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BOXFORD BIKE CLUBS GENEROSITY CONTINUES



Photo David Burden

At the Annual General Meeting of the Boxford Community Council, the Boxford Bike Club presented Ward Baker, Chairman of The Community Council, with a cheque for £1250 from money raised at this years Boxford Tornado

GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS

As in 2010 and 2015, Church Together in Sudbury & District have organised a hustings at St Peter's Church, Sudbury, to provide the opportunity for you to quiz (grill?) the candidates seeking your vote in the General Election on 8th June 2017. The hustings is on Tuesday 30th May, starting at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm.)

Four of the five candidates standing in the South Suffolk constituency have confirmed that they will attend:

- Emma Bishton (Labour)
- James Carlidge (Conservative)
- Robert Lindsay (Green Party)
- Aidan Powlesland (UKIP)

Unfortunately, the Liberal Democrat candidate, Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne, cannot attend due to a prior commitment (i.e. one arranged before Theresa May called a 'snap' election). He will be represented at the hustings by Nigel Bennett, a Sudbury Town Councillor and the Lib Dem parliamentary candidate at the 2010 General Election.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions on the night (we'll have slips of papers for this purpose as people arrive), but it would be helpful to receive advance notice of questions (not too long, please!), which can be e-mailed to David Lamming at djlamming@hotmail.com. This will assist in gauging the issues that most people are interested in and want to ask the candidates about.

In 2015 over 250 people attended - so come early for a good seat!

THREE PARISHES RESPONSE AWARDS 2016



At the Boxford APM held in Boxford Village Hall on 9th May, Our 3PR responders who had carried out over 500 hours on duty during 2016 were presented with their awards. They were LtoR Jasmine Lait 1131hrs, Elaine Carpenter 548 hrs, Back row right Vince Strafford 1255 hrs and inset Elizabeth D'Astur 1642hrs. Back left is a very proud Michael Norman Chairman of the Three Parishes Response team who are now achieving a very high coverage of the monthly hours available and with new members coming on line this important voluntary service is continuing to improve.

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NEWS FROM MILDEN



Mildens has enjoyed two great social events in the past month on April 22nd the Fun Quiz hosted by Andrea and Laure raised £405 for Mildens Pavilion, with some amusing games during evening!

At the beginning of May The Mildens Singers provide their best concert to date, according to the audience raising £1026 with £320 donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care from the Raffle. Their next concerts will be on 17th and 18th November.

Plans are underway for the ever popular Mildens Ball with the date in November to be confirmed very soon.

Mildens Pavilion offered Mildens Residents the opportunity to attend an accredited Emergency First Course by SRE First Aid Training. Due to the demand plans are underway to host another evening course along with one specifically for the younger members of the community funded by Mildens Pavilion.



CPR

EDWARDSTONE ART GROUP



We are a group of 9 local artists, who meet on Wednesdays at Edwardstone Parish Hall, to paint and exchange ideas. On 6th and 7th May we held our first exhibition at Boxford Village Hall. This was well attended both days, and we sold over £1,000 worth of paintings and cards. The commission from works sold, plus donations received, will enable us to give over £170 to Boxford Community Council. The refreshments proved very popular, and it was nice to see everyone enjoying the occasion in Boxford's lovely Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who came, and helped to make our exhibition so successful, also to our families and friends for their invaluable support.



FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 9 June 8.00 £15

Mark Lewandowski Trio: Tribute to Fats Waller

"With Lewandowski's sonorous, fluent delivery, Noble's vibrant piano and Clarvis's deft brush work, the numbers jump out at the listener" - All About Jazz

Mark Lewandowski bass, Liam Noble, Paul Clarvis percussion
Fats Waller was a masterful stride pianist, a playful vocalist and one of the greatest and most enduring songwriters of the early Jazz age. This new trio finds ways of bringing such a strong musical identity into the 21st century while retaining the core values that his music stands for - swing, romance, humour and social relevance. Mark Lewandowski has been described as having "a huge vibrant, singing tone" and "soloing with the agility and articulation of a horn player". Liam Noble has been described as "a brilliant pianist who hardly plays a solo without at least one turn of phrase that brings you to the edge of your seat" (John Fordham, The Guardian). Paul Clarvis is a very talented percussionist, who displays remarkable technical gifts, enthusiasm and flair. His clear awareness of the past traditions of jazz drumming helps bring depth to his playing, although he also works in folk and classical forms where, again, his work is exceptional.

Friday 16 June 8.00 £18

Sam Eagles Sextet

Young British alto saxist Samuel Eagles the very fluent contemporary jazz bebop performer, makes a welcome return to Fleece Jazz.

Sam Eagles sax, Duncan Eagles sax, Sam Leak piano, Ralph Wyld vibraphone, Max Luther ~ bass, Dave Hamblett drums

Sunday 25th June 7.45 £20

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THIS MONTHS LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

"I have spies all over the place...."

Such was your editor's response last month when I emailed him to ask "How did my birthday sneak into the church pages???" I still haven't managed to identify exactly which spy it was! But there's no getting away from it. It was one of those milestone birthdays that had a zero in it. As someone so kindly wrote in their birthday card (and she knows who she is...), "Enjoy your bus pass and your free prescriptions!" So there you have it. Six decades of life, a span, which, when I was in my twenties, seemed inconceivable. I remember my brother, just after I had become a Christian in my late teens, doubting that it would last. "I bet you won't be a Christian when you're 60", he said. Well here I am, defying his doubts, still trying, however weakly and falteringly at times, to live out the Christian faith and follow the Lord who called me all that time ago.

Perhaps it's appropriate, then, that it is in this milestone year that I am to be "Castaway" on a desert island - not actually Bear Grylls style, thank goodness - but in the tropical climes of Groton Village Hall, on 17th June, raising money for the church. Having to choose eight pieces of music to chart the key moments of your life is not as easy as you may think, and I am veering between a head empty of ideas and a head that is too full of them! But it has been an interesting experience to look back over a life and think about what really were the significant moments, events or people that have shaped my life so far.

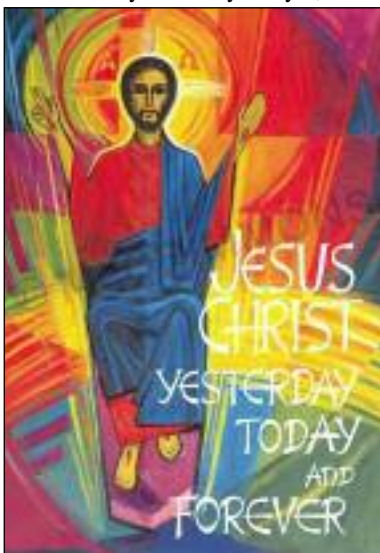
This is exactly what the gospel writers did, as they reflected on the life of Jesus. They had to decide which were the most telling words and teaching, the most revealing and powerful actions of this extraordinary man that showed who he really was and what his message and meaning was for the world.

Now that my life has covered six decades, I realise just how short a span of life it is, in some ways, and how vivid some of my memories are even from a very young age. Those early impressions endure, they still hold true. They can still take me back to a particular place, a particular occasion, a particular feeling. I am sure the same must be same for you. Discovering this has made me see the writing of Mark's Gospel in a new light, for it is thought to be written a mere 60 or 70 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. So close in time, I now feel, to Jesus himself, so close to the living, breathing, inspirational, challenging young rabbi. Based on vivid memories, unforgettable encounters, it's no wonder that if you read Mark's short gospel all in one go, it feels like a gallop, a breathless race to get down the key moments, the significant sayings and doings of Jesus, so that they would not be lost but would be ours forever.

Not all my birthday cards were quite so direct in sentiment as the bus pass one! But they were all given, I know, with affection, and for that, were hugely appreciated -

as were the flowers and other undeserved gifts. Thank you all. For me, then, this year's birthday has been a bit of a reckoning. Above all it has been a time to give thanks for two amazing and special people who have walked with me - one for the whole of my sixty years - Jesus, "the same 'yesterday, today, and forever'" - and Rufus, who has faithfully and lovingly walked beside me, sharing the joys and the sorrows, for well over thirty of those years. I am truly blessed. And I don't mind how many of Eddie's spies know that!

Blessings, Revd, Judith



THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

A Dangerous Crossing by Jane Mitchell



Award winning author Jane Mitchell passionately believes in using literature as a conduit to highlight Human Rights' issues that children need to understand and talk about. She explains, Children hear the political rhetoric on the right side and the left side - that we should open our doors and let everybody in, versus we should build barriers, we should build walls, we should ban people. And children are struggling to make sense of it, adults are struggling to make sense of it, we don't know what approach to take and what our views are because this is new, this is completely different to all of us. 'A Dangerous Crossing' gets to the heart of the matter.

Her book is particularly effective and empathetic because it enables the reader

to visualise the horror and stark reality of despair as people are torn from their homes and everything they know by the brutality of war. Their raison d'être is to try desperately to protect their families and stay together. All they need is sanctuary and freedom from terror. The unfortunate truth is that these families have been forced into exile by circumstances beyond their control. They exist on a knife edge of uncertainty of what the future will hold. As Mitchell's protagonist Ghalib, wise and brave beyond his 13 years, says, When our dreams are dead, Baba. When we are forced to fight or die. Then surely it must be time to leave.

This young teen's dilemma is told in the first person. The narrative style amplifies the emotional impact of his story on the reader. He is part of the Shenu family who live in Kobani, a city near Aleppo in Syria, and south of the border with Turkey. Ghalib's father is a gentle doctor who exists to care for others, his gran (Tata) dreads leaving the country she has loved all her life, Umi (his mother) vows to safeguard her family while his tetchy sister Bushra wants to be an engineer and is angry that in their culture girls are treated differently to boys. Ghalib also feels responsible for his younger brother Aylan who clings to him and is particularly precious as he was born disabled due to trauma amidst prolonged bombing 'His little hooked arm is curled tight against his body like an extraordinary seashell, pale and fragile and broken.'

Tension is palpable from the start as Ghalib, coerced by his wilful cousin Hamza, risks his life by going out on the streets at night where the stench of rotting rubbish mixes with smoke and pulverised concrete, smashed up sewers and rot. Not only are the boys in danger from enforced recruitment by the People's Protection Units but Barrel bombs are also raining death from the blackened skies.

Ghalib is soon severely tested and shaken to the core by ensuing events. He embarks on a precarious and arduous journey with his family as they resolve to travel to Turkey and attempt a perilous sea crossing to the Greek Islands. This decision exposes the Shenus to unforeseen dangers, exploitation and discrimination. Along the way they meet the wary, defiant and tenacious Safaa, an Armenian girl who makes a lasting impression on Ghalib. But what secret is she attempting to hide? What happens to the Shenus as they arrive at a place redolent with despondency? What are their options as they try to cross the heavily guarded border checkpoint? Will they be separated? Can they find sustenance and refuge anywhere? Do they have the strength to travel and endure hellish scenarios? Will they be able to start new lives? Will they be met with welcome or scorn? Ghalib must face more obstacles before their goal is in sight.

Mitchell's novel breathes with authenticity as it is based on the trials and tribulations of real Syrian families. As part of her research, she interviewed Syrians living in Dublin (who gave her a perspective on what the country was like pre-war) and volunteered at the notorious Jungle Camp in Calais, home to 6,000 migrants at the time. She elaborates, They are humans who are just in awful situations, and it could happen to us. And once you engage with them, a smile crosses any boundaries, any barriers it doesn't matter what language they speak - there were people from Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan. And I didn't speak their language but you'd give them a smile and a pat on the back or shake their hand.

Jane Mitchell's insightful novel is just one children's book which highlights the current humanitarian catastrophe. Another must read is the beautifully observed *The Bone Sparrow* by Zana Fraillon which examines the plight of the Rohingya people of Myanmar (formerly Burma) detained in an Australian camp. The graphic novel *Alpha* by Bessora, Barroux and Sarah Ardizzone (translator) documents a man's flight from Africa to France in search of his wife and child, *Welcome to Nowhere* by Elizabeth Laird set in Bosra also sheds light on the traumatic Syrian Civil War.

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PRIMROSE WOOD NEWS.



