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Do find time to go into Wangford Church to admire the beautiful new notice board, crafted in oak by Colin Cameron.

Wangford Fundraisers 2019

Dates for your diary

APRIL 24th: QUIZ in aid of Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue, 7.00pm Wangford Community Centre. Teams of four maximum. £7.50 per person to include Supper (quiche, new potatoes and salad). Contact Edna (578311) or Gill (578062) for further details and to book a table.

JUNE 1st: CONCERT by the legendary Kenneth Sillito and friends. Some of the best musicians in the country playing in Wangford Church in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

OCTOBER 5th: DIXIEMIX. The return of the ever popular Dixieland Jazz Band in Wangford Community Centre.

NOVEMBER 6th: QUIZ in aid of Wangford Church Restoration Fund.



On the first day of their 10-day pilgrimage through the north of the diocese, Bishops Martin and Mike leave Wangford Church after their lunch break.

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Wangford Community Council

Bric-a-Brac and Jumble Bonanza

Our annual sale, held on 23rd March, proved popular. We raise £177.50 for Community Council Funds, plus what the other stalls raised. The cake stall was manned by Gill and Carol. Thanks to all who made cakes at short notice, and best wishes to Carolyn for a speedy recovery.

Snooker Hall

The long-awaited refit of the Snooker Hall has started, and with the installation of new doors and windows it already looks very smart. The decorating and installation of new blinds will follow soon. New members are welcome; call Malcolm on 01502 578701 for details.

Wangford 100 Club 2019

Winners in the March Draw were

1. E.A. Jackson
2. Barbara Smith
3. Jack Bradley

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 23rd April at 10.45 in the Community Centre.

Do join us for home-made cakes and scones, freshly-made coffee and a good old natter.

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Wangford Parent and Toddler Group
Mondays from 9.30 - 11.30am Community Centre

Wangford Art Group
Thursdays from 9.30am Community Centre

Knitting Group
Thursday 4th April 2.30pm Community Centre

Book Club
Thursday 4th April 8.00pm Community Centre

The Arts Society Southwold
Tuesday 9th April 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wingers Singing Group
Wednesday 10th April 10.30am Community Centre

Uggeshall Garden Club
Wednesday 10th April 7.30pm The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Coffee Morning
Thursday 11th April 10.30am The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema
Thursday 11th April 7.00 for 7.15pm The Old School Hall

Lunch Club
Tuesday 16th April 12.30pm Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford
Wednesday 17th April
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30 Church 10.35 - 10.45

Whist Drive
Wednesday 17th April 7.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Coffee Morning
Tuesday 23rd April 10.45am Community Centre

Fundraisers' Quiz
Wednesday 24th April 7.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast
Saturday 27th April 8.45am Community Centre

Wrentham Film Night
Saturday 27th April 7.00pm Wrentham Village Hall

WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

Wrentham Village Hall on Saturday 27th April

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First Thursday Knitting Group

The meeting in March was well attended. Members brought the Easter novelties that will be on sale until Easter at the Coffee Morning and at services for our Charity Fund.

Some members are knitting lap blankets, others items for the Christmas Shoe Boxes, and some are making squares towards the big blankets which are sent to refugees via Charles Storer and Hope and Aid Direct.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 4th April at 2.30 in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting is at Wangford Community Centre on Saturday 27th April 8.45 for 9.00 am

Revd Dr Alan Palmer, lead chaplain at James Paget Hospital, will speak on 'Don't forget to remember'.

Full English - £10
Light breakfast - £6

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 25th if you wish to join us.

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APRIL'S TEAM LETTER

Wake up call

There are some nights when you think the morning is never going to come. Some infection has you in a feverish grip where dreams take you down a nightmare spiral. You feel enclosed in some prison of the night from which there is no escape. And when the morning comes, it arrives like a kind of miracle. The door to the cell is flung open and light floods in. It feels like resurrection.

