

# Box River News

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## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, GROTON RECEIVES £39,000



St Bartholomew's Church, Groton will benefit from up to £39,000 to help fund urgent roof repairs following last October's theft of lead from the chancel, north aisle and organ chamber roofs.

Groton Parochial Church Council (Groton PCC) successfully applied for the grant through the Government-funded Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund.

The whole community was shocked when Groton became the 12th Suffolk church to be the victim of lead theft last autumn. This substantial grant will enable us to restore the roof and secure the future of this Grade I listed building, which is valued by the whole village and has historic links to New England in the USA. It means that we can also now proceed with plans to instal kitchen facilities under the tower and to provide a toilet, both of which will enable us to make the church more 'user-friendly' and available for wider community use, as well as regular worship.

David Lamming, PCC secretary, who masterminded the grant application, said: "This is great news, in response to which the whole Groton community will rejoice. The lead theft, coming only three months after the happy visit to Groton in June 2015 by US ambassador Matthew Winthrop Barzun (direct descendant of former Lord of the Manor of Groton and Pilgrim Father, John Winthrop) put a damper on what had been a good year for the parish. Now, we can all lift our spirits again. As well as thanking the Government for making this money available to churches, I want to thank our local MP, James Cartlidge who, with his Suffolk colleagues, campaigned on behalf of those churches in the county that had suffered lead theft."

This money is part of a wider funding package of £22.9 million to 401 historic places of worship across the UK. The fund was launched by the Chancellor in his Autumn Statement in December 2014 and the funding

package has now seen a total of 903 places of worship across the UK receive a share of £55million.

The Fund is administered by the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) on behalf of the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS).

### MP Delighted at Groton Church Roof Repair Grant

I am absolutely delighted that St Bartholomew's Church in Groton is one of the twelve Suffolk churches who have received funding from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund after last year's lead theft. I am sure that it will have been a huge relief to the village that the church will receive £39,000 to repair the damage caused by the criminals.

As a new MP I found it heart-breaking to hear about so many

cases of churches in Suffolk being targeted by lead thieves. These beautiful buildings are at the heart of our communities and were ransacked in an entirely callous fashion. I began looking for ways in which I could support the affected churches in South Suffolk and was disappointed to discover that the Government funded LPOW Roof Repair Fund scheme did not cover cases of theft. I had seen first-hand how valuable the funding had been as the church in my home village of Assington had been one of the lucky recipients in the first round of funding. As such, working with the other Suffolk MPs, I raised the matter with the Department of Culture, Media and Sport who were very accommodating in amending the rules in time for the latest round of funding.

My congratulations go to David Lamming, Reverend Judith Sweetman and the team who put together the successful bid and I am glad that their hard work paid off. I look forward to visiting the church again when the repairs have been completed. *James Cartlidge* MP for South Suffolk

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## SENIOR CITIZENS' OUTING



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## FleeceJazz

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### Friday 29 July 8.00 £15 Asaf Sirkis International Quartet

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### Friday 12 August 8.00 £15 Robert Habermann Sings Berlin

Robert Habermann takes his audience on a journey through some of the 20th Century's greatest love songs and the stories behind them. He has met many of the actual writers! His show is punctuated with anecdotes and stories to make this a fun evening. Robert Habermann vocals, Trevor Brown piano. Robert Habermann is an accomplished singer/songwriter of The

Great American and British Songbooks. He worked in the U.S.A where he was voted Best International Performer 1994 by the prestigious Manhattan Association of Cabarets of New York, resulting in several major tours.

Robert was the first major British singer to perform a concert to celebrate Frank Sinatra's 80th Birthday at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall. Pianist Trevor Brown is known for his versatility and virtuosity. Trevor spent twenty years as pianist with the Joe Loss Orchestra. Nowadays he very much enjoys being part of The Syd Lawrence Orchestra. Look out for a special guest!

### Friday 26 August 8.00 £18 Derek Nash Sax Appeal

Derek Nash's brilliant award winning band with 5 (yes five!) saxophones, will be a knock-out! Derek Nash, Bob McKay, Scott Garland, Brandon Allen, Vasilis Xenopoulos Saxes, Pete Adams Keys, Phil Scragg Bass, Mike Bradley Drums. Derek is a member of the Jooles Holland Band, and often does the Fleece Jazz Christmas - New Year gig, fresh from recording Jooles's New Year's Eve TV show. He is famed for his "Protect the Beat" and "Acoustic Quartet" line-ups; for "the Picant Latin Band" he bought here in March; as well as for tonight's "Sax Appeal", the "John Dankworth Award" winning line up he has led for 30 years. Thelonious Monk's advice on jazz is that "You've got to dig it to dig it". There is nothing better than Derek's music to start digging into Jazz - "You dig?"

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## THE AUGUST LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

*Dear Friends,*

### Spinning plates and juggling balls....

Yes, as the last Box River News announced on its cover, the circus really did come to town! I can't have been to such a show since I was very small, but this time, I let myself be tempted into the Big Tent on the playing field, as part of Boxford's School Fete. How hot it was! Packed with parents around the edges and dozens of children clustered around the central stage.



With a mere four people keeping the show going, two acrobats and two clowns, we were kept well entertained. One of the acts involved getting several

children to spin plates on a stick, something requiring good concentration, stillness and a steady hand and which they achieved admirably. Another act which had us gasping and clapping at times was the juggling. And this was not just with balls, but even with full size tennis rackets and large holdalls!

What struck me most of all, though, apart from the skill, which was formidable, was the fact that, accomplished as these performers were, even for them, the odd slip did happen. A ball would fall to the ground, a tennis racket wouldn't quite balance on the chin the first time.

This could have been embarrassing, but when it happened, the clowns just picked up without hesitation from where they were and carried on seamlessly, perhaps making an exaggerated grimace or a joke out of it. I suspect that many of us, for one reason or another, are also, as it were, having to spin many plates in the air or juggle many different things. Work, home, church, the demands and needs of families – especially the very young and the very old, our voluntary commitments, even our hobbies – all these and more require our skill, balance, concentration and effort.

At times, inevitably, for us too, a plate will topple or slip off, a ball will drop to the floor. Something in our lives which should have happened doesn't. A task doesn't get finished, we fail to remember an appointment, we are unable to help with something our club or organisation is doing. Or perhaps we have tried something new and it hasn't worked.



When that happens, there may be a temptation to feel flattened, demoralised, defeated, to have a sense that we have failed. But I remember a wonderful saying, that the person who never made a mistake never made anything. Indeed, learning from our mistakes is one of the ways we grow.

Those clever clowns knew that the secret, when something went wrong with their performance, was just to carry on regardless, to maintain their steady focus and keep their composure. They didn't try to cover up their slips when they

happened, they didn't make a song or dance about them, they didn't look embarrassed or feel guilty. Because, in the end, they knew that the great pleasure they gave the audience far outweighed any momentary slip up.

The whole Christian story is a story of how people don't always get things right – with Jesus' disciple Peter being the prime example. But it is also a story of encouragement, because, whenever we let the plate slip, or drop the ball, the Good News is that God is there to pick it up and help us on our way.

The psalmist, talking to God, says this: "my feet were almost gone, my steps had well nigh slipped...yet I am always with You, You hold me by my right hand".

Blessings, *Revd. Judith*

## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

**Trump & Me by Mark Singer**



Mark Singer has produced the slightest of books here, just a hundred pages, and most of it consisting of a superb article he wrote for The New Yorker 20 years ago, with a new introduction and coda to take account of the presidential election. This might seem a slender basis for a new publication – and Penguin should be taken to trading standards for charging a tenner for it – but *Trump & Me* offers clearer insight into the mind of the presumptive Republican nominee than any of the detailed biographies written over the years.

This is a journalist's account of the ordeal of spending time with Donald Trump, and it is often very funny indeed, for it turns out that Trump's elaborately sculpted hairweave is by no means the weirdest

thing about him. Like any true narcissist and mountebank, Trump often talks of himself in the third person, and like some very rich men, he views women as commodities to be traded when marital sentiment turns bearish. When Singer asks him if he confides in anyone during moments of tribulation, he replies: "Nobody, it's just not my thing."

So then what, Singer asks, is Trump's notion of ideal company – well, comes the reply, "a total piece of ass". Now on the campaign trail, he demands a high wall be built along the southern border with Mexico, and showily suggests that Muslims be banned from the United States until he has got the Islamist terror thing sorted out.

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Despite the hand-wringing of the Republican establishment, these are not "gaffes", for they do not reveal a concealed truth; nor are they evidence of a blunt political outsider speaking truth to Washington elites. They are just cynical little morsels tossed into the crowd of angry American men (mostly) who are fed up with stagnant wages and immigrants. Trump lies so brazenly and routinely that one former New York political figure declared he would not trust a word he said even "if his tongue were notarised".

The man who presents himself as a self-made tycoon in fact inherited a multi-million-dollar New York real estate fortune from his father. The self-styled tough guy was not drafted for the Vietnam war because of a "heel spur", although this did not give Trump pause when he questioned the valour of Senator John McCain, who was held prisoner for five years by the North Vietnamese.

Anyone who has followed his travesty of a presidential campaign – and it is not a great deal more cheering on the other side, now that Hillary Clinton has turned the Democratic nomination into her rightful heredity – will be familiar with some of those comments. But Singer is excellent at describing the disturbing strangeness of Trump's existence, and the precariousness of his assets.

