

# NEWTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL



WOW! I'm so pleased with the response to the newsletter! Thank you for all your kind comments!

If you have any old photographs of your house or indeed of Newton, would you please send them to me, by email or drop them round, I hope to feature them on the front cover each month.

**Sue Crawte**

If you have any news, any ideas for inclusion in the newsletter, or maybe you have achieved something fantastic, which you would like to share, then please let me know.

Contributions for the next Newsletter

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ALL SAINT'S CHURCH  
ANNUAL GIFT DAY AND  
COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May - 10:00 am –  
12:00 noon

At the Village Hall

Your support in helping to improve our 14<sup>th</sup> Century church is invaluable. We will be delighted to welcome you to join us.

Raffle, Cakes, Books and Bring  
and Buy Stalls.

Your donation will be  
appreciated, either at the

Coffee Morning

Or

Placed in the letterbox at  
Redwoods, Church Road for our  
treasurer, Paul Presland

## THANKYOU'S

### VICTA QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz night we held in March at The Saracens Head was a huge success and we raised over £470 for the Charity, VICTA. We would like to thank all that joined in and also the following local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes.

Kingfisher Leisure Centre, Stoke by Nayland hotel golf and spa, Weston's Bakery, The Case deli-café, QD stores.

And of course a big thank you to Bev and her team at The Saracens Head.

If there is anyone that wasn't able to make the quiz night and would still like to make a donation in support of Toni running the London Marathon and support blind and visually impaired children, then they can donate online at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ToniBowskill>

### STEVE HORSLEY AND TONI BOWSKILL

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#### GWEN SMITH

I wish to thank all my good friends in and around Newton for their extremely kind messages to me on the occasion of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. I consider myself so fortunate to have made so many friends whilst living in the village and was so sorry to have had to cancel my tea party. Fortunately, I am feeling better and hope to see some of you in the not too distant future.

My very best wishes to you all.

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### ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION

A big thank you to all who came to the Art and Craft Exhibition at the Village Hall on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We raised £385 for St Nicholas Hospice and thank you for your support and generosity.

Many thanks.

**Carole Langley**

*(Sue: further on in the newsletter, I have written a small report on the Art and Craft Exhibition)*

## VILLAGE DIARY FOR MAY

Thursday 5th	Police and Crime Commissioner Election	Village Hall	7:00 am
Sat 7th	All Saint's Church Coffee Morning and Gift Day	Village Hall	10:00 am
Tues 10th	Fireside Club – Poetry reading	Village Hall	2:30 pm
Weds 11th	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	7:30 pm
Weds, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Newton Trust meeting	Village Hall	7:30 pm
Tues 24th	Fireside Club – Armchair exercise	Village Hall	2:30 pm
Fri 27th	Fireside Club – outing	Tbc	tbc

For services at the Church  
please see details on the page listing all the Box River Benefice: The Church at Worship.

### REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	Yoga classes (term time only)	VH – Call 313662	9:30-11 am
Mon & Weds	Trayfit High Intensity Exercise Class	VH- 07772 575325	6:00 pm
Mon & Thurs	Western Partner Dance Club	VH- Call 371006	7:00 pm
Tuesdays	JT Steppers Line Dance	VH- Call 377343	7:00 pm
Thursdays	Short Morning Prayer with Rev. Judith	Church	9:00 am
Fridays	Art & Craft Group	Village Hall	1..30 pm
Fridays	Sudbury & District War Games Club	VH - Call 312160	Evenings

### NEWTON TRUST MEETING

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May – 7:30 pm  
At the Village Hall

### NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - 7:30 pm  
At the Village Hall

### BIN COLLECTIONS

#### MAY

Black: 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>  
Blue/Brown: 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
NB. Collections one day later  
following Bank and Public Holidays

### FIRESIDE CLUB

Meets on alternate  
Tuesdays  
in the Village Hall  
at 2:30 pm



### SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSEHOLD WASTE & RECYCLING CENTRE April to September

9am until 5pm - Monday to  
Saturday.

#### October to March

9am until 4pm - Monday to  
Saturday.

#### Sundays and bank holidays

10am until 4pm all year round.

### EVENTS AT THE GOLF CLUB

Villagers are invited to attend any of the  
Golf Club functions.

Please ring the Secretary on 377217  
to book your place.

# All Saints Church, Newton Green



## APRIL

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

Flowers:	May	Mrs May Knock Mrs Margaret Lowe
Cleaners:	May	Mrs Ruth Morgan

**Monday 14th March** was the last of four weekly meetings held at Margaret Lowe's home and led by Revd. Judith and Pauline Lamming to read and discuss Living Faith in Suffolk. Each week the number of members of the Benefice attending grew and all found it very interesting on many levels.

**15th March:** The Lent Lunch was shared by Newton, Groton and Edwardstone at Pam Dodd's home in Edwardstone and was very successful. Thank you so much to Pam and Anthony Dodd for giving all a welcoming venue.

**27th March:** We welcomed Christopher Kingsbury to lead us in our Easter Service for Holy Communion by Extension. The church was filled with daffodils and in the sunlight gave a glowing light which at this particular time, seemed so appropriate. We were few in number as each church in the Benefice had their own Easter Service and also due to illness and some recently moving from the village. Thank you to our helpers and to Christopher for managing the music for us.

**10th April:** Our Service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Revd. Judith and although having a very heavy cold affecting her voice, kept going with a little help from David Lamming with some reading. Revd. Judith in her sermon spoke of Saul who was giving evil threats against the followers of Jesus but then converted after he lost and then regaining his sight. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ for us and to all our helpers. Revd. Judith had a number of services after ours so we hope that she has a chance to recover from her heavy cold.

