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## STEAM RALLY RAISES A FANTASTIC £60,000 FOR CHARITIES



GHSR Chair Helen Walker (centre) with (L to R) Richard Walker (Lowestoft and Waveney Samaritans), John Bennett (Southwold [Sole Bay] Lions), Nick Collinson (National Trust, Dunwich Heath), Malcolm Woolnough (Wangford and District Community Council), Revd. Alan Perry (Sotherton, Uggeshall and Wangford Churches), and Sally Turner (Beccles and District Guides).

At the 'thank-you' party for the 45th Grand Henham Steam Rally, there were gasps of amazement and delight as cheques for £15,000 were presented to each of the main charities - Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions, Wangford and District Community Council, and the churches of Sotherton, Uggeshall and Wangford, as well as for £5,000 to each of the Rally's chosen beneficiaries.

Blessed with good weather, the 2019 Rally attracted large crowds which ensured it was such a great financial success. Volunteers from the villages and surrounding areas, a number of them new to the Rally, also had an enjoyable, if tiring, time. Chair Helen Walker praised everyone for their teamwork.

The 46th Rally is on 19th and 20th September, 2020 from 10am to 6pm at Henham Park.

Put the dates in your diary now!



## CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

### Carol Concert

The retiring collection at the Community Council Carol Concert raised £40 towards Wangford Church Raise the Roof 2.

### Carolling round Wangford

Our carols round Wangford on December 18th raised the record sum of £170.27 for the Children's Society, thanks to our collectors, who fairly flew from door to door, and to our great band of players and singers. Thank you to all of you who gave so generously, and to the church for providing very welcome warmth and refreshment afterwards.

### Uggeshall Christmas Eve

The offertory at the packed traditional Christmas Eve service raised £450 for East Anglian Children's Hospices.

### Santa Paws Appeal

In addition to a fantastic collection of food, beds, bedding, towels, toys, specially-knitted blankets, and other lovely things which were distributed to very grateful pet rescue centres, Wangford Vets also raised £1,933.00, which will be shared between six wildlife or pet rescue charities nominated by their clients.

## Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting will be on Saturday 22nd February at the Angel Inn when Andrew Brogan will speak on 'Suffolk's Secret Jungle - the stunning, breathtaking Henstead Exotic Garden.'

8.45 for 9.00 am

Full English - £12  
Coffee and talk only - £5

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 20th if you wish to attend.

## Wangford Church Coffee Morning

The February Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 25th in Wangford Community Centre at 11.00 am.

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

## The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2020 series of lectures continues on Tuesday 11th February when Barbara Askew will speak on 'Gilt and Gorgeousness - a celebration of the 200th anniversary of King George IV's accession to the throne'.

Lectures commence at 2.00 pm in Southwold Arts Centre. Visitors and members' guests are welcome. A small donation will be appreciated.

## WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

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

Ladies' Coffee Morning  
Tuesday 4th February 10.15 am Community Centre

Wangford Community Council  
Tuesday 4th February 7.45 pm Community Centre

Wangford Art Group  
Thursdays from 9.30 am Community Centre

Knitting Group  
Thursday 6th February 2.30 pm Community Centre

Book Club  
Thursday 6th February 8.00 pm Community Centre

The Arts Society  
Tuesday 11th February 2.00 pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wangford Wingers Singing Group  
Wednesday 12th February 10.00 am Community Centre

Uggeshall Coffee Morning  
Thursday 13th February 10.30 am The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema  
Thursday 13th February 7.15pm The Old School Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust  
Thursday 13th February 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Lunch Club  
Tuesday 18th February 12.30 pm Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford  
Wednesday 19th February  
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30 Church 10.35 - 10.45

Whist Drive  
Wednesday 19th February 7.00 pm Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast  
Saturday 22nd February 8.45 for 9.00 am The Angel Inn

Wangford Coffee Morning  
Tuesday 25th February 11.00am Community Centre

## WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

Wrentham Village Hall on Saturday 29th February

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## First Thursday Knitting Group

We met for the first time this year on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January and although our numbers were small we made plans to knit hats, gloves and scarves for adults, and teddies for ambulance men to give to distressed children that they meet in their work. Apparently the blankets that we produce are particularly welcomed by the refugees visited by Charles Storer and his team, so we continue with production of the knitted squares. We enjoyed Christmas cake with our cup of tea at this meeting and said 'goodbye' to 2019 with all its problems and looked to the future with hope for a more settled year. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 2.30 in the Community Centre. All are welcome to join us.

