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GROTON CHURCH ROOF STRIPPED



Photo David Lamming

St Bartholomew's Church in Groton has become the ninth church in recent weeks to be targeted by lead thieves.

The theft from St Bartholomew's Church, in Groton, follows eight similar crimes across the county since St Mary's Church, in Combs, became the first historic building targeted on August 23.

The latest was discovered by Howard Knight, who spotted pieces of lead and indentations in the grass outside the church, on Saturday 3rd in the morning.

The thieves appeared to have gained access to the roof via a table-top tomb, then onto the vestry roof and then via a short length of drainpipe onto the north aisle roof. The lead has been stripped from an area of the north aisle roof at St Bartholomew's Church, Groton, over the organ. Everyone in the parish are shocked at this desecration of yet another historic church by thieves who plainly have no thought or regard for the impact of their crime on church members and the local community, let alone the cost of repair.

Alarms were now being fitted and parishioners are being vigilant. A spokeswoman for Suffolk police said the theft was thought to have happened between 5pm on Friday and 9am Saturday. Offenders climbed onto the vestry roof and managed to climb onto the north aisle rooftop, from where they threw sheets of lead, causing damage to a stone buttress. John Howard, spokesman for the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, said: "It is devastating when a church loses lead from the roof to thieves, typically costing thousands of pounds to replace. But there are things that can be done to stop thieves, that do not cost huge sums. It is imperative that lead roofs are marked with a product such as Smartwater and Parochial Church Councils consider having roof alarms fitted, for about £5,000, as many do now have.

"The cost of these measures are minuscule compared to the cost of replacing a lead roof." A church architect has given an initial budget figure of £45,000 +VAT for the repairs. He estimated that about 4 tons of lead was stolen.

If you can help police with their enquires into the latest thefts, or any of the previous thefts, call 101 with information.

CECIL HUGHES RECEIVES THE LEGION D'HONNEUR



Reverence and Legions d'Honneur at Merville

Four British veterans were decorated. On June 6th, 1944, they had taken part in the Battery capture with the 9th Battalion, Parachute Regiment, decimated by this operation.

Each year, their figure shrinks a little more and their legs become more frail. Yet, the seven veterans, all in their nineties, haven't missed this rendez vous for seventy years. That's because the soil of Merville belongs to them, as Olivier Paz, the mayor, likes to say.

Though not as magnificent as last year, the 71st D-day anniversary ceremonies became emotional when the mayor pinned the Legion d'Honneur on four veterans' jacket lapel: Frederick Glover, Cecil Hughes, Geoffrey Pattinson and Cyril Tasker.

750 men of the British Parachute Regiment - 9th Battalion were dropped to take over the Merville battery. They were in full chaos, it took them a lot of courage, abnegation and a good dose of unconsciousness to go and confront with death, reminded Olivier Paz. Shot under the flare of their parachute, drowned in the fetid silt, or killed holding their guns, frail figures assailing this dreaded battery. The battery was taken by only 1/5th of the men of the Battalion. Olivier Paz carried on, addressing the veterans: "Friends, on June 6th, 1944, you made of Merville democracy's beachhead... What you brought us that morning is in good hands, on both sides of the Channel. We shall make sure of that".



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A GREAT NIGHT OUT AT FLEECE JAZZ



The best ever Gig We have been to at Fleece took place on Friday 2nd October

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The movie songs provided good material for the best jazz singers. Joanna Eden and her first-class band had a ball with them ... and so did the audience at Fleece Jazz

Friendly and personal, relaxed and intimate, this interesting and quirky two-hour show went down a storm

Eddie Kench

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER



Despite the World Cup, this years Harvest Supper was well attended and much enjoyed by the punters. The food was of it's usual high standard as was the company. Thanks to all those involved in making this such an enjoyable evening.



Friday 13 November 8.00 £16 **Geoff Mason Sextet: Tribute to Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers**

Geoff plays with Ronnie Scott's big band. Tonight he leads his own sextet for an evening of swinging tunes
Geoff Mason trombone, Steve Fishwick trumpet, Simon Spillett sax John Horler piano, Trevor Tomkins drums, Tim Wells bass

Friday 20 November 8.00 £18 **Tina May Quartet featuring Nikki Iles**

Able abetted by Jeremy and Stephen these two outstanding musicians will captivate an audience only too happy to be held captive. Tina May vocals, Nikki Iles piano, Jeremy Brown bass, Stephen Keogh drums

Friday 27 November 8.00 £18 **Simon Spillett Quartet**

"He's stood old head and young shoulders above many of his contemporaries as a live performer for several years...gets five stars ..." - Roger Thomas, BBC. Simon Spillett sax, John Critchinson piano, Alec Dankworth bass, Clark Tracey drums
Simon Spillett, the son of a semi-pro musician, is an excellent band leader who puts together a well-balanced programme. He is also the chronicler and guardian of the legend and legacy of the great Tubby Hayes. Simon has played with three generations British Jazz greats, including Stan Tracy, Bobby Wellins, Alan Barns and Gwilym Simcock. On Piano, tonight and for the Quartet's last 10 years, is John Critchinson, who became a member of Ronnie Scott's Quartet when Simon was only 5 years old. On Bass is Alec Dankworth and on drums Clark Tracy, two more well known and loved Fleece.

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

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Friday 30 October 8.00 £16 **John Etheridge and Vimala Rowe**

Brilliant guitarist, perhaps best known for "The Soft Machine Legacy" is joined by a sensational award winning singer John Etheridge guitars, Vimala Rowe vocals.

This is going to be a very special gig. John has worked with an amazing array of people (Kennedy, Williams, Garrick, Tippet, Grapelli ...) and headed a range of bands (Sweet Chorus, Soft Machine, Zappatistas...). He is an old friend of the club, and he brings for her debut here a most wonderful singer
Just listening to the tracks and videos on Vimala's website was such a pleasure. She has a lovely voice with a huge range of tonality and dynamics, and is a great storyteller. The stories will be in a large range of genres, from swing, through Swahili and Syrian Aramaic, soul and, of course, jazz.L

Friday 6 November 8.00 £15 **Maciek Pysz Trio**

Maciek is major new presence on the guitar scene, Maestro Yuri and master drummer, Asaf complete this stunning trio
Maciek Pysz acoustic and classical guitars, Yuri Goloubev bass, Asaf Sirkis drums. Presenting music from the critically acclaimed new album 'A Journey' released on Dot Time Records. An unforgettable evening of world music, jazz and fusion combined with heart touching melodies. The Trio is famous for amazing energy and interaction on stage. "Pysz's highly melodic writing and well delineated and unhurried playing style make for a highly satisfying and often beautiful album *****" - Ian Mann (The Jazz Mann)

THE NOVEMBER LETTER by CHRIS KINGSBURY

The world is without doubt still a very trouble place indeed, with, for example, wars ongoing in the Middle East and the subsequent mass migration of those affected by these events. So it is appropriate, especially during November, that our thoughts should reflect on these events, also on past wars & those of our time. We have recalled the 70th anniversaries of VE Day & VJ Day of the Second World War this year. 2014 saw the 70th anniversary of D Day 1944 and the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1.

Each year we are most grateful that Mr Percy Fletcher, with great dignity, reads the names of the fallen at the Remembrance Service in Boxford. Similar services of course take place around the benefice. On November 11th, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the morning, the end of the First World War took place: Germany surrendered to the Allied Forces. After 4 long years of bloodshed, the final Armistice was signed...

The First World War was known as "The Great War" and the "War to end All Wars". The 'Central Powers', the losers in the war, lost more than 3,500,000 soldiers on the battlefield. The 'Allied Powers', the victors, lost more than 5,100,000 men. On average, more than 5,600 soldiers were killed on every day of the war.

The fact that 20,000 British soldiers were killed on the first day of the 'Battle of the Somme' is often recalled with horror. Over 5 million civilians are also estimated to have perished on the European continent alone, under occupation, bombardment, hunger and disease.

Within 6 weeks of the war starting almost half a million men had volunteered to fight for God, King, and country, and for the freedom of the world. Britain lost one of its finest generations... They came from all walks of society: Men from the Victorian generation who were willing to stand and fight for these noble ideals.

November 11th is known as "Armistice Day" or "Remembrance Day" in Great Britain and its Commonwealth countries, and as "Veterans Day" in the United States. After the Second World War, the nearest Sunday to this day became known as "Remembrance Sunday"; and at 11 a.m. on this day, two minutes of silence are held, to give thanks to God who brought us through the war and gave us the victory, and to remember those who laid down their lives. The Netherlands, Belgium, and France, also stop in silence to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

The Unknown Soldier- For seven years after the First World War, the British Imperial War Graves Commission continued with the task of searching for, attempting to identify, and re-burying soldiers who had been killed and lost in the morass of mud, trenches, and bomb craters on the Western Front.

One of these unidentified soldiers was chosen to represent his fallen comrades, to be the focus of the yearning and mourning for so many who would never know what had happened to their sons, or husband, or father. At 11 a.m. on 11th November, 1920, the funeral and burial of the "Unknown Soldier" took place in London. The funeral procession halted as it passed by the Cenotaph, the newly built national war memorial, which was unveiled by the King who then walked behind the gun-carriage bearing the coffin. A Guard of Valour formed entirely of holders of the Victoria Cross was mounted outside Westminster Abbey where the coffin was finally laid to rest, just inside the entrance in the nave.

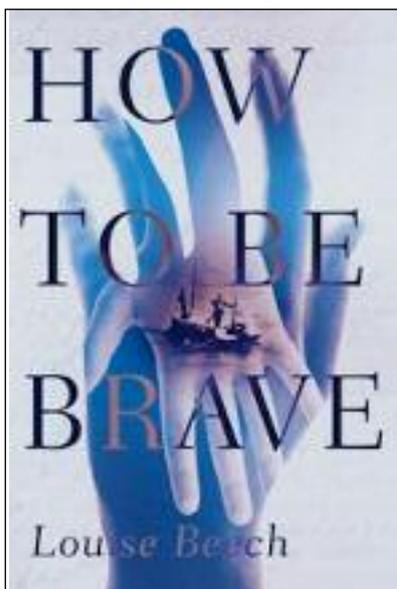
The stone laid over the tomb was inscribed with these words: "For God, For King and country, For loved ones, home, and empire, For the sacred cause of justice and the freedom of the world. Beneath this stone rests the body of a British Warrior..."

The Cenotaph, which is the Greek word for "empty tomb", has continued to be the national focal point for the Armistice Day commemorations. Every year, the Royal family, heads of



THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

How to be Brave By Louise Beech



When 9-year old Rose is diagnosed with a life-threatening and life-restricting illness, her mother struggles to get her to concede to the daily injections and fears she is losing her daughter. To distract her, Natalie begins talking about the familiar ghostly man in a brown suit who has visited them both in their dreams.