**NOTICES: 7th May:** Our Annual GIFT DAY Coffee Morning at the Village Hall--10am to 12 noon. Raffle and other stalls. All are very welcome.

15th to 21st May: Christian Aid Week.

If you would like to discuss anything concerning the church, please get in touch with the Priest-in-Charge, The Revd. Judith Sweetman, The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford CO10 5JT. Tel: 01787 210091  
- who will be happy to help you.

**Village Prayers**

Each week, in the five churches: informal, friendly service, 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us! Please let Revd Judith know of any people or situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on Tel. 01787 210091 or emailed to: [revjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:revjudithboxriver@btinternet.com). All these services take place in the churches during the months April to September and the rota is as follows: **Tuesday** 9.00 Edwardstone; **Wednesday** 9.00 Groton, 17:00 Little Waldingfield; **Thursday** 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>Rogation Sunday Sixth of Easter</b>	<b>(W)</b>
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Café Church ( <i>theme: Rogation</i> )	Revd Judith
Boxford	18:30 Evensong	Chris Kingsbury

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Lt Waldingfield	19.00 Holy Communion - Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Lay Team
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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Boxford	13.00 Wedding of Jason Wilkins and Stephanie Harris	Revd Judith
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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Groton	14.00 Wedding of Andrew Martin and Jenna Gunn	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	17.00 Wedding of Tristan Wood and Tracey Wood	Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday after Ascension Day 7th of Easter</b>	<b>(W)</b>
Groton	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whit Sunday (Pentecost)</b>	<b>(R)</b>
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion ( <i>Christian Aid Service</i> )	Revd Judith

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Boxford	14.30 Wedding of Alfred Gregory and Paige White	Revd Judith

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Lt Waldingfield	19.00 Compline - Newmans Hall	Lay Team
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<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>(W)</b>
Groton	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Newton	11:00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Chris Kingsbury

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Edwardstone	12.30 Wedding of Mike Lofthouse and Alison Plummer	Revd Judith
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<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>First after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Edwardstone	10.00 Holy Communion - Five Villages Service	Revd Judith



## **DRAFT MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Sue Crawte (Chairman), Russell Bower, Lee Parker (arrived late), Colin Poole, Rita Schwenk (arrived late) and Phil Taylor.

**Attending:** Lee Parker (Babergh District Councillor), James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), D Crimmin (Clerk) and 3 residents.

#### **16/053 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Presland (holiday) sent his apologies.

#### **16/054 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

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

#### **16/055 Minutes of meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. **Cllr Parker arrived.**

#### **16/056 Public Forum**

James Finch updated councillors on his previously circulated report on Devolution, Vehicle Activated Signs and Suffolk Trading Standards. Lee Parker deferred his update till the Annual Parish Assembly on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Residents asked questions relating to bottle banks and the smallholding alongside the Garden Centre. **Cllr Schwenk arrived.**

#### **16/057 Correspondence (Appendix A)**

Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated by the Clerk the councillors resolved that NPC should write in support of the SALC response to the Government consultation on proposed changes to the planning system.

#### **16058 Clerks Report (Appendix B)**

Following a review of the Clerk's Report there were no further actions request of the Clerk.

#### **16/059 Finance**

- a. The RFO Report, as itemised in Appendix C, was agreed by the councillors.
- b. The councillors resolved to accept the Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Accounts (Appendix D) as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 after Cllr Poole reviewed the Bank Statements against the reports.
- c. The councillors resolved to donate £175 towards the Fireside Club's celebration for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

#### **16/060 Planning**

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/16/00310 The Gavel, Assington Road** - Erection of a garage/workshop and resolved to support the application despite having reservations over the scale of the garage / workshop.
- b. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.
- c. The status of previous applications and appeals were reviewed.

BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
	Enforcement enquiry on the expected completion date of building works at Motts Farm.	12/118d		
B/15/00178	Enforcement enquiry with regard to change of use on land west of Sudbury Garden Centre.			Ongoing.
APP/D3505/A/14/2218072	Appeal against refusal of Planning Application B/13/01107 - Rogers Farm, Rogers Lane - Change of use of agricultural land to use as solar farm for generation of electricity from solar energy together with associated works comprising solar panels mounted on frames, security fencing, inverters, transformers and a switch gear cabinet as amended by revised plans received on 19 November 2013 including amended project layout plan, updated tree survey and root protection plan, additional information pack, construction access plans and hedgerow and tree impact report, cross section views from Church of St Mary the Virgin, amended plans of proposed structures. As further amended by agent's submission of amended Construction Management Plan (received 2 December 2013) and amended Habitat Enhancement and Screening Plan (No.104 Rev.1) received 18 December 2013.	16/009	Did not support appeal	
B/15/01718	Chilton Woods Mixed Use Development, Land North of, Woodhall Business Park, Sudbury - Outline application (with all matters reserved except for access) - Erection of up to 1,100 dwellings (Use Class C3); 16.4ha of employment development (to include B1, B2 and B8 uses, a hotel (C1), a household waste recycling centre (sui generis) and a district heating network); village centre (comprising up to 1,000m2 Gross Floor Area (GFA) of retail floor space (A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5), village hall (D2), workspace (B1a), residential dwellings (C3), primary school (D1), pre-school (D1) and car parking); creation of new vehicular access points and associated works; sustainable transport links; community woodland; open space (including children's play areas); sustainable drainage (SuDS); sports pavilion (D2) and playing fields; allotments; and associated ancillary works.	16/044c	Objected	
B/16/00101	Land to the north of Valley Farm, Valley Road - Erection of agricultural building for the storage of machinery fertiliser and grain.	16/026a	Supported	Approved 03/03/2016
B/16/00131	Farm Shop, Wheldons Fruit Farm, Newton Leys - Change of use of existing farm shop (Class A1) to dwelling house (Class C3) including parking, gardens and access.	16/044a	Supported	REFUSED 01/04/2016
B/16/00172	Marks Meadow, Rectory Road - Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use - Erection of storage building.	16/044b	Responded on recent use.	