In the biblical accounts of the resurrection the event takes place in the morning. The stone is rolled from the tomb and light floods in. The wonderful Welsh poet R S Thomas captures this in his Easter poem: He wrote:

*The grave clothes of winter
are still here, but the sepulchre
is empty. A messenger
from the tomb tells us
how a stone has been rolled
from the mind . . .*

"A stone has been rolled from the mind." Maybe that's as close as we get to resurrection. When a worry, or a burden, or a fear is removed from us and suddenly we can see that life is possible once more. I can remember that feeling when - a couple of years back - my surgeon gave me the all clear after a prostate operation.

I am constantly amazed at people's ability to bounce back from adversity and loss. We all carry scars from the past - as did the risen Jesus when he appeared to his disciples - but with the help of friends, family and (very often) a sustaining faith, we start again. I believe that this is a spiritual, as well as a physical and mental, renewal. It's almost impossible to disentangle one from the other, but somehow that apparently un-budgeable stone can be rolled away.

This is Easter. The night can pass. The day can come. We will rise. It's a kind of miracle.

Malcolm Doney

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The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2019 series of lectures continues on Tuesday 9th April when Sally Hoban will speak on 'Marvels in Silver - George Jensen jewellery'. Lectures commence at 2.00 pm in Southwold Arts Centre (St. Edmund's Hall), Southwold. Visitors and members' guests are welcome. A small donation will be appreciated.

News from Wangford Church

The Church is looking beautiful with the spring flowers, especially the daffodils, in full bloom.

April is the month of Easter and there are many events taking place. Details are in the Heart and Sole Magazine and on the noticeboard.

From the 29th March to 7th April, the Bohemian Choir will be in Suffolk. The theme this year is "I'll take that one" referring to the children who were evacuated during the Second World War. If you missed their visit to Wangford on 30th and 31st March, there are further concerts throughout the team during the following week. See posters for details.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday, 28th April at 12.15 after Morning Service. All on the electoral roll are invited to attend and vote for the election of officers.

We are very happy to see folk exercising their dogs in the safety and tranquillity of the churchyard, but we ask you to keep them on a lead so that you know exactly where they are and can therefore clean up after them. Recently, relatives visiting their loved ones' graves were very distressed to discover dog dirt on their memorial tablet.

Valerie Beckett 578987

News from Sotherton

Easter Day Church Service

Do join us for our Eucharist on Easter Sunday, April 21st at 9.30am.

Karen Flaxman 01986 873123

Book Club

At our March meeting we discussed Vera Brittain's 'Testament of Youth'. Born into a middle class family, Vera soon found out that education and life generally was a different prospect for her. She did not receive the same opportunities as her brother and had few personal freedoms. Her fiancé, brother and friend went to serve in WW1 and Vera trained as a nurse. They corresponded by letter and these letters together with her diaries formed her memoir which became one of the most powerful accounts of that time. The loss of her fiancé, brother and friend and a generation of young men was profound. The war changed Vera in many ways and afterwards she completed her degree and worked as a writer and political commentator. The book prompted a lot of discussion but some did feel it was quite long (some 600 pages) and over detailed but it did say a lot about the social structures of that time and the hollowness of the 'victory' of winning the war when so much else was lost.

We next meet on Thursday 4th April at 8pm in the Community Centre to discuss Tess Geritson's 'Playing with Fire'. Tea/coffee £1. All welcome.

Gill Smith 578620

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Teas

2019 is the 50th Golden Year for The Uggeshall Country Teas. So we would like to make it a memorable one. The 2018 Teas was successful with all the help you, the Community, gave. It was also enjoyable to take part in. Special and different tactics are taking place to make this year the best ever, and we value all the help that you give. So if you would like to help again this year, bake, wash up, make the tea or waitress - or find out more about how to help, drop an e-mail to Linda Hill at lindadianehill@btinternet.com or ring me on 01502 578789.

For waitressing enquiries, Pearl Felgate can be contacted on 01502 578531 or at pearlfelgate@googlemail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

This month we meet on Thursday 11th April from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

Uggeshall Cinema

Thank you to all of those who attended The Bookshop screening and a bigger thank you to those who helped to make it another successful evening.

