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Season's Greetings to all our readers



Community Council Carol Concert

This year our quirky mix of readings, music and carols is on Thursday 20th December at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. Admission is free.

Carolling around Wangford

Join our traditional carolling party on Tuesday 18th December, leaving the Village Store at 6.00 pm. We collect for the Children's Society.



Men's Breakfast was Magic!

On Saturday 27 October, the Men's Breakfast were treated to some wonderful magic tricks by Phil Perry, local magician and raconteur. A good time was had by all. Thank you to Geoff Pepper for inviting Phil to our gathering.

DON'T MISS THE QUIZ!

At (and in aid of!) Wangford Community Centre on Wednesday December 5th. Supper will be served at 7.15 pm followed by the quiz.

Teams of 4 maximum, £7.50 per person to include sausage and mash supper (vegetarian option available if prebooked).

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Book your team table by ringing Gill (578062), Edna (578311) or Sue (578007).

'Tis the season of goodwill, so thank you to all those who help with Coffee Mornings and Lunch Club - friendly gatherings to keep me in touch with fellow villagers.

Audrey Lamb

Ride and Stride

Thank you to all the riders for Wangford Church on Saturday 8th September who raised £753, half of which will be donated to the church. This is a terrific amount considering a number of our usual participants were indisposed.

Beryl Meldrum

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St. Peter and St. Paul, Wangford

Sunday 23rd December Family Carol Service at 11.15am
Christmas Day Family Communion Service at 11.15am.

St. Andrew, Sotherton

Sunday 23rd December Carol Service at 3.00pm

St. Margaret, Reydon

Sunday 23rd December 6.00pm Carol Service by Candlelight
Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service.

St. Mary, Uggeshall

Christmas Eve at 6.00pm Festival of Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharists

11.00pm at St. Margaret, Reydon.
11.30pm at Holy Trinity, Blythburgh.
11.30pm at St. Edmund, Southwold.

Community Centre Bookings

Please note that the new Bookings Secretary for Wangford Community Centre is Rachel Dade, who can be contacted on 01502 578311 or at racheldade@hotmail.co.uk

Please would organisations contact Rachel as soon as possible to secure their bookings for 2019.

Barber

From January 23rd Stuart will be doing an extra hour on a trial basis, starting at 2.00 pm and ending at 5.00 pm.

Wangford Church Coffee Mornings

There are no Coffee Mornings in December. From January there will be just one on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Fly the Flag in Celebration and support Wangford Church Restoration Fund



Mark that special occasion by flying the flag at the Community Centre that day for just £10.

Contact
Ray Lurkins on
(01502) 578227

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

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

Wangford Fundraisers' Quiz
Wednesday 5th December 7.15pm, Community Centre

Knitting Group
Thursday 6th December 2.30pm, Community Centre

Uggeshall Cinema
Thursday 6th December 7.00 for 7.30 pm
The Old School Hall

Book Club
Thursday 6th December 8.00pm, Community Centre

Xmas Lunch
Tuesday 11th December 1.00pm, Community Centre

The Arts Society Southwold
Tuesday 11th December 2.00pm, St. Edmunds Hall

Singing Group
Wednesday 12th December 11.00am, Community Centre

Uggeshall Xmas Lunch
Thursday 13th December, Wangford Plough

Carols round the Village
Tuesday 18th December 6.00pm, Village Store

Whist Drive
Wednesday 19th December 7.00pm, Community Centre

Community Council Carol Concert
Thursday 20th December 7.30pm, Community Centre

BETTY AGNES (VICKY) FISHER RIP

A celebration of the life of Vicky, who died on 26th November after a short illness, will take place at Wangford Church on Tuesday 18th December at 1.30 pm.

Donations in Vicky's memory are invited for Wangford Community Council (Service Fund).

WANGFORD WINGERS



This month's Singing on Wednesday 12th December is at the later time of 11.00 - 2.00 pm. It's called 'Winter Songs' and there'll be a bring and share lunch.

The fee is £8.00.

For more information phone Helen Rolfe on 01502 578654

First Thursday Knitting Group

At our November Meeting we collected together the Christmas shoe boxes. Our members together with local residents have again put together 20 boxes for the charity Operation Christmas Child, part of the Samaritans Purse Project. The boxes were blessed at the church service and then, together with those from Reydon church, went on their way to children who otherwise receive nothing. This is our way of sharing some of the love at Christmas with those in less fortunate circumstances.

