

Box River News

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WELCOME CHANGES AT BOXFORD STORES



Boxford Stores is now under new management, Sarah and Leanne ably assisted by Diane have great plans for the future of the oldest shop in the UK. Already a range of personalised products have been introduced together with a range of gifts and a much expanded greeting cards section and it is hoped that Magazines will soon be available in the village again.

Boxford is most fortunate in the range of shops and services available to the residents, Boxford stores, the Village Stores, the butchers, a shoe shop, Hairdressers, two pubs, two garages, a medical centre and dozens of small businesses providing essential services. Use them or Lose them.

BOXFORD FIREWORKS 2016

The Fireworks return on Saturday 29th October. Lanterns are being made and it is hoped that over 100 lanterns will be seen on the night. Tickets are available at Alan Leeder, Butchers, The Post Office and The Coffee Box. Adults £5 Children £3 in advance. Adults £6 Children £4 on the gate.

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GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER



Another very enjoyable evening was spent in the Groton Village Hall on 30th September to celebrate the Harvest Festival. The team responsible for the delicious spread are to be congratulated.



BOXFORD'S BEAUTIFUL PEACOCKS



The fate of a couple of peacocks is in the hands of villagers after a formal complaint was received about the "nuisance" birds in Boxford.

Boxford Parish Council has asked residents to put their comments on the matter in writing by end of October, after which the bird's fate will be decided.

Parish council chairman Julian Fincham-Jacques said the council had received a complaint about the birds, but appreciated that there would be differing opinions about it, so the council wanted to hear from people in writing in order to decide what to do.

"We know this issue is going to divide opinion but, as we received a long letter of complaint, we

decided it was up to the villagers to let us know" claimed Julian. "We will decide what happens to them based on the letters we receive, either in favour of them staying or going, what to do. We would like to know any information about their ownership" It is believed that the birds came from Peyton Hall in Stone Street where there have been peacocks for many years or from Castlings Hall during the days of Sam Block

BBC Radio Suffolk sent reporter Luke Deal to find the birds and talk to a villager and a member of the Parish Council and he was successful in finding the pair whilst reporting back to Mark Murphy at Radio Suffolk

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 4 November 8.00 £18

Jay Phelps

A fiery, swinging and very exciting quartet led by a former Tomorrow's Warrior and Empirical star Jay Phelps trumpet Rick Simpson piano Mark Lewandowski bass Shane Forbes drums

Trumpeter Jay Phelps is from Vancouver, Canada. He has a warm and projecting tone, influenced by Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis. Tonight will include music to be included in his second album, - out this winter.

Jay played with 'Jazz Jamaica' and 'Tomorrow's Warriors'. He later co-lead his own group 'Empirical', while also appearing with Courtney Pine, Ray Brown, John Dankworth, Dennis Rollins, Amy Winehouse and others.. 'Empirical' was a sell-out when it came to Fleece Jazz in 2007 In 2012, Jay guested with Wynton Marsalis' 'Jazz at Linclon Centre Orchestra' for Marsalis' 'Congo Square'. Later that summer 'Jay Phelps Big Band' had two sell out nights at Ronnie Scott's.

Friday 11 November 8.00 £15

Alice Zawadzki Trio

Imagine the excitement of encountering a new colour for the first time. You will find this useful preparation for a first encounter with Alice. This young singer-songwriter is "a genuine original with a pure, pealing voice that can darken into brooding low tones, and twist with the flexibility and harmonic awareness of a jazz singer." (John Fordham) Additionally she is "a truly fine violinist. Singing and playing double stops at the same time is quite amazing to hear and watch." - DL

Alice is joined by Phil Peskett, a pianist with a wealth of experience, as a leader, accompanist and educator. On bass, Alice has called upon the unfailingly inventive Misha Mullov-Abbado, band leader and multi award winner, noted for his propulsive playing. Powerful support for an inventive lady.

Friday 18 November 8.00 £18

Paul Baxter: Seven pieces of silver

Seven Pieces of Silver celebrate the music of the late, great hard-bop pioneer Horace Silver who will forever be associated with his landmark recordings which have a magic combination of catchy melody and unique improvisation.

Paul Baxter has been a professional bassist for 15 years and has worked with many great UK jazz artists including Alan Barnes, Mark Nightingale and Steve Waterman.

James Lancaster, John McKillup, Stuart MacDonald and Matt Ball form the horn section. All are accomplished musicians with a long pedigree of performances on stage and screen. Andrezei Baranek (edgy and fiery sound) and Paul Smith complete the rhythm section.

Friday 25 November 8.00 £18

Jeff Williams Quartet

Over his forty-year career the American drummer and composer, Jeff Williams has accompanied the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Lee Konitz, Joe Lovano, Paul Bley, Randy Brecker, Kenny Wheeler, Norma Winstone and Mike Gibbs, amongst others. Since 2005 he has been based both in New York and London with bands in each location, working with an exploding generation of younger players. From this pool of talent Jeff has cast his current UK ensemble Jeff Williams - Drums, Josh Arcolio - Sax Kit Downes - Piano and Sam Lasserson - Bass

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THIS MONTHS LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

The autumn season is well & truly upon us, but at this time of year we allow space for a time of remembering. Remembering those we have known who have died in recent times & also on Remembrance Sunday those who have died serving their country. We are holding a special "Remembering our Loved Ones" service on Sunday 30th October at 4.00pm in St. Mary's Boxford, for the whole benefice, and the service is for anyone who has suffered the loss of someone dear to them; it is an opportunity to remember them and give thanks to God for their lives. We are also recalling the centenary of the 1st World War and here is a letter recalling that time:

"Why? An imaginary Letter to my Great Grandfather:

I'm your great grandson, David. You were killed in action on 23 September 1917. You never knew me but your son, Arthur, was my grandad. I guess I want to know why you volunteered to fight and how you felt. You were in your 40s – did you want to be like the young men you knew? Did you think it would be a lark?

You joined up in early 1915, perhaps too early for the real horror of war to have sunk in. You had only been remarried for a couple of years to someone who loved and cared for you. There were three sons from your first happy marriage and a daughter from the second, all four of whom you adored. Why would you walk away from your loved ones? Did you want to make them proud? Did you feel that you had to do what was right? Or was it the sense of life passing you by? Did you just want an adventure?

Or did someone compel you to go? Did they call you a coward and give you a white feather? Didn't they know you were past the call-up age?

As a boy, I visited your cottage in that pretty little Devon village with the countryside all around and the sea close by. For years after you were killed, that same cottage was pictured on holiday postcards. I also met your children – my grandad, my great uncles and great aunt. How could you have walked away from all that?

I have seen a photograph of you in your army uniform. You look vulnerable yet brave. I see a haunted look in your eyes, though. Is it fear or is it sadness? You look like a man who has seen a lot. Was this the photograph of a man who had been to the front and seen that horror first hand, or the man who hadn't been there yet and was afraid?

Did you go because of your age? Or fear of a life not lived? At 53, I am past my soldierly sell-by date now as well. That makes me 11 years older than you were. I try to understand why you volunteered to fight but I can't, although at about your age I volunteered for service in the Gulf war. Not as a fighting man, you understand. I'm no coward but I'm no fighter either. I volunteered for medical duties with the Red Cross. Ambulance driving. I thought I was going to the Gulf, but they told me it would be Brize Norton. I would be ferrying the wounded. I wasn't needed in the Gulf.

How do you feel knowing that your war to end all wars didn't end all wars? All those men died on both sides, yourself included, and nothing much changed. I wish I could talk to you. Why am I so drawn to you?

What did you feel when you landed in France? You had never gone further than Exeter – was the foreignness of it all a surprise? Knowing the army, you must have felt comforted by having made some good pals in your draft.

What happened to you over the next 16 months? Did you fight? Did you kill? Did you help bury the dead? Did you help save the wounded?

I know you had at least one leave at home. Did Great Granny greet you like a returning hero? Was she proud of you? Did the harpies of the white feather brigade smile and say, "Well done"? Did your mates buy you drinks and ask unanswerable questions? Did anybody say thank you or ask you why you had joined up?

Then you went back to France. Had you even heard of Passchendaele? I bet you wished you never had.

I know a bit about the battle. I know it lasted from 31 July till 16 November. We had 250,000 casualties and the Germans had 400,000. It has been described as a hell-hole of mud and blood. I saw a picture of the battlefield. It looked awful. It rained solidly for a month. They say thousands of men died by drowning in that sea of mud.

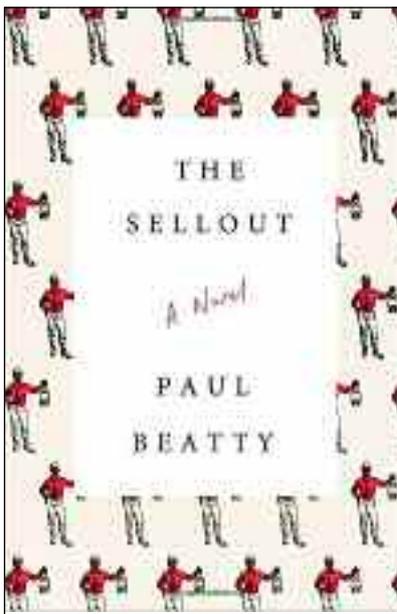
I heard you died of your wounds. I hope you felt no pain. I wish so much that I had known you and I think of you with respect and affection, but you left one question unanswered. Why did you go – why?

David"

from *Christopher Kingsbury* (Reader)

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

Paul Beatty's 'The Sellout' is an outrageous racial satire



When Barack Obama became President of the United States, many hoped the nation's racial traumas might start to heal. Instead, his presidency has exposed disturbing bigotry and anger, notably in this election year. For African-American writers this paradox is a particular problem. How to write literature dramatising racial oppression when a black man is in the White House?

The approach of Paul Beatty, born in 1962 in Los Angeles, is to throw caution to the wind. His fourth novel, *The Sellout*, is an outrageous scattergun satire taking aim at racism and what racism has done to black Americans. Earlier this year, it won the National Book Critics Circle Award, and is now on the Man Booker Prize

shortlist. *The Sellout* aims to do for race relations what Joseph Heller's *Catch-22* – a favourite novel of Beatty's – did for the Second World War.