At last our new hexagonal bench has been fitted round the Millennium Tree. The lovely drying weather of the past few weeks meant the marshy ground around the Black Poplar tree was dry enough to install the new bench.

On a beautiful sunny morning this week, Vic Rice, Peter Dendall, Jonathan Rands, Roger Loose and Tina Loose set off for the wood with a range of tools and high spirits.

On arrival we found Tony Suckling from the adjacent farm across the River Box in Edwardstone and his team waiting. His tractor lift fork and pallet were already lying across the river loaded with our bench parts and cement that he had kindly stored for us while we waited for good weather. Thus we avoided a long carry of a very heavy materials to the site. Thank you Tony for your invaluable help.

The four men set to assembling, measuring, digging, levelling, cementing and generally battling with nature to get the seat correctly placed. I did the hard job of taking the photos of work in progress!

Two and a half hours later the seat was secure and looking splendid. We are indebted to Realise Futures, the Ipswich company that built the bench from recycled materials, for their excellent workmanship and superb service. We shall be using them again. Our grateful thanks also to the two Boxford families, Court Knoll Masonic Lodge and the Boxford Community Council who generously funded the project.

Why not take a walk up to the wood on a sunny day to enjoy the trees in new leaf, the golden Marsh Marigolds, the violet Ladies Smock, lots of butterflies and, if you are lucky, Owls, Buzzards or Sparrow hawks hunting across the meadow? If you go in the second week of June you will see thousands of Marsh Orchids in bloom and what could be better than a quiet rest on the new seat half way round.

We have some funds left from the project and propose to add two further seats to the wood. One will be replacing a bench at the top of the wood and the other at the top of the newly acquired grassland east of the existing woodland. This one will provide a fine, scenic view over the village to the church.

Tina Loose



BGS PLANT SALE



Members raised over £1000 at their Plant Sale on Saturday 13 May

DO YOU KNOW AN INSPIRING YOUNG PERSON?

The K&S Cup is back!

To celebrate Boxford's brilliant youngsters, The K&S Cup is given annually to a young person in the village that has made a positive difference to the Boxford community over the last 12 months.

The winner receives £50 in cash and gets awarded the cup with their name engraved on it.

Do you know of anyone aged 19 or under that you feel would be an ideal winner this year? If so, let us know either by nominating online at <http://www.boxfordsuffolk.com/KandSCup.cfm> or by filling in the form below and handing it into Boxford Post Office.

The deadline for nominations is Saturday 15th July and the winner will be announced at the Boxford Playing Fields 50 event on Saturday 29th July.

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CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SUFFOLK AND INDIA A Talk by Ashley Cooper

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome back Ashley Cooper, one of Suffolk's leading local historians, to the Parish Room on April 19th. As anticipated, our audience of more than 40 people were enthralled by the myriad connections he had identified between the 'Jewel in the Crown' and Suffolk, and the historical context so ably portrayed - he really is a brilliant storyteller.

Ashley began by asking the audience if they had any personal connection to India or had visited there; four people (10% of the audience) indicated they had. He then noted that 70 years ago, King George VI was the King Emperor of India, whilst 80 years ago the UK commonly celebrated Empire Day - such different times. He then tried to give a sense of the sheer scale of 'British India', which stretched some 2,000 miles East from the Khyber Pass to Burma and another 2,000 miles South from the Himalayas to the coast of Kerala at the bottom of the mainland - a simply staggering size.

Ashley then threw in a curved ball of a question - Where did the majority of British men in India go to school? This caught us all out, with various answers from 'private schools' to Eton, Harrow and the like. The answer he told us was small village schools such as that in Little Waldingfield, because the vast bulk of British men in India were army privates, the sons of farmers just one or two generations away from illiterate forebears who were often subject to transportation for minor crimes. The general feeling at the time was that 'you had to leave to get on in life', and leave they did, in droves. Another interesting snippet was that just 1,300 civil servants administered India, including the railways, and many such ICS employees went weeks or months without seeing another European face.

Ashley then explained that he had visited India as a young man and, on his return, one day on the boundary of his father's farm, he was asked by farmhand Cecil Smith how he had found India. Being somewhat cocksure he replied glibly and without much thought, to then be asked a whole series of detailed questions clearly illustrating detailed knowledge of the country. This started a trend over the next 40 years as he kept coming across people who had served in the army in India, typically for seven years (the minimum commitment); he therefore decided to interview these men



later less 92 men who had died. This led to another question to the audience as to the main cause of death, but we had wised up by now and got the answer right - dysentery sadly.

It seems that life in Indian barracks was interesting to say the least; based upon his interviews, men could have their laundry, including uniforms, done for just one rupee a week - a bargain - but being shaved in bed whilst asleep seems like a dangerous thing to do, particularly during times of local revolt. It also seems there was a huge gulf between officers and ranks, who lived separate lives. The tale of the officer's overcoat will live long in the memory; apologies to readers who were not present, but I am no Ashley Cooper and unable to convey the build up to the story, the denouement and all the nuances along the way. Needless to say, the men had to suffer sand flies, frequent bouts of dysentery, much practical joking along with usually going to bed hungry, then often being woken up by various comments such as 'how would you like some of your mother's rabbit pie now' - the ways of the countryside was how Ashley described such behaviour.

We were then given some insight into the business connections between Suffolk and India. William Armes is a leading UK manufacturer / distributor of domestic doormats, rugs and runners, based in Sudbury though first established in Kings Lynn, in 1830, to make use of coir and coconut fibre for matting shipped back from India. More up to date, Rafi Fernandez, born and raised in Hyderabad, moved to England in 1965 aged just 21, opening her Asian delicatessen in Sudbury in 1988 with the help of second husband Den. Rafi's Spicebox continues today, in Sudbury, York, Harrogate and Newcastle, and is a mecca for curry aficionados. Bringing this connection full circle, men from the ranks seemed to enjoy going to the cinema to watch silent black and white movies, apparently passing the time stoning each other with fruit pips if the film was not great - one such cinema owner, who seems to have been given much good humoured grief, was Rafi Hernandez's father.

Ashley then turned our attention to the wives of army men, who often paid a huge price for their experience, either dying early during childbirth or having to say goodbye to their children when aged two, when they were sent home to keep them away from Indian diseases, possibly not seeing them until they returned four or more years later. More happily, the post office established a quicker way for letters to be sent to India (and other places); the Aerograph process filmed the letters, sending the film by airmail before local printing and despatch to recipients. Initially just 36 letters at a time were filmed, taking between 5 and 10 days, down considerably on the months travel by sea, but over time special forms were used along with much larger film capacity to increase efficiency.

Ashley told us that some British women also spent time in India, mainly as nurses, and they were generally very concerned with the mental health of the men, the majority of whom were very young (18 or 19) and desperately homesick. This perhaps helps explain the practical jokes often played on mates or even officers, a favourite being to pour petrol down the latrines (simply a hole in the ground surrounded by a tent); when the victim arrived to do his business, throwing a fag down the hole created quite a bang, resulting in many burnt backsides.

Following this, Ashley spoke about the 'Forgotten Army', a multinational force comprising units from many Commonwealth countries who, together with British Army units, held the line at Kohima Ridge for months against vastly superior Japanese forces. Survivors of the slaughter, privations and appalling conditions interviewed said the end result looked worse than the trenches of the First World War. A couple of VCs were awarded, whilst Ashley told us the epitaph on the memorial to the British Second Division in the cemetery is now world famous, as the Kohima Epitaph:

When you go home, tell them of us and say,

For your tomorrow, we gave our today

This verse is attributed to John Maxwell Edmonds and is thought inspired by the epitaph written by Simonides to honour Spartans who fell at the Battle of Thermopylae in 480 BC. It seems entirely appropriate based on some of the comments Ashley received from his interviewees:

- Hacking your way single file through the jungle
- 27 mates bayoneted to death

As Ashley said, this is his contribution to remembering the forgotten army of the Burma campaign.

The talk really was an incredible tour de force, by a most accomplished and authoritative speaker, which held the audience completely spellbound throughout.

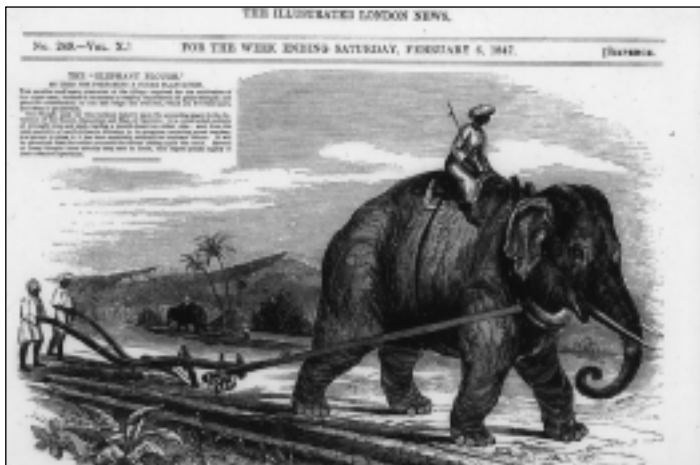
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- 17th May, when Mark Bills will talk to us about the Life and Art of Thomas Gainsborough.

As a director of Gainsborough's House, who better to speak to us?

- 14th June, when Joy Bounds will tell us all about the life and times of Joan of Arc.

Andy Sheppard



An Elephany Plough

before their shared memories disappeared, writing his book 'The Khyber Connection, The furrow and the Raj'.

We were then treated to a quick history lesson of various sieges from the 1790s (Seringapatam) to the 1850s, when Lucknow was besieged during the Indian Rebellion of 1857, firstly for 87 days and then again for a further 61 days until relief finally arrived. Ashley advised that many Suffolk churches have memorials to men lost during the Indian Campaign, before asking the audience how the public back home felt about the situation given that communication with loved ones in India was slow, to say the least. A little surprisingly we learnt that the Suffolk and Essex press carried weekly articles and that there were many local fund raising efforts to improve the lot of men over there.

Ashley then spoke about the Suffolk Regiment, into which most East Anglian men were recruited. In 1878 the regiment moved into what is now Afghanistan with 850 men, the Khyber Pass, returning a year and a month

TEACHING ENGLISH IN CHINA



In August I will leave to spend an exciting year overseas teaching English in China with a Scottish charity called Project Trust, who give school leavers the opportunity to volunteer abroad in positions which cannot be filled by locals. I will be working either in Jiamusi in China's far northeast, or in Jiujiang, a city of 5 million on the river Yangtze in southern China, teaching English to large classes of around sixty pupils in a state secondary school.

Travelling to China is something of a long-awaited ambition for me: I've become interested in China in the last few years, partly in relation to its rapid economic growth but also simply out of fascination for a vastly different culture and its language. Some like to think of China in terms of its contradictions: broad optimism over the prospect of becoming a middle income society after decades of Communist turmoil, yet increasing repression of civil liberties, making social media a place where unending scandals and polemics play out. Part of my desire to visit China comes from learning Mandarin for three years, a highly expressive language in which computers are known as 'electric brains' and cramped students as 'ant tribes'. Spending time in China will give me firsthand experience of what life in the increasingly prominent and much-discussed country is like – for me, a year there teaching such large classes will no doubt prove tiring – and will hopefully come in handy when I go on to study International Relations at university. I enjoy learning languages at school and have mentored students in the past as well as teaching French in primary schools, but when it comes to teaching English, this is a first.

Between now and August I need to raise £6,200 to fund my flights, accommodation, basic living costs and support from Project Trust in China. I will be living in school accommodation, teaching full time like local teachers, and will be responsible for my own upkeep. I plan to run various events to fundraise, many of them at school in Colchester, including teaching some basic Chinese to other students. Any contributions towards my fundraising would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made by cheque, made out to Project Trust, delivered to me at 38 Swan Street, Boxford. Alternatively, visit my fundraising page at Virginmoneygiving.com. Thank you!

Tom Kirkham, Boxford.