*Valerie Beckett 578987*

## Wangford 100 Club 2019/20

Winners in the January Draw were  
1. Liz Schofield  
2. Eric Stockdale  
3. Sharon Baldry

## ADVANCE NOTICE

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# FEBRUARY'S TEAM LETTER

*'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'.*

These words that appear rather harrowing when we first hear them are the words that are said on Ash Wednesday when an individual receives a cross of ash upon their forehead as a mark of penitence and renewal. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and 'being ashed' is a very fitting way for us to be reminded of our mortality, and also our ability as human beings, despite the best of intentions, 'to screw things up'. It is part of the human condition to make both small and big mistakes in our lives that can often, if we are honest with ourselves, leave us feeling wretched and sometimes wracked with guilt. I think that is why counsellors (some might say the present day priests of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) have such long waiting lists of people wanting to see them to be able to learn to live with these feelings.

The Christian tradition has always acknowledged the human need to know that we are forgiven and that we in turn are asked to forgive, in order that we can continue living fulfilled lives. God does not want us to bear feelings of guilt for ever, but to recognise them for what they are, and leave them at the foot of the cross where we can be made whole once again. During Lent there are lots of opportunities for each of us to examine ourselves and explore our faith in greater depth and so may I wish us all a happy and holy Lent where we might learn to forgive ourselves and each other a little more.

The Ash Wednesday Service, which includes the opportunity for ashing, is at St Margaret's, Reydon on Wednesday 26 February at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

*Revd. Alan Perry*

## News from Wangford Church

This month, depending on the weather, work should start on the Church Roof.

It is Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and the star on the Tower will have been taken down. The flag has also been taken down temporarily until the windy weather has passed.

A short course on Bereavement is planned for three sessions, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February, from 2.00 to 3.30pm and may be helpful for anyone who has lost someone dear to them in recent times. If anyone is interested please contact Rev. Alan Perry (01502 453624) for more details.

Signs of Spring are evident in the churchyard. There is a beautiful tree of pink blossom near the Church Street gate, the daffodils are coming into bud and already the snowdrops are in bloom. Why not walk round and enjoy these heralds of the coming Spring?

*Valerie Beckett, Churchwarden 578987*

## Congratulations to Cathy Ryan

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See posters for full list of conditions.



*The new disabled access ramp to the Post Office in the Community Centre.*

## News from Uggeshall

### Uggeshall Coffee Morning

The February Coffee Morning is on Thursday 13th February from 10.30 am in the Old School Hall.

### Uggeshall Cinema

February's film 'Blinded by the Light', the feel-good film of 2019, will take place in the Old School Hall on Thursday 13th February. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

### Donation to EACH

The collection for East Anglia's Children's Hospices taken at the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols totalled £450. 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.

### Uggeshall Music

Helen Hayes is a professional music practitioner living in Uggeshall and as well as running the Wangford Community Choir on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (10am -12 noon at the Community Centre), she has set up two new groups which take place at Uggeshall Old School House. Uggeshall Community Choir takes place fortnightly on Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9.00pm.

The Uggeshall Ukuleles takes place on alternate Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9.00pm and is a fun group for absolute beginners.

**Please contact Helen on 07917 798456**  
or [helenjhayes@hotmail.com](mailto:helenjhayes@hotmail.com) for further information.

## News from Wangford Vets

### Puppy Party

The next Puppy Party is on Wednesday 26th 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, Barking Mad Dog Training School and Paws 'n' Pose Photography, phone 01502 578999 to reserve your place.