At the moment we are concentrating on blankets made up of knitted squares which we will pass to Jack Storer for his son's next consignment to refugee centres in Greece and other countries. Nearer to home we are making lap blankets for patients in retirement and Care homes as requested by Suffolk Knitters and Stitchers, with whom we are in membership.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 6th December in the Community Centre at 2.30; all are welcome.

Valerie Beckett 578987

Wangford 100 Club 2018

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DECEMBER'S TEAM LETTER

*'Small wonder the star, small wonder the light
The angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright;
But stable and manger for God, no small wonder!'*

I love singing and listening to carols and am impatient from Advent Sunday onwards to begin listening to them. This beautifully simple, yet profound carol called "No Small Wonder" written by the former bus driver Paul Wigmore with music by Paul Edwards has caught my imagination again this year. Christ's birth that we celebrate on 25th December is the greatest wonder of all, yet it is in utter simplicity and humility that God becomes one with us as a human being, which we call the 'incarnation'.

*'Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore
The gold and the incense, the myrrh, to adore;
The God gives his life on a cross, no small wonder!'*

The best carols tell the story of Jesus' birth with a poignant reminder of his ultimate sacrifice for us all on the cross. God who was and is always present in creation has come to be born, live, grow, suffer, and die like us and with us here on earth. God in Jesus was not here to stay for a time and then leave us, but to remain with us always. As a result of Christ's birth all creation is restored and God chooses to save us from sin and death forever.

Whether our life this year has been easy or hard, Christ has shared in our joys and in your sorrows, because that is the essence of incarnation – God becomes one with us so that there is nothing in human experience that is alien to God. God knows what it is like to feel vulnerable, cold, lonely, uncertain, homeless, sad, broken by suffering and ultimately dying and rising again. God has said 'yes' to human life unconditionally and as a result has made our own life journey with him hallowed and beautified.

By God becoming human, God has raised up humanity to a divine level where we can potentially be like him.

On behalf of all the churches in the Sole Bay Team I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas where you, and those you love, might know the joy and wonder of the incarnation.

I leave you with the last verse of the carol:

*'Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace,
The power, the glory, the light of his face;
But all to redeem my poor heart, no small wonder!'*

Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year!

Reverend Alan

News from Wangford Church

At last work on the toilet and servery is complete and they are in use every Sunday and available at concerts, weddings and funerals if required. We are now moving on to our next project which is the work on the church roof. This will be a costly project which has been on hold for some years, but thanks to the large legacy we received, we are now able to proceed with getting estimates for this work. We hope to be eligible for grants to help with the cost and we would welcome any donations from interested parties.

The churchyard is gradually being controlled and restored. The working parties have achieved quite a lot and we would like to thank all those who have taken part. There is work to be done on the removal of some trees that have taken over parts of the churchyard. Again this is expensive work and any donation would be welcome.

£159.52 has been sent to the Royal Legion Poppy Appeal from the Remembrance Day service collection.

The servery will be in use in December for entertaining the carol singers on Tuesday, 18th December, at the Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December at 11.15 and also on Christmas Morning. Please be assured of a warm welcome for everyone.

At the PCC Meeting in November, our new Treasurer, Sheila Scholes, was officially welcomed. We are very grateful to Sheila for taking over these duties.

We are short of people on the Cleaning rota. The work is done in pairs and takes a couple of hours once every eight weeks. If you think you could help please contact me.

In the New Year the Church Coffee Mornings will be held just once a month on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Usual tea coffee and homemade cakes will be served from 10.45. Many thanks to the team of helpers who have kept the Coffee Morning going. We may be able to resume a second Coffee Morning in the Spring if we get more helpers. Watch this space.

Best wishes to everyone for a very happy and peaceful Christmas from us all at Wangford Church.

Valerie Beckett 578987

News from Wangford Vets

Santa Paws

Our collection for the local pet rescue homes continues through December. Do support us with gifts of tinned and dry foods, treats, toys, towels and cosy beds, which can be left at Reception.

Petplan Practice of the Year Award 2019

Wangford Vets has once again been nominated for the Petplan Practice of the Year Award. Judging and shortlisting take place in the Spring.

News from Uggeshall

Service of Lessons and Carols

Do join us at St Mary's at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve for our traditional service - the perfect start to your Christmas.

Uggeshall Recipe Book

Do you have a story to tell or a recipe to share? To celebrate Uggeshall Country Teas reaching 50 Golden years in 2019, a commemorative recipe booklet including individual stories relating to the Teas spanning the last 50 years, will be printed and on sale at the Teas next year. So we would love to hear from you if you have a special recipe you have baked for the event, or if you have a story or funny incident you can tell us about. We may well use it in the booklet.