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BUGS, BIRDS AND BEASTS IN THE EAST

Let the garden put a spring in your step By Emily Kench

Spring that glorious time of the year where we draw back the curtains, fling open the windows and once again turn our gardens into a multifunctional seasonal living room, dining room and playroom. A 'room' we must tend to when preparing for the lazy alfresco morning coffee, the long scone-consuming session in the ever-lasting afternoon sun, and the evenings spent entertaining on the patio with one hand strategically swatting away mosquitoes whilst cautiously cradling the gin and tonic in the other.



Photo Graham Madge

Whether you're a coffee, tea or gin drinker, there's no need to accompany your time outside with a little background music. Leave the radio, headphones and boom box inside because your garden comes with its very own soundtrack.

The low-drum-hum bass of the bumblebee vibrates around the flower beds. The pair of blue tits flitting in and out of their nest box provides a not-so-catchy but nonetheless repetitive chorus: "tsee-tsee-tsu-hu-hu-hu-hu." And the male frog hanging wistfully round the pond offers a soft, lyrical croak.

At least these are the sounds of spring that we experience at the RSPB Flatford Wildlife Garden. Nestled deep in the heart of Constable Country, this wildlife-friendly garden is teeming with life all year round, offering all the inspiration you will need to transform your own green patch into a wildlife oasis.

For the more bijoux garden, inspiration can be drawn from the small flower meadow and the flower borders full of nectar and pollen that attract an array of insects. If you have more land at your fingertips then you may be able to take inspiration from the young apple orchard and woodland gardens that host a number of resident garden birds. Even if you have no garden to hand, draw inspiration on bringing the outside in with the thoughtful kitchen garden, all designed with garden wildlife in mind.

Either way, however big your green patch even the smallest of wildlife friendly gardens in the UK help give wildlife a vital network of stepping stones through the wider landscape. UK gardens covering three times more land than all RSPB nature reserves put together. So by dusting off your gardening gloves and nurturing your own local nature, you will join an army of fellow conservationists in gardens across the country all doing their bit to save wildlife.



Photo Andy Haye

Before visiting Flatford Wildlife Garden, here are a few ideas to set you on your way:

Build a bee b&b: Offer solitary bees five-star accommodation by building them their very own hotel. Solitary bees don't live in hives like honeybees. As their name suggests, these furry pollinators make their nests on their own and lay their eggs in tunnels, like in dead wood or hard soil. A bee hotel mimics these conditions. Sit and watch adult female bees find the nest on sunny days in spring. You'll know they're nesting if you see them flying in with pollen, with blobs of mud to create cell walls along the tube, or with bits of leaf.

Make the perfect bird bath: Make a bird bath to give birds a safe and reliable way to find fresh water in the hot weather. Look out for birds coming for a drink or to keep their feathers clean. It's quite a performance, so sit back and watch them having a good, splashy bath – who needs TV? You can make your birdbath at any time of year, but summer really is a critical time when water can be scarce for birds. You'll often see blackbirds and flocks of starlings taking a dip, while wood pigeons may just sit in the water to cool off!

Build a frog and toad abode: Create an underground den where frogs, toads and newts can find safe lodging. Our amphibian friends like to hibernate in a cool, dark and damp shelter, safely away from predators. Some frogs use the mud at the bottom of ponds, but many amphibians spend the winter on land. They do like to get a little way underground if they can, so give them a helping hand by creating their very own mansion, full of cavities galore. They'll be able to use it to sleep through winter's worst excesses and emerge, refreshed and ready to go for a hectic spring of mating and spawning.

For full instructions on these and other ways to create a home for wildlife in your garden, visit www.rspb.org.uk/homes.

Visit Flatford Wildlife Garden

The garden is situated in the beautiful and historic hamlet of Flatford, where John Constable used to paint. It is designed to teach and inspire people to help wildlife in their own gardens.

The RSPB hold frequent events and activities for adults and families at the garden, and hidden amongst the blooms you'll find friendly staff and volunteers on hand to answer all your wildlife gardening questions!

Between 27 March and 3 November, the garden is open seven days a week, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for April

Hours covered were out of 720hrs they were on duty 553hrs with 30 activations

£1,100 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association

The Fleece Hotel in Boxford raised more than £1,100 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association at a black tie fundraising evening.

At the event held earlier this month, guests were treated to a three-course meal, followed by auction to raise funds for the charity.

Fleece Hotel landlord Ben Wase said: "The evening was a resounding success. It was great to see the community come together to raise money and awareness for such an important cause. "We are overjoyed with the amount raised and can't wait for our next fundraising event. We'd like to thank all the businesses that donated prizes and to our guests for supporting the evening."

AGM of 1st Boxford Scouts Group

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the 1st Boxford Scout Group, which will be held for the presentation of accounts and election of officers on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm in The Spinney. We are a lively group of volunteers providing exciting and educational activities for the children. If you would like to know and hear more about the Boxford Scout Group, see if you would like to become involved in the Group or have children who attend Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers please do come along to the AGM. For further information before the meeting please contact Mark Miller, Scout Group Leader 01787 211596.

The Mobile Mast

James Cartlidge has welcomed the news that the new Boxford mobile mast should be live, all being well, on June 30th. According to CTIL, agents for O2, this is the target transmission date. James says:

"I am delighted that the Boxford mast is due to go live later in June. Lack of good mobile signal has been a real problem in the village for some time. It should be remembered that this mast came about in large part because of the very welcome support of local people for the Parliamentary petition which I ran, when I was MP for South Suffolk". Villagers have been contacting James to ask when the mast would be live but some have said they already notice better signal. James says: "I have heard that users of EE and other providers may be seeing some improvement and this is likely to be due to a recent upgrade to the Polstead mast, delivering lower frequency signal into the area which goes further than existing signal".

James Cartlidge is Conservative Candidate for South Suffolk, seeking re-election.

The Parish Room, Little Waldingfield



At a very well attended annual general meeting there was a significant changing of the guard - four long standing trustees, with more than 50 years service between them, hung up their boots for a well earned retirement. We would like to thank Richard, Sue, Mary and Pete once again for their dedication in running the venerable old Edwardian Reading Room so loved by villagers.

Retiring chairman Richard calculated that the team had raised and spent in excess of £25,000 over the years on maintenance and improvements to the building, comprising replacement of the big windows, a new kitchen, replacement wainscoting, rebuild of the front wall, complete rewiring with fire escape lights and damp proofing treatment. Richard then mentioned two fundraising events which were particularly special to him - the Silver Trowel village collection and a cake stall in Sudbury Market; as he put it, in both cases the village rallied round with their support, something new trustees hope will continue.

After the AGM there was a 'bit of a do' where the retiring trustees were presented with gifts of appreciation from the many villagers who contributed.

Your new trustees are as follows:

• Chris Bowden	Chairman
• Sue Sheppard	Treasurer and Booking Secretary
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• Charlie Miller	Trustee
• Tricia Eddington	Trustee
• Sue Bowen	Trustee
• Gillian Harritt	Trustee
• Alan Campbell	Trustee
• Jill Duffy	Trustee
• Glen Cooper	Trustee

In addition, Barbara Campbell has kindly agreed to be minute secretary

HADLEIGH BOXFORD GROUP PRACTICE

Patient Participation Group (PPG) Awareness Week June 19-24

Would you like to have a say about the services provided at your surgery?

PPG Awareness week is a national initiative which will be widely advertised nearer the time.

If you visit the Hadleigh or Boxford Surgery in the week beginning Monday June 19 you may well meet members of the Patient Participation Group, who will be able to tell you more about the purpose of the group and how it operates.

One of the key aims of the PPG is to provide feedback to the practice partners and management about patients' views and needs.

We are also hoping to get patients to join our virtual group, which will mean that you would be asked to respond to two or three surveys in the course of the year and also perhaps take part in online discussion groups from time to time.

If you are not likely to be attending the surgeries in PPG Awareness Week but would like to contribute your views on a regular basis through the Virtual Group, then please let us know by contacting David Parke, Business Manager (david.parke@nhs.net) or one of the following members of the PPG who will be pleased to tell you more about the group.

For Hadleigh and district:

Lindsay Panton admin@lindsaytowns.plus.com

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Wot's On

LWHS Programme of Events - 2017

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.

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA presents its Annual Day School at Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall, Saturday, 15th July 2017, 10 am
'DEFENDING THE HARBOUR' –

Landguard Fort, Felixstowe by Dave Wood.

Landguard Fort is situated on a peninsular, opposite Harwich and where the Rivers Stour and Orwell join to flow into the North Sea.

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Dave Wood has been involved with Landguard Fort since the 1980s and was present when the first guided tours were carried out..

Total cost is just £19 including coffee on arrival and the talk by Dave Wood in the morning - followed by a buffet lunch.

In the afternoon a coach will take us to the Landguard Fort for a visit. We will have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the Fort. The coach fare, entry to the Fort and the guided tour are included in the cost. Tea and snacks are available in the Fort or in a nearby beach cafe (cost not included).

Suitable footwear should be worn. Early booking is recommended.

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

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

JUNE 2017

Tuesday	6th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Feely bags
Wednesday	7th	7.30 pm	Village Hall Committee
Thursday	8th	7.00 am	General Election
Wednesday	14th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
Wednesday	21st	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – Suffolk Day tea party
Thursday	22nd	9.30 am	Fireside Club outing – Butterfly Farm

JULY

Tuesday	4th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club–American Independence Day
Thursday	6th 11am	– 5 pm	Upbeat – Strawberry Tea
Wednesday	12th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
Tuesday	18th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – Assington for tea
Friday	28th	10.00 am	Fireside Club Outing–Dedham and Munnings

AUGUST 2017

Tuesday	1st	12.00	Fireside Club –Buffet lunch with Lawshall
Tuesday	15th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Games afternoon
Friday	25th 10.00 am		Fireside Club Outing – Bawdsey and Woodbridge
Tuesday	29th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – tray quiz

SEPTEMBER 2017

Wednesday	6th	7.30 pm	Village Hall committee
Tuesday	12th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club –Corncraft for tea
Wednesday	13th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	26th	2.00 am	Fireside Club – what are you reading
Friday	29th	10.00 am	Fireside Club outing – Fullers Mill gardens
Saturday	30th	10.00 am	McMillan coffee morning

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday mornings (term time only): Yoga class

(phone Sophia on 313662 for details)

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

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

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Wot's On

Boxford Drama Group

Next production 15th/16th/17th June at 7.30pm. Tickets £13.00, price includes supper, from early May at Boxford Post Office

WE DON'T WANT TO LOOSE YOU (but think you ought to go)

July to November 1917 saw one of the most costly and, by many, considered pointless battles of WW1 The Battle of Passchendaele.

>On this, the 100th Anniversary of this battle, the Boxford Drama Group will be paying tribute to those people who took part by performing a brand new Musical, 'We Don't Want to Lose You (but we think you ought to go)' which will include many familiar songs. This will be preceded by a short play - The Reunion - which takes place in a 1960s Suffolk pub where two childhood friends, meet for the first time since the end of the War. Tom returned from the War to marry his childhood sweetheart whilst nothing was heard of Ted, was he killed? Was he one of the thousands who just disappeared? Has he a secret?

As the play unfolds the true reason for his absence becomes clear.

This is a very personal and moving account of one man's struggle to come to terms with the horrors of War. By the end of the evening you will have a smile on your face and a tear in your eye.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY - a note for your diaries

A CREAM TEA on Sunday 23 July, 2.00pm onwards, will be held at Corner Cottage, Polstead Road, CO10 5JW (the home of Barbara and Bernard Golding). They will be opening their beautiful garden for this event and all proceeds will go to the Society.

£4.00 per person.

CASTAWAY

Saturday, June 17th, 7.30 at Groton Village Hall.

This should be a great evening! The Reverend Judith Sweetman will be interviewed 'Desert Island Discs' style, including her choice of music of course. The interview will break half way through for a meal, and Groton is renowned for its food! The theme throughout will be "Tropical Island". We hope that this will appeal to everyone across the benefice, so please put the dates in your diary now; the tickets will be £12 a head, available soon, and so if you wish to reserve tickets, please phone either Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or Jayne Foster [211360]

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For any further information, please contact David Tolhurst at: 01787 210 328 or detolhurst@gmail.com

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I grew up in Sudbury and have been painting for over 35 years. A career in teaching lead me to teach art in London, The Bahamas and Suffolk.