Rose is enchanted by the story and through the magic of storytelling, Natalie and her daughter are transported to the Atlantic Ocean in 1943, to a lifeboat, where an ancestor survived for fifty days before being rescued.

Louise Beech seamlessly entwines Rose's struggles with diabetes with her great-

grandfather's fight for survival in the Second World War. The two stories are sewn together amid the delicate tapestry of a mother and daughter's relationship and when the threads of it begin to fray, the man in the brown suit provides an escape. Parallel experiences of Colin and Rose like the unbearable, unquenchable thirst they both have to endure draws the two centuries together and allows Rose to relate to a relative she has never met.

Although we found the beginning slow, we became absolutely hooked on Colin's story, and just like Rose who counted the minutes to storytime, I sped through the outer narrative just to get to tale of the lost man at sea. Alongside Natalie and Rose the reader learns the true power of storytelling. It is a brilliantly creative work of fiction, and a beautiful thank you letter to the magic of stories and storytelling.

all the Commonwealth states, the Prime Minister, and leaders of all the political parties, as well as thousands of others join veterans of the Army, Navy and Airforce from both World Wars, in remembrance of those who gave their lives.

The whole nation is led in prayer..."Heavenly Father, Your Son the Lamb of God has told us that he who loses his life for His sake will find it. You know our hearts and know that no life is worth living without risks. We thank you for that great love in men's hearts that prompted those for whom we remember this day to lay down their lives that we might be free to worship here; teach us so to live as those who are bought at great cost, and as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling, through the all sufficient merits of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

"...We thank you for the brave and faithful dead who have laid down their lives in two World Wars... for the courage and the devotion of soldiers, sailors and airmen fallen in the cause of truth or right. May we follow their example in faithfulness and perseverance, that we too may be found worthy of the crown of victory. Amen"

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ART EXHIBITION IN GROTON



Above: The Artists, LtoR Belinda Nott, Kate Ellis, Elizabeth Gardiner, Judy Harris
Local Artists Belinda Nott, Elizabeth Gardiner, Kate Ellis and Judy Harris had a very successful Art Exhibition at Ivy Cottages, Groton on the weekend of 26th and 27th September. It was sunny and warm and guests enjoyed a party atmosphere in the cottage garden.

Belinda's lovely little cards sold very well as did Judy's mosaics and abstracts. Kate, a first for her, also sold very well as did her Grandmother, Elizabeth. It was an inspiring exhibition, from Belinda's still life and animal paintings to Elizabeth and Kate's landscapes and Judy's varied work.

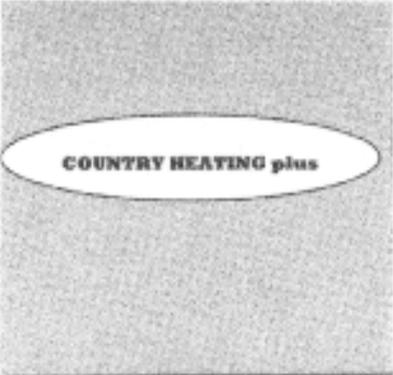
We had some very encouraging comments, and thank you everyone for coming and supporting us and thanks to you we were able to send a good donation to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and St Helena Hospice, our chosen charities
Liz Gardiner



'The Bridge at the Wash', one of many paintings sold at the exhibition



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CARRIE CARES



AFTER many years in Africa, Carrie has now returned to her native East Anglia. An ex-journalist, she now lives with her cat in Boxford and has spent the last few years caring.

She's had experience with a Care Initiative organisation in Devon, and was attached to a well-known Caring Company. Now she prefers to work independently.

"I came back to England to look after my mother," she explains. "Since she died I have been kept busy looking after a diversity of people with differing needs.

I am adaptable and that's important.

"It can be just a quick visit to get someone out of bed, washed and dressed. Sometimes it's full-on time with the client who might be desperately lonely and unable to cope. Other times I find myself feeding the birds, walking the dog, and cooking meals. Simply being around!

"Basically it's simply about helping people to stay in their own homes, and we're all going to need that at some stage of our lives."

Carrie Curzon

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The weeks before Christmas often entail finding a new festive outfit or even trying to lose a few pounds before party season begins...

But it is actually our skin – namely how healthy it is looking - that has the greatest impact on our overall appearance.

Winter lifestyle can play havoc with our skin. As the nights draw in and the heating goes on, it is tempting to favour stodgy carbs over fresh veg; caffeinated drinks over water and the sofa over exercise. Our complexions start to look patchy and dull.

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RACHEL PODGER AT BOXFORD ST MARY'S



Photo David Lamming

Rachel Podger, described by BBC Music Magazine as "Britain's finest period violinist", performing in St Mary's church, Boxford, during her Suffolk Villages Festival "Guardian Angel" concert of Baroque music for solo violin on Sunday 4 October 2015. It really was something of a coup for the Suffolk Villages Festival to get Rachel Podger to come to Boxford,

THE KNITTED FARM



Up to 20 people knitted and sewed and crocheted for the colourful farmyard. It was a great fun project, and hopefully lots of children and adults alike have enjoyed seeing it at the 5 village Harvest Festivals. Hopefully it can be displayed at school, and then somewhere in the Boxford where everyone can see and delight in all the various animals, tress, buildings, fields and yards! Thank you everyone!
Pauline Lamming



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The White Hart, Boxford is expected to reopen at the end of October in time for the Boxford Fireworks. Work is moving on a pace to refit the Kitchens and spruce up the interior.

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HELP PREVENT FALLS AND TRIPS

Don't underestimate the consequences of an older person having a fall. A fall can result in broken hips or bones and even early death. In addition to the pain and distress a fall can cause, it can take away someone's self-confidence, leaving them afraid to go out and socially isolated. The statistics on falls are staggering:

- 50% of people aged over 80 suffer a fall each year
- 33% of people aged over 65 suffer a fall each year
- 1 in 10 elderly falls result in serious injury
- 25% of all 999 calls are falls related

One way of reducing the chance of falling is by replacing old and worn slippers. Many people have a favourite pair of comfy slippers that could be potentially dangerous. Worn soles can easily lead to a slip and slippers that fit poorly can cause a trip.

The safest slippers are those with good quality non-slip rubber soles, are enclosed and have a fastener.

So, if you have a pair of old and worn slippers, please think about replacing them. And if you've got an elderly friend or relative think about giving them an early Christmas present of a new pair of slippers.

It's almost time for a flu vaccination

GPs are encouraging people in at-risk groups to start thinking about getting their winter flu jab.

From September GP practices will be contacting patients in at-risk groups, informing them of their entitlement to a free NHS flu vaccination. For your convenience many GP practices will be operating walk-in flu clinics.

At risk-groups entitled to a free NHS flu vaccination from their GP:

- You are aged 65 years or over.
- You are pregnant.
- You are living in a long-stay residential care home.
- You are the carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill.
- You are a child aged 2, 3 or 4 years.
- You are aged six months to 65 years and have a heart problem; a chest complaint or breathing difficulties including bronchitis and emphysema; a kidney disease; lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (such as steroid medication or cancer treatment); a liver disease; had a stroke or TIA; diabetes; a neurological condition e.g. multiple sclerosis or cerebral palsy; a problem with, or removal of, their spleen e.g. sickle cell disease.

If you are someone in an at risk group, or know someone who is, please don't underestimate how serious flu can be. A serious case of flu could result in bronchitis or pneumonia, a worsening of your diabetes and for pregnant women premature labour or even stillbirth.

CARE/NURSING HOMES IN SUFFOLK

We are calling for your experiences of care/nursing homes in Suffolk Enter and View is one of the powers that we have available to us to monitor and challenge health and social care services. It means that we have the right to enter and View (announced or unannounced) any premises where publicly funded care is provided to people in Suffolk with the exception of services where care is provided to people under the age of 18. Generally this applies to residential homes, nursing homes, GP practices and hospital wards.

We assess service quality using the views of residents/patients and their carers to make recommendations to the people who run and pay for services as to how services could be improved.

Help us to identify services that need a visit – Share your stories of care with us

If you are receiving care from a care or nursing home in Suffolk, or if you know someone that is (a friend or relative), then please use this website to share your experiences (the good and the bad). You can leave feedback anonymously. Simply search for the name of the care/nursing home in the search bar above or click the link below to visit our Feedback Centre.

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We will use your experiences both as a basis to guide our Enter and View work and also to improve local services. Please contact us on 01449 703949 if you have any questions.

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ **New Suffolk's leaders launch bid to find locations for Short Stay Stopping Sites.** Leaders across Suffolk's public sector are calling for landowners and other interested parties to suggest sites that could be used for Short-Stay Stopping Sites for the Gypsy and Traveller community.

Launched this month, the call for sites aims to identify land on which to locate three short-stay stopping sites for the Gypsy and Traveller community. Suffolk currently does not have any sites of this type. Between 2009 and July 2015, the county has seen 280 unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments. The Call for Sites closes on 15 November. All sites submitted will be carefully assessed against the criteria so the Public Sector Leaders Group can decide which sites to put out for consultation in December 2015. Views received as part of the December consultation will be analysed to help inform the decisions the Public Sector Leaders Group take in February 2016 about which sites to put forward to the planning process. As part of the planning process there would be further periods of public consultation. The aim is to have the sites up and running by the end of 2016. The Call for Sites booklet, a series of FAQs and details of how to respond are all available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/shortstay

All public sector leaders are committed to delivering these sites as part of our responsibility to ensure the needs of all the people who live in our community are met. Our commitment is to provide the right sites, in the right locations. Any potential site will have to meet strict suitability criteria.

➤ **Devolution**

There has been much talk in the media lately about the government devolving powers to local councils. At the beginning of September, Suffolk County Council, together with our district and borough councils, submitted an initial proposal, or expression of interest, to the government, putting forward our vision of what devolution could mean in Suffolk. In doing so, it not only asked for greater powers, around such areas as economic development, health and social care, and transport infrastructure. It also made an offer to the government about what we would be able to deliver, such as greater savings, more job creation and better services. Many other councils around the country submitted similar bids. The government are likely to select a small number to pilot a form of devolution and it would be extremely beneficial for Suffolk to be in this first wave.

Whilst the indications from the government are that they are looking favourably on the vision that we have in Suffolk, it is clear that they do not see Suffolk as being a big enough entity on its own, to take on broader powers around economic development and other major issues. As a result we are currently working very closely with our colleagues in Norfolk, to develop a joint proposal which can be submitted to government. It is felt that together, a Norfolk and Suffolk bid, matching as it does the area covered by the New Anglia LEP, is big enough to accommodate greater powers from the government, and provide a governance structure which can oversee major decisions around all these vitally important areas of work.

Once submitted, we will await the judgement of the government. It is thought that the chancellor will seek to make initial announcements in his autumn statement in November.

