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informed"*

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WANGFORD UGGESHALL SOTHERTON

# Messenger

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



*Cheques for £500 presented to local charities First Responders (left) and Access Community Trust for the Homeless (right) from the proceeds of the Uggeshall Teas.*



*Father Christmas dropped in to Wangford Toddlers*

2018 people



*Basil, as he does every year, pays his respects on Remembrance Day to all the animals killed in warfare. (With Marion Tilney)*



*Gill and Sharon rushed off their feet providing Flower Festival teas from the new servery in Wangford church!*

## 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 [booking.wcc@outlook.com](mailto:booking.wcc@outlook.com)

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

Please note the revised email address

## Wangford Church Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 22nd January at 10.45 in the Community Centre.

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

## Fly the Flag in Celebration and support Wangford Church Restoration Fund



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## WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

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

Wangford Art Group  
Thursdays from 9.30 am Community Centre  
(starting on January 10th)

Knitting Group  
Thursday 3rd January 2.30 pm Community Centre

Book Club  
Thursday 3rd January 8.00 pm Community Centre

The Arts Society Southwold  
Tuesday 8th January 2.00pm St. Edmunds Hall

Singing Group  
Wednesday 9th January 10.30 am Community Centre

Uggeshall Garden Club  
Wednesday 9th January 7.30 pm The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema  
Thursday 10th January 7.00 for 7.15 pm  
The Old School Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust  
Thursday 10th January 7.30pm  
St Edmund's Hall Southwold.  
The River Waveney and its wildlife: Cost: £3

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

Lunch Club  
Tuesday 15th January 12.30 pm Community Centre

Wangford Coffee Morning  
Tuesday 22nd January 10.45 am Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast  
Saturday 26th January 8.45 am Community Centre

## WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

Wrentham Village Hall on  
Saturday 26th January

## BOOK CLUB

This light-hearted film about four lifelong friends whose lives change for ever after reading 'Fifty Shades of Grey' stars Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen. (Cert 12)

Doors open at 7.00 pm for refreshments. Film screens at 7.30 pm. £4.50 including refreshments.

## First Thursday Knitting Group

Our next meeting is on Thursday 3rd January at 2.30 pm in the Community Centre.

New members are always welcome.

*Valerie Beckett 578487*

## Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting is at Wangford Community Centre on Saturday 26th January. The topic is 'The life of a hospital chaplain at the James Paget Hospital'.

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

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 24th if you wish to join us.  
8.45 for 9.00 am

## 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 100 Club 2018

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5. Audrey Lamb
6. Clare Hart



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## News from Wangford Church

### Visit to St Edmundsbury Cathedral



*Those chocolate brownies look good!*

On Sunday 7th October 42 members of the Sole Bay Team of churches visited our Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds.

We received a warm welcome from the new Dean, The Very Reverend Joe Hawes. We were divided into 3 groups for a tour and then attended Evensong where the music was principally by Charles Hubert Parry, the centenary of whose death was being commemorated on that very day. It came as no surprise that the last hymn was Jerusalem, which was sung with great gusto. After Evensong the cathedral laid on a tea which was well received by everyone who attended.

## News from Sotherton

The normal pattern of services at St Andrew's resumes on Sunday 20th January at 9.30 am. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

On 11th December, the Wangford Village "oldies" were treated to a delicious Christmas feast. It was much appreciated by everyone, so please, a big thank-you to the team who cooked, served and entertained us all as we sang the usual Christmas songs and enjoyed the ring of hand-bells from a talented group of ringers!

On behalf of the assembled company, a VERY BIG thank-you.

*Jean Burns and Mike Jennings*

*Editor: Thanks also to The Village Store for the wine, and Wangford Farm Shop for raffle prizes*

### PATRICIA ARLENE WERNHAM RIP

A large congregation of family, friends and neighbours gathered in Wangford church on 26th October to celebrate the life of Pat, who died on 10th October. The service was very much a family occasion, with readings from Sara and Richard, the eulogy delivered by grandson Alex, immaculate in his RAF uniform, and granddaughter Tilly's beautiful singing of 'Over the Rainbow'.

Born in Beckenham, Kent in 1932, Pat's and her sister Daphne's childhoods were overshadowed by the war. Her father, who in peacetime owned a sawmill in Surrey Docks, served in the merchant navy on the convoys, as he had in the WW1. Pat was close to her father, and had a lifelong love of wood and the smell of sawdust.

She worked at the Bank of England where she was one of the first women to be allowed to serve customers. She loved the job, but as was customary in such archaic institutions in those days, she had to leave when she started a family. She and David had met on a crowded train on the way to work, and he remained devoted to her right up to his death in 2017. They first came to Wangford on holiday early in their marriage, and then became 2nd homers, loading Toby, Sara, 3 cats and 3 dogs into the car every other Friday night until they eventually settled in the village.