The novel begins with our narrator Bonbon on trial at the Supreme Court. His opening line: "This may be hard to believe, coming from a black man, but I've never stolen anything." It's a fair reflection of the book's gleefully provocative tone. What he is actually on trial for is – wait for it – trying to reinstate slavery and segregation in his Los Angeles suburb

The ghetto is called Dickens (a nod to another literary inspiration) and resembles the real-life Compton. Bonbon was raised by a single father, a thoughtful man who specialises in quietly calming down angry black men. After his father is shot dead by police, Bonbon is on his own. Consumed by guilt and anger, he takes on an ageing black actor and makes him his slave. The twisted logic (if there is one) is that to become successful, he needs to become "white", and to do that he must first dominate another black person.

His painful comic riffs on what it means to be accepted by mainstream (in other words, white) culture are the book's highlight: "I was the 'diversity' the school trumpeted so loudly in its glossy literature, but there wasn't enough financial aid in the world to get me to suck the gristle from a leg bone in front of the entire freshman class." Beatty is just as harsh on the foibles of black America: "I didn't ruin his dreams by telling him that black people do all think alike. They won't admit it, but every black person thinks they're better than every other black person." One of the funniest characters is a permanently outraged academic called Foy Cheshire, who re-writes *Huckleberry Finn* replacing the "repugnant 'n-word'" with "warrior", and "slave" with "dark-skinned volunteer".

At one point, Bonbon confesses that he fell asleep while reading Toni Morrison's *Paradise*, a novel about an all-black town in Fifties America. But clearly he takes some inspiration from it, hence his devilish plan to reinstate black pride by segregating the races. "Apartheid united black South Africa, why couldn't it do the same for Dickens?" he asks.

Beatty's sharp humour challenges pieties from all sides, while never losing sight of the fundamental issue: America's racism and the legacy of slavery. Intelligent and entertaining as it is, though, I'm not sure *The Sellout* adds up to a novel. It's more a series of stand-up routines stitched together, the author barely drawing breath before the next joke. It's exhilarating but exhausting. The reader is left little time to reflect and must largely do without the traditional pleasures of a novel – well-made characters and a consistent plot.

I'm not sure Beatty cares. His novel takes cracks at the expense of more conventional authors, whom he mocks for performing to white audiences. But his own novel is on the dangerous path to success – a literary double-bind encapsulated in the title. If Beatty's book is likely to sell out, must he also have sold out?

The novel ends, appropriately, at a stand-up show. The narrator sees a black comedian berating a white couple for laughing at jokes aimed at his community. "Get out," he says. "This is our thing." Beatty seems to be asking: is it all right for non-black people to laugh at *The Sellout*? Bonbon's answer is, characteristically, also a question: "So what exactly is our thing?"

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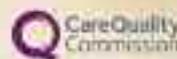
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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Another ground breaking month with the decision to re-locate our Council Headquarters to Endeavour House along with Mid Suffolk. I was one of fourteen councillors who bitterly opposed this move, I feel strongly that we should work within the area that we represent. I also feel that we should help the area that we represent and be part of the local business community that we represent as well. Hadleigh and Needham Market will miss the business that we generate in their towns and at a time that our council says that we are open for business. To up sticks and take our business elsewhere is quite frankly two faced and not what we should be about. Watch this space.

Moving closer to home the cricket wicket has been replaced and plans are now in hand to clean the old goal and to keep the birds from nesting and roosting in the roof so that once again it can be used as a bus shelter. The decision is very close on the Mobile Phone Mast and if approved will be built in the spring of next year. Thank you to all who have supported this much needed aid to our business communication.

I will be running the community bus to a trip to the panto in December, dates to be announced next month. All Best Wishes Bryn.01787 210854.

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

> Initial Feedback from the Consultation for the Upper Orwell Crossings in Ipswich.

The first round consultation for the Upper Orwell Crossings was launched on the 1 July 2016 with the aim of raising awareness of the project, its benefits and provide an opportunity to express views and concerns. The consultation has been very well received. The project website has received more than 7,000 views and we have engaged with more than 1800 people through 14 planned events. 90% of those who have responded to the consultation believe the most important benefit of the project is the reduction in congestion and journey times through the town; also recognising the importance of the catalyst effect the project would have on regeneration in the town. The potential impact of the visual appearance of the bridges was a key factor in future support for the project; this is being addressed by the recently launched RIBA competition for an architectural team to work with our consultants on the final designs. Naturally any significant infrastructure project has impacts as well as benefits; the project team have used the consultation as an opportunity to meet with those communities that may be affected and establish contacts to enable ongoing discussions and consultation with them as key stakeholder groups. This first round of consultation has been an excellent start to the next phase of the project.

> The Park and Ride service in Ipswich.

This service is an important part of the town's transport infrastructure, providing a valued service to commuters, visitors and shoppers, helping to reduce traffic congestion and adding to the creditability of Ipswich as a vibrant town. However, as the current service is subsidised by the tax payer with the County Council historically paying £700,000 pa, I have challenged my officers to find a way to make the service self-funding. The County Council is continuing to negotiate with the operators and consider the feasibility of the suggested bus service and infrastructure changes. Further work on possible uses for the sites to make them self-financing has also been commissioned.

> Suffolk Record Office makes the final shortlist of International Digital Preservation Awards.

These is as a result of a pioneering project which provides digital preservation and access to 900 years of Suffolk history. Suffolk County Council is delighted to announce that its Suffolk Record Office project – 'Preserving Suffolk's Digital Assets' is a finalist for The National Archives Award for Safeguarding the Digital Legacy in the prestigious Digital Preservation Awards 2016. Run by the Digital Preservation Coalition, the awards are a world-wide celebration of those who have made significant and innovative contributions to ensuring our generation's digital legacy will be available tomorrow.

In a short space of time they have delivered a trusted digital repository (the equivalent of a strong room for paper records) and a brand new interactive website: www.suffolkarchives.co.uk which provides easy access to 900 years of Suffolk's history, with links to over 326,000 electronic catalogue records, interesting information and stories, image galleries and online exhibitions. It also hosts the latest news on the Hold: A Suffolk Archives Service for the 21st Century project, which has attracted initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and is in the early stages of the Development Phase: www.suffolkarchives.co.uk/thehold. Winners will be announced at a ceremony at the Welcome Trust in London on Wednesday 30 November.

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LATEST NEWS ON 3PR FIRST RESPONDER GROUP. FROM VIC RICE



Peter Hibben

In June, the day of the street party in Boxford, we at 3PR heard of the sad news of our dear friend and co-ordinator Peter Hibben being taken to hospital having suffered a stroke. Peter is well known throughout the three parishes for his tireless work in organising the First Responder group and we are all praying for him as he continues his recovery at Norwich stroke unit. Get well soon Peter.

This means that I am now back caretaking the team. In the last 2 years we have not been able to maintain the

cover we once could due to having very few responders and no new recruits. We used to have 2 units, one being a person who provided many hours of cover - he was very sadly missed when he left us. The second kit was not being used so we decided to use the defibrillator from it to create the cPad (Civil Public Available Defibrillator). This is installed in the The Fleece pub entrance to the rear garden for anyone to use. Peter and I have done several public talks on how to use it. In case of someone having a heart attack activation of the defibrillator is by calling 999 and receiving the key code from them. I still do the talks on how to use the equipment should anyone be interested - please give me a call on 210504 or email vic.rice@btinternet.com - it's free! I also perform weekly checks on the equipment on Monday mornings, and anyone may feel free to come and have a look and talk to me about it.

The Ambulance Service has recently changed its protocol for heart attacks and now requires 4 units to attend. We are one of those units and find ourselves sometimes stretched quite thin in terms of our resources available. Recently one of our team had 4 calls in one night - 1 in Boxford and 3 in Hadleigh. Happily this is an infrequent situation, but it does make us more aware of the real need for more volunteers in the three parishes area to help us keep everyone safe. If anyone is interested in providing any help (and there's absolutely no minimum number of hours that one needs to be available for) then please do give us a call and we will be delighted to give you more information. You do not need any prior experience. You will be saving lives in doing so.



Vince Stafford

Now the good news: recently we were informed by the Ambulance Service that a fully trained responder was coming to live in Boxford and would we like him to join us? I have met him and we are delighted - he is a trainer and examiner. Vince Stafford and his family moved in a few weeks ago they plan to make Boxford their home. He is intending to cover lots of shifts, many of them during the night and at weekends. We used the second defibrillator for the cPad which means we need to buy Vince a

new up-to-date digital one that are now used on all ambulances and which can also be used on small children.

We will also be buying a trainer version to teach our other responders how to use it - the type we currently have are being phased out in favour of the new digital ones that are more efficient.

These new models combined cost £1,100, which is a tricky cost for 3PR to bear given that we recently spent £1,400 on the installation of the cPad at The Fleece. Our emergency reserves that we keep to replace broken or stolen equipment (yes, people really do steal important life-saving equipment!) are now severely depleted. We would very much welcome any donations of any amount to help us pay for this essential machine. If you would like to make a donation towards the new defibrillator and help save a life, cheques should be made payable to '3PR' and given either to myself in person, or posted to me:

Vic Rice

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Vic Rice with the C-Pad in the Fleece Yard



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LITTLE EARTH PROJECT

The new brewing project in the old Mill Green Brewery building at Edwardstone is now underway. The craft beer revolution has now been going for thirty odd years and has always been led by small brewers doing adventurous things, first there was a move into live cask beer, as it was brewed before the industrialisation of the 50's & 60's, then exploring the diversity of the hop, led by the American craft beer explosion, now latterly looking at yeasts and microbiology from the pre industrial age. Little Earth Project beers are at the cutting edge of this next step, they are brewing a mixture of historic and wild beers using not just standard ale yeast but wild yeasts obtained from the local countryside, in fact the intention is to gather as many of the ingredients for these beers as possible from the surrounding Parishes. The brewery has grown both hops and barley for malting at Chelsworth, in fact hop picking at has just finished, the crop was bigger than before and the smells were fantastic, Fuggles, Goldings and Challenger to name but a few. Hedgerow fruits and flowers such as Blackberries, Elderflowers and Meadowsweet have been gathered during the summer and autumn months.

The beers fall into two categories, Wild Beers and Historic Beers. All of the brews are aged in wooden barrels for many months to allow a plethora of different yeasts and microorganisms to give the complexity and depth of flavour not present in conventionally brewed beers, the historic beers are brewed to be as authentic as possible both with local ingredients and barrel aging as would have been the case 200 years ago with IPA's and Stock ales, the brewery has two available 'Brett Organic Stock Ale' 10.5% and 'Organic East India Pale Ale' 7.9% and with a slight twist a 'Hanseatic Porter' 10%.

