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So what next with COVID-19?

Wangford Community Centre Reopening

Wangford Community Council has agreed a cautious approach to reopening the Centre based on advice from Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty, who said the key was to take things incredibly slowly, adding that he fully expected most people to continue to take precautions. Initial discussions with users indicate that they agree with this approach.

The Centre is now open, and all regular hirers will by now have received a copy of the Centre's Risk Assessment, a re-booking questionnaire, and supplementary conditions of hire to comply with the risk assessment.

Rest assured that when you decide to return, everything will be done to facilitate this in a safe way. The Centre has a COVID-safe cleaning regime in place, and you will be asked to play your part, for example by sanitising your equipment and frequently-touched surfaces, and by ensuring adequate ventilation.

For more information, contact Rachel Dade, Bookings Secretary, on 01502 578311 or at racheldade@hotmail.co.uk

The Steam Rally is cancelled



Sadly, after careful consideration, the organising committee of the Grand Henham Steam Rally has made the difficult decision to cancel the 46th Rally, which was scheduled to take place on 18 and 19 September, due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19.

Although the Government restrictions have been lifted, the current and rising number of cases give us all cause for concern and the situation could change very rapidly.

Chair Helen Walker said: "The decision to cancel the rally for a second year in a row has been incredibly hard. We know our visitors, exhibitors and volunteers will be disappointed, and we are disappointed too; however we look forward to welcoming everyone back next year. Thank you for your support during these uncertain times."

The 46th Grand Henham Steam Rally will take place on 17 and 18 September 2022.

At the Angel Inn

We feel it's best to monitor the situation a little more over the next couple of weeks. So we will be doing the following:

- Staff will continue to wear face masks inside to protect you and themselves.
- Table service will continue inside. Outside we will be forming a queue system and ask everyone to please respect other guests' wishes with social distancing.
- Sanitiser stations and track and trace QR codes will still be available should you wish to use them.

At the Wangford Plough

We're delighted to be operating as 'almost normal' again. We'll continue to work hard to keep our customers and our staff safe, so...

- Some of our staff may continue to wear face coverings and you're very welcome to do the same if you wish
- Our cleaning procedures will remain
- We're asking people not to sit or congregate at the bar and to respect others' space
- NHS Test & Trace is no longer required but you may use it if you prefer

INFORMATION

Wangford Village Store

Monday to Saturday
8.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday 8.00am - 4.00pm

- * Face coverings must still be worn.
- * Only 4 customers are allowed in the shop at any one time
- * Please keep your distance from others, and observe the 2m rule and floor grid



Wangford Post Office

Tuesdays
from 10.00am - 12 noon
Thursdays
from 1.00 - 3.00pm
at the Community Centre

Barber

Stewart Sharman's next visit will be on Wednesday 11th August from 2.00 to 4.00pm in the Community Centre.

If you need Stewart to make a home visit, please ring him on 01502 218838 to arrange for it on the same day. He is fully PPE compliant, and you will need to wear a face covering.

Mobile Library

The next visit is on Wednesday 4th August
10.10am at Millfields
10.35am at Wangford Church.

WangfordHelp

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Email: wangfordhelp@gmail.com
Phone: 07941 156508 / 01502 578408

Uggeshall Coronavirus Community Support

If you would like support, or would just like to discuss your worries please telephone Sarah Butt 578519 / 07979 770383

Wangford Farm Shop

Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm
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Orders

We are happy to continue to make up orders, but due to changes of staff roles, the delivery service is no longer available. If you can't collect your order in person, please telephone WangfordHelp on 578408.

To place an order call 578246 or email rj.miller@btinternet.com

Wangford Vets

We continue to care about your well-being and safety as much as we do about your pets, and as formal Covid-19 restrictions are eased, we want to reassure you that we will continue to implement additional practice safety measures.

We are asking all clients to continue to wear a face covering when they visit Wangford Vets unless they are exempt.

Social distancing measures will remain in place throughout, to ensure the practice remains a comfortable and safe place.

Clients with appointments should remain outside, in their car at a safe distance from others. Follow the instructions displayed in the car park to let us know when you have arrived.

Medication can be collected from reception as usual, although only two people are allowed in reception at a time.

Our team will continue to work under strict safety measures with the highest levels of hygiene protocols that have been critical to our delivery of a safe environment to all over the last 18 months. We will continue to operate with these protocols in place for the foreseeable future.

We are very grateful to you all for your continued understanding.

Food Bank

Please continue to donate to the Lowestoft Food Bank. This can be done by leaving food with John and Jan Collins, 19 Lakeside Park Drive, Reydon or phoning 01502 725731.

Help with delivery

If anyone would like help to deliver their donations to Jan Collins, Valerie Beckett would happily help when she takes her own every Friday morning.

For more details please contact her on 578987.