I find inspiration to paint where ever I live and have produced a large body of work over the years.

Moving to Boxford in 2007, my small studio enabled me to continue with my passion to paint along with teaching.

In 2015 my son was diagnosed with ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. I had to give up work to enable me to care for him as he was unable to go to school.

Recently he has managed to increase his school attendance. At the moment he attends one lesson a day which means I have to be around to take him & collect him from school.

Throughout his illness I have continued teaching a small group of budding young artists on a Tuesday in my after school art club and have recently begun teaching a few other private classes as a result of my little advert in this magazine.

Having recently moved house I have acquired a larger studio which will enable me to teach more classes & workshops to children & adults.

You may view my work in my studio by appointment.

Tuesday adult drawing class: Lines in nature, all abilities welcome 1.45 - 3.15pm. £15 per lesson. Please bring along a sketch book & any materials you have. I have art materials you are welcome to use.

Tuesday Children's Art club: (ages 7 and above) 3.45 - 5.15 £10 per week or pay £54 for a block of 6 lessons. Children will need to bring along a sketch book, all other materials are provided.

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To book please contact Sue Whiteley - 01707 210945
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The planned Autumn Term course is to be 'Crime Fiction and East Anglia' with Kate Jewel, starting on Thursday 28th September at 7.30 pm for ten weeks.

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Boxford WI – May 2017

At our AGM we looked back on the last year and at what we have achieved, whilst enjoying some cheese and wine courtesy of Waitrose. The highlight was celebrating our 10th birthday with past and present members. Our Speakers have covered various topics from the history of Melford Hall, the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds to an afternoon with the perennial Mr Potter. Our walking group, book club, craft club and theatre group continue to thrive. Well done to our craft group for winning the snail competition at the group meeting. Here is a picture of our beautiful Salome! We look forward to another great year of fun and friendship at Boxford WI.

LADIES OF BOXFORD did you know that there is a WI in Boxford? WE MEET at the Village hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

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For more details contact: Val Clark on valerie.clark@yahoo.co.uk

Or just come along on the first Wednesday of the month!

Future Meetings

June 7th	Couture Millinery	village hall 2pm
June 14th	Walk in Dedham	Dedham
June 28th	Book Club	Mary's house 1.30 pm
July 5th	Being a Town Guide	village hall 2pm
July 12th	Walk tba	
July 27th	Lunch club	The Henny Swan
August 2nd	Outing – Daws Hall Trust	Lamarsh
August 9th	Walk tba	
August 30th	Book Club	Mary's house 1.30 pm

PF50

50th Anniversary of the Playing Fields and Boxford Community Council

We are holding a village fun day on Saturday 29th July on The Playing Fields. There will be stalls, games, exhibitions, rides for children and music including The Beavers into the evening. Entry is free. There will be a beer tent, food and entertainment. Some events have yet to be confirmed, but they will include performances on stage in the afternoon, falconry, virtual cycling, a cricket competition, golf, football and many more. Anyone who would like to run a craft/produce stall or volunteer to help, please contact us as soon as possible at BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com, or ring 01787 210129. The event starts at 2.00 p.m, with bands starting at 5.00 and finishing at 11.00.

Senior Citizens' Mystery Outing 2017

Free to all aged over 60 in the Benefice, sign up in the Post Office now for a mystery outing and meal on Wednesday 14th June. Meet at 5.30 on the centre of the village. Any queries, or to book a place if you can't sign up in the post Office, please phone 210444.



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Forthcoming Events Diary

June

4 Boxford Gardens Opean			11-5.00pm
6 Boxford Gardening society	Sustainable Gardening	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
7 Boxford WI	Couture Millinery	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
8 Little Waldingfield	Concert by Landermason, Folk/jazz duo	St. Lawrence Church	
14 Boxford WI	Walk		tba
14 Little Waldingfield History Soc	The life and times of Joan of Arc	Parish Rooms	7.30pm
14 Boxford Community Council Senior	Citizens Outing		5.00pm
17 Castaway (Desert Island Discs	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
28 Boxford WI	Book Club	Village Hall	2.00pm

July

5 Boxford WI	Being a Town Guided	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
9 Little Waldingfield Village Fete		Playing Field	11-3.00pm
12 Boxford WI	Walk		tba
15/16/17 Boxford Drama Group	We don't want to lose you	Boxford Village Hall	&,30pm
15 Little Waldingfield	Village Yard Sale, Refreshments in Parish Room		
15 Summer Concert	Newton Church	All Saints Church Newton	6.00pm
27 Boxford WI	Lunch Club	Henny Swan	
29 PF50 - 50th Anniversary of the Playing Fields and Boxford Community		Playingfields	7.30pm

August

2 Boxford WI	Outing to Daws Hall	Lamarsh
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September

9/10 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival	St Lawrence Church
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April 2018

8 Spring Open Gardens	Groton PCC	Groton Street
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First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in	Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm
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SUMMER CONCERT



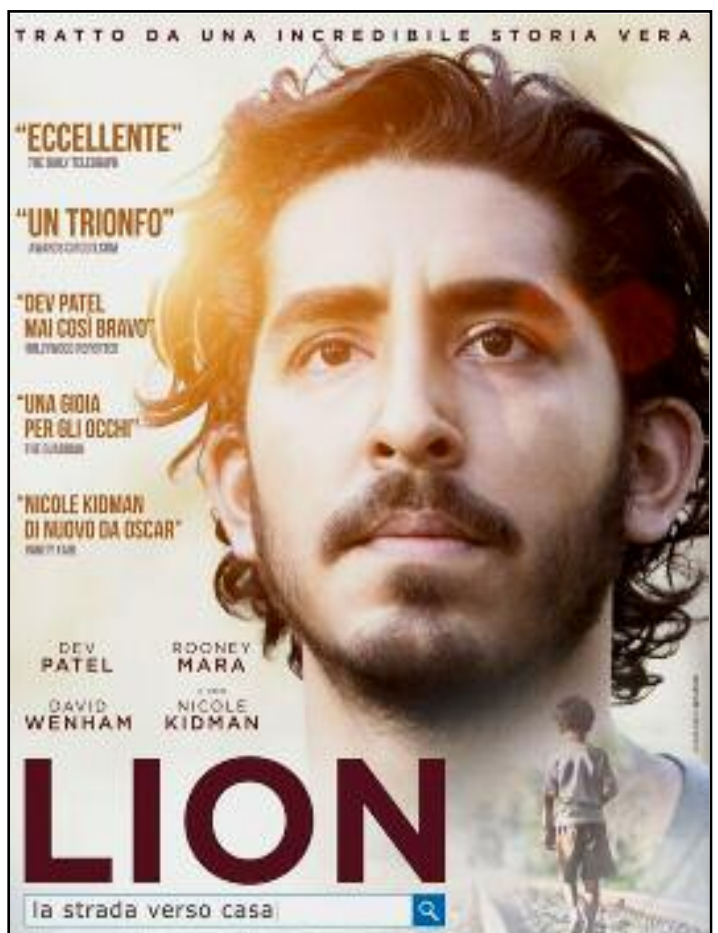
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Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.

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For much more information about the five parishes in our Benefice please go to our Church Near You web site at www.achurchnearyou.com.

General Church News continued from page over.

Open Forum – Wednesday 21st June at Glemsford

Our summer Forum will be held at St Mary's Church, Glemsford. There will be a barbecue from 6.30 pm and the meeting will start at 7.30 pm. The main speakers will be Cally Boardman and Imogen Sherwood who will tell us about their roles as Local Area Co-ordinators for Sudbury and the surrounding area. They work with voluntary and community groups, and individuals, and link with statutory services. The meeting is open to everyone; all are welcome.



Churches Together Prayer Breakfasts Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am.

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

- 3rd** St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury
- 10th** St Lawrence's Church, Great Waldingfield
- 17th** Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street, Great Cornard
- 24th** Sudbury Baptist Church

Please look at the Churches Together website for details of other forthcoming events: www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.

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 July Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 12th June 2017

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Thank you. Rev'd Judith. 01787 210091

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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The next **Cafe Church Service** is on **Sunday 4th June at 11.00 am** in St. Mary's Church Boxford. All are most welcome to this informal service, with good coffee, pastries and children's craft activities.

Please do bring along your pet as well if you wish.

Boxford Open Gardens 2017 is on **Sunday 4th June**. Pick up a garden entry ticket at the ticket desk in church or at any Open Garden. Open from **11.00 am to 5.00 pm** with garden plant stalls, refreshments, light lunches and cream teas in the village hall. The church tower is open with breathtaking views from the top. Tickets £5.00 (under 16's free)

Gardening is a wonderful, peaceful occupation and there can be nothing better than exploring and admiring other people's gardens.

The Bible has four prominent gardens to think about: Eden, Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb at Golgotha, and The Paradise of God.

Eden: Moses gave clear information that God had placed the Garden of Eden in ancient Mesopotamia, present day Iraq (Genesis 2:10-14). Two of the four rivers irrigating Eden are still known to geographers: Tigris and Euphrates. Civilization thus had its beginning in the Mesopotamian valley. Eden means "pleasantness," and since everything the Lord had made was "very good" (Genesis 1:31), the Garden of Eden must have been delightful: no thorns, brambles, thistles, diseases, death, or decay. Out of the ground God caused to grow every tree pleasant to see and good for food" (Genesis 2:17).

Gethsemane: The garden of Gethsemane was on the west side of Mount Olives and east of the walls of Jerusalem "beyond the brook Kidron" where "Jesus often went" with "his disciples" (John 18:1-2). The name "Gethsemane" means an oil press, and the garden was located where multitudes of olive trees grew. The garden containing the present day trees is supervised by the Franciscans. This garden was where Jesus prayed: "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39).

The Garden Tomb at Golgotha: "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb" (John 19:41). This third garden could be called a garden of hope, for there, early on Sunday morning, a startled Mary Magdalene heard encouraging words: "Go to my brothers, and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, and my God, and your God'" (John 20:17).

Paradise: The fourth garden is called "the paradise of God," a figurative description of heaven (Revelation 2:7). The word "paradise" means a park, a place of pleasure. That the translators of the Bible used the best possible word is borne out by the fact that Jesus used the same word in describing heaven: "To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life in the Paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7).

Paying our way at St. Mary's Parish Church At the Annual Meeting on April 2nd it was made clear by the PCC treasurer that additional funds are needed, perhaps by way of gift aid or through holding fundraising events. It is now vital that much more help with organising fundraising events is needed over the next year to support the church.

If you can help in any way please do let the Revd Judith know or any PCC member.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Rota for June

Sunday 18th June at 9:30 am Holy Communion
Sidesman/Coffees Maureen Cooling/Anita Steel

Sunday 25th June at 8:00 am Holy Communion

Sidesman Bill Dastur

Flowers Pam Dodd

Cleaning Ineke Morris and Marlene Clarke



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:
Vacant

Castaway

Saturday June 17th at 7.30 pm at Groton Village Hall.

This should be a great evening! The Reverend Judith Sweetman will be interviewed 'Desert Island Discs' style, including her choice of music of course. The interview will break half way through for a meal, and Groton is renowned for its food! The theme throughout will be "Tropical Island". We hope that this will appeal to everyone across the benefice, so please put the date in your diary now. Tickets are available from either Pat Kennedy Scott, 01787 210319. or Jayne Foster, 01787 211360. and cost £12 per head.

Early notice of **Spring Open Gardens** in Groton Street, Groton on **Sunday April 8th 2018**



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Rotas

Sidesmen

4th June Mrs. Gardiner and Mr. Powell

11th June No service

18th June No service

25th June No service

Flowers

Mrs. Squirrel

Mrs. Duffy

Mrs. Eddington

Mrs. Gregor-Smith

7th May Reverend Judith led us in Morning Worship. A smaller congregation than usual included only one member from other churches in the benefice. Two new parishioners attended to hear their marriage banns read. Although we were few in number, everyone enjoyed friendly chat and refreshments after the service.

