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## STEAM RALLY RAISES £40,000 FOR CHARITIES

At the 'thank-you' party for the 44th Grand Henham Steam Rally volunteers, local charities received generous donations totalling £40,000. The proceeds of the Rally are divided between Wangford Community Council, the Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions Club and the Parochial Church Councils of Sotherton, Uggeshall and Wangford-cum-Henham. Representatives from these organisations were amongst the original volunteers who made the rally possible, and through their continued hard work, have made it one of the most popular events in the local area.

One of the beneficiaries, Wangford and District Community Council, was formed in 1970 to raise funds to build Wangford Community Centre, which remains one of the best appointed village halls locally, and is widely used by the community. In order to keep the Centre in good condition, the Community Council continues to raise funds for its upkeep. For the past 44 years, the majority of these funds have come from the proceeds of the Steam Rally.

However, the rally is now desperately short of volunteers, particularly from Wangford and the surrounding villages. Only one third of the team who organise the event come from within the



*Gerard Walker, Sotherton, accepts the cheque on behalf of the three churches.*

area covered by the Messenger. Although a dedicated group of local volunteers give up their weekend to work in the Village

Pantry and man the Hot Dog stall at the rally itself, work is required throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to contribute new ideas, to be creative, to modernise the way things are done and to help the rally continue to be enjoyed by a new generation of visitors. By becoming a volunteer, you will be helping to ensure the future of the rally and the provision of much-needed funds for the upkeep of the Community Centre and the three churches.



*Malcolm Woolnough represented Wangford and District Community Council.*

For 2019 and beyond, enthusiastic and hardworking people are needed for the following roles:

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The 45th Grand  
Henham Steam Rally is on  
21st & 22nd Sept 2019  
10am to 6pm  
at Henham Park

## Community Centre Flags



Ray Lurkins has retired from volunteer flag-raising duty at Wangford Community Centre. Thank you, Ray, for quietly getting on with the job in such a professional manner.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact:  
Malcolm Woolnough on 01502 578701.

## Wangford Church Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 26th at 10.45 in the Community Centre.

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

## Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting is at Wangford Community Centre on Saturday 23rd February.

Tom McGarry, EDF Energy's Head of Communications, Sizewell C Project is the speaker.

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

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 21st February if you wish to join us.

## WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

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  
Thursday 7th February 2.30 pm Community Centre

Suffolk Wildlife Trust  
Thursday 7th February 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Book Club  
Thursday 7th February 8.00 pm Community Centre

The Arts Society Southwold  
Tuesday 12th February 2.00pm St. Edmunds Hall

Singing Group  
Wednesday 13th February 10.30 am Community Centre

Uggeshall Garden Club  
Wednesday 13th February 7.30 pm The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Coffee Morning  
Thursday 14th February 10.30 am The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema  
Thursday 14th February 7.00 for 7.15pm Old School Hall

Lunch Club  
Tuesday 19th February 12.30 pm Community Centre

Whist Drive  
Wednesday 20th February 7.00 pm Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast  
Saturday 23rd February 8.45 am Community Centre

Wangford Coffee Morning  
Tuesday 26th February 10.45 am Community Centre

## First Thursday Knitting Group

Sadly our first meeting of the year was poorly attended due to coughs and colds and similar. We meet again on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 in the Community Centre.

We shall be discussing future projects and exchanging ideas for future meetings. All are welcome, do come and join us.

*Valerie Beckett 578987*

## Christmas Charity Collections

### Carol Concert

The retiring collection at the Community Council Carol Concert raised £65 towards the purchase of a more portable wheelchair.

### Carolling round Wangford

Despite the dismal weather, a doughty band played and sang round Wangford on December 18th, raising £98.62 for the Children's Society.

Thank you to all who gave so generously, and to the church for providing very welcome warmth and refreshment afterwards.

## WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

Wrentham Village Hall  
on Saturday 23rd February

### MAMMA MIA - HERE WE GO AGAIN

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## FEBRUARY'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends

Jesus asked the disciples of John the Baptist, "What are you looking for?" (John 1 verse 38) Their awkward reply suggests that they were not really sure.

I write as the season of Epiphany dawns with the story of the wise men that we find in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 2 verses 1-12. I wonder what they were looking for as they searched the night sky looking for signs, portents and meaning.