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 13th October 2015

County Councillor Stour Valley Division.

St Mary's Parish Church Boxford URGENT NOTICE

Protect our Parish Church from Thieves!

There has been a rash of cases of gangs of organised criminals stealing lead from church roofs in the area – including Groton, Lavenham, Stratford St Mary, Hundon etc. In some cases ripping the lead off whole aisles & leaving a wake of destruction after their desecration.

No work is being done on the church roof here in Boxford, so if you see men on the roof they are not workmen, whatever they may say.

If you see men on the roof, or anything unusual like a van or lorry parked nearby, please take the registration number.

In either case phone the Police on 0987654321

Please also alert the Rector, The Revd Judith

Sweetman on 01787210091, or a churchwarden.

Many thanks for your help *Ruth Kingsbury* Churchwarden

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL has a vacancy for a councillor. If you are interested please contact the Clerk, Mrs Anita Robinson, Logan Cottage, Groton Street, Groton CO10 5EE, 01787 211673, clerk.edwardstone@btinternet.com

EDWARDSTONE RESIDENTS

Don't forget that if you need any information about Parish Council related matters, including Agendas, Minutes and planning information, you can find it on the website at <http://edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/>

Boxford WI

Report from Boxford WI for the Meeting held on 7th October 2015. Boxford WI met at Boxford Village Hall on Wednesday 7th October to hear an interesting talk called 'Savvy Shoppers' given by Liza Jones. Branding is the style, packaging and lettering which is immediately identifiable with one particular product, while Marketing is all about finding out what the customer wants and producing it, hoping to make a profit at the same time. The branding and marketing tricks which are used by large supermarkets and stores to encourage people to buy things which they either don't really need, or can buy cheaper elsewhere, were pointed out. I don't expect any of us will look at shopping in a supermarket or high street store in quite the same way again!

Mobile Phone Mast

Following a strong objection from a villager the plans to erect a phone mast at Sherbourne House Farm, have been withdrawn. This one objection leaves the residents of Boxford and Stone Street with little or no Mobile phone reception and dependent on land lines..

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning in September. Together we raised £323.20 – wonderful! I'm sure we shall read in the press how much was raised nationally, but a great contribution from Boxford and surrounding villages. Thank you so much. Barbara Golding and Pauline Lamming

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES

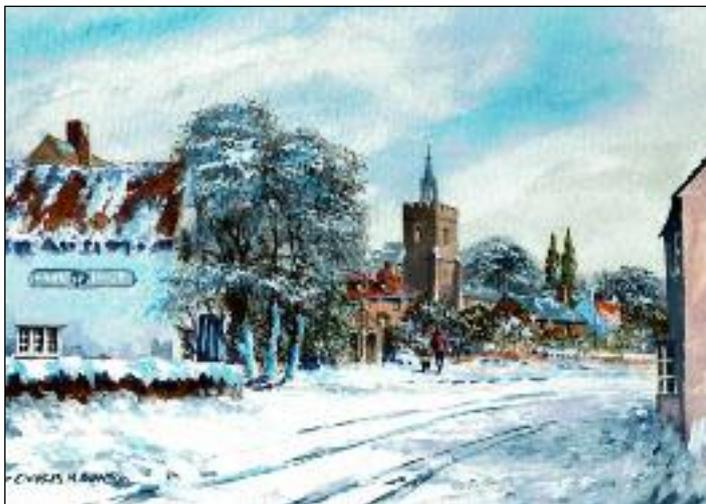
Also known as John Wincoll – 209981

The purpose of the charity is to relieve "conditions of need, hardship or distress".

However, if you are over sixty-five, retired and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more you may be eligible for the Christmas gift.

Please apply by 30th November to the Clerk, Sue Mitchell on 247173.

BOXFORD CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS



This year's charity Christmas Card is by a new artist Charles Evans who has a long connection with Lavenham and the Lavenham Society Art Group. Profit from this card will be donated to the Boxford Playing Field. They will be on sale in the Post Office from the 21st September.

ST LAWRENCE'S DRAINS



The PCC at Little Waldingfield church recently arranged for the storm drains around the church to be jetted. The agent considered, based on the amount of sludge that the drains had not been cleared for in excess of 10 years. They are now running clear. This is the first step towards getting the longstanding issue with damp in the walls of our wonderful and historic church under control. Watch this space for further developments into 2016.

Peter Simpson



Photo David Lamming

Work has begun on the new development at Sand Hill. It is expected to be completed within eighteen months.

Box River News Social Evening

To all distributors and contributors to the Box River News and Boxford Bounty folk. Our next annual social evening will be on 15th December this year and will be a seasonal party. Please make a note in your diaries. Invitations will be distributed with the December BRN.

St. Lawrence Little Waldingfield PCC

The Church of St. Lawrence Little Waldingfield PCC wishes to say a huge thank-you to the 29 members of our parish who answered the appeal for funds for the restoration of our church. They donated the magnificent sum of £13,282.

GOLF LESSONS FOR YOUNGSTERS AT NEWTON

Youngsters up to the age of 11 are being given the opportunity to learn golf at one of Suffolk's most successful centres for junior golf. Newton Green Golf Club has launched a new initiative which will give boys and girls their own set of clubs, lessons and a year's club membership all for the price of £120.

The scheme is among ideas launched nationally to bring more youngsters into the sport, and follows a recent Newton initiative involving the distribution via school to 500 golf themed posters by famous local cartoonist Barrie Appleby.

Club professional and junior organiser Tim Cooper says the membership offer, including a set of clubs, has already had very successful launches at a handful of clubs across the country.

With families thinking of ideas for Christmas presents for youngsters, what could be better than investing in a gift that could lead to enjoyment for a lifetime?"

MENCAP KARAOKE AT THE FLEECE



Every first Friday of the month there is to be a Karaoke Night at the Boxford Fleece for people with learning difficulties in the Sudbury and surrounding areas.

The evenings have been organised by the Fleece in association with the Royal Mencap Society. This provides an opportunity for folk to meet and socialise in convivial surroundings, to sing, dance and meet new friends.

A bar is available for non alcoholic drinks and snacks.

It had been the intention of the Fleece that no charge would be made for the use of the room but at the first event in October members insisted that they should pay their way. Money raised will go towards a Christmas party to be arranged later this year.

Disability access is available with a Stair Lift to the first floor. The evenings start at 6.00pm and finish at 8.00pm. Entrance fee is £5.00

Sample of the Christmas Menu at The Kersey Bell

STARTERS

Oven baked Camembert topped with apricot & mint chutney (v)

Tomato soup topped with chorizo, butter beans & spinach

Game terrine on toasted brioche with apple, ale & chilli chutney

Garlic & chilli whole shell on prawns

Stuffed mushrooms with spinach

MAINS

Roast turkey roulade stuffed with cranberry sauce, sausage meat, chestnut and orange served with roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables

Slow cooked belly of pork on bubble & squeak, braised red cabbage & wholegrain mustard sauce

Braised rabbit casserole with wild mushrooms in a Suffolk cyder cream

Baked cod loin wrapped in smoked salmon on buttered Savoy cabbage, bacon lardons & baby potatoes

Butternut squash, sweet potato & stilton tart served with roasted vegetables (v)

DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas pudding served with whisky cream

Lemon posset with red berries & homemade shortbread biscuits

Ginger bread cheesecake served with a redcurrant coulis

Chocolate orange panettone, Cheese & biscuits, Coffee & mince pie



The Bell Inn

The Sreet, Kersey, Suffolk, IP7 6DY

Tel: 01473 823229

CHRISTMAS MENU OUT NOW.

We are now taking bookings for our Christmas menu.

2 courses £17.00 3 courses £22.50 From 1st to 24th December. Please call or view our website for details. We are also offering very competitive prices for shoot parties and can offer private function rooms for special occasions. Next quiz night Sunday November 1st. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Our New Years Eve Theme is Glamour and our menu is on our website www.kerseybell.co.uk

OPEN ALL DAY EVERY DAY

LIVE MUSIC

Info & tickets:
www.boxfordfleece.com

Join our mailing list:
fleecetolk@gmail.com




Mawkin- Live
Saturday 31st October 8pm.

A Halloween Special...and the boys are back! Mawkin were the first ever FleeceFolk act and we are utterly delighted to welcome them back, 5 years on from their hot trick of BBC Radio 2 Folk Award nominations. Mawkin return with their boldest album to date.
**** "Invigorating, highly inventive" Q Magazine

The Churchfitters - Live
Sunday 13th December 3pm @The Boxford Fleece

The Churchfitters is a folk band like no other. A base guitar made out of a frying pan, heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw, foot-stompingly fast fiddle mixed with infectious funki-rock bozzouli. And traditional tunes reinvented with mesmerising jazz sax.

Tickets available online now!



Tel. Fleece @ 01787 211183

John & Judith welcome you to

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Serving Great Beer & Fantastic Food

Fantastic Fleece Food!

Seniors Lunch Offer: Tuesday – Friday, Main Course £6.00. 2 courses £7.50

Take away Service: Telephone or come in & order. We will deliver to your home!

Normal Food Service is:
Mon – Sat : 12 – 3pm & 6 – 9pm
Sunday: 12 – 4pm

We have fantastic special food nights, including curry night Fridays. See our website for full details or Call us now on 01787 211183 to book.

Jazz at the Fleece!

As a result of its success and popularity, Jazz at the Fleece is now a permanent fixture! Check online or in the pub for the next date, usually the second Sunday of every month, for excellent Jazz & BBQ, in the Guild Room 2-5pm.

Christmas Party Menu

Offered from the end of Nov to 23rd Dec. Available now on our website!
Book early to avoid disappointment.

Karaoke Night

Every 1st Friday 5-8pm we have a karaoke evening in partnership with MENCAP. This is a fantastic night for a brilliant cause so come along and be apart of it!

FABULOUS NEW YEARS EVE HOGMANAY PARTY

Free Disco, Free entry and even better Free Buffet (donations to the Air Ambulance Service)

Open Mic night
– Every 4th Weds
Everyone welcome to play or just listen.

Live fleeceFolk
Mawkin- Live
Saturday 31st October 8pm
The Churchfitters – Live
Sunday 13th December 3pm



Tickets available online

Weekly Pub Quiz – Every Sunday 8.30pm

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

www.boxfordfleece.com – boxfordfleece@outlook.com – 01787 211183

WIN A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR TWO

With the nights drawing in and a wintery nip creeping into the air you might be forgiven for shrugging your shoulders or rolling your eyes at the mention of the C-word...that's right, 'Christmas is coming' to steal and modify a line from a popular television programme.

Finding that festive feeling can be a bit of a struggle for all of us, particularly with cold weather, large monetary expenditures and the promise of family disagreements over how the turkey should be cooked on the horizon.