As Death at a Funeral received quite a few votes previously, we have decided to show this film in April. 7.00 for 7.15 pm on Thursday 11th April in the Old School, Hall.



Bob Coutts

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Roy Edward Beckett RIP

The funeral service for Roy, who died peacefully at home on February 12th after a long illness, took place in Wangford Church on Friday March 1st, attended by a large congregation of family, friends, neighbours and former colleagues. It was followed by a private committal at Waveney Memorial Park Crematorium.

Roy was born near Alexandra Palace in London in 1936. He was an only child, and his grandfather Bill, who lived with them, was an important figure in his childhood. Bill taught him to fish, to garden, and how to fix things. The young Roy was also a chorister at his local church. After a move to Southend, Roy attended Southend High School for Boys. On leaving school at 16, he worked in an office in London until National Service in the Royal Army Service Corps, and saw service at Suez. On his return to Southend he went to work for Shell Petroleum in the Strand office, remaining with them for 30 years.

Roy met Val through an ecumenical church youth group, whose members travelled to Liverpool Street by train each day - ideal for a courtship. They married on a grey St Valentine's Day in 1959. Daughters Carolyn and Julie came along in 1962 and 1965.

Roy transferred to the Wirral in 1966, where the family were very happy. On his return to the London office in 1975 they lived in Shenfield, although Roy spent two years in Nigeria teaching computer skills to the local staff. Roy later retired early after suffering some serious illnesses, and the family moved to Suffolk.

Roy was always involved in voluntary work, whether as an officer in the Boys Brigade, a fundraiser for the various churches he attended, or as a Samaritan. In Suffolk he also worked for the CAB, and in the BREAK and East Coast Hospice shops in Southwold. He also started the Wangford Men's Breakfast.

Very much a family man, Roy was very proud of his daughters and grandchildren, and was thrilled by the birth of his great-granddaughter Abigail Trixie.

Unfortunately, the cancer which had plagued him for many years finally took over his whole body, and, after the many hospitalisations and complex surgery, all borne with great stoicism, Roy came home to be cared for by Val, Carolyn and Julie.

Donations in memory of Roy were made to Wangford Church Restoration Fund, and his ashes were buried in the churchyard.

Thank you

Valerie and the family of Roy Beckett would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind thoughts received since his death.

Special thanks to those who attended his funeral on Friday, 1st March. We know he would have loved the singing of his chosen hymns, and the music played by Sue.

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Liam Neeson's comments that he wanted to wreak revenge after a friend confessed that she'd been raped by a black man gets no condemnation from me. Who among us (and Christ had a few words to say about such things) has not harboured unclean thoughts seeking retribution? Thinking and executing are entirely different and most of us would retreat from the actual deed. What intrigues me most about the Neeson piece is the fact that he chose to voice his thoughts to, of all people, a journalist. Surely he has enough nous about him to realise that saying anything faintly controversial to the scab fourth estate is just plain daft.

I am suspicious about revisionism, particularly uttered by someone commenting about long gone events he could not have possibly witnessed. A Labour politician, by name of John McDonnell (me neither) labels Winston Churchill a villain because he sent more than 200 police officers along with armed soldiers to break up a miners' picket line in Tonypandy, South Wales in 1910. I expect there are numerous folk who lived in Churchill's lifetime such as myself, who have divided opinions about him. I suspect that the people of the Channel Islands may well have a grievance for his leaving them to the fate of German invasion. There seems little doubt that the man was flawed but aren't we all? But he was also immensely talented, which we are not. He was simultaneously a functioning alcoholic, probably unfaithful and running a country on barbiturates. He could be racist, cruel and anti-trade unionist. However I hope we shall remember him for having a powerful brain, being a mighty orator and leading this country through the most troubled years. He showed leadership when it mattered most and his gigantic light will continue to shine brightly long after the dim candles of pygmies like McDonnell have been snuffed.