### 16/061 Playground and Asset Maintenance

No issues were raised on the council's assets. The councillors are prepared to support the provision of an additional bottle bank for residents' use being located in the Saracens Head car park, within the pub's boundary, subject to the application being acceptable to BDC.

### 16/062 Village Hall and Trust representative updates

The Village Hall Committee had held its AGM and are looking at the front door replacement and running a mid-summer brunch in July. The Trust reported on proposed ponds work, the Little Green track, easements and the Golf Club invitation to the Trust to celebrate the Trust's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### 16/063 Questions to the Chair

CLlr Poole raised the question of NPC's plans to support its application(s) for the listing of assets of community value with suitable contingency arrangements. The councillors agreed to discuss this at the June meeting.

## 16/064 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 starting at 7pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm.**

## Appendix A Correspondence

No correspondence received since last meeting.

## Appendix B Clerk's Report

Minute	Action	Complete ✓
14/109	SCC Highways are reviewing hedge at Valley Road / A134 junction	
15/021	Valley Road markings and hedge at junction with A134 raised with SCC Highways.	
15/069	Update from Mr H Wheldon circulated via email on 22nd March.	
15/126	Arranging to meet S Scammel for quotation.	
15/144	NPC representatives attended Chilton Woods Place Shaping Group meeting.	✓
16/038	Draft & Approved Minutes published on website and in newsletters.	✓
16/043 a	Cheques distributed to suppliers.	✓
16/044	Planning responses sent to Babergh.	✓
	<b>Clerk Hours</b>	
	As at 27th March 2016 - 332.5 hours worked / 312 hours paid.	
	<b>Speed Watch outings (Drivers Reported)</b>	
	One survey conducted in April which resulted in no motorists being reported.	

## Appendix C RFO Report

### Receipts & Payments

Date	Details	Ref	Power	Receipts	Payments
07/12/15	Interest 7 Sept to 6 Dec	BS60		1.38	0.00
07/03/16	Interest 7 Dec to 6 Mar	BS62		1.38	0.00
07/03/16	Interest 7 Dec to 6 Mar	BS277		1.95	0.00

**Copies of minutes from all Parish Council meetings can be found on the Newton website**

<http://newton.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/>



Appendix D Year-end accounts

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL						
Bank Reconciliation for Financial year ending 31st March 2016						
Balances per Bank Statements as at 31st March 2016						
Barclays Community			£100.00			
Barclays Premium Account			£14,518.53			
Barclays Tracker Account			£11,106.02			
					£25,724.55	
Add any Unbanked Cheques / Cash as at 31 March					£0.00	
Less Unpresented Cheques as 31 March						
		101056	£48.00			
		101058	£394.07			
		101059	£975.29			
		101060	£234.00			
					£1,651.36	
			<b>Total Cash</b>		<b>£24,073.19</b>	
CASH BOOK						
Opening Balance					£21,270.15	
Add Receipts in the year					£12,968.27	
					£34,238.42	
Less Payments in the year					£10,165.23	
			<b>Total Cash</b>		<b>£24,073.19</b>	



# **NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Receipts & Payments Account for the year ending 31st March 2016**

### **Receipts**

Precept	£9,282.64	
Grants	£272.64	
Recycling	£800.92	
Bank Interest	£13.19	
Other	£2,201.17	
VAT Repayment	£397.71	
		<b>£12,968.27</b>

### **Payments**

Clerks Salary	£3,705.92	
Admin	£2,098.42	
Grants	£550.00	
Annual Subscriptions	£257.00	
Street Lighting	£0.00	
Footpath Maintenance	£300.00	
Insurance	£296.31	
Inspection	£234.00	
Maintenance	£989.72	
Village Hall	£0.00	
Projects	£1,234.13	
Other	£159.00	
Youth Council	£35.00	
VAT Paid	£305.73	
		<b>£10,165.23</b>

### **Excess of Receipts over Payments**

**£2,803.04**

Add Balance Brought Forward

**£21,270.15**

### **Balance Carried Forward**

**£24,073.19**

### **Represented by**

Barclays Community	£100.00	
Barclays Premium	£12,867.17	
Barclays Tracker	£11,106.02	
Petty Cash	£0.00	
		<b>£24,073.19</b>



## Do you or someone you know struggle to live without central heating?

Suffolk's *Warm Homes Healthy People* service (supported by all the District, Borough and County Councils in Suffolk) has secured funding from central government to help 270 households across Suffolk have fully-funded central heating. Terms and conditions apply.

To qualify, households *must meet one or more* of the following financial criteria: Have a household income of less than £17,000; *or* be in receipt of Pension Credit; *or* be in receipt of any other means tested benefit; *or* spend more than 10% of net household income on fuel; *or* be in substantial fuel debt (over £1,000). In all circumstances the property must be owned by you or be privately rented (i.e. not a council house or housing association property) and *must only have room heaters, open fires or storage heaters*. Personal saving must also not be in excess of £20,000.

In most circumstances the works will be carried out *at no charge to you* but if you rent privately your landlord may be expected to fund some of the costs. This will be determined as part of the assessment process.

Due to the limited funding more vulnerable residents will be given priority.

To find out more, contact Sue Hall at the *Warm Homes Healthy People* service by email at [whhp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:whhp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) or call (local rate) **03456 037 686** and quote 'DECC Central Heating Fund 01'.

