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June 2021

BABERGH PREFERS TO DEFER

In a move that caught many unawares, Babergh District Council (BDC) sprang a minimum *one-week* notice planning committee meeting to decide the Boxford Sand Hill application for 64 homes on 19th May. Previously it was understood that such a return to committee might occur later in June but it seemed from the high-speed timing that planning officers may have sought to capitalise on an unprepared defence against the application to speed it through to acceptance.

However, thanks largely to concerned inhabitants of Boxford who selflessly gave up their time and energy to rally around and project robust arguments to local councillors and planning officers, the application decision has now been deferred to a few months time pending further consultation. Residents, spearheaded by Boxford Parish Council chairman Julian Fincham-Jacques, had swarmed together to lobby planning officers, councillors and highways officers with soundly evidenced reasons as to why the application and resulting effects would be highly negative on Boxford life for existing and future residents alike.

In his introduction, Mark Russell, Area Planning Manager for BDC stated that it was understood that the application was 'contentious'. This seems at least partly due to a recently-submitted Highways

report supporting the application with very little understanding of real-world traffic conditions and movements within Boxford, or of the effects that a 64-house development would fur-



HGVs & farm machinery often struggle through Boxford

ther have on it. In addition it was of the opinion that because existing historical footpaths within Boxford do not meet current regulatory standards (e.g. the thin footpaths along Swan Street that are barely wide enough for a single able-bodied pedestrian) then any *new* footpaths wouldn't have to either. Wheelchair and mobility-scooter users, as well as parents with pushchairs, will either have to take their lives into their own hands in the middle of the road or be forced to drive into the village.

Mr Russell continued that a previous application in Boxford (Goodlands phase II) had been refused after councillors and the planning inspector disagreed with a Highways report that saw no issues with effects on local traffic. It is abundantly clear that Suffolk County Council Highways department prefer not to engage with local communities nor feel that they should at any point attempt to understand local issues that can only be explained by real-world experience, preferring to make decisions from the convenience of their own desks.

In what can only be described as a victory of common-sense over hardline pro-developer planning policy Mr. Russell then stated that in order to instill public confidence into the planning process

he recommended that the committee defer the decision until an independent highways assessment be commissioned. Additionally, ownership of the land affected by footpath plans and effects on heritage assets from additional road signage and street-calming measures should all be investigated.

Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Peter Beer then additionally requested a site visit by councillors to allow them to glean an understanding of the very complex issues and existing difficulties on site.

The proposal for deferment was unanimously voted in favour of by the committee members.

Regardless of opinion on the Catesby development proposal, the result of the meeting was a very positive (and sorely-needed) step-forward for transparent and open dialogue between local government and the people that it serves, a dialogue that until now has been entirely one-sided.

It's a very positive mini-win for the majority of Boxford residents who continue to oppose the urbanisation of the historic village after the approval decision was quashed by the High Court earlier in the year. However, work amongst villagers will now continue apace to prove how the application is inappropriate for the community.

The emerging Joint Local Plan from Babergh Mid-Suffolk shows that Boxford only requires 13 more dwellings in order to meet its allocation of additional development - a number far fewer than the 64 proposed, *none* of which would be available as local-needs housing and which would only serve to turn Boxford into a dormitory settlement with a seriously further-impaired road infrastructure. Boxford's own draft Neighbourhood Plan easily shows how these additional housing numbers can be met sustainably and without such detrimental slash-and-burn tactics.



Ellis Street would get narrower under proposals

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2020 LITTLE WALDINGFIELD VILLAGE RECORDER'S REPORT

Susan Sheppard, the village recorder for Little Waldingfield, has published the 2020 village report. In a very odd and restrictive year it is an absolute credit to Susan that she was able to accurately document the various happenings in the village for posterity. Her report will be submitted to the Suffolk Local History Council's archive which in turn archives the material together with parish records with the local Suffolk Records Office. This ensures that historians of future generations will have an understanding of what life was like in our time.

Amongst all the other comings and goings in the village:

March: "The oldest resident in the village, Joyce Smith, celebrated her 100th birthday this month; she received her birthday card from the queen but her birthday gathering unfortunately had to be cancelled."

August: "The hottest day of the summer was on Wednesday 12th, when the temperature reached 35; the heat caused power cables to sag along the road to Lavenham forcing U.K. Power Networks to turn off the supply as the cables were so low."

Sept: "This month's edition of Bury and West Suffolk magazine had an article on artist Clive Madgwick, who lived in the village at Churchside from 1964 to 1988; the article recalls that some of his earliest pictures sold for 50p each at Little Waldingfield summer fete."

You can view the full report on the Little Waldingfield History Society's website, here: <http://bit.ly/LWHS-report-2020>

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Since 2010 Veronica and Robert Hobbs have been prominent and invaluable members of the Boxford Village Hall Management Committee, managing a large proportion of the work required to keep the hall open and available for all to use. However Veronica and Robert have recently announced that they will be stepping down from their duties in September, leaving the committee without enough members to function. Without a management committee the hall will be unable to open and we would all be without a crucial community resource.

This is a call for anyone in the Box River benefice (you don't need to be in Boxford itself) who would be prepared to join the management committee and keep the hall open for all.

It has to be stressed that it is not a difficult job and we are looking for a good number of volunteers to come forward to help run various aspects of the running of the hall. The more members to share the jobs, the less work is involved for all.

If you are interested or have any questions, then please contact Joe Barrett at joe@joebarrett.me.



BOXFORD PLAYGROUND

On a cold and wet morning on Saturday 15th May, rumours started coming through thick and fast that The A-Team had come out of hiding and regrouped to take on their most ambitious project yet: re-fencing the Boxford Playing Fields Playground!

Whilst keeping a sharp lookout for any bad guys, the crack veteran volunteer squad of Hugh Philips, David Burden, Michael Waspe, John Weiland, David House, Ray Gibbons, Bob Estall and Peter Bendall met, rolled up their sleeves and got straight to work ripping out the existing wooden fencing and cutting back encroaching trees in advance of phase II of the project which is to replace with secure metal fencing in a week's time.

An average age of 70 meant nothing to these stalwarts of Boxford as fence posts and vicious brambles were cast casually aside like twigs. We're sure that bribes of beer and burgers had nothing to do with it whatsoever.

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The Blooming Garden

A Paean to Peonies.

In June, peonies add a touch of luxury to the garden with their enormous, flamboyant flowers. But in May, the species peonies with their single cup-like flowers are highly prized, although they bloom very fleetingly. The pale lemon variety with the impossible name *Paeonia mlokosewitschii* is affectionately



known as 'Molly the Witch' by those who grow it. It is expensive to buy but peonies are long lived and get better with each year. *Paeonia mascula* is cerise pink, and from the Balearics we have *Paeonia cambessedesii* which is pink too. These little peonies seed about freely and take about three years to mature.

Herbaceous peonies which are varieties of *Paeonia lactiflora* are the delight of early summer with their incredibly sumptuous flowers and some of them are delightfully fragrant. They need support because they have such heavy heads and like fashionable eighteenth century courtesans they tend to lounge about languorously and one feels one should provide a chaise longue for them instead of stout metal frames. It is difficult to choose favourites amongst such exotic beauties. They come in pink, rose and carmine or even pale yellow if you choose the lovely 'Laura Dessert' or 'Clair de Lune'. 'Sarah Bernhardt' is an old favourite with fully double silver pink flowers. I love 'Festiva Maxima' with large double, fragrant white flowers flecked with pink; it looks like whipped cream with a little raspberry juice swirled in. 'Monsieur Jules Elie' has flowers like fragrant, rose-pink powder puffs. I am not so keen on the darker pinks because I prefer softer shades for early summer but 'Karl Rosenfield', 'Red Charm' or 'Adolphe Rousseau' are all beautiful. Single herbaceous peonies are just as exquisite, I love 'Bowl of Beauty' with its central fringe of creamy white petals, or petaloids to be exact. But of course there are many, many more and it is a good idea to choose them in flower. Although the flowers are quite fleeting, herbaceous peonies have nice plump red buds in winter which look lovely with snowdrops.

Tree peonies have rather gaunt bushes but the flowers are the size of dinner plates so you overlook the ugliness of their state of *deshabille*. I grew some *Paeonia x suffruticosa* from seed; they were listed in the seed catalogue as *Paeonia rockii* which is the fabulous white tree peony with maroon centres. But bees had been



Paeonia x suffruticosa

busy and the flowers came out as various shades of pink, so they are not entitled to the name of *Paeonia rockii*. But never mind, they are incredibly beautiful and definitely the stars of the May garden. The seeds need to be sown fresh and kept outside. The first year it will look as if nothing is happening but with a bit of luck they will put down a nice root. If you protect them from pests, you will get a nice little plant that you can plant in the garden when it is three or four years old. Finally after seven years, or six if you are lucky, you will get enormous silky flowers. I know it seems a long time, but it is worth the wait and presumably you are doing other things while you wait. I am happy to provide seeds later in the season for anyone adventurous enough to give it a try. In ancient China, these beauties were grown in the Emperor's garden and ordinary people weren't allowed to grow them.

Nowadays, we have intersectional peonies which are named Itoh peonies after their Japanese breeder. He hybridized herbaceous peonies with tree peonies and the results are spectacular. They have much larger

flowers and bloom for longer than herbaceous peonies and they don't need staking. They are quite expensive but they are very long lived and they have such fabulous silky flowers in a far greater range of colour combinations than anything seen before in a peony. I splashed out on three last year and I am eagerly waiting for the first flowers.