There are also unusual sour beers like 'South Island Sour' 5.9% with Nelson Savon an extraordinary hop only grown in New Zealand.

All of these beers are in bottles and are for sale from beer shops nationwide and the brewery, best ring first though 01787211759

The brewery does produce one conventionally brewed but natural beer 'Puritan Gift' 3.4% (tasty and of modest alcohol) so named because Edwardstone was the birth place of Puritan, John Winthrop the founder of the state of Massachusetts. It is available at the Fleece Hotel in Boxford.



<p>26 NOV - 7 JAN Christmas Party Nights On special offers throughout November, December and January. Please visit our website for full details. <small>*New experience at our bar area</small></p>	<p>DEC Festive Lunches & Dinners Throughout December we offer a delicious 2 or 3 course Festive Menu so you can celebrate Christmas with friends & family. <small>*New experience at our bar area</small></p>	<p>25 DEC Christmas Day Lunch Bring your family and friends along for a delicious 4 course Christmas Day Lunch finishing with freshly brewed coffee. £11.000 (18+)</p>	<p>26 DEC Boxing Day Brunch A delicious buffet brunch with your choice of pancakes, omelets, fresh fruit and cooked vegetables.</p>
<p>SAT 31 DEC New Year's Eve Breaks <small>*New Year's Eve from £45 (18+) Gala Ball & Supper Disco Set the New Year in at SbN with two fantastic events!</small></p>	<p>IRIE J SOUL SINGER Join us on Boxing Day evening for a special of live entertainment in the form of renowned soul singer Irie J. Her vibrant performance who is sure to provide a relaxing atmosphere in which to wind down after the chaos of Christmas Day.</p>	<p>GIFTS </p> <p>Find the perfect gift at SbN this Christmas. Visit our online shop for more details at www.stokebynayland.com</p>	<p>SbN</p>

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities will meet on Monday 28th November 2016 and will consider applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from individuals or organisations (serving the above area) are invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES Also known as John Wincoll – 209981

The charity was originally set up in 1869 to relieve "conditions of need, hardship or distress".

However, if you are over sixty-five, retired and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more you may be eligible for the Christmas gift. Please apply by 30th November to the Clerk, Sue Mitchell on 247173

GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

The Trustees of Groton United Charities will be meeting to review applications for grants in November, and will be pleased to receive requests from individuals living in Groton and from organisations in Boxford whose activities benefit the residents of Groton.

Requests for grants should be sent to the Clerk to the Trustees, Jeremy Osborne, at Waterside Barn, Groton Street, Groton CO10 5EE or by e-mail to jeremyosborne1@btinternet.com

Parade Lantern Workshops

The year's Boxford Lantern Parade and Fireworks will be held on Saturday 29th October.

To make lanterns for the parade, Boxford Community Council in conjunction with Boxford Scouts will be running workshops at The Spinney from Saturday 22nd October to Thursday 27th October. The workshops will run 10am to 4pm each day.

Groups (2 -6 people) wishing to make large lanterns should book to attend on Saturday or Sunday and make arrangements to attend a follow up session during the week to finish off. Drop in sessions will be available Monday - Thursday.

To book a session please contact Mark Miller Tel 01787 211596 and leave a message with your name, phone number and number of people in your group or email the same information to Debbie.miller@talktalk.net

We are hoping to beat last year's record of 100 lanterns on the parade.

Breast screening mobile

The Breast screening mobile will be once again visiting Sudbury, at the King Fisher leisure Centre, October to December 2016. Please note this is an invitation service only, screening women aged 50-70 years. If you are over 70 years of age, you may self-refer for a mammogram once every 3 years: call us on 01284 713941. If you have a breast problem see your GP. Please let us know if you cannot make an appointment.

Flu Vaccinations

A flu session is to be held at Boxford Village Hall on 1st November 9.00am to 1.00p

Boxford Christmas card

The profit from this year's Christmas card will be donated to The Boxford Guides.

Over the years this group has helped shape the lives of many young girls from the village and surrounding areas to become valuable members of our community.

They are on sale in the Post Office now at £4.00 for a pack of 10 cards with envelopes and £1.10 from each pack sold will be donated to the group.

For the last two years we have used Charles Evans for the design and whilst he lives in Yorkshire he is a frequent visitor to this area where he runs residential painting classes, you may have seen him outside the White Hart with a group of 12 students at the end of September.

Bill Horne for Queen Bee Designs



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There is an opening for a new treasurer for the Playing Fields Committee -

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Could you do this for a couple of years?

Get in touch with either David Burden (211926) or Pauline Lamming (210360)

or Ward Baker (210129) and see what is involved - we wait to hear from you

Remember

The Box River News can be seen in full colour by downloading from the internet.

Just go to boxfordvillagehall.co.uk and click on the BRN icon.

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Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our next quiz will be held in the Parish Room on Saturday 29th October. It will be, as usual, a fun evening with Mary's quality questions put to you by the well-known quiz master, Brian, and an excellent two course meal provided by Sue. All for £8.50. To book your place ring Sue 247173 or Mary 247658. Should you have any dietary requirements please let Sue know.

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

ROBIN HOOD

BOXFORD'S CHRISTMAS PANTO!

Robin and his merry band, the delightful but penniless Maid Marion and her faithful Nurse, Nora, the evil Sherrif of Nottingham and even a surprising appearance from an unexpected historical character at the end, combine to make a memorable panto for Boxford. Full of songs and bad jokes, together with a bit of slapstick, Robin Hood will set the mood for Christmas this year!

Wed 30th Nov Family Night £8 adults £4 Children - Bar, raffle but no supper - starts 7pm

Thurs 1st Dec till Sat 3rd £15 with traditional Christmas Dinner served in the interval as well as Bar and Raffle

Tickets will be on sale Saturday Morning 29th October from 9am till 10am at Boxford Village Hall. Then from Boxford Post Office or by calling David Phillips on 01787 211951.

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.

Suffolk Villages Festival Autumn Concerts

Artistic Director: Peter Holman

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2016, 6.00 p.m.

St Mary's Church, Boxford

Sebastian Comberti cello

Katharine Durran Broadwood pianoforte

Beethoven Sonata in A major op. 69 (1808)

Mendelssohn Sonata in D major op. 58 (1843)

Brahms Sonata in F major op. 99 (1886)

Sebastian Comberti makes a welcome return to SVF with a programme bringing together three of the greatest 19th-century sonatas for violoncello and piano, written roughly 40 years apart. Sebastian is one of the world's leading cellists specialising in historically informed performance, and he is partnered here by the distinguished pianist Katharine Durran, well known for her work accompanying famous singers and instrumentalists. She plays the historic and beautiful nineteenth-century Broadwood piano at Boxford, played by David Owen Norris, Steven Devine and others for SVF's forays into 19th-century music. www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com, 01206 366603
box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com

In association with Gainsborough's House

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016, 7.00 p.m.

The Quaker Meeting House Sudbury

with pre-concert talks by Mark Bills, Peter Holman & Sonia Wronkowska at Gainsborough's House, Sudbury, 5.30-6.30pm.

Abel: Polish Discoveries, Mark Caudle viola da gamba

Teresa Kamińska violoncello

This special concert celebrates Sonia Wronkowska's extraordinary discovery of at least 25 unknown viola da gamba sonatas by Carl Friedrich Abel from the collection of Count Joachim Carl von Maltzan, Mark Caudle divides his time as a viola da gamba virtuoso between East Anglia and Poland, and has appeared at SVF many times.

A Boxford Benefit for Peter Hibben!



Valentine's Disco Dance

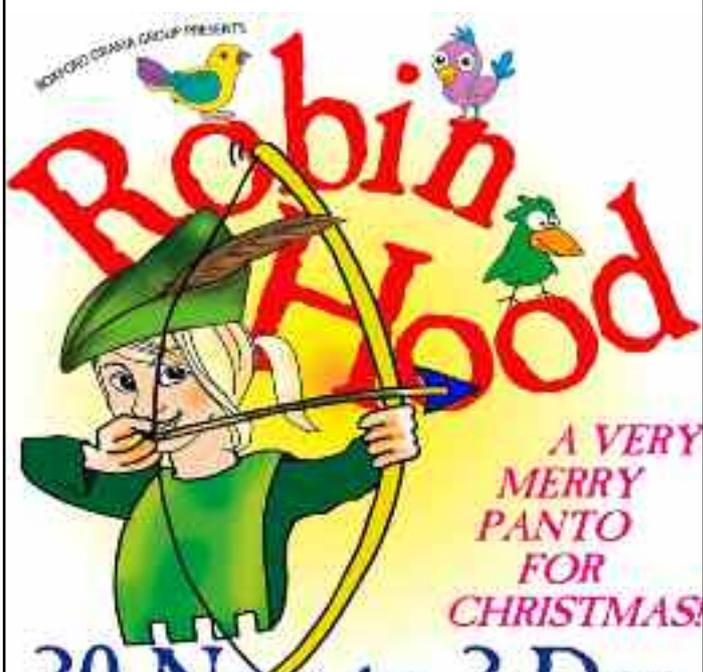
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Robin Hood

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PANTO
FOR
CHRISTMAS!

30 Nov to 3 Dec

Tickets on sale 29th October Boxford Village Hall 9am to 10am
Then in Boxford Post Office

Wednesday November 30th "Family Night"
Tickets £8 adults £4 children-starting at 7.00pm (No supper)
Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd Tickets £15-starting at 7.30pm.
2 course Christmas supper served during the interval
Licensed bar and raffle all evenings.

Wot's On

LWHS Programme of Events - 2016/2017

9th November

The Great Exhibition of 1851 by Geoffrey Kay.

The first international exhibition of manufactured products, organised by Henry Cole and Prince Albert and held in the purpose built Crystal Palace in Hyde Park.

7th December

The Angel Roofs of East Anglia by Michael Rimmer.

Michael will reveal the history and development of this fascinating subject. Outstanding photographs will reveal the visual quality of these works of art.

18th January

What did your grandfather do in the great war? by David Empsom.

LWHS member only event - A talk on medals & military research through the ages.

15th February

Chilton: A journey through time by David Burnett.

Beginning in the late Bronze Age, incorporating discovery of Saxon treasure and riotous church behaviour, with memories of Chiltonians past and present.