More information is available on Suffolk County Council's *Warm Homes Healthy People* service website: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/warm-homes-healthy-people>

### New charge for rubble, soil and plasterboard

Suffolk residents taking rubble, soil and plasterboard to Suffolk Household Waste Recycling Centres are being advised that current restrictions to the amounts allowed will soon be removed, and small charges will apply. From 1 April 2016, residents will be able to bring unlimited amounts rubble, soil, hardcore and plasterboard\* to Suffolk Recycling Centres and a charge will be made according to the amount presented, starting from £2 per 25kg bag. This will help to reduce costs of the service as part of the overall 2016/2017 budget savings. The new arrangements remove the current two bag limit on these types of materials at Recycling Centres.

## KELD ENSEMBLE

### Mozart and Mendelssohn by Candlelight



Congratulations to Jonathon Acton and Kate Waterworth (Church Road) who performed with Keld Ensemble at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Dave and Sue Crawte, together with Rod and Judy Donnelly went down to London to see their fantastic performance of a selection of music from composers, such as Rossini, Mozart, Bach and Mendelssohn. Liz (our daughter) was front of house, selling programmes and CD's. It was wonderful to see so many people there and they did Newton proud!

They are performing at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 1:10 pm if you would like to see them play.

<http://www.keld-ensemble.co.uk/>

## ART AND CRAFT SHOW

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April**

What wonderful artistic talent we have here in Newton! Liz (daughter) and I popped over to the village hall to have a look.

Exhibitors were: Christine Cornell, Ivy Cusworth, Vera Cutts, Edna Dawson, Anne Gardner, Sue Hornigold, Carole Langley, Joan Linney, Sandie Turner and Di Williamson!

**Well done ladies! (No men?)**

*Newton Art and Crafts Club meet  
1:30 Friday's at the Village Hall*



## PUZZLE CORNER

### PATHFINDER

Moving from letter to adjacent letter, can you find a path that visits every square and spells out words associated with the given theme? Start on the shaded square.

T	A	T	S	E	T	N	I	T	R
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J	N	N	R	U	E	L	Y	G	V
U	E	M	U	A	G	E	C	A	O
R	Y	J	O	L	I	T	Y	D	C
A	C	D	A	L	Y	R	A	E	S
V	T	I	N	A	T	A	C	C	U
E	A	U	J	I	R	U	D	I	S
T	C	N	U	R	D	I	I	O	E
I	O	N	J	I	S	C	T	N	R

#### Legal Terms

Accused, Adjournment, Bequest, Caveat, Covert, Injunction, Intestate, Jurisdiction, Jury, Legacy, Legality, Residuary, Trial

## PUZZLE CORNER

### JIGSAW SUDOKO

Moving from letter to adjacent letter, can you find a path that visits every square and spells out words associated with the given theme? Start on the shaded square.

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8					3		2	
	1	4				8	5	7
				2	1	6		
3							8	
			3					
		2					4	

### RIDDLES

What is the longest word in the dictionary?

If I drink, I die, If I eat, I am fine. What am I?

What has 4 eyes but cannot see?

## **IT'S ALL SO LONG AGO**

### **Extracts from Parish Magazines from the past**

**ALAN VINCE**

#### **95 YEARS AGO:**

##### **JANUARY 1921:**

*On January 15<sup>th</sup> a Musical afternoon is being arranged; a varied Entertainment will be given, from 4 to 7 o'clock, with an interval for tea, to be followed by Dancing till 10.30 pm. One shilling will be charged for admission (including tax), and refreshments will be extra.*

#### **60 YEARS AGO – Newton Newsleaf produced by Rev A G Ensor.**

##### **1956:**

**Newton Green 100 years ago, from Mr William White in his "History of Suffolk".** *Newton-near-Sudbury is described by him as a pleasant village, scattered around a green of 40 acres (now the golf course). The population in the year 1855 was 499 souls, it reached 561 in 1861, and then began to descend to its present figure of roughly 300. Earl Howe was Lord of the Manor of Newton in 1855 and Botelers belonged to the Causton family. Sackers Green is described as being 1 ¼ miles S.W. of the village, but as having already been enclosed.*

#### **40 YEARS AGO – Newton Newsletter edited by Frank Rowland.**

##### **MAY 1976:**

**Newton Green Trust:** *An inaugural meeting of the Trustees was held on April 9<sup>th</sup>, when the broad policy in respect of the management of the Green was decided. This led to considerable discussion. As soon as several difficulties have been ironed out all Parishioners will be circulated with the Trustees' concept of Management of the Green which will be followed by a special Parish Assembly when all questions will be welcomed.*

**Parish Council:** *Mr R C Oliver has decided that after 30 years as a Parish Councillor the time has come for him to retire. The thanks of the whole village are extended to him for all the effort, hard work and fine service he has given for all this time. Thank you 'Roley', - we all appreciate it.*

#### **25 YEARS AGO – Newton Newsletter edited by Kathy Searles.**

##### **MAY 1991:**

**Cancer Coffee Morning:** *We made a total of £277 and a cheque has been sent off to Cancer Research for £252 and a donation made to the Village Hall for £25. We thank everybody who made this such a good success, people who gave goods for sale and donations of raffle prizes. Also thanks to our willing helpers who always give their time to help, including Eileen who takes all our goods in her car, and of course, all the people who come and buy to support us. Monica and Elsie.*

**Parish Church Annual Meeting:** *In his first report to his parishioners Alex George expressed his gratitude for the welcome he had been given in the parish and expressed his thanks to Officers of the Church, especially the retiring Treasurer, Mr Philip Payne, and the retiring Churchwarden, Mrs Cicely Forrest.*

## **SPEEDWATCH**

In the end we managed only one speed watch session in March.  
No vehicles were reported for speeding, but the presence of the team undoubtedly made the traffic slow down.

