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Wangford Lunch Club needs more cooks!

It's difficult to believe that the monthly Lunch Club, supported by the Community Council and held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Community Centre, is now more than eight years old. Each month upwards of 40 folk enjoy a two-course lunch for just £3.00; this number almost doubles for the Christmas Lunch, which is free and includes wine, games and entertainment.

Our volunteer band of cooks and kitchen helpers all undertake a Level 2 qualification in Food Safety, and we have a 5-star Food Hygiene rating from the local authority.

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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 21st and Sunday 22nd September. In the large marquee we man The Village Pantry, which serves sandwiches freshly prepared on site, cakes, scones and sausage rolls from 51 in Southwold, and hot and cold beverages. We also run the Hot Dog stall, cooking and serving burgers and hot dogs.

There's bound to be a role to suit you, whether in the kitchen or front-of-house. 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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farrands.mars@gmail.com Tel: 578594

Malcolm Woolnough: Tel: 578701

Sue Taylor: suethemusic@tiscali.co.uk /
suethemusic@gmail.com Tel: 578408

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.

Minute Secretary

The Rally is still looking for a Minute Secretary to take and email minutes and prepare agendas for approx ten meetings per year.

Please contact Helen 07557 784927

helenghsr@hotmail.com or Graham 01502
578692 grahamghsr@btinternet.com

Wangford 100 Club 2019

Winners in the July Draw were

1. Sharon Baldry
2. Tyler Forbes
3. Tiddy Woolnough

First Thursday Knitting Group

Due to a problem with the booking, our outing to Yoxford Antiques Centre did not take place and we met as usual in the Community Centre. As it happens we had a visit from "Head Office" and we had a chance to catch up on knitting news from around our area. Pat, our visitor, was able to take back with her several completed blankets and children's garments for the projects supported by Norfolk and Suffolk Knitters.

Our outing will now take place instead of our scheduled meeting on Thursday, 1st August.

We shall meet at the Community Centre at 2.15 for 2.30 departure unless the weather is very wet, in which case we shall meet as usual in the Community Centre.

Valerie Beckett 578987

Philip Anderson RIP

The funeral service for Philip will take place at Seven Hills Crematorium, Nacton, Ipswich on Monday 5th August at 3.00 pm.

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

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

Wangford Art Group
Thursdays from 9.30 am Community Centre

Knitting Group Outing
Thursday 1st August Meet at 2.15 pm Community Centre

Book Club
Thursday 1st August 8.00 pm Community Centre

Sotherton Cake Stall
Monday 5th August 9.00 am Southwold Market Place

Mobile Library at Wangford
Wednesday 7th August
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30 Church 10.35 - 10.45

Uggeshall Coffee Morning
Thursday 8th August 10.30 am The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema
Thursday 8th August 7.00 for 7.15pm The Old School Hall

Lunch Club
Tuesday 20th August 12.30 pm Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast
Saturday 24th August 8.45 am
Venue to be confirmed.

Wangford Coffee Morning
Tuesday 27th August 11.00 am Community Centre

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 27th in Wangford Community Centre.

Please note the new start time of 11.00 am, and the new price of £2.

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

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NEW



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Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting will be on Saturday 24th August. The venue and speaker are still to be confirmed.

