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News from Wangford Vets

Poppies on 4 Paws

£282.48 was raised for Hounds for Heroes from the sale of purple Remembrance poppies. Hounds for Heroes places assistance dogs with injured and disabled veterans and emergency service personnel. Total donations to date are £13,296.48. Thank you all so much for your support.

Santa Paws Appeal



Thank you to everyone who supported Santa Paws with donations of food, toys, bedding and treats. These and the money donated and raised by our raffle, auction and celebration tree will be divided amongst local rescue centres in early 2022.

Special thanks to Carolyn, who raises money for the appeal each year by making and selling her beautiful cakes, and to the lady who brought in 20 lovely soft hand-knitted blankets which will be so appreciated by the charities.

Walter and the team are truly humbled by your generosity and kindness.

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Afternoon Tea

Thursday 10th February 2.30 - 4.30 pm Wangford Community Centre

Served from 3.15pm and costing just £2.50 a head. If you would like to come along, just phone Sue on 578408 or email suethemusic@gmail.com to book your place.

For everyone's safety, please continue to wear a mask when moving around the Centre.

Snooker Club Re-Opening



At a very positive meeting of former and new members, a revised way of operating the Snooker Hall was agreed. This paves the way for re-opening as soon as the new radiator and lock have been installed.

Those who attended the meeting will be contacted once the date has been finalised.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please either phone Malcolm Woolnough on 578701 or email Sue Taylor at suethemusic@gmail.com



Oh dear!

Parking in Millfields was so bad that Father Christmas had to leave his sleigh and walk so he could arrive on time for his appointment with Toddler Group!



WangfordHelp Omicron

If you need any help, especially if you are shielding or anxious due to the new variant, simply call or email us. Email:

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

Uggeshall Community Support Omicron

If you need practical help or support, or would just like to discuss your worries about the new variant, please telephone Sarah 578519 Butt /07979 770383



Wangford Post Office

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

Please continue to wear a face covering and socially distance.

Wangford 100 Club 2021/22

Winners in the Christmas Draw were:

- 1. Geoff Pepper 2. Paul Peck
- 3. Pamela Atherton
 - 4. Mark Notton
- 5. Sharon Baldry
- 6. Gillian Clark

Winners in the January Draw were:

- 1.Carol Coram
- 2. Caroline Robertson





WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

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

Body Conditioning

Tuesdays from 9.30 - 10.30am Community Centre

Blythburgh Bowls (winter meetings) Tuesdays from 2.00 - 4.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Art Group

Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm Community Centre

Wangford Community Council Tuesday 1st February 7.45pm Community Centre

Book Club

Thursday 3rd February 8.00pm Community Centre

The Arts Society

Tuesday 8th February 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wangford with Henham Parish Council Tuesday 8th February 8.00pm Community Centre

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 10th February 2.30pm Community Centre

Uggeshall Coffee Morning Thursday 10th February 10.30am Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema

Thursday 10th February 7.00pm Old School Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Thursday 10th February 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford Wednesday 16th February

1010 - 1030am Community Centre 1035 - 1045am Church

Wangford Village Store

Monday to Saturday 8.00am - 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am - 4.00pm

Wangford Farm Shop

Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm Sunday CLOSED



Grand Henham Steam Rally

Join our team! We're looking for someone to help us secure sponsorship from local companies for our 2022 event - and beyond. Experience preferred.

Interested in this role? Please email info@henhamsteamrally.com for more details.

> This year's Rally will take place on 17/18 September at Henham Park.

Food Bank

Thank you for all your support for The Sole Bay Foodbank.

Please bring donations to John and Jan Collins house at 19 Lakeside Park Drive or phone 01502 725731 for collection.

If anyone is aware of someone in financial difficulties and/or need who could benefit from a food parcel please encourage them to contact Lowestoft Food Bank on 07307 866 146 or via email to:

info@lowestoft.foodbank. org.uk

Collection point

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

Mobile Library

The next visit is on Wednesday 16th February 10.10am at Millfields 10.35am at Wangford Church.