15th March

Henry Adams Cupper by Geoffrey Robinson.

A Suffolk Pioneer, a transatlantic journey into the unknown.

19th April

Connections between Suffolk and India by Ashley Cooper.

Ashley is a brilliant speaker and this talk will be full of surprises.

17th May

The Life and Art of Thomas Gainsborough by Mark Bills.

Mark is a director of Gainsborough's House, so who better to speak to us.

14th June

The life and times of Joan of Arc by Joy Bounds.

Joy is a local writer who focuses on women's issues and history who has published widely. This talk is based on "Far From Home" - her novel about Joan of Arc.

Edwardstone Parish Hall

Christmas Coffee Morning:

The date of the Christmas Coffee Morning is being changed.

Please look out for full details in the November BRN.

Daphne Clark 01787 210698

Little Waldingfield History Society

St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Little Waldingfield History Society is delighted to host a concert by the St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir, commencing at 7.30 p.m. on November 19th in St Lawrence Church Little Waldingfield, in aid of the St Lawrence church renovation fund.

The choir has a wide repertoire of songs from 1940s swing, Welsh hymns, spirituals, folk songs and musical theatre, to tunes from the charts. This concert will feature many choir old favourites, with music to suit every taste ranging from Classical to Rogers & Hammerstein, Gershwin, Burt Bacharach, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, David Grey, Robbie Williams and more. The Classic Femme ladies trio will also be singing, so all musical bases will be covered on the night.

Its going to be an unforgettable and memorable experience, in a truly atmospheric location, and all in a wonderful cause.

Tickets cost just £8.00 and the programme will be in two halves with an interval between. There will also be a raffle and a bar with wine and soft drinks to enhance the experience even more.

For further information or to purchase tickets, please contact:

Di Langford on 01787 248298;

Sue Sheppard on 01787 247980; or

Andy Sheppard at sheppard-andy@sky.com

Stoke by Nayland Village Hall invite you to a CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday, 12th November 2016 10am - 2pm

Free entry - Donations welcome

Craft Stalls, Refreshments and more

A Boxford Benefit for Peter Hibben.

Veronica Hobbs is organising a big Valentines Disco Dance on Saturday, February 11th to benefit Peter Hibben (details below). Local businesses and organisations are generously supporting the event so she is able to pass on all profits to Peter to help him with his future care.

This is a 'Tickets in advance only' event, where a professional DJ will play music that will suit everyone from Dad Dancing to hits of the seventies up to the present day. There will be a Buffet Supper and a full bar and some interesting raffle prizes!

VALENTINES DISCO DANCE

Saturday February 11th 7.30 pm till late at Boxford Village Hall.

Tickets £12.50 (IN ADVANCE ONLY) from: Veronica Hobbs 01787 211529, Sylvia Tait 01787 210053, Eileen Norman 01787 210229, David House 01787 210918

Boxford WI

Rory O'Brien and his Son-in-Law Paul gave us a fascinating talk on the history of the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds. It was designed and built in 1819 by William Wilkins and is the only remaining Regency playhouse in the Country. It enjoyed large audiences until the arrival of the railways in the 1840s when people were able to get to London and local Theatres suffered. In 1925 it closed its doors and became a barrel store for Greene King. So it remained until the 1960s when a group from the local community restored and reopened it in 1965. Today it hosts a mixed programme of ballet, opera and plays as well as running drama activities for children and adults. There are regular behind the scenes guided tours and the theatre also provides a unique and very special setting for weddings!

Future meetings

2 November	Demonstration painting	village hall 2pm
10 November	Craft club	Mary's house 2pm
7 December	Christmas party	village hall 2pm

We have lots of interesting speakers for 2017 including Tai Chi, Couture Millinery as well as a return visit from Jenny Gibbs who will be talking to us about a Turkish Wedding.

KERSEY CHRISTMAS GIFT FAYRE 2016

SHOPPING BY CANDLELIGHT
FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
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Wot's On

BOXFORD FIREWORKS 2016

The Fireworks return on Saturday 29th October. Lanterns will be made in the week leading up to the night. Tickets are available at Alan Leeder, Butchers, The Post Office and The Coffee Box. Adults £5 Children £3 in advance. Adults £6 Children £4 on the gate.

LAVENHAM CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND 5.30 PM -- 8.00 PM

SATURDAY 3RD 11 AM -- 5 PM 4TH 11 AM -- 4 PM

Come and join us for a fabulous festive weekend of Christmas shopping with 40 fantastic stalls, food market, entertainment, Father Christmas in his grotto, children's fairground rides and funfair, strolling Disney entertainers, wine bar, hog roast, hot food, mulled wine...all in our lovely medieval village. For more information go to www.lovelavenham.co.uk

THE ST. MATTHEWS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Not long now... Join us at the Leavenheath Village Hall between 10.30am and 2.00pm This is one not to miss. New stalls mixed with old friends, tea, coffee, cakes and light luncheons served. Surprise visitor and GRAND RAFFLE with many prizes including a cash first prize. We look forward to seeing you on the day. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY Telephone: Jim Bond (01206 262555) or Shae Peace (01206 263926) for more information

Cake Stall and more

at Mary's House Saturday 26th November at 9am

Delicious home baked cakes and savouries, together with homemade marmalades and jams, coffee and scones and even a raffle. There will be beautiful handmade jewellery from Ugandan sourced beads. All to help raise funds for Early Learning Orphanage & School at Entebbe Uganda.

SESAW Christmas Fair

Sunday 20th November, 10-3pm at the Old School, Long Melford

Sesasonal gifts, decorations & cards, crafts, jewellery, glassware, jigsaws, boxed games, pet stall, tombola and more.

Raffle, snacks, refreshments, free parking. Adult entry 50p

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Sunday 3 December, 7.30pm
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This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Just Waterbury

Box River Lectures

This Autumn, Steve O'Dell will be giving us five lectures about the River Stour; its physical, economic and social history and the artists and the art which this famous river has inspired.

The History and the Art of the River Stour



At Groton Village Hall at 2:30pm on these Thursdays:

27 October The History of East Anglian Waterways
3 November The Stour Valley Navigation, part 1
10 November The Stour Valley Navigation, part 2
17 November The Art and Artists of the River Stour, part 1
24 November The Art and Artists of the River Stour, part 2

£8 per single lecture or £35 for all five – just pay at the door.
Tea and biscuits included

New members are always welcome at Box River Lectures!

Wot's On

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER 2016

Tuesday 8th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Ten Pin bowling
Wednesday 9th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 19th	10.00am	St Nicholas Hospice coffee morning
Saturday 22nd	12.30 for 1.00 pm	Fireside Club – Fish and chips

DECEMBER 2016

Saturday 3rd	10.00 am	Church Xmas coffee morning
Tuesday 6th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Xmas decorations
Wednesday 7th	7.30 pm	Village Hall committee meeting
Wednesday 14th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
Monday 19th	12-12.30 pm	Fireside Club – Xmas lunch at Cock & Bell

JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 5th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – tba
Saturday 8th	10.00 am	Newton Green Trust coffee morning
Wednesday 11th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 17th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club - tba

REGULAR EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Groton's Cheese and Wine Party

Saturday, December 3rd, 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

Tickets will soon be available for this popular annual event; all the usual attractions, excellent food, Pat-and-Gerald Bar, Raffle, etc, all for the price of £8 each from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or Jayne Foster [211360]



THE MILDEN SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Enjoy a festive Christmas
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Friday 9th Dec doors open 7.00pm
Show time at 7.30pm. Includes buffet

Saturday 10th Dec doors open 1.30pm
Show time 2pm includes afternoon tea

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Tickets £6 from Pearl 01449 741876 at &
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Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 11 November

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

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GRAND CAKE SALE

**Saturday 26th November
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LAVENHAM CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 2nd December - 5.30 to 8.30 pm

Saturday 3rd - 11.am to 5.pm

Sunday 4th - 11.am to 4.pm



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Forthcoming Events Diary

October

27 Hist and Art of the River tour	Box River Lectures	SEE MAIN AD FOR ALL DETAILS, DATES AND TIMES
29 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	
29 BOXFORD FIEWORKS 2016	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village and Playing Fields

November

2 Boxford WI	Demonstrating Painting	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Suffolk Villages Festival Autumn Concerts	Boxford St Mary's	Boxford Church	6.00pm
9 Little Waldingfield History Soc	The Great Exhibition of 1851	Parish Rooms	2.00pm
10 Boxford WI	Craft Grop (membes only)	Mary's House	2.00pm
24 Boxford WI	Lunch Club (members only)		TBC
26 Cake Stall and more	Entebbe Orphanage	Mary's House	9.00am
30 nov to 3 Dec Robin Hood	Boxford Drama Goup	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

December

3 Church Christmas coffee morning	Newton PCC	Newton Village Hall	10.00am
5 Groto's Cheese and Wine	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
7 Boxford WI	Christmas Party	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
7 Little Waldingfield History Soc	The Angel Roofs of East Anglia	Parish Rooms	7.30pm
8 Boxford WI	Craft Grop (membes only)	Mary's House	2.00pm
9 Festive Fayre	Boxford Village Hall		6.30pm
9/10 Mildens Singers	Mildens Pavillion	Mildens Pavillion	9th 7.00 10th 1.30pm

January

14 Quiz and Chips	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
18 Little Waldingfield History Soc	What did gandad do in the war	Parish Rooms	7.30pm
First and Third Monday each month	Boxford Parish Council Meetings in	Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm



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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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Cafe Church at St. Mary's Boxford on 6th November 11.00 am

Cafe Church happens once a month at 11.00 am on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Coffee, croissants and church:

Cafe Church is church with a difference. Seated round tables instead of set in rows we drink coffee, eat croissants, discuss faith and perhaps read the Sunday papers. It's a bit advanced, we sing a few songs, have a bit of a talk, say some prayers, but we're relaxed about it all. If your children are running around that's fine. If you don't believe in God and want to come and see what's going on, that's fine too.

If you just want to drink the coffee and read Sunday papers, that's fine!

Why do we do Cafe Church? Well, we want to try to make Church a place that is relaxed and accessible. We know that lots of people want to talk about faith, even want to come to Church, but find a traditional service hard to understand, or boring to sit through, or just plain confusing. So we developed Cafe Church as a place where everyone's welcome, it's hopefully not too confusing or boring. We also understand that weekends are precious times for families to be together so we wished to create a space where children and young people can feel welcome too.