Thanks to the two Sue's (Presland and Crawte) and Celia for their efforts.  
It might be useful to give you the dates for speed watch for the rest of the year.  
These are the weeks beginning:

25th April  
23rd May  
20th June  
18th July  
15th August  
12th September  
10th October  
7th November



## **ALAN VINCE**

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### **CASTLE HEDINGHAM - THOUGHTS AND FANCIES**

Castle Hedingham is a lovely English village in Essex, just beyond the Suffolk border. To get there from Sudbury you have to go up the long steep Ballingdon hill, leaving Sudbury, moving west.

The first time I went there was in November of 1955. I had met Edward Presley, a USAF man stationed at RAF Weathersfield, earlier that month. He invited me to have an evening meal with him at the Bell Hotel on the main street of Castle Hedingham.

We had a mixed grill meal in the dimly lit dining room. The fireplace was aglow with embers from the wooden logs. Very romantic! We met Mr. Bragg, the landlord of the Bell, and had a drink with him in his private lounge.





Castle Hedingham would turn out to be a special landmark for me. It is a quaint old-fashioned village with timbered houses, somewhat like Lavenham, in Suffolk. Across the street from the Bell hotel was a very posh restaurant, at that time run by two brothers. Sometimes we would have a meal there on Sundays. They served a delicious mushroom soup, steak dinner and salad.

Edward and I met in early November 1955. We dated for a couple of months, and really enjoyed our time together. Edward was from Archer City, Texas, a place I had no idea of, or conception of its location. Edward was stationed at RAF Weathersfield, and he told me about the Thanksgiving special meal. He also brought me a sample of stuffed green olives, something I had never eaten before - very salty. Since liquor was cheap and easily obtained at the base PX, he bought a nice liquor called Southern Comfort. This was delicious, but also very strong.

I think at the time I didn't realize what I was getting into, dating an American, with all sorts of different cultures, traditions and culinary concoctions. But obviously I fell for it, and around Christmas time he asked me to marry him. He serenaded me with his guitar. At one time he had had a spot on KWFT radio as a guitar accompanist in Wichita Falls. For Christmas he gave me a lovely gold watch and a picture of himself - "To my beloved Edna"

My parents, especially my father, tried to talk me out of marrying Edward, but I was 22 and could make up my own mind. However, to marry an American serviceman entailed more than just a marriage license! Edward had to get permission from his commanding officer, and there was much paperwork required. I had to have an interview with the officer and the base chaplain. Everything was eventually approved.

Edward bought me a lovely diamond engagement ring from Hill's Jewelers in Friars Street, Sudbury - eighteen carat gold, and platinum with a lovely diamond. I still have it after all these years! We got married at Sudbury registrar's office by AWJ Hicks, the registrar. My mother and father were the witnesses, and also a Sgt Duncan, one of Edward's fellow airmen. This was on a Saturday, 28th January 1956. I bought my wedding cake from Andrews' bakery in Sudbury, next to Lloyds Bank, where I had worked for the last five years. My reception was held at what is now Barn Cottage in Newton Green.

I had a corsage of pink carnations and wore a lovely beige princess line coat and pink feathered hat. Edward wore his blue uniform and a black bow tie. We had a nice little party at Barn Cottage. All my family were there, and my Aunt Elsie and Aunt Gladys. Aunt Elsie brought me a bunch of blue violets. Our honeymoon was spent that weekend at the Bell Hotel in Castle Hedingham. It was very cold and snowing. The road was covered with ruts of ice. We managed to go to the cafe across the street for our meals.

Then it was back to work the next week, and time to find a cottage in Castle Hedingham. I also needed to sort out transportation to my job in Sudbury every morning. I knew a lady that worked at Cramphorn's on the market hill in Sudbury. She agreed to give me a ride

every morning, and Edward picked me up in the evening.

The first house we looked at was very small. It was situated across from the church in Castle Hedingham, semi-detached, next to an elderly couple. The cottage had one living room with a fireplace, a small kitchen and bathroom; only one bedroom upstairs. This was very cozy, and we bought some furniture from Stowe's Antique Shop in Sudbury. We had made arrangements with the landlord the week before we married, so things went smoothly. I had to use a gas cooker, something new for me because there was no gas supply at Newton Green.

That summer we had a lovely holiday in St. Albans and a tour of Scotland. We went to Holyrood house and Edinburgh castle, where we researched the Presley family.

Around that time, I decided to quit my job at Lloyds Bank. The transportation was becoming more of a problem, and Edward had many times an alert on base which required him to take off in the middle of the night or early morning, and stay there for several days. So, with

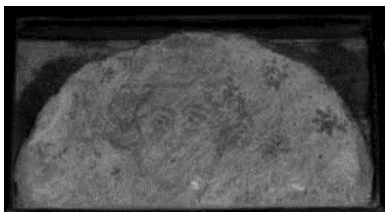


regret, I said goodbye to Lloyds Bank, and became a lady of my own discerning. This allowed me more time to visit my mother. I found a way to connect buses to get to Newton Green. Every Thursday afternoon I took a big red double decker bus that went around the little villages and ended up in Sudbury. Then I got on the Eastern Counties bus at I P.M. to go to Newton Green.

True to its name Castle Hedingham has a castle. A large Norman building, however, somewhat in disrepair at the top. Edward and I loved to visit it especially on Sundays in the Spring when the gardens were open. He carved our initials on one of the large trees. The castle inside was rather empty, but had a round table hanging on the wall, with the names of the knights engraved around it.



The church was another place we visited and explored, but seldom attended a service. There is a picture of an old lady with wild hair painted on the wall - supposedly painted by herself, after she was accused of being a witch. I don't know the rest of that story.