Humans have always been drawn to look up, to look outward and to imagine things that are beyond our comprehension. What are we looking for? Why did NASA send a spacecraft the size of a grand piano to travel for 13 years at 32,000 mph to take a photo of a rock that has drifted in space undisturbed for four billion years? The first pictures of Ultima Thule, which were published on 2nd January, caused great excitement. Equally bewildering I heard on the radio that 80 satellites, each the size of a shoebox have been launched into space in order to give scientists the capacity to monitor the well-being of every tree on the planet. (I'm sure I heard this right!).

What are we looking for as we explore the heavens? Professor Stephen Hawking held the view that we needed to find a new planet upon which to live because we soon will have exhausted this one. Others point to the benefits that space travel has brought to everyday life. Sat Nav, the mobile phone and loft insulation, for example.

The wise men in Matthew's story were just the same as us. They were excited by the possibilities of learning. They wanted to understand their place in the universe and push back the boundaries of science. Their imaginations were fired by the boundless possibilities of human capacity. Matthew's point is that all that they longed for in the depths of their hearts was answered by their encounter with the Christ child in Bethlehem.

"What are you looking for?" asks Jesus. He invited John's uncertain disciples to spend some time with him, and in him they found all that they were looking for. What are you looking for in 2019?

*Simon*

## News from Wangford Vets

### Puppy Party

The next Puppy Party is on Wednesday 6th February, 7pm at Wangford Veterinary Clinic; it is open to clients and non-clients alike and is FREE of charge (although puppies must have completed their primary course of vaccinations).

To join the vets and nurses from Wangford Vets, Natalie and Richard from Barking Mad Dog Training School and Debbie from Paws 'n' Pose Photography, phone 01502 578999 to reserve your place.

## News from Wangford Church

Looking back on the Christmas season in Wangford, we all enjoyed a happy time and had a lovely Carol Service on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, the first Carol Service in our church for some years. It was well attended and we enjoyed singing the old traditional carols and others not so well known. Mince pies and coffee were served afterwards and this concluded a happy occasion.

The usual Christmas Day Service was also well attended and we celebrated afterwards with Christmas cake and Christmas cheer.

The Church was also pleased to welcome the Carol Singers after their tour of the village and serve mulled wine and seasonal refreshments to them after a chilly hour or so of singing which raised money for the Children's Society. It is good to be able to offer hospitality now that we have the benefit of heating, toilets and catering facilities. Thank to those who helped us to achieve this. Thanks also to those who decorated our tree, set up the crib and erected the star on the tower.

The comparative quiet of January was broken only by the Memorial Service of Celebration for the life of Sidi Scott. This was a truly appropriate tribute to Sidi who served our church and community so well in many different ways. It was attended by 270 people who miraculously were all seated and entertained by a variety of her friends. The retiring collection raised nearly £400 for the East Coast Hospice.

We have a special treat on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> February when the Jubilate Choir will sing Evensong at 6pm. Do come along to hear them.

Now as we progress into 2019 do spare a moment to enjoy the wonderful array of snowdrops in the churchyard. With their beauty the Church wishes a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year to all the parishioners of St Peter and St Paul.

*Valerie Beckett 578987*

## Book Club

At our January meeting we discussed Sebastian Barry's "Days Without End". This book met with a mixed response. Some enjoyed the style and vivid description. The quite graphic violence was in keeping and Barry evoked the tensions between individual goodness and the 'land grab' from the Indian people very well. The book was set in the 1850s at the time of the American Civil War and the Indian Wars and centred around two young Irish men who joined the American Army after failing to find work. The book is simultaneously harsh but tender. It looks at the relationship between Thomas and John and the hope in their looking after a young Indian girl caught up in the wars. Some found it difficult to engage with and did not like the brutality of the many wars and events.

We next meet on Thursday 7th February at the Community Centre at 8pm to discuss Juliet Nicolson's "A House Full of Daughters". All welcome. Tea/coffee £1.

*Gill Smith 578620*

## News from Uggeshall

### Uggeshall Cinema

A big thank you to all of you who turned out on a miserable evening weather wise and helped make the Greatest Showman a most enjoyable night out! Another big thank you to the lovely ladies who made drinks, washed up and sold ice cream during the interval. We think it's these personal touches that make Uggeshall cinema evenings so enjoyable and hope you agree!

On next is "Mamma Mia 2 - Here we go again" on Thursday 14th February. Doors open at 7.00 pm, film starts at 7.15 pm. Running time is 114 minutes - with the usual interval break for refreshments and ice creams (new flavours will be available). There will be a voting form this time too.

This showing coincides with St Valentines Day, so if there are any romantics out there who would like to reserve the back row seats, just let me know!