Over the years he has exaggerated his wealth. His emergence from near bankruptcy in the early Nineties left creditors with \$800 million of his bad debts. Most of the properties that have his name emblazoned upon them are in fact only part-owned by Trump or just operated under licence. This means that much of his empire is, in Singer's pleasing phrase, no more than Trump-l'oeil.

My favourite little detail concerns a Renoir – La Loge – that hangs in Trump's monstrous 53-room triplex that sits atop Trump Tower with its blue-onyx lavatory, two-storey dining room with ivory frieze, and its general air of being there to be photographed by lifestyle magazines rather than to be lived in. Singer assumes the Renoir must be original, and Trump himself does nothing to disabuse him. Only later does Singer separately discover that it was a copy, and that the original hangs in the Courtauld in London.

Ultimately, you almost feel sorry for the man, with his "suspicion that an interior life was an intolerable burden" and his germophobe's terror of shaking hands with the great unwashed he claims to represent.



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## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

It has been an incredibly busy time during this last month. Events nationally have a big difference on our lives and most things filter down to local councils and from there to every man woman and child in the Boxford council ward. I passionately believe in being part of the European wider family and voted to remain but the electorate has spoken and we now have to get on with it for better or for worse. At Babergh we will monitor the situation and its financial impact and take whatever decisions are necessary to keep this area of Suffolk running as well as possible. Devolution is the buzz word at the moment, this is an opportunity for a wider local area to have more powers and be given a budget to do so, the deal that Suffolk and Norfolk has been offered is very complicated and in my opinion not worth the paper it is written on, true devolution should be on the lines of a mini parliament for East Anglia and the cutting out of some of the layers of bureaucracy below and slashing out a tier of local government. At Babergh midsuffolk we are currently looking for a new chief exec to replace Charlie Aden and to run the two councils, this will be announced in the press around September. More locally it is good to see all the business premises taken up again and I hope they all prosper, shopping locally can be a bit more expensive but is much more fun than driving to the supermarket and keeps the community together and the village vibrant. If we want the shops to be there when we have thick snow on the ground we have to support them all year round. The Stationfield Sandhill local needs housing project is now two months ahead of schedule and nearing completion, allocation of the fourteen houses for rent will be from the 28th of July when the houses will be on the Gateway to Homechoice website for those who have registered to bid. I have asked that all local people and those who have a strong family connection to the village should be written to by the allocations team and made aware of this and I think this has already happened. This scheme is massively oversubscribed and some will regrettably be disappointed for which I am very sorry but the Parish Council as well as myself have done their very best to address the housing situation in Boxford. Congratulations should also be given to Marfleet the contractors who have built a very well designed scheme quickly and with every consideration to the village, unlike some other builders I could name. I wish good luck and much happiness to all those who will live there and I hope they will be proud to do so. Great Summer Holidays to you all. Bryn

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Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### > Devolution Update for Norfolk and Suffolk

All councils and both Local enterprise Partnership (LEP) Boards debated the Deal at Full Council meetings during the last week of June. Suffolk County Council had their debate on 30th June. All Suffolk Councils voted in favour. Four District Councils in Norfolk voted against. Devolution is still moving forward and it will be up to the Secretary of State to decide what impact the Norfolk Councils will have on the deal. The next step is that formal consultation on the proposed powers (Governance) of the Mayor and Combined Authority is now being carried out during July and August. All the associated documents, the online survey and hard copy booklet and questionnaire is available at [www.eastangliadevo.co.uk](http://www.eastangliadevo.co.uk). The site offers information about the Norfolk/Suffolk proposal as well as providing people with information on plans across the wider East Anglia area. Along with Suffolk County Council each borough and district council will raise awareness of the consultation via their website. We ask that Parish Councils encourage awareness of this consultation.

The outcome of the consultation will be submitted to the government in early September, with a further meeting of the full council to be held by the end of October to consider giving consent to the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority for the two counties. The details of the consultation questions are still being drafted by Council Leaders and Government.

The highlights of the Deal which Councils voted on are:

- A single pot of £25m a year of new money for the next 30 years (£750m) to support economic growth, development of local infrastructure and jobs. 40% of the 'single pot' will be revenue, which can support capital borrowing
  - £100m, over five years, of new money to support the building of new homes across Norfolk and Suffolk. Recognising the housing market conditions in Norwich and Ipswich, Government will also provide the Combined Authority with an additional £30m over five years, split equally for Norwich City and Ipswich Borough, to meet its housing needs
  - A guaranteed £225m transport budget for the next four years
  - Control of an existing c£20m a year Adult skills funding to ensure the training offer matches the needs of local businesses and the local labour market
  - Control of an existing c£2m Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE grant) to enable funding to better meet the needs of local Norfolk and Suffolk employers
  - Greater control over who delivers transport services in Norfolk and Suffolk, and how they are delivered, rather than it being imposed on us by Central Government
- Councils will need to agree the powers of the Mayors and combined authorities before the end of October
- Before the end of November views from public consultation are reported to the Secretary of State for him to consider before creating combined authorities and putting in place arrangements for mayoral elections in May 2017
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## THE BRONZE HORSEMAN A Talk by Jenny Antill



Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome our very well known county councillor Jenny Antill to talk to us on the history of St Petersburg, as reflected in two iconic artworks: a bronze statue of Peter (Alekseyevich Romanov) in Senate Square and the poem about the statue by Alexander Pushkin, the 19th century Russian Shakespeare. As expected, the thirty plus audience was enthralled with her account of the history of this great city in her comprehensive and copiously illustrated talk,

which she began by reading the introduction to Pushkin's narrative poem:

On a deserted, wave-swept shore,  
He stood – in his mind great thoughts grow –  
And gazed afar. The northern river  
Sped on its wide course him before;  
One humble skiff cut the waves' silver.  
On banks of mosses and wet grass  
Black huts were dotted there by chance –  
The miserable Finn's abode;  
The wood unknown to the rays  
Of the dull sun, by clouds stowed,  
Hummed all around. And he thought so:  
'The Swede from here will be frightened;  
Here a great city will be wrought  
To spite our neighbourhood conceited.  
From here by Nature we're destined  
To cut a door to Europe wide,  
To step with a strong foot by waters.  
Here, by the new for them sea-paths,  
Ships of all flags will come to us –  
And on all seas our great feast opens.'

An age passed, and the young stronghold,  
The charm and sight of northern nations,  
From the woods' dark and marshes' cold,  
Rose the proud one and precious.  
Where once the Finnish fisherman,  
Sad stepson of the World, alone,  
By low riverbanks' a sand,  
Cast into waters, never known,  
His ancient net, now on the place,  
Along the full of people banks,  
Cluster the tall and graceful masses  
Of castles and palaces; and sails  
Hasten in throng to the rich quays  
From all the lands our planet masters;  
The Neva-river's dressed with rocks;  
Bridges hang o'er the waters proud;  
Abundantly her isles are covered  
With dark-green gardens' gorgeous locks...

As Jenny commented, this is a romanticised history of the establishment of the city of Saint Petersburg in 1703, with Peter the Great standing at the edge of the River Neva conceiving the idea for a city which will threaten the Swedes and open a window to Europe. The poem describes the area as almost uninhabited; Peter can only see one boat and a handful of dark houses inhabited by Finnish peasants. Saint Petersburg was subsequently constructed on territory newly gained from Sweden in the Great Northern War, the site chosen because it provided Russia with a corner of access to the Baltic Sea, the Atlantic and Europe.

She then described the man behind the Tsar. Born in June 1672, he was 6' 7" tall with a small head who suffered from convulsions, probably from epilepsy; he was sadistic and brutal, with huge energy and bad manners, but with skills in all kinds of craftsmanship including carpentry, masonry, printing, blacksmithing and even dentistry. His childhood was unusual to say the least. Aged just three when his father Tsar Alexei died, Peter's half brother Feodor III then reigned for seven years until his death, when there

was a coup by Peter's half sister Sophia Alekseyevna, who became Regent. Peter was not perceived a threat to Feodor and was given a personal tutor, Nikita Zotov, who subsequently became a stalwart drinking companion.

During the coup, the Streltsy - elite armed guards first established by Ivan the Terrible - massacred many of Peter's closest relations as well as their own commander and his father's former chief minister. Peter was appointed junior co-tsar, along with his retarded twelve year old half brother Ivan; Sophia's intention was to keep him well in the background so he did not become an adult tsar. His formal education was brought to an end and, allegedly for his own safety, Peter was kept in a remote hunting lodge on the river Yauza, along with his mother Natalya and his sisters; Peter's education was now completely in his own hands, which he grasped wholeheartedly.

Firstly we were told he enjoyed wandering the streets of Nemetskaya Sloboda, the foreign or dumb quarter, where Peter acquired his fascination and skill in all forms of craftsmanship. Secondly his boyhood playing with toy soldiers metamorphosed from simply drilling boys into mock battles with significant numbers of boyhood friends, training as members of real regiments and sometimes incurring real casualties and introducing him to fortification and artillery, as well as infantry techniques. Thirdly Peter developed a hobby of sailing, having a profound influence and creating a life-long yearning to come closer to Western Europe and win proper access to the Baltic Sea.

Peter gradually grew into the role of the true tsar and as Sophia wished to become tsarina, she attempted to induce the Streltsy into another uprising. When most of the Streltsy units deserted central Moscow to go to where Peter was living, Sophia asked Peter to join her in the Kremlin; he refused and soon after she was arrested and forced to withdraw to the Novodevichy Convent. Peter couldn't acquire control over Russian affairs as power was exercised by his mother Natalya, but when she died in 1694 he became an independent sovereign, becoming sole ruler when his brother Ivan died in 1696.