"I can't believe Church can be like this!"

Everyone is welcome

On **Sunday 30th October at 4.00pm** there will be a special service: "**Remembering our Loved Ones**", at St. Mary's Boxford, and is for anyone that has suffered the loss of someone dear to them; it's an opportunity to remember them and give thanks to God for their lives, to offer comfort with moments of reflection, an opportunity for the lighting of candles and practical acts of remembrance. This service is for everyone in the benefice. All are very welcome

Cafe Church at St. Mary's Boxford on 6th November 11.00 am

Remembrance Sunday this year is on **Sunday 13th November**. The service at St. Mary's commences at 10.50 am.

Remembrance Sunday was originally declared a special day in 1919 by King George V to remember the soldiers killed in the First World War, but now we remember soldiers from all wars who have given their lives in the service of their country. Leading up to Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday we buy small paper "poppies" to show that we are remembering the sacrifices of those who died, and also to raise money for The British Legion to support serving and ex-Service personnel and their families. The origin of the use of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance is as follows. A Canadian doctor, John McCrae, wrote a poem in 1915 about the devastation he saw in the Flanders area of Belgium and in northern France during the First World War. The land lay destroyed by terrible battles, and many men were buried there. But despite the devastation of battle, the wild poppies survived. Dr McCrae's poem was published in Punch magazine, and the poppy became the symbol of remembrance.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields."

The Suffolk Villages Festival Autumn Concert at St. Mary's Church Boxford **6.00pm, Sunday 6th November** See details in WOYS On Section Tickets £18 (reserved), £12 (unreserved) Box Office : 01206 366603 or visit www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com to order on line & see the full brochure

Christingle Service 4.00pm Sunday 4th December at 4.00pm It's a service where we raise funds for the Children's Society. The latest report from the Society said that over 18,000 young people turned to The Children's Society for help over the past year, according to the charity's latest report on the impact on its work. The Children's Society's impact report — The Difference We Made — shows that the charity's services across the country worked directly with 18,193 young people during 2015/2016, while its campaigning work has contributed to over 5.6 million positive changes to children's lives — a 311% increase on the previous year.

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.

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

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Thank you. Rev'd Judith. 01787 210091

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The report reveals how the charity is helping vulnerable children and young people, including those affected by child sexual exploitation, mental and emotional health, going missing, or substance misuse, and those in care or leaving care. The report assessed children and young people directly helped by The Children's Society over the past year and found that 73% had experienced a positive change in at least one key area of their life. Babergh District Council are holding their Civic service at St. Mary's on 7th December. (invited guests of the Council only)
The Bible Study Group meets at 47 Swan Street at 7.30pm, 2nd & 4th Monday's each month. Please do come to this hour of fellowship.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Thank you to all who helped decorate our church so beautifully for the Harvest Festival on 18th September and to those who so generously donated produce. We were able to take most of the vegetables and fruit to St. Elizabeth's Hospice, where it was gratefully received.
Great News. By the time this goes to press our loo will be in place beside the Car Park – in time for our Buskers' Concert on **15th October**. Grateful thanks to all those who have made this possible.

Rota

Sunday 20th November at 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sidesman/Coffee	Pam Dodd/Susie Kennett
Flowers	Anne Suckling
Cleaning	Emma Driscoll



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:
Vacant

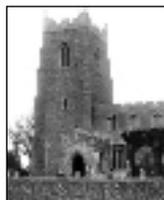
PCC MEETING: The next meeting of the PCC is on **Tuesday 15th November 2016, at 7.00 pm** at Mary's House. Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e mail: djlammings@hotmail.com) by Sunday 6th November.

Groton's Christmas Cards

Richard in Boxford Post Office has kindly agreed to have the Groton Christmas Cards for sale in the Post Office again, so do have a look at them, 10 A6 cards for £3.50, a real bargain! There are also some A5 size, and some mixed packs. They will also be on sale at Groton's Cheese and Wine Party on **Saturday, December 3rd**, or from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]

Groton's Cheese and Wine Party

Saturday, December 3rd, 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall
Tickets will soon be available for this popular annual event; all the usual attractions, excellent food, Pat-and-Gerald Bar, Raffle, etc, all for the price of £8 each from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or Jayne Foster [211360]



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Rotas

Flowers

6th Mrs. Gregor-Smith
13th Mrs. Eddington
20th Mrs. Duffy
27th Advent - no flowers

Sidesmen

6th Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Eddington
13th Mrs. Nicholls and Mr. Duffy

On 1 October Rebecca Morrison-Cowley and Benedict Clowes were married. Revd. Judith took the service. The church looked beautiful in the afternoon sun. Diana Murray, the bride's mother, had decorated the church, not only with wonderful flower arrangements, but also ten lovely trees. The large congregation were regaled with music from the organ, a superb trumpeter and a gospel choir, who sang during the signing of the register. We are grateful to all the guests who so generously contributed to the upkeep of our church.

On 2 October we celebrated our Harvest Festival. Gifts from the congregation and the harvest loaf, baked by Fran Gregor-Smith, were offered at the altar by Revd. Judith. Refreshments were served. The harvest loaf was delicious, as were three beautiful cakes baked by Nancy Roser.

On a sad note, we shall all be attending church on 25 October for Betty Rattee's funeral. She died peacefully in her sleep after a long battle. She had suffered a stroke after a heart operation in January. Our condolences, thoughts and prayers go to her son and daughter and their children.

13 November - Remembrance Sunday. Our service will be taken by Tim Harbord. We shall be delighted to welcome him back to our church.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

25th September : Our Service for the Harvest Festival was celebrated by Revd. Judith. The church was filled with beautiful flowers, vegetables and the evidence of harvested crops from the fields around our village. Six members of the congregation read passages evoking all the senses that we get from Autumn. As with the first reading from Deuteronomy, we also took baskets of the produce up to the Altar to be blessed. Following the service there was the Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall welcoming people from around this area sharing a harvest of food. Thank you to all who helped in church and in the Village Hall, in front or behind the scenes to make us think about and celebrate the harvest time.

9th October : The Service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Revd. Gerald Drew as the Revd. Judith and her husband Rufus were on a well earned holiday. The theme of the service was 'remember Jesus Christ'. Revd. Drew in his address gave a great but simple account of the life of Jesus making it easier to 'remember Jesus Christ'. Thank you to Revd. Drew and his wife for coming and to Nancy Roser for playing the organ. During refreshments we were able to welcome and chat with friends from the other churches. Thank you to our helpers.

Notice : 13th November 9.30 am : Remembrance Sunday Service of Holy Communion with Revd. Gerald Drew followed by 11.00am : Remembrance Service at the War Memorial with Revd. Gerald Drew.

Benefice news:

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Alice Dilnot and Jamie Dilnot were confirmed by the Bishop of Dunwich, the Rt Revd Mike Harrison (Bishop Mike) at a Deanery confirmation service at St Mary's Church, Boxford, on 6th October 2016.

MINISTRY TEAM: The next meetings of the ministry team are on Wednesday 26th October 2016 and Wednesday 16th November 2016, both at 7.30 pm at Mary's House, Boxford.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

Diocesan Synod

The autumn meeting of the synod is on Saturday 12 November 2016, 9.00 am at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich. Please ask David Lamming if you would like to know more about the work of the synod.

Diocesan E-News

The diocese produces a regular round-up of news, information and forthcoming events, sent directly to your inbox. Subscribers will also receive e-mails from Bishop Martin. To subscribe, just send an e-mail to communications@cofesuffolk.org.

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

5th	Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Road, Sudbury
12th	St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury
19th	Glemsford Methodist Church
26th	St Gregory's Church Hall, Prince Street, Sudbury

Village Daily Prayers: Each week, said in the five churches*: an informal, friendly service, lasting between 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 the names of those you would like prayed for, or any situations for prayer; confidential messages can be left on tel. 01787 210091, or emailed to rvdjudith@boxriver@btinternet.com. The rota is:
Tuesday - 09.00 Edwardstone; **Wednesday** - 09.00 Groton, 17.00 - Little Waldingfield (*at Newman's Hall); **Thursday** - 09.00 Newton, 17.00 - Boxford.

**** Special Services this Month****

Café Church – Sunday 6th
Remembrance Services - Friday 11th and Sunday 13th

Wednesday 2nd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Thursday 3rd Little Waldingfield	15.00*	Holy Communion - Newman's Hall *Note new time	Lay Team

Sunday 6th		3rd Sunday before Advent		(R)
Boxford	08.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith	
Little Waldingfield	09.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith	
Boxford	11.00	Café Church	Revd Judith	

Wednesday 9th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Friday 11 th Edwardstone	10.50	Remembrance Service at the war memorial	Revd Judith

Sunday 13th		Remembrance Sunday (2nd Sunday before Advent)		(R)
Groton	10.50	Remembrance Service at the war memorial	David Lamming	
Little Waldingfield	10.45	Remembrance Service	Tim Harbord	
Newton	09.30	Remembrance Service with Holy Communion	Revd Gerald Drew	
	11.00	Remembrance Service at the war memorial	Revd Gerald Drew	
Boxford	10.50	Remembrance Service	Revd Judith & Christopher Kingsbury	

Wednesday 10th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 17th Little Waldingfield	15.00	Compline - Newman's Hall *Note new time	Lay Team

Sunday 20th		Christ the King (The Sunday next before Advent)		(W)
Edwardstone	09.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith	
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith	

Wednesday 23rd	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
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Sunday 27th		First Sunday of Advent		(P)
Groton	09.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith	
Newton	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith	
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury	

Wednesday 30 th	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
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Soap Box

At first I was confused by what I was hearing. Why might Bob Dylan's songs be featuring regularly on Radio 4's news bulletins? Then I took the simple, but necessary, step of listening to the news. Bob Dylan – Robert Zimmerman, to be pedantic over birth names – had received the Nobel Prize for literature. Wow! An iconic contributor to the culture of the period in which I grew up had received the highest accolade available in today's society.

I applaud the decision, albeit gently and with modest reservations. Bob Dylan is also the recipient of an Oscar, which places him alongside George Bernard Shaw as one of the only two Laureates to have achieved both honours. Does the writer of *Blowing in the Wind* belong in such esteemed company? Why not? GBS is a literary giant whose contribution to our cultural heritage is undisputed. And is not Bob Dylan similarly revered as one who encapsulated the feelings of a generation challenged by some of the most dramatic developments since the Second World War.

