourage the bulbs to expand rapidly causing many to split and rendering them useless for long keeping.

Time to think of next years onion crop. Last week in the month sow seed of the Japanese varieties of onion to produce an early crop in June next year.

If you intend to force a few bulbs for the winter a start should be made this month to get them out for Christmas. Hyacinths, early flowering tulips and daffodils can be planted in pots filled with bulb fibre and kept in a cool, dark place until they are well rooted. Buy specially prepared hyacinths and plant them singly in three inch pots and when the flower stems are showing colour they can be planted up into bowls - that way you can ensure that they all flower at the same time.

Slugs are a serious problem in most gardens especially on potatoes. To avoid too much damage lift all potatoes early in the month. The longer they are left in the ground, the more damage you will get.

Continue to feed and water tomatoes, cucumbers and courgettes. Any roots that come to the surface should be covered with compost to prevent

the sun from drying them up. Dryness at the roots of Tomatoes is the main cause of 'blossom end rot' in tomatoes - that brown scab at the blossom end of the fruit.

Madonna lilies (Lilium Candidum) can be planted now. Unlike other Lilies the Madonna is evergreen and should not be planted as deeply as other varieties. Plant with about an inch of soil above each bulb.

August is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has been a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away. When you are at home, take the time to prune summer-flowering shrubs.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Prune Wisteria
- 2 Don't delay summer pruning restricted fruits
- 3 Deadhead flowering plants regularly
- 4 Watering! - particularly containers, and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
- 5 Collect seed from favourite plants
- 6 Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
- 7 Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
- 8 Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
- 9 Keep ponds and water features topped up
- 10 Feed the soil with green manures

August is a dire month, with few gardens looking good. The soil is often dry, the light is uninspiring and there are many plants already on the downhill slope. But there are remedies including mulching thirsty plants. You can stop the tired look by mulching with well-rotted organic material in early May - but always on damp soil. This will keep any moisture trapped underneath. You can make a simple mulch using partially decomposed grass clippings. However, whenever you mulch you nearly always get more slugs. So don't add this mulch near hostas, dahlias, delphiniums or other favourite slug fests.

Another way to keep the garden going is to give plants a Chelsea chop in May - roughly when the flower show takes place. They will bush out more, be shorter in stature and flower later. This is very good for campanulas, sedums, phloxes and asters. But I wouldn't recommend the Chelsea chop if you're on thin, dry soil or in dry parts of the county.

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Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

6th July

Attendance: All members of the Parish Council attended including Julian Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), Roger Balls (Vice Chairman), Cecil Hughes MBE, Suzanne Impett, Sue Green, David Waspe, David Talbot Clarke, Andrew Sargeant and John Moles. District Cllr Bryn Hurren and the Clerk were also present. County Cllr James Finch had sent his apologies.

County Council Report: County Cllr Finch had provided a report ahead of the meeting. Additionally he had followed up the outstanding white lining on the by-pass. A further surface was being applied which will need to be swept ahead of the white lining. This process was to be completed within the next 10 days.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed they had the first full District Council Meeting since the Election. He still represents the District Council at the Quay Theatre and Pin Mill. Savings are being achieved due to solar panel installation on their housing. Some are still to be completed. The grass was cut on Swan Street near Homefield following a report at the previous Parish Council Meeting. Flyers will be issued to alert residents on Swan Street and Homefield of future road sweeping. The 106 agreement for the Sand Hill development will soon be available together with the decision notice. There are on-going positive talks on the future of the Post Office in Boxford. Cllr Hurren will follow up the loose sewage cover opposite Homefield flats, trees overhanging the path in Swan Street near No. 1 Homefield and on-going issues relating to an overgrown tree on Homefield. He had liaised with the site foreman regarding the state of the road on Daking Avenue. The Appeal at Cygnet Court had been dismissed.

Correspondence: A detailed report had been provided to members ahead of the meeting. From the correspondence, the Clerk read a letter from James Cartlidge MP on the subject of improving mobile phone coverage.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, due to a positive procedural change at the Parish Council's bank, it was agreed to implement internet banking.

Goodlands Design: Due to unrest about the design of the properties and their garden sizes on the Goodlands Development, it was agreed to write to the Head of Planning urging a site inspection and quoting the appeal ruling at Cygnet Court.