Wangford Vets

For your safety and ours we would like to ask you to continue to wear a facemask when entering the practice.

Although most COVID restrictions have been lifted, we wanted to make all our clients aware that we still expect owners to wear a face mask when entering our practice for appointment collection of medication.

If you cannot follow this request for health reasons, proof of exemption must be shown and you will be asked to wait outside while your pet is seen.

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FEBRUARY'S TEAM LETTER

"Sometimes strident, often tender, never afraid, and seldom without humour, Desmond Tutu's voice will always be the voice of the voiceless." Nelson Mandela

These words of former President Nelson Mandela sum up perfectly the character, determination and Christian witness of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who died on Boxing Day, 2021. The 'Arch' as he was affectionately known championed the rights of the poor, the marginalised and the oppressed both in South Africa against the Apartheid Regime, and in many countries around the world.

As a teenager I had the privilege of attending a Christian Youth Conference promoted by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, in Portsmouth and Southsea. The highlight for me was a sermon preached by Archbishop Tutu on the Saturday and I was immediately caught up in his humour, warmth and complete commitment to the Gospel and to human rights. He always spoke with confidence about the Apartheid Regime coming to an end soon because it was against God's will, and so as a result the victory had already been won. I remember that after meeting the Archbishop during a 'walk about' after the service he was taken on to his next engagement by helicopter, and I remember seeing the purple arm of his cassock waving from the helicopter as he left Southsea.

I was to hear him preach on a number of occasions but the time when I spoke to him the longest was when I was visiting a very sick friend in Lewisham Hospital in South East London, and we almost bumped into each other in the Casualty Department.

Archbishop Tutu said that a moment of revelation for him was when as a young child he witnessed the Reverend Trevor Huddleston 'doff his hat' to his mother, which in those days was unheard of and made the young impressionable Desmond realise that not all white men were the same, and that the world could indeed be different.

It is largely due to Archbishop Tutu's determination, self sacrifice and Christian discipleship, and of course of many others at the time, that the Apartheid Regime came to an end with the first democratic election in South Africa in 1994. Following the election of a new government, he was key in preventing a blood bath of retribution taking place by chairing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which encouraged perpetrators to come forward and share their stories of often terrible crimes and seek forgiveness. These encounters often left Archbishop Tutu in floods of tears.

It is amazing that in one single century South Africa produced three outstanding individuals who shook the world – Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu (two of whom were Nobel Prize Winners and lived in the same street in Soweto). They all believed that through peaceful protest and demonstrations, unjust political systems that denied the basic human rights of others could be overthrown, and the evidence from history is that this is true. May we all aspire to stand up for the oppressed and marginalised in our own society and around the world.

May Archbishop Desmond Tutu rest in eternal peace. Amen.

Rev. Alan

News from Wangford Church

Firstly, we would like to thank everybody for their generosity in buying tickets for the Christmas raffle. This raised a fantastic £285.00 for the church and the hamper was won by Mr D. Casement.

We have been fortunate to have been able to worship each week during the current Plan B lockdown restrictions, and we thank you all for your understanding regarding the various changes which we have had to implement to keep people safe. At the time of writing this, the plan is for restrictions to be eased further by the end of January and we await guidance from the Church of England before making any alterations to the current Sunday arrangements.

It is very positive to hear that the general situation with Covid-19 is getting better and we look forward to being able to plan events for the church during the spring/summer. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard to see when the monthly coffee morning can resume.

We continue to collect donations for the foodbank; please feel free to leave any items in the basket placed inside the church. Items particularly welcome at present are tinned tomatoes, tinned veg, tinned fruit, long life milk, fruit juice, coffee and tea.

Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)



News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

This month we meet on Thursday 10th from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

Uggeshall Cinema

February's film is 'The Good Liar' starring Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen on Thursday 10th. at the Old School Hall.

Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

Yoga

New to the Old School Hall - a beginners' gentle introduction to Yoga starting on Wednesday 16th February from 6.30 - 7.30pm. If you are interested, please contact Clare on 07776 365513 or at NoFrillsYoga@outlook.com

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- 1. All applicants must be **permanently resident in Uggeshall** and be registered on the Parish Council's Electoral Roll. A routine check is made.
- 2. Householders should apply for tickets to pearlfelgate@googlemail.com stating the names of those who would like a ticket, their address and contact details (phone numbers and email address), how many tickets they would like and for which day, and how they will be paying for the ticket (cash, bank transfer etc). Tickets will be strictly for the use of the registered members of that household (children 12 years and under are admitted with a child ticket; please contact Pearl Felgate for further details).
- 2. The price of the concessionary tickets is determined by the Latitude Festival organisers, Festival Republic Ltd. They allow no price variance.
- 3. Close of registration is midnight on 10th April 2022. Cancellation of ticket requests may only be made before this time. Thereafter, the sale stands in law and must be concluded with the purchase of tickets requested.

News from Sotherton

St Andrew's

Do join us for our Communion service on Sunday 20th February at 9.30am.

John Robin Grummitt RIP

The funeral service for John, who died peacefully in James Paget Hospital on November 21st at the age of 83, took place at Waveney Memorial Park and Crematorium on 13th December.

John was born in Lowestoft in 1938, and was brought up by his grandmother as his parents were on active service. He attended Roman Hill Boys' School, but was not evacuated, and thus lived through the bombing and rationing. John left school at the age of 14, and lied about his age so he could go to sea. He gradually worked his way up to become a trawler skipper. This was a hazardous occupation, as he often sailed in the waters around Iceland - but especially dangerous for John, as he couldn't swim!

In the 1960s he married Jean, and they had four daughters. In 1970 John and Jean went their separate ways, and he came ashore, working as a taxi driver, and later on HGVs. He met Audrey, with whom he had a daughter, Donna, and they moved out to Wangford.

When Audrey had a stroke, and passed away in 2001, John moved to Wrentham, but returned a few years ago to his forever home in Millfields, Wangford. He made friends, and joined in with activities, including Lunch Club. For as long as he was able, he got about in his electric wheelchair and buggy, shopping, taking his little dog for walks, and enjoying chatting to everyone he met.

He will be much missed by his daughters and grandchildren. Donations in John's memory were made to East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Wangford Community Council

Community Centre Improvements

In addition to the refurbishment of the Snooker Hall, we have also redecorated and re-carpeted the Committee Room, installed new lighting, and acquired new upholstered chairs and window blinds. Matching blinds have replaced the curtains in the Bar, where we hope also to improve the lighting in the near future.

Christmas Lights

A big thank-to to Nick, Colin and the team for installing the display of lights at the Community Centre, and for setting up and lighting the tree at Pound Corner. Thanks also to Walter for providing the site and power for the tree, and to Kevin Oram at Marsh Farm Christmas Trees for selecting and delivering it.

Malcolm Woolnough





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ABRAHAM

I am not a royalist and when I have given thought to our royal family, which is hard to avoid given the regular sycophantic outpourings from the rags, I have ruminated now and then on why the great British public are subsidising so many freeloaders who have no discernible talents to display or contributions to give to Britain and are merely there by reason of birthright. Leave them alone, protest the diehards, they are attracting millions of tourists who aid our economy for the cost of a few pence from every citizen. Terrific value for money. Well, perhaps. Hold on though. I haven't watched Queenie give her Christmas Day speech for many years but somehow I did this (last year) and I was unashamedly moved. There, I've said it. Other than the mild criticism that a little smile would not have gone amiss I thought it uplifting and inspirational. May there be many more. That probably makes me a sentimental old monarchist after all.

