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August Events

South Cove Flower Festival

The annual Flower Festival at St Lawrence, South Cove runs from Saturday 4th to Tuesday 7th August, daily from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. This year the theme is 'Along the Garden Path'. Admission is free, but there is also a ticketed Preview Evening on Friday 3rd at 6.00 pm. To obtain your ticket (£5 to include fizz and canapes) ring 01502 675228 or 01502 675610.

Light refreshments will be on sale throughout each day, including the delicious Suffolk Meadow dairy ice-creams which have earned St. Lawrence the nickname of 'The Ice-Cream Church'. And in the churchyard the Meadow Sale marquee will be crammed with bargains.



At 3.00 pm on the afternoon of Sunday 5th there will be a service of hymns and readings to commemorate Lawrence, the church's patron saint, whose feast day is 10th August. All are welcome to attend, and tea and cake will be served afterwards.

Uggeshall Country Teas

The ever-popular Uggeshall Country Teas continue at the Old School Hall on Saturday and Sunday August 4th and 5th from 2.30pm to 5.30pm.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride



This year's fund-raising event takes place countrywide on Saturday 8th September. Ride and Stride, which started in Suffolk, is run entirely by volunteers and is inter-denominational, with cyclists or walkers invited to seek sponsors who will undertake to pay an agreed sum of money for each place of worship visited between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on the day. It is the main source of income to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to enable it to make grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repair and restoration costs. Half of the money you raise is donated to your own nominated church.

This year Suffolk Automobile Club has been invited to join in, visiting churches in veteran cars.

Last year, Wangfordians raised the magnificent sum of £943. Let's see if this year we can exceed the £1,000 mark. If you've never taken part before, but would like to join in, phone me for a sponsor form and information.

Beryl Meldrum, Local Organiser, 01502 578766

First Thursday Knitting Group

We will meet informally on Thursday, 2nd August and in September we shall meet as usual on Thursday 6th to discuss our projects for the Autumn including our participation in the Shoebox scheme.

All welcome, come and join us at 2.30 in the Community Centre.

Valerie Beckett 578987

Wangford Church Coffee Mornings

There's just one Coffee Morning in August on Tuesday 28th at 10.45 am in the Community Centre.

Do come along for home-made cakes and scones, freshly-brewed coffee and a good old natter.

Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting is at Wangford Community Centre on Saturday 25th August.

Subject to confirmation, the speaker will be from St Peter's Brewery.

Full English - £10
Light breakfast (cereals, fruit juice, toast and jam/marmalade) - £6

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 23rd if you wish to join us.
8.45 for 9.00 am

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

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

Knitting Group
Thursday 2nd August 2.30pm Community Centre

Book Club
Thursday 2nd August 8.00pm Community Centre

Uggeshall Country Teas
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th August, 2.30 - 5.30pm
The Old School Hall

South Cove Flower Festival
Saturday 4th - Tuesday 7th August 11.00 am - 5.00pm
St Lawrence, South Cove

Mobile Library at Wangford
Wednesday 8th August
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30am Church 10.35 - 10.45am

Uggeshall Coffee Morning
Thursday 9th August 10.30am The Old School Hall

Lunch Club
Tuesday 21st August 12.30pm Community Centre

Whist Drive
Wednesday 22nd August 7.00 pm Community Centre

Men's Breakfast Group
aturday 25th August 8.45 for 9.00am
Community Centre

Wrentham Film Night
Saturday 25th August 7.00 for 7.30 pm
Wrentham Village Hall

Wangford Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28th August 10.45am Community Centre



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AUGUST'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends,

Like many people I spent much of July with a growing sense of excitement that football was coming home. The unexpected progress of the England team through the competition fuelled a belief that finally, after 52 years, we might actually win. Just 20 minutes of the semi final remained when a Croatian equaliser shattered our dreams.

The sense of exile being replaced with hope, expectation and homecoming reminded me of the people of Israel, who in Old Testament times were in exile in Babylon. Far from home, living as slaves in a foreign land, they wondered why God had abandoned them and they prayed that they might go home. In the fullness of time their prayers were answered.

In the time of Jesus the people of Israel felt that they lived in a time of spiritual exile. Even though they lived in their own land, it was ruled by a foreign Roman army. God seemed to have forgotten them again. The longing for a Messiah was a longing in the heart that God might come home and renew his home among his people.

For Christians Jesus is the answer to that prayer. Jesus is God in the midst of us, God who has come home.