Information has to be received by 31st December 2018 and sent to:
lucillethacker@btinternet.com or marionwelham@icloud.com
or contact Linda Hill on 01502 578789.

Uggeshall Cinema

A new Film Season starts at the Old School Hall with the screening of 'It's a Wonderful Life' on Thursday 6th December. Doors open at 7.00 pm, with the film starting promptly at 7.30. Refreshments will be available, and seating is on a first-come first-served basis. A suggested donation of £3 in aid of the Hall is suggested.

Uggeshall Christmas Lunch

This month, instead of the usual Coffee Morning at the Old School on Thursday 13th December, we will be having a Christmas Lunch at The Wangford Plough. We would like to thank all the people who have supported us over the last year and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

In the New Year Coffee Mornings will remain on the second Thursday in every month. Everybody's welcome.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gwilym Howarth for his debut at Snape Maltings Concert Hall, where he sang a solo duet in Carl Jenkins The Armed Man on Saturday 24th November.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL MINERAL EXTRACTION

Due to a ruling from the EU Court of Justice, the 'People over Wind' judgement, Suffolk County Council have had to produce an Appropriate Assessment to support their Minerals and Waste Local Plan, which includes the proposed extension of Wangford Quarry, and on legal advice, have introduced a further public consultation period, which ends on 17th December at 5.00 pm.

The consultation is hosted on the Suffolk CC website at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste>

SIDI SCOTT RIP

Sadly Sidi Scott died on the 15th November 2018. Having spent the latter half of her adult life in Suffolk and the other half in Hertfordshire, including the last nine months or so, services are planned in both areas to recognise her passing. Initially, there will be a Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for her life at 2.45pm on Monday 17th of December in the Milton Chapel at the Chilterns Crematorium, Near Amersham, Bucks HP7 0ND.

There will also be a Service of Celebration at 2.30pm on Saturday 12th of January in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul in Wangford. Sidi's family will be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to attend either or both occasions (please note there is no dress code at either).

Family flowers only please, but donations may be made to the "East Coast Hospice" (Registered charity 1129631), an independent Suffolk charity raising funds to build and run Margaret Chadd House, a specialist palliative care inpatient and day care facility. Visit www.eastcoasthospice.org.uk for more information.

Book Club

At our November meeting we discussed Margaret Drabble's "The Pure Gold Baby". This book met with a mixed response. Those that enjoyed the book particularly liked the rendering of the 1960s and remembered so many forgotten things from this narrative. We thought the women's friendship group were supportive throughout the lives of Jess and her daughter Anna (who could not lead a totally independent life). It made us think about what life and fulfilment actually amounted to. We liked the anthropologist style of looking at every aspect of a community and a person's past and present. Sometimes the friend narrator could be a little bit snippy. The book told the story of Jess: a capable woman having a career, her child with special needs, relationships and friendships and how her understanding of other lives sustained her. A criticism would be the sheer amount of other stories woven in by naming and identifying so many events, explorers, thinkers and practices.

We next meet on Thursday 6th December at 8 pm in the Community Centre to discuss Sebastian Barry's "Days Without End". All welcome. Tea/coffee £1.

News from Sotherton

All are welcome to join us for our Carol Service at 3.00 pm on Sunday 23rd December.

This year there is no service on Christmas Day.

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Mrs Abe and I had a couple of Scottish capers in the last two months. First was a concert from the two lads who spent their formative years in dear old 'Muchty, Charlie and Craig Reid, aka The Proclaimers. This took place at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, a place I had never hitherto been, and everything was superb, including the driver, dear Mark. If it hadn't been for him we would have had to walk what would seem like 500 miles.

The visit last month was to the Orkney archipelago to listen to some traditional story tellers and beautiful singing. Magic. This four day festival was organised and run (with a little help from her friends) by one Fran Flett Hollinrake, known to me forever as Frances, whom we have known since birth. Two events per day and we attended all but the first, which was the only outside event, done by Frances, in a cemetery overflowing with her

Flett ancestors. She advised her mum that the weather wasn't too good and that her old dad might not be able to cope with the slippery, uneven ground. Charming. The last afternoon was spent in a small, beautifully furnished and cluttered little function room called Betty's Reading Room. This was situated in the hamlet of Tingwall, which boasted the ferry terminal to the isle of Rousay. The couple who managed and ran the Room were retired teachers straight out of the sixties and were truly magnificent. They informed us that in their time they visited Southwold regularly and that their inspiration for Betty's came from the Sailors' Reading Room. There you go, from dear old East Suffolk to Orkney. By the way, on the way to Tingwall we were held up by a herd of cattle. That Sunday was the only sunshine day and when it is sunny up there it is truly spectacular.