Peter exercised sweeping reforms to modernise Russia, reorganising the army along modern lines with dreams of turning Russia into a maritime power. As noted, he sought to gain more sea ports; as the only maritime outlet at that time was the White Sea at Arkhangelsk, the Baltic Sea was controlled by Sweden in the north while the Black and Caspian seas were controlled by the Ottoman and Safavid empires in the south. He attempted to take control of the Black Sea, by waging war against the Crimean Khan and the Ottoman Sultan in the summer of 1695, his primary objective was the capture of the Azov fortress near the Don river, but his attempts ended in failure. He returned to Moscow in November to begin building a large navy, launching 30 ships against the Ottomans in 1696 and capturing Azov later in the year; in September 1698 Peter officially founded the first Russian naval base at Tangaanrog.

Peter died in February 1725 without naming a successor, and was succeeded by Catherine I who represented the interests of "the new men"; apparently she had no real claim to the throne but was in the right place at the right time.

Decades later Catherine II, later known as Catherine the Great, a German princess who married into the Romanov line, was anxious to connect herself with Peter the Great to gain legitimacy in the eyes of her people, having gained her position as the result of a palace coup without any legal claim to the throne. To do so, she ordered the construction of an equestrian statue of Peter, with the inscription "Catherine the Second to Peter the First, 1782", expressing her admiration for her predecessor and her own view of her place in the line of great Russian rulers.

Jenny then told us about the Pushkin narrative poem, about the equestrian statue in St Petersburg and the great flood of 1824, written in 1833 but not published, in its entirety, until after his death. Widely considered his most successful narrative poem, the "Bronze Horseman" has had a lasting impact on Russian literature, is one of the most influential works in Russian literature and one of the reasons why Pushkin is often called the founder of modern Russian literature.

Our next event will be on 21st September at 7.30 in The Parish Room, when Roger Green will regale us with his talk on 'Rev'd Henry Watts Wilkinson - A Victorian Melodrama'. Rev'd Wilkinson was a Sudbury clergyman from 1807 to 1851 and Roger will tell the curious tale of his eldest daughter, deemed unable to conduct her own life but left a considerable sum of money. Despite four (male!) guardians, a deprived cousin kidnapped and bore her off to marry her! Do come along to hear the entire gripping narrative of times and customs now long past.

We look forward to welcoming guests new and old to the Parish Room for what is sure to be a most fascinating evenings entertainment, and between now and then, we will circulate our 2016 / 17 programme of events & membership application to members and houses in Little Waldingfield.

*Andy Sheppard*

## SBN HOTEL WINS CONTRACT AT RAF LAKENHEATH

The family owned, multi award-winning Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa has entered into an exciting new venture in association with the US Airbase at RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk. They are the first private company to secure a contract to run a restaurant on the base.

The launch of the new "Medana Mediterranean Kitchen" restaurant took place on 8th June and around 150 of the Lakenheath residents and staff enjoyed a delicious buffet style lunch following speeches and the cutting of the ribbon by Managing Director of Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Susanna Rendall, and Colonel David Eaglin, 48th Fighter Wing Vice Commander.

The restaurant builds on the excellent reputation created at its two AA Rosette Lakes Restaurant at Stoke by Nayland. It will be serving top quality Northern Mediterranean style cuisine for lunch as a buffet, and for dinner with a la carte menu and waiter service. It will be accessible to up to 16,000 staff and residents at both the RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall bases.

News of the opening had already created excitement at RAF Lakenheath, and at an initial sample tasting for senior staff at the base, the range and quality of the dishes were highly praised.

48 Force Support Commander, Major Sean Brazel said "The Medana Restaurant offers our Airmen a unique dining experience and gives the 48 Fighter Wing an opportunity to enjoy the very best in Mediterranean cuisine prepared by the excellent team from Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa"

Deputy Director of the 48th Force Support Squadron, Debbie Southee said "Out of all the American Air Force, Army and Navy bases in Europe that I have visited, the food at Medana is by far the best I have tasted. There is nowhere else offering this extensive choice of dishes or superior quality of ingredients."

The menu items are sourced from all over the Northern Mediterranean and Executive Head Chef, Alan Paton MCGC, said "I have used an exciting selection of ingredients, herbs and spices which are inspired by a wide range of Mediterranean cultures and traditions and should appeal to most discerning tastes and palettes."

Susanna Rendall, Managing Director of Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa said; We really appreciated the initial introduction to this opportunity by Suffolk Chamber of Commerce and we were delighted to win the contract in the face of some very tough competition.

## OPEN AIR THEATRE

What can be better than enjoying a picnic and watching some fantastic open air theatre on a balmy summer's evening? Boxtree productions, A Boxford based company, are producing family musical versions of; 'Around The World In 80 Days' and 'The Scarlet Pimpernel'. This is a national theatre tour which is coming to some splendid local venues.



James and Abi Franklin, co-founders of Boxtree Productions invite people to join them for an evening of fantastic open air theatre. They are coming to some really lovely local venues such as Layer Marney Tower, Stonham Barns and Hedingham Castle.

James and Abi have been professional actors for over ten years, they have toured the world but made their home in Suffolk six years ago. Abi says; "we were looking to live near London but we were enchanted by the beauty of Boxford and Suffolk." James adds; 'We set up the theatre company because we wanted to tell good stories that will engage, enthrall and excite audiences, whatever their age.'

Abi says; "I like to create visually exciting and slick productions that will be great value for money, so we strike a good relationship with our audiences and they look forward to seeing our shows year after year."

James and Abi are really looking forward to bringing their shows to the local area and would love to see you at one of the venues.

**The Scarlet Pimpernel will be coming to:**

- Tymperleys Tearoom, Colchester – 31st July – 3pm
- Holkham Hall, Wells-Next-The-Sea – 17th August – 6:15pm
- Hedingham Castle, Halstead – 24th August – 6pm
- Stonham Barns, Stowmarket – 26th August – 6:30pm

**Around The World In 80 Days will be coming to:**

- Stonham Barns, Stowmarket – 19th August – 6:30pm
- Layer Marney Tower, Colchester – 29th August – 6:30pm

For more information and to book tickets for these spectacular shows please visit: [www.boxtreeproductions.co.uk](http://www.boxtreeproductions.co.uk)

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# OH LA LA



*Joe Barrett and Will Carpenter, Elaine Carpenter Michael Munn and Francis Korabik*

Oh La La was the latest production of our very own Boxford Drama Group and despite Derek (I can't remember my lines) Butler who was to have been a mainstay of the show suffering a fall when climbing up the steps onto the Village Hall stage at the dress rehearsal putting him out of the show, his stand in, David Phillips, manfully stepped in to take over his songs at the very last minute and did not let us down

This lavish production included much fine singing by Mike Keith, the musical director, throughout the show. There were sketches, notably Allo Allo written by Mick Munn who was also responsible for Inspector Clouseau and was ably supported by Francis Korabik, Denise Gibben and John Kirby in Allo Allo and Francis and their long serving Stage Manager Jane Lindekam who appeared very briefly in this sketch and in one or two others. OH LA LA was organised and directed by Janice Macmillan and Monica Murphey. Members of the cast prepared and served a light French Style Ploughmans



*The Cant Cant - Denise Gibben, Tony Spud Murphey and Coralie Brown*



*Mike Keith*



*Denise Gibben, John Kirby and Michael Munn*

# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## TENNIS FEES!

Lots of people are starting to enjoy Boxford's lovely clean tennis courts in this good weather, with Wimbledon on the horizon as inspiration, so a gentle reminder for payment to be made!

Please...either pay on a casual basis at 22, Homefield for an hourly rate, or send an annual amount to Pauline Lamming, Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee,

20, Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU.

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Annual :	Family	£60.00
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	Under 18	£20.00
Hourly:	Adult	£2.00
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Thank you. These courts are a wonderful facility we all enjoy – help us to keep them good and well-maintained. Pauline Lamming - 01787 210360

**Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust,  
Brian Jones**



To thank Brian Jones, one of the founding members of the Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust, for more than 20 years as both Trustee and Treasurer, a gathering was kindly hosted by Rosemary and Jeremy Osborne in their delightful garden at Waterside Barn.

Brian has carried out his duties in an exemplary fashion and will be greatly missed. The time and effort that Brian has given to the Trust has been greatly appreciated. To mark and thank Brian for his contribution to acquiring and maintaining the Croft he was presented with a watercolour. The painting, a view from his home towards Bulls Cross Wood, was painted by Elizabeth Gardine

## What is devolution?

Devolution is the redistribution of power and funding from central to local government. This means that more decisions are made locally by combined authorities. A combined authority is a partnership where councils join together to make collective decisions on matters that affect the whole area.

Watch the video for a quick guide to how devolution works. To learn more about devolution, click the button below to visit [www.local.gov.uk](http://www.local.gov.uk)

Please find below a link to the public consultation on the devolution proposal for

## GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on Thursday 8th September, 2016 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford at 4.30pm to consider applications for grant aid from the residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury, CO 10 5ER

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

We hope that newcomers to the area will be made aware of this charity by long time residents of Groton and Boxford who have themselves benefited from grants in previous years.

Suffolk and Norfolk.

<https://www.eastangliadevo.co.uk/consultation/>

All consultations will end Tuesday 23 August 2016

There has yet to be any meaningful dialog with Parish and Town Council affected by this proposal in some counties. I would therefore urge all Councils to read and respond to the consultation. You may wish to make it known to your residents that the consultation is available and where to find it.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have and also to push for better engagement with Parish and Town Councils.