Much of the New Testament was written after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and demolished the Temple. Just after the time of Christ a war broke about between the Jewish people and their Roman conquerors as the Jews tried to free themselves from Roman rule. The Romans destroyed Jerusalem in AD70 and the survivors of the war were driven into exile around the Mediterranean world. The writings of the New Testament anticipate this tragedy and reflect upon it.

The scattered community is encouraged to believe that while they are not at home in Jerusalem, the risen Christ is with them by his Holy Spirit. Wherever his faithful people are he is at home with them, and lives among them.

We live in interesting times, with former certainties being challenged. Brexit, President Trump and climate change suggest that life in the future might be based on different parameters and assumptions to all that we are used to. In my job I see how the different stages of life from birth to death, and all points in between, affect our sense of self and place and home. We try to cling to the ideas and the things that we think will make us feel at home. However we cannot stop the progress of time or the process of change.

St Augustine understood “our hearts are restless until they find their rest (home) in thee.” Only in Christ Jesus will we find the permanent sense of home and belonging for which our hearts yearn.

Football might have extended its absence by enjoying a vacation in France. Christ Jesus never left and lives with us still, meeting the deepest longings of our hearts when we invite him to make his home with us.

Simon

Wangford Church News

Despite that important football match we were very pleased to welcome so many visitors to the ‘Songs, Tea and Cake’ afternoon with the Sole Bay Singers on 7th July. The event raised £522 for the Church Restoration Fund. This included the proceeds of the raffle and Bag a Bag, which together made £195. Many thanks to those who provided raffle prizes and gifts for the Bag a Bag and helped in so many ways. It was a very pleasant afternoon and as usual we very much enjoyed the singing of the Choir.

It seems the gremlins have invaded the Church Clock once again. The matter is in hand but may take a while to correct. Please bear with us.

There will be no Coffee morning on 14th August but the next one on 28th August will be held as usual.

Valerie Beckett

News from Wangford Vets

Change of date

The Emergency Pet First Aid Evening advertised for the 20th September has had to be moved to THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 7 pm - Sorry for any inconvenience.

Dogs - ice cubes and frozen treats

We are aware of several views on this subject on social media. In our opinion ice cubes are OK to give dogs, but not really necessary. Cool drinking water and paddling pools etc are sufficient.

However, in the case of a dog suffering from a heatstroke crisis, then we do have to be careful that we do not induce shock, so would use wet towels and NOT ice cubes.

If you suspect heatstroke, wet your dog down with room temperature water - focusing on your pet's underside and then go straight to your vet.

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Country Teas

The Teas continue on 4th and 5th August at the Old School Hall from 2.30 to 5.30 pm each afternoon.

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

This month's gathering will be on Thursday 9th August in The Old School Hall from 10.30 am.

News from Sotherton

Cake Stall Postponed

Due to the current heatwave, the Cake Stall due to take place in Southwold on 6th August has been postponed. Watch this space for a replacement date.

Steam Rally Pancakes

If you can help to make pancakes for our stall at the Henham Steam Rally or would like to help serve them during the weekend (15th/16th September), please get in touch with Karen on 01986 873123.

Karen Flaxman

Grand Henham Steam Rally

Community-spirited volunteers are needed to help with Wangford's contributions to this year's Steam Rally, which takes place at Henham Park on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September. We man The Village Pantry (which serves sandwiches, cakes and beverages) and the Hot Dog stall.

If you can help for the whole or part of one of the days (with free entry to enjoy the Rally on the other day) please contact

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And if you are one of our regulars, it would help if you could get in touch as soon as possible to let us know your availability.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Book Club

We decided to cancel our July meeting due to holiday and other commitments.

We next meet on Thursday 2nd August at the Community Centre at 8pm. All welcome. Tea/coffee £1.

Gill Smith 578620

WANGFORD AND UGGESHALL BRITISH LEGION NEWS

Last year our 2 village Poppy Appeal collection totalled £741.31, and it would be great to do even better in 2018 for this special 100th year.

The British Legion charity provides financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.

Although we are no longer Poppy Appeal co-ordinators we are helping a new appointee Mr Brooke Gregory, a resident of Uggeshall, to co-ordinate the collection. We have arranged for our Wangford collectors to be able to obtain their collection tins from 29 High Street as usual even though we no longer live there.

We extend our great thanks to all those who have helped the collection over the years and would welcome any new collectors from both villages (please ring us on 578832)

Caroline Way and Simon MacDowall

Joan Margaret Walker RIP

The funeral service for Joan, who died on July 8th at the age of 84, took place at Waveney Memorial Park and Crematorium on 24th July, attended by a large number of family, friends and neighbours.