The roads are straight and unblemished, not a pothole to be seen. The scenery was glorious and very tempting. Mention must be made of a trip to the second largest island, that is Hoy (as in Old Man Of), population some three hundred, where we were treated to a wartime tour by son-in-law Andy, finishing in a dinky little theatre in the middle of nowhere, to hear more stories. One story teller remarked that she had never been asked before if she wanted a sound check. So, a really memorable five days. And did it put us in the mood to relocate to be near to our little girl? Not half. But I knew what would happen. As soon as I boarded the plane I would be thinking about our cosy wee hoose with little Sparkle in our adoptive village and deciding I'm going nowhere. Still, never say never...

I have just read a book by Billy Connolly (yes, another one) entitled 'Made In Scotland' and it is a humdinger. There are a few parallels with Billy's and Mr and Mrs Abe's life. He is fiercely and proudly Scottish but after fifty years gone, will never live there again. Like

wise. He is a rabid anglophile, although he dwells in LA. Likewise (the anglophile bit). He loves to visit Glasgow where he is a local hero but gets lost in it now, so many parts having changed. He'll always be a Partick man just as I'll forever be a 'Muchty boy and he's just as proud that he left. There is something, however, about which I disagree with him. He despises what he calls the 'Scottish shortbread people'; those traditional heather and kilt generations such as Andy Stewart, Ken McKellar and he has a particular animus against Harry Lauder. All of these people I liked and I have loved Harry ever since I learned that, after his son Captain John Lauder was killed at the Western Front, he wrote 'Keep Right On To The End Of The Road'. So there. In the same breath he loves the sound of bagpipes. Make your mind up, Bill.

Christmas and another year are fast approaching, the geese are getting fat and all that, and Mrs Abe has reminded me about ordering a consignment of Scotch pies. I wonder if Billy likes them

Abraham

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2nd December	Advent
11.15am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 9th December	2nd Sunday of Advent
11.15am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 16th December	3rd Sunday of Advent
11.15am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 23rd December	4th Sunday of Advent
11.15am Wangford	Carol Service
3.00pm Sotherton	Carol Service
Monday 24th December	Christmas Eve
6.00pm Uggeshall	Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 25th December	Christmas Day
11.15am Wangford	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th December	1st Sunday of Christmas
11.15am Reydon	Team Service
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Wangford Community Council

Xmas Bazaar

The Centre was full of stalls of various descriptions for this year's Bazaar on November 17th. There were plenty of customers too, and most of the stalls did well. Bertha would have been pleased to see her Bazaar doing so well. Thanks as always to all who helped, attended and donated.

The Community Council itself raised £207.70 for funds, on top of the considerable amount generated by the stalls and Carolyn's Santa Paws cakes. This brought the Community Council's total from the year's sales to £563.40.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Malcolm Woolnough

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DECEMBER 2018 CENTRE DIARY

2nd Dec	Glassfusion	Hall	
3rd Dec	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
4th Dec	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
4th Dec	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
4th Dec	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
4th Dec	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
5th Dec	Community Centre Quiz		7.00pm
6th Dec	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
6th Dec	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
6th Dec	Knitting Group	Cttee Room	2.30pm
6th Dec	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
6th Dec	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
7th Dec	Yoga	Hall	9.30am
7th Dec	Salsa	Hall	7.30pm
9th Dec	Glassfusion	Hall	10.30am
10th Dec	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
11th Dec	Imogen	Hall	9.00am
11th Dec	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
11th Dec	Christmas Lunch	Hall	1.00pm
11th Dec	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
11th Dec	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
12th Dec	Singing Group	Hall	11.00am
12th Dec	Brampton Quiz	Hall	7.00pm
13th Dec	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
13th Dec	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
14th Dec	Salsa	Hall	7.30pm
17th Dec	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
17th Dec	Blythvalley Labour	Cttee Room	8.00pm
18th Dec	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
18th Dec	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
18th Dec	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
19th Dec	Barber	Cttee Room	3.00pm
19th Dec	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00pm
20th Dec	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
20th Dec	Carol Concert	Hall	7.30pm
27th Dec	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
27th Dec	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm

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WRENTHAM CHAPEL

Wrentham Chapel will be hosting its annual 'Caedmon at Christmas' event at 7.00 pm on Friday December 14th. All are welcome, and it is hoped that some of those attending will bring a contribution in music, word or song to be woven into the evening's programme. These may be serious or funny, religious or secular, and of a seasonal nature.

There will also be time to relax and chat over festive refreshments. There's a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

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