So let Stoke by Nayland Hotel help you get in the spirit! We've carefully crafted a cheeky competition that is sure to tantalise your taste buds and reignite the child-like excitement that should accompany the mention of Christmas.

One lucky winner and their guest will win the following prize:

- A delicious 3-course festive Christmas dinner for two in our 2 AA Rosette Lakes Restaurant during the month of December
- A bottle of Prosecco to accompany dinner
- And freshly made tea/coffee, mince pies and, of course, what feast would be complete without...Christmas crackers!

To be in with a chance of winning this wonderful prize simply visit our website www.stokebynayland.com/hotel/competitions and enter your details. One winner will be chosen and notified by email by Tuesday 1st December 2015.

Explore Christmas at SbN Hotel

Explore the rest of SbN Hotel's Christmas offering by visiting www.stokebynayland.com/christmas-sbn. From Christmas and New Year's Eve parties to exciting Christmas Breaks with all the trimmings and relaxing Twixmas B&B stays – there's bound to be something to make

your Christmas magical this year. And if you are looking for that perfect Christmas gift – the one that really says 'I care' – then take a look at our golf, dining or spa experience packages! Merry Christmas!



THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF PRESTON ST. MARY
18TH ANNUAL

Christkindlmarkt Christmas Market

NEW VENUE
PRESTON MANOR BARN
PRESTON ST. MARY, CO10 9LU
BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE AND ANNE COXON

TRADITIONAL STALLS WITH 'GISELA GRAHAM' DESIGNER CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT SALE PRICES

**GIFTS * CAKES * JAMS * PRODUCE
COFFEE * TEAS * RAFFLE * REFRESHMENTS
GLÜHWEIN IN TRADITIONAL MUGS**

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2015
10 AM - 4 PM **ADMISSION £3***
£150 CASH PRIZE DRAW
ADMISSION BY LUCKY NUMBERED PROGRAMME*

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MAINTAIN THE CHURCH BUILDING REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 107494

1st Baxford Brownies

SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

Girl guiding has come a long way and has helped 1000's of young girls from all over the world learn new skills and meet all have lots of fun.

Here at the 1st Baxford Brownies we aim to do just that!

Set in a fantastic location in Baxford, 'The Spinney' offers a wide range of facilities for both girl guides and scouts. With a wide range of activities taking place there's no time to be bored! During the summer we make the most of the outdoors. For the colder months you'll find us in the hall busy with crafts and lots of fun and games. Occasionally we take trips out. The girls love to go bowling, roller-skating and at Christmas to watch a festive pantomime. Brownies are for girls aged between 7 and 10 years of age.

If you would like more information on girl guiding or have a daughter who is interested in joining us, please register your details on our waiting list at:

www.girlguiding.org.uk
or send an email at:
1stbaxford@1stbaxford.org

Rainbows **Brownies** **Guides**

For girls aged 6 to 7 For girls aged 7 to 10 For girls aged 10 to 14

Stowmarket _____ Conductor: Leslie Olive

Chorale

Christmas Concert

7pm Sat 12 December
£9, £3 under 18s

Stowmarket United Reformed Church
Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1AD

Tickets available online, or from
Stowmarket tourist information,
Chorale members, or 01449 771922

www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk Stowmarket Chorale is a registered charity

Wot's On

Big Poppy Sale

Saturday, October 31st, Mary's House, 9.30am.

After our poppy-making afternoon, we know that there will be a good selection of hand-crafted poppies for sale, knitted, crocheted, felt, braid and many more, so do please come along to Mary's House on October 31st, and not only buy a poppy, but have a cup of coffee or tea and maybe a poppy cake or biscuit. You will then be able to "Wear your Poppy with pride" during the Remembrance period. All proceeds to the British Legion. Any enquiries to Pat Kennedy Scott, 210319 or Pauline Lamming, 210360.

Monks Eleigh Whist Drives 2015-16

Come and join a group who play whist every third Monday of the month (apart from December when it's the second!) in Monks Eleigh Village Hall. We play 12 hands, homemade 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:

- Monday October 19th • Monday November 16th
- Monday December 14th • Monday January 18th
- Monday February 15th • Monday March 21st

Contact Angela Forrest on 01449 740414 for further details.

Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks Wednesday 5th November

Village Hall, Church Lane, Nayland CO6 4JH. Hot Dogs, Sparklers, Luminous Necklaces, Soft Drinks & Adult Drinks available from 6.30, display at 7pm. Adults £4, Children £1. More info: 01206 262807 or www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Talk: The Role of a Police Wildlife Crime Officer

Monday 9th November

Barry Kaufmann-Wright will be speaker at the joint meeting of Nayland with Wissington Conservation & Horticultural societies. Village Hall, Church Lane, Nayland CO6 4HY at 7.40 for 8pm. All welcome. More info: 01206 262807 or www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

Stoke by Nayland Hotel and Spa

Saturday 14th November: Party Like It's 1980!

Join us for a buffet dinner and a night of dancing for just £19.95pp! Call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com to book!

Tuesday 24th November: Foodie Night – German Christmas Market

With a welcome drink, 6-course taster menu inspired by the tastes of a German Christmas Market and drinks paired to the main and dessert courses – this is sure to be a night to remember. Tickets cost just £39.95pp. Call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com to book!

Thursday 26th November: Ladies Who Lunch – Christmas Cookery Demonstration

After our successful October fashion show, Ladies Who Lunch returns with a festive Christmas cookery demo by our award-winning Executive Head Chef Alan Paton. Enjoy a lunch and cookery demonstration – tickets cost just £19pp! Call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com to book!

Saturday 28th November: Shoestring Christmas Party Night

Our first Christmas Party of the season! Tables are filling up fast but there is still a little space for you to enjoy a delicious festive 2-course dinner and a live DJ. Call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com to book!

Cake Stall

Sale of cakes, savouries, and preserves

On Saturday 28th November at 9.00am in Mary's House, Swan Street In aid of The Early learning orphanage and School in Entebe, Uganda Also, Raffle, Coffee and Scones, Alisons Beads and Gifts

Everyone welcome

Joan Smith, Alison Brain and friends

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. .



THE MILDEN SINGERS CLASSICAL MIX

Enjoy a classical theme
with a mix of music from
classic pop songs, Opera
and West Side Story

Friday 20th Nov doors open 7.00pm
Show time at 7.30pm

Saturday 21st Nov doors open
1.30pm Show time at 2pm

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

Mr. Holmes

THE MAN
BEYOND
THE MYTH

LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
Tickets Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266)
£3.50 per adult and £2.00 per young person

POLSTEAD DIGITAL CINEMA FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029
All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

BRILLIANT, MYSTERIOUS
AND LYRICAL.
- Peter Travers, Rolling Stone

TIAN MCKELLEN IS
MAGNIFICENT AS
SHERLOCK HOLMES.
- Lisa Schwarzbaum, EW.com

IAN MCKELLEN
LADIES WHO LUNCH
Laura Linney

Wot's On

Newton Fireworks

The Newton Fireworks are being held again this year in the playing field on Saturday 7th November.

Tickets for the event will be available in September so watch out for more information on the notice boards and on the website.

Residents with firewood for the bonfire should contact Lee Parker in the first instance regarding collection.

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

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person
Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets
Arrive 7.00pm starts 7.30pm

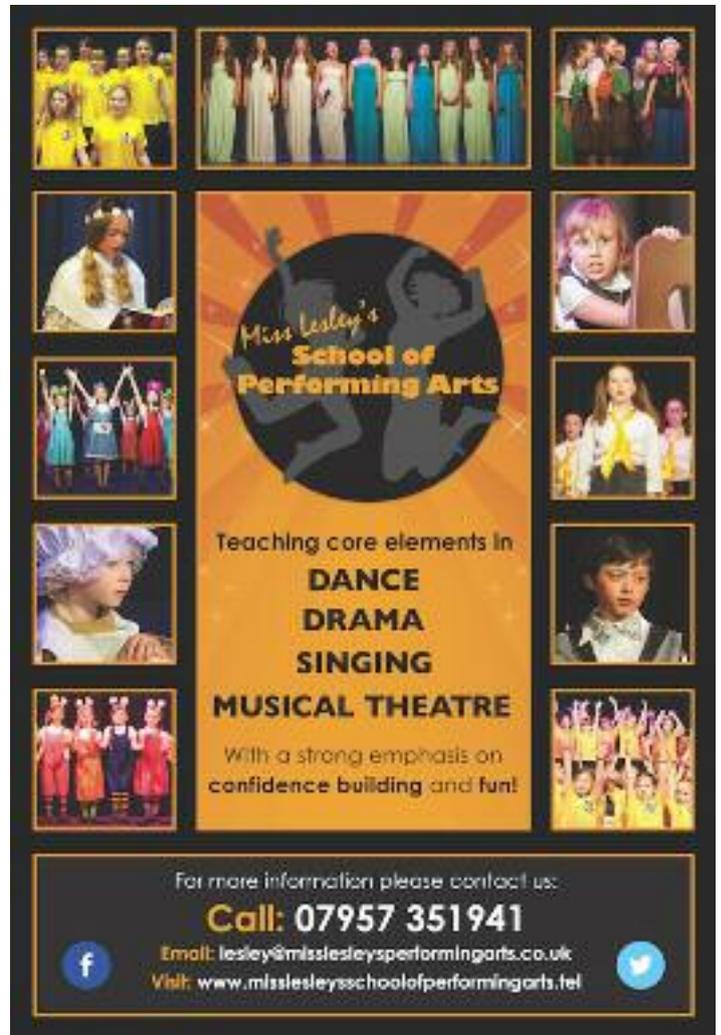
GROTON'S WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Saturday, December 5th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

We hope to see lots of people at our annual popular Cheese and Wine Party; all the usual attractions, excellent food, bar, raffle and our new feature "Buy-A-Bauble"! so spread the word, and get your tickets soon [£7.50 each] from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church, which was targeted by lead thieves recently.

GROTON'S CHRISTMAS CARD

Our colourful Christmas cards are now available for sale in Mary's House, Boxford Post Office, the Wine and Cheese Party on December 5th, or from any member of Groton PCC. The small cards are a snip at £3.50 for 10 and the large ones are £4.50 for 5. All cards sold will help to boost the fund for the loss of lead on the Church roof, so please send a Groton Christmas card to all your friends.



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St. Mary's Parish Church Boxford



Christmas Tree Festival 2015

11th-13th December

Lots of sparkling Christmas trees to enjoy.

Our Café serves delicious soup at lunch time & teas & cakes in the afternoon.

There will be seasonal stalls & cakes & Olivia's Pantry Gift Boxes for sale.

Nativity scene displays



FUN & GAMES NIGHT

Saturday 30th January 2016
7.30pm for 8.00pm prompt start!