Jubilee Garden Maintenance: A contractor has been selected to bring the Jubilee Garden back to a good condition. The previous gardener was unable to continue due to pressure of work and unfortunately the garden is in need of attention.

Neighbourhood Planning: It was agreed to form a sub-committee led by Cllr Talbot-Clarke to investigate and seek support from the village in relation to a Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman, Cllr Balls and Cllr Waspe together with other volunteers from the village will research and provide a notice in Box River News. It is felt a Neighbourhood Plan would offer real influence when the inevitable development proposals surface in the future. However, it would be essential to

have on-going support and direction from the village to make the project viable. Members were grateful to Paul Kirkham for the ground work he had undertaken on this topic for the village. Paul Kirkham was unable to continue due to other commitments.

Lorries turning right from Sand Hill to Cox Hill: This formed an Agenda item in view of on-going issues with Lorries attempting this unsuitable manoeuvre. Members agreed to request a "No Right Turn for HGV's 200 yards ahead" at the by-pass on the entrance to Sand Hill and also to ask the business owner to remind his customers of arrangements to avoid delivery Lorries reaching the junction.

Street Lighting: Further up-grades to LED will be authorised at Fen Street, Boxford Lane and on the A1071 at the junction with Stone Street. These lanterns are guaranteed for 25 years and lead to substantial power and maintenance savings.

Planting: The District Council had confirmed that work was approved to reduce conifers and alder by 50% at 34 Stone Street and also to remove Japanese cedar at Almond Cottage, 34 Swan Street. The Parish Council had On Objections to the felling of Norwegian spruce at 10 Ellis Street.

Reports: Cllr Waspe had fixed the Cemetery tap. Cllr Sargeant had started clearing the Jubilee Garden to make the appearance more presentable. The Clerk was to report a broken sign on Brick Kiln Hill and the damaged footpath on School Hill.

2015 Meeting dates for Boxford Parish Council:

7th September, 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December.

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Parish Council Matters

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 1 July 2015 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: C Fraulo, J Osborne, R Kelsey, N Cox

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

To receive apologies for absence - These were received and approved from A Dixon-Smith and P Roberts (both business commitments)

Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting of 13 May 2015 were agreed, proposed by J Osborne, seconded R Kelsey and were duly signed.

Councillor vacancies - The Council resolved to continue to approach people who may be interested in standing.

Reports - J Finch had circulated a copy of his report prior to the meeting. He said that if any input was received relating to community transport it should be passed to him.

B Hurren apologised for not attending the last meeting which closely followed the election. He said that 2 main points came out of his visits to electors – one was that several people were isolated due to lack of transport and he has been arranging visits to the Quay Theatre and providing transport for local people. Also housing needs were raised.

Suffolk Constabulary were not in attendance.

Reports and questions: - R Kelsey reported that she had attended the Babergh Area SALC meeting and found it interesting. Information was received on Better Broadband, promotion of women's cycling and the review of play pitches across Babergh. Training will be provided on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which replaces s106 in most circumstances. More flexible planning policies are being introduced.

Financial risk assessment - Councillors considered the Risk Assessment document for 2015-2016 and concluded that all was in order.

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations - Councillors considered these and were in agreement that no changes were required to Standing Orders. The Clerk suggested that the Financial Regulations be brought in line with NALC's 2014 revised version and Councillors agreed that she should put this together and let them have it for consideration prior to the next meeting.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence - C Fraulo said that the visit by the Ambassador had been very successful. She asked the Council to consider paying £117.44 being the cost of the oak tree that the Ambassador had planted, which had been paid for by Bob Bowdidge. The Council agreed to do so. Thanks were recorded in particular to Pat Kennedy Scott, Valerie Riddleston, Jayne Foster and Colin and Elisabeth Blackmore.

The Clerk reported that she had put onto the website all the information required to be posted in accordance with the Transparency Code in time for the 1 July deadline, and she would continue to keep it up to date in accordance with the legislation.

Local Housing Needs - Conflicting information had been received from Babergh's planning and housing departments regarding finding an alternative site for affordable housing. B Hurren will clarify the position and let the Council know the position.

Highway and footpath matters - C Fraulo had met with Kevin Verlander, the SCC Rights of Way Officer, to discuss the incorrect path cutting. He had suggested that a councillor should meet again when the contractors are due to cut, to ensure that it is done in the correct place. C Fraulo is likely to be away when the cut is made but she will liaise with A Dixon-Smith regarding the issue. The Council agreed that it would be worth looking at the whole issue of footpath cutting and it would be best if the Parish Council had control of the budget.