## In a nutshell:

3PR had a nice surprise this week The Daughters of Ann Kingsbury delivered a letter to Vic Rice, President of 3PR. The letter was addressed to Vic and 3PR. It seems Anne Kingsbury's daughters had been going through Anne's possessions when they found the letter. When Vic Opened it opened it this is what it said- *APRIL 2011 To the 3.P.R First Responders Team*

*Enclosed £100 towards any equipment for your team.*

*I was very grateful for your help in the past, especially John Moles and his partners, Well done and keep up the good work*

*Anne Kingsbury*

Enclosed with the letter was £ 100, in cash.

## BUTCHERS LANE

Groton Parish Council has received complaints about vehicles being driven very fast along Butchers Lane. This narrow road is also used by pedestrians and cyclists and motorists are asked to drive with caution.

## Boxford Society Coming Events for your Diary:

**Boxford Village History Walks. PART 2** completes the tour begun last summer. You do not need to have taken part last year to come this year. It will again be led by Roger and Tina, Loose looking at buildings and aspects of Boxford's history and will include Swan Street, Church St and School Hill. The walk will be repeated lasting about 90 minutes with a maximum of 16 people on each occasion – members only. Book now for 2.0pm Wednesday 3rd Aug OR 6.0pm Monday 8th Aug. Please ring 01787 210538. We will meet outside the Coffee Box for both walks. The 3rd Aug. walk will end by 4.0pm and the 8th Aug. walk by 8.0pm. No food will be arranged for afterwards.

**Illustrated Talk by Ms Gladis Garcia-Soza** on Saturday 1st October 2016 at 7.30pm, Boxford School Hall.

Gladis is a recently retired Visiting Fellow at the Colchester University Department of Language and Linguistics and will talk about one of her enthusiasms, the Gainsborough family of Sudbury, their idiosyncrasies and their work. Do put the date in your diary now so that you do not miss this. All are welcome, but non-members will pay £2 at the door.

## Solar farm appeal again dismissed

Readers will recall that the decision of planning inspector John Braithwaite, in March 2015 who dismissed the appeal by Sun and Soils Ltd. Against refusal of planning permission by Babergh saw a large solar farm at Rogers Farm was quashed by the High Court in October on legal grounds. Now the new inspector Mrs Eva wood has again dismissed the appeal finding that the benefits of the renewable energy would be outweighed by the visual harm to the landscape and the impact on the setting of Grade 1 Listed Edwardstone Church.



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# Wot's On

## Polstead Art Group 2016 Exhibition

Our 16th Exhibition will be held in POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY 6th AUGUST from 10am-5pm and SUNDAY 7th AUGUST from 11am -4pm

Admission is Free.

Homemade refreshments

Pictures are on view and for sale

## Men's yoga classes

On Friday mornings during school term time from 11.00-12.00pm in Boxford Village Hall.

A very gentle yoga class working with the breath, posture and balance. Some movements from the chair. No experience necessary. Suitable for complete beginners. For more details telephone Marianne Marshall on 01787 210323.

## BOXFORD SLIMMING WORLD

Why not join our fun and friendly group at:

Boxford slimming world, Boxford village hall

Stone street road, Boxford

Wednesday at 7.30pm

call Vicky for a chat on:

mob: 07931587504

home:01787376059

## Nayland Flower Show

Saturday 6th August

2pm-5pm Nayland Village Hall CO6 4JH

Refreshments, produce stall, raffle.

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

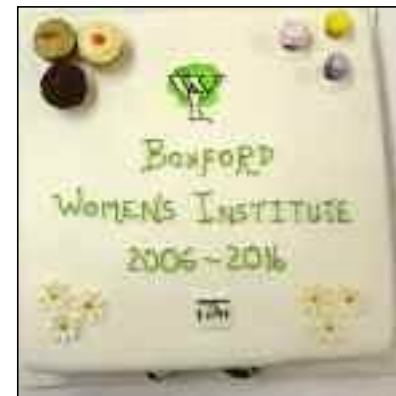
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Non members welcome to enter.

Schedules: local shops, [www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk) or 01206 262807

## Boxford WI

We have been very busy here at Boxford WI, in June we celebrated our 10th birthday with both past and present members. We were joined by guests from The Three Valleys Group and SWFWI, we all had a great time! There was a quiz from Sally on events from 2006 to 2016, followed by a strawberry tea and a delightful cake. We are looking forward to the next ten years of fun and friendship!



In July our Speaker Trudy gave us a fascinating talk about the history of Melford Hall. There has been a property on the site for over 1,000 years. The hall was originally occupied by Monks who were thrown out during the dissolution. Henry VIII then leased it to William Cordell and on his death it

passed to his Sister, Jayne Allington and then to her Grandson Thomas Savage. Thomas and his Wife, Elizabeth had 19 children and extended the hall in 1610 to accommodate them all! The house was extensively plundered during the Civil War. In 1649 Richard Cordell MP for Sudbury purchased the property. Cordell was succeeded by a Son and a Grandson. The line of ancestry came to an end in 1786 when the house was sold to Sir Harry Parker. The house became the home of the Hyde-Parkers whose descendants continue to love there today.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

August 3rd	Outing to Paycockes House	2pm
August 11th	Mystery walk with Jayne	2pm
August 31st	Book club Mary's house	3pm
September 7th	Gardening for Winter colour	Village hall 2pm
September 8th	Assington walk	2pm
October 5th	History of the Theatre Royal	Village hall 2pm
October 13th	Long Melford Walk	2pm
October 26th	Book club	Mary's house 3pm

## BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY Angela Whiting of D'Arey and Everest Alpine Plants ALPINES and ALPINE TROUGHS



Tuesday 4th August  
at 7.30pm

## Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

An 8 week course on Monday afternoons 3.30-5.30pm  
Meeting in Grotton Village Hall, CO10 5EL  
Starting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## Time and Memory

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October.	A Wordsworth poem and three Odes by Keats
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October.	Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October.	Krapp's Last Tape – Samuel Beckett
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November.	To the Lighthouse – Virginia Woolf
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November.	The Sisters and The Dead two stories from "Dubliners" – James Joyce
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November.	In Search of Lost Time Vol.1 Swann's Way – Marcel Proust
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December.	A Burnt-Out Case – Graham Greene
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December.	An Anthology of Poems

Course Fee: £10 for the complete course, payable on the first or second meeting.  
£5 for each single class.

Newcomers to these classes are very welcome.

Further information from:

Mrs Elin Todd, Mount Fern Cottage, Uffawood, Sudbury CO10 5PY  
Telephone: 01787 210344

Please contact Mrs Todd if you are interested in attending.





**Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 16 September**  
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# Wot's On

## Newton Village Hall Events REGULAR EVENTS: h

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

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

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

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

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

Friday evenings: Sudbury and District Wargames Club

(call Brian on 312160)

## Little Waldingfield History Society

### Programme of Events - 2016

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

## BE PART OF THE PANTO THIS CHRISTMAS!

Ever fancied larking about on stage in the Boxford Panto?

We have speaking and non speaking parts in this years Robin Hood. You might like to sing a song or just be part of the chorus, in any event we are sure you'll have fun and find new friends.

We are casting and reading for the parts at EDWARDSTONE VILLAGE HALL on Friday August 12th from 7.30 and you can be sure of a warm welcome!

Please call David Phillips, author and director of this years show on 01787 211951 for more details.

## Shakespeare's Villains with Ron Marks

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA presents a series of 9 Lectures starting on Thursday 29th September 2016 in Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall at 7.30 pm

This is a 9 week topical illustrated course exploring Shakespeare's insights into how "one may smile, and smile, and be a villain", a scheming 'Machiavel', "bloody, bawdy" and eternally fascinating to audiences!

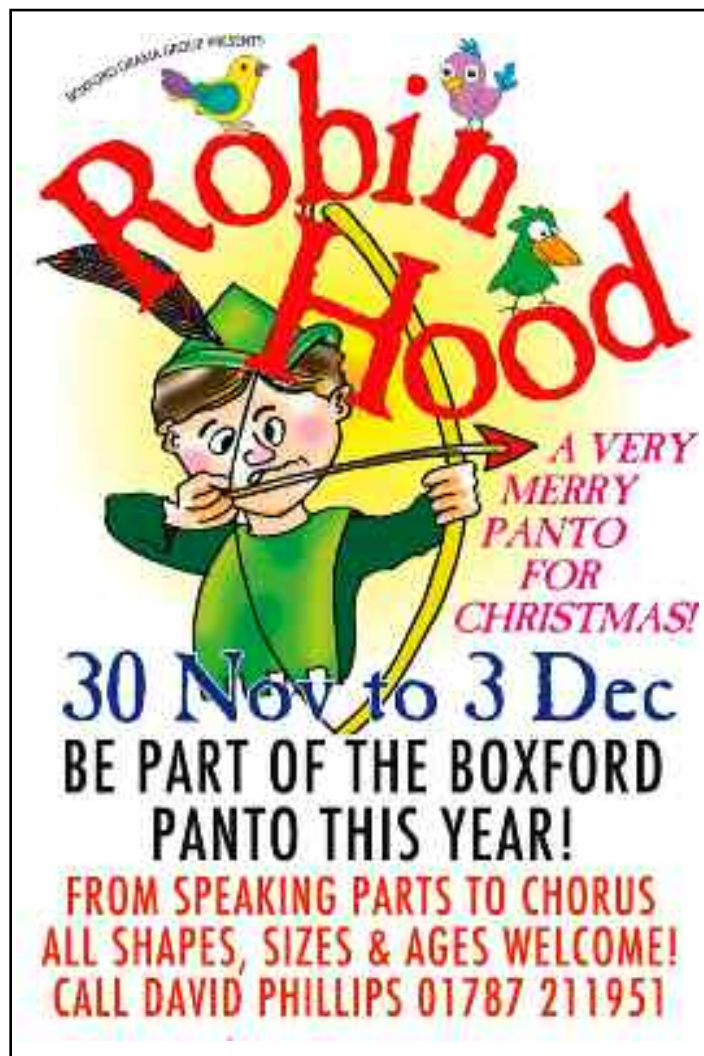
What makes and motivates a Shakespearian villain? What unleashes violence and cruelty in the plays? Ambition and political intrigue – sibling rivalry – jealousy – obsession and the impulse to revenge: all these issues will be explored through lecture, discussion and video clips of scenes from the plays. What have Shakespeare's psychological insights still to say to our own age?