### Santa Paws Appeal

A massive thank you to Carolyn Sheppard and all those who helped her to raise an amazing £403.85 for our Santa Paws Appeal. You truly are an inspiration to us all. Many thanks from Walter and all the team at Wangford Vets.

### Hounds for Heroes

The final total for our 2019 Purple Poppy Appeal is a fantastic £1026.44. A big thank you to everyone for your amazing support. This donation will assist in placing assistance dogs with injured armed forces and emergency services personnel.

### Strutt your Mutt

Strutt your Mutt returns on Sunday 14th June 2020. All money raised will go to 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'. Put the date in your diary now!

## News from Sotherton

There is a PCC meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm at the Wangford Plough.

*Karen Flaxman*

Suffolk Wildlife Trust  
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### 'Raft Spiders'

Speaker: Dr. Helen Smith

Thursday 13th February  
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## Book Club

At our January meeting we celebrated the new year with mulled wine, fruit juice and delicious snacks whilst tackling Joy's book quiz. There was much discussion and some surprising answers! Many thanks to Joy for preparing the quiz.

We also managed to talk about the book which we read over the Christmas period - Karen Fossum's 'Hellfire'. Most of us thought the book was excellent and liked the way the author had woven in the story of two single parent families in separate chapters which drew attention to both their separation, and as we came to discover, links to each other. We saw how abandonment played out in the lives of Eddie who at 21 needed extra help with everything and Simon at 4 who hated being separated from his mother. The book opened with the murder scene of Simon and his mother Bonnie and the book took us back over past events in an unhurried manner, dropping little hints along the way as it became apparent that things were not always as they appeared. We particularly liked the description of Bonnie's work as a carer and how valued she was at her job. There is so much we could say about this book and we would recommend reading it to all.

We next meet at 8 pm in the Community Centre on Thursday 6th February to discuss Karen Joy Fowler's 'We are all completely beside ourselves'.

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# ABRAHAM

The old year has been dusted off but before it has been entirely forgotten, a little reminder about Christmas cards. It appears that very few people send them any more. Except that Mrs Abe and I do. And, bless your little hearts, quite some of our villagers do, as well as our grand old chums from far and wide. They have become unfashionable and expensive to buy and to send, also wasting planetary resources, we are told. Although the religious theme, regrettably, has all but been abandoned, I still love cards. Mrs Abe buys them, and the stamps, writes most of them and posts them - but I like receiving them. They make me start to feel Christmassy and they remind me of old friends whom I have not seen for a year or more. Some of the messages are cursory; some are chatty and informative and mercifully brief (we get one round robin that gives us a year's tedious family history); and at least two from far flung places from old chums of over 50 years long gone. Will we ever meet again? I, in turn am either equally taciturn, or promise to see two of my oldest this new year in the Kingdom - the 'Auld Grey Toun' or 'Muchty. One other important function is that while 'Books Do Furnish A Room', other than a few balls hanging up (no sniggering at the back) the cards we receive decorate the home rather well and keep reminding us of not only the ones who are still with us but also the ones who are not.