I do try to be grammatically sound in these scribbles but fall short regularly, expecting the sainted editor to pick up and correct the trifling peccadillos. So what about the howler in last month's issue, when I referred to a 'surprise' being 'unexpected'? Aren't all surprises unexpected? A daft piece of tautology; as my old report card put it - must do better. (Ed. - mea culpa)

Being a committed anglophile (after fifty three years in old Blighty, how could I fail to be?) and a professional Fifer to boot, I would nonetheless concede that at this time of year I would be remiss if I did not scribble a few words about one of the three greatest Scotsmen ever.

As the strains of that universal song of friendship, Auld Lang Syne fade away, it is timely to remember Scotland's national bard. On or near his birthday on the 25th January his life is celebrated all over the world. Because the Scots are well travelled it is not fanciful to suggest that Robert Burns is as well loved, if not more so, than any other poet who lived and rhymed. The words of Auld Lang Syne are not only known off by heart by maudlin whisky-soaked jocks in foreign fields but by every nation. There never will be another Burns, despite what that sneering Jeremy Paxman called him - 'no more than a king of sentimental doggerel'. Born in Alloway, he died in Dumfries on 21st July 1796 aged 37. There is little doubt that he loved women and socialising with his friends. He had a measure of success with his writing while he lived but never nearly enough. He was a farmer, and an exciseman, but always struggled financially. He was buried in a simple grave in a corner of St Michael's kirkyard on the day his son Maxwell was born. Eventually funds were raised to build a more impressive mausoleum in a more prominent position in the churchyard and Burns' coffin was moved there, his wife Jean joining him in 1834. Burns epitomises all that is great about Scotland, his words lifting hearts and spirits. In his own humble way, he made the world a better place.

A man who could make things new for the gods themselves (J. M. Barrie on Robert Burns)

4th Sunday before Lent Sunday 6th February Wangford Holy Communion (CW) 11.15 am ш 6.00 pm Uggeshall Evening Prayer (BCP) Sunday 13th February 3rd Sunday before Lent 11.15 am Wangford Holy Communion (CW) 6.00 pm Uggeshall Evening Prayer (BCP) ш Sunday 20th February 2nd Sunday before Lent 9.30am Sotherton Holy Communion (CW) 11.15 am Wangford Holy Communion (CW) 6.00 pm Uggeshall Evening Prayer (BCP) Sunday 27th February Sunday next before Lent 11.15 am Wangford Family@Church 6.00 pm Uggeshall Holy Communion (BCP) All services from St Margaret's, Reydon are livestreamed via YouTube.

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2022 series continues on Tuesday 8th February when Anne Anderson will speak on

'Nordic Spirit: Grieg, Ibsen and Munch'.

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

Suffolk Wildlife Trust (Blyth Valley and Southwold)

'Wildlife of Costa Rica'

Speaker: Ian Barthorpe

Thursday 10th February at 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Cost: £3.00 (including refreshments); under 25s free

Book Club

We next meet on Thursday 3rd February to discuss Francis Spufford's "Light Perpetual" at 8pm in the Community Centre.

Gill Smith 578620

Afternoon Teas

Thank you to all involved in this very pleasant new venture.

Fay Shephard

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FEBRUARY 2022 CENTRE DIARY

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1st Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
3rd Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
	Book Club	Hall	8.00pm
7th Feb	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
8th Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
10th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Afternoon Tea	Hall	2.30-4.30pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
12th Feb	Private Hire	Hall	11am-5pm tbc
14th Feb	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
15th Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
	Artmarkers East	Hall	10.00-3.00pm
17th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
21st Feb	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
22nd Feb	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
24th Feb	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Private Hire	Hall	10.00-3.00pm
28th Feb	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	7.30-9.30pm

COVID Latest from the government

England has returned to Plan A. You should continue to protect yourself and others.

- There is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering. The government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet.
- Get vaccinated and get your booster dose.
- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer.
- Get tested and self-isolate if required.