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL
£60 per team - Max. 8 in a team

Contact Stephanie Atkins 01787 21044
Mark Miller 01787 211596
mark.miller@talktalk.net

BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com
www.boxford.vic.uk
Registered Charity No.: 304862

Wot's On

Newton Village Hall Events REGULAR EVENTS: h NOVEMBER 2015

Tuesday 10th 2.00 pm Fireside Club –
Beetle drive & Royal family Quiz
Wednesday 11th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 21st 10.00am St Nicholas Hospice coffee morning
Tuesday 24th 12.30 for 1.00 pm Fireside Club – Fish and chips

DECEMBER 2015

Wednesday 2nd 7.30 pm Village Hall committee
Saturday 5th 10.00 am Church Xmas coffee morning
Tuesday 8th 2.00 pm Fireside Club –Xmas decorations
Thursday 10th 11.00 am Wendy's Walk Xmas party
Monday 14th 12 noon Fireside Xmas lunch at Golf Club

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)

Milden Singers Classical Mix

Enjoy a classical theme with a mix of music from classic pop songs Opera of Gilbert & Sullivan, Ivor Novello and songs from West Side Story

Friday 20th Nov doors open 7.00pm show time at 7.30pm

Saturday 21st Nov doors open 1.30pm show time at 2pm Friday night includes buffet & Saturday includes afternoon tea both performances with licensed bar. Tickets £6 available from Pearl 01449 741876 and in aid of Milden Pavilion

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Members AGM and Party November 3rd

This will be the End Of Year Party for members and their partners (Tickets in advance only)

All members are welcome to attend the AGM

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. .

Milden Singers

Their next concert is on 20th and 21st November and will have a Classical Theme. An eclectic mix of music some classic pop songs along with Gilbert & Sullivan, Ivor Novello, Opera and a selection from West Side Story. We are now an all Girl Choir and would love to hear from any one who would like to join, the ability to read music is not essential just a love of singing and having fun! We start rehearsals at Milden Pavilion on Monday 7th September at 7.30pm. For more information please contact Pearl 01449 741876

Milden Plant Sales

Over the past year Tracy Northwood of Powney Street. Milden has sold plants in aid of Milden Pavilion Fund and raised £1200. Milden Pavilion and Playingfield Committee thank Tracy for choosing Milden Pavilion as her charity for the year and for raising such a terrific amount of money. With this donation we are upgrading our storage facilities at the playingfield.

In the coming year Tracy has chosen to support The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Great Ormond Street Hospital where her eldest daughter Laura received treatment as a newborn baby. The price of the plants has increased to £3 and we hope Tracey manages to raise even more money this year for such a worthy charity and one close to her heart.

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 mariannemarshall@fastmail.fm.

NOTICE
GROTON WINTHROP MULBERRY TRUST
PUBLIC MEETING
The 8th Triennial meeting of the Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust will be held on
Wednesday 18th November 2015
at
Groton Village Hall 7pm
This is an open meeting where village residents have an opportunity to air their views and suggestions regarding The Groton
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT & VALUE YOUR INPUT, SO PLEASE COME ALONG

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
In association with
Boxford Parish Council
presents
BOXFORD FIREWORKS
Sat. 31ST
Oct.
Halloween
Lantern Parade
6.30 from the Village
Fireworks 7.45 on
The Playing Fields
Tickets:
Adults £5
Children £3
in advance
From Boxford Shops
Adults £6
Children £4
on the gate
3yrs & under
FREE
Registered Charity No:
304952

Wot's On

Aladdin in Boxford

This years pantomime is Aladdin by Joe Barrett! With all the usual suspects from Widow Twankey, Wishy Washy and the Genie, to a pet Dragon.

Performances are on Wednesday 2nd December - Family Night - £8 adults and £4 children starting at 7.00pm (No supper)

Then Thursday 3rd to Saturday 5th - With a 2 course supper served during the interval - Tickets £15 starting at 7.30pm. Licensed bar and raffle all evenings.

TICKETS ON SALE IN BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER FROM 9am to 10am.

Then any unsold tickets from Boxford Post Office.

e 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.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD PARISH ROOM QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2015

STARTING AT 7.30PM

TABLES OF FOUR

£8.50 pp

TO INCLUDE A TWO COURSE SUPPER

LICENSED BAR ***** RAFFLE

TICKETS FROM SUE MITCHELL 247173

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE



BOXFORD CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Hosted by the Friends of Boxford School
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
2PM - 5PM

Boxford CEVC Primary School
Stone Street, Boxford
CO10 5NP

ALL WELCOME
FREE ADMISSION

ecg charity no. 1037332



**KERSEY CHRISTMAS
GIFT FAYRE 2015**

SHOPPING BY CANDLELIGHT
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
7.00PM - 9.30PM

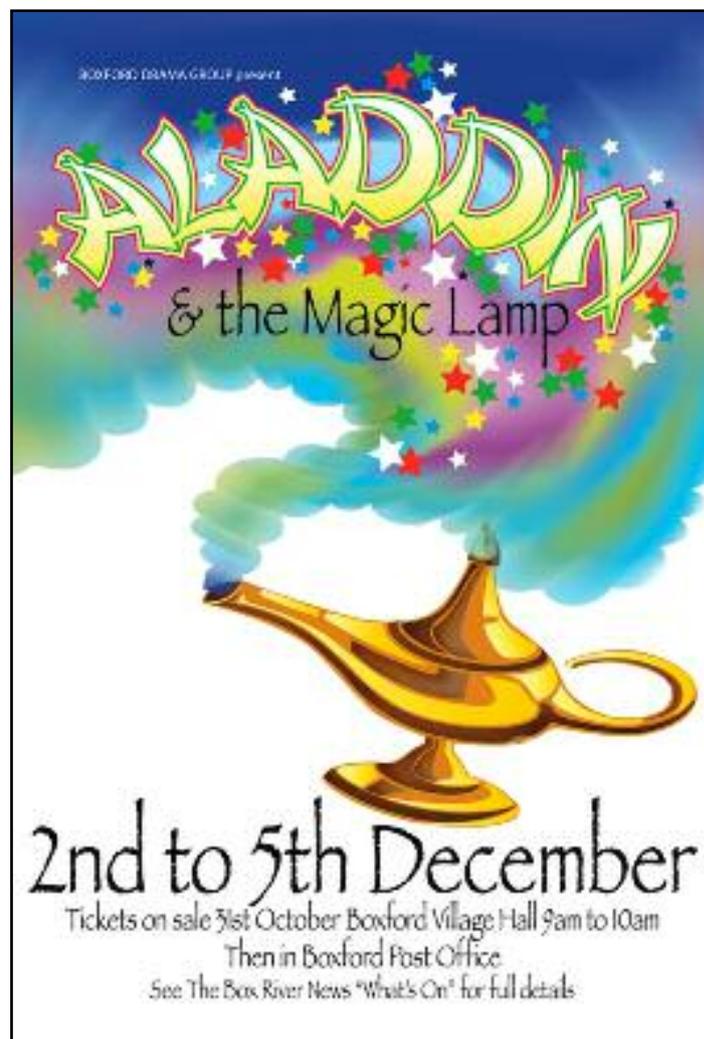
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Wot's On

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

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.

The finest Tudor building was 500 years old in 2014 - walk round the palace & gardens with Dave to see what Cardinal Wolsey started and Henry VIII cont'd.

13th January, Fiona Raymond

Member only event.

Fiona and her brother Guy will speak about their late painter father Clive Madgwick.

17th February, Robert Leader

In search of Secret Suffolk

Illustrated with over 100 images it covers the heritage and history of Suffolk. Focusing on abbeys, castles, guildhalls & stately homes, the talk follows the course of major rivers to build a comprehensive picture of Suffolk as a whole.

16th March, John Newman

Recent excavations at Sutton Hoo.

20th April, Pip Wright

Plague in the 17th century.

Plague was the most feared disease of the 17th century since its reappearance in western Europe in the 1340s - the Black Death. Come and hear Pip give an impression of the effects on the population of the time - grim but fascinating.

COMMUNITY TRIPS TO THE QUAY THEATRE.

Our next trip to the Quay Theatre will be Saturday 14th November and the show will be The Johnny Cash tribute show. Although we have not booked this act before he comes very highly recommended and it promises to be a very good show for all music lovers young and old, the show starts at 7.30 pm and the community bus will leave Boxford at around 6.45 pm from opposite the Fleece. Any person in the Boxford area who otherwise has difficulty in getting out in the evenings is welcome to come, Please ring Bryn and Lisa for a reservation on the bus. The show cost is £14.00 and the travel will be free. This venture has been picking up in numbers and it would be nice to fill the bus this time. Look forward to seeing you all. All Best Wishes Bryn.

FUN & GAMES NIGHT

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL. We will once again be holding our Annual Fun & Games Night in Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 30 January 2016. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various indoor games and quizzes to claim the prestigious title. A fun night is promised for all with a licensed bar, raffle and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30 with registration and the first round of games at 7.50 promptly. Ticket prices are £60 per team. We have a limit of 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed please contact Stephanie Atkins on 01787 210444 or Mark Miller on 01787 211596, or alternatively e-mail Mark on Mark.Miller@talktalk.net We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas and, if you are not in a team but would like to help, please also let us know. It is never too early to book your place, so book it now!

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities will meet on Monday 30th November 2015 and will consider applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from individuals or organisations (serving the above area) are invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ.

The Boxford Study Centre presents

The Cold War

Five Autumn afternoon lectures by Dr John Greenacre

At Groton Village Hall on Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm, starting 5th November. £35 for the series or £8 for each single lecture.

5 November. Sins of Peace: The end of the Second World War, Yalta and Potsdam, the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, the Berlin Crisis 1961.

12 November. Proxy Wars: Including Cuba and the Missile Crisis, the Arab-Israeli conflicts, the Suez Crisis, Angola, the Horn of Africa.

19 November. The Arms Race: The Manhattan Project, the Hydrogen bomb, the bomber gap and the missile gap, the doctrine of nuclear warfare.

26 November. The Far East: Mao Zedong and communist China, the Korean War, the Sino-Soviet split, the Vietnam War.

3 December. The End of the Cold War: Russia and Afghanistan, the collapse of Soviet influence, Gorbachev and Reagan, arms control and disarmament.

We welcome back Dr John Greenacre for another fascinating series. Everyone who likes history is welcome. Tea and biscuits included!

