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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Based on the wealth of ideas generated at the Community Meeting in March, plans for our celebrations from 2nd - 5th June are taking shape. There will be various events and activities around the village during the Bank Holidays, and more details of them all will be given in the May Messenger. With the support of the Parish and Community Councils, virtually everything will be free, including a Platinum Jubilee mug for every child.

Exhibition

Thursday 2nd - Saturday 4th June

As part of the celebrations an exhibition will be held in the church from the 2 - 4 June. Do you have any memorabilia, such as old Wangford and Henham photographs, newspapers, or commemorative items (e.g. mugs, tea trays) which you would be willing to loan or, in the case of photos, have copied, which relate to the festivities around Queen Elizabeth's accession or coronation? Might you have Jubilee items from 1977 (Silver), 2002 (Gold) or 2012 (Diamond)?

If you think you have something of interest, or have any queries, please contact Heather Broughton at:
heatherebroughton@hotmail.com or text to 07885 113871.

Afternoon Tea

Starting on April 28th, we are moving to the 4th Thursday of each month, still from 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Wangford Community Centre
If you would like to come along, just phone Sue on 578408 or email suethemusic@gmail.com

Jubilee 1950s-inspired Big Picnic

Sunday 5th June

From lunchtime onwards on Sunday 5th there will be a Big Picnic and fun and games for all villagers at the Community Centre/Playing Field. Hopefully, the weather will be fine and sunny so bring a picnic blanket, chairs and your picnic supplies. There will be a licensed bar to purchase your favourite picnic accompaniment, and children will be offered a free soft drink. Tea and coffee will be available in the afternoon. Please do bring extra cakes or sandwiches to share or swap with friends and neighbours if you would like to do so.

For those not around in the 1950s, here are some suggestions for 1950s picnic items - ham, scotch eggs, sandwiches in grease-proof paper, cold sausages, pork pie and pickles, Victoria sandwich, tea loaf, scones, buns, biscuits. In 1952 some rationing was still in place, but during 1953 fresh eggs, cream and sweets (including chocolate) were freed from controls, and many of the street parties for the Coronation were veritable feasts after the privations of the war.

Turn to page 7 for a 1950s recipe to try!



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2. E. Utting
3. C. Robertson

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Wangford Parent and Toddler Group

Mondays 9.30 - 11.30am Community Centre

Body Conditioning

Tuesdays from 9.30 - 10.30am Community Centre

Blythburgh Bowls (winter meetings)

Tuesdays from 2.00 - 4.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Art Group

Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm Community Centre

Wangford Community Council

Tuesday 5th April 7.45pm Community Centre

Platinum Jubilee Planning Meeting

Wednesday 6th April 7.30pm Community Centre

Community Garden Working Party

Thursday 7th April 10.00 am Community Centre

Book Club

Thursday 7th April 8.00pm Community Centre

The Arts Society

Tuesday 12th April 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wangford with Henham Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 12th April 8.00pm Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford

Wednesday 13th April
1010 - 1030am Community Centre
1035 - 1045am Church

Uggeshall Cinema

Thursday 14th April 7.00pm Old School Hall

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

Wednesday 20th April 10.30 am - noon
N.B. in Wangford Church

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Thursday 21st April 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Blyth Valley Labour

Monday 25th April 7.30pm Community Centre

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 28th April 2.30pm Community Centre

Wrentham Film Night

The Good Liar

2019 crime thriller starring Ian McKellen as a career con artist who meets wealthy widow Helen Mirren online.

Wrentham Village Hall
Saturday 30th April, 6.45 for 7.30pm screening.
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There is also a basket for your donations at the foot of the font in Wangford Church.

Mobile Library

The next visit is on
Wednesday 13th April
10.10am at Millfields
10.35am at Wangford Church.

Wangford Vets

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Thursday 14th April
8.30am - 6pm

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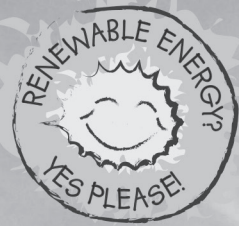
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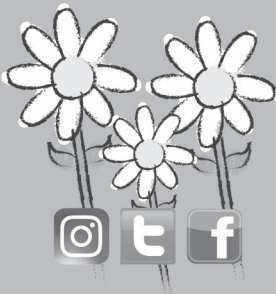
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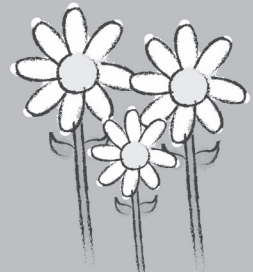
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APRIL'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends

During Lent we have, in our groups, been following a course entitled "The Long Road to Heaven." The course has focussed on the film "The Way", that tells the story of Tom, who carries his son's ashes on the Camino, the pilgrim path to the shrine of St James at Compostela in Spain. The five weeks have addressed fine questions;

What are we saved from?