A large, illustrated family Bible has been given to our church by the family of Mrs. David Watson. They lived and worked on a farm on the Lavenham road, and Mrs. Watson worshiped in our church from 1920 - 1945. Another member of the family ran a fruit and vegetable shop, Watsons, on Gainsborough Street in Sudbury for many years. Mrs. Connie Spraggon, who ran Little Waldingfield's village shop for Mr. George Horsley, was a Watson before she married. We are delighted to receive the family's gift, and we shall take great care of it.

Some dates to remember

Thursday 8th June Landermaison, a folk/jazz duo, will give a concert in St. Lawrence Church. Tickets £10 from Nancy Roser, tel. (01787) 882897, mobile 07792 299618, or at the door. See advertisement for further information.

15th July Village Yard Sale with refreshments in the Parish Room.

9th and 10th September Flower Festival in St. Lawrence Church.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

16th April Our service of Holy Communion by Extension was conducted by Christopher Kingsbury, Reader from St. Mary's Church, Boxford. Our Churchwarden was unable to attend church due to a heavy fall on her stairs and Christopher was expecting to start the service and he and the congregation were in suspense waiting for a person to prepare for the service. I was contacted via a mobile phone and fortunately I had all the refreshment items ready in bags and was driven down to church at speed. Having catered for members of the family staying with me, I had had a senior moment of thinking that the service was at the now usual time of 11.00 am instead of 9.30 am for this extra service. Apologies to all. Everyone was so helpful and a huge thank you to Christopher (whom I've known for many years) for being so understanding and to Patrick Friend for playing the organ. Thank you to members of the congregation for reading, taking the collection and other duties and for helping with refreshments, which included Easter eggs given by our Churchwarden. There is a moral here ----- to double check the times of services in the Village Magazine. Margaret Lowe.

23rd April The service of Holy Communion was taken by Revd. Judith. This was the 2nd Sunday after Easter and the message of hope was shown even to the doubting after the Resurrection of Jesus. Our thanks to Nancy Roser for playing the organ and to all who help in any way in our services.

Sunday 25th June at 11.00 am Holy Communion

DEANERY NEWS

Organ Recital at St Gregory's Church, Sudbury
Come and listen to Stephen Cleobury, Organist and Director of Music at King's College, Cambridge, and enjoy a glass of wine after the concert. Friday 2nd June from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Retiring collection for the organ restoration fund.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

Thy Kingdom Come 25th May – 4th June 2017



An invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury

In 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited parishes across England to join a great wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. The response was overwhelming. Hundreds of thousands joined the wave of prayer in churches of many traditions and denominations around England and around

the world. What began as invitation in England started to look like the beginnings of a global wave of prayer for people to know Jesus Christ. For 2017 the vision is even bigger. The Presidents of Churches Together in England are joining with the Archbishop of Canterbury and York to make the call to churches of all denominations in England, and Archbishop Justin Welby is sending out the call to every part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and the World Methodist Council to Methodist Churches worldwide.

The three aims are:

- To join in prayer with the whole family of God the Father
 - To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit
 - That we may be effective witnesses to God the Son, Jesus Christ.
- It's not complicated - the Archbishop's invitation is simply asking people to pray in whatever way they want, with whoever they want and wherever they can, that others might know Jesus Christ.

Learn more at the Thy Kingdom Come website:

www.thykingdomcome.global

Diocesan Synod The summer meeting of the synod is on **Saturday 10th June at 9.00 am** in the St Nicholas Centre in Ipswich.

General Election Hustings Come and put your questions to the candidates seeking your vote in their bid to be elected to Parliament to represent the South Suffolk constituency in St Peter's Church, Sudbury. See the front page for the date and time.

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

***** PLEASE NOTE - NO VILLAGE PRAYERS BETWEEN 19TH & 23RD JUNE *****

Thursday 1st
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Holy Communion by Extension-Newman's Hall Lay Team

Sunday 4th	DAY OF PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)	(R)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt. Waldingfield	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Cafe Church (<i>Informal worship</i>)	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 7th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion- Mary's House Revd Judith

Saturday 10th
Edwardstone 13.00 Wedding of Matthew Ford and Samantha Coomber

Sunday 11th	TRINITY SUNDAY	(W)
Groton	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	14.00 Christening of Erin Stacey	Revd Judith

Wednesday 14th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion- Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 15th
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Compline-Newmans Hall Lay Team

Sunday 18th	First Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 21st
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

Sunday 25th	Second Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	08.00 Holy Communion	TBA
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Rowland Bareham
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	TBA

Wednesday 28th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Music for Monarchs



Photo's David Lamming

Soap Box

I don't know about you, but I'm beginning to become a little tired of elections and all that accompanies them. We've had the county council elections, swiftly followed by an election for the French President – two elections, in fact, given that there were two separate days of voting involved. There were elections in the Netherlands not so long ago and one in the US at the end of last year, while a so-called snap election is taking place here shortly to determine who leads the country into the Brexit negotiations.

As if all this isn't enough, Germany will be going to the polls later this year, while it is less than a year since the infamous Remain/Leave referendum. I know a referendum is not strictly an election, but it feels much the same. Little wonder that the great British public is suffering from voting fatigue. Aside from anything else, the media latches on to such events with an enthusiasm that simply adds to the pressure we all feel from needing to make up our minds or worry about results in those jurisdictions where we have no input.

Elections are, of course, the stuff of democracy. They allow the people to express their will. Sometimes the people get it wrong, though, while there is clear recent evidence that the electorate in a number of countries are falling out of love with the political elite. I am also minded of the fact that an election in Belgium just a few years back resulted in the absence of proper government for several months. So far as I am aware, the Belgian people didn't suffer unduly and life went on pretty much as normal.

A further complication in recent years has been the way in which pollsters appear unable now to predict results with any degree of certainty. This will probably seem of little consequence to many, though the results of pre-election polls are believed to influence both turnout and outcomes. However, the way in which polls are now conducted, using social media and the new popular means of communication, looks as though built in biases are possible and reliability less secure.

The upcoming General Election is, of course, important and needs to be taken seriously. Doubtless I will play a small part in supporting the party to which I have been loyal during my entire voting life, but my days of heavy involvement are past. Moreover, the filling of my email inbox with exhortations from well known political figures, all addressing me on Christian name terms regardless of whether we've met or not, does not impress me or fill me with any greater enthusiasm. These days the delete button gets a proper working.

Personally I consider voting a necessary part of being a good citizen. I have never missed a vote and regret the fact that many of the younger generations feel too separate from the political world to express their democratic right. Apathy is too simple a term. People are starting to believe that whoever runs the country makes little difference to them and the quality of their lives. Sadly they couldn't be more wrong.

But I remain to be convinced that the wall to wall coverage of the political issues ahead of the election will encourage would be doubters to turn up at their local school, or village hall – or, indeed, wherever their vote needs to be cast – and place an X in whichever box they consider appropriate. I realise I've added to the debate by using my place in the Box River News to deliver still more electoral coverage. Sorry. Do use your vote, though. Just remember to turn off the TV or radio as news bulletins start. That way you may succeed in avoiding election overload.

Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.

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GARDENING IN JUNE INSPIRED BY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

The flowers of alpines on the rock garden will die down this month and should be cut off unless they are followed with interesting fruits. Many of the ordinary alpines are better cut back quite hard, flowers, stems, leaves and all. This prevents them sprawling all over the place, induces compact growth and encourages the growing of young shoots, which can be used as cuttings. Kinds which can be treated this way are, Arabis albida, Aubrietia, Helianthemums, Cerastium, Lithospermum, Thymus serpyllum, Candytuft, Kiolas and the more vigorous varieties of mossy Saxifrages. Sedum Acre, Spurium and Album are prone to spreading too readily and it pays to weed them out drastically to stop them overrunning their allotted space.

This month the herbaceous border is usually at its best. Many perennials will be in full flower, as the blooms fade they should be removed, this not only helps to keep the border tidy but prolongs flowering by encouraging the plants to produce more flowers instead of seed, which is its real object.

Gardeners have to be thinking and planning a year ahead so now is the time to sow seeds of hardy biennials for flowering next spring and early summer. The old cottage garden plant Honesty, is still worth growing for its flat, silvery seed pods which are so useful for winter decoration in the house.

For healthy roses with good clean foliage and an abundance of bloom throughout the summer carry out fortnightly spraying against the three main diseases of roses, Rust, Blackspot, and Mildew. Feed with a good rose fertiliser containing all the trace elements necessary to promote healthy growth.

When you buy herbs such as parsley and basil from the supermarkets, they are usually in four inch half pots which are full of roots with no nutrient left in the compost. Plant them up immediately into six inch pots and they keep producing a good supply for many weeks.

Indoor Azaleas will benefit from a spell in the open. They much prefer the improved light and air conditions outside, where they can build up their strength for flowering next winter. This is also the time to report them if necessary, using ericaceous compost, and moving the plant up to a size larger pot. Stand the pot outside in the shade, plunged up to the rim in moist peat. Do not sink them in a bed or border if your soil is alkaline. Pruning is not necessary except to cut back the odd shoot which has

grown to long, making the plant look lopsided.

The danger of frost should now be over and it is safe to plant out all half-hardy plants. Give the pots and trays of plants a good soaking a few hours before planting out, this will get some life into them and enable them to withstand the shock of transplanting. It is a mistake to plant out things that are in a dry state as they take so much longer to establish.

June 21 is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth. But this extra light and warmth also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds
- 2 Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas
- 3 Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes
- 4 Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes
- 5 Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside
- 6 Mow lawns at least once a week
- 7 Plant out summer bedding
- 8 Stake tall or floppy plants
- 9 Prune many spring-flowering shrubs
- 10 Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch

In the greenhouse

Open doors and vents on greenhouses to increase ventilation on warm, sunny days.

Damp down the floor of the greenhouse regularly on hot days, to increase humidity levels. This benefits plant growth and also reduces the risk of pest problems such as glasshouse red spider mite. Give plants a liquid feed to encourage flowering and fruiting.

Apply shade paint to the outside of the glass or use blinds on sunny days to prevent temperatures from soaring. Don't forget to give greenhouse plants more space as they put on new growth. This will help to prevent disease, and to contain early pest infestations.

Check plants at least every few days, to see if they need watering. Seedlings will need daily attention. Use rain, grey or recycled water wherever possible.

Continue to prick out and pot on new seedlings and cuttings. Harden off half-hardy bedding plants that were started off under cover.

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

First of all a heartfelt thank you to the 966 people who cast their votes in my favour in the recent County Council elections, although I was disappointed to come second yet again I enjoyed the campaign and the lovely reception that I received while campaigning and meeting people across the twelve villages that make up the Stour Valley Division. The one area of concern is that although the turnout in Stour Valley was the second highest in the whole county even here almost six out of ten people did not bother to go to their local village hall to register a vote, this is a quite serious situation as these elections are very important especially for those who work hard to change things for the better. Please come out to vote in the upcoming election on 8th June, there is still time to apply for a postal vote at Babergh if you think you might struggle to get to your local village hall on the day, a call to the District Council on 01473 825713 or e-mail www.babergh.gov.uk/elections will get a quick and positive result.

With my District hat on I have now done all my annual reports in all my five villages and my thanks to all the parish councillors and clerks for their support during the last Year, once again not many members of the public but those that have attended have asked interesting questions and have had them answered to their satisfaction. The Issues raised have mainly centred around the proposed move by the district council to Endeavour House and the problems around contacting the council and it's services. On the positive side I have been able to report on the success of our Solar Panel Project that has brought in around £500,000 of income during it's first full year and the fact that the council is once again building council houses to replace stock lost under the right to buy scheme. One big change on the horizon is that the size of the elected council will decrease from 43 elected councillors down to 31 which means that those that stand for election in 2019 will have considerably more constituents to serve. We will hear more about this and the new areas during next year. Have a great summer when it arrives and keep well. Bryn. (if you need me please call 01787 210854)

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It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught.

So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed.

It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,

I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ The 2017 County Council Election Result

May I start by saying I am honoured to have been re-elected as your County Councillor for the next four years up until May 2021. May I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me. I was pleased to have secured 1428 votes which represented 51% of the electorate and was 299 more than 4 years ago with a % poll of 43% very similar to that in 2013. May I remind you I am the Councillor for all of you in the 13 villages of the Stour Valley whatever your political persuasion. So if we have not met and/or you need some help please do not hesitate to make contact with me.