Family was very important to Pat, and she looked after her sister's three younger children when Daphne's older daughter was hospitalised with congenital heart problems. When they all eventually went to live in Australia, Pat missed them very much, but she and David did manage to visit them.

Pat hated to be the centre of attention, and could usually be found behind the scenes, often in the kitchen. She enjoyed cooking, and the success of the Wangford Mother and Toddler group was partly due to the cakes she provided every week. She refused to accept her age, and continued to serve at the monthly Lunch Club despite being somewhat older than many of those attending. She was also a stalwart of the Village Pantry at the Henham Steam Rally.

Pat was very artistic, and tried many different activities at adult education classes. However, her greatest love was sewing, and especially quilting. Having made numerous quilts over the years, she was enormously proud that the Frolics, the group she belonged to, won the group quilt category at the National Quilt Show in Birmingham in 2017.

Pat refused to even acknowledge her illness; the 'c' word was banned. Alex felt that she ran off pure willpower for her last few years, and that "the reaper came many times and was promptly told to sod off". She was able to spend her last two weeks at home, visited by friends and surrounded by her family, just as she wanted.

Pat was buried with David in the churchyard. Donations in her memory were to Friends of Southwold Library.

## News from Uggeshall

### Uggeshall Cinema

Firstly, a big thank you to all those who came to the first showing. The result of the voting to choose the next film was:

The Martian = 1  
Guernsey Literary = 4  
Three Billboards = 5  
The Greatest Showman = 10

So, the next screening will be *The Greatest Showman* on Thursday 10th January.

Please note the start time of 7.15pm; the running time is 105 minutes. There will be an interval and we may even have a second feature! Refreshments will be available, and seating is on a first-come first-served basis. A donation of £3 in aid of the Hall is suggested.

Please let me know if you plan to attend and also if you would like to suggest a film for us to vote for next.

Matt Grady matt@ultimetfilms.com

### Uggeshall Coffee Morning

This month we meet on Thursday 13th January from 10.30 am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.



*Enjoying the November Coffee Morning*

### Wangford Parish Council

The Parish Council has recently received a number of complaints relating to dog fouling on the village playing fields, allotments and children's play areas. We acknowledge that the vast majority of dog owners are acting responsibly, but clearly there is a small number who are either allowing their dogs off-lead or are walking their dogs on-lead but failing to clear up after them. Owners are reminded that dogs are NOT allowed in the small children's play area at any time and that failing to clear up after dogs in all other areas is a punishable offence with a maximum fine of £1000.

The Council therefore asks everyone to be vigilant and report any evidence of this anti-social and potentially health-hazardous practice. Abuse of the current regulations could result in a change of existing dog exercising rules in future reviews.



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### Wangford Community Council Christmas Lights

Thank you to Nick and Kevin for the fine display of lights at the Community Centre, and, assisted by Geoff Fisk, for setting up and lighting the tree at Pound Corner. Thanks also to Walter for providing the site for the tree and the electricity, and to Uggeshall Farms and Carl Chapman for selecting and delivering it.

### Community Council Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for your continued help and support. There will be the usual three events this year, starting with the Bumper Bric-a-Brac and Jumble Bonanza on Saturday 23rd March.

### Quiz Night

Many thanks to the Wangford Fundraising Group for the Quiz on 5th December, which raised £404.50 for Community Council Funds. A good time was had by all.

*Malcolm Woolnough*

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# ABRAHAM

Am I missing something? The recent article about a pupil from an Ipswich high school being suspended because he was suspected of being over-age smacked of near hysteria. 'Concerned Year 11's posted on Snapchat about a fellow student who they claimed was over 18'. Mr Martin, the local MP, is reported as blaming the Home Office for not getting their act together, and the newspaper is also 'posing key questions.....to the Ormiston Academies Trust over the issue'. The pupil 'is believed to be an asylum seeker from the Middle East'. He is also believed to be between 18 and 30 years old. There is no suggestion that he is perverse, odd, or subversive or taking a place reserved for another pupil. That being so, should we not be commending him for his enterprising spirit in attempting to be educated, thus turning himself into a literate, meaningful citizen in order to assimilate the better into the English ways and ending up as a decent, educated member of society?

On 11th November a lovely wee television programme entitled 'Britain's Poppies' went out. A small portion was dedicated to the weeping

windows display (the first in Scotland) at St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall, and also dealt with the new memorial wall commemorating the men who lost their lives along with Lord Kitchener when his ship HMS Hampshire sank off Marwick Head in Orkney. Aside from seeing Andy, our son-in-law speak about the disaster, it featured, very movingly, my late chum, Philip Hayes, talking about, and looking at his grandfather's name on the wall. As I say, for a number of reasons, extremely moving.