What are we saved for?

Who can be saved?

What do we have to do to be saved?

How are we saved?

As I write, we have not finished yet, so it will be exciting to see if we find good answers that move us and help us.

In 2000 there was a major exhibition called Seeing Salvation. Many people went to the National Gallery to see some of the world's greatest art works depicting the story of Jesus Christ. Borrowing this theme, Alan, Judy and I are going to choose some of our favourite pictures to serve as our point of focus during services in Holy Week.

The TV news is currently showing images of war in Ukraine, images of death, destruction and fear. There is no salvation in these pictures. The most recent study of climate change makes bleak reading and upsetting viewing, pictures of rainforests burning. I feel sick and deeply disturbed at such sights. Where is salvation in environmental destruction, and yet people need to eat, and land for crops.

To find the promise of salvation we need to discover hope, evidence of a fresh new start, of life restored, of darkness defeated, sins forgiven. John 20 verses 11 to 18 tell of the first Easter morning. The cross has done its worst, no body hangs now on its blood stained boards. The stone that sealed the finality of death in a stone cold tomb has been rolled back. Mary's tears of loss, her dark night, are answered by bright sunshine on a new fresh day. The words of the Gardener, the one who planted the Garden of Eden, now again bring the promise of all things made new. In him is our salvation.

Simon

Wangford Community Council

Spring Sale

The Community Council held its first Spring Sale since 2019 on 19th March. It proved very successful, and attracted a queue of customers eager to browse the varied stalls and snap up bargains of bric-a-brac. Sue's Tombola sold out, Carolyn did well with her cake stall for the Santa Paws Appeal, and the raffle, with all its lovely prizes did good trade also. The Community Council also did extremely well, raising £219.54 for much-needed funds.

Many thanks to all who came, helped, and donated.

Our Summer Sale will be on Saturday 9th July; watch the Messenger for more details nearer the time.

Malcolm Woolnough

Community Garden Working Party

Do you fancy some healthy exercise? Why not come and join us to do some weeding and tidying up on Thursday 7th April from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Please bring your own gloves and hand forks/trowels if you have them.

News from Wangford Church

Church has been busy recently with the resumption of the monthly coffee mornings and some baptisms. The coffee mornings will continue in the church on the third Wednesday of each month.

Louie Flint was baptised on February 27th and both Elvira and Robert Adamson were baptised on March 13th. It was nice to see so many of their family and friends as they were welcomed into the church.



Mothering Sunday was celebrated on March 27th and we now look forward to Easter.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the people of Ukraine; a very generous amount was raised in our bucket collection on March 13th.

Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)

News from Uggheshall

St Mary's APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the Old School Hall at 6.00pm on Thursday 7th April.

Uggheshall Cinema

April's film is on Thursday 14th at the Old School Hall, and is the triple Oscar winner Nomadland. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

The proceeds of the March film raised £133.50 towards the DEC appeal for the Ukrainian people. Thank you for the extra donations on the night and thank you to the regulars who couldn't make the film last month but still donated generously.

Last call for Latitude tickets!

If you've forgotten to register your interest for concessionary tickets for this year's Latitude at Henham Park from 21st to 24th July, you only have until 10th April.

Contact Pearl Felgate on 01502 578531 or email pearlfelgate@googlemail.com

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



An afternoon of fun, food and
festivities will be held at

The School Hall

On Sunday 5th June

Save the Date!

More details to follow!



Uggheshall Teas - SAVE THE DATE!

The Uggheshall Teas will once again be held for one weekend only this year, on 30th and 31st July. Put it in your diary now for an afternoon of delicious teas in pretty cottage garden surroundings!

Should you wish to help in any way - baking, serving, prepping, washing up - or if you would like to join the Steering Group to help organise the event, please contact:

Pearl Flaxman 07557 648178 Jane Webb 07896 315052
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News from Sotherton

St Andrew's

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Wednesday April 6th at 7pm at Low Farm, Sotherton.

Do join us for our Easter Communion service on Sunday 17th April at 9.30am.

Book Club

At our March meeting we discussed Sally Vickers' "The Librarian" which tells the story of a young librarian arriving at a rural town in 1959 to build up the children's library. She is more influential than she realises and not always in a good way. We thought the narrative outlined small town and rural life very well with the dynamics of class, expectation and opportunity. The larger first part of the book outlined the various characters and their relationships with each other and the second part of the book was a little unexpected. We thought we were hearing about the latter years of the librarian's life but it was one of the children she had helped who was considered to be a low achiever but became children's laureate. Sylvia the librarian disappeared into obscurity and was no more than a recollection and it was the effect she had on others that drove the narrative. We all agreed it was a light read and many of us remembered the references from the 1950s/60s. We did think the book was a little formulaic with portrayals of types of characters and some of the events were far-fetched and unbelievable. It explored so many topics with a multi-stereotypical cast of characters. As one member summarised - "it should have been good". We next meet at the community centre on Thursday 7th April at 8 pm.