Among the many Christmas books from my two girls was one entitled 'Too Marvellous For Words' by Julie Welch. Julie is a sports journalist and the book is a memoir of her years being educated at Felixstowe College in the early 1960s. It is a wonderful, affectionate, charming, rollicking romp through these times. Which made me inevitably turn my thoughts to my schooldays from 1955 to 1961 and beyond to two reunions which I attended in 1989 and 2005. Not again, I hear you groan. Listen, dear reader, if you think you have it bad, talk to Mrs Abe. Any way, in 1989 Mrs Abe tells me I'll hate every minute of it and come back grumpy and depressed. So, what's new? So, off to Cupar, a dreary place of lamented memory but memorable for being the home of Fisher and Donaldson, makers of beautiful scotch pies. After meeting two old chums and downing a couple of lagers we trooped off to the dreaded institution - the 'old' school. This was now just a primary school. In my day it was the High School and the new one opened the year after I left. I wish I had bombed the place years before. I was greeted at the gates by an old class mate, Andrew by name, a farmer's son who had married a farmer's daughter, another old chum, Posie (do try to keep up). He immediately took me in hand and showed me round the old place. "You'll meet quite a few of your old mates", Andrew reassured me, as if to cheer me up. I did and it had the opposite effect. All the ghosts kept coming at me. Eventually I stumbled out into the daylight to be collected again by Andrew and transported to the new school where he breezily informed me I would be treated to the formal speeches and tea and cakes. On entering I was hailed by an old French teacher, still alive even now, who was surprised but glad to see me since she knew how much I had despised the dump; then I was commandeered by dear old Posie (did I mention that she and Andrew were divorced and that Posie in later years married another farmer?). I endured the speeches and enjoyed the tea and cakes and since Posie and three other ladies were at our table they were in the firing line of both my barrels And did that make me feel good? Not one bit. I felt awful. Mrs Abe was right as usual. So, boys and girls,

this is a cautionary tale. What happened in 2005, I hear you ask? You will have to wait.

Here we go again. Another one who decides to make a sneering remark about J. M. Barrie in a review of 'Peter Pan', just mentioning, for no apparent reason that I can discern, that Barrie's 'own fascination with children has raised suspicion'. By whom, I ask? Of lay people, I have probably read as much by and about Barrie as anyone and all I see is a remarkably talented, gentle, kind, generous, benevolent, philanthropist who spread much happiness and goodwill. But don't take my word for it. Listen to one who would have known. In his research for his television trilogy 'The Lost Boys', Andrew Birkin interviewed the last survivor (and Barrie's sole adopted son) of the five Llewelyn Davies boys who together constituted Peter Pan. This is what Nico said : "Of all the men I have ever known, Barrie was the wittiest, and the best company. He was also the least interested in sex. He was a darling man. He was an innocent; which is why he could write Peter Pan." Let that be the last word.

It's pedantry time. The word 'instigate' is so often used wrongly, to mean 'initiating' in any sense whatsoever when in fact it means to 'urge on', to 'incite', 'bring about' and 'instigation' means the act of inciting, especially to do wrong or cause trouble. So there.

*Abraham*

C H U R C H  S E R V I C E S	Sunday 2nd February		Candlemas
	11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 9th February		3rd Sunday before Lent
	11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 16th February		2nd Sunday before Lent
	9.30 am	Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 23rd February		Sunday next before Lent
	11.15 am	Wangford	Wangford@church
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Holy Communion(BCP)	
Wednesday 26th February		Ash Wednesday	
7.30 pm	Reydon	Team Service	

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2nd Feb	Private Hire	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
3rd Feb	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
	GHSR	Cttee Room	7.30pm
4th Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Ladies Coffee Morning	Cttee Room	10.15-12.15pm
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
5th Feb	GHSR	Cttee Room	8.00pm
6th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-1.00pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Knitting Group	Cttee Room	2.30pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
7th Feb	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
9th Feb	Private Hire	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
10th Feb	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
	Hit & Miss Gun Club	Cttee Room	7.30-9.30pm
11th Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	GHSR	Cttee Room	11.00am-12.30
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.30pm
	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
12th Feb	Singing Group	Hall	10.00-12noon
	Barber	Cttee Room	2.00-4.00pm
13th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-1.00pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
14th Feb	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
16th Feb	Private Hire	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
17th Feb	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
18th Feb	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
19th Feb	Private Hire (WI)	Hall	9.30am-2.30pm
	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00-9.00pm
	GHSR	Cttee Room	8.00pm
20th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
	Allotment Meeting	Cttee Room	7.30pm
21st Feb	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
23rd Feb	Private Hire	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
24th Feb	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
25th Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Cttee Room	10.00 - 12noon
	Coffee Morning	Hall	11.00am-12.30
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.30pm
26th Feb	Artmakers East	Hall	10.00-3.00pm
27th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am-1.00pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
28th Feb	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am