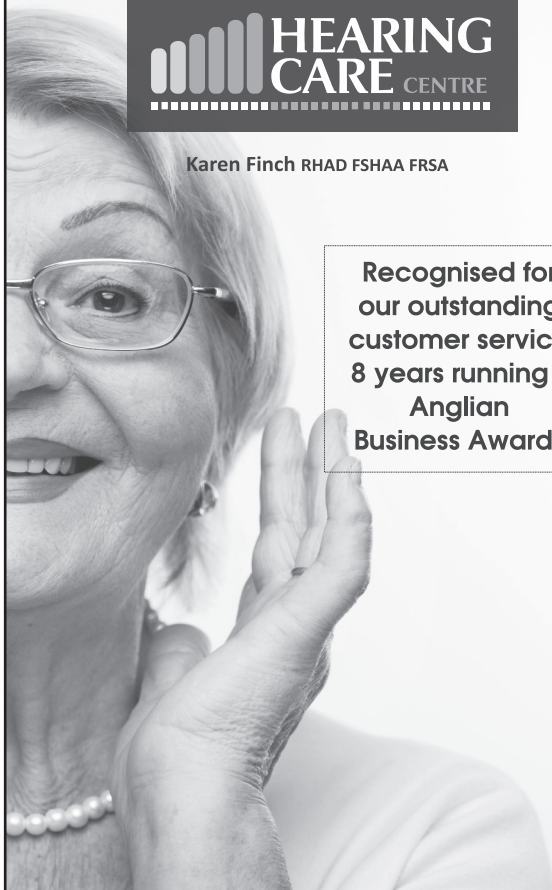
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AUGUST'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends,

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43 verse 19a

If I were to travel to Glastonbury my imagination would be fired by the ruins of the once mighty Abbey, and by the legends of King Arthur, rather than by the music festival on a nearby farm. Nevertheless I have been watching some of the music festival from the comfort of my armchair.

I was put in mind of these verses from the prophet Isaiah while watching the artist Stormzy. These are the lyrics of one of his most popular songs.

“Lord, I’ve been broken, although I’m not worthy, you fixed me, I’m blinded by your grace, you came and saved me.”

Stormzy led the crowd of thousands in singing this song together. It must have been the biggest moment of praise to our God anywhere this summer. Seeing so many sing these words together was very moving and caused Stormzy to fall to his knees. Pondering this collective outpouring of emotion provided evidence, if one is willing to see it, of God’s renewing presence in our world, and of the Holy Spirit refreshing the face of the earth.

In a Sole Bay summer this year we have celebrated Sole Encounter, The Beach Mission, The Arts Festival, 50 years of Uggeshall teas, South Cove flower festival, Vicarage teas, and many weddings. We will welcome many visitors and we will enjoy rich worship together. In all these things the same Spirit is moving among and within us. Isaiah’s prophecy makes me want to sing Stormzy’s song (perhaps not as well as him). Both of these then put me in mind of Gerard Manley Hopkins’s poem;

And for all this, nature is never spent;

*There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went*

*Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs –
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent*

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Revd Simon

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News from Wangford Church

Our next concert, on Saturday, 14th September is by the Jazz Goats led by Martin Smith, son in law of Sidi Scott, and is dedicated to her memory. Proceeds will be for the Church Restoration Fund. Our church was very dear to Sidi and this will be a delightful tribute to her memory. Tickets are available now from Southwold Arts Centre or from Rev. Alan, price £10.

We look forward to welcoming Martin back to Wangford.

We shall need help with stewarding, car parking etc. on the day. If you are able to help, please contact me as soon as possible.

Plans are underway for the next round of work to the church. At present we are applying for Grant Aid toward the cost of repair to the main roof, but donations would also be very much appreciated.

The restoration and repair to the floor tiles has now commenced. This needs to be done not only to restore the appearance of the main aisle and other areas, but for Health and Safety reasons to eliminate various trip hazards.

On 21st July we received a visit from the Very Rev. Joe Hawes who is the Dean of St. Edmundsbury. It was his first visit to our church and he was delighted with the restoration work thus far, and particularly appreciated the restoration work on the pulpit and reading desk. The woodwork of the toilet and servery, noticeboard and lectern steps also received very favourable comment. He was amazed by the loving care afforded to Suffolk Churches and the amount of costly work achieved by small villages like Wangford. It is good to know that our efforts are appreciated. Thank you so much for all the support we receive from our friends and parishioners.

Mental Health is at the forefront of the news currently. If anyone is lonely, depressed or feeling down generally, we can always offer companionship and support. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation and of course we can always find a project for people with time on their hands! Just let us know who you are and how we can help.