➤ The Next 4 Years

The next four years will be politically challenging both nationally and locally. In Suffolk, we are now embarking on the commitments we laid out in our local manifesto. I am honoured to have been asked by my leader to join his new county cabinet with the same responsibilities as I have had this last two years – namely Highways Transport and the county farms estate (to be ratified by the County Council on 25th May). The cabinet is the body that agrees the policies to enable the manifesto to be brought to fruition. Our 10 priorities are:-

1. Running a low tax County Council – we will maintain services by continuing to be more effective and efficient rather than asking you to pay more and more.

2. Road Maintenance – we plan to repair over 1000 miles of roads over the next 4 years and are setting up specialist teams to focus on drainage. We also look to fix highway problems more quickly and effectively.

3. Vulnerable People – We recognise that Suffolk has an aging population and during this next period we have forecasted to invest £1bn to support and enable them to live active and fulfilling lives.

4. Education and Children's Services – Suffolk is now ranked in the top half of all authorities for progress at GCSE level. We will work with parents, teachers and school leaders to raise standards still further. We will extend across the county our innovative MyGo youth employment centres which have already helped 1000's of young people into work.

5. Health and Wellbeing – our aim will be to ensure that Suffolk residents live long, healthy and fulfilling lives by encouraging all to be more physically active by for example developing new cycle networks. We are working with NHS Mental Health Trusts and other services to support the most fragile.

6. Travel and Transport – Our economy needs a strong reliable transport network. We will continue to work with Network Rail and the train operators as well as continuing our investment in our community transport through our Connecting Communities scheme.

7. Infrastructure – we have secured a commitment from Government of £151m in the major river crossings in Ipswich and Lowestoft and will work towards further investment in our towns such as Ipswich, Sudbury and Bury St Edmunds where relief to traffic congestion is required.

8. Suffolk's Economy – We will continue to work with our businesses across the county to deliver the right conditions and opportunities for job creation. To attract investment into the county we will continue with the roll out of Superfast Broadband and actively participate and work with our Local Enterprise Partnerships.

9. Environment – Suffolk's glorious countryside and its Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB's) have inspired artists, writers and musicians. We promise to protect it for future generations.

10. Value for Money – We have been proud of our strong stewardship of Suffolk. We will continue to work and ensure that whatever we do we will spend YOUR money carefully and wisely in the best interest of all who live and work in our county.

James Finch County, Councillor Stour Valley Division

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Dear Sir,

On behalf of Phil Wallis and Jon Neill we would like to thank all the people who sponsored us for our big sleep out, sleeping under cardboard raising money and awareness for the homeless via the Samaritans and Beacon House in Colchester.

Between us we raised around £2,000 and as a group around £15,000. Not a pleasant experience but at least we had homes to go to the next day. Your support has been greatly appreciated,

Regards, Phil and Jon

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Executive Head Chef at Stoke by Nayland Hotel has been nominated for prestigious Craft Guild of Chefs Award. Alan Paton, Executive Head Chef at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, has been nominated and shortlisted for The People's Choice Award at The Craft Guild of Chefs Awards. These awards recognise and reward leading talent in the hospitality industry and The People's Choice Award category recognises unsung achievements by an individual who does outstanding work to

promote and support the work of chefs and further the Guild's mission and goals. The awards will take place at the Westminster Park Plaza on Thursday 1st June. Other nominees include Chefs from The Grove, Hertford and Sodexo.

Alan is already a multi award-winning chef, as shown by the numerous plaques displayed outside the hotel restaurant, and he is one of only twelve on the committee of The Master Chefs of Great Britain which seeks to promote all that is best about British cuisine and produce available in this country to both the chef and the consumer. The MCGB also supports the campaign for healthy eating by encouraging the use of fresh, quality produce in kitchens around the country. Its members are particularly interested in sourcing local ingredients and in supporting small producers.

Alan demonstrates all these practices in his renowned, innovative menus in the 2 AA Rosette Lakes Restaurant at the family-owned Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, where he has been Executive Head Chef for over seven years. Alan favours a lot of slow cooking methods, particularly for meats which are praised for their succulence. There are always inspired combinations of flavours throughout the range of courses. For example the freshly baked breads served every night at dinner combine such items as black olive and walnut, bacon and smoked chilli. Blue cheese and white chocolate ice cream is another favourite!

Alan's team's skills are constantly in evidence as they create imaginative menus for the Restaurant, Hotel Lounge, Clubhouse, Peake Spa Bistro and banqueting at Stoke by Nayland. Amongst other local ingredients used are the delicious fresh asparagus, berries and apples grown in the family's own orchards which surround the hotel. This fresh produce is also available in season from the hotel's Pippin Shop – open 7 days a week from 8am to 7pm.

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THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS –JUNE 2017



Last month I completed my account of the ten men from our villages, whom I had identified as casualties of the Arras offensive on the Western Front. Subsequent research has shown me that, in fact, there was an eleventh man, who lost his life as a consequence of this series of battles and engagements, and, being

the only villager whose death occurs in June 1917, he is the subject of this month's article.

Private Stanley Leech Wade of Little Waldingfield, 7353, 2nd/1st Battalion, The Honourable Artillery Company, was born in the autumn of 1893. He was the fourth and youngest child and third son of George Wade and Ellen Selina Leech. His circumstances were those of a prosperous farming family, who, at the time of Stanley's birth, owned Park Farm on the western edge of the village, which was previously known as Mill End House. His father, George, also born in Little Waldingfield, had taken the farm on from his widowed mother in 1883, the year he married Ellen. Ellen herself, born in Poslingford north of Clare, also came from a farming family, being the daughter of George and Lucy Leech. Ellen's mother had died in December 1877, and her father remarried to Louisa Matilda Smyth, from Marlborough, Wiltshire, in 1879. The 1881 Census records George Leech as a landowner and farmer at Waldingfield Hall, now known as Wood Hall, having 3,000 acres and employing eighty-six men, twenty-five boys, and fifteen women. This was a substantial enterprise by any standard of the time.

As with any of the men I write about who came from Little Waldingfield, my first port of call in research is the excellent village history published in 2014 by the Little Waldingfield History Society, *Little Waldingfield Our village history from 1840 to 2014*. This contains well written biographies of each of the men from the village, who died in the World Wars of the twentieth century. On reading the entry for Stanley I realised that there would be little I could add to his story as told in the book. Therefore, I approached the Trustees of the Society and they have very kindly given their permission to publish the relevant extract from the book, which appears below. All of the text and the images remain the copyright of the Little Waldingfield History Society. Copies of the book may be obtained from the Society by contacting either Sue Sheppard on 01787 247980, or Andy Sheppard at sheppard-andy@sky.com and the Society are generously donating all proceeds from the sales of the book to the St Lawrence Fabric Fund.

Stanley Leech Wade

Stanley was a Private in the 2nd Battalion of the Honourable Artillery Company. He died aged 23 on 17th June 1917 as a result of wounds sustained in battle. His body is laid to rest in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France.

Stanley Leech Wade was born in 1893 and was the youngest son of George and Ellen Selina Wade; along with his two older brothers, Henry Roe Wade and George



The wedding of Gertrude Wade and George Deeks

Wade and his older sister, Gertrude, he lived at Park Farm Little Waldingfield. By the time Gertrude was 16 in 1901, she was attending school as a boarder at 52 Friars Street Sudbury. This is now Carters House opposite Quay Lane. On 12th January 1909 Gertrude married George Deeks of Greys Hall, Little Cornard. On that day a family photograph was taken and Stanley can be seen standing first on the left.

The wedding of Gertrude Wade and George Deeks

In 1911 Stanley and his two brothers described themselves as "Farmers Sons working on Farm". At the outbreak of hostilities in 1914 Stanley would have been about 21. On 1st December 1915 he signed his Attestation where he agreed to serve His Majesty for the duration of the war. He had to wait until 3rd April 1916 before final enlistment into the 2nd Battalion of the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC), which is the oldest military organisation in the world after the Vatican Swiss Guard and certainly the oldest regiment in the British Army.

At the time of Stanley's enlistment in the spring of 1916, the 2nd battalion were based in Orpington, Kent but were engaged at Rayleigh in Essex, rather unglamorously constructing a trench system for the 'Defence of London'. At the end of August, and this may have been the reason for Stanley's enlistment into the 2nd Bt HAC in particular, the Battalion was returned to the Tower of London with orders to mobilise for overseas service. On 1st October the main body of the Battalion left London, and by 3rd October the troop ships were moored in Le Havre; Stanley did not arrive in France until 18th November. The Battalion experienced a miserable existence throughout the winter,

enduring the worst possible conditions of trench warfare and enemy artillery shellfire. This continued through to 21st January when the Battalion was relieved and moved out of the line to an area west of Albert for training. Following the Battle of Bucquoy, on 2nd April, Stanley's Battalion moved forward to the village of Bullecourt, which formed part of the infamous defensive Hindenburg Line. In March 1917, the Germans had withdrawn back to a point where they could shorten their front line and defend it more easily. At the First Battle of Bullecourt, which commenced on 11th April, the 7th Division (of whom the 2nd Battalion HAC were a part) were left standing by to support an attack that sought to take the village. The attack was a disaster and an Australian Division took heavy casualties as a result.

On 3rd May 1917, the day Stanley Wade was wounded, a second attack on Bullecourt commenced at 5.30 a.m. Following two successful counter attacks by the Germans, orders were finally given to the 2nd Battalion HAC, along with the Royal Welch Fusiliers, to recapture 'at all costs' the village of Bullecourt. The attack commenced at 10.30 p.m. coming under immediate heavy machine-gun fire. The next few hours were to see attack and counter attack, along with horrendous enemy shelling which decimated seventy five percent of the 20th Manchester Battalion who had moved up behind the 2nd Bn. HAC in order to counter attack. The



Stanley Wade in uniform

village of Bullecourt was eventually taken on 7th May. By the end of the Second Battle of Bullecourt on 17th May 1917, Stanley Wade's 2nd Battalion had been reduced to 4 officers and 94 men. As a result of the fierce fighting to gain ground, 5 officers had been killed and 250 men killed, wounded or missing. Following his injuries, Stanley would almost certainly have been taken to the military hospital in Rouen, as throughout the war there were hospitals set up there. The facilities included eight general hospitals and a British Red Cross hospital. There was also a 'labour' hospital along with a convalescent depot. Stanley succumbed and died of his wounds on 17th June 1917 in No. 6 General Hospital.

An announcement was made in the Suffolk Free Press on 20th June 1917 advising of his death, and a week later there was a further announcement which simply said "Much sympathy is felt in Little Waldingfield for Mr and Mrs Wade of Park Farm on the death of Private Stanley Wade who died in France from wounds received 6 weeks ago".

The majority of those who died at the Rouen hospital complex were laid to rest at the cemetery in the city of St Sever. September 1916 brought about an extension to the cemetery which is where Stanley is buried. The extension contains 8,346 Commonwealth burials and the last body was interred in April 1920. Following the war, and in addition to the village War Memorial, a magnificent stained glass window was installed in the south aisle of St Lawrence Church by Stanley's parents George and Ellen Wade. The window depicts the two saints, David and Jonathan, either side of a central figure of St George.

The church of Little Waldingfield

was clearly an important place to the Wade family. Stanley's father George

had been churchwarden for 40 years by the time of his death in 1932. The window has become a lasting memorial to his son, whose life was taken in the service of his country at the young age of 23.



Stained glass window in memory of Stanley Wade Wade family. Stanley's father George

To add some background to the circumstances of the battle that cost Stanley's life, Bullecourt lies about ten miles south-east of Arras, and in 1917 was roughly the same size as Little Waldingfield. At the time, it was directly on the front line and very heavily fortified with multiple trench systems and deep swathes of barbed wire arranged in chevrons. The first attack, which, as described above, was a disaster, had been intended to support, as a flanking operation, the push up the Vimy Ridge to the north, where considerable ground had been won in the first few days of the Arras offensive. The strategy, if successful, would have secured several miles of the Hindenburg Line east of Arras. But that was not to be.

