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Wonderful Wangford Wander

10 members of 1st Southwold Brownies enjoyed a sleepover in the Community Centre with the theme of Wonderful Wangford. The girls loved eating together with their Brownie friends

and completing the range of nature-themed crafts organised for them. They explored the Wildlife area, enjoyed creating giant bubbles out on the playing field, counted the fruit and vegetables on the allotment and explored the village investigating all the animals and birds they could see, ranging from the cockerel on the church to the molehills by the church wall. They really enjoyed the Book Exchange, buying crisps at the village shop, and to finish a lovely sleepover, we had a visit and fascinating talk and demonstration from Mr John Brownfield and his wife from Waveney Beekeepers Association. A very successful sleepover and thank you to everyone involved.

Amanda Hamilton, Assistant Guide

Maureen Beales RIP

There will be a memorial service at Wangford Church in early September for Maureen, who died on 29th June after a sudden, very short illness. See the September Messenger for confirmation of the date and time.

Theft from Wangford Church

Cash was stolen from the donation box at Wangford Church on July 8th. The police have been informed. If you see any suspicious activity in or around the church, please contact the churchwardens, Jeff Bridges (578208) or Mark Notton (578691).

Grand Henham Steam Rally

17th & 18th September

Have you volunteered to help yet?

Please contact Sue at suethemusic@gmail.com, Sara at farrands.mars@gmail.com or Malcolm on 578701.



George's Gig

George Lamb moved to Wangford from Yorkshire 10 years ago.

His Alzheimer's has advanced so he now lives in a care

home. George still loves music and dancing so a gig is being organised in his name to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research UK.

Halesworth band Otter's Pocket will be performing at Wangford Community Centre on 10 September and tickets are £12 available online from

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/georges-gig-in-aid-of-alzheimers-research-tickets-268926023977>

George's daughter Carol is keen to make this a community event, and warm-up acts from the village and any helpers to set up and close the event would be most welcome. You can contact Carol on 578001.



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Wangford Art Group

Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm Community Centre

Wangford Community Council

Tuesday 2nd August 7.45pm Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford

Wednesday 3rd August

1010 - 1030 Community Centre 1035 - 1045 Church

Book Club

Thursday 4th August 8.00pm Community Centre

Wangford with Henham Parish Council

Tuesday 9th August 8.00pm Community Centre

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

Thursday 11th August 10.30am Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema

Thursday 11th August 7.00pm Old School Hall

Community Garden Working Party

10.00 am 14th August Community Garden

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

Wednesday 17th August 10.30 am - noon

Mens' Breakfast

Saturday 20th August 8.45am The Angel Inn

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 25th August 2.30pm Community Centre



Sotherton Dog Meadow is open. More details on page 7

Wrentham Film Night

Wrentham Village Hall

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AUGUST'S TEAM LETTER

After an adventurous 3 months, we are spending summer at home! No hardship, given this beautiful county and anticipating my eldest son's first trip home in 5 years. Yet, I am making a trip to Coventry with a good friend for a short, structured day retreat at the cathedral; an overnight stay and the guidance of Revd. Canon Kathryn will help make the best of our time. I hope this mini-pilgrimage, to a place known for its litany of reconciliation prayers held daily in the open ruin of the old cathedral destroyed in the days of the Blitz, will guide me to know how to pray better for the complex issues facing us locally, nationally, and internationally today. Shouting at the radio or TV is just not working!

I can't be the only one trying to make sense of increased hardship people are facing: pondering what I best can do even before winter adds to those challenges; nor how to challenge changes in policy and punitive initiatives aimed at those seeking refuge and asylum from famine, poverty, war and persecution, discrimination, or intimidation. Decisions by powerful political and judicial bodies risk creating a harsher, more judgemental time that encourages fear of whole groups of people, and discourages recognition of the humanity of many individuals travelling away from personally desperate situations.

As Christians we believe we are known, and loved as individuals, and called by name. Scripture describes how we should shelter, care for and care about the marginalised, the oppressed, the widow, the orphan. Not least because in opening his arms for us on the cross Jesus made certain that WE were no longer foreigners and strangers but fellow citizens with God's people and members of his household (Ephesians 2:19). Hopefully spending quiet time reflecting on all these things, I shall discern how to respond effectively, in Faith, Hope and Love (1 Cor. 13).

"We [are] candles burning between hope and despair, faith and doubt, life and death, all the opposites. That is the disquieting place ... people must always find us. And if our life means anything, if what we are goes beyond the church walls and does some good, it is that somehow, by being here, at peace, we help the world cope with what it cannot understand." William Broderick

Revd Judy Miller



End of term at Toddlers - and off to big school for these two.

News from Wangford Church

By the time you read this, we will have welcomed Reverend Alan back from his sabbatical.