Collection point

There is also a basket for your donations at the foot of the font in Wangford Church.

Wangford 100 Club 2021

Winners in the July Draw were

1. Carol Coram
2. Sarah Campbell
3. David Foulger

Recycling Centres

In line with the government roadmap for the easing of Covid restrictions, Recycling Centres are moving to a 2-phased approach to easing of rules and restrictions on sites from 19 July, to ensure that sites are operating safely and smoothly as visitor numbers increase. Capacity will initially be increased from 69% to 82%, and, from 16 August to 100%. However, the booking systems remains in place. For more information visit www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk



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AUGUST'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends,

We still live in uncertain times as we emerge from Covid. Hopefully August will be a month in which we take further confident steps back towards normality. I am grateful to those church members and volunteers who have been able to press ahead with the South Cove Flower Festival and Uggheshall Teas, both of which will just have happened but which I am sure went well.

In September we can look forward to Harvest Festivals and singing in church, and all the things that we have missed. (I am writing this on 1st July so if things look different in September than are currently being promised you will forgive me).

In Mark's Gospel Chapter 6 verses 1 - 6 we read the story of how Jesus returns home to Nazareth after a time of ministry in and around Capernaum. While by the lake the people thronged to Jesus and he was able to preach the good news of the kingdom of God, heal the sick, bless and include the Gentiles, and great things were happening.

Back in Nazareth it all goes flat. The people there feel they know Jesus, they know his family, they are not going to accept the ministry of a lad who grew up just down the street. The people in his own community took offence at Jesus, and he was not able to minister among them. "Familiarity breeds contempt" is a saying that we are familiar with.

As we emerge from lockdown I think we face a challenge together. During lockdown we have been in a sense away from home, away from normality, and maybe we can give thanks for the ways in which Jesus has ministered to us in troubling times. As lockdown ends and we return home to normality we might ask who Jesus is for us now and in the future? We can fall out of the habit of going to church. We might still be anxious about protecting our health, we might feel that it is all too familiar and something we know all about. That would be the Nazareth option. With this choice Jesus was amazed at their unbelief and moved on. Or we might joyfully return to church, look forward to seeing one another again, to sharing fellowship and reaffirming friendships. We might long to pray, sing and worship together. That would be the Capernaum option. In Capernaum Jesus made his home and exercised his ministry.

We look forward to seeing our whole church family back in our churches worshipping together in spirit and in truth, and as we choose the way of life he will do great things among us.

Simon

News from Wangford Church

At the time of writing this, we are about to enter a new period of the lockdown with many restrictions either no longer required, or just advisory. I cannot say just yet how this will affect services in church, but our aim will be to have the most relaxed and enjoyable worship possible whilst ensuring the safety of everybody in the congregation.

We do have our fingers crossed though that there may be some kind of return to the old 'normal', with congregational singing and a cup of coffee after the service high on our agenda, but this will be done after a full study of any new rules.

Sunday August 29th will be a Team Service in Wangford, where we worship alongside members of other local churches within our team. It would nice to see as many from Wangford as possible to welcome our neighbours on the day.

A note for your diaries :-

Angela Lawrence to visit Wangford to talk about her Historical Novel 'Rumour'

On Saturday 21 August at 3pm Angela Lawrence will be visiting St Peter & St Paul, Wangford to talk about her historical novel 'Rumour' which tells the story of William Smith, Headmaster of Henham and Wangford School and his wife Alma, when he was falsely accused of spying at the beginning of the First World War.

Angela will bring the story to life through a powerful presentation of this tragic, true story.

Entrance is free but there will be a retiring collection to go towards the restoration of William and Alma Smith's grave in the churchyard. There will also be refreshments after Angela's talk. Copies of the novel will be available for purchase.

News from Uggheshall

Uggheshall Coffee Morning

The first Coffee Morning for 16 months was held on Thursday 8th July. Steps had been taken to ensure the event was as COVID safe as possible and a good number of regulars and visitors enjoyed tea, coffee and cake, and soon the cheerful sound of friendly chat created a warm atmosphere.

We always welcome newcomers to our Coffee Mornings which take place the second Thursday of each month 10.30 - 12.30 at Uggheshall Old School Hall.

No charge is made but donations are always welcome which helps cover the costs including special occasions from time to time throughout the year.

The next Coffee Morning will take place Thursday 12th August.

*The Coffee Morning
Team.*

Uggheshall Cinema

This month's film in the Old School Hall on Thursday 12th is Hidden Figures. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

There will be no requirement to book so just turn up if you would like to come.

News from Sotherton

St Andrew's

You are warmly invited to our service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am on Sunday 15th August

Geraldine Ann Moore RIP

The funeral service for Geraldine Ann Moore, who died on May 15th, was held at Wangford Church on June 8th.