The sum of £15,000 proposed to be spent by Suffolk Coastal

District Council to celebrate their 45 years in existence before they merge with Waveney D.C. does not bother me very much. After all, the amount is relatively minor compared to the Council's total expenditure. Nevertheless, there will be folk out there telling us that the money could be better spent elsewhere and I would likely agree with them. What intrigues me is the selection process of who will be invited to this back-slapping jolly. Will anyone who was around in 1974 be there? Will it be stuffed out with dopey Councillors and even dopier Chief Officers? I doubt very much if any foot soldiers past and present will be there.

I shall never weary of banging the drum on behalf of the travelling community although no-one seems to be listening to the beat and you may be fed up about me going on about it again, so I shall be brief. The General Synod of the Church of England has decreed that the Church should donate land for gipsies and travellers. So far, so good but the precise methodology has to be determined. Want to bet that nothing will come of it? Depressing. As always, just words and no action. *Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose.*

There seems to be a conspiracy to drive us back to the land of the barbarians. What with comments in the Guardian newspaper from the Custodian of St Magnus Cathedral (with whom, if you did not already know, I am closely associated) extolling the delights of Orkney, and James Martin's latest TV programme starting off by cooking scallops at Stromness harbour and wandering off to North Ronaldsay to see the special sheep, is it any wonder that we feel besieged? And Bernard M. informing me that he's off on a cruise in August to the Islands, what are we to do? Our biggest problem would be whether or not little Wangford girl Sparkle could adapt to the funny accent.

Abraham

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th April	5th Sunday of Lent
11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 14th April	Palm Sunday
11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Wednesday 17th April	Holy Week
6.30 pm Wangford	Compline
Thursday 18th April	Maundy Thursday
7.30 pm Blythburgh	Eucharist (CW)
Sunday 21st April	Easter Day
9.30 am Sotherton	Eucharist (CW)
11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 28th April	2nd Sunday of Easter
11.15 am Wangford	Family@church (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Southwold Lent Lectures 2019

The Last Enemy

What happens to me when I die? What does the Bible say about it? How does the church respond to it? How should we react to its inevitability in our own lives and how should we treat those who are facing death or bereavement? Not easy questions.

7 April Care for the Dying and the Bereaved
The Rev Sister Sharon Connell, Chaplain and Spiritual Care Co-ordinator, St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds

14 April The Last Enemy Who Will Be Destroyed is Death
The Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich

All Lectures will be at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday evenings in the United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold

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The usual mix of vintage, craft and new items.

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APRIL 2019 CENTRE DIARY

1st April	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
1st April	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
2nd April	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
2nd April	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
2nd April	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
3rd April	Barber	Cttee Room	2.00-5.00pm
4th April	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
4th April	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
4th April	Knitting Group	Cttee Room	2.00-4.00pm
4th April	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
4th April	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
5th April	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
5th April	Bohemian Choir	Hall	4.00pm
6th April	Bohemian Choir	Hall	All Day
8th April	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
8th April	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
9th April	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
9th April	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
10th April	Wingers Singing	Hall	10.30-12.30pm
10th April	GHSR Meeting	Cttee Room	8.00pm
11th April	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
11th April	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
11th April	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
12th April	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
13th April	Private Hire	Hall	All Day
14th April	Private Hire	Hall	11.30-2.30pm
15th April	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
15th April	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
15th April	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	8.00pm
16th April	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
16th April	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
16th April	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
17th April	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00pm
18th April	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
18th April	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
18th April	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
19th April	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
22nd April	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
22nd April	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
23rd April	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
23rd April	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
23rd April	Coffee Morning	Hall	10.30-12.00noon
23rd April	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
24th April	Fund Raisers Quiz	Hall	5.30pm
25th April	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
25th April	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
25th April	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
26th April	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
27th April	Mens Breakfast Club	Bar	8.30-10.30am
28th April	PS Glassfusion	Hall	
29th April	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
29th April	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
30th April	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
30th April	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
Barber's next visit 8 May			