Peonies require that famous horticultural oxymoron; 'moist, but well drained soil'. I have never worked out that contradiction, but I find most soils suit them as long as they are not water-logged. When you plant them it is important not to put them in too deep, their crowns need to be just below the surface of the soil or they will not bloom. They need rich feeding to bloom well. They are relatively problem free and will live for many years. They don't seem to have any pests. Sometimes you will see ants crawling over the buds because they secrete a sugary substance but this doesn't do the flowers any harm. And of course if you can bear to pick them they are fabulous for flower arrangements.

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COLD SHOWERS

Fancy a cold shower? They're 'Brrr-illiant' but they're not for everyone!

This year, it seems we are awash with people singing the merits of cold water bathing. For many of us, the thought of plunging into a chilly pool on a rather dull, cold day in a short neoprene top, gloves, booties and a woolly bobble hat fills us with dread.

Yet there are some brave souls in Boxford who I know were very early converts to this form of therapy and have been doing it for years.

Cold water therapy includes swimming in the sea, a lake or unheated pool, or cold water immersion in baths and cold showers.

For many of us, opting for a cold shower is a much more convenient and potentially safer option too.

Whilst the current trend is for cold, a hot shower can be equally, if not more beneficial. This all depends on your constitution, medical health and lifestyle.

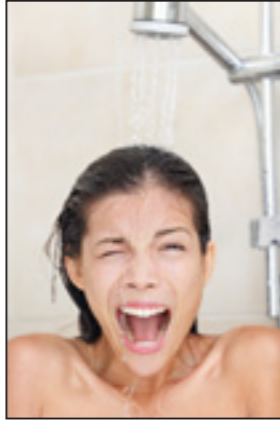
Look at the benefits of each in the table below

COLD SHOWER can assist with:	HOT SHOWER can assist with:
Reduces muscle soreness and fatigue	Reduces muscle soreness and joint stiffness (arthritis)
Decreases inflammation and swelling. Reduces pain	Improves circulation to muscles and joints and assists cardiovascular health
Stimulates the immune system / helps prevent colds	Clears sinuses
Tones muscles	Relaxes muscles
Speeds up metabolism, increases alertness	Assists with sleep/ relaxation
Stimulates anti depressant/feel good hormones	Reduces anxiety
Tightens skin and can reduce hair loss	Opens pores and cleans skin
Stimulates circulation	Relieves headaches
Reduces itching	Reduces puffiness

In a nutshell, my advice would be:

If you have achey, arthritic joints and have a shower in the morning to loosen up - stick with the nice hot shower. Likewise, at night to help you relax and sleep.

If you exercise, are more prone to sports injuries and want to boost your immunity - and boost your mood - try the cold.



How to get started:

I like to have a cold shower (after a nice hot one). Every time I take a shower I try and talk myself out of turning the knob from red to blue. But once I have stood under the cold water for just a few seconds, I feel invigorated, toned and it boosts my mood immediately.

I understand this to be due to the release of endorphins (feel-good chemicals) and also the benefits of increased circulation that boost your immune system and tighten skin.

I feel immensely smug too!

- Start by slowly lowering the temperature at the end of your usual shower. You don't need to go to cold for the first few showers. Slowly acclimatise yourself over several days.
- When prepared, get the water cold enough that you start to feel uncomfortable, howling (and bad language) is permitted.
- Stay underneath the water for at least 20 seconds and ideally 1-2 minutes.
- Do not put your head under the shower - just from the shoulders down, around the base of the neck and below is best.
- Breathe deeply, or control your breathing rhythm (in through the nose, out through the mouth), as this helps you cope with the discomfort and calms your mind. Try not to gasp.
- Each time you try this, make the water slightly colder.
- Try to last for another minute (or two) in the colder water.
- After performing this activity 7 to 10 times, you'll find that you might even look forward to turning the hot water down.
- If you don't feel good afterwards and don't enjoy it - stay in the red zone!

Always consult your health practitioner before trying a cold shower if uncertain.

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A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR EDWARDSTONE

You may have seen recently that a number of local communities are drafting 'Neighbourhood Plans' – Boxford for example has been working on one for some time now and you might have seen this mentioned in the Box River News. Little Waldingfield is also developing a Plan.

Edwardstone Parish Council circulated a letter to see whether there is also support for a Plan for Edwardstone and all of the responses we have received have shown support.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

At present the Parish Council has the opportunity to comment on all planning applications concerning the village, but without a Plan in place this limits it to commenting on individual proposals without any policy framework to refer to.

A Neighbourhood Plan would allow people in Edwardstone to have more of a say in the development of the Parish, for example where any new homes might be built and what type of new homes we might consider appropriate; whether there should be protection for important natural features such as woodland and green areas; and to ensure that Edwardstone plays its part in a sustainable future.

A Plan, once agreed by the people of Edwardstone, becomes a document that will be used by Planning Authorities when they receive Planning Applications. Without a Plan local views on developments may be ignored.

First Steps

On the basis of the positive responses we've received so far, the Parish Council applied to Babergh District Council to have the area within the Parish boundary formally designated as the Plan area. Babergh has agreed to this and have offered to work with us at appropriate points during the development of the Plan. The Council has also applied to the government for funding to engage a consultant to advise and work with us on the consultation process and the drawing up of the Plan. But, while professional advice will be useful, the most important aspect of developing a Plan will be the involvement of Edwardstone residents. Whatever Plan comes out of this, it will only be as good as the input from the people who live in the Parish including Edwardstone, Mill Green, Sherbourne Street, Groton Street, Round Maple and Priory Green.

How Do I Support the Idea?

If you think that a Neighbourhood Plan is good idea (or not!), please let us know by emailing EdwardstonePlan@gmail.com – please include your name and address.

Can I get involved? – We need your help!

Definitely! If you would like to help out please let us know using the email address above. We will be looking for people to help establish a committee to steer development and seek views on the detail of the Plan.

We will be keeping everyone informed on progress of the Plan and will be seeking people's views in the months ahead.



BOXFORD SCHOOL LIBRARY RENOVATION

Friends of Boxford School (FoBS) is the parent/teacher association for Boxford school which serves the communities of Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Assington and Newton.



This year, with our help, the school would like to renovate and refurbish the school library. The plans are very exciting, not only will the library be a bright and colourful space for children to read and take time out, it is also hoped to offer dedicated computer stations and a green-screen area for drama. It will become a multi-functional space for children and staff, creating a wonderful environment for learning and reading.

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- Books help us to understand and appreciate others
- Reading expands your vocabulary and helps with your speech and writing
- You are more likely to learn something new every day if you read.
- Reading helps reduce stress and can be therapeutic - it also boosts analytical thinking

FoBS were planning to fund the library project in full. Unfortunately due to the pandemic we had to cancel our large fundraising events in 2020/21 such as the Summer and Christmas Fayres. Whilst our fundraisers continue, over the Easter holidays we held The Brilliant Boxford School Readathon and an Easter Trail which were on a smaller scale. Our fundraising target is £12,000, but so far we have raised £5000.

This is where we need your help. We are asking if you would consider making a financial donation to our BIG Library Renovation Project. Please help us realise the dream and transform the library into the 'Heart of the School' benefitting all the children - we and they would be enormously grateful!

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Thank you for your time.

Sally Lewis & Anna Groom
Joint Chair, FoBS



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Dear Friends,

In the words of a famous character from a recent T.V. series. "Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the wee Donkey! Can we just move this along." (*Superintendent Ted Hastings: Line of Duty*).



In this moment, there is lots to be hopeful for and we are all eager to leave the pandemic behind. We seem to be moving from darkness into light as we edge tentatively towards the exit door of pandemic lockdown. But we must not forget what has gone before and we remain in a moment of difficulty. We must manage this next step carefully. There remains a lot of anxiety in both us individually and our wider society, and despite our best attempts at grasping for certainty, the future nonetheless remains somewhat indeterminate.

I think one of the most tragic consequences of pandemic could be a deepening of scepticism about the purpose of life itself, where everything begins to feel rather meaningless. The depressing rhetoric of the Atheistic extremist echoing the claim that "we're made of nothing more than physical matter and once we die, we simply become fertilizer for the fields", can become hauntingly attractive when times are dark and the imminent future feels uncertain. It can lead to despair.

Have you ever heard a really good preacher preach? A good preacher is not necessarily funny or entertaining. A good preacher captivates with a message of truth so profound it pulls the listener up short. Very occasionally, that message will penetrate so deep that it really does change your life for the better. A good preacher always communicates good news!

There was once a preacher. We do not know his name, but we find him in the book of Ecclesiastes, which is a book of the Hebrew Scriptures (which we may know better as the Old Testament of the Bible). He begins the book of Ecclesiastes with a saying that has become infamous in our common parlance: 'Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.' This phrase so easily slips off the tongue. But let us stop for a moment and think about what it is actually saying. It implies that nothing is of value; everything we do is of little worth (except to puff up our own pride); our lives, and what we do with them, have no purpose or meaning. It sounds concerningly similar to the philosophy of materialism. Of course, the preacher does not leave it there and moves on to a much more hopeful message later on. But isn't it interesting that it is this phrase that we have taken up in common culture and hear repeated without giving it a second thought?