Almost immediately after the first failed battle, the process of preparing a second attack on Bullecourt was begun. From April 12th until the morning of May 3rd an artillery barrage was directed on the village. Reconnaissance photographs taken from the air at the time of the second battle show but a few walls of buildings standing to mark the lines of the village streets, all else is pockmarked desolation.

By the time of the second battle, the strategic purpose had changed, and instead of supporting the push to the north, which was now beginning to fail, it became a flanking operation to draw enemy resources away from the French advance to the south, which was then in disarray.

The attack in which Stanley died was commenced with the allied troops moving forward just behind the shrapnel limit of a creeping barrage, in which the barrage was directed to be always just ahead of the advancing troops. This required very close co-operation between the commanders on the battle field and the artillery some distance to the rear. This type of barrage was designed to provide the troops with the cover they needed as they crossed open ground. Even if it was 'friendly fire' the troops saw ahead, it is difficult to imagine the courage needed to walk towards these shell bursts, through which would come hostile machine gun fire and artillery ordnance fired from the German rear organisation.

Stanley will be remembered at the 09:30 service at Little Waldingfield church on the 4th June.

Next month it is the turn of Rifleman Ernest King to be brought out of the shadows of a century of fading or lost memories. According to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission he was a resident of Boxford and also born in the village. However, I need some help in identifying him. The census records for Boxford for 1901 list three Ernest Kings, all of whom could be our soldier. The first, born in 1894, is the son of Annie King, a widow aged about twenty-nine, who was a tailoress living in Stone Street; the second, born in 1896, is the son of Rose King, also a widow, aged about 40, and also, curiously, a tailoress living in Stone Street, and the third, born in 1897, is the son of James and Sarah King, James being a blacksmith and living in Brick Kiln Hill. I think the latter is the least likely, because by 1911 this family had moved to Sudbury.

Please do get in touch if you can help, and, in the first instance, email Revd. Judith at rvjudith.boxriver@btinternet.com or write to her at The Rectory. She will pass on to me any information received.

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Parish Council Matters

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), R Balls, C Hughes, S Impett, M Wooderson, D Talbot Clarke, D Waspe, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr) and 4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: A Sargeant, V Trafford and J Finch (County Cllr).

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: R Balls and M Wooderson confirmed they have interests in the Daking Avenue Road Surface as they live in the vicinity.

MINUTES OF 20th FEBRUARY 2017: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Items raised included pot-holes in Daking Avenue due to heavy traffic for Goodlands construction. Requests were made for a Grit bin at Station Field and new dog bins in the vicinity. The waste bin at Station Field has not been emptied for some time. A request was made about the outstanding items in the Churchyard. B Hurren agreed to look at the gate. The Clerk explained the boundary wall has been inspected and no safety concerns revealed. Timely maintenance will be agreed in due course. A Sargeant was following up the issue of ivy and trees. The school fencing project was mentioned. Pot-holes in Marsh Road had been reported online. The Community Council are arranging a Village Celebration on the Playing field on Saturday 29th July due to 50 years of the Community Council and Playing fields. The Community Council is arranging a Memorial for the late Percy Fletcher and would welcome involvement and suggestions from the Parish Council.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: It was agreed to purchase a medium sized green grit bin for Station Field - to be delivered to the Chairman - Action Clerk. Two new red dog bins are to be ordered and delivered to our litter contractors for installation. A site meeting will be arranged to position them - Action Clerk. The District Council were to be reminded to empty the litter bin near Station Field - Action Clerk. B Hurren agreed to look at the Churchyard gate - Action B Hurren. It was agreed to email the Headteacher at the school to confirm the Churchyard boundary wall has been inspected and deemed safe, however, we will undertake routine maintenance in due course. We leave them to liaise with the County Councillor in relation to the School fencing project and we would be delighted to hear how things are progressing from time to time - Action Clerk.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Councillor James Finch was unable to attend and no report was provided.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and advised the Council tax overall comes to about 3%. The AGM at the District Council is approaching and they are looking to introduce a Leader Cabinet model. The mobile phone tower is in place and waiting to become operational. He investigated the improvement work to the bridle path leading to Station Field which he has been told cost £8000. Members of the Parish Council expressed concerns that the path will not prove to be fit for purpose in the medium term. It was reminded that in order to provide safe access to the village from the development £5000 was allocated from the developers during the planning process. This was paid to the County Council who have responsibility for rights of way. In view of the importance, it was agreed for the Clerk to write to the County Right of Way Officers asking for reassurances and confirmation of why the surface comes short of the road - Action Clerk. The recent sweeping went well and B Hurren thanked the Parish Council for putting out leaflets for residents to move cars. D Waspe reminded B Hurren that Wash Lane is in need of clearance/sweeping. B Hurren confirmed he had a meeting scheduled with the Planners in respect of Goodlands. Concern was expressed that the direct consultation was not extensive enough with many nearby residents in Daking Avenue left off the consultation list. B Hurren offered to assist where he could in respect of a potential Neighbourhood Plan and it was noted that W Baker had offered to take a lead role in this respect. D Talbot Clarke was meeting W Baker to share his research on the subject.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and members had noted the on-going progress of each item. It was agreed to report the incomplete restoration of road markings on Sand Hill on-line - Action Clerk.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 6th March 2017 were £19667.95 in the Community Account, £13335.08 in the Deposit Account and £42010.24 in the Reserve Account making a total of £75013.27.

CEMETERY: It was agreed to chase the resolution of the reported trees bordering the Cemetery. These include sycamores and an elm tree. S Impett agreed to contact the tree surgeon - Action S Impett.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: It was agreed to organise a suitable date in May via email Action Clerk and Chairman.

VILLAGE CAR PARK: It was agreed to defer this item.

RESERVING POLICIES: The Clerk had carried out minimal amendments to the example Reserving Policy to ensure it reflected our procedures. D Talbot Clarke proposed adoption of this policy. This was seconded by R Balls and unanimously carried.

DAKING AVENUE ROAD SURFACE: R Balls reported that he had sent a communication to D Stiff at County Highways in respect of damage caused to the road at Daking Avenue. The Parish Council agreed to support his approach to urge restoration of the surface - Action Clerk.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: The Chairman has been approached as cars keep blocking the entrance to The Mews in Swan Street. It was agreed for the Chairman to follow up with D Stiff - County Highways and J Finch - County Cllr - Action Chairman. D Talbot Clarke thanked the Clerk for forwarding SALC Meeting dates and he confirmed he will attend as many as possible. R Balls confirmed that he assisted V Trafford to cut back the hedge encroaching the footpath near the School Hill/Boxford Lane junction and were arranging for the cuttings to be cleared.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 6th March 2017

The following decisions were advised by the Planning Authority: -

- 1) Permission was granted to reduce ash trees at Boxbank, Rules Yard - B/17/00111/TPO/DP
- 2) Permission had been refused to erect an agricultural storage building on land to the east of White Street Green, Polstead - B/16/01613/AGD2
- 3) Listed Building Consent had been granted to restore internal doorway at 12 Swan Street - B/16/01462/LBC/NLW

The following applications were discussed: -

- A) B/17/00091 - Outline application for 24 dwellings on land to the south of Daking Avenue - The detailed response was drafted by the working party comprising D Talbot Clarke, M Wooderson and V Trafford as delegated by full Council and submitted ahead of the deadline between meetings.
- B) B/17/00164/FHA & 165/LBC - Application for a porch and conversion of outbuilding to annex at Chequers, 7 Church Street. No Objections.
- C) The topics for discussion at the meeting with the Head of Planning were agreed - Clerk to email Philip Isbell accordingly - Action Clerk.

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), R Balls, C Hughes, V Trafford, A Sargeant, S Impett, M Wooderson, D Waspe, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr) and no members of the public.

APOLOGIES: D Talbot Clarke and J Finch (County Cllr).

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: None.

MINUTES OF 6TH MARCH 2017: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: No members of the public were present.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Councillor James Finch was unable to attend and no report was provided.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and advised that the District Council is proposing a Leader Cabinet model from the AGM. Cllr Hurren is unlikely to continue as Quay Theatre representative. He confirmed his attendance at a site meeting with the Goodlands Planning Officer. D Talbot Clarke and M Wooderson attended from the Parish Council. He was chasing the Highways Consultant, Martin Egan, for a response. The first phase of work in the Bus Shelter went well and he was obtaining more wood to block and stop the birds perching and planned to return on the following Sunday. It was agreed for Cllr Hurren to forward his bill for materials between meetings. Five sites in Boxford have resulted from the "Call for Sites" exercise. It was agreed to include as an Agenda item for the May full Meeting - Action Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and members had noted the on-going progress of each item. It was agreed to report the poor road condition on Ash Street and Fen Street and 2 pot holes in Calais Street by the post box - Action Clerk. The consensus was not to allow the USA Memorabilia to be re-located to the Village Hall - Action Clerk to advise the enquirer. It was agreed for Cllr Hurren to forward a further email in respect of the footpath improvements near Station Field - Action B Hurren. V Trafford agreed to liaise with BRN in respect of an item about the road lining - Action V Trafford. R Balls agreed to enquire as to whether we could apply lining ourselves where it has faded - Action R Balls.

B The Bank balances as at 3rd April 2017 were £15324.63 in the Community Account, £13335.08 in the Deposit Account and £42313.24 in the Reserve Account making a total of £70972.95.

CEMETERY: It was agreed to produce an Annual Specification for the on-going maintenance of the Churchyard wall and this will form an Agenda item at the May Meeting - Action Clerk. A Sargeant had followed up a request from a neighbour to the Churchyard to have a beech tree pollarded to existing cuts. A quote will follow. The Clerk reminded that the Church have rules regarding the size of branches that can be removed before a Church Faculty is required.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: The date was set for 9th May. The Clerk will buy the refreshments and V Trafford will open the hall. All to arrive at 7.15 p.m to help set up - Action Clerk, V Trafford and All.

MEETING WITH PLANNING AND FLOOD ENGINEER RE GOODLANDS

PHASE 2: M Wooderson reported on a recent meeting to discuss flood issues at the site. He met them at the Council Offices in Needham Market. He took up to date photos of the site which surprised Jason Skilton, Engineer, as they show a different picture to that presented with the plans. It was clear all the data used does not date after 2014 and there have been significant changes. A new survey will now be arranged as a result of this information. Concern had been expressed that the phase 1 building did not completely follow the plans and the on-going flooding to 42-45 Swan Street was cause for concern. It was agreed to report to Planning Enforcement to enable them to investigate - Action Clerk.

QUIET LANES: R Balls had researched this scheme that is run by the County Council. It has been trialed in other areas. R Balls agreed to liaise in this respect and advise the enquirer accordingly - Action R Balls.

PARKING NOTICES SUGGESTION: It was noted there would be legal problems associated with putting parking notices on cars on the public roads. R Balls agreed to liaise with the enquirer accordingly - Action R Balls.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: M Wooderson attended a workshop at the Suffolk Preservation Society regarding Heritage Planning. One point he brought back was to advise them of applications in Preservation Areas as they would investigate and provide their comments to Planning. This request was made to them in respect of Goodlands Phase 2 and they put on record their views which on this occasion accorded with this Parish Council views. The Chairman agreed to meet our litter contractors to agree positions for the new dog bins near Station Field - Action Clerk and Chairman.

Parish Council Matters

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 3rd April 2017

The following decision was advised by the Planning Authority: -
Permission was granted for conversion and extension of existing detached garage to single storey detached two bedroom annex at 8-10 Brick Kiln Cottages, Brick Kiln Hill - B/17/00072/FHA/AS

The following applications were discussed: -

A) B/17/00092 - Listed Building application to create opening from bedroom to existing bathroom and provide en suite shower room at Greenbank, Ellis Street. This was discussed between meetings to comply with the deadline. There were No Objections.

B) B/17/00518 - Application to reduce protected walnut tree at Goodlands Farm Cottage, 55 Swan Street - No Objections.