Planning Matters

Mobile phone mast at Sherbourne House Farm, Edwardstone
The Council considered the letter dated 16 June 2015 received from Harlequin Group regarding the proposed mast. All were in favour.

Planning decisions received - The porch at 5 Castlings Heath had been approved.
Financial matters - The Clerk reported that the Council's financial position was as follows:

Reserve Account as at 29 May 2015	£2516.03
Current Account as at 30 April 2015	£5031.39
Total	£7547.42

This was approved and requested cheques were signed.

Future Agenda items – Local Housing Needs; footpath review

Date of next meeting – 2 September 2015

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The casualties we've seen include pigeons fallen out of nests, orphaned ducklings, lambs rejected by their mothers, an abandoned fawn and two baby hedgehogs. Sadly, one did not survive due to severe flystrike but the other is thriving.

A young badger was also brought in after it's sibling was killed by a dog and we believe the parent was shot. Fortunately he has since been successfully released into a secure sett in another area with a group of similar aged badgers.

Don't forget our Facebook Photo



Competition closes at the end of August so keep your cameras poised for that perfect shot when you are out and about with your pets. The thirteen winning entries will feature in the 2016 SESAW Calendar, more details next month.

As many of you are probably taking a break this month I'll tell you about the animals for homing and fundraising events in the next issue. Right now, I'm going to see if there are anymore new arrivals indoors. And if someone is sleeping in my bed, there will be another wild animal in the kitchen – me! Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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Readers Letters

Sir

We would just like to say how much we enjoyed "Reading Between the Wines" performed by Boxford Drama Group in June, absolutely fantastic. The cast were all on form, the script written by Elaine was hilarious and the music by Mike was outstanding. There is plenty of home grown talent in Boxford! Well done to everyone involved. Not forgetting Dawn and her girls for a lovely supper.

Jane and Shelagh,
Front of House ladies.

Sir

Joyce Kathleen Mary Rice

Gerald, Hilary, Lionel and Families would like to thank everyone who came to Joyces funeral.

Also those who sent messages of sympathy. Many thanks also to everyone who sent donations enabling us to send £464.00 to St Nicholas Hospice in Ipswich.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Rev Judith for a lovely service.

Once again many thanks from
Gerald, Hilary, Lionel and families

Sir

A few weeks ago I was on holiday in Roumania and decided to book a tour to see the place where Vlad Drakul was supposed to be buried. The guide decided to have a short stop at the Bucharest Commonwealth War Cemetery as there as a Briton on board. Mostly the graves were of RAF personnel shot down when attacking the oil refineries at Ploesti .. There were 6 other graves of naval personnel from HMS Mersey dating from early 1919. As I am reasonably local to Merseyside I photographed all the graves.

When I got home I looked them up on the CWG C website and also about HMS Mersey.

HMS Mersey was a river monitor, crew of about 30. In late 1918 to early 1919 it was patrolling the River Danube as Roumania was absorbing territory it had taken from Russia at the end of the first world war. The graves were probably of servicemen who had died of influenza as HMS Mersey was never in action there.

None of the dead crew had any connection with Merseyside. One, a Petty Officer E Bullen, according to the website, left a widow, Mary Bullen at 4 Council Cottages, Boxford, a place I have visited on one of my Suffolk historic churches tours. I have been in contact with the Boxford Society and Rev Sweetman. The address Council Cottages is unknown to them, E Bullen was not a Boxford resident at the time of the 1911 census and none of the congregation knew the family. I will be very happy to pass on photos to any relatives.

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Over 70 cyclists registered and were started by Lord Andrew Phillips of Sudbury on their ride through Aga Fen to Bures, returning via Lamarsh to the Stevenson Centre in Great Cornard. The first few enthusiastic riders arrived back in just under the hour. They were followed by members of the Boxford, Sudbury and Hadleigh cycling clubs and many members of the public who just came for the ride and to support the charity.

President Bill Haldane of Sudbury Talbot Rotary said: 'Thanks must go to Boxford Bike Club for their expertise in organising this ride. We are also very indebted to the many companies in the Sudbury area who have sponsored this event and without whom it would not have taken place. We are hugely grateful for their support.'

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