Valerie Beckett, Churchwarden 578987



Brampton Willows Open Day

Sunday, September 8th 2019 10.00 to 4.00pm

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Spend some time walking around the Brampton Willow Beds learning how this fascinating product grows, is cut and then made into sturdy fencing, sculptures and follies. Look at local artists’ work on exhibition in the Barn and Cart shed and find craft stalls full of wonderful creative work.

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News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Cinema

This month's film in the Old School Hall on Thursday 8th is the critically acclaimed "A star is born" re-make with Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper.

Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

This month we meet on Thursday 8th from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

Food Bank Collection Point

If you have any of the items listed below for our local food banks please drop them off at The Old School room in Uggeshall on Monday 12th August, between 10.00 and 11.30am.

Pasta, pasta sauce, medium size cereals, tinned meat and fish, tinned veg, tinned fruit, long life milk, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cooking oil, rice, pet food, toilet rolls, laundry powder, sanitary items, nappies, baby food, baby wipes, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, shaving gel, washing up liquid.

Thank you.

Linda Hill

News from Sotherton

Cake Stall

Our Cake Stall, fundraising for St Andrews, is on Monday 5th August at 9am outside the old Lloyd's Bank in Southwold. If anyone would like to make a cake, biscuits or savouries we would be delighted and would really welcome your support on the day. Contact Jane on 01986 874248 or Karen 01986 873123.

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 (21st/22nd September), please get in touch with Karen.

Karen Flaaxman 01986 873123

Wangford Community Council

Summer Fayre

This event, held on 13th July, was well-attended and raised £212.39 for Community Council funds. The Cake Stall for the Santa Paws appeal was run by Gill and Carol with the cake-making organised by Sue as Carolyn is still recovering from her operation. The stallholders all reported good trade. Thanks to all who came along, helped or donated.

Community Council Meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th August at 7.45 pm.

Malcolm Woolnough



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Book Club

At our July meeting we discussed "The Outsiders" by S E Hinton. Most of the group agreed that this was an excellent book and hard to believe it was written by a 17-year-old school-girl. We felt that the book had resonance today. It dealt with two teen/early twenties groups who fell into two social groups. They were the 'socs' who came from the right side of town and wealthy families and the 'greasers' who came from the wrong side of town and backgrounds of poverty. On the surface their life chances were poles apart but we came to see that although both groups had their separate identities, loyalties and stresses, they were not so different. Some of our readers thought that it lacked emotional depth. Many thought characterisation and the first person narrative were good. On balance, this is a book we would definitely recommend reading.

We had a note from two of our longest serving members to say that they were "retiring" from the book club. Freda and Dorothy will be much missed. We also welcomed two new members, Liz and Valerie. The group has been running for 15 years and the club is a great forum to discuss our love of literature.

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

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Why be positive when the Guardian newspaper can be negative? A headline "Oxford falls to third place in university rankings" might just have been more cheering news had it read: "St Andrews rises to second place in university rankings". So, let's hear it for the Auld Grey Toun.

It seems that the discussion about the detrimental effect private schools and elite universities have upon society has been with us for ever since these favoured institutions were established, and shows no signs of disappearing. It comes as no surprise to learn (again) that a small group of privately educated people, many having attended Oxbridge, hold the top jobs in the country. Those attaining senior positions in politics, the media, the justice system and business are five times more likely to have been to private school than the hoi-polloi. I do not believe that private education is necessarily a social evil, having been a disciple of such a nearby establishment (albeit an unusual one) for many years, and having been married to a teacher who spent her final teaching years in one. However, I do resent, that, at the lower levels, certain parents do not give the State system even a thought, assuming that as they will be paying (twice) for it, it must be an education of a higher quality; and, at the upper levels, the presumption that the ancient halls of Eton, Harrow and the like are a passport to automatic success because Mummy and Daddy are fortunate enough to be able to afford it. It's not as if the teaching is of a better quality. I maintain that the best and most dedicated are to be found in the State system, unfortunately stifled and stunted by overcrowded classrooms, a shortage of funds, successive governments and management. Goodness me, does that sound like rabid socialism or what? To offer a little temperance, this is what the greatest Scotsman ever, J.M. Barrie, had to say in 1922 :

You just become enrolled a member of that school, (Eton) and gradually you acquire that Something. So far as I can understand, it oozes out of the historic walls and penetrates through your clothes...Many are after that Something. Will the old walls that provide it hold out? Let us hope so--but life is becoming more strenuous. Some day, somewhere, somehow, somebody will have to submit a piece of that Something for scientific examination...Don't think I am saying one word against these great institutions...all I'm arguing for is, that if they are so splendid, a way in should be found for the boys outside.