C) B/17/00409 - Application for a detached cottage and whelping kennel with additional erection of extensions and alterations to existing buildings at Simbos Gun Dogs and Grooming, Stone Street - No Objections.

Newton Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12th April

Present: Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Sue Crawte, Lee Parker, Rita Schwenk and Philip Taylor.

Attending: Lee Parker (Babergh District Council), D Crimmin (Clerk), Isobel Wright (Hastoe) and 2 members of public.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Bower and Poole (holidays) sent their apologies as did James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor).

Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No interests were declared and no request for dispensation had been received.

Minutes of meeting held on the 22nd March 2017: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: Lee Parker updated councillors that Babergh's housing supply had fallen below the 5-year criteria which now means that its Local Plan is now deemed to be out of date. Consequently, all planning applications in the district will be determined by reference to the National Planning Policy Framework and not Babergh's own plan and policies. He was asked to provide further information on how Babergh has managed to fall below the criteria without any warnings being given to local residents and what bearing the Chilton Woods strategic housing allocation now had in relation to the 5-year supply.

Correspondence (Appendix A) Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated since the last meeting it was noted that Newton Green Trust (Trust) has confirmed that the railway sleepers on the verge in Rectory Road were on Trust land.

Report (Appendix B) Following a review of the Clerk's Report the Clerk was asked to contact James Finch for an update on when all areas of the village will be able to connect the fibre Broadband service (16/090). The Clerk was also asked to write to the Trust to let them know that Cllr Taylor will be reviewing the removal of the concrete trip hazard at the entrance to the playing field from the Village Hall car park as part of the specification of the footpath previously agreed with the Trust (17/046).

Finance:

a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix C), were authorised by the councillors who also noted the income received since the last meeting.

b. The councillors resolved to accept the Bank Reconciliation and the Statement of Accounts as at 31st March 2017 (Appendix D).

Planning

a. No planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.

b. The status of previous applications and appeals were reviewed:

Local Housing Needs Scheme: Isobel Wright from Hastoe updated councillors that the landowner's solicitors had now requested a services plan for the site, on which it is proposed to develop four bungalows for the local housing needs scheme. This had delayed the exchange of contracts for the land. Once the exchange is complete, Hastoe will review the proposed plans for the scheme with NPC ahead of a public meeting with residents for their views on the proposals. Once the scheme is agreed by the village, a planning application will be submitted to Babergh, hopefully in the autumn of 2017.

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme:

The councillors reviewed the RoSPA report on the playground equipment and agreed that:

- Cllr Taylor obtain a quote from Advantage Environmental for the repairs to the playground fencing and gates

- Cllr Schwenk obtain an assessment of the issues raised relating to wood rot, alignment of the small swings and the condition of the seats on the large swings.

The councillors considered that as a Defibrillator Awareness session is now included in the Annual Parish Assembly (APA) on the 26th April 2017, that Cllr Parker give an update on what benefits a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) could be achieved by Newton at an NPC meeting rather than the APA.

Defibrillator: The Clerk updated councillors that the defibrillator is now live with the Ambulance Service and Cllr Presland is managing the governance of the equipment on behalf of NPC and the Golf Club is responsible for all consumables. There will be an Awareness session at the Village Hall on the 26th April 2017 at 7.30pm and the Golf Club will be holding a separate session on a date to be confirmed.

Open Space Survey: The councillors resolved that Cllr Presland respond to the Babergh Open Space survey on NPC's behalf.

Christmas Tree: Cllr Parker will talk to the Trust and Cllr Presland will talk to the publican on the proposals to provide a permanent position for the Christmas tree which the councillors plan to have installed by October 2017.

Village Hall and Trust representatives reports: Neither of the NPC Trust representatives were present and no report had been received. Cllr Schwenk updated councillors that the Village Hall door had now been replaced and a very successful quiz was held with the PCC

on the 1st April.

Questions to the Chair: No issues were raised.

In accordance to NPC's Standing Order 3d the councillors resolved to exclude the public and press from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the appointment of a new Clerk and the Contract of Employment terms and conditions.

Clerk vacancy: The HR Committee of Cllrs Poole, Presland and Schwenk had interviewed Jane Hatton for the position of Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer of NPC and were unanimous in their recommendation that the councillors employ her from the 1st May 2017 on the following terms:

- LC1 SCP 18 as starting point (rising to 22)
- 6 hours per week
- NEST pension with NPC's contribution of 3.75%.

The councillors resolved the appointment of Jane as the new Clerk from the 1st May 2017 and Cllr Presland to prepare a Contract of Employment for circulation to councillors.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 10th May 2017 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7pm in the Parish Room

Little Waldingfield Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 19th May 2015

Present: Councillors Andy Sheppard (Chairman), Stewart Braybrook, Barbara Campbell, Tim Sheppard and Chris White.

Attending: Dave Crimmin (Clerk) and 4 residents.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Matt Foster (work) and Coomber (commitment) sent their apologies.

Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation: Cllrs Braybrook and Campbell declared non-pecuniary interests in Item 17/053d as they are neighbours of the property. No requests for dispensation had been received.

Minutes of Meeting held on 21st March 2017: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: A resident raised his support for the proposed changes in height and materials to the wall in front of The Cottage in Church Road.

Planning:

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/17/00370 Coach House, rear of Wood Hall, Haymarket - Application for Listed Building Consent- Removal of storm damaged remains and re-use of materials for erection of 1 no dwelling (amended scheme to that approved under B/13/01311/LBC) and resolved to support the application subject to a condition regulating the hours of development in the interests of residential amenity.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/17/00369 Coach House, rear of Wood Hall, Haymarket - Erection of 1 no. dwelling (revised scheme to that approved under B/13/01310 due to storm damage) and resolved to support the application subject to a condition regulating the hours of development in the interests of residential amenity.

c. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/17/00905 Tinkers Cottage, The Street - Erection of single-storey extension (following removal of shed) and installation of french doors to rear and resolved that they had no comment on the application.

d. A further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/16/01578 The Cottage, Church Road - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990): Erection of 2 no. two storey dwellings and detached garage building for plot 2 (following demolition of existing dwelling and garage). Alterations to front boundary wall to create 2 no. new vehicular access and stopping up of existing vehicular access without compliance with condition 13 of B/12/01469/FUL to allow erection of 1046mm high replacement front boundary wall with addition of profile coping brick (reduction in height, alteration and retention of existing unauthorised front boundary wall). As amended by Drawing No. 1448/16/10 Rev A to show reduction in height and revised design of replacement wall. The councillors resolved that, subject to the height of the altered wall being the same as the two walls on either side, they supported the application.

Clerk Vacancy: The Chairman updated councillors on his and Cllr Campbell's discussion with a Clerk currently working for 3 local PC's who is interested in taking up the LWPC Clerk position in November 2017. The councillors, having previously reviewed the applicant's CV, resolved that the Chairman proceed with the appointment of the new Clerk subject to:

- suitable references being obtained
- that any changes to the current terms and conditions for the role being first agreed by council.

Questions to the Chair: No issues were raised.

Next Meeting: The date of the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday 16th May 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.38pm.

CLERK VACANCY

AT LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

There will be a vacancy at Little Waldingfield Parish Council when the current clerk retires later in the year. If you are interested in this role and would like to find out more information, please call LWPC Chairman Andy Sheppard on 01787 247980 who will be able to give you all the details.

BOX RIVER BENEFICE

MAKE UP OF PARISH COUNCILS 2015 – 2019

following the elections on Thursday 7 May 2015

[All members elected unopposed, except in Newton]

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Roger Balls	19 Daking Avenue	210136
Julian Fincham-Jacques	42 Homefield	210376
Cecil Hughes	Kiln Place, Cox Hill	210685
Vince Stafford	The Old Schoolhouse	211026
Andrew Sargeant	39 Homefield	211048
David Waspe	22 Stone Street	828953
Suzanne Impett.	Amberly, The Causeway.	210035.
David Talbot Clarke.	18-22 Broad Street.	211976
Mathew Wooderson	Birdsong 16 Goodlands	211204
Clerk	Debbie Hattrell	210943
District Councillor	Bryn Hurren	210854
County Councillor	James Finch	01206 263649

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Clare Britcher	Tudor Cottage, Mill Green	211234
Melanie Childs	Edwardstone Lodge	07952 956417
Paul Clarke	Hazel Cottage, Mill Green	210689
Phil Baker	Mulberry Farm, Round Maple	211452
Shirley Flack	Mill Cottage, Mill Green	210050
Sharron Norman	Dormers, Sherbourne Street	210386
Clerk	Anita Robinson	211673
District Councillor	Bryn Hurren	210854
County Councillor	James Finch	01206 263649

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Carey Fraulo	Groton Manor Farm	210391
Nick Cox	3 Groton Place, Groton Street	210339
Adam Dixon-Smith	Castlings Hall, Castlings Heath	210007
Jeremy Osborne (Chairman)	Waterside Barn, Groton Street	211960
Piers Roberts	Brook House	210619
Roland Cheeseman	1 Rose Cottage Daisy Grn	07770 237921
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Andrew Sheppard Chairman	The School House, Church Road	247980
Stewart Braybrook Vice Chair	Cypress House, Church Road	247043
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Matt Foster	Surprise Cottage, Church Road	07779 003635
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	Margaret Maybury	
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Russell Bower	4 Nicholsons Court	
Sue Crawte	South Hill, Church Road	
Jonathan Parker	2 Hall Cottages, Church Road	
Colin Poole	Stow Cottage, Sudbury Road	
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Rita Schwenk	1 Assington Road	210838
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GROTON VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 14th June 2017 at 7.30pm

The Annual General Meeting of Groton Village Hall will be held in the Hall (formerly the WI Hall) at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th June 2017 for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report & Accounts for the period to 31 March 2017
2. To elect members of the Management Committee
3. To conduct any other relevant business.

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With 3 games left we went away to Eye saints, knowing that a win would secure the title. After an end to end game it finished 0-0. Then away again to Sutton Stags, the only other team that could win the league ahead of us, with only a draw required, we were feeling confident. The boys played brilliantly, everyone of them and leading 1-0 at half time we were in touching distance of the league championship... A great 2nd half display by Sutton saw us loss 2-1... It was all down to the last game of the season, a must win game, if we win, we win the league..! The team we were playing was Bergholt, a team that held us to a draw to the home ground earlier in the season... Everyone was super nervous, well the parents were, the boys took it all in their stride! Was it written in the stars that it had all come down to the last game at home for the championship..?

With tremendous support at homefields the boys played brilliantly and with a real team ethic, spirit and togetherness, which resulted in a historic and fabulous 3-0 win... We are the champions....!

Thanks to all of the supporters from the village that were there to support our boys and the parents for all of their help throughout the season.

Finally and most importantly to all of our players - well done boys, we are extremely pleased and proud of what you achieved this year, a fantastic season and something we can talk about for many more to come. Shane Fenwick & Jason Long Managers Boxford Rovers under 12's

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NEWTON GREEN IS A HIT WITH SOCIETY TEAMS

An annual society day at Newton Green Golf club has helped boost interest in groups visiting the club near Sudbury.

Eighty players making up 20, four-ball teams from Suffolk and Essex took part in the second annual society day run by the club.

Ben Tawell, club manager, said: "We started this initiative last year and immediately attracted 18 teams. We invite all the societies that support us, and the day has proved a very successful format.

"We have received excellent feedback regarding the condition of our course and catering, which in turn we would hope will increase interest in even more societies visiting our club. Our bookings for this summer are already showing a marked increase.

"People seem to enjoy the atmosphere of a members' club that shows a welcoming approach to visiting groups. Our course offers an interesting challenge suitable for people who appreciate traditional, historic golf blended with attractive and challenging new holes."

Club women's captain Rebecca Evans presented awards and One Railway Golf Society were winners of the day, followed by a team from Brett Vale, with the Sudbury Wanderers Golf Society third.

Winners 1: One Railway Society Essex (Lee Vaughan, Colin Martin, Graham Horne and Steve Lawrence), 2 Brett Vale (Robert Holmes, Gareth Morgan, Steve Carr and Les Norman), 3 Sudbury Wanderers (Derek King, Dave Fisher, Peter Hebditch and Allan Scott).