I would like to thank all the clergy who have stood in for Alan over the past three months, and everybody else who has advised or helped Jeff and myself to make sure everything ran as smoothly as it did.

On a less positive note, we had a theft of cash from the donation box in church on July 8th and empty soft drinks cans and crisp packets were also left in the church. The police have been informed and we hope they will be able to make occasional visits to church when they are local. The cash left by visitors who enjoy our church is badly needed as we have undertaken many repairs to the building as well as having a drop in revenue from the time when church was closed for both Covid reasons and the roof repairs. If you see anybody acting suspiciously around the church, please do let myself or Jeff Bridges know.

We pray that this will be an isolated incident as we try hard to keep the church open for people in the village and the many visitors who leave such nice messages in the guestbook.

This month's Coffee Morning will take place in the church on Wednesday August 17th at 10.30am - everyone is welcome. There will be the usual raffle in addition to the refreshments available.

Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)

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Book Club

At our July meeting we discussed "The Dark Angel" by Elly Griffiths. We all agreed that this was a very readable book in the author's Dr Ruth Galloway series - a forensic archaeologist at the fictitious University of North Norfolk. There is a long cast of characters and many have appeared in previous books. We thought the description of her home on the Norfolk marshes was excellent and the landscape description in Italy was well drawn. We did feel that a stereotypical mix of characters, religions, beliefs and events overworked the intention of reflective inclusivity. The relationship between Ruth and the local police inspector is ongoing throughout the books and become quite tedious and predictable. Apart from the forensic archaeology, the book centred around the 'will they won't they' get back together although as readers we knew this was unlikely because the series is ongoing. Against the backdrop of an old skeleton a newer one was discovered highlighting disagreement in the Second World War with accusations of betrayal. Not to be outdone in Norfolk, there was a serious incident with a former prisoner who had a vendetta and attacked the police inspector's family at home. We were very pleased the dog survived the attack but rather surprised the police officer who attended did not. This was particularly unfortunate as we were waiting to see if the identity of the baby the inspector's wife was expecting was revealed. We anticipate we will need another book for this revelation. The relationships between the characters is ongoing and the book was an interlude rather than a settlement. In summary, we found the book to be an easy, if a little predictable, narrative with very good descriptive writing with regard to landscape and historical events.

We next meet on 4th August at 8 pm in the Community Centre to discuss 'The Second Sleep' by Robert Harris.

Gill Smith 578620

News from Sotherton

St. Andrew's

The PCC are holding a cake stall in aid of the church outside Lloyds Bank Southwold on the Monday 8th August from 8.30am.

We will also have our usual pancake stall at the Grand Henham Steam Rally on 17th and 18th September, so there will be no church service that weekend.

Our Harvest festival will be on Sunday 2nd October at 9.30am. Please note that there will be no service on the 3rd Sunday of October.

Sotherton Dog Meadow

And now for something completely different!

A new venture is now open at Low Farm. It's a secure dog walking field (which even has a fenced-in pond for optional use) available to hire for dog walking, meeting up with friends and their dogs, or for trainers/professional dog walkers.

It's open 7 days a week from 6am to 9pm. There's online booking at www.sothertondogmeadow.com.

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

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

Uggeshall Cinema

This month's film on Thursday 11th August at the Old School Hall is 'Mothering Sunday'. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

Matt Grady

Beccles Foodbank

The food bank at St Luke's Church is now urgently in need not only of donations of food, but also basic hygiene products such as shampoo, washing/laundry capsules, washing up liquid, toilet rolls, sun cream (small travel-type bottles are best as sold in Superdrug), antibac cleaner, nappies sizes 5,6,7, baby wipes and nappy bags. Tesco vouchers are always welcome, and, for the tinies, squash with no added sugar, blackcurrant preferred. (Normal size items are better than large ones!)

Items can be left in the foyer at St Luke's in the boxes marked "foodbank" or at Hungate chapel on a Friday morning.

Ride and Stride 10th September 2022

The Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride is a national event, and every second Saturday in September cyclists and walkers all round the country are out making money for their local county Churches Trust. Ride and Stride's sister event, the Pedal and Drive for vintage and classic cars, is held on the same day. The idea started in Suffolk, and consistently Suffolk has headed the table of funds raised. The Ride and Stride 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.

Ride and Stride is run entirely by volunteers and is inter-denominational, with participants sponsored for each place of worship visited between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Ride and Stride Day or with a donation, regardless of the number of churches visited.

The money raised by each cyclist or walker is shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the place of worship nominated by the participant.

As important as the participants are the many volunteers who give up the day to man the churches and chapels and sign in the cyclists and walkers as they arrive. Hundreds of places of worship are manned during the day and that takes quite a team of volunteers!