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Forthcoming Events Diary

October

26-29 Half term Holiday Club	Sunflower Childcare	The Cabin, Stone Street	9am-4pm
27-29 Lantern Workshops	BCC Individual Workshop	The Spinney Scout and Guide HQ	
31 Boxford Fireworks	BCC	PlayingField	Procession 6.30pm
31 Big Poppy Sale		Mary's House	9.30am
31 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.30pm

November

3 Boxford Gardening Society	AGM and Members Party	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
4 Games Afternoon	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2 pm
5 And Thursday Afternoons for 5 lectures	Boxford Study Centre, The Cold War	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm
7 Newton Fireworks		The Playing Field	TBA
18 Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
18 Public meeting	Withrop Mulberry Trust	Groton Village Hall	7pm
20/21 Milden Singers		Milden Pavilion	
28 Cake Stall at Mary's House	Entebe	Mary's House	9.00am
28 Christmas Fair	Boxford Primary School	At the School	2-5pm

December

2-5 Alladin	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
2 Christmas Party	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2 pm
5 Cheese and Wine	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
5 Church Christmas Coffee Morning	Newton PCC	Newton Village Hall	10.00am
10 Christmas Decorations	Boxford WI	Mary's House	2 pm
11/13 Christmas Tree Festival	Boxford PCC	St Mary's Church	all day
16 Hampton Court Palace	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

January

30 Fun and Games Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	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

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Priest in Charge: The Revd Judith Sweetman
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Tel: 01787 210091; e-mail: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com
The Revd Judith's day off is normally Friday but this may vary according to circumstances

NSM: The Revd David Abel, 13 Church Street, Boxford CO10 5DU
Tel: 211765; e-mail: davidabel19@hotmail.com

Reader: 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.

General Church News

BISHOP CLIVE YOUNG 1948-2015 Bishop Clive, former Bishop of Dunwich, died on 7th October, aged 67, following a short illness. Bishop Clive retired in May 2013, after four decades of devoted service as a deacon, priest and bishop, serving as suffragan bishop in this diocese from 1999 until his retirement.

In this benefice we shall remember Clive especially for officiating at David Matthews's institution as rector at Little Waldingfield in October 2003 (and lending his mitre to Yibi!) and, more recently, for preaching at our Five Villages Service on 30 September 2012, also at Little Waldingfield. A Thanksgiving Service for Bishop Clive's life is being planned as part of Evensong at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds at 3.30 pm on Sunday 15th November.

NEW RURAL DEAN The Revd Dr Simon Gill has been formally appointed as our rural dean in succession to the late Gregory Webb.

DIOCESAN SYNOD The agenda for the autumn meeting of the synod on Saturday 14 November 2015 will include approving the diocesan budget for 2016 and the allocation of the Centenary Share.

DEANERY SYNOD

The synod meets next on Wednesday 25th November, 7.30 pm.

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION 2015 - RESULT

David Lamming has been elected to represent the diocese in the House of Laity of General Synod for the next 5 years. The other lay members are Tony Allwood from Woodbridge and Karen Galloway from Ipswich. The three elected clergy members are the Rev Canon Jonathan Alderton-Ford, the Revd Andrew Dotchin, and the Revd Christopher "Tiffer" Robinson. They join Bishop Martin and the Dean, the Very Revd Frances Ward, to make an eight-strong group on the synod from our diocese. Please remember them in your prayers as they attend the first meeting of the new quinquennium in London on 23rd to 25th November. The synod will be formally inaugurated by the Queen on 24th November.

Next Bishop of Dunwich Interviews took place on 6th October for the next suffragan Bishop of Dunwich and a name has been submitted to the Prime Minister. It is hoped that the name of the new bishop will be announced around St Edmund's Day - 20th November.

DIOCESAN E-NEWS You can sign up to receive (free) the weekly diocesan eNews, sent to your e-mail address, with a monthly letter from Bishop Martin. Just go to the diocesan website and insert your e mail address in the box on the home page: www.cofesuffolk.org.

'Churches together' prayer breakfasts: Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am.

CTiS&D prayer breakfasts in November, to which all are welcome, will be held at the following venues:

7th St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard
14th Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street, Great Cornard
21st St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury
28th New Life Church, Great Cornard

For other CTiS&D dates and news, visit the website: www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2016 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 (including church and PCC bookings), 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 £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings. For inquiries about new bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 01787 210360.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

Sunday 1st November - "Café Church" at 11.00 am - all are welcome - please do come - you can even bring your pet if you like.

Also on 1st November at 4.00pm - we are holding a "**Remembering our Loved Ones**" service. A special, reflective candlelit service for anyone in the benefice who has been bereaved.

The Boxford Church Calendar 2016 is available @ £7.00 per copy - makes a great present. Available from The Post Office, or from church, or phone 01787211236 (or email ChrisKingsC@aol.com) & we will reserve you a copy.

Boxford Church Tea Towels are available from Boxford Post Office or in church £5.00 each or £8.00 for two.

The Bible Study Group - meets 2nd & 4th Monday each month at 47 Swan Street (The home of Margaret & Peter Holden- all are welcome to this hour of fellowship.

How to fundraise for your Parish Church: While you shop on line- go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register & select St.Mary's Church Boxford. Go to your favourite on line vendor eg: Amazon, who will donate a small percentage to St. Mary's- it doesn't cost you any more! Give it a try soon!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015



We are planning another **Christmas Tree Festival at St.Mary's** this year - **Friday 11th December to Sunday 13th December**. If you would like to decorate a tree, or help in any way at all please get in touch with Ruth (211236) or ChrisKingsC@aol.com

There will be a café serving warming, delicious soup for lunch. Come & relax, after looking at the trees, with teas & cakes, again at our café. There will be stalls with seasonal goods & cakes & "Olivia's Pantry Gift Boxes" for sale. Displays of Nativity Scenes are also planned.

Looking ahead to our December Worship:

December 6th 16.00 A Christingle Service - Where we raise funds for the work of the **Children's Society** at this candle lit service

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

Please, NO LATER THAN 13th November 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

Benefice Choir at Christmas – please see Benefice News
Wednesday 11th November 10.50 at war memorial Remembrance Service taken by Rev. Judith
Sunday 15th November 9.30 Holy Communion
Sidesman/Coffee: Jan Paul/Pam Dodd
Flowers: Frances East
Cleaning: tbc



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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

FROM THE REGISTERS:

INTERMENT OF ASHES: On 24 September 2015 – Margaret Jane Richardson (née Cuthbert) aged 74 years.

Theft of Lead from Church Roof

Following the theft of a quantity of Lead from Groton roof reported elsewhere, we are delighted to report that we now have a fully functioning alarm on the church roof (this was in hand before the theft.....) and that half the cost of this will be met by the Suffolk historic Churches Trust, for which we are extremely grateful. We will be actively fund raising to meet the costs of repair of the roof.

PCC MEETING: The next meeting of the PCC is on **Tuesday 10th November 2015, at 7.00 pm at Mary's House.** Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 1st November.

GROTON'S WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Saturday, December 5th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

We hope to see lots of people at our annual popular Cheese and Wine Party; all the usual attractions, excellent food, bar, raffle and our new feature "Buy-A-Bauble"! so spread the word, and get your tickets soon [£7.50 each] from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. There will be a surprise guest speaker to tell us about Borley Rectory. There will be an opportunity to buy copies of his book on the subject. All proceeds (including book sales) to St Bartholomew's Church, which was targeted by lead thieves recently.

GROTON'S CHRISTMAS CARD

Our colourful Christmas cards are now available for sale in Mary's House, Boxford Post Office, the Wine and Cheese Party on December 5th, or from any member of Groton PCC. The small cards are a snip at £3.50 for 10 and the large ones are £4.50 for 5. All cards sold will help to boost the fund for the loss of lead on the Church roof, so please send a Groton Christmas card to all your friends.

Benefice Choir at Christmas – please see Benefice News

Rota:

Sidesman: Mr & Mrs Marchant
Flowers: Mrs Kennedy Scott
Cleaning: Mrs Kennedy Scott



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

4 October: Our Harvest Festival was well attended. The flower displays were warmly praised and the refreshments appreciated by all. Our minds are very much focused on the threat of losing the lead from our roof. Many churches near us have already suffered, in particular Groton in our own benefice. The PCC is taking steps to safeguard our roof, and we pray that we shall be successful.

Our fundraising appeal to the village was most generously answered. We have received the most welcome sum of £13,282. Many, many thanks to all who have donated. When we add the monies raised by the History Society, we are moving closer to our target of £32,000.

Benefice Choir at Christmas – please see Benefice News

Rota:

	Sidesman	Flowers
Nov 1	Mr & Mrs Simpson	Mrs Ewen
Nov 8	Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell	Mrs Squirrel
Nov 15	Mr Bowden & Mrs Ridgeon	Mrs Eddington
Nov 22	Visiting	Mrs Gregor Smith
Nov 29	Visiting	Mrs Roser



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

13th September: Revd Judith led our Morning Worship service, celebrating Holy Cross Sunday and appropriately some members of the congregation wore their necklaces with lovely crosses on them. Friends from other churches joined us in our service and for refreshments and chatting. Thanks were given to our faithful village cyclists for taking part in the Annual Sponsored Church Cycle Ride, especially as they had only returned from Prague the previous evening. All volunteers who helped in church on the day were much appreciated. We would welcome any one interested to sit for an hour in church to 'clock in' the cyclists for next year's Cycle Day.

27th September: Sunshine greeted us for our Harvest Service and inside the church shone with the beautiful arrangements of flowers and vegetables. Revd Judith thanked all for helping and welcomed friends from other churches. To show our thanks for all the food we receive, four children took baskets of produce up to the Altar. Extra parcels for the Food Bank were given, highlighting the sad situation of some people in the world. Revd Judith as part of her address, read thought-provoking passages from a book about how we need to take time and look for the smallest of things and using a magnifying lens to do so. After the service, we were joined by more friends from the village to share our Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. Revd Judith said a prayer at the start and there was a warm feeling from the companionship and the food. Thank you to everyone, including two young boys who made all this possible.

11th October: We were delighted to welcome Revd Gerald Drew to take our Service of Holy Communion as Revd Judith was on her annual holiday. So using holidays as his theme, Revd Drew spoke of how he answered an advert for retired clergy to take their holiday up in Scotland and at the same time be a parish priest. The story of John Newton and Amazing Grace was told; we then sang that hymn. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ. We were very pleased to see so many friends from the other parishes who joined us for refreshments. Thank you to all who helped.

Notices: 8th November: 9.30.am. The Remembrance Service in our church will be followed by a second service for 11.00 am. by the War Memorial on the Green. All are welcome to join us there.

Benefice News

MINISTRY TEAM:

The next meeting of the ministry team is on Wednesday 18th November 2015, 7.30 pm at Mary's House.

Benefice Choir - Christmas Carol Services.