When we stop and think seriously about such things, however, I think most of us could not fully sign up to this. Even in our darkest moments, most of us are driven by an evocative belief that our lives have a purpose and a meaning beyond just material gain. And that is the truth of it, they do! When we are facing our biggest challenges, when the darkness feels at it most destructive, we are captivated by a feeling that things are not as they should be and there is something more to life. Is it not true that when society encountered its most disruptive moment of a generation during the first lockdown, many of us discovered a longing deep inside to reflect and rediscover so much that had been missing? Were we not brought to realise the importance of our families, friends, institutions and the natural world around us; lamenting what was lost, but rejoicing in what we had re-found?

In May we celebrated the festivals of Ascension and Pentecost: Jesus being taken up into heaven and bestowing upon us the Holy Spirit (to guide and strengthen). So much of what we believe about

what it is to be a good person, and about what we hope awaits us beyond the grave comes from what we see in Jesus (even if we don't regard ourselves to be 'a Christian'). Put simply, without God there is no heaven, no good and evil. All things become fair game and life loses much of its meaning.

Jesus shows us how to live the good life; how to face up to the stuff we get wrong and become reconciled to our neighbours; how to live more in tune with the way things are meant to be. But more than that, he opens to us the path to heaven. By being fully human, Jesus breaks down the barriers of life and death and shows us the way to eternal life. His ascending into heaven provides us with a living example that reassures us that we too can follow him into the eternal realms. And as he sends his Holy Spirit upon us, we have a guide to help us on our way. All we need to do is stop, watch and listen for its promptings. Suddenly, we discover that our lives do have a purpose. What we do does matter!

We hope and pray that our lives may open up over the coming months and that we will be able to engage much more in the kind of things we used to do long before this dreadful disease began. There will be many things happening at church and in our community on a social and spiritual level. Come along and support us!

But there will be ups and downs along the way. Our path out of lockdown is unlikely to be completely smooth riding. But amidst the inevitable frustration and disappointment this will bring, never let it be said that our lives have no purpose or that what we do here makes no difference. It does, for both to us and those around us.

"Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the wee Donkey. Can we just move this along!"

With every blessing,

Fr Rob

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We're Back in Church!!! SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2021



Sunday 23rd May Pentecost (Whit Sunday – Receiving the Holy Spirit)	09:30	<i>Family Healing Eucharist in the Holy Spirit</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	All Saints', Newton Green
Wednesday 26th May	10:30	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	17:00	<i>Benefice Shared Evensong</i>	All Saints', Newton
Wednesday 2nd June	10:30	<i>Simple Eucharist (cancelled)</i>	CANCELLED
Sunday 6th June Trinity 1 (Corpus Christi from 3rd June)	08:00	<i>BCP Holy Communion (Traditional Language)</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Eco Forest Church</i>	The Rectory Woodland
Wednesday 9th June	10:30	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 13th June Trinity 2	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Bartholomew's, Groton
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Wednesday 16th June	10:30	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 20th June Trinity 3	09:30	<i>Mattins/Morning Prayer</i>	St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Wednesday 23rd June	10:30	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 27th June Trinity 4 (St. Peter and Paul from 29th)	09:30	<i>Intergenerational Family Service/Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	All Saints', Newton
Wednesday 30th June	10:30	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 4th July Trinity 5 (St Thomas from 3rd May)	08:00	<i>BCP Holy Communion (Traditional Language)</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt. Waldingfield
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Eco Forest Church</i>	The Rectory Woodland, (Meet at St Mary's Boxford)
	17:30	<i>BCP Evensong</i>	St Mary's, Boxford

Please be aware that these services may be subject to change at short notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can also follow our live streamed services and obtain service material from the following links:

www.facebook.com/boxriverbenefice
www.boxriverbenefice.com/resources-to-use-at-home

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All our churches across the Benefice are now **OPEN EVERYDAY** for Private Prayer.

If you need support please call Fr. Rob on **01787 210434** or email rparkermcgee@gmail.com



The Box River Benefice
Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Boxford

Forest Church – every 1st Sunday @ 11am
(6th June, 4th July, 5th September...)

Boxford Open Gardens – Sunday 6th June from 11am - 4pm
(tickets available to buy at St Mary's Church or look out for the Garden Open signs and purchase from the first garden you visit)

Art Exhibition – by Richard H Seaman (BA Hons Fine Art) taking place around Open Gardens. The medieval frescos in church inspired five paintings which will be exhibited alongside other recent artwork inspired by nature and the garden.

Church Café Coffee Mornings – every 3rd Saturday from 10am – 12 noon
(17th July, 21st August, 18th September, 16th October 2021...)

St Mary's Patronal Festival and Church Fete – Sunday 12th September from 11am – 4pm

Intergenerational Harvest Service – Sunday 26th Sept @ 9.30am

Edwardstone

St Mary the Virgin Patronal Festival and Parish Banquet – Sunday 15th August @ 11am

Groton

St Bartholomew's Patronal Festival and Parish Banquet – Sunday 29th August 2021 @ 11am

Little Waldingfield

'Drop in for Coffee' Mornings – every 1st Friday (re-starting 2nd July)

Concert by the Kelvedon Singers – date TBC

Village Flower Festival – 4th and 5th September

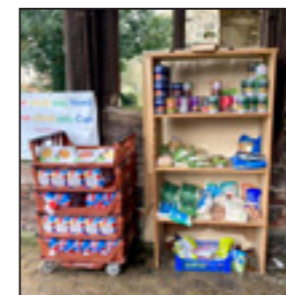
Newton Green

Harvest Service and Lunch – Sunday 26th September @ 11am

Bring and Share Foodbank

'Take what you need, leave what you can'

Just a reminder that the Food Bank in the north porch of St Mary's Boxford is still offering non-perishable items for those in need. We have been made aware that there are an increased number of families struggling as we come towards the end of this latest lockdown, and because of the economic situation that is likely to continue for some time. So please do drop off produce if you can manage. Tinned meat, vegetables and puddings are especially welcome, as we are low on these. Thank you for your support. This free service is for food items only and not for second-hand household items or toys.



We are still here for you and doing all we can to provide spiritual nurture and support. We will continue to hold live worship and this will be live-streamed over our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/boxriverbenefice

If you need support, please call Fr. Rob on **01787 210434** or email rparkermcgee@gmail.com

We look forward to you joining us in our devotions.





Join us at St Mary's Church, Boxford
where we shall walk to
the Rectory Woodland for

Forest Church

**SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 2021 @ 11.00am
and the 1st Sunday of each month.**

Encounter divine things in the great outdoors:
in the sky, the earth, the trees and the wildlife.

This service is for all, old and young,
who wish to get down and dirty with God.
It will be new, alternative, quirky and fun.





We're back!

You are invited to

"DROP IN FOR COFFEE"

in the Church
Little Waldingfield

**FRIDAY 2 JULY
10.30 – 12.00**

Join us for a coffee and
friendly conversation.
All welcome!

A voluntary donation to church funds would be welcomed

What's On

CALVACADE ON THE CROFT

CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW
in Association with the Suffolk Vehicle
Enthusiasts Club



Sunday 22 August 11am to 4pm

FREE Entry (Donations gratefully accepted)

A belated celebration to mark 25 years of ownership of The Groton Croft.

A Classic Vehicle Show, with all donations given to support the upkeep and maintenance of this historic green space. The day will showcase vehicles both old and new from Mercedes and Minis to Lamborghinis and even lorries.

All are welcome so meet your friends as we will have music and refreshments, so please bring a picnic and enjoy the day.

If you own a classic car, no matter what the vintage and would be happy to show it to visitors please contact Bob Bowdidge on 01787 211553 or Gerald Becker on 01787 211219
Email: gerald.becker@fastnet.co.uk

THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH SUFFOLK



We offer a stimulating monthly lecture programme delivered by experts on all aspects of the Arts. Lectures usually take place at The Quay Theatre, Sudbury on the 3rd Tuesday each month (excepting July/August or December).

Membership is £40 per person (£75 per couple) pa (Also there are the options of Zoomed Virtual Tours around Places of Interest & Special Interest subject coverage at a small additional cost.

TO JOIN : Go to our website www.tassouthsuffolk.org.uk, or email Carole Ashton creevesashton@gmail.com.

Or **ENJOY A FREE TASTER SESSION** by telephoning or emailing your interest, and a link will be sent to you beforehand.

THE TALENT IN TITE STREET

Lecture streamed via Zoom at 11a.m. 15th June 2021

London's Tite Street was one of the most influential artistic quarters in the late 19th & early 20th centuries. A staggering amount of talent thrived in just one street in Chelsea, including Whistler, Oscar Wilde, John Singer Sargent, Augustus John and Gluck. This lecture ties together the private & professional lives of its inhabitants to form a colourful tapestry of art & intrigue.

Lecturer: Jennifer Toynbee-Holmes is an experienced guide at both Tate Britain & Tate Modern and lectures at various art societies and institutions. She has a special interest in British & European art of the late 18th, 19th & early 20th centuries. She has had a career spanning 20 years as a TV producer & director making documentaries and factual programmes for BBC/ITV & Channel 4.

Remember!

The Box River News can be seen in full colour each month by downloading from the website.

www.boxfordsuffolk.com/box-river-news

The digital version is generally available one day after the deadline.

BOXFORD Gardens Open

Sunday 6th June 2021 11.00am-4.00pm
some gardens open till 5pm - please ask!