Gerry, as she liked to be known, was born on 14th July 1953, to parents John and Doreen Smith in Frostenden, where she lived with them, her older brother Martin, and younger sister Mandy. As a youngster she attended Reydon Modern School, and also the Frostenden Youth Club, where she caught the eye of the young, long-haired Rodney Moore, who asked her out on several occasions. After a few rejections due to her friends' not-so-shining reviews of Rodney, she agreed to a date just to shut him up! Despite her mother's initial reservations, having commented "what the heck have you brought home" on Rod's first visit, he soon became part of the family, and the rest was history. They married on 20th November 1971 at Lowestoft Registry office. The following year, Sarah their only child was born, and they moved to Millfields, Wangford, where they lived happily together for over 45 years.

Gerry worked for Henham estates as a farm hand in years gone by, but was probably best recognised as the face of 'Dennis's Fish and Chips' where she worked for many, many years, and indeed had many a laugh with Darrel, Dennis, Barry and Rose.

Family was the most important thing to Gerry, especially her grandchildren Kieron and Shannon whom she doted on, and was incredibly proud of. She loved having all the family over for get-togethers, and family dinners around the table wouldn't be complete without one of Gerry's completely innocent innuendos which would always leave the whole table giggling and Gerry wondering what was so funny. She had a knack and indeed a reputation for using the wrong words at the right time for full comedic value.

Christmas was one of Gerry's favourite times of the year. Her Christmas tree was always perfectly decorated, often taking her hours, and in years gone by Christmas Day would be an open house.

Her second love was all things horses. From her first pony at the age of 11, horses became an everyday way of life for the next 30-odd years. Gerry wasn't too keen on the riding part, she just loved caring for them, and was chief groom for Sarah whilst they were out competing, which she often commented were some of the happiest years of her life. 'Mr Wonderful', Gerry's horse of a lifetime, was indeed the love of her life. Rod often joked that knew his place in this particular love triangle.

Holidays were another big part of Gerry and Rod's life together. She adored her holidays abroad, none more than ones with family and friends, and more recently some wonderful holidays in the UK with Linda, and Edna and Richard.

Gerry loved life, and loved a good time. She was a kind and wonderful person who was always thinking of everyone around her. She loved her animals; she loved her home and her garden (especially her collection of Japanese acers); and she loved Andy Murray. She fought her battle with cancer bravely, and with great dignity.

The family wishes to thank everyone who gave donations in Gerry's memory. £1,250 was raised for the Sandra Chapman Unit.

Ride and Stride 2021

The 2021 Sponsored Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday, 11 September. 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. Participants are sponsored for each place of worship visited between 9.00am and 5.00pm or with a donation.

The money raised is shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the place of worship nominated by the participant. Visit shct.org.uk/ride and [stride](http://shct.org.uk/stride) to download a sponsor form and list of churches that are open.

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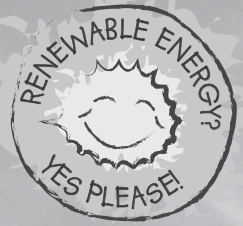
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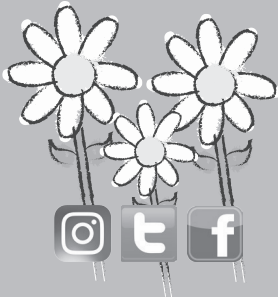
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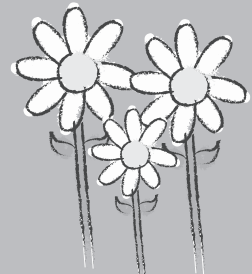
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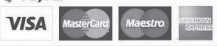
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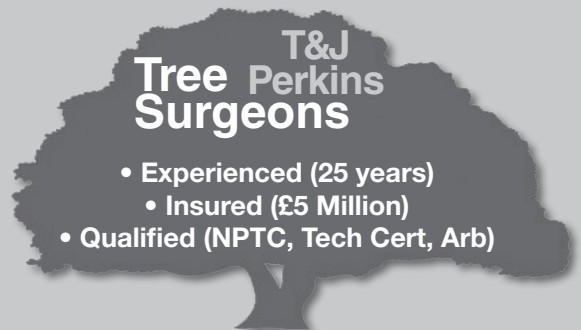
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ABRAHAM

It is reported in the Sunday Post (and what greater authority can there be than that prince of newspapers?) that champagne is becoming extremely popular in Scotland. I remember well after a Friday in college my grand old chum Bruce and I would wolf our pie and chips up the nearest Edinburgh close and then hit the posh bars quaffing shampoo all the while - NOT. What a load of piffle. I can hear old Brucie scoffing as he thinks about the howfs (*Ed: a haunt, especially a public house*) we used to habituate. Most of them, if you asked for a glass of wine would assume you would want to mix it with meths. OK, I suppose you might come across the sparkling stuff in the poncey hotels, along with prawn cocktails and dainty hors d'oeuvres, but not in real places. The barbarians take even longer than the English to alter their habits. If it's beer it will always be a pint of the 'sixty' or 'forty shilling' and for the strawberry nosed diehards, 'hauf 'n' a 'hauf'. (To the uninitiated, a quarter gill of neat whisky, usually the gut - wrenching cheapest blend, and a half pint of 'heavy'.)