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Jeremy Clarkson just won't let it go. His paranoia aimed at his Local Planning Authority is becoming ridiculous. He confesses to not understanding how decisions on planning applications are made and seems not to even attempt to understand. If I thought he was the teeniest bit interested in doing so I would gladly invite him down to the wee Angel and buy him a pint and give him a free lecture. I doubt that he would accept, being content to wallow in his cloying self-pity. How about this for a piece of nonsensical self - delusion and monumental arrogance? : Of his local planners : "I have no clue at all how they arrive at their decisions. I think they lick their fingers, hold them up to the wind and then say: "If the applicant is Jeremy Clarkson, the answer's no. I have no idea what I've done to upset them, but it must have been something pretty terrible." Keep digging Jeremy, you'll eventually bury yourself.

Durham police force have set up a major incident room and are spending four to six weeks investigating the potential lockdown breach with up to six detectives. Honest to goodness, I bet every Wangford citizen could suggest a better use of precious police resources.

When Prime Minister Blair encouraged 50% of school leavers to go to university this had the twofold effect of devaluing degrees and leaving many graduates with enormous debts and qualifications of little value to the wide world of practical employment. Now he is suggesting that the intake figure should be 70%. Aside from the question as to why we should even be listening to this numpty, if we must open the doors further let us ensure that the students be encouraged to engage in courses that will at least give them a fighting chance of earning a decent living and paying back these iniquitous debts.

I have been pondering about the work-from-home upsurge and the consequential migration of townies to the countryside particularly to this blessed plot of England's green and pleasant

land and would like in my conceit to offer some advice on how to survive without alienating the natives:

1. Now that you have helped to cause the price of property to rocket, try to assimilate by using local amenities such as the village shop and pub. 'Use it or lose it' as the saying goes. If you cannot live without Waitrose, at least try to do a reasonable shop in the village and do not go online at any cost. There is nothing like the Tesco delivery van more guaranteed to make the locals grit their teeth.
2. If there are regular fetes and other events (jumble sales, coffee mornings etc) put in an appearance once in a while. This will get you noticed, good or bad.
3. Do not mention how much you earn. This will annoy the villagers who will consider it boasting and they will be right.
4. If you do not already have one or more, get a dog, a sure fire way to meet other similar folk and become acquainted.
5. Do not whinge if you are held up by agricultural vehicles. Relax and enjoy the scenery. Better still, leave your car at home and take the bus. Remember, tractors are bigger than cars, so do not argue with them.
6. Do not mention the inconvenience of rural smells and noises such as dung, cocks crowing or church bells. After a while you will not even notice. To make an initial fuss will only identify you as a newcomer.
7. If you need a tradesman, or a cleaner/pest controller/gardener/jack-of-all-trades ask at the pub where there will be someone who is the fount of all knowledge. Actually, not just one but several. They will be standing at the bar. It may take you some time to learn the name of the person you want but you will have a jolly time waiting, coupled with the added bonus of having made a host of friends, before wobbling home.

Abraham

Wangford Mens' Breakfast

Thanks go to Bernard Meldrum who has run the Wangford Mens' Breakfast Club for the last six or so years.

He has handed the reigns over to John Scholes who can be contacted at johnscholes@hotmail.com.

We meet on the third Saturday of the month at the Angel Inn for an excellent breakfast (including vegetarian options), a mardle (discussion), and hopefully most months a guest speaker.

Starting time is 8.45am and runs to about 10 (ish). Cost depends on your choice of breakfast but £7 to £11 is normal. John will need numbers by the middle of the week before to give the Angel staff a bit of warning.

Dates are August 20, September 17, October 15 and November 19. Any ideas of future speakers or volunteers will be most welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th August	8th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 14th August	9th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 21st August	10th 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 28th August	11th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Family@Church and Baptism
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AUGUST 2022 CENTRE DIARY

2nd August	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
3rd August	Helen Rolfe	Hall	10.00-1.00pm
4th August	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
9th August	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
10th August	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
11th August	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
13th August	Private Hire	Hall	All Day
16th August	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
17th August	Salsa	Cttee Room	7.30-8.30pm
	Steam Rally Meeting	Hall	8.00pm
18th August	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
23rd August	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
24th August	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
25th August	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Afternoon Tea	Hall	2.30-4.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
28th August	Private Hire	Hall	All Day
30th August	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
31st August	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm

Wangford Community Council

A big thank-you to everyone who supported the Community Council's Summer Fayre on 9th July. We raised £186.60 for our funds, and all the stallholders reported good business. Carolyn's cake stall for the Santa Paws Appeal was especially popular.

Many thanks to all who came, helped and donated, and to Wangford Farm Shop and Village Store for raffle prizes.

Our next fund-raiser will be the Xmas Bazaar on Saturday 12th November.

Malcolm Woolnough