Gardens open in Boxford & Edwardstone
Plant stalls
Madrigalia will be singing
Artists Studios open to the public

Tickets £6 (children under 16 FREE)
Main ticket stall at the Church or look out for the 'Garden Open' signs and pay at the first garden you come to

For more details contact:
Sarah Williams 01787 992640
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All funds raised benefit
St Mary's Church Boxford

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

An 8 week course on Monday afternoons 4.30-6.30pm
Meeting in Groton Village Hall, CO10 5EL
Starting on Monday 11th October 2021

The Past is a Foreign Country....
....they do things differently there.
Tutor: Hugh Black- Hawkins

This term we will explore what writers make of history and how they create the past in novels, plays and poetry.

Monday 11 th Oct	Keats	<i>Eve of St. Agnes, La Belle Dame sans Merci The Eve of St Mark</i>
Monday 18 th Oct	Shakespeare	<i>Henry VIII</i>
Monday 25 th Oct	Shakespeare	<i>Henry VIII</i>
Monday 1 st Nov		Reading Week
Monday 8 th Nov	Chaucer	<i>The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale</i>
Monday 15 th Nov	Francis Spufford	<i>Golden Hill</i>
Monday 22 nd Nov		Reading Week
Monday 29 th Nov	George Eliot	<i>Adam Bede</i>
Monday 6 th Dec	George Eliot	<i>Adam Bede</i>
Monday 13 th Dec	Timberlake Wertenbaker	<i>My Country's Good</i>

Course Fee: £75 for the complete course,
payable on the first or second meeting.
£10 for each single class.
Newcomers very welcome.

Please contact Mr David Jones for further information and if you are interested in attending. Telephone 01787 211104.

Newton Green Ladies' Coffee Morning

23rd June 10am - Noon
Outside in the marquee

Cakes, Bread, Jams,
Bottles, Plants, Bric-a-Brac,
Raffle - lots of prizes

ALL WELCOME!

Boxford Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 (term time only)
Boxford Village Hall
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BOXFORD SALE TRAIL

10:00-15:00
SUNDAY 13TH JUNE 2021

Have you had a clear out and want to find new homes for your good quality items? Clothes, household items, sports equipment, children's toys, gardening items, plants plus more.. Then why not sell it from the convenience of your front doorstep/lawn!

If you do not live in the village but would like a table then why not book a spot in one of our 3 hubs? Boxford Churchyard, White Hart Pub car park or The Rectory Garden (with kind permission from Father Rob)

To book your place on the map or at one of our hubs please contact: boxfordsaletrail@gmail.com by Friday 3rd June 2021

Please note spaces at our hub locations are limited therefore we advise you to book early (you must bring your own table and remove all items after the sale trail finishes)

Cost: £12 per table space at your house / at a hub

Maps of all sellers available for £1 from outside Box River Cafe, Boxford from 10am on the day

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BOXFORD FARMERS MARKET

AT THE WHITE HART

SUNDAY 30TH MAY
& SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

9AM - 12NOON

THE FIRST OF MANY

FREE ENTRY

Lots of fabulous fresh food (bread, cakes, ice cream to name a few!), gifts, candles, art & craft, plants, flowers & more!

CITIZENS ADVICE

"I've been living in my privately rented flat for years. I generally have a good relationship with my landlord, but I just can't get them to carry out various repairs that have built up. How can I get them to act - and what exactly do they have to do?"



This must be a very frustrating situation. The law states that your landlord must provide accommodation that is safe, healthy and free from things that could cause serious harm.

You don't say exactly what repairs are needed. If you have problems such as electrical wiring that you think might be faulty, or there's damp, or an infestation by pests, the landlord has a legal obligation to put things right. Landlords are also responsible for the maintenance of the general structure, and fittings such as boilers and radiators; basins, baths and toilets; and the drains.

The first step is to contact your landlord again, in writing. Include photographs of the problems. Keep a record of all communications and evidence relating to the disrepair. If that doesn't prompt any action, the housing advisers at Citizens Advice can help with next steps. These could include contacting your local council (who will have dedicated officers for dealing with disrepair in private rented properties) or asking for a visit by the environmental health team.

Tenants can take their landlords to court to force them to carry out repairs. However, it's worth getting some advice and thinking carefully before embarking on this route.

If you need further information or advice contact us. We are providing advice by telephone and email, Mon - Thurs, 10am - 1pm. Please phone 01787 321400 and leave a message and someone will call you back when available. We will attempt three times to call you back, so please expect a call from a withheld number.

You can also ring our Advice line on Freephone 0808 278 7868 or 0800 144 88 48.

Alternatively, contact us by email at advice@sudburycab.org.uk or by the contact facility on our website: www.sudburycab.org.uk.

Contact: Elaine Gorman

Email: elaine.gorman@sudburycab.org.uk

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'BOY TEDDY' Part 7 - 1946-47

My last few months at Grove Vale school. I would be sorry to leave - we had some good times there especially sports afternoons at Dulwich Hamlets football ground. We had permission to use the team's practice grounds since we did not have our own, so off we would go in a crocodile clutching our kit and hand-sewn, dubbin-soaked leather footballs. Our goal posts were piles of clothes and two games would be played simultaneously, each using half the pitch widthwise. I was never sure whether this was for our benefit or for the PE teacher's because he was well overweight, in his 40s and there was no way he was going to keep pace with us running up and down a full-sized pitch. The games were held according to the Marquis of Queensbury's rules and I do not remember who won if anyone indeed ever did.

The Eleven Plus exams were held in the late spring. I cannot remember making any special preparations for them. I cannot even remember being anything but completely laid-back throughout the exams, being convinced that I would be going to Goodrich Road school, a secondary school about a mile from the Herne, where John had been until he left the term before to join Fox Photos in Fleet Street.

Not long after the exams Dad received a letter indicating that a meeting was required to discuss the various options that were open to me. Dad disappeared down the road to the Heaton Arms in Rye Lane. When he returned he called me in and I entered the room cautiously. "How do you think you did in your exams?" he said with a stern look on his face. I fidgeted and said "I suppose I will be going to Goodrich Road same as John." "No," he said, "you're not - I don't even know where we are going to send you." I thought I must have made a complete hash of it and was going to Heber Road School, or "Dartmoor" as it may just as well have been. "No," he said again, and then, with a smile even George Formby would have been proud of, he said "You passed, congratulations! I thought you might like this for doing so well." and he thrust this long, quite heavy package at me. With my hands shaking I tore at the brown paper wrapping to reveal a BSA .22 Air Rifle and a tin of pellets to go with it. Brilliant! What a prize to win, bother the school, this was going to give me hours of fun, often at other people's expense. A meeting date was arranged for Dad and I to go to see my headmistress. I am sure that Dad had already made his decision after chatting with some of our customers and one in particular, a chief inspector, whose son Trevor was now going to St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School for Boys in Bermondsey, near Tower Bridge.

The headmistress had moved her office right to the top of the school in, quite fittingly, a tower. It was four floors up with no lift. By the time we got there we were both out of breath. A lengthy discussion took place. I was embarrassed by the praise heaped on me by the headmistress. A shortlist was drawn up headed by the aforementioned "StOGS", then Alleyn's, with Wilson's third. I wanted to go to Alleyn's because it was in Dulwich, not far from home and had its sportsfield in its grounds. Our first interview with the Head and Deputy-head of StOGS was not long in coming and after a bath, hair cut and in new grey shorts, a blazer without a badge and new black shoes I was ready for the journey up to St Olave's, a journey I was to make every school day for the next five years and beyond.

The school was founded in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I to provide education for the poor boys of Bermondsey. The building it was housed in now was Victorian gothic on a fairly grand scale. The hall was the most impressive with the ceiling being arched and above third floor height. There was a balcony on three sides and both the ground floor and balcony floor were panelled in dark oak with the names of previous School Captains, Honours lists, Sports champions etc listed on them in gold. The balcony also housed the sixth forms, together with the organ and the headmaster's study. We arrived with a few other parents and were left to wait outside the Headmaster's library. A doddering old fool called Mr. White, the deputy headmaster,

ushered us into the library and handed me a set of sheets containing maths questions and other stuff somewhat tougher to answer than the eleven plus questions. I had to answer these whilst Dad was in with the Head. I did quite well according to Mr. White and then met Dr. Carrington the headmaster. He was formidable and I took an instant dislike to him. He proved to be a classical scholar and quite inhuman. I got my place at StOGS much to Dad's delight - I was quickly kitted out for school with a visit to the school's tailors near London Bridge station. All that was needed for the school uniform in addition to what had already been bought was a cap and a blazer badge. However the list of other things for sports, gymnastics, satchels, pens etc. was quite extensive and Dad found himself agonisingly dipping deeper and deeper into his pocket.

In the summer Dad had hired the Southern Star again [see April 2021 BRN] only this time it had its engines fitted and we were to spend two weeks cruising on the Thames, bliss.

The holiday started with Dad's best friend, Len Ward (father of the actor who played Young Winston, Simon Ward), driving us the 22 miles to Chertsey and offloading us at Bates Cruisers by the bridge. Dad had managed to obtain some petrol coupons to add to the fuel allowance already in the boat's tank.

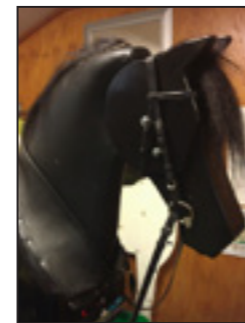
As a reward for Len made the first day's cruising with us from Chertsey to Hampton Court and back. Len had a very colourful background. During the war he was a British agent in occupied France and somehow managed to avoid capture. Len was now a second-hand car dealer specialising in prestige cars and many was the time I would be given a ride in a Jaguar SS, Bentley, Bristol or vintage Rolls Royce. John worked for Len at his West End showrooms for some time but it seems that Len got himself into trouble with the police and was arrested and sent to prison. I think he may have been clocking cars or dealing in forged petrol coupons, probably the latter because dad never had any problem getting hold of them when he needed them hence the extra fuel we had for our boating holiday!