Ron Marks has taught English Literature for over 50 years now, in Essex comprehensive and grammar schools and abroad and for the WEA for the last ten years. In 2010 he gained an M.A. in Shakespeare and Theatre from the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon.


Fees: Adult £48 (payable after the first session). Try the first session (free).

For further information please contact Sue Whiteley.

Phone: 01787 210945 or email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk



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## Forthcoming Events Diary

### August

3 Boxford Village History Walks. PART 2	Boxford Society	Meet outside Coffee Box	2.00pm
3 Boxford WI	Outing to Paycockes House		2pm
4 Garden Society	Alpines and Alpine Troughs	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
11 Boxford WI	Mystery walk with Jayne		tba
31 Boxford WI	Book Club	Mary's house	3pm.

### September

7 Boxford WI	Gardening for Winter colour	Village hall	2pm
8 Boxford WI	Assington walk		2pm
13 Boxford WI	Long Melford Walk		2pm
21 Little Waldingfield History Soc	A Victorian Clerical Melodrama	Parish Rooms	7.30pm

### October

1 Illustrated Talk by Ms Gladis Garcia-Soza	Boxford Society	Boxford School Hall	7.30pm
10 Boxford Study Centre	See Full programme in Wots On		
12 Little Waldingfield History Soc	Overpaid, Oversexed and Overseas	Parish Rooms	7.30pm
15 Boxford WI	History of the Theatre Royal	Village hall	2pm
26 Boxford WI	Book club	Mary's house	3pm

### November

9 Little Waldingfield History Soc	The Great Exhibition of 1851	Parish Rooms	7.30pm
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### December

7 Little Waldingfield History Soc	The Angel Roofs of East Anglia	Parish Rooms	7.30pm
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# The Box River Parishes Church News

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwardens:**

*Peter Dilnot*



**Café Church** will be on **Sunday August 7th at 11.00 am**. All are very welcome to this informal time of worship. We serve good coffee and pastries!

**Suffolk Villages Festival Concert**

St. Mary's Church, Boxford

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For Concert tickets and more details of these Suffolk Villages Festival concerts phone 01206366603 or visit [www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com](http://www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com)



**Dates for your diary - A Pets Service**

will be held on **Sunday 4th September at 11.00 am**. All are welcome to bring along their pets.

**(Out of the mouths...!)** **THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD** A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Richard was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Richard was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."



**The Bible Study Group meets** at Russets, 47 Swan Street on 2nd & 4th Mondays each month by kind permission of Margaret & Peter Holden. We are presently exploring Mark's Gospel. All are welcome to this hour of fellowship.

Copy Date for Church News in the September 2016 Box River News:

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Thank you. Rev'd Judith. 01787 210091

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
**Vacant**

### **Rota**

**Sunday 21st August** Morning Worship at 9:30 am

**Sidesman/Coffee** David and Sheila Saddleton

**Flowers** Jan Paul

**Cleaning** Jan Paul and Debbie Lewis



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:**  
**Vacant**

**GOOD NEWS!** Groton PCC has been awarded a grant of up to £39,000 by the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund which will enable us to carry out a permanent repair to the roof of St Bartholomew's Church following the lead theft last October: see front page of this issue for details. Now that we have the grant, we hope that the work can be carried out in the autumn, but this will depend, among other things, on contractor availability. The Revd Judith and David Lamming were interviewed 'live' about the award on BBC Radio Suffolk on Wednesday morning, 6th July. Here's a photo of the BBC van outside the church, with reporter Luke Deal:



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**  
**Vacant**



<b>Rotas</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>
<b>7th</b>	Mrs. Eddington	Mr. Duffy and Mrs. Nicholls
<b>14th</b>	Mrs. Duffy	
<b>21st</b>	Mrs. Roser	
<b>28th</b>	Mrs. Gregor-Smith	

In June Felicity Gardiner organised a small group of volunteers to give up their Saturday morning to work in the churchyard. They cleared rubble and bricks and then brushed and de-cobwebbed the porch. Nancy Roser and Felicity also provided refreshments. We are so lucky that people are so willing to help us to keep our church clean and tidy.

On 3rd July Reverend Judith celebrated Holy Communion with us. Our usual refreshments were not served, as most people were involved in our Open Gardens day, and were hurrying off to make last-minute preparations.

The sun shone, and we had a most successful and rewarding day. We raised £1,170, which will go to our church restoration fund. The PCC is most grateful to all those who opened their gardens, and give huge thanks to a tireless team in the Parish Room led by Jill Duffy, who sold tickets and plants and served delicious refreshments all day.



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

12th June: Revd. Judith took our service and was also in charge of the music for which we appreciated her technical skills. Many thanks to members of the congregation who stepped in with various duties due to a number of people being absent due to illness or being away from the village.

12th June: Following the service, in the afternoon, The Trinity Singers came to sing and appreciate the amazing acoustics of the Nave. Madrigals and music by Purcell and Horovitz were enjoyed as were cream teas provided by the singers and friends. Thank you to all who helped to make this a success. Revd. Judith attended before going on a well-deserved holiday with her husband, Rufus.

25th June: A band of us, including Revd. Judith, responded to the call for the Clean Sweep in the church. The result was amazing and satisfying! Thank you to all who turned up for work and a coffee break.

26th June: Revd. Judith conducted our Service of Morning Worship. Following on from this time of political uncertainty, the address given was based on when ploughing not to look back or the consequences would be an uneven furrow. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ for us having sped from Groton Church. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

### **Music for a summer evening**

**Sunday 30th July, 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm** at St Gregory's Church Sudbury Patricia Eddington, from Little Waldingfield, will be giving her theatrical reminiscences, with music from Sue Wigglesworth (flute), Rob Spivey (French horn) and Tom Cogan (piano).

Enjoy a glass of wine after the concert.

Free admission, with a retiring collection in aid of St Gregory's Grand Piano Fund.



**Churches Together' Prayer  
Breakfasts Saturdays 8.00 am to  
9.30 am.**

There are no breakfasts in August. They will resume in September. Please look at the Churches Together website for details of other forthcoming events:

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### **MARY'S HOUSE 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.



**Village 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. 01787 210091 or emailed to: [rvjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvjudithboxriver@btinternet.com). All these services take place in the churches during the months April to September and the rota is as follows: **Tuesday** 9.00 Edwardstone; **Wednesday** 9.00 Groton, 17.00 Little Walsingham; **Thursday** 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

**Wednesday 3rd**

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
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**Thursday 4th**

Lt Walsingham	19.00	Holy Communion - Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Lay Team
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**Sunday 7th**

Boxford	08.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Walsingham	09.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	13.30	Christening of James Love and Rosa Love	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Café Church	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	tbc

**11th Sunday after Trinity****(G)****Wednesday 10th**

*\*\*\* Please note that there is no Mary's House Communion Service today\*\*\**

**Sunday 14th**

Groton	08.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	09.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

**12th Sunday after Trinity****(G)****Wednesday 17th**

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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**Thursday 18th**

Lt Walsingham	19.00	Compline - Newmans Hall	Lay Team
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**Friday 19th**

Little Walsingham	12.00	Wedding of James Morris and Georgina Richardson	Revd Judith
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**Sunday 21st**

Edwardstone	09.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Little Walsingham	13.30	Christening of William Mason	Revd Judith

**13th Sunday after Trinity****(G)****Wednesday 24th**

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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**Sunday 28th**

Groton	09.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	<i>** Morning Worship**</i>	Christopher Kingsbury

**14th Sunday after Trinity****(G)****Wednesday 31st**

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
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## Soap Box

So, we are to turn our back on Europe and find our own way in the big, wide world. The success of the Leave campaign caught many unawares – not least those who were leading the Brexit movement. I voted Remain, which according to the pollsters had me acting against the trend for my age group. But the older I get, the less I feel inclined to embrace hassle. And hassle is what leaving the European Union is likely to create.

I fully accept that there are cogent arguments on both sides – not that either camp covered themselves in glory in the way they defended their corner in my personal view. Indeed, if I have one concern over the whole exercise, it is that the country has become divided as never before. Perhaps more moderate language from both sides might have headed off such a situation.

The real issue, though, is where do we go from here? At least the interregnum was shorter than feared, with Theresa May confirmed as our new Prime Minister as I write this. In my view, what is done is done and the faster we get on with the business of adjusting to our new circumstances, the better. The European Union is, I have to admit, less than perfect, but trying to improve it is something that can only be achieved from the inside – and soon we won't be.