Born in Southwold in 1934, Joan had 7 brothers and sisters. After school in Southwold and Reydon, she worked as a machinist. She met Derek at a dance on Southwold Pier, and they were married in St Edmund's on 3rd December 1955. They set up home in Wangford, and had two children, Barry and Julie. Joan worked on local farms picking produce, then at Henham School as a cook, and later as housekeeper at St. Felix School.

She and Derek were very active in the Wangford Community, and enjoyed the dances and other events at the Community Centre. Joan was an enthusiastic cook who loved entertaining, and was also a very keen knitter.

When Derek developed Parkinson's and dementia Joan cared for him at home for as long as she was able. They were able to celebrate their Diamond wedding anniversary in 2015 whilst he was in the nursing home.

Joan was diagnosed with cancer within a week of Derek's death in 2017, but she was determined to carry on as normal for as long as possible.



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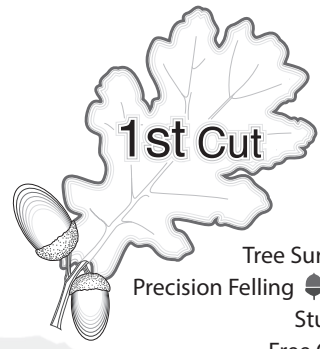
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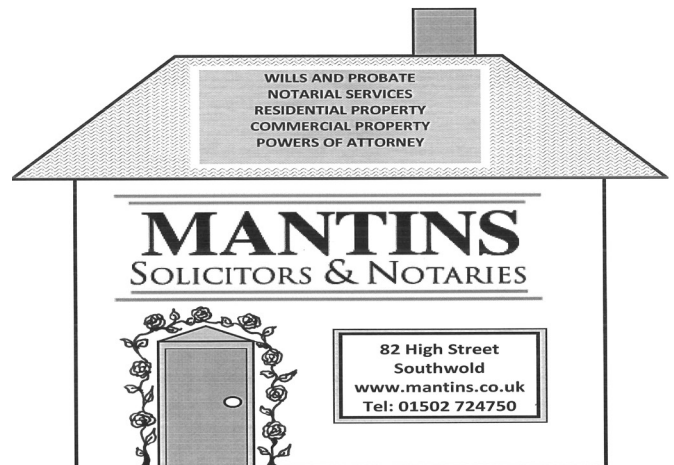
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ABRAHAM

The preponderance of second homes is not all bad news. While there is little doubt that youngsters on low wages are being priced out of the housing market, this trend is somewhat offset by the appearance of villages and towns being enhanced by the quality of property renovation, repair and refurbishment. Without these well-to-do folk more than a few builders, decorators, electricians and general handymen would be struggling, and that is aside from the host of cleaners and gardeners.

Are you sitting comfortably? Once upon a time I sounded off in this organ about how publicans should conduct themselves in public houses. Here now is how punters should behave, Part 1.

Put up with pub behaviour. Boozers are normally adult areas where folk have too much to drink. They will converse indiscreetly. There will be groups laughing uproariously at supersonic volume. You may get bumped into. You may hear daft views in a way that you find unacceptable. Do not get involved; remember that you are likely to get no sense out of anyone that's had too many sherbets. One man's cup of tea will be another's poison. Learn to choose the pub that suits you. On the whole boozers are convivial places and people, so learn to tolerate the bore. Join in but also mind that this is not your front room. The rules are not yours.

Leave your electronic gadgets at home. These infernal machines have all but ruined many a good argument, as in who scored the winning goal for Celtic in the European Cup in 1967. Whenever I revisit my wee home town,

the first question I asked of the assembled yokels is when is the last bus back to St Andrews. I never get the right answer but it gives them a good half hour and two pints arguing about it. Now, if not careful, an iPhone app will give an instant reply. Ghostly.

Like the children. Like it or not, children in pubs help to keep them open in these days of houses closing by the minute. Only grumpy old gits (who mentioned Abraham?) would object to their presence. To be sure, a pub is not a creche but so long as they are well-behaved and not screaming or running around, welcome them. For goodness sake, weren't you young once, or can't you remember?

Do not take over someone's seat. A half empty glass with no apparent owner does not necessarily mean that that drinker has gone. More than likely he has gone for a pee or a fag. Don't sit there.

Be friendly with the staff. More often than not bar tending is a thankless task, serving drunken morons while earning a pittance. You can help redress that state of affairs. Smile but don't ogle, which is pathetic; no hooting and hollering when a glass is smashed, no angry noises when the TV goes down (if you are daft enough in the first place to be in a pub with a telly) Be happy, life is pleasant, you are in a very sociable environment. Take your empty glasses back to the bar. You are leaving anyway. Tip now and again. If you say 'and one for you' most staff will thank and take 20 pence. It is a small amount but appreciated.