Smashing also, to see a programme about The Proclaimers, 'This is The Story'. K. T. Tunstall, another splendid singer brought up and shaped in Fife remarked that 'Flower of Scotland' is nice but that the Scottish national anthem should be 'I'm gonna be (500 miles)'. And who would have thought that 'Sunshine on Leith' would turn out to be a football song sung by Hibs' supporters? The twins were referred to as the boys from Auchtermuchty. Ah well, I shall just have to live with that.

Some recent cracker-barrel advice from Ofsted's Chief Inspector. Apparently a rising

number of children are starting school without being able to carry out basic functions like communicating and using the lavatory. "This is difficult for teachers, disruptive for other children and has a terrible social impact on the children affected," she says. "This is wrong. Toilet training is the role of parents and carers and should not be left to schools. Only in the most extreme cases should parents be excused from this most basic of parenting." Well, lots to get your teeth into there, such as what would constitute extreme cases? That aside, is she being paid to trot out such obvious stuff? Listen, missus, teachers have been telling you this for years and nothing has come of it. Which no doubt explains in part why many are leaving in their droves. Now that you have discovered this amazing piece of news will anything be done? Of course not.

Let old Abe finish the year on an upbeat note. In the words of a song written by Boudleaux Bryant and recorded by Bob Luman in 1965 :

"Let's forget about the whinin' and the cryin'  
And the shooting and the dying  
And the fellow with the switchblade knife  
Let's think about living  
Let's think about life".

We have just begun a new year and can almost still hear the echo of millions of people singing 'Auld Lang Syne', Burns' great ode to friendship. Let us allow hope to be renewed, admiring the enduring optimism of the work of Robert Burns. And like him let us dream of a brotherhood that embraces all humankind and allows all people to enjoy their god-given rights, dignity and freedom.

Happy New Year to everyone.

*Abraham*

## The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2019 series of lectures commences on Tuesday 8th January when Elizabeth Merry will speak on Travels in Rajasthan with Rudyard Kipling : Palaces and Temples, Monuments and Forts in the Land of Kings.

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## Suffolk Wildlife Trust (Southwold)

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Sunday 13th January	Baptism of Christ
11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 20th January	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
9.30 am Sotherton	Eucharist (CW)
11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
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## JANUARY 2019 CENTRE DIARY

3rd Jan	Post Office	Bar	1.00 - 3.00pm
3rd Jan	Knitting Group	Cttee Room	2.30 - 4.00pm
3rd Jan	Yoga	Hall	7.15 - 8.15pm
3rd Jan	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
4th Jan	Yoga	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
7th Jan	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
8th Jan	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
8th Jan	Post Office	Bar	10.00 - 12noon
8th Jan	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.00pm
8th Jan	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
9th Jan	Wingers Singing Group	Hall	10.30-2.30pm
9th Jan	GHSR Meeting	Cttee Room	8.00pm
10th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
10th Jan	Post Office	Bar	1.00 - 3.00pm
10th Jan	Yoga	Hall	7.15 - 8.15pm
11th Jan	Yoga	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
12th Jan	Private Hire	Hall	3.30 - 6.30pm
14th Jan	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
14th Jan	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
15th Jan	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
15th Jan	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
15th Jan	Post Office	Bar	10.00 - 12noon
16th Jan	Benacre Bowls League	Cttee Room	7.00 - 8.00pm
17th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
17th Jan	Post Office	Bar	1.00 - 3.00pm
17th Jan	Yoga	Hall	7.15 - 8.15pm
18th Jan	Yoga	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
21st Jan	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
21st Jan	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
22nd Jan	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
22nd Jan	Post Office	Bar	10.00 - 12noon
22nd Jan	Coffee Morning	Hall	10.30 - 12noon
22nd Jan	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.00pm
23rd Jan	PCC Meeting	Cttee Room	9.30 - 12noon
23rd Jan	Barber	Cttee Room	2.00 - 5.00pm
24th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
24th Jan	Post Office	Bar	1.00 - 3.00pm
24th Jan	Yoga	Hall	7.15 - 8.15pm
25th Jan	Yoga	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
26th Jan	Mens Breakfast Club	Bar	8.30 - 10.30am
28th Jan	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
28th Jan	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
28th Jan	Blythvally Labour	Cttee Room	8.00pm
29th Jan	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
29th Jan	Post Office	Bar	10.00 - 12noon
31st Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
31st Jan	Post Office	Bar	1.00 - 3.00pm
31st Jan	Yoga	Hall	7.15 - 8.15pm

Barber's next visit - 27th February