Of course, there are many more things happening than just the referendum decision. Renegotiating our relationship with Europe is likely to be a long drawn out affair, so we can expect many ups and downs in the months and years ahead. Then there are general elections in Germany and France next year, not to mention a Presidential election taking place on the other side of the Atlantic. Now, the result that could emerge there really does give me sleepless nights.

What I hope is that the wounds this debate has opened up can be healed swiftly. Ill considered remarks have raised tensions within our society. I accept that immigration is a sensitive issue, but it is worth bearing in mind that immigrants are more likely to be a plus for our economy than a drain on our resources. And we have a long and proud history of welcoming immigrants and putting them to good use. Moreover, at least we no longer have to put up with the incessant

coverage that the referendum debate encouraged.

As it happens, the other *bête noir* of my recent missive when I complained about the boring nature of events dominating the headlines, ended up in a more positive manner. I was in Portugal when this small nation defeated the host nation in the European 2016 football final. It came at the end of a day of sporting triumph for battered Britannia, with Andy Murray scoring his second Wimbledon title and Lewis Hamilton similarly triumphing in the domestic Grand Prix.

I doubt much sleep was had by footie fans in my part of the Algarve. Despite their captain being stretchered off in the first half, they held their ground to score a winning goal in extra time. The noise from fans celebrating in local bars was deafening. I even felt a small tinge of pride at being associated with the winning team, even if I confess my interest did not extend to actually watching the match. Still, I can at least acknowledge that wins like these can be uplifting, whether or not you are a true fan. There's something to be said for the positive effect of sporting success at a time of such uncertainty.

*Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.*



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## COURGETTES

The Courgette, Zucchini or Squash is a member of the cucumber, melon and gourd family. Botanically speaking the courgette is a fruit since it evolved from a flower. It originated in South America or possibly Mexico. Approximately 500 years ago Christopher Columbus introduced squash seeds to Africa and areas of the Mediterranean. However, the courgette we know today is a variety of summer squash which became genetically mutated in Italy.

Although courgettes consist mainly of water (approximately 95%) it still contains calcium, manganese, potassium (in excess of one banana), fibre, foliate, vitamins A and C, zinc, beta-carotene, omega fats and lutein (protecting the eye against macular degeneration and age-related cataracts). It is very low in calories and studies show it helps control blood pressure by lessening the harmful effects of salt.

Without a doubt, courgettes are one of the most versatile 'vegetables' in existence. They are delicate and mild flavoured with soft and succulent flesh varying from white to pale green and can be eaten raw, boiled, sautéed, stir-fried, roasted, grilled, steamed or stuffed! However, I prefer steaming as this method retains crunchiness and flavour. Big is definitely NOT best when it comes to choosing your courgettes and they should be stored in a plastic bag in the fridge for no more than four days.

Perhaps one of my favourite ways to serve courgettes is as follows: Microwave 2 whole courgettes for 3-4 minutes on full power. Cut in half lengthwise. Sprinkle with grated extra strong Cheddar cheese. Grill until cheese melts and turns golden brown. Sprinkle with fresh herbs of any variety and serve.

Since the courgette is really a fruit, I am including this recipe for Courgette Cake and hope you enjoy it, which even children seem to love.

### COURGETTE CAKE

2 cups of shredded courgettes!

2 cups sugar	3 cups plain flour
3 eggs	1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 cup vegetable oil	1 teaspoon baking powder
3 teaspoons vanilla	1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg	½ cup raisins

Preheat oven to 175 degrees C (325 Fahrenheit)

Grease bottoms of two 22cm x 12cm loaf tins (9 inches x 12 inches)

Beat eggs until foamy. Stir in sugar, courgettes, oil and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients and slowly add to wet ingredients. Fold in raisins. Pour into pans. Bake for 60 to 80 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes on rack and remove from pans.

I is a good idea to encase the shredded courgettes in paper towels (for about ten minutes) prior to adding to the cake mixture. Otherwise cake can prove somewhat dense! Mind you, some like it that way!

Penny Hopwood

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# GARDENING IN AUGUST HARRY BUCKLEDEE

The hot dry weather we are having should make us all aware of the need to incorporate plenty of moisture holding material into the soil, and also the need to give plants a good mulch of whatever material is available to prevent the soil drying out. If you are unable to provide a mulch then keep the Dutch hoe going to maintain an inch or two of fine tilth which will help against moisture loss and prevent the soil from cracking. We should also be thinking of growing plants which are more able to cope with these conditions.

One plant that seems to be revelling in this weather is various forms of lavender. The mass of blooms which line beds and pathways give off wafts of fragrant perfume as you brush past. Lavender will tolerate baking heat in summer and cold severe weather in winter provided the soil is well drained, they just will not survive water-logged conditions in winter. It is best to go for the dwarf compact varieties of Lavender angustifolia, all of which form a dense bushy plant of silvery grey foliage. The best variety is Hidcote with deep purple flowers or Munstead with slightly paler flowers. No need to stick entirely to blue, there is a Loddon Pink and Nana Alba a more compact form with broader leaves and white flowers early July. A less hardy Lavender often grown now is stoechas which has petals or bracts at the end of the flower spikes. It is often called French Lavender but it is of Mediterranean origin and will not survive our winter unless it is in a sheltered spot such as up against a wall. The advantage of all these varieties is that they all respond to hard pruning and can be kept in a neat and tidy shape.

The hot weather has produced an increase in green fly and other sorts of sap sucking aphids and should be sprayed with a suitable insecticide. As well as sucking the life out of plants they spread viruses from diseased to healthy plants.

The contents of tubs and hanging baskets can begin to look a bit tired towards the end of the month but there is no reason why they cannot go on producing colour until October if you feed well and keep removing dead flowers. Feeding is essential, the soil of compost will be packed with roots and become impoverished. Feed every other day with a liquid fertiliser. Assuming you have been recently feeding a high potash fertiliser to encourage flowers, it might now be a good

idea to give two or three feeds of high nitrogen to encourage some new growth.

There is still time to make sowings of lettuce, turnips, dwarf beans, spring onions and perpetual spinach. Plants of January king cabbage, savoy and sprouting broccoli can also be planted at the beginning of the month.

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

## Top 10 jobs this month

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

Boring but vital. Keep on top of weeds in borders, the vegetable garden and all your pots and containers. Little and often will reduce what will become a Herculean task if left to spiral out of control.

Weeds not only look messy but use valuable moisture in the ground. The best and easiest way to weed is to use a Dutch hoe which will cut the weeds just below the surface. Weeding on a sunny day will ensure weeds left on the surface dry out and die in the warmth.

The most important thing this month is to enjoy your garden; heady scents, glorious colours, an abundance of fruits and vegetables and hopefully more sunshine. What could be more enjoyable and satisfying than surveying the results of your hard work throughout the year?

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# Parish Council Matters

## Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 6 July 2016 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

**Present:** J Osborne (Chair), P Roberts, C Fraulo, N Cox, A Dixon-Smith

**In attendance:** A Robinson (Clerk), B Hurren (BDC)

The Minutes of the meeting of 4 May 2016 were approved and signed.

**Casual vacancies** – 4 people had put their names forward and after discussion the Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Debbie Wills and Roland Cheeseman. Thanks were expressed to all candidates for their interest.

**Reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public** – C Fraulo had attended the SALC meeting and reported that they had promoted the Dial-a-Ride bus service. J Osborne had attended the Boxford Community Council meeting and reported that 2017 is the 50th anniversary of the Playing Fields. Celebrations are planned and Groton PC will be happy to support these. J Osborne also attended the Babergh Town and Parish Liaison Meeting which had covered devolution (although plans are now in disarray following the rejection of the scheme by several Councils) and the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). He had also attended the Village Hall AGM and is involved with the Hadleigh Boxford Group Practice's Patient's Group.

**Reports** – J Finch (SCC) was not in attendance.

J Osborne welcomed B Hurren (BDC) back after his recent illness. B Hurren said that the Chief Executive of BDC is leaving and her Deputy is taking over until a replacement has been recruited. He reported uncertainty following the referendum. The new CIL is now in place. There are benefits to those parishes who have a neighbourhood plan- B Hurren will put J Osborne in touch with Boxford regarding this. The Quay Theatre has recently been working with 6th form students who have come up with some good business ideas. The allocation of properties at Station Field will take place shortly. There is some progress on the mobile phone mast issue and he hopes to report further at the next meeting.

**Planning Matters** - The planning application for Sadlers Nap, Mildenhall (B/16/00345) for the erection of a single storey extension with balcony over has been approved.

**Local housing update** – C Fraulo reported that Hastoe Housing were continuing negotiations with the landowner but there is no further news.

Community Emergency Planning – it was agreed to leave this over until the next meeting.

**Correspondence** – The Clerk drew Councillors' attendance to the SNT Police Report which had been circulated. This is available via Suffolk Constabulary's website <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods.aspx>.

She reported that she had completed the pension declaration now that the PC's staging date had passed, in order to comply with requirements, although she does not work enough hours to be entitled to a pension.

**Highway and Footpath matters** - Footpath cutting – A Dixon-Smith reported that he had now cut all the footpaths on his land in Groton. He had liaised with SCC regarding their cutting but was unable to meet them. The PC resolved to request SCC to hand over the budget for footpath cutting for the 2017-18 financial year and the PC will then make its own arrangements for cutting, in order to have more control.