Don't nick glasses. This can seriously damage a pub's profits.

If you don't want to take part,

keep quiet. How many times have you been in a pub where the person at the bar not participating knows every answer to every question in the quiz.? Tell him to put up or shut up.

Marvellous to see a Theatre Company revive one of J. M. Barrie's other plays (other, that is, than Peter Pan) - Quality Street. Yes, the sweets really were named after the play. Let us hope it leads to renewed interest in Barrie's dozens of others - The Admirable Crichton, Alice Sit-by-the-Fire, Farewell Miss Julie Logan, The Twelve-Pound Look etc.

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£196.60 was raised for Community Council Funds, and Carolyn's Santa Paws cakes and the Church stalls did well too.

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| Sunday 12th August 11.15 am Wangford 6.00 pm Uggeshall | 11th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist (CW) Evening Prayer (BCP) |
| Sunday 19th August 9.30 am Sotherton 11.15 am Wangford 6.00 pm Uggeshall | 7th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist (CW) Eucharist (CW) Evening Prayer (BCP) |
| Sunday 26th August 11.15 am Wangford 6.00 pm Uggeshall | 13th Sunday after Trinity Wangford@Church Holy Communion (BCP) |

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AUGUST 2018 CENTRE DIARY

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| 1st Aug | Suffolk Mammals | Cttee Room | 8.00pm |
| 2nd Aug | Wangford Art Group | Hall | 9.30am |
| 2nd Aug | Post Office | Bar | 1.00-3.00pm |
| 2nd Aug | Knitting Group | Cttee Room | 2.30pm |
| 2nd Aug | Yoga | Hall | 7.15pm |
| 2nd Aug | Book Club | Cttee Room | 8.00pm |
| 3rd Aug | Salsa | Hall | 7.30pm |
| 6th Aug | Parent & Toddler | Hall | 9.30am |
| 7th Aug | Post Office | Bar | 10.00am-12.00pm |
| 7th Aug | Community Council | Cttee Room | 8.00pm |
| 7th Aug | Blythburgh Bowls | Hall | 7.00pm |
| 8th Aug | Barber | Cttee Room | 3.00pm |
| 8th Aug | Steam Rally | Cttee Room | 8.00pm |
| 9th Aug | Wangford Art Group | Hall | 9.30am |
| 9th Aug | Post Office | Bar | 1.00-3.00pm |
| 9th Aug | Yoga | Hall | 7.15pm |
| 10th Aug | Salsa | Hall | 7.30pm |
| 13th Aug | Parent & Toddler | Hall | 9.30am |
| 14th Aug | Post Office | Bar | 10.00am-12.00pm |
| 14th Aug | Blythburgh Bowls | Hall | 7.00pm |
| 14th Aug | Parish Council | Cttee Room | 8.00pm |
| 15th Aug | Steam Rally | Cttee Room | 8.00pm |
| 16th Aug | Wangford Art Group | Hall | 9.30am |
| 16th Aug | Post Office | Bar | 1.00-3.00pm |
| 16th Aug | Yoga | Hall | 7.15pm |
| 20th Aug | Parent & Toddler | Hall | 9.30am |
| 21st Aug | Post Office | Bar | 10.00am-12.00pm |
| 21st Aug | Lunch Club | Hall | 12.30pm |
| 21st Aug | Blythburgh Bowls | Hall | 7.00pm |
| 22nd Aug | Whist Drive | Bar | 7.00pm |
| 23rd Aug | Wangford Art Group | Hall | 9.30am |
| 23rd Aug | Post Office | Bar | 1.00-3.00pm |
| 23rd Aug | Yoga | Hall | 7.15pm |
| 24th Aug | Salsa | Hall | 7.30pm |
| 25th Aug | Men's Breakfast | Bar | 8.30am |
| 28th Aug | Post Office | Bar | 10.00am-12.00pm |
| 28th Aug | Coffee Morning | Hall | 10.45am |
| 28th Aug | Blythburgh Bowls | Hall | 7.00pm |
| 29th Aug | Artmakers East | Hall | 10.00am |
| 30th Aug | Wangford Art Group | Hall | 9.30am |
| 30th Aug | Post Office | Bar | 1.00-3.00pm |
| 30th Aug | Yoga | Hall | 7.15pm |
| 31st Aug | Salsa | Hall | 7.30pm |

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