Amanda has kindly offered to collect and take home those wishing to attend but are unable, or just don't like, driving in the dark winter nights.

If you would like picking up please let myself or Amanda (578117) know.

Matt Grady - email: matt@ultimetfilms.com

### Donation to EACH

The collection for East Anglia's Children's Hospices taken at the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols totalled £500. EACH provides care to babies, children and young people living with life-threatening conditions. They rely on voluntary donations for the majority of their income, and are very grateful for Uggeshall's continued support. Their new state-of-the-art ospice, The nook, (*apparently it's small-case*) in Framingham Earl, is due for completion in June this year, and hopes to open to patients and their families from Norfolk and North Suffolk in the Autumn.

### Wangford Toddler Group

Here we are at the start of 2019 and time to let everyone know the Toddler group is still going strong. We meet at Wangford Community Centre on Monday mornings from 9.30 until 11.30, with plenty of activities for pre-school children to enjoy. We are a very friendly group of mums, dads and grandmas who are always pleased to welcome new people.

During the morning the children have an opportunity to do crafts, play, have a snack around the table, and finish the morning with singing and instruments. The adults also have coffee and biscuits. All this for £1.00!

I can't think of a better way to spend Monday morning. Come and join us.

*Sara Campbell 578334*



## Matthew Tanton Brown

### Gardening for Wildlife

**Matthew will tell us how to encourage wildlife by increasing plant diversity, not only with climbers and wild flowers but also garden plants. He will cover nesting sites, bug boxes, log piles and much more. Don't miss this one!**

*Matthew trained at the RHS Gardens at Wisley, and studied at Merrist Wood and Hadlow Colleges. He is manager at The Place for Plants, East Bergholt*

### Uggeshall School Room

**Wednesday 13 February @ 7.30pm**

**UGC members £3 / Non-members £5**

### Uggeshall Coffee Morning

This month we meet on Thursday 14th February from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

### Uggeshall Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held in the Old School on Tuesday March 5th at 7.30pm.

## News from Sotherton

### Quiz

£415.00 was raised at the annual quiz night in November held at Wangford Community Centre. Thank you to all who attended and to the people who gave raffle prizes.

### PCC Meeting

The next PCC meeting is to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm at The Wangford.

### Church Service

All are welcome at the next church service to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am.

*Karen Flaaman*

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It's astonishing how often Orkney crops up in surveys for holiday destinations. It is reported that Wanderlust (a travel destination firm) tells us that 'hiking the Orkneys has come third' in a most searched global destination of 2018, only coming after looking for tigers in India and a longhouse adventure in Borneo. Attractions mentioned include the Kitchener Memorial (done it), the Ring of Brodgar, where Billy Connolly romped round naked (done it) [Ed: what, naked?], the Old Man of Hoy (seen it, but not climbed) and the shortest scheduled passenger plane flight in the world, from Westray (an island) to Papa Westray (another island) flying time one-and-a-half minutes (done it, got the Certificate to prove it). Also Viking Ocean Cruises put Kirkwall as the top destination in 2018 from a portfolio of 46 different ports. If you're visiting don't forget to visit St Magnus Cathedral and ask to speak to the Custodian and tell her Dad's fine. Finally, on June 21, 1919, 52 interned warships of the Imperial German Navy High Seas Fleet were scuttled at Scapa Flow to avoid them falling into

British hands - nine crewmen lost their lives. This act will be commemorated with a number of art and community events, the wrecks apparently attracting many underwater tourists each year.

Here we go again. 'Giving every child the best start in life is a key priority for Suffolk and Essex County Councils, according to their health chiefs'. Who would have thought it? This monumental drivell follows the Government report that 30,000 children are active for less than 30 minutes a day. Now, it's easy for an ageing man to tell you that when he was a child, aside from compulsory PE at school he spent every leisure hour kicking a ball, running, climbing trees and playing outdoor games, because that is precisely what I did. So what went wrong? There must still be PE lessons and physical sport in school. If not, why not?

My suggestion to those folk whose Christmas holidays were seriously inconvenienced by the drones at the airport is to save yourselves money and stress by staying at home, aiding the local economy, cutting down the

carbon footprint and contributing to the local culture and quality of life.

Thanks to my chum Dave for pointing out that Bob Luman had a hit with Let's Think About Living in 1960, not 1965. I really do not mind being put right as it proves that you read the ramblings. Just try not to do it too often.