As Christmas appears over the horizon (only 3 months to go) the Benefice Choir is looking for anyone who would like to sing with us in the carol services at Edwardstone, Groton and Little Waldingfield. We have a small group at present, but would welcome any new singers who would like to join us for a few rehearsals and the services. Enthusiasm is the key ingredient, and no auditions are required. If you can read music then you are already ahead of many, and if you can't then you are more than welcome to follow along with the rest of us and enjoy the mulled wine with which we lubricate the vocal chords to warm up! We will sing all the carols in four parts and learn a choir solo during three or four rehearsals in the two months running up to Christmas, so there is no great time commitment. If you would be interested in joining us then please contact Jim Henderson on 01787 211417 or at jhenderson@russiaenergy.co.uk

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship November 2015

Village Daily Prayers Each week, in the five churches: informal, friendly service, 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us!
 Please let Revd Judith know of any people or situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com. **The winter months rota is:** *Tuesday* 9.00 Edwardstone, *Wednesday* 9.00 Groton; 16.00 Little Waldingfield at Newman's Hall; *Thursday* 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

**** Café Church ** Remembering our Loved Ones ** Remembrance ** Reflective Service ** 5 Villages ****

Sunday 1st	4th before Advent	All Saints	(R)
Boxford **	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Café Church	Revd Judith
	16.00	“Remembering our Loved Ones”	Revd Judith

A special reflective, candlelit service for anyone in the benefice who has been bereaved

Wednesday 4th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Thursday 5th			
Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Holy Communion (Reserved Sacrament) at Newmans Hall	Lay Team

Sunday 8th	Remembrance Sunday		(R)
Groton	10.50	Remembrance Service at the war memorial.	David Lamming
Little Waldingfield	10.45	Remembrance Service	Tim Harbord
Newton	9.30	Remembrance Holy Communion Service	Revd Gerald Drew
	11.00	Remembrance Service at the war memorial	Revd Gerald Drew
Boxford	10.50	Remembrance Service	Revd Judith and Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 11th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Edwardstone	10.50	Remembrance Service at the war memorial	Revd Judith
Saturday 14th			
Edwardstone	13.30	Christening of Lydia Wright	Revd Judith

Sunday 15th	2nd before Advent		(G)
Edwardstone	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Little Waldingfield	15.00	Reflective Service	Revd Judith and Lay Team

Wednesday 18th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 19th			
Little Waldingfield	19.00	Compline –Newmans Hall	Lay Team

Sunday 22nd	Christ the King	(The Sunday next before Advent)	(W)
Groton	9.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 25th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith

Sunday 29th	First Sunday of Advent		(P)
Newton	10.00	Five Villages Family Service with Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Little Waldingfield	13.00	Christening of Molly Edgeley	Revd Judith

Little Waldingfield Harvest Festival



Soap Box

I was never a very good rugby player at school. Actually, I wasn't much of a sportsman if the truth be known. But I did have the questionably good fortune to attend a school where rugby football, as opposed to the association variety, was the principal occupation for the autumn term. As a chunky lad (for which read "fat" – I have no false illusions as to my body shape as an 11 to 13 year old), I was in demand as a forward, generally in the front row of the scrum.

The weight I could add to the front row generally made me in demand for the "A" team, though my evident lack of willingness to tackle and overall lack of fitness usually led me to being dropped back to the "B" team after just a few games. My presence thereafter was usually one of filling in when fitness issues led to a depleted first team. And when eventually adolescence saw me shoot up in height, but not weight, I succeeded in breaking my shoulder – twice – first in a cycling accident and then on the rugby pitch. The consequence was no more prop forward roles for me.

I mention my sad and far from distinguished role on the sports field as an introduction to a somewhat modest rant on the state of English rugby today. To be knocked out as host nation in the group stage of this year's Rugby World Cup – the first time such an occurrence has taken place – was lamentable to say the least. It is at times like this that I feel thankful for my Irish forebears, so at least I had a team to follow in the later stages of the tournament. Watching them crush France was a pleasurable experience.

Rugby has changed out of all recognition in my lifetime. A generation or more ago it was considered that the best players could be found in the Oxford and Cambridge University teams. Their members could find the time to train properly, while club rugby players had jobs to consider and limited training opportunities. When rugby was an amateur sport, perhaps the nearest to professionalism could be found at the Varsity match at Twickenham when the two university giants crossed swords.

Back in the early 1990s I found myself as the principal sponsor of Sudbury Rugby Club, almost by default. Fellow Ipswich School parent Tim McNeil was President of the club at the time and sold me a raffle ticket, the prize for which was main club sponsor, while

waiting for the school bus. Actually, I bought it on behalf of the company for which I was then marketing director. The good news was that I already had several years of sports sponsorship experience under my belt.

Sudbury was a rising star in local rugby back then, but it was still an amateur game and I discovered that the money made available to the club by wealthy backers had created an undercurrent of distrust from other clubs. But Sudbury did succeed in making it into the national leagues – albeit briefly. Still, remembering the strain that this success brought to the club (playing as far away as Cornwall and the Lake District brings both personal and financial pressures on a club), perhaps it was as well that their time at the top was only brief.

I don't regret the passing of the amateur status of this sport. Good rugby is a joy to watch. I have been fortunate enough to attend some fantastic games, including the World Cup opening match between South Africa and Australia at Newlands, just outside Cape Town, in 1995, when President Nelson Mandela danced on the pitch in a Springbok jersey. And I enjoy watching England play. I only wish I had received more opportunities to see them in this year's World Cup.
Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.



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I felt my counselling with my volunteer was very helpful indeed, at a time when I felt isolated and at times desperate.

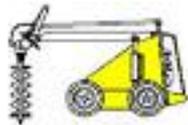
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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

From November until March is the time when many people are preparing and planting new herbaceous or shrub borders. Many gardens are now enclosed with wooden panel fencing which can provide shelter and a backing for climbing shrubs. Suitable shrubs for covering such a fence are: Forsythia, Chaenomeles Japonica, evergreen varieties of Ceonothus and the deciduous variety Gloire de Versailles. Pyracantha, Honeysuckles, Clematis and Cytisus Battanderei. The aim with these shrubs or fence shrubs is to build up a framework of main stems, spaced out and secured to the fence or wall each year the lateral growths should be cut back to the main branch. This way they will take up little space and will give a good display of colour. It is not a good idea to plant tall shrubs against a fence with no support, the fact that they are up against a fence or building will, cause them to grow taller than their normal height and grow outwards away from the backing, overhanging any smaller plants in front of them. Suitable shrubs for the front of a border are, Spirea goldflame, Garyophtheris clandonensis, Potentilla, Cistus, Genista Lydia, Lavender Hidcote and Munstead varieties, Hardy Fuchias, Ceratostigma willmottianum. All of these can be planted three feet apart and kept to two or three feet in height by regular trimming and pruning. Another very adaptable plant worth including in a shrub border Euphorbia polychoma (used to be called epithymoides), it is herbaceous and grows to a height of about 18 inches. All through April and May sulphur yellow heads appear above the fresh green leaves. Flowers fade green and remain green until Autumn. If you also include a few clumps of Doronicum, the earliest perennial to flower, with bright yellow flowers from April until June. They will provide colour in the border before the shrubs come into flower.

Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days and close ventilators early in the afternoon to trap some of the sun's warmth early in the afternoon to trap some of the sun's warmth. Give water sparingly to plants which are overwintering, and keep the atmosphere as dry as possible. Watering should be done in the morning rather than later in the day so that excess moisture can dry up before closing down for the night. While daylight is poor, avoid high temperatures as this will only encourage long weak growth on plants. Someone asked when is the best time to start a vegetable garden the answer is now. The plot should be dug over to the spades depth, digging in as much manure or compost as is available. Not much can be

done in the way of sowing or planting except for a sowing of Broad beans to provide an early crop in June next year. The hardiest Broad bean is the variety Aquadulce. Sowing two rows 9 inches apart, 2.5 inches deep and 6 inches apart. Last week in November is about the right time for sowing, you don't want them to get too forward and succumb to hard frost in March.

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants (such as bananas) will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- 2 Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- 3 Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- 4 Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- 5 Plant out winter bedding
- 6 Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- 7 Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
- 8 Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- 9 Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
- 10 Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

Make a bird house. A nesting box is a great way of attracting birds into your garden in the spring and summer. It not only gives you the pleasure of watching them but also gives the birds a home close to plenty of garden insects to feast upon. Well constructed, the box should last for years and provide a cosy home for generations of birds.

Take root cuttings. Winter is the ideal time to propagate perennials from root cuttings. Follow our step-by-step guide and you'll have plenty of new plants to beef up your borders in spring.

Improve your soil. Plants need good soil conditions if they are to give the best results. Improving the soil with plenty of organic matter in the form of compost helps drainage and aeration on heavy soils and conserves essential moisture on light ones.

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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 2 September 2015

Present: C Fraulo (in the Chair), J Osborne (Vice-Chair), N Cox, R Kelsey, P Roberts

Apologies for Absence:

A Dixon-Smith, J Finch

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2015 - approved and signed.

Councillor vacancies -

No candidates had come forward.

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

The next SALC meeting was due on September 7th and J Osborne will attend.

J Osborne has informed the Boxford Community Council that he will be representing the Council at future meetings, but he will not be able to attend the next meeting on September 14th.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence

C.Fraulo reported that she had attended a planning meeting in Kersey, and been impressed by the contribution to the discussion from Andrew Harding from Rural Community Housing. We should consider asking him to address a meeting of the Council in connection with our own affordable housing plans.

Local Housing Needs

C Fraulo had spoken to a colleague of Kim Best, the Housing Officer for Mid Suffolk and Babergh, but she had not heard from Babergh in response to our request for clarification on planning issues. We are also waiting for an update from Councillor Bryn Hurren who had previously offered to take up this matter on our behalf.

Highway and Footpath Matters

C Fraulo had met with a SCC officer to walk the footpaths to ensure the paths were correctly cut, and this had now been done. It was noted that we needed to clarify future responsibility and the view was expressed that it might be more effective to ask local landowners to arrange for the cutting.

Planning Matters

Application B/15/00945/FHA was considered and the Council had no objections. This would be relayed to Babergh DC.

Financial Matters:

To approve and accept the Annual Return

The letter from BDO confirming that they had completed the annual audit and that all was in order was presented to the Council and duly noted, and the Council confirmed approval and acceptance of the Annual Return, proposed by P Roberts, seconded by R Kelsey and approved unanimously.

Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment

The Councillors authorised the requested payments, proposed by P Roberts and seconded by R Kelsey.

Date of next meeting

4 November 2015

For full Minutes and additional information please see the Parish Council's website at Groton.onesuffolk.net

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held on 5th October

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council is scheduled for Monday 2nd November at 7.30 pm.

Public Forum:

Work is commencing on the Sand Hill Housing Needs development and the use of the layby at the entrance to the site was raised. The permissive path at Stone Street is in need of some upkeep.

Police Report:

The Clerk read from the Babergh West Report for September showing 1 crime in Boxford which was a theft of pedal cycle. Police attendance at community meetings is reducing.

County Council Report:

County Cllr James Finch attended and spoke of the new partnership to inspire young people in the County about careers - <http://www.themasontrust.org/>. Information was given about 16-19 Endeavour Travel Cards - <http://www.suffolkonboard.com/endeavour-card/16-19-card>. Suffolk's Energy from Waste facility will be re-financed to make savings.