One of the daily chores that could not be put off was the emptying of the Elsan. Unlike today's portapotties the Elsan was simply a large bucket into which you put chemicals. With 5 of us on board it does not take long to fill and has, to put it mildly, a hideous smell. There were no Elsan emptying points along the river so the aim was to find a quiet spot, dig a hole and bury it. That was not so bad in dry conditions but less pleasant in bad weather. On one particular morning the day had started with rain that later developed to high winds as well. It was John's turn to empty the Elsan and he kept putting it off. We were on the move and Aunt Dolly was getting desperate but refusing to use the heads in their present condition. Dad made his mind up, there was an grassy island up ahead. His plan was to nose the boat up to the island and hold it on power whilst John jumped ashore to dispose of the smelly contents and jump back on board again. It was chucking it down and we were facing into a headwind. John grabbed the bucket, climbed out of the well and struggled forward to the bow. By the time he got there he was soaked. He made up his mind not to go ashore and after a couple of swings he attempted to empty it by throwing it onto the island. I do hope you will pardon my French, but I'm pretty sure that the phrase "pissing in the wind" was invented just for this moment because the entire contents were blown back over John. He was totally covered from head-to-toe with the foulest-smelling concoction you could imagine. I had been watching the entire episode through the windscreen in the well and it was without doubt the best and most memorable moment of the holiday. John had to jump overboard into the shallow water and get rid of the worst of the mess but was not allowed back in the well until he had removed all his clothes down to his underwear. It was time for me to split my sides laughing at John's expense - this was a truly fantastic event and he has still not lived it down to this day 68 years after.

EBONY'S DIARY

Life at The Shelley Centre

Hello readers of the Box River News! I have been invited to join you each month to give you an update on the comings and goings at the Shelley Centre each month, which is very exciting!



In case you have no idea who I am, here is a photo of myself. I'm named Ebony, and I'm a riding simulator. Computer-controlled, I work indoors at The Shelley Centre giving therapy to disabled riders that exactly replicates the physical movements of a live horse or pony. For riders who need to get their strength up, or are recovering from injury, I'm ideal. You can be warm and dry in my 'stable' and we have a hoist to enable wheelchair riders to access my physiotherapy sessions. Naturally we still have to keep our distance from some of my lovely riders and we eagerly await the day when we can be fully operational. My predecessor, a mechanical massage 'horse' called BABS lives with me; we make a good team.

We have a team of 10 horses and ponies, all different shapes and sizes, and specialist tack is required to suit each person's needs. It's quite an organisation, all overseen by our Mum, Lyn, who is the stable manager and keeps us all fit, well and happy.

We come under the umbrella of the Riding for the Disabled Association whose rules and regulations we are governed by, and who monitors our teaching and training. Everyone here feels lucky to be so well cared for, and we all love our work helping to make a difference to people's lives.

To show you how we look after outdoor riders, here is our volunteer Louise leading Bryn and his rider during a lesson in our arena. Some riders can manage with just a leader, others need a side-walker to support their experience, and a few need two side-walkers, all of which are volunteers at the centre.



Each month I'll try to bring you news of what people have been up to at Shelley. With my large ears pricked, no gossip escapes me, and in warmer weather I can have my door open to the yard and spy on the live horses to keep you posted on all the news from the other river, the Brett!

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Reader's Letters

On behalf of all the family I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and support on the passing of Eileen. £310 was donated to the St Elizabeth's hospice. Please accept this as the only sincere acknowledgement and our grateful thanks to you all.

Kind regards
Paula Stacey

David Marriott

On behalf of myself and family, I would like to thank the friends and neighbours for the many cards and flowers we received following the passing of my dear husband David. Also to the many people who paid their respects and said their goodbyes outside the church.

My special thank you to Dr Lyons and Father Rob.

Rosie Marriott



GENTS!

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Soap Box

Looking back at what I have written recently for the Box River News, I was struck by just how influenced I have been by the effects of the Covid pandemic. I suppose this has been inevitable, given the way in which it has changed all our lives, but there surely must be more to life than just how successive lockdowns have interfered with our day-to-day routines. The trouble is that it is hard to escape from coronavirus, given that it still dominates many news reports.

As it happens, I am writing this just before a further easing of restrictions which will bring us closer to the sort of normality that existed before this virus emerged as the threat it turned out to be. Even foreign travel will be back on the cards, though for reasons unconnected with the pandemic, we are not planning to avail ourselves of this opportunity quite yet, despite missing our Algarvean retreat. Instead, I will be trying to get myself fit again, after my operation, and catch up with tasks that I have ignored for far too long.

Included in these is producing an article on recycling for the newsletter of the church we attend in Portugal when we are there (and indeed still attend via Zoom). This may seem a strange topic to pick, but the congregation there are very keen on saving the planet through reducing waste and, in particular, not using plastic where possible. As well as organising a beach clean and a plastic-free month for shopping, the church helped organise a virtual conference on waste and recycling for the Gibraltar diocese, of which it is part.

It was quite an event in which I did actually take part, but as an observer, rather than a participant. Not that I am against recycling. Indeed, as a family we embrace it wholeheartedly, filling our blue bin on a regular basis while our black bin is usually half empty. Mind you, what is truly recyclable and what is not can be difficult to determine. Some packaging does come with guidance, but not all, and so often there are items that some councils will recycle and others won't.

One of the initiatives embraced by the community in the Algarve is the collection of plastic bottle tops which apparently have a value all of their own. The charities to which these bottle tops are donated are able to turn them into real value for the causes they embrace. One uses the proceeds they receive to purchase mobility equipment for disabled children of poor families. Often their stories are carried in a local English language magazine, for which I write on church matters and other topics.

But to return to recycling in the Algarve and why the church is keen for me to contribute an article on this subject, the Congregational Warden there is convinced that unless we act decisively now, life as we presently know it may have only a limited period to run. With plastic choking our rivers and seas and climate change threatening to cause an ecological disaster, he may have a point. It does put the coronavirus pandemic into some sort of context. He views this latest challenge as God's shot across mankind's bows.

So, armed with Mr Google's resources, I have started my task of researching waste and its effects. It seems that most plastic waste enters the wider environment through just 1000 rivers around the world and that just three are particularly bad. These three are all in Asia. It is clear that, whatever we may do in this country or in the developed world as a whole, our efforts will count as little unless the populous nations of the Far East get their act together – a big ask for countries where many are mired in relative poverty and the societies there are still playing catch up on the prosperous West.

Still, play our part we must. In the plastic free month the folks in the Western Algarve undertook, people bought things like detergent by taking refillable containers to stores prepared to sell these goods in that way. There was much education of shopkeepers by waste savvy shoppers, with supermarkets in particular being encouraged to adopt better practices. Perhaps we should be trying something similar here. By all accounts the clock is ticking. We may soon have more than just Covid to contend with.

Brian Tora

FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

Hello everyone, I thought this month, I would share with you all a lovely photo of Sue with Lucy, our therapy dog, on her lap. Sue is a new volunteer for us at French's. She lives locally and read about our charity and the help we need, so contacted me to see when the best time would be to pop over. When Sue arrived she causally gave us the wonderful news of a fund-raising event that she had done for us. Sue called her fundraiser "100 March", where she marched 100 miles through the month of March, raising just over £550. How amazing is that? It was one of those times when I was not expecting such good news and felt overwhelmed with how kind some people can be, so thank you to Sue for her support. Sue's money will go towards one of our many bills.



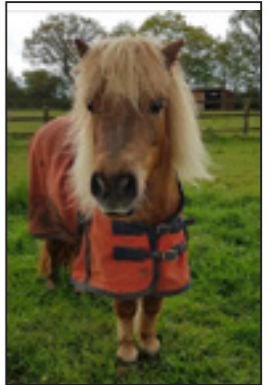
Since last summer me and my team of volunteers have been asking for help from someone out there who could provide us with a large summer house of no less than 16ft wide, or help us buy the summer house we need, but sadly no one has come forward to help. We are getting pretty desperate, because we have nowhere for our visitors and the people we work with to have a drink, have their lunch, or sit inside for talks. It was suggested that we could always have a plaque on the summer house of a person you know that was or is an animal lover and have it as a memorial plaque in their name? Would you like that for your husband, wife or relative?

I already have in my mind a small new garden area being designed around the summer house, which volunteers if they wish, can help us with. Once we have this in place we can then organise

some open days. I am looking forward to that day and am keeping everything crossed that this will happen. French's had a full pallet of small animal food that we had spare, which was donated to us from Pets at Home, so in April we took a van full of the food and bedding over to Suffolk Re-homing Centre in Ipswich. Tracey at the re-homing centre who helped unload the food said "Thank you so much, this food will go to the people who are fostering our animals while we find a permanent home for them." It is so rewarding to be able to help others in any way we can.

By autumn this year with more fingers crossed we will be having a quiz night for all to come to and have some fun. Yes that is right, *fun!* After a tough year we all need to have a gathering and a laugh together. As soon as I have a date I will let you all know. I am also trying to sort out a barn dance as well, I am probably getting ahead of myself, but hey ho.