The Vietnam War and the civil rights movement in the US defined the attitudes of the younger generation during the 1960s, when Bob Dylan first came to prominence. And here lies my mild concern over this award. Much of Dylan's recognition as an innovative writer of songs rests on this period of his output. True, his casting aside of the acoustic model in favour of electronic instruments brought with it a new flow of material aimed at different targets, but it is for his contribution to the pop culture of the 1960s for which Bob Dylan will be most remembered.

The slight reservation I have is down to where this might lead. Should Sir Paul McCartney be considered for such an honour. He did, after all, pen one of the most covered songs in living memory – "Yesterday". And what about David Bowie, though I believe posthumous awards are not on the agenda for the Nobel committee. And there are many unsung heroes of popular music, as well as a whole raft of better known names, like Carol King, Neil Sedaka, Tony Hatch and Don Black.

Literature is a defined discipline. Perhaps someone who encapsulates the mood of a generation in poetic songs is deserving of the accolade of a Nobel Laureate, but there were more than a few gasps of surprise at the news. Still, life moves on and what might have looked avant garde a generation back could appear mainstream today. What do you think, though? As I've said before, feedback is important when trying to determine whether what has been written is appreciated.

With that thought in mind, did you miss me last month? I am grateful to our esteemed editor for letting me off the hook at the last minute as juggling between the commitments of both Suffolk and Portugal threatened to drive me into a nervous breakdown. Living between two houses was never expected to be easy. In the end, ensuring the car was packed with everything we needed before our trip took precedence over sounding off on any topic, however appealing.

The trouble is, I love my house in Little Waldingfield, which has been my home for nearly half my life (more than half that of my wife), but have come to look forward to our trips to the Algarve, with its better weather and café society, with increasing enthusiasm. I'll try not to let my absence from this journal occur too regularly, though I would welcome candidates for expressing their views in my absence now that the much missed Nick Athorne is no longer with us. Do feel free to regale me with your thoughts on whatever I choose to write upon, though, or on why I am not present in these pages, for that matter.

Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.



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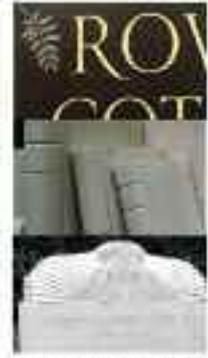
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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A NINETEENTH CENTURY CLERGYMAN

Rev'd Henry Watts Wilkinson - A Victorian Melodrama A Talk by Roger Green



Roger Green

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Roger Green back to the Parish Room last night, where nearly 40 guests came along to the first event of our new season; just like last year, they were not to be disappointed.

The talk began with background information on "The Curate", as Roger deemed to call our hero, owing to the fact that names were repeated through the Wilkinson generations, whilst most surviving boy children went into the Church, further complicating matters.

The curate was the son of a clergyman and was educated at Worcester College Oxford, becoming a non-resident fellow until his first marriage, after which under college

rules he had to leave. He had 4 sons, 3 of whom became clergymen, and produced a total of 9 children from two wives (the first dying in childbirth), who then produced 14 grand children, 8 of whom also became clergymen! Clearly clerical blood ran through family veins.

Henry became "Perpetual Curate" of St Peter's and of St Gregory's, in Sudbury, for more than 40 years from 1807 until his death in 1851, and early on he was involved in many reforms and improvements; as Roger noted, this included the following for St Peter's:

- Creation of a new vestry area;
- Replacing the wooden pole of the spire;
- Repairing the church clock;
- Enhancing the chimes to strike quarters;
- Providing a new folio prayer book for the minister and a quarto prayer book for the clerk;
- Repairing the large bible; and
- Providing bibles for the poor.

The curate was offered a position at Sudbury Grammar School but declined, because it was "incompatible with his views", perhaps something to do with the Sudbury Divide between the mainly Tory high church and mainly Whig low church. Clearly Henry was a man of principle and, as it later turned out, much loved by his parishioners.

He was given the Freedom of Sudbury in 1825, and in 1831 became much involved in politics and the elections of that year. Roger went on to describe a situation where electors votes were bought by various means, with some interesting features not unlike those described by Dickens in 'Pickwick Papers' and the election at Eatanswill.

The year 1816 should have been a good year for the curate as his wife Hannah (Keningale) gave birth to their first daughter and he was given the top clerical job in the parish. Sadly Hannah died following childbirth, aged just 35, whilst daughter Hannah Keningale Wilkinson had probably been affected by the presumably difficult childbirth, though this did not immediately manifest itself.

The second part of Roger's talk was devoted to the curious and sad tale of daughter Hannah, who was deemed to be unable to conduct her own life and had a childlike attitude to all circumstances. From available documents, Roger obtained the following description of her situation:

- The said Hannah Keningale Wilkinson is a person of mental weakness or imbecility, approaching to if not actually constituting unsoundness of mind, and her mental weakness or imbecility was and is constant and incurable;
- That from her earliest years the utmost attention was paid to her education, but that she never did nor could profit to the extent of qualifying her to take a suitable part even in the most ordinary concerns of life."
- That after she had become a woman in point of years, her whole conduct and demeanour, and even her appearance, continued to be those of a child;
- That she could answer simple questions correctly, if not hurried or alarmed, but was quite incapable of anything like conversation, unless upon the most childish topics;



- That she was taught just to read and write, by means of great pains bestowed upon her, but never could be taught to acquire, so as to retain, the commonest rules of arithmetic";
- That she never could be trusted with money, unless in very small sums, as she was incapable of understanding, and never could be taught to understand,

either its use or its value; and

- That in such and all other respects it was manifest, on her attaining her majority, that she was unequal to the conduct of herself and her affairs, and that there was every prospect, even at that time, of her permanent continuation in that state".

An unhappy state of affairs which was further complicated by the considerable bequest of £4,500 from her grandmother when she was just 7 years old - a sum worth more than half a million pounds in 2016 value. As Roger noted, her mental state was perhaps not properly realised at the time her grandmother wrote the will.

Hannah was to inherit when she reached the age of 21, which she did in May 1837, and from that date she was hugely wealthy and hugely vulnerable. Following a petition to the Lord Chancellor, Hannah was placed under the protection of a group of guardians at a cost of £140 p.a. for her "suitable maintenance and support" - presumably coming out of the bequest.

Interestingly all her guardians were male, reflecting the attitudes and customs of the times when, for example, women couldn't vote. At some point an impecunious seafaring cousin (also a Watts Wilkinson) effectively kidnapped Hannah, bore her off to a City Church and "married" her. When asked to say 'I do' she allegedly said 'no', but the assistant curate either didn't hear this or had been instructed to proceed nonetheless. Eventually, after considerable legal wrangling, the sham marriage was annulled and her "husband", being unable to get his hands on her money, went back to sea, ending up in the Americas.

In 1845 Henry acquired another living at Walton-cum-Felixstowe, by slightly dubious means, where he created a fine Rectory from a farmhouse. For the rest of his life he divided his time between the two livings, which from Church records it appears his winters were mainly spent in Sudbury whilst his summers were mainly in Felixstowe - very sensible I say.

The Reverend Henry Watts Wilkinson did much good work in Sudbury and was very popular. He died aged 69 in 1851 and was buried in St. Peter's where parishioners put up a fine memorial to him, sadly now partly obscured by the organ frame, as 'a tribute of affection to the memory of their faithful pastor'.

This, and much more, was described in entertaining and fascinating detail, with our audience being encouraged to hiss every time the villain of the piece (Watts Wilkinson) was mentioned - great stuff.

Our next event will be on 12th October at 7.30 in The Parish Room, Little Waldingfield, when Ian McLachlan, aviation archaeologist, historian, author of many books about the USAAF in the Second World War and "Force Historian", will tell the history of the USAAF in East Anglia during the war in his greatly anticipated talk "Overpaid, Oversexed and Overhere".

We look forward to welcoming guests new and old to the Parish Room for what unquestionably will be a truly fascinating evenings entertainment; for those wishing to come along, please be sure to book and pay for tickets well in advance, because this talk is likely to be extremely popular.

Andy Sheppard

THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - NOVEMBER 2016



November 1916 finally brought to a close the Battle of the Somme. It ended on the 18th of the month and is estimated to have cost about 146,000 Allied Soldiers' lives, of which nearly 96,000 were British or Commonwealth men.

In addition, there were a further 477,000 injured Allied personnel, with 323,000 of that total being from Britain or the Commonwealth. The German army suffered similarly with about 146,000 deaths and a further 300,000 to 450,000 injured.

The month also brought to our villages the news of three more sons dying on the Somme battlefields. They were **Private Bertie James Clarke** of Boxford, 11054, 2nd Battalion (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) Royal Berkshire Regiment, who died on the 11th November, **Private Harry Walter Griggs** of Edwardstone, 28845, 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment, who died on the 13th November, and **Private William Edward Parker Archer** of Little Waldingfield, 16071, 8th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, who died on the 16th November.

The dates that these men died should place them all as being engaged in the last two battles of the Somme offensive, the Battle of Ancre Heights, 1st to 11th November and the Battle of Ancre, 13th to 18th November. Whilst this is definitely the case for Walter Griggs and William Archer, Bertie Clarke's place of burial rules him out of fighting in the vicinity of the river Ancre, north and east of the village of Thiepval.

Bertie Clarke was born in 1895, probably at the cottages attached to Till's Farm, which is on the left side of the main road to Hadleigh just after the second turning to Calais Street. He was the eldest son of William and Alice Clarke. William was born in Boxford in 1862 and Alice in Edwardstone in 1874.

William was an agricultural labourer as were Bertie and his brothers Rodney and Harry. Living with the family was Frederick Death, two years older than Bertie, who was Alice's son born before she married William, though William may well have been his father. However, Frederick was born in Edwardstone, presumably whilst Alice was still living there. We met Frederick in January to recount the circumstances of his death in the War in January 1915.

The family are recorded at the same address of Till's Farm in both the 1901 and 1911 Censuses.