**Dog fouling issues** – The PC resolved to purchase a green dog waste bin to be situated on the highway in Groton Street near the entrance to The Croft. The Clerk and Chairman will liaise with BDC regarding the siting. The Clerk reported that she had attended a course the previous day where it was explained that Dog Control Orders had now been repealed and replaced with Public Spaces Protection Orders which cover any nuisance. PCs can liaise with the Rights of Way officer at SCC and with BDC to request such an order which can cover, for example, the number of dogs people can walk at any one time. The Clerk will provide C Fraulo with the details and the matter will be considered further.

**Other highway matters** – David Stiff from SCC had emailed regarding the query raised about flooding at Park Corner. The response is confusing and the Clerk and Chairman will liaise further about this.

It was noted that Groton Street has now been resurfaced and Councillors were pleased to note that the 30mph roundels had been repainted. However, the contractors had left potholes by the side of the road in a few places.

There was a report of someone regularly driving down Butchers Lane very quickly, which was dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and other motorists. It was resolved that the Clerk would put a note in the BRN regarding this issue.

R Kelsey had advised J Osborne that she had raised the issue of littering and dog fouling in Groton Wood with Suffolk Wildlife Trust, who had told her that a local volunteer would be needed to walk the wood regularly and report any issues. C Fraulo offered to do this.

**Financial matters** -The Statement of Finance and Orders for Payment were approved.

Reserve account as at 3 June 2016	£3517.57
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Current account as at 3 June 2016	£4526.55
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Total

£8044.12

The PC resolved that the Clerk could purchase Microsoft Office 2016 for the new PC laptop on a yearly basis.

The Clerk reported that since her annual contractual salary increase had been agreed at the last meeting, the NJC had finalised negotiations for the annual increase in rates for the Spinal Column Point from 1 April 2016. The Council resolved that the Clerk's salary, at SCP 18, should include this increase backdated to 1 April 2016.

The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation from the bank that the bank mandates for signatories had now been completed and all was in order.

## MOTING TIPS FROM MOTTS BODY REPAIRS

Be cautious when consulting classic car specialists

Understandably, perhaps, people will go to a specialist when they are wanting to restore the bodywork on a classic car in the belief that they will have greater expertise.

However, many people have learned to their considerable cost that there is a difference between being given an estimate and a quote for a job.

We have had several customers return to us after having work done on their classic cars by specialists on the basis of what seemed like reasonable estimate, only to find that because there proved to be more involved than originally thought, they were facing substantially higher bills than they expected.

In one example, a customer had a classic Porsche with obvious signs of corrosion on its B pillar. The problem was that it was impossible to tell what damage might be uncovered after removing the pillar, so it was very difficult to give a definite price.

The customer then consulted a specialist, who explained in more technical detail and the metalwork repair estimate seemed reasonable at just under £1000. The work was done but the bill they had to pay was almost double that.

In a second case, a customer had set a maximum budget of £10,000 for restoring their classic Jaguar. Although it appeared to be a reasonable budget at first sight, we advised that it might be wise to do one side of the car properly to get a better idea of what might be the underlying state of the rest.

Again the customer went to a specialist, who assured them that the whole job could be done within their budget. Again the bill climbed to double, and that was for work on only part of the car.

The lesson is to be cautious when considering restoring a classic car and make sure to ask lots of questions not only about the process but also about what problems may be hidden behind trims and panels and other parts.

In our next blog we will describe how we approach helping customers to have a realistic idea of the work their project might involve, how we price for the work we do and how we discuss the options with them at each stage of the process. [www.mottsbodysrepair.co.uk](http://www.mottsbodysrepair.co.uk)

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## WPGA International Ladies Golf Event

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The Gainsborough course will host a strong field of Ladies European Tour hopefuls chasing a €30,000 prize fund at the penultimate tournament of the season. The 54-hole event is part of the LET Access Series and was launched in 2013 by The PGA to increase support of the women's game. It will be the only LETAS event to be staged in the UK in 2016 and there will be 96 competitors including 15 WPGA members, comprising winners from the WPGA's One Day Series and the remaining places secured via a qualifying Order of Merit over the same period. Fifteen places will also be allocated to the leading English amateurs decided by England Golf, recognising LETAS's commitment to providing an important link between elite amateur and professional golf.

There is a lot at stake for the competitors with the top five on the LET Access Series order of merit earning cards on the Ladies European Tour for 2016 as achieved by last year's WPGA International Challenge winner Natalia Escuriola from Spain. PGA head of tournaments, Ben Groutage, said: "The WPGA International Challenge has gone from strength to strength since its launch and we are delighted to be again returning to Stoke by Nayland who have been so supportive of the PGA and golf at all levels.

The popular annual LETAS Pro Am will take place on Wednesday 5th October and as before there will be some familiar faces amongst the amateurs such as Stewart White from BBC Look East, and former world Snooker Champion Steve Davis. The day includes a light breakfast, shot gun start at midday and ends with a drinks reception and Gala Dinner featuring guest comedian Ian Irving.

If you are interested in entering as an individual or taking a team of 3 and playing with one of the LETAS professionals in tournament conditions please contact Mary Saward on 01206 265841 or email [sales@stokebynayland.com](mailto:sales@stokebynayland.com)

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## Readers Letters

*Sir*

### The Boxford Fleece

It is with great regret that Judith and I are leaving the Fleece on the 30th June 2016, due to ill health. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal customers for supporting us during our short tenancy. We have had some wonderful times here, one of our most memorable being "Burns Night" when 75 people celebrated in true Scottish style. We are only leaving the village for a few months and will return to live in our house and visit the Fleece on the other side of the bar! Meanwhile our current chef Ben Wase will be taking over and both Judith and I wish him and Hannah all the best. I do know that Ben has great plans and ambitions for the Fleece and I hope that it continues to grow in popularity under his stewardship. Once again, Thank You Boxford for supporting us. Thank you and its Goodbye from us 1  
*John and Judith Stevenson*

*Sir*

We would like to thank all the people who helped with Peter on Saturday at the Tea Party and for all the cards and good wishes received.

Many thanks

*Marion, Julia and Andrea Hibben*

*Sir*

Thanks to many of you donating on my justgiving page, I have now reached my £1000 target. I am very grateful to you, as is The Sick Children's Trust. I hope I can raise more still. Seven weeks to go to the big challenge (I may soon start having nightmares about Box Hill and Leith Hill!), so I thought you might like an update on my training progress which I have just posted on [www.justgiving.com/simonmarchant100miles](http://www.justgiving.com/simonmarchant100miles)

Thanks again

*Simon Marchant*

*Sir*

### Maurice Boon

Chris Margaret Michael and families would like to thank family and friends for the cards and messages of sympathy sent on the sad loss of Maurice. Also thank you to everyone who attended the funeral service and for the donations. Thanks also to Dr Irwin who cared for Maurice over the years and lastly thanks to Kingsbury and Saunders for all their help.

Please accept this as our only, but most sincere acknowledgment

*Chris, Margaret and Michael*

*Sir*

I would like to say a massive 'Thank you' to everyone that helped raise money for my late sister Sharon, who recently passed away from SARCOMA. Plants were purchased from Olivia's Plants and donations greatly received, which raised a whopping £475.00. All the money is being donated to SARCOMA UK.

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## THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - AUGUST 2016



This month there are nine soldiers whose story we have to tell albeit briefly.

But before I start I have to record two corrections. The Walter Tricker I identified last month as Private Walter Tricker of Groton, 19312, 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, who

died on the 9th August, was the wrong Walter Tricker. The man I identified lived until 1954 and died in Boxford having lived for some time in East London. The real identity of Private Walter Tricker is Walter Rayleigh Tricker, born in Groton to Emma Tricker in 1869. Emma married Walter Gant in 1873. Walter R. Tricker appears as a stepson to Walter Gant in the 1881 Census living at Malting Farm, Groton, and then in 1891 at Boxford Lane, Boxford. In 1901 the family are now in Thorrington east of Colchester but without Walter R Tricker. However, in the 1911 Census, still at Thorrington, a Walter Gant, 40 years old and recorded as son to Walter and Emma Gant is listed. It seems fairly certain that this is Walter Rayleigh Tricker, having assumed what was probably the name of his true parentage, in that Tricker family genealogists believe it likely that Walter Gant was the father of Walter R Tricker all along, Emma having conceived him before they married.

The other correction is that, in my April article I attributed the article entitled Charles Tricker's War, appearing in the March 2014 Box River News, to Roger and Tina Loose. Whilst they did contribute to that article as editors, their text shown within square brackets thus [...], the whole of it was originally written by Edwin S.M. Tricker, a relative of Charles Tricker living in Australia, to whom, apart from one illustration, the copyright belongs, and whom I have to thank for correcting my identification of Walter Tricker.

Moving on to the men we need to meet this month, because there are nine to account for, the details, of necessity, must be fairly brief. Of the nine, one died in August 1914, four in August 1915, and four in August 1916. Apart from the 1914 casualty, the 1915 casualties all died in the Gallipoli campaign, and the 1916 casualties all died in the Somme offensive, three of them from Boxford on the same day.