*(Sue: I did a bit of 'Googling' and found out a little more about the story!)*

<http://www.castlehedingham.org/history/the-legend-of-poll-miles>

We decided to move to a larger house in 1957 after we learned one had become available at number 2 Church Ponds. This was on a street behind the church, and there was a pub at the end of Church Ponds. It was possible to walk through the churchyard from my house to the village stores on the main street.

There was also a butcher's shop on the main street, across from the restaurant; a typical English butcher's shop with meat hanging in the window, flies buzzing around and sawdust on the floor. I was able to buy lovely steaks and lamb chops there. Everything was very handy. The grocery store was just around the corner from St. Nicholas Church, and another variety store across from the pub at the end of Church Ponds. Another hardware store was situated at the east end of Church Ponds. They sold everything you needed for a kitchen, tea kettles, tea pots, brooms, china, dusters and polish. This store was run by a very pleasant elderly couple. They were always ready with help and advice.

Soon after the holiday in Scotland, I found out I was "en famille". Then began a series of doctor's visits and special health care concerns. However, there were no serious problem, and we now had a larger house.

My daughter Kathy was born at the USAF Wimpole Park Hospital in Arrington, near Cambridge. I had a long ride in an ambulance from Castle Hedingham to Arrington. This was on May 3rd, 1957. My mother was very excited at seeing her first grandchild. My father was rather shy and nonchalant. A first baby is a challenge for a new mother. There is so much work to do - making bottles of formula and washing diapers; plus, the lack of sleep at night.

From the front door of 2 Church Ponds there were two red-tiled steps leading into the foyer. Apparently the floor of the cottage had been lowered to make the ceiling seem higher. One night we had a very bad thunderstorm and a deluge of rain. Since Church Ponds Street was on a gradual slope, the water gushed around the top corner along a brick wall and flowed down the street at an amazing speed. The water started to come in the front door; we had a flood in our living room. I saw Mrs. Drury next door trying to keep the water out of her house with a large cooking board. The storm continued all night, with streak lightning and thunder!

The house on Church Ponds had a larger living room, but the fireplace was blocked up, so we had to use an electric heater. There was also a small dining room on the ground floor, where we put a large Westinghouse refrigerator. The kitchen had a gas stove, and a water heater. It was very damp in the kitchen, and mildew grew on the wall. One day I got an electric shock when I was trying to clean the wall. Someone had nailed an electric sheath to the wall, so the wall was electrified. It knocked me across the room!

Upstairs there were two bedrooms each with a window but no heat upstairs. At the bottom of the stairs there was a door, very fancy, made of paneled wood. It had a latch on the inside, and a wooden latch on the outside. One morning I got up after my husband had gone

to work and the stairs door was locked on the outside in the living room. What a pickle I was in! I don't remember how I got out of that predicament, but I must have found, maybe a long nail file, to open that door. Edward swore he did not accidentally or forgetfully close the latch. He said there must be a ghost in this house. He said he had seen its shadow several times! What a mystery!

Kathy was a happy baby. I had a lovely English pram for her, and often took her for walks around the village, on my way sometimes meeting with other new mothers.

English life can be so pleasant and beautiful. I had a lovely little garden in the back of the house. I grew marigolds and Canterbury bells.

One day my brother, Alan Vince, rode his bicycle to Castle Hedingham to do some garden work for me. He borrowed my neighbor, Mrs. Drury's, spade. Catastrophe! The spade was old, and the handle broke. We had to buy her a new spade!

Sometimes I would have afternoon tea with Mrs. Drury and her sister. Mrs. Drury's son owned the village garage. I often went round and lit her fire for her when she was working. We had a nice relationship.

I have many pictures of the backyard at number two Church Ponds. I had a long clothes line, which was always full of baby clothes. The small one car garage was at the end of the yard. We had a grey Austin car.

We lived at Church Ponds for a little over two years. Edward received a posting to Sheppard AFB, Texas. I had to get all kinds of paperwork and a visa to go to the United States, plus a visit to the Embassy in London.

In March of 1959 my sister, Sylvia Vince, married Robert Lee. I was matron of honor.

In July 1959 we packed up all our furniture, including my Rosewood piano, and the Air Force shipped it to Texas. We stayed with Sylvia and Bob at Palmer's Farm, Cockfield for a week, before leaving for the U.S. We boarded a military plane at RAF Mildenhall. It was a very sad day. My parents were very upset. Kathy was a little over two years old, so that was a sad goodbye for my mother.

Maybe someday I will see Castle Hedingham again. Such a lovely place to begin married life. Now it is a pleasant memory.

But was that house really haunted? I don't think so. Just Edward's imagination working overtime.

E. Busche, 2016

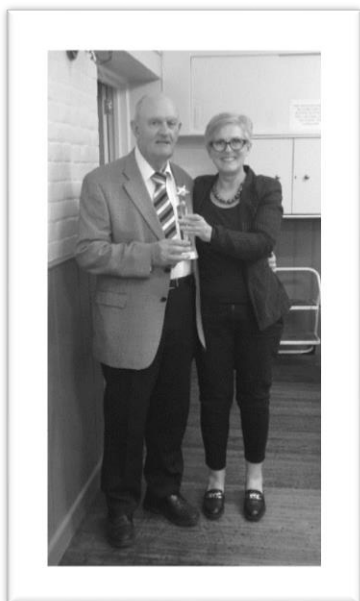
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## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Community Awards

Alan Vince receiving an award for his lifetime commitment and service to our Village.

Dawn Bridge also received an award for all her commitment and service to the Village in producing the newsletter for 16 years. Unfortunately, she was unable to be at the assembly, so Carole Langley accepted the award on her behalf!