Here is an update on the two ponies that we have re-homed from Sesaw. Chrystal and Lady have arrived and are now part of the French's family. They are both settling in well and are becoming friends with a couple of our ponies, just through the fencing for now, but hopefully if all goes well they will be able to graze together soon. Here is a sweet picture of Lady out in her paddock.



If you would like to help in any way then please get in touch with me, call or email, the details are below.

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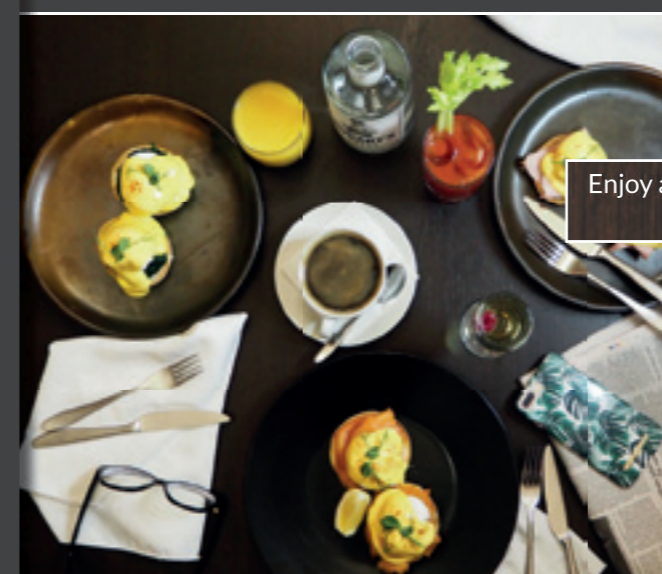
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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Kersey has been transformed these last couple of weeks as TV production company Eleventh Hour Films set up for filming a small-screen adaptation of Orford writer Anthony Horowitz's bestselling book *Magpie Murders*.

Fans of Kersey's timber-framed pub The Kersey Bell may well have been left scratching their heads and asking for directions after the crew rebranded the pub into "The Queen's Arms" as part of the filming, complete with new hand-painted sign. In addition, the village was sent back in time to the 1950s where part of the book is set. Popular fifties cars such as the Morris Minor and the Ford Anglia could be seen parked alongside baskets of onions and potatoes, ironmongery and hung pheasants as the company weaved its magic on set.

River House, a Grade II listed historical building in Kersey, known for playing host to film sets in the past, was selected for the filming of some indoor scenes, as was the Bell once its transformation into The Queen's Arms was complete. Manager of the pub, Wendy Green, told the BRN "During filming the cast and crew we so friendly. They even left us with the Queen's Arms sign as a memento. We're going to hang the sign up outside and rename the garden 'The Queens Arms'!"

Oscar-nominated actor Lesley Manville CBE, known for high profile roles such as in Disney's *Maleficent* movies and also playing Princess Margaret in the upcoming season of *The Crown*, was due to be reunited onscreen with Timothy Spall OBE (*Harry Potter; Secrets & Lies; Quadrophenia*) after they last acted together in Mike Leigh's *Mr Turner* in 2014. Sadly Spall, who was due to play the detective Atticus Pünd in the adaptation, had to be replaced at the last minute due to family health problems.

Magpie Murders is due to premiere on Britbox in early 2022.



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BOOK REVIEW

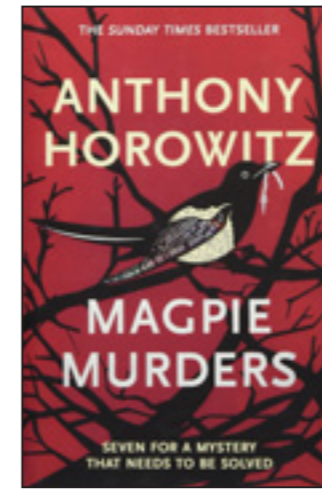
Magpie Murders, by Anthony Horowitz

Murder mystery fans will find their heads turned inside out in Anthony Horowitz's novel-within-a-novel, *Magpie Murders*. In the book, fictional publishing editor Susan Ryeland narrates as she reads the new manuscript of her best-selling author Alan Conway's ninth and final Atticus Pünd detective novel.

Pünd is a shrewd and insightful German-born detective whose murder-sleuthing exploits have been topping the charts for years, a cash-cow that has been good business for both Ryeland and Conway. In this latest novel Conway has Pünd investigating the suspicious death of a housekeeper in a grand mansion in the quintessential 1950s English village of Saxby-on-Avon.

Conway has mixed in all the ingredients of a classic murder - an 'accidental' death, a group of eccentric suspects all with good reason to murder, stolen bottles of poison, red herrings, and a sage-like eagle-eyed detective hell-bent on solving one final case before a terminal disease catches up with him. In and of itself, it's a hugely entertaining read.

However, it soon becomes clear that Conway clearly detests the commercial success of his Pünd creation. Conway is a thoroughly unlikable and widely-hated character. He considers his career amongst literature's highbrow greats to have been irredeemably



punctured by the tawdry penny-dreadful back-catalogue he's found it beneath himself to churn out. As Ryeland reads the manuscript she begins to realise that Conway's characters are caricatures of the people around her in the real world. She discovers that the final chapters of his manuscript are missing and Conway himself is mysteriously found dead. In order to explain his death she must first find the missing chapters containing the clues that point to the reason for Conway's demise.

It won't take too long into the novel before you begin to feel that Atticus Pünd is a detective character you've known for decades alongside the likes of Poirot and Marple. Horowitz is certainly a genuine and enthusiastic Christie fan and his knowledge of the entire murder-mystery genre is second-to-none (The Arthur Conan Doyle estate recognised his ability by authorising him to write two new Sherlock Holmes novels: *The House of Silk* and *Moriarty*).

This book will reward murder-mystery fans with a second or third reading to reveal a rich seam of classic whodunnit gems that have been sneaked into its pages. It is a captivating reveal into the world of publishing and the relationships authors have with their characters. An ingenious work of postmodern metafiction, this is two books for the price of one from the prolific Suffolk-based screenwriter of *Foyle's War* and episodes of *Midsomer Murders* and *Poirot*.

You can view a fascinating interview with a charmingly animated Anthony Horowitz talking about *Magpie Murders* here: <http://bit.ly/horowitz-video>

Magpie Murders is available to purchase in hardback, paperback, Kindle e-book and audiobook here: <https://amzn.to/2QdfzZQ>

Moonflower Murders is the recently-released sequel to *Magpie Murders* which sees Atticus Pünd featuring in a new murder mystery. The paperback version has just been released and is available to purchase here: <https://amzn.to/2SICOeF>





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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH Your County Councillor for the Stour Valley

The Year of COVID 19

The year has been dominated for all of us at national and local level by pulling together to overcome the unprecedented incident of Coronavirus throughout the year. The County Council with the Suffolk Fire Service reacted from the very beginning back in March 2020 in many ways to the national guidance given by the Ministry of Health and the NHS. These are just some examples of actions taken by the Council:

- Immediate response supplying the elderly and vulnerable with food packs so that they were well fed and nobody suffered because of the first lock down and were unable to visit the shops.
- The collection and dissemination of local data and advice to guide the local policy for best-practice control.
- The organisation of home schooling with the local authority in maintained schools
- The introduction of “Home but not Alone” freephone line for the lonely.
- Support lines for those with financial worries.
- The follow up to Test and Trace and now recently totally co-ordinated at the local level since March 2021.
- Local co-ordination of the vaccination programme with Clinical Commissioning Groups via the Director of Public Health – Stuart Keeble.

There will be lots of lessons learnt for this last year and no doubt our future modus operandi both in work and leisure will be different in the future. We should all thank each other for the collaboration that has been achieved. My belief is that there is “*always good that comes out of bad*”.

Resurfacing of 25% of the Suffolk Highway

On 5th August it was announced that Suffolk Highways completed its 1000th resurfaced mile following the Council’s commitment to relay new road surfaces on a quarter of Suffolk’s road network. In 2017 Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet committed to resurfacing 1,000 miles of road across Suffolk over a four-year period in a bid to improve the quality of roads and reduce the number of potholes. There is still more to do!

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

In September it was announced that 100 fast charging points for electric vehicles were to be built in rural parts of the county. The council have reached out to interested parish and town councils and non-profit organisations to put in fast chargers where there are currently none. The funding will cover the installation and set-up costs, meaning very little expense for the hosts and possibly creating a source of income for them. The uptake has been good.

Fostering and Adopting in Suffolk

In October the Council launched Adopt East, a regional adoption agency which has been established to recruit adopters across the East of England. Adopt East will work across local authorities to find families for children who are waiting to find their forever home. The target has also been doubled for increasing the number of new foster parents from 30 to 60 for 2021/22 as a result of the predicted extra numbers required following the Pandemic.

Choice of Schools for September 2021

On National Offer Day 98.57% of Suffolk children were offered a place at one of the schools preferred by their parents. Suffolk County Council received 7,602 applications from parents indicating which primary school they would prefer their child to join in September 2020. Some 7,116 children received offers for their first preference school and 7,493 children received an offer for one of their three preferred schools.