On 3rd January 1961 I commenced my working journey into Local Government. I know of no-one who has set out deliberately at an early age to make being a Local Government Officer a career choice. It was, and is, just a case of drifting into it. Nonetheless, with thirty seven years done, in the main I enjoyed it and it served me well and I like to think that I in turn served it just as well. Mind you, it was a different game back then. No targets to meet, no meetings about meetings, nobody breathing down your neck hassling you, time to have proper lunch (sometimes liquid) instead of a sandwich at the desk. The job got done. Halcyon days indeed. Collars and ties as well. I also convince myself that I did some good and made at least some half dreams come true. For sure, some folk told me so. I suppose, although not always aware of it, I set out to do what I intended.

In the meantime as always I look forward to my life in the wee village and elsewhere continuing as normal with a few surprises and adventures along the way with Mrs. Abe and my chums. At least two trips to the land of the barbarians and maybe a couple elsewhere in old Blighty but mostly pottering around the leafy lanes of Silly Suffolk. Holy it is indeed.

Wangford  
Community Council  
  
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Meeting  
  
The Community Council  
will meet on Tuesday 5th  
February at 7.45 pm in the  
Community Centre.  
  
Fundraising  
  
Advance notice that the  
Bumper Brica-Brac and  
Jumble Bonanza is on  
Saturday 23rd March,  
starting at 2.00 pm.

The Arts Society,  
Southwold  
  
The 2019 series of  
lectures continues on  
Tuesday 12th February  
when Barry Venning will  
speak on Picasso's  
Guernica and the Spanish  
Civil War.  
  
Lectures commence at  
2.00pm in Southwold  
Arts Centre  
(St. Edmund's Hall),  
Southwold. Visitors and  
members' guests are  
welcome.  
A small donation will be  
appreciated.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust  
(Southwold)  
  
Next talk:  
  
**Creating Wildness**  
Speaker: Michael Strand  
  
Thursday 7th February  
7.30pm Southwold Arts  
Centre (St Edmund's Hall)  
  
Cost: £3.00

CHURCH SERVICES	Sunday 3rd February	Candlemas
	11.15am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
	6.00pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 10th February	4th Sunday before Lent
	11.15am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
	6.00pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 17th February	3rd Sunday before Lent
	9.30am Sotherton	Eucharist (CW)
	6.00pm Wangford	Choral Evensong (BCP)
	6.00pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 24th February	2nd Sunday before Lent
	11.15am Wangford	Family@St Peter&St Paul
6.00pm Uggheshall	Eucharist (BCP)	

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# FEBRUARY 2019 CENTRE DIARY

1st Feb	Yoga	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
4th Feb	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
4th Feb	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
5th Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
5th Feb	Post Office	Bar	10.00am - 12noon
5th Feb	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.00pm
5th Feb	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
6th Feb	Waveney Mammals Gp	Cttee Room	8.00 - 10.00pm
7th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30pm
7th Feb	Post Office	Bar	1.00 - 3.00pm
7th Feb	Knitting Club	Cttee Room	2.30 - 4.00pm
7th Feb	Yoga	Hall	7.15 - 8.15pm
7th Feb	Book Group	Cttee Room	8.00pm
8th Feb	Yoga	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
11th Feb	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
11th Feb	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
12th Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
12th Feb	Post Office	Bar	10.00am - 12noon
12th Feb	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.30pm
12th Feb	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
13th Feb	Wingers Singing Gp	Hall	10.30am - 12.30pm
13th Feb	GHSR Meeting	Cttee Room	8.00pm
14th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
14th Feb	Post Office	Bar	1.00 - 3.00pm
14th Feb	Yoga	Hall	7.15 - 8.15pm
15th Feb	Yoga	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
18th Feb	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
18th Feb	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
19th Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
19th Feb	Post Office	Bar	10.00am - 12noon
19th Feb	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
19th Feb	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.00pm
20th Feb	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00pm
21st Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
21st Feb	Post Office	Bar	1.00 - 3.00pm
21st Feb	Yoga	Hall	7.15 - 8.15pm
22nd Feb	Yoga	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
25th Feb	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
25th Feb	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
25th Feb	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	8.00pm
26th Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
26th Feb	Post Office	Bar	10.00am - 12noon
26th Feb	Coffee Morning	Hall	10.45am - 12noon
26th Feb	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.30pm
27th Feb	Barber	Cttee Room	2.00 - 5.00pm
28th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
28th Feb	Post Office	Bar	1.00 - 3.00pm
28th Feb	Yoga	Hall	7.15 - 8.15pm

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