District Council Report:

District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed preparations continue for a devolution bid in the County. They are also liaising with Norfolk in this respect. Plans for a telecommunications mast at Sherbourne Street have been withdrawn. Cllr Hurren is monitoring developments with the Cygnet Court plans. The issues at Goodlands are still being investigated following removal of the chimney. Other points raised with Cllr Hurren were cars for sale on School Hill and the change of roof at the dog training site in Stone Street.

Finance:

All matters were found to be in order in the External Audit. The Parish Council agreed a 3 year agreement on their insurances. The half year budget review was discussed. A donation of £25 was agreed to the Suffolk Bat Group.

Cricket Wicket at the Playing field:

Cllr Hurren had researched the criteria for 106 grant funding. The cricket wicket project complies with the criteria. The Parish Council are supportive of these funds being used in that way. Quotations are being obtained. The fencing has

been fixed at the playground.

Correspondence:

It was agreed to contact the Environment Agency as the river Box is overrun with weeds in the centre of the village.

Reports from Members:

Various pot holes and drainage issues had been reported to County Highways. Cllr Moles had started to learn more about his new role in Emergency Planning for the village. It was agreed to chase County Highways for the planned improvements to the Wash Lane ford.

Planning:

The Decision Notice for the Sand Hill Development was reviewed. It was agreed to ask the Planning Authority why they did not stipulate the closing of the field entrance from the development and also to enquire about the use of the layby at the entrance to the site now construction has started. Cllr Impett expressed disappointment that the education part of the grant had been reduced. Members had no objections to the amended scheme for barn conversion at Goodlands Barn.

Meeting dates for Boxford Parish Council:

2nd November and 7th December.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

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How can they do that? Fraudsters and con-men can impersonate you, they can put damaging content on your Facebook page, they might forge a bank card in your name or try (and sometimes succeed) to draw money from your bank account. In short, they can commit your estate to debts and liabilities through manipulating your digital assets.

That's in the new will-writing lexicon – digital assets. Not just 'I bequeath' and all the old stuff in weird language over many pages with incomprehensible sections about nil rate band trusts (now history, fortunately). Even in the once rarefied world of will-writing, most wills are now short and to the point. Life has moved on.

Digital assets are a growing part of our life. They include personal details kept on computers, tablets, mobile phones, Dropbox and the Cloud. Those precocious kids in California keep on introducing new products which store information about us.

Taking care over digital assets is not just about protecting the estate from fraud or theft. Recently, a client of mine in Hadleigh lost her husband, a keen photographer, who had kept his images in the Cloud, including a huge collection of pictures of the growing family. Sadly, she was never told the password, nor was the expert she engaged able to access any of those wonderful photos.

The worst thing you can do is put details of your digital assets in your will. The reason? Once probate has been granted, your will becomes public property, holding no secrets from prying eyes. Instead, your digital assets should be listed in a confidential letter of wishes, addressed to your executors, regularly updated, and placed with the will.

Finally, a word of warning about will making. Recently I have had a number of phone calls from people asking for quotes for their wills, as if they were getting prices for heating oil. I'm afraid that life isn't like that.

Will writing is an unregulated business, which means that anybody can set up as a will-writer without any qualifications whatsoever. Therefore, if you want to make your will, the last thing you should do is set up a beauty parade based on cheapest price. You could finish up with someone whose knowledge of the law is limited to what they have just learned at a paid-for course.

Most practitioners have written hundreds, if not thousands, of wills. You should first satisfy yourself that your selected will-writer has the necessary expertise, and don't be shy about asking around for recommendations. Making the wrong choice is just too risky.

What can happen if you go to an inexperienced will writer, with the future of the family estate based on saving a few pounds? If the will – after your death - doesn't satisfy the probate registry, it will be invalid, the estate will be intestate and making the will a complete waste of time.

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SESAW

Dog gone it! That cat's done it again! Whilst I was recovering from meeting and greeting, Ollie (the Black) slipped in with last month's news. Mind you, he doesn't do a bad job (with Mum's supervision of course) and I'm too excited about the 2016 calendar to worry. There are some smashing photos of great looking ex-Sesaw dogs (and cats). You can buy it at our Christmas Fair in the Old School, Long Melford on 15th November, order it by phoning 01206 263113 or call into Sesaw during opening hours.

Maybe next year some of our current dogs will be featured, speaking of which, do you know that Blaze? He is a typical "in your face", lick-lick-giz-a-cuddle boisterous staffie thug. Loves everybody and everything, currently in a foster home with two other dogs, several cats and a toddler. Desperate for a home of his own and someone to love him and take him for nice long walks.

Anyway I don't want him here as he would soon scoff Wendy's wonderful doggy deli treats. They are absolutely scrumptious and I can't afford to share them with more dogs. I've heard she will be making some for our Christmas Fair. Make sure you get them before Mum buys the lot for me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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Readers Letters

Sir

re Goodlands (Plans! What Plans!)

Thank you for your letters of support, it's much appreciated. We have been overwhelmed by the local support we have received over this traumatic matter. Although the plastic "chimney" has now been removed, the elevation of the house behind us is still in question. We are still very angry about the whole affair, and the negative impact of this intrusive development on us and our neighbours. Not only have the planners shown a callous disregard for the adverse effect of "Goodlands" on existing neighbouring properties, but the new houses behind us have tiny north facing gardens, which will get little if any light all day. We despair of the current mindless infilling housing policy, which is ruining our historic towns and villages... our quality of life will continue to deteriorate while people come a poor second to profit.

With grateful thanks,
Pam & Roger Balls,
19 Daking Avenue

The following letter was received from Wally Lum, son of Sam Lumm following the publication of his fathers story in the BRN "The Storey of Lieutenant Sam Lum and his Newton Family"

Dear Betty,

Thank you for your letter and your kind remembrances. I am Wally Lum, my father Sam passed away in February 2013 at the age of 93. He lived a long and happy life and was proud to have served in WW2. I thank you and your family for your kindness and camaraderie on behalf of my father. Those days changed the face of 20th century history and my father spoke with great admiration of the resolve and spirit of the British people. I hope you and your family are well as we proceed through these challenging modern times.

Cheers and best wishes!
Wally Lum

Sir

The Fleece

I am writing this to thank the people of Boxford for their support since we took over the Fleece on 1st February this year. We have thoroughly enjoyed living and working in this lovely village and have met some wonderful people.

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Green Team	Elaine Carpenter 210601
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Mill Surgery	210558
Babies and Toddlers Group	Caroline Williams 210836 or Nicola Coote 371788
Parish Council	Debbie Hattrell 210943
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)	Ruth Kingsbury 211236
Poppy Appeal	Brian James 210814
Primrose Wood	Ian Lindsley 210520
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Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club	Anne Gardner 312346
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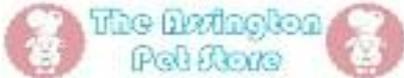
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Above: Directors of Stoke by Nayland Hotel Golf Spa Tamara Unwin (l) and Susanna Rendall (r) with champion Natalia Escuriola.

Spanish Escuriola proves Stoke by Nayland's queen of cool

Natalia Escuriola kept her nerves in check and game together to ensure the WPGA International Challenge ended in a coronation and not a calamity at last week's 3 day LET Access championship at the family owned Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa resort.

The Spaniard's wire to wire victory not only earned her €4,800 but also fired her up to second place in the LET Access Series and ensured she will compete on the main Ladies European Tour next year. There were moments in the final round of the tournament at Stoke by Nayland however, when what appeared to be a canter to victory for the 21-year-old looked set to end in tears. Not least during the first four holes when Olivia Cowan, who pipped Escuriola for pole position in the LET Access Series Order of Merit, threatened to take the Gainsborough Course at the Suffolk resort apart.

Cowan, a teenager with a British father, Scottish sounding name and BBC accent who represents Germany as a result of spending her 19 years there, began birdie, birdie, birdie, eagle. All of which meant the meaty five stroke lead Escuriola enjoyed at the start of play was reduced to an anorexic one. But in the end Cowan shared third place with France's Ariane Provot after a two-under-par round of 70 and Raastad finished second on six-under.

The top five Let Access Order of Merit professionals were also awarded their Tour cards which qualify them to join the main Ladies European Tour for the 2016 season; namely Escuriola, Cowan, Gutavsson, Gabsa and Bakker.

The 3 day event kicked off as usual with a Pro Am tournament featuring some well known faces such as National Broadcaster Naga Munchetty, who is a spokesperson for the national "thisgirlgolfs" campaign, and who conducted a live interview with the BBC Look East studio just before the Pro Am Gala Dinner. BBC's Stewart White and musical personality, Neil Innes also participated in the Pro Am, and dinner guests and players were entertained with a string of amazing magic feats by internationally renowned magician, David Redfean.

After play on the 2nd day the Spanish Professionals, including eventual winner Natalia, took some time out to enjoy a tour of the SbN family's award-winning Peake Fruit orchards and cold stores nearby with Farms Director Robert England and were very interested in tasting the different varieties of English apples on offer.

On the final day Suffolk, Essex and Norfolk County girls squads of all ages were treated to some golf clinics by Head Professional Roly Hitchcock and 3 of the Ladies European Tour professionals.

Leading scores: 1 Natalia Escuriola (Spain) -8; 2 Rachel Raastad (Norway) -6; 3 Ariane Provot (France), Olivia Cowan (Germany) -5; 5 Noemi Jimenez (Spain), Georgia Hall (England) -4; 7 Johanna Gustavsson (Sweden) -3; 8 Valdis Thora Jonsdottir (Iceland), Bethan Popel (A) (England) -1

Naga Munchetty and Stewart White on the 1st tee for the Pro Am with Pro Hannah Ralph



BOXFORD ROVERS AT OLD BUCKENHAM HALL



In what has become a regular fixture, Boxford Rovers accepted an invitation to play at Old Buckenham Hall in Brettenham with three teams on Sunday 25th September.

We always look forward to going to OBH - it's undoubtedly the most picturesque venue we get to play at, especially on a sunny day!

For the first time we went over with an U9 side. This was timely for both sides as OBH had just started to play some matches at this age group and Boxford are in their first year of joining the Suffolk league. Both teams showed great promise and it was a close fought entertaining match which will have helped both sides in the coming season. Lots of promising talent on both sides.

Unfortunately at U11 a large number of Boxford players, who normally play on Saturday, had rugby commitments which meant they couldn't attend. Despite that by mixing up the sides and using it as a training match it was a really enjoyable session.

The girls turned out in force and what an entertaining match it was. Both teams displayed great skill and commitment and the result was in doubt until the final kick. It really is great to see women's football thriving at all levels and with the talent on view in this game, it will continue to do so. So a great morning and everyone keen to repeat the exercise. Thanks from all at Boxford to OBH for the great hospitality we always receive.



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