Suffolk’ Response to the Climate Emergency

In response to its declaration of a climate emergency, SCC aims to lead the way with an unparalleled range of activities and policy changes to support its ambition of being a ‘net zero’ authority by 2030. The council’s cabinet reviewed and agreed an extensive programme of recommendations to achieve this ambition including dozens of changes and new ways of working. Being ‘net zero’ means the council will remove its carbon emissions where it can; if it is unable to do so, it will compensate for those emissions

Investment in Suffolk’s Natural Environment

The County Council will be investing in tree-planting, restoring hedgerows, and improving roadside verges for wildlife. £228,000 from the Suffolk 2020 Fund will enable Suffolk County Council to enhance its work to protect and encourage biodiversity in the county. The authority will do this through a number of new schemes, as well as building on existing work.

Suffolk Archives’ New Home Welcomes First visitors in 2020

Monday 28 September saw the public able to access “The Hold”, Suffolk’s flagship new heritage facility on Ipswich Waterfront. This versatile new building will be the permanent home of the Suffolk Archives Ipswich branch and is shared with the University of Suffolk, who have dedicated teaching spaces within the building. The creation of The Hold, and its associated countywide programme of events and activities, has been made possible thanks to a grant of £10.3m from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, and further funding support from other national organisations and local Suffolk heritage groups.

Better Broadband for Suffolk reaches 100,000th customer as the 3rd phase contract is agreed with the UK Government.

By June 3rd, more than 100,000 households across Suffolk were using faster broadband, thanks to the council-led Better Broadband for Suffolk programme. The partnership - between Suffolk County Council, Openreach, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (NALEP) and local councils – has made faster broadband available to around 150,000 premises so far, since being launched in 2010. It means the current total superfast broadband coverage in Suffolk now stands at more than 98% coverage.

The team has plans to go even further, after today announcing an additional phase of work, to provide connectivity to approximately 5,000 more premises, including over 550 businesses, in some of the most rural parts of Suffolk under Phase 3.

Suffolk County Council secures £3.1M for building decarbonisation initiative.

Suffolk County Council (SCC), working in conjunction with property specialists Concertus, has secured £3m+ of funding from The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to promote capital energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation projects within buildings used to provide frontline public services. Working with Concertus, the council has been preparing a range of packages to support the decarbonising of various buildings in the Council’s estate including applications for the council’s headquarters at Endeavour House in Ipswich, four rural fire stations, Beacon House, Waterloo Centre and Leiston Children’s Centre. All this is to help reduce the County Council’s running costs for the future.

County Council Elections – 6th May

I am honoured to have been elected as your County Councillor for a 4th term. May I thank all readers for the confidence they have shown in me for the next 4 years. As before I am here to represent everyone who live in the Stour Valley Division at the County Council and will continue to do so to the best of my ability.

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN Your Babergh District Councillor

The month of May has seen as predicted a return to some normality in my Council Duties with the first meeting of the Audit and Standards committee being a guinea pig for how things will be done with an actual meeting taking place in the Council chamber, while practicing social distancing. By the time you read this it will have taken place with serving Councillors on one side of the chamber and the chairman (myself) and officers providing reports and information on the other. All our meetings now are on Youtube (whatever that is) and you can now view councillors at work and in this case making sure that your money is used wisely and for the purpose it was intended. While our national government is plagued with allegations of mis-appropriation of our money and allegations of inappropriate lobbying, bungs and contracts awarded to friends and supporters, I can absolutely assure all constituents that this does not happen at this local level and never will do on my watch.

As I write this, I am also preparing for the next planning meeting which will have featured the latest application from Catesby homes to build 64 homes on good arable farmland above Sandhill. I will have spoken strongly against it again to convince the planning committee to refuse this application which is so wrong for Boxford as it will not provide any local-needs affordable homes for the village, it cannot be connected to the village with footways or safe access for vehicles and does not provide anywhere for cars to park in the center of the village or any expansion to our excellent school. Just more extended traffic chaos and a promise to bus more of our village schoolchildren to other schools which the developer is prepared to pay for as a bribe for planning gain, all this in the middle of a declared climate emergency when we are encouraged to stay local and use vehicles less.

This application goes against everything that is in the Boxford Neighbourhood Plan and if passed will negate what can be done to expand and enhance village facilities. Expansion of the village and good planning should be done in consultation with the local population, not forced upon it against their will and to their disadvantage.

The month will have been completed with the Babergh AGM on 25th May and will bring some changes to positions and roles of councillors I am sure. I would hope for stability as during the pandemic Babergh has worked tirelessly and risen well to all the many challenges thrown at us. Nearer to home, many of the local Parish Councils have vacancies for a local councillor and if anyone reading this thinks they could play a role in local democracy, please get in touch.



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Finally, a great big thank you to all of the 1043 people who supported myself in the County Council elections on 6th May, not quite enough to get me over the line this time. I will continue to represent you on the District for the next two years but all highway, social and educational matters will need to be directed to the incumbent. For all other matters I will of course continue to serve you all as diligently as always. Please take care in these difficult times and smile and laugh as much as you can as more difficult times for the working families and individuals are around the corner..

Bryn. xx

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Rules from 17 May 2021 Stage three of the easing of lockdown



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KENNY'S NEWS FROM SESAW



My old tummy trouble flared up last month so Ollie stepped in to write our news. He also provided the best laugh I've had in ages when Mum caught him trying to converse with a toy parrot! Seeing the superior 'cat who walks by himself' failing to get a response from a stuffed toy cheered me up no end! Next time he mocks my canine intelligence I'll call him Pretty Ollie!



Over the last year the demand for pets has increased dramatically and theft is rife. Dogs have been taken, not only from owners and walkers whilst outdoors but from kennels and gardens in broad daylight. Please stay vigilant at all times to keep your beloved companions safe and avoid the heartbreak of a missing pet. We have a few dogs for rehoming including Tasmin and Tarla - both lively 5 and 6 year-old Staffies homeless through no fault of their own. They are spayed, microchipped, vaccinated and ready for lots of walks and cuddles in a loving home.

We are not holding any fundraising events this year but our trusty volunteers will attend sales and markets arranged by various organisations or sell things locally, online and at their garden gates. Speaking of which, it's time for me to accompany Mum on her evening rounds then it's a cosy bed by the fire for me.

Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.
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Tasmin and Tarla ready for rehoming.

BY THE WAY...

Nicholas Bristow

The enclave of Groton, surrounded by the Parish of Boxford and beside the River Box, consisted of two significant buildings - a brewing and malting complex and a public house, The White Hart. The site belonged to the Manor of Groton. The auction details confirm the complex was dependent on the consumption of water and Groton, which does not have access to a river, must

have valued the presence of a riverside site. Was there sufficient access to erect a millrace and mill on the site next to The White Hart? Groton did not have a windmill to compensate for absence of water but a mill house is mentioned in the auction. Milling requires considerable power, if water, wind and steam are ruled out harnessed animals are the only other option as human power is insufficient. Most villages had one mill. Boxford had five mills including one water mill, even more than Hadleigh. Groton grain producers may have taken pride in their own milling and malting facilities and consumed the product of their labours in The Fox or The White Hart, but in 1797 national corn prices were low and may have forced the sale of this Groton asset. The watermill, already operating in 1749, successfully continued into the C20th. Several advertisements including in the early C20th refer to Kings College, Cambridge as its owners. Edwardstone and Boxford paid the land tax. When parish boundaries changed, Boxford became the sole Parish. One census recorded a miller in Swan Street. Throughout, independent millers worked the mill for all.

In Mediaeval times the connection between beer production and ecclesiastical events such as festivals, religious plays, suppers etc was crucial for raising funds for the church. The Church Wardens accounts cite an example in 1535 where Plough Monday festivities contributed £18 (over £16000 today) to Church coffers. Consumption of ale played a considerable part in generating those funds as long as these festivities continued, and the footpaths around the village must have been busy with the eager and the devout making their way to events..

Like the Fleece, The White Hart performed an important function in hosting auctions. Both establishments were often used by local Auctioneers to advertise forthcoming Auctions, however, the Fleece appears to have provided publicity more often. For some, the fall of the hammer led to extinction as the barns and buildings were removed and sold off having been 'taken down at the purchaser's expense'. This 1837 quote relates to a barn with stables and piggery which was boarded and thatched and standing in Stone Street, Groton. Auctions were an important part in the creation of our contemporary landscape being significant agents of change and regeneration.

Further evidence of the parish's territories comes from an 1850 auction of a 7.5 acre parcel of land in Groton named Homefield with a piece of land of 2.5 acres named the Croft. Both were identified on the Groton Tithe Apportionment map. The owner was selling her land and house in Groton. The census confirms this house was the first house in Swan Street when approaching from the North. Homefield was next to her house. All Census returns from 1841 to 1881 confirm that Broad Street, part of Stone Street and Swan Street were in Groton: the returns recorded them as Groton residents. Throughout those years, 7 houses in Stone Street, The White Hart and 2 dwellings in Broad Street, were recorded on the Census as part of Groton. The last entry for these dwellings was in the 1881

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Census: on the 25th March 1885, the detached part of Groton, The White Hart, two cottages in Broad Street and seven dwellings in Stone Street were amalgamated with Boxford.

The Fleece and The White Hart were the venues for important community legal activities such as inquests which have now been relocated and take place in purpose built spaces. Petty sessions also took place regularly at The Fleece during the C19th dealing with crimes committed in eight Parishes along the Box Valley from Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton and Hadleigh Hamlet down to Polstead, Nayland, Stoke by Nayland and Wisington. Not all crimes were dealt with there. A newspaper account from April 1828 indicates the Red Barn inquest was at the Cock, Polstead before the trial in Bury. Two references to Boxford occur in the article: Mr John Lawton, surgeon of Boxford, deposed that he had been present when the jury viewed the body and then related his account of the examination he made; the chaise which carried Corder to Bury Goal travelled through Boxford and Lavenham where, in both it was surrounded by people anxious to get a view.