Bertie enlisted at St. Pancras in Middlesex, as it was then, which suggests he joined up before or early in the War. This is because most of those who enlisted during Lord Kitchener's recruitment campaign in the winter and spring of 1914/1915 did so in the local towns, such as Sudbury, Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Colchester, or even in the home villages, as the recruiting parties toured the countryside. In addition, Bertie's regiment was attached to the 25th Brigade, part of the 8th Division, and this was formed in the Autumn of 1914 mostly with troops of the regular army including many from units returning from overseas. The 8th Division does not appear to have had any role in the closing stages of the Somme, and this makes it difficult to account for Bertie's presence in the vicinity of Morval and the Transloy Ridge, which lie about half way along the length of that part of the Somme front line under British command running from the Ancre River in the north to the Somme in the south. (The Front Line South of the Somme was under French command). We know Bertie was there because he is buried in the Guards' Cemetery in the village of Lesboeufs, which is a few miles west of the point on the Front Line just described. However, the Guards' Cemetery was originally established to accommodate the men of the Guards Division who lost their lives in the battle for Lesboeufs village itself, which lasted from the 15th to 25th September 1916. But Bertie was not originally buried in this cemetery.

This Guards' Cemetery was used after the war to bring in and reinter the remains of those men who had been buried in small battlefield cemeteries around Lesboeufs and near the village of Ginchy. This process was known as concentration and the records of this tell us that Bertie was initially buried just east of the village of Ginchy along with 77 other soldiers. That burial site was adjacent to a Field Dressing Station which was in use from November 1916. So it is probably safe to assume that Bertie was wounded at the Front and subsequently died of his injuries at the Field Dressing Station before he could be transferred to the hospitals in and around Etaples on the Channel coast. For him to be taken to a Field Dressing Station he must have been wounded relatively nearby, which

brings us back to the fighting around Transloy Ridge about two miles east of the Field Dressing Station.

The Battle of Le Transloy was fought to secure the high ground above the village but the village itself was never reached, the Front remaining about a mile to the west. It took place in the first half of October, but sporadic engagements continued along the Line up until the end of the Somme offensive. Whilst this tells us the approximate location of where Bertie was fighting and where he died, it does not tell us why he was there, when his regiment was somewhere else altogether. This remains unanswered, but one has to guess that somehow Bertie became detached from his own regiment and ended his days under a different command.

Bertie was 21 when he died. His mother, Alice, paid for an additional inscription on his headstone which reads simply 'Rest in Peace', an act of love she would have to repeat for another son, Rodney, who died in August 1918 and on whose headstone she had inscribed 'Rest in The Lord'. Such understated forbearance.

Our other two villagers are more easily placed in the final days of the Somme. Both deaths fall within the course of the Battle of Ancre mentioned earlier; Harry Griggs on the opening day, and William Archer three days later, just two days before it was halted on the 18th.

Harry Griggs was born in Edwardstone in 1894. His father was Walter Griggs, also from Edwardstone and born in 1863, and his mother was Mary J Leeks who was born in Hintlesham in 1866. They married in 1886 and appear to have lived at Mill Green from the outset and were still there with their family in 1911. By then Harry had two brothers and five sisters. Harry was the eldest son and third child. Both Harry and his father appear in the 1911 Census as stockmen working on farms.

William Archer was not a native of Little Waldingfield. He was born in 1893 in Framsdon in mid Suffolk a few miles south of Debenham. His mother was Fanny Eliza Archer, born in Framsdon in 1871. She married Newton Parker in 1896. Newton was born in 1870 in the village of Ashfield. Both Ashfield and Framsdon are within a few miles of Debenham. In 1901, by which time the family was living in Debenham, the Census lists William with the surname Parker. Whilst it is possible that Newton was William's father, it is noteworthy that in 1911, when William was living and working in Little Waldingfield, he recorded himself with both his mother's surname and his family surname. Perhaps this was to distinguish himself from Newton's and Fanny's children, born after they were married. William came to Little Waldingfield to work as a groom and gardener, and he was living at 3 the Haymarket as a lodger with the widowed Delila King.

Harry enlisted in Boxford, probably in 1915, and served in the 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment, which was attached to the 76th Brigade as part of the 3rd Division. William enlisted in Bury St Edmunds and served in the 8th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment, which was attached to the 53rd Brigade as part of the 18th (Eastern) Division. Both of these Divisions were part of the Order of Battle for the Battle of Ancre, albeit under different commanders, so Harry and William were fighting relatively close to one another.

The Ancre river is a tributary of the Somme and its valley was a key route for progress northwards and eastwards from the Front Line into German held French territory. The previous battle had succeeded in securing the high ground above the valley, the Ancre Heights, so it should have been possible to continue the advance, but the autumn had been unseasonably wet and much of the battle field and the area immediately to the rear of the forward trenches was a morass of chalky mud, capable in places of more or less swallowing whole gun carriages and the horses. Then in early November the weather turned bitterly cold, with mist often obscuring the German trenches, and snow began to fall on the 16th. Initially some advance towards the German lines was made and secured, but with mounting heavy losses and appalling fighting conditions, in a few days it was clear that further progress was impossible and a halt was called on the 18th, not just to this battle, but the whole Somme offensive.

Harry died somewhere in the engagement and his body was never retrieved from the awful enveloping mud and so his name is amongst those 74,000 or more on the Thiepval Memorial commemorating the soldiers who have no known grave. William also died in action and he was laid to rest in the Albert Communal Cemetery Extension. This is an annexe to the original civilian communal cemetery that served the town of Albert before the War. The opening battle of the Somme offensive was the Battle of Albert, so William's resting place brings us full circle in this long summer of death. During the course of the War the Front Line crossed and recrossed the town. By 1918 Albert had been completely destroyed.

William Archer will be remembered at the 09:30 service at Little Waldingfield on the 6th November, Bertie Clarke will be particularly remembered at the 10:45 Remembrance Sunday service at Boxford on the 13th November along with, of course, all of those who have died in

conflict serving their country, and Harry Griggs will be remembered at the 09:30 service at Edwardstone on the 20th November.

So what can be said of the Battle of the Somme? The casualty figures I opened with speak for themselves and when the Front Line positions of July 1st and November 18th are compared on a map it is apparent that the greatest eastward extension into German held territory was about 5 miles along a front of about 20 miles, measured as the crow flies. In all, perhaps 50 to 60 square miles of French soil were brought back under Allied control.

The books analysing the battle would fill a library; in these brief notes it would, therefore, be unwise to attempt to reach a conclusion. However, there is a general consensus that, looked at in isolation, the Somme was a disaster. It was fought at a point on the Front Line where the German defences were at their strongest. The commanding Generals seemed incapable of grasping that the pattern set in the early weeks could not but be repeated each time a new push was ordered, because the German forces were too well dug in and were far better trained and organised. They should have called off the offensive far earlier. However, looking at the wider picture, it is similarly broadly accepted by most writers that what the Somme did was to turn an Army consisting mostly of new recruits (in 1914 there were just four British infantry divisions, by July 1st 1916 there were fifty-eight) into an Army equal in training, skill, organisation and command to that of the long established and mostly conscripted German forces. By doing so it paved the way for ultimately being able to defeat the Central Powers in 1918. But it was still a long road to November 1918 and it had been a terrible classroom and proving ground.

Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held on 3rd October

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council will be held on Monday 7th November.

County Council Report

Cllr James Finch shared a signage scheme for the by-pass to discourage HGV's accessing Cox Hill from Sand Hill. The Parish Council debated the merits of the scheme and then gave approval. The Parish Council then approved a "Local Shops Sign" for the by-pass promoting the Village Businesses. He thanked residents for clearing the weeds on The Causeway and confirmed it is still on the weedkill program. Cllr Finch agreed to look at the road surface at Daking Avenue and finally speed prevention and detection was raised with him.

District Council Report

Cllr Bryn Hurren reported of the decision to accommodate both District Councils at Endeavour House, Ipswich. He is keeping an eye on developments at Station Field including the drainage, footpath access and the allocations. He felt the success of the development should be celebrated. He spoke of positive feedback in relation to the phone mast plans. The condition of the bus shelter is of concern. He encouraged the Village to press ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cemetery

Winter priorities in the Cemetery and Churchyard were to be agreed and notices of forthcoming tree work were to be issued to nearby residents.

Bus Shelter

Members and residents had been concerned about the state of the Bus Shelter (near the White Hart) due to bird mess. The sweeping contractors were cleaning the shelter regularly, however, the situation needs resolving as soon as possible. Quotations were being sought. Cllr Hurren agreed to check the specification of what is acceptable from the heritage team at the District Council. It is hoped that the situation will be resolved by the year end.

Footpath near Station Field, Sand Hill

It was agreed for Cllr Hurren to establish what was agreed by the planners in respect of improving the footpath access. A resident had offered to assist with the re-surfacing if provision had not been made.

Parking on Homefield

Concern was expressed again about the car parking on Homefield during football matches. This was to be followed up with the Playing Field Committee.

Planning The Planning Authority confirmed permission was granted to alter planning conditions at Simbos Gun Dogs and Grooming in Stone Street. Tree work at 28 Cox Hill and also in the Cemetery had been approved. The Parish Council had No Objections to the proposed garage and store at Ambleside, Polstead Road and conservatory roof and cladding at 47 Daking Avenue.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council



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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

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

Present: J Osborne (Chair), P Roberts, C Fraulo, N Cox, R Cheeseman, D Wills
In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), B Hurren (BDC), J Finch (SCC)

Apologies for absence – A Dixon-Smith – approved.

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors to the meeting. The Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed. The Minutes of the meeting of 6 July 2016 were approved and signed.

Reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public – C Fraulo said that she might attend the BAPTC meeting on 20 September in Hadleigh.

Reports - J Finch (SCC) had previously circulated his report providing an update on devolution proposals and information on the Raising the Bar Community Fund grants for projects involving parents and carers to complement learning at school and early years. The closing date is 29 September 2016. He also advised that he had had a meeting at Westminster today and was able to confirm that Abellio will be providing 1000 new coaches from 2019, with higher frequency of trains as part of the biggest investment in rail stock ever made.

B Hurren (BDC) advised that the appointment for the new Chief Executive should be made in November. There are fears that BDC and MSDC offices will be closed and moved to Endeavour House in Ipswich, outside the BDC area. He confirmed that the Sand Hill scheme was nearly finished and the housing had been allocated. Many people were disappointed but there were limited numbers available. The planning application has been received for the proposed mobile phone mast on the A1071 at Boxford. The PC resolved to send a letter to BDC giving the strongest possible support for this phone mast. B Hurren said that a complaint had been received about the debris on Spout Hill and BDC would be sweeping it as soon as possible. He handed out Quay Theatre programmes.