We are fast reaching the stage where, not only are we terrified to open our mouths in case we offend someone (try calling a young lady 'dear,' 'sweetheart' or 'darling', for example and you are likely to be hung, drawn and quartered by the PC brigade), but we are also looking back many years scouring for comments we might have made, wondering if our collar is going to be felt for a youthful indiscretion. Mercifully I am not on social media, whatever that is, but I do email now and then and try to entertain my half dozen readers with these scribblings. Now I may have to decide to research back copies, if I can find them, to see whether or not to expect a midnight knock on the door. I tell you, it's just no fun any more.

I have been sent a form to complete asking, inter alia, the following question: Do you have any accounts on social media? Please tick the relevant boxes below and provide the corresponding page identity - Instagram, You Tube, Facebook, Twitter, Tik Tok, Pinterest, Snapchat. Is this some kind of foreign language? I really mean it, Lord. Give me strength.

Watching a programme about the career of Peter O'Toole one of the talking heads remarked that if you wish to note a lesson in acting watch him playing the lead in Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell. Mrs Abe and I have seen the play some three times including O'Toole in the West End and she reached that conclusion before the talking head. At one stage O'Toole is simultaneously smoking, taking a drink and ironing a shirt perfectly, all the while speaking the monologue. Mrs Abe whispered to me that we were witnessing acting of the highest quality. Very astute, my wife. That ought to be worth a couple of drinks.

Carol Klein, the 'sleb' gardener is suggesting that it would be good for gardening to be included in Schools' curriculum. I have no issue with that but this is once again re-inventing the wheel. I recall all these years ago that my Muchty School taught the girls cooking (or domestic science as it was later called, which also involved needlework) and the boys gardening. So far. so sexist, I admit, before the feminists jump at me. The girls were allowed to take their efforts home and the boys would roam the streets selling their cultivated wares. Tuppence for a pound of potatoes, as I recall. If the practice were to return it

would be quite proper to invite both boys and girls, and anyone in between, (I'm learning) to indulge in both activities. And who needs recipe books now when the internet gives us all we need to know?

In 1940's Scotland, the job description for a teacher in the Highlands was formidable; a successful candidate had to be capable of dealing with school subjects covering an age group of five to fourteen years. The range included : Bible study, spelling, transcription, dictation, composition, recitation, history, geography, grammar, English literature and language including roots, arithmetic including mental exercises, algebra, geometry, Gaelic, reading, writing, art, nature study in and out of doors, physical exercises, gardening, handicrafts and cooking. Strewth - it wore me out just typing that lot.

Pedantry corner. The East Anglian Daily Times reports in the sporting pages that 'Paul Cook is understood to see signing a first-choice goalkeeper as a real priority (*italics mine*). Why the tautological 'real'? As opposed to what - unreal, fake? Sloppy is what I say.

You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation. (Brigham Young)

Abraham

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st August	9th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
<i>No service at Uggheshall due to Uggheshall Teas</i>	
Sunday 8th August	10th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 15th August	11th Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 22nd August	12th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Holy Communion(BCP)
Sunday 29th August	13th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Team Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)

In addition, for those unable to attend in person, all services from St Margaret's, Reydon are live-streamed via YouTube. Simply Google 'YouTube', and search for 'St Margaret's Reydon Parish Church'.

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Wangford Community Greening Project

The work party on Sunday 4th July was very successful with a good turn-out of volunteers. There were a total of 13 people of varying ages and parts of the village weeding the tree and shrub beds. The weather was kind to us; it only started raining when it was time for a refreshment break.

Special thanks go Cllr Edna Utting and Cllr Sue Ives for the fantastic cakes and selection of tea, coffee and cold drinks they provided.

As it was so successful and with more work to be done of various types it has been decided to hold a work party on the first Sunday of every month at 10.00 am. It is a good way to get healthy exercise and meet new people. We look forward to seeing you all there and watching the project evolve.

Wangford Book Exchange



The Book Exchange is proving popular with books and DVDs being taken away. Linda Pepper is monitoring the books and will add replacements as required. If some books have been in there a long time and are obviously not popular, they will be removed and replaced with others. Children's books have been kindly donated, and more are

needed if anybody has any they can spare.



Just a gentle reminder that if you have any books that you wish to donate, please contact Linda Pepper on 01502 578805 so that she can collect them from you. They need to be in good condition, and please check that they do not have names, addresses or phone numbers in them.