As ever, the great man was right.

Let us admit it. Those of a certain vintage, do yearn for the days of yore when the beautiful game was an innocent joy and fun to watch. And the legendary characters. Remember when a winger was exactly that? It was a lonely job for seemingly endless stretches of time, a player exiled from the other ten, earnestly pleading for the ball at goalkicks with the hand forlornly in the air reminding his team mates of his sole presence. There was no pulling back and covering for the others then. No, his sole job was to stand at the outer reaches where there was at least some grass, until he was ready to spring into action. It may seem to many to have been a waste energy and an excessive luxury, the solitary figure standing in the hinterland waiting patiently for his special talents to be called upon. Quite slim, but as strong as an ox and lightning fast the moment would finally arrive. The long pass from a fullback, or the short one from the inside forward would snake through and find him, and he would be off, twisting and turning around defenders, the ball seemingly tied

to his boots nutmegging now and then to show off, gliding past until, somewhere near to the corner flag, he would look up briefly, spot the centreforward and deliver the inch perfect cross to the player's nut, for him to do his job, as he inevitably would. Truly a wonderful sight to behold was a winger in full flow, his job finally done and his money earned. Glory days indeed. Tom Finney, Stanley Matthews, Jimmy McEwan, Johnny Urquart, where are you now?

*This is the land of lost content,
I see it smiling plain,
The happy highways where I went
And cannot come again.* (A. E. Houseman)

Well, we finally got the answer to the questions from the man himself. Was Hank Wangford born in the village? Did he live here? Does he have any connection at all? The answers are 'no', 'no,' and 'slightly'. Hank told the audience at a marvellous concert in Southwold at the end of June that he was at a low ebb in his life and was living near Blythburgh. He wandered into the White Horse (yes, he forgot the proper name) and he thought that Hank would be a good choice for a stage name. Then he thought a wee bit more and decided that Wangford would be fine for a surname. There you go.

Abraham

From Wangford Fundraisers

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Wangford Community Centre
October 5th at 7.30pm.

Tickets £10 each on sale from September
All proceeds to the Community Centre

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Sunday 4th August 11.15 am Wangford	7th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist (CW)
<i>Uggeshall Teas - No service</i>	
Sunday 11th August 11.15 am Wangford 6.00 pm Uggeshall	8th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist (CW) Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 18th August 9.30 am Sotherton 11.15 am Wangford 6.00 pm Uggeshall	9th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist (CW) Eucharist (CW) Evening Prayer (BCP)
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1st Aug	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Knitting Group	Cttee Room	2.00-4.00pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
2nd Aug	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
5th Aug	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
6th Aug	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
7th Aug	Waveney Mammals Gp	Cttee Room	8.00-10.00pm
8th Aug	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
12th Aug	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
13th Aug	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
14th Aug	GHSR	Cttee Room	8.00pm
15th Aug	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
16th Aug	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
19th Aug	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
20th Aug	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
21st Aug	Barber	Cttee Room	2.00-5.00pm
	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00-10.00pm
22nd Aug	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
26th Aug	Salsa	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
27th Aug	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
	Coffee Morning	Hall	11.00am-12noon
29th Aug	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
30th Aug	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am

Ride and Stride 2019

Advance notice that this year's fundraising bike ride or walk for the National Churches Trust is on Saturday 14th September. If you've never taken part before, but would like to join in, phone Beryl Meldrum on 01502 578766 for a sponsor form and information.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday 18th August at 11.00 am
 Holy Trinity, Blythburgh