Planning Matters - B/16/01022 Winthrop Cottage, Church Street Groton CO10 5HD – erection of first floor side extension and porch; erection of front extension to existing garage and single storey rear extension (following removal of existing conservatory) – the PC had no objections to this application.

Local housing update – nothing further has been heard from Hastoe Housing Association and J Osborne will chase them.

Community Emergency Planning – it was agreed to leave this over until the next meeting and re-circulate draft plan.

Highway and Footpath matters.

Footpath cutting – J Osborne had met with A Dixon-Smith, Caroline Last, Kevin Verlander from SCC and Norse Contractors to look at all the footpaths on the SCC grass cutting schedule in the light of previous issues. The PC could either continue to use the contractors to cut the paths twice a year as at present, ask SCC to hand over the budget for the PC to arrange cutting, or compromise by continuing with the 2 SCC cuts and arranging for landowners to make additional cuts as necessary. It was resolved that the PC would monitor the situation following this year's second cut and would then reconsider the matter. The Clerk will advise K Verlander.

Dog fouling issues – The Clerk will continue to chase BDC re the siting of the proposed dog bin. It was resolved that this should be red rather than green.

Other highway matters – The resurfacing at Park Corner has been carried out but it is not thought that the drainage work has been done. J Finch confirmed that it was on the Highways list of jobs to do. R Cheeseman agreed to meet with the contractors if possible to explain the situation.

Financial matters - The PC approved and accepted the Annual Return including the external auditor's certificate. There were no issues arising from the audit.

The Clerk advised that the annual insurance premium falls due on 1 October 2016. The only increase was as a result of the Insurance Premium Tax increase. The PC has a long term agreement which expires in 2 years. The PC resolved to accept the quotation of £188.05.

The Statement of Finance and Orders for Payment were approved.

Reserve account as at 5 August 2016 £3517.85

Current account as at 5 August 2016 £3722.86

Total

£7240.71

The Clerk advised that since the bank statement had been received, she had been notified that the second half of the precept had been paid into the PC's account, in the sum of £2074.50.

Future agenda items were agreed as dog bins, footpaths, Park Corner junction, Community Emergency Plan.

The next meeting is on 2 November 2016 at 7pm.

A full version of the minutes can be found on the website Groton.onesuffolk.net

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Readers Letters

Sir

The family of the late Dennis Stacey would like to thank everyone for the kind words and cards of condolence, those that helped on the day Dennis passed away and those that attended the funeral.

We would like to thank you for the lovely flowers and support given to Eileen over the passed weeks and Deacons funeral directors, Richard Titford, The Brewers Arms for the excellent buffet and not forgetting Jayne for the beautiful wreath.

This will be the only but sincere acknowledgement,

Thank you all so very much

The Stacey Family

Sir

I was very disappointed by the attendance at the Boxford Village Hall, Annual General Meeting which was on Monday evening the 10th. October, at the Hall.

The Management Committee were in attendance together with two members of the public. Bearing in mind that the publicity covered an advertisement in the Boxford River News and posters on the public notice boards and also in the shops in the centre of the Village. Plus flyers were handed out to the regular users of the Hall.

Back in 2014 there was an article in the East Anglian Daily Times quoting various residents as saying that Boxford had a great community feel and that the affordable housing developments and the proposed one for Station Field would enable small businesses to thrive. The reality is that Village organisations are finding it increasingly difficult to get members of the community to come forward and support them. There are some groups like the Boxford Bike Club and the Boxford Gardening Society that appear to be doing well but others not so.

If we are to have more dwellings such as Station Field, Goodlands (phase one) and then another twenty plus houses in Goodlands (phase two), it is assumed that the new inhabitants will support Village businesses and the various groups in the Village but I'm afraid that recent history does not bear that out.

As the phrase goes "Use it or Lose it". If you want a thriving community then it is down to everyone to get involved and not stand back and leave it to the willing few.

David House - Honorary Treasurer- Boxford Village Hall

Sir

Marty, Doreen and the Jarmin Family would like to say thank you to all the lovely people out there for all the kindness shown to them at the loss of dear Daniel

Love from us all

The Jarmin Family

Sir



Our mum Doreen Tait loved it when her picture was in the BRN. So for the last time as we thank everybody we know she would love it.

Thank you first of all to everybody that came to the church and village hall for refreshments and reflections

Doreen would have loved to see so many friends and family. For all the donations to the St Elizabeth Hospice and the Air Ambulance which at the moment stands at £502. Thank you to Dawn Mace and her helpers

whose food was so fresh and delicious.

To Veronica and Robert for opening the bar, thank you some of us needed a drink. Big thank you to Jayne Foster for the lovely flowers and also to Lenny Southgate for all his help.

David Deacon of Lavenham Funeral Service, thank you.

Last of all to Rev Judith always at the end of the phone for everything at the church and the crematorium and for the visit to Doreen at her flat. Thank you so very much.

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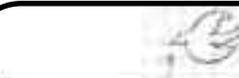
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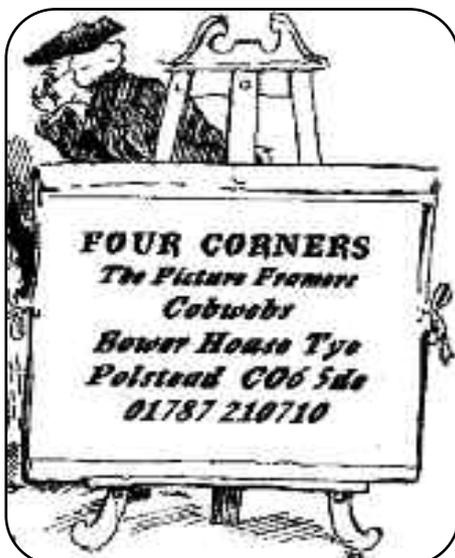
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MILDEN CRICKET CLUBS ANNUAL DINNER

Milden Cricket Club held their Annual Dinner and season ending presentations on Saturday night at the Edwardstone White Horse. With a fantastic turn out, the players, families and friends of Milden Cricket Club were superbly looked after again by Mick and June and the staff at the White Horse, a massive thank you for your efforts and generosity.

There were numerous recognitions for people that have supported the club off the field and then the awards for the various trophies to the players. Alex Zahid deservedly won the Player of the Year and was awarded the Dowbiggen Cup, he also picked up the duck trophy for most nougts this year and also Cow Corner for his efforts in hitting cricket balls a very long way this year into different parts of Suffolk.

The Chairman's trophy was presented to Greg Hayton for his efforts both on the pitch this year and off it, terrific achievement to win this and well deserved again. Tom Konopka picked up the batting trophy having top scored with 469 runs this year with an average over 50 Nick Leppard won the bowling trophy, being leading wicket taker with 25.

The fielding trophy was presented to Richard Harding for his terrific displays behind the stumps, at times making it look easier than it really is. Alan Every was voted Young Player of the Year and has been a terrific addition to our club and got better and better throughout the year. Alex Cunningham was awarded the most improved player, his 108 against Great Cornard capped off a great season personally for him.

Andrew Simmons was voted club man of the year. Hardly playing himself this year due to being away and injury, really helped the club move forward and was a clear winner for this award.

Finally, Jane Konopka won Cricket tea of the year which was voted by the payers, i think there may be some fierce competition for this next year judging by some of the conversations in the bar after, Great British Bake off has nothing on this competition.

We came together as a club even more so this year, winning the league as champions and going the season unbeaten was an achievement, making new friends and sharing our success together, priceless.

UP THE MELDES !!!!!

Tom Konopka, Captain.

NEWTON'S ALICE AND LILY HEAD FOR PORTUGAL

TWO young golfers who have both been hitting the headlines this year are now playing out of Newton Green.

Both Alice Barlow and Lily May Humphreys have qualified to be part of the field in the prestigious Telegraph BMW Junior Championships Final at Quinta do Lago, Portugal, at the start of November.

The event will be played on the remodelled North Course, which was named best European New Course in 2014.

Barlow, 17, has played at Newton since she was nine, and Humphreys has recently joined following a move by her family to the Sudbury area. Humphreys, 14, is already an England junior international, and in a number of spectacular successes this year became the national girls' under 16 champion.

She has moved to within a short distance of Newton from the Chelmsford area, where she is a member of Channels, which will continue to be her home club, and allow her to retain links with Essex golf.

Humphreys recently qualified for Portugal with a five under par score as one of her four, bogey free rounds in the North of England under 16 mixed stroke play championship at Pannels, Yorkshire. She led the field by six shots and finished 15 under par.

This year she was also third in the European Young Masters, and plays off plus-three.

As part of the England girls' eastern junior training scheme, which is led at Stoke-by-Nayland by professional, Rolly Hitchcock, she is now on his doorstep for additional advice.

Meanwhile, Barlow has stepped away from professional coaching in the last two years to work with her father, who is her caddy and plays off 12. She qualifies for the trip to Portugal as a result of a four under par she carded in one of her four rounds in the England Girls' Under 18 championships.

Since then, the current Suffolk ladies and junior champion has gone on to be the first winner of the England Girls' County champion of champions title at Woodhall Spa, the headquarters of England Golf. She also finished fifth in the simultaneous national women's title event played off the same card.

Barlow's success on the Bracken course has also qualified her to play in the English Women's Amateur Championships on the former Ryder Cup course of Lindrick, South Yorkshire, from July 18-19 next year.

BOXFORD BOWLS CLUB DONATES MONEY TO THE SCOUTS



Above: Les Clark, Club President, presenting the cheque to Mark Miller, Scout Leader.

Following Boxford Bowls club's very successful Open Tournament in August, the club wanted to share the benefits and donate some of the profits of the day to help the local community.

'We decided we would like to make a donation to the local Scout group from the money we raised', said Social Committee chairman Andrew Blakebrough, 'as we thought it would be rather nice if the 'older' residents of the village were able to help the youngsters.'

So the club arranged for Mark Miller, Scout Leader, 1st Boxford Scouts, to visit the Green with the scouts where Les Clark, Club President, presented him with a cheque for £100. It is anticipated that the money will go towards new equipment

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NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB FESTIVAL PROFITS UP AND PARTY PLANS FOR A 110TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Newton Green Golf Club's festival week made a record profit, and plans are in hand to organise next year's event to include a 110th anniversary celebration.