The minutes from the Assembly will be available in the next newsletter, as well as being published on the Newton website.

## **JT'S JOTTINGS**

I was sorry to leave Brook Farm as it had been the family home for some 15 years. I had learnt to dance in Colchester as my mother deemed it a social asset and I had gained my Bronze and Silver medals and was on the way to Gold.

The dance club enjoyed visits to the Blue Lagoon Ballroom on Clacton Pier – now sadly a Bowling Alley – and you could always have a dance with some of the wall flowers, of whom there were plenty. I remember two really pretty girls (drop dead gorgeous some would say). They were always dancing with each other, and they could really dance well. I thought I'm going to split them up.

Some of the club members said you'll be lucky but nothing ventured, nothing gained! Teddy Dobbs and his band played real dance music and started a quickstep. So straightening my tie, I walked across the dance floor to the two girls and asked if I could have the pleasure of this dance? They both smiled sweetly and one of them leant forward and said "Get lost"!! My first encounter with gay ladies – who knows? I returned to our party, somewhat deflated to a chorus of "Told you"!

I had learnt to sail in Brightlingsea and bought a 14ft sailing dinghy which was moored in the creek, and sailed as and when I had the time. Moving meant I would have to sell the "Lynx" as it would be too far away from our new home. One of our insurance agents said he would like to buy her as it was just what he was looking for. He only had one arm as his left arm just hung down his side. He could hold things with his left hand, but would have to pull his arm with his good arm to get it to the right position.

He wanted a trial sail in the "Lynx" and we arranged to meet on the hard at Brightlingsea. We fixed the outboard and motored out into some clear water, the hoisted sail lifted the outboard clear of the water and I handed over the helm, sat back and thought this is madness. In the event he sailed the "Lynx" better than I did (I usually capsized!) A deal was struck some pound notes changed and all was well.

As regards the move, I don't remember much but I do remember driving a tractor pulling two trailers, one behind the other loaded with all sorts of equipment. Through Bishops Stortford and on to Sunnyside Farm at Little Hadham. Mercifully it didn't rain! No tractor cabs then!

JT

## **RON'S BIT**

*(Sue: I've had a phone call to say that Molly, Ron's wife has just been taken into a care home and therefore Ron is having a break for a couple of months. I'm sorry to hear this, as I am sure others are. We look forward to hearing more from you, when you are able!)*

## **FIRESIDE CLUB**

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March:** It was Ivan's birthday when the Fireside met, so we enjoyed some birthday cake. As it was a special birthday, the club presented him with a bottle of wine. We should also have been celebrating Gwen Smiths 90th birthday, but sadly she was unwell. Get well soon Gwen!

We played a game of "feely bags" where you have to guess the contents of bags by feel only. You can see Joyce and Iris stockpiling the bags as they try to work out what the contents are.



**Happy birthday Ivan!**

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April:** Nineteen of us lunched at The Thatcher's Arms in Cockfield. We had a very good lunch and enjoyed the company.

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April:** We met in the village hall to play table games i.e. scrabble, snakes and ladders, coppit, draughts and we put together a jigsaw depicting Great Britain and its animal life. This day was Margie's birthday, so we enjoyed another birthday cake! It's a hard life!

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of April** when members have been asked to bring photographs of their grandparents. We will be taking money for the outing on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** to Framingham Castle and selling tickets for The Street Party we are holding on Tuesday, **June 7<sup>th</sup>** in the Village Hall 12.00 for 12.30.

The meeting on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**, will be poetry reading where members are asked to bring a poem to read to the others.

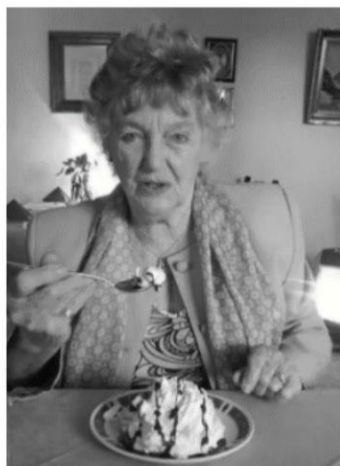
On **May 24<sup>th</sup>**, Sue is coming to explain Armchair exercises to us.

There is another outing on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**, this time To Kentwell Hall in our own cars after meeting at The Cock and Bell for lunch.

**Wendy**



**Joyce and Iris and feely bags**



**What diet?!**



# *ARE YOU RETIRED?*

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Many thanks  
Sue  
(Editor)



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*Get in touch with Tim either by telephone or email to register your interest! (Sue)*



## **YOUR PHOTOS!**

Fireside Club outing on the 19<sup>th</sup> April – The Thatcher's Arms, Cockfield.



Ivan, Peter and Pam, Bobby and Pat.



## NOTES FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

On Sunday 3rd April the baptism of Charlie Peter White took place at All Saints Church Newton. Charlie is the son of Lee and Lisa White who live in Sudbury. Peter and Rita Schwenk, who live in Newton, are Charlie's maternal grandparents.



# My big cake bake

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## HAVE YOU DONE SOMETHING YOU FEEL PROUD OF?

**This is going to be about me, just to get everyone started!**

### SWIMATHON 2016

Last year, I entered the Swimathon for the first time. I was really pleased to be in the top 10 ladies in the country in my age group, swimming 1.5KM in 42 minutes. This year, I was 3<sup>rd</sup> with a quicker time of 34 minutes!



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<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/greatcornard/>

### GREAT EAST SWIM – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Several newsletters ago, there was an article about the Great East Swim and an initiative whereby over 50's would get funded for a small cost, with training and a wet suit to take part in an Open Water swim at Alton Water. I was not the only one in the village to sign up to this! Sue Presland is also taking part. We are both hoping to swim 1 mile! It's on the day of the fete, so you won't see us until a bit later in the day!