Consider a modest building placed equidistant between The Fleece and The White Hart: used today as an informal bus shelter its original use is unclear. The building bears two plaques, in one 'B&G', the other '1828'. 'Boxford and Groton 1828' are identified here. Focus on its position and purpose. We know that two courts operated within yards of the building and that both would have the need to manage prisoners, even keep them secure. Perhaps this was the place which fulfilled that important function. If so, is this 1828 built building, by 1846 known as the cage and used as a lockup, severely criticised for keeping prisoners in? 'Not an article of furniture, not even a chair or stool, and with no ceiling or covering, except the thin boards on which the slates rested. Some straw was upon the floor and a rug was their sole accommodation, the prisoners going out to meals.' Furthermore, with an open grid behind, prisoners were 'unprotected to the night air'. For some prisoners, treated with 'such beastliness, it would be enough to kill him'. (sic) During the following year an order was made for providing a lockup at the property of a benefactor. From 1854 there is evidence that a new police station had been built. This was criticised by some in Hadleigh as being unnecessary. The second use for the building as housing the Boxford fire engine is confirmed by Roger Loose, who has photographic and documentary evidence. Contemporary newspapers only reported incidents the engine attended as well as its disposal sale-by the Rector!

IN BOXFORD.

Lot 3. A substantial MESSAGE, in Boxford Street, in the occupation of Messrs. Gardner and Co., and also a large Building behind the same, now used as a stable, but which might, at a trifling expense, be converted into Cottages. This Lot is Freehold.

Lot 4. The capital MESSAGE, in Boxford Street, in the several occupations of Mrs. Marow, Robt. Swan (the Post Office), and Mrs. Ring. This Lot is also Freehold.

Lot 5. A WATER CORN MILL, driving two pair of stones, with the principal going Gears and Machinery therein, and also a Fellmonger's Office, with Stalls, Yard, and Pits, Glass Manufactory, Loom, and Horse Shed, and other Buildings suitable for those trades; together with a piece of Meadow Land, lying on the south side of the river, which, with the site of Buildings and Yards, contain 1A. 3R. 34P.

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Finally, Coddendam, the first name for the land beside the Box River where three Parishes meet was, as Coddendam Hall, in the C19th, experiencing its heyday and meeting its nemesis all in a few short years. In 1865 the farm of 200 acres was auctioned at The White Hart with five labourer's cottages, agricultural buildings and the Hall with its vinery and walled garden together with all Royalties, Fines, Quit-rents, rights, privileges and emoluments of the Manor. In 1869 it returned to be auctioned again. This time it was in the form of 40,000 bricks, 20,000 tiles and assorted wood, sashes, lead and iron, two cottages and twenty oak trees. Coddendam Hall had been knocked down and what was surplus was being sold.

Nicholas Bristow

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MAY 2021

29	Introduction to Bowls	10:00am
SAT	Boxford Bowls Club	
30	Farmers' Market	9:00-12:00
SUN	The White Hart, Boxford	

JUNE 2021

6	Boxford Gardens Open	11:00 - 4:00
SUN		
6	Forest Church	11:00am
SUN	St Marys, Boxford	
13	FOBS Sale Trail	10:00 - 3:00
SUN	Boxford	
23	Newton Ladies' Coffee Morning	10:00-12:00
WED	Newton Green Golf Club (all welcome)	
27	Farmers' Market	9:00-12:00
SUN	The White Hart, Boxford	

JULY 2021

2	Drop in for Coffee	10:30 - 12:00
FRI	St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield	
4	Forest Church	11:00am
SUN	St Marys, Boxford	
4	Kelvedon Singers	6:30pm
SUN	St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield	
17	Church Café Coffee Mornings	10:00 - 12:00
SAT	Boxford St Mary's	

AUGUST 2021

1	Forest Church	11:00am
SUN	St Marys, Boxford	
6	Drop in for Coffee	10:30 - 12:00
FRI	St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield	
15	Patronal Festival and Parish Banquet	11:00am
SUN	St Mary The Virgin, Edwardstone	
21	Church Café Coffee Mornings	10:00 - 12:00
SAT	Boxford St Mary's	
22	Calvacade on the Croft	11:00 - 4:00
SUN	Classic Car Show, Groton Croft	
29	Patronal Festival and Parish Banquet	11:00am
SUN	St Bartholomew's, Groton	

SEPTEMBER 2021

3	Drop in for Coffee	10:30 - 12:00
FRI	St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield	
4-5	Village Flower Festival	10:30 - 12:00
SAT-SUN	St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield	
5	Forest Church	11:00am
SUN	St Marys, Boxford	
12	Patronal Festival and Church Fete	11:00-4:00
SUN	St Marys, Boxford	
18	Church Café Coffee Mornings	10:00 - 12:00
SAT	St Marys, Boxford	
26	Intergenerational Harvest Service	9:30am
SUN	St Mary's, Boxford	
26	Harvest Service and Lunch	11:00am
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PRESENTS FROM THE PAST

Your monthly Antiques and Art column from Art Expert, Iain Brunt.

Recently I have had a huge amount of correspondence from people looking to sell pieces of art they may have had hanging on a wall or lying in a garage for years. The recent opening up of shops and auction houses (and the success of online auctions) has led to a real boom in sellers seeking to raise much needed cash as we exit the pandemic.

But what are all these things worth? How are you supposed to know a good deal from a bad deal?

As an art buyer for clients all around the world I've had a lot of experience in valuing items both for purchase and sale. Spending a little time researching and preparing your pieces always pays dividends, but it can also be very interesting and very much fun.

Here are a few guidelines as to what to do first:

First of all try and write down as much history as you can as to where it came from. Did you inherit it or find it in an antiques store? You may be able to find some old invoices or receipts which might tell you more.

Next, very carefully take it off your wall. Be careful - sometimes the old cords are fragile and you may need to change them so don't do it alone. Get someone to hold it with you and watch out for those cobwebs!

The back of any picture can easily tell as much if not more about it than the front, as artists, agents and/or galleries often write or place exhibition labels and stickers on there.

Take this piece by the late renowned American artist John Day for example:



The front looks quite modern but is composed of old ledgers from 1821, so immediately we have a conflict as to how we date it. However, as soon as we turn it around we see the artist or a one-time agent of the artist at some point fixed a studio label to the back that clearly states the title "New York - March 25, 1821", type of artwork "Paper Collage on Canvas" and that it was created in 1979, which gives us immeasurable help when it comes to a valuation (around £9,500 in this instance). Measuring the piece will also help, but pay attention and measure to the exact millimeter.

If you aren't lucky enough to find anything to corroborate the



item's date or maker, your first stop should be a bit of research on the internet to see if anyone is selling similar items. A fabulous tool is Google's "Lens" app on a smartphone, which allows you to take a photo of the item and it will show matches for things that are similar. This is great for works of art and can even quite often find matches for the exact piece, or works from the same artist which will give you a very big helping hand. I should add though, if you find anything, use it as a very rough guide only as not all items are the same and often condition and provenance (proof it is what you say it is) can easily affect the value.

Often it's easier (and more accurate) to go to your local auction house and see what they say. However, even here, beware, as many auction houses don't have the in-house expertise for specific items and you may find yourself lumped with a generic valuation taken at face value.

In all instances, the more professional opinions you can muster, the better. Ask more than one person and also ask your local antiques dealer as they often have a lot more knowledge, or will know a specialist that does.

For instance, I once had a Chinese plate that I needed valuing and I took it to 3 of the top London auction houses and they all valued it at a few hundred pounds. Unsatisfied with this, I then asked an expert in Hong Kong and we got £35,000 for it at a specialist auction. Seller beware!

Research is the key so if after your own research you're still not sure you can also ask us at www.artadvisor.ch - a new independent advisory service which is absolutely free.

Next month, have you got the real deal, or a duff knockoff? I'll tell you how to spot the tell-tale signs that separate frauds and fakes from the genuine article!

Have a happy month of June everyone and see you in July!
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MILDEN CC UPDATE



The season is now well underway for Milden CC, with league competition returning after last year's hiatus. Milden are competing in Division 4 of the Suffolk Sunday League in 2021 and have welcomed several new players since last summer. We started with a win in the season opener vs Bardwell in icy conditions, fortunately temperatures have improved slightly since then! At the time of writing in early May, a quirk in the fixtures has seen us face a strong Shotley side home and away in consecutive Sundays in early May, Milden fought hard but were not victorious in either match.

Restrictions on spectators attending matches have now been lifted meaning we can welcome back people to home matches (subject to the relevant guidelines) from our next home match – Sunday 6th June vs Elveden. See www.mildenc.com for fixtures and follow our Facebook page for updates (Milden CC).

We are actively seeking new players – anyone is welcome at the club regardless of age, ability or previous experience! We train on Thursday evenings from 6pm and with a full calendar of fixtures this summer there will be plenty of opportunities to play matches, whether you can play regularly or just occasionally. Please contact via the website above, or Andrew Simmons on 07951 055643.

HOLE IN ONE!

New SbN member Graham Stubbs scored a spectacular hole in one on the tricky 200 yard 18th hole on the Constable Course.

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