Gill Smith 578620

1950s Recipe idea

Coconut Pyramids

6oz coconut

4oz caster sugar

1oz cornflour

½ teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon vanilla essence

2 egg whites (Food colouring if you wish!)

Beat egg whites until stiff. Mix in sugar, vanilla, coconut and the cornflour sieved with the baking powder.

Form mixture into pyramid shapes and place on greased and floured baking sheet or alternatively use rice paper.

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Next month we will have a Suffolk rusk recipe (there's quite a variety!)



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ABRAHAM

I imagine that there still exists a faction out there whose image of a footballer is of a semi-literate, thick-as-mince thug whose limited amount of brain cells are in their boots. Unfortunately that image has been reinforced ten times over by the mindless stupidity of the person, by name Kurt Zouma, who kicked and slapped his cat. He apparently will attend animal-care courses organised by the RSPCA and this, says the West Ham Manager, is 'time for him to be forgiven'. That's all right then. What should have happened is for the rest of the team to line up and take turns to kick him, letting him know how it feels, and for West Ham Football Club, who once had a reputation for being a patriarchal, family-friendly organisation, to also boot him, right out of London. But of course, the great god Mammon prevailed and the Club and David Moyes threw away their moral compass. Disgraceful.

I have never regarded Jimmy Carr entertaining, being smug, conceited, right up his own backside, and didn't he just prove himself recently by that disgusting so-called joke about Jews and Gypsies. Which confirms my opinion, that all he is is an obnoxious fool. Now, I have been known to tell a few tasteless jokes in my time, but to be acceptable a joke must be funny. And indicating that the extermination of thousands of gypsies was a positive is not only sickening but also racist and should be treated accordingly by incurring a prosecution.

Peta (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has stated that cat flaps should be banned and owners should keep pets indoors. It frightens me that such an organisation does not understand the nature of moggies. Cats are free spirits who choose their house and house owners, when and where to go and when to return. Of course, when they leave through the flap to travel goodness knows where, to possibly encounter dangerous situations you worry and when they deign to honour us once more with their presence we rejoice. They do not need us and should not, cannot, be contained. Yes, they may get hurt, injured, stolen or, god forbid, killed but that is the risk of being free and freedom should never be denied.

Dear, oh dear, what a gloomy future we have to look forward to. (If it isn't bad enough I just ended a sentence with a preposition). Rocketing energy costs that will have a domino effect on every other product; climate change; the Russian nutter threatening the use of nuclear power; abominations occurring on the streets of Britain; a host of viruses killing us. But let us not despair. Spring is upon us with all that it entails - sunshine, optimism, new beginnings, the myriad shades and colours of the landscape - and, after all, 'In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love'. Hopefully, not only young men. We older generation have good memories and can dream.

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

(Edmund Burke Irish born statesman and philosopher 1729-97)

Abraham

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd April		5th Sunday of Lent
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 10th April		Palm Sunday
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Thursday 14th April		Maundy Thursday
7.00 pm	Blythburgh	Communion (CW)
Sunday 17th April		Easter Day
9.30am	Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 24th April		2nd Sunday of Easter
11.15 am	Wangford	Family Service
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Holy Communion (BCP)

All services from St Margaret's, Reydon are live-streamed via YouTube.

April 24th: Drive-It Day

10am - 5pm at Wrentham Chapel

Historic vehicles taking part in the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs Drive-it Day are welcome to make a pit-stop at this historic chapel.

There will be complimentary drinks and biscuits. A short transport-themed service will be held at 3pm to which all are welcome.

Sue Hardy 578994 / 07771 882738

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

(Blyth Valley and Southwold)

Brief AGM with wine and snacks, followed by the film 'Secret Rivers - the Blyth' featuring Paul Heiney

Thursday 21st April, 7.30pm at Southwold Arts Centre
Admission free.

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2022 series continues on Tuesday 12th April when Tony Rawlins will speak on

'Mad Men and Artists:

How the Advertising Industry Exploited Fine Art'

Lectures commence at 2.00pm in Southwold Arts Centre.

Visitors and Members' guests are welcome.

A small donation will be appreciated.

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5th April	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
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	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
	Breedon Group	Hall	5.00-7.00pm
6th April	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
7th April	Jubilee Planning	Cttee Room	7.30pm
	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
11th April	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
12th April	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
13th April	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
	Parish Council	Hall	8.00pm
14th April	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
19th April	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Hall	1.00-3.00pm
20th April	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
21st April	Salsa	Cttee Room	7.30-8.30pm
	Steam Rally Meeting	Hall	8.00pm
23rd April	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
25th April	Private Hire	All	9.30-3.00pm
	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
26th April	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	7.30-9.30pm
	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
27th April	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
28th April	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Afternoon Tea	Hall	2.30-4.30pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm

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