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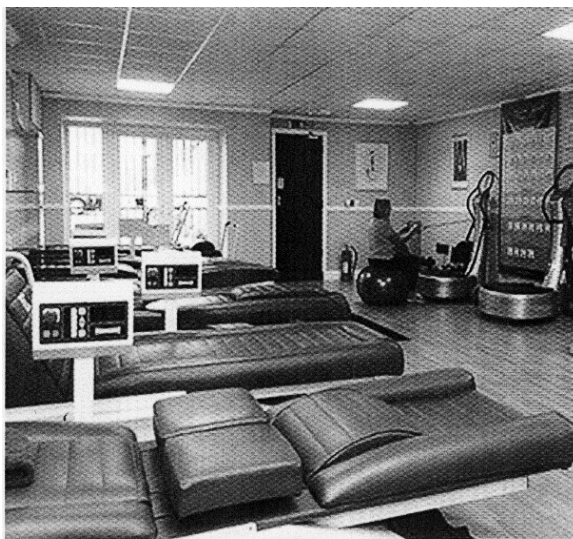
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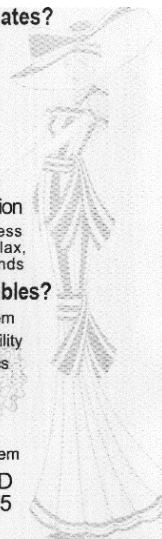
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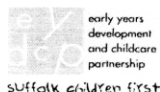
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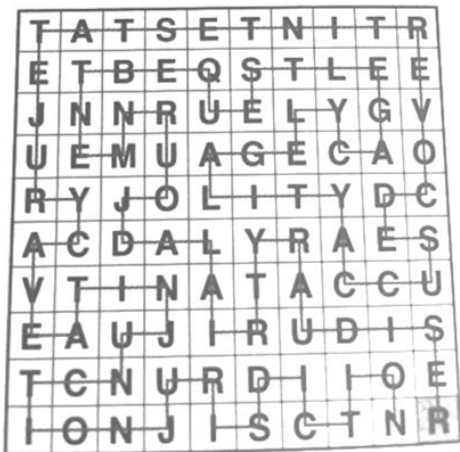
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# THE ETIQUETTE EDITOR'S PAGE

Should a lady make any response when a man bows and says "Thank you" at the end of a dance?—*Anita*.

No; simply bow and smile. Your other question has been answered so often that you must forgive me if I go into no particulars, other than—an unmarried girl need never leave a card.

If a girl is in bed through a slight illness for a day or two, would it be considered correct for her fiancé to visit her?—*F.M.S.M.*

No, not as a general rule, though, of course, every rule has its limitations; anyhow, he would not see her alone. In a long or dangerous illness, of course, all conventionalities are thrown to the winds.

On what occasions is it correct to wear a tea-gown?—*S.R.*

Only when you are quite alone, dining with your husband, or for afternoon tea. A little while ago it was considered quite correct to wear it if dining in a house where very few guests were; but now it would be considered an affront to your hostess, and still more unpardonable would it be to go out to a dinner, however friendly and small, in a tea-gown, even if low cut and made of satin or silk. Nothing is so graceful, however, for semi-invalidism or for the twilight hours, when one comes in with muddy, heavy skirts and wants to enjoy one's tea in peace.

I and a friend called on a very old mutual friend of ours, who received us most curtly, sending us into a fireless room, saying she was entertaining a new acquaintance in her drawing-room, who might not care to be introduced to us. Was this, as she averred, correct etiquette and good manners?—*Fansal*.

No, most decidedly; your friend offered you both a very great slight. In no case could any new acquaintance, who voluntarily chose to call, object in any way to meeting any of her hostess' friends. She might, had she felt so inclined, have asked you to excuse her for a few moments, saying she was engaged on important business, should she so wished to have strained the truth; but that would have been none the less really rude, especially as you had been invited to go on that particular day. Sometimes it is necessary with a doctor, &c., in which case the hostess would always go to the "fireless" library, and leave her visitors with many apologies in the drawing-room, sending in tea, &c.

How do you eat apricots at tea?—*Nancy Lee*.  
With a silver knife and fork.

Mymother and I wish to call on the Mayoress; as my mother is not very well, can we send our cards by post?—*B.B.*

No, you must go yourself, and write your names in her visiting-book; you would, of course, include that of your father also.

Which should sit on the right-hand side of a host of the three guests of the feminine sex, the greatest stranger, the greatest friend, or the highest in rank?—*F.*

The highest in social position; if all are equal, the one who has never dined at his table before, and the oldest friend on the other hand. The same rule applies to men guests with the hostess.

Which stones and what number of stones are the luckiest in an engagement ring?—*Axiom*.

This is a matter on which there is a constant divergence of opinion. Pearls are very popular, but are supposed by sentimental people to fore-shadow tears; diamonds and sapphires, which mean constancy, are most usual. The numbers are generally uneven—one, three, or five stones. Why, I could not tell you.

Is it advisable for the bride and bridegroom to start for their wedding tour in the same clothes they were married in?—*L.*

It is usual for the man to change from the conventional frock coat, or, at any rate, black coat, to a tweed or serge travelling suit. The woman, on the other hand, is supposed, if she has not the white satin dress, to be ready for travelling—in fact, it is usually described as being married in one's travelling dress. However, if she is married in winter and wears a very light or an elaborately trimmed costume, I should advise her, for her own sake, to change it for a tailor-made gown and quiet hat. It prevents her being stared at and labelled as a bride, which is what a girl generally most dislikes.

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