They are as follows:

- Private Reginald Mason of Groton, 8901, 'B' Company 3rd Battalion Suffolk Regiment, died 24th August 1914.
- Private George Frederick Marshall of Newton, 10248, 1st Battalion Essex Regiment, died 6th August 1915.
- Private Thomas Chaplin of Newton, 9699, 1st Battalion Essex Regiment, died 6th August 1915.
- Private Wilfred Griggs of Groton, 2434, 1st/5th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, died 12th August 1915.
- Private Harry Rice of Groton, 2425, 1st/5th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, died 21st August 1915.
- Lance Corporal Frederick George Gooden of Boxford, 24677, 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, died 3rd August 1916.
- Private Walter Harry Cuthbert of Boxford, 25161, 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, attached to 1st/4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, died 18th August 1916.
- Private Percy Grimwood of Boxford, 3930, 1st/4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, died 18th August 1916.
- Private Ashton Harry Hughes, 201306, 1st/4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, died 18th August 1916.

In previous articles I have outlined both the Gallipoli and Somme campaigns, so I will not add a great deal more this month as to the background of the fighting in which most of these men perished. The exception is Reginald Mason.

1914

Reginald was born in 1891 in the Old Heath area, just on the southern edge of Colchester. His father, John James, was from Hawkedon in Suffolk and his mother, Hannah Maria, known as Maria, was born either in Reydon near Southwold or Raydon near Hadleigh, both spellings appear in the Census records, so I cannot be sure. His parents were market gardeners, firstly in Old Heath and then near Little Clacton. By the time of the 1911 Census, John Mason is recorded as a farmer at Lodge Farm, Groton and Reginald was working for him on the farm. His mother appears to have died in 1910. Reginald enlisted in Long Melford in 1914, and served in 'B' Company 3rd Battalion Suffolk Regiment. He died on 24th August 1914 aged 24, just a couple of weeks after the outbreak of the War and is the first of the servicemen from our villages to die as a result of that War. The circumstances of his death have not been discovered, but he died here in

England. He is buried in St Bartholomew's Churchyard, Groton.

1915 Newton men

George Marshall was born in 1895 in Newton. His father, George senior, was also born in Newton in 1865, and his mother, Ellen, was born in Battisford near Needham Market in 1863. In 1911 father and son were recorded as farm labourers, but the Census returns do not identify where the family lived in the village. George junior enlisted in Colchester in 1915, and served in the 1st Battalion Essex Regiment.

Thomas Chaplin was born in 1895 in London in the County of Middlesex. His father, John, was born in Newton in 1856, and his mother, Elizabeth, was born in the parish of Bromley St Leonard, Tower Hamlets, in 1863. In the 1891 Census, John is recorded as a Brewer's Drayman living in Stayners Road, Mile End Old Town. They had then three daughters and a son. Their second son, Thomas, appears as a visitor in the 1901 Census with the family of James and Emma Elmer of Assington Road, Newton, but in 1911, by then working as an agricultural labourer, he is recorded as a nephew in the household. So it would appear that from an early age he was sent to live with an aunt or uncle.

Both George and Thomas died on 6th August 1915 in the Gallipoli campaign, George aged 19 and Thomas 20. Their regiment was part of the first force to land in Gallipoli on 25th April 1915. So they endured more than three months of the dreadful conditions that prevailed and were probably engaged in the attacks on Chunuk Bair, a strategic hill, which was the source of heavy allied losses. George is buried at the Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery in modern day Turkey. This cemetery was created after the Armistice by bringing in burials from several outlying battlefield cemeteries. To quote the Commonwealth War Graves Commission description of the Cemetery, "There are now 3,360 First World War servicemen buried or commemorated in the cemetery. 2,226 of the burials are unidentified but special memorials commemorate many casualties known or believed to be buried among them, including 142 officers and men of the 1st Essex who died on 6 August 1915..." George is among that terrible August harvest of death as is Thomas, but unlike George, Thomas has no known grave and is commemorated on the Helles Memorial. Both these sites are on the Gallipoli peninsular in modern day Turkey.

1915 Groton men

Wilfred Griggs was born in 1893 in Groton. Wilfred's father, David, was born in the village in 1868, as was his mother, Wilhelmina. David is recorded as an agricultural labourer in the 1901 Census, but he died in 1902 aged just 35. The 1911 Census records his widow living in Broad Street, Groton, as a laundress and head of the household, which tells its own story about the hardship and insecurity, which was the reality of everyday life for working people in those times. In 1911 Wilfred, following his father, was an agricultural labourer.

Harry Rice was born in 1894 in Groton. It has not been possible to identify his parents in the Census records. But in 1901 he is listed as nephew to Charles and Elizabeth Wright and living with them at Goslings Green, and again in 1911 but now at 6 Horner's Green. In 1911 Harry was a farm labourer.

Both Wilfred and Harry enlisted at the same time in Colchester in 1915, and served in the 1st/5th Battalion Suffolk Regiment. Wilfred died on 12th August 1915 aged 22 and Harry on 21st August 1915 aged 21. Their battalion was sent as reinforcements to Gallipoli leaving Liverpool at the end of July 1915. They landed at Sulva Bay on the north-west corner of the peninsular on 10th August to support the troops engaged in the battle for Chunuk Bair so Wilfred survived just two days on those foreign shores. Harry survived the first few days of fighting around Chunuk Bair but died nine days after Wilfred on the 21st August 1915 now probably engaged in the battle for another strategic hill simply known as Hill 60. Both men have no known grave and are commemorated on the Helles Memorial.

1916 Boxford men

Frederick Gooden was born in 1891 in Sudbury. Frederick's father, George, was born in one of the Bardfields in Essex in 1862. His mother, Susanna, was born in Groton in 1861. George ran the Swan Inn in Swan Street and as his children, four sons and two daughters, left school they joined him as assistants in his business. Frederick enlisted in Boxford and served in the 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment. He died on 3rd August 1916 aged 25. At the time his Division was engaged in the Battle of Pozieres, part of the Somme offensive. Pozieres is a small village strategically positioned to give good views from higher ground. It was a key objective to enable the breaking of German resistance in other parts of the Western Front around the Somme. The battle lasted from 23rd July to the 3rd September. Frederick has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Ashton Hughes was born in 1890 in Boxford. Ashton's parents were William and Eliza, William having been born in Boxford in 1856 and Eliza in Newton in 1860. The family lived in Ellis Street and between 1881 and 1901 they had 15 children, 10 sons and 5 daughters, all of whom appeared to have survived into at least their adolescence. Ashton was their sixth child and



fourth son. William worked as an agricultural labourer but in 1911 he is recorded as a roadman and by then Ashton was an agricultural labourer. Percy Grimwood was born in 1892 in Boxford. Percy's father, Daniel, was also born in the village as was his mother, Anna Maria, in 1860 and 1863 respectively. In the 1881 Census Daniel is recorded as a single man living in Stone Street as a grocer's assistant. By 1891, still in Stone Street, he is now a grocer running his own business, and he continued to do so with each of his four sons joining him as grocer's assistants as they left school.

Walter Cuthbert was born in 1895 in Boxford. His father, William, was born in Edwardstone in 1868, and his mother, Matilda was born in Hadleigh Hamlet, which is now part of Boxford, in 1872. The family lived in Boxford Lane. In 1911 father and son were recorded as farm labourers.

Ashton and Percy both enlisted in Boxford and served in the 1st/4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment. Walter enlisted in Bury St Edmunds, and served initially in the 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment but he was later attached to the 1st/4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment. So it was that, during the Somme offensive, these three men from Boxford were all engaged in the attritional fighting around High Wood, which was a point of great strategic value for commanding views over much of the frontline in the vicinity. The wood was the scene of endless attacks and counter attacks leaving it littered with the dead of both sides. The wood itself ceased to exist. All three died on 18th August 1916, Ashton aged 26, Percy 24 and Walter 21.

Ashton's and Percy's names join those 72,000 others on the Thiepval Memorial, who have no known grave. Walter is now buried in the Bulls Road Cemetery near the village of Flers, but his grave was transferred, along with many others, after the Armistice from the fields between Flers and Louveval.

Frederick Gooden will be remembered at the 11:00 Café Church service in Boxford on 7th August. Thomas Chaplin and George Marshall will be remembered at the 09:30 service at Newton on 14th August. Walter Cuthbert, Percy Grimwood, and Ashton Hughes will be remembered at the 11:00 service of Holy Communion at Boxford on 21st August. Wilfred Griggs, Reginald Mason and Harry Rice will be remembered at the 09:30 service at Groton on 28th August.

As always, if you have any more information about anyone mentioned in this article, please do get in touch by contacting Revd. Judith, email or letter only please, and she will pass it on to me.

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## 4 PANDAS LOST IN BOXFORD.



Slimming world in Boxford was launched at the end of April, Boxford has made slimming world and I very welcome. The group is continuing to grow and the members have continued to shrink.

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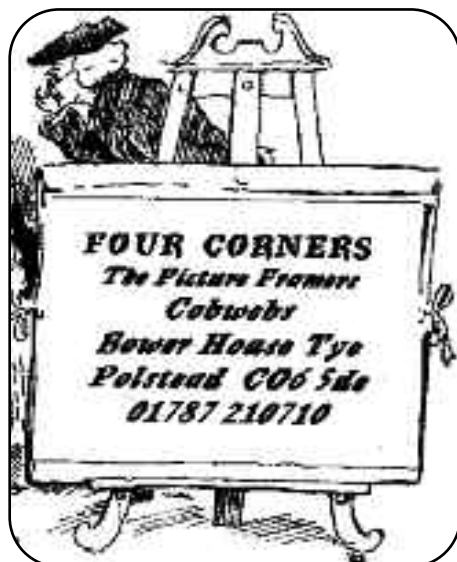
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