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Christmas Lunch

After Covid, it was a great treat to come together in the Community Centre for our Christmas Lunch, cooked and served by the staff and students of East Coast College catering department. 60 guests enjoyed a fine dining experience with delicious food and professional service.



Exquisite table settings transformed the Community Centre into a first-class restaurant



Chef lecturer David Patterson and his young chef team.



The front-of-house team, who received a well-deserved round of applause from the diners.

Thanks

Everyone involved with the village Christmas Lunch deserves appreciation from all who attended. The students from East Coast College were a superb example of high standards being set as the norm for local catering establishments in the future. It is recognised locally that establishments sometimes cease providing meals because they cannot find qualified staff. These students have demonstrated that they can help solve those problems. Well done!

Thanks to Sue Taylor and her team who organised the event in Wangford so effectively, leaving 60 diners anxiously hoping that it can be repeated in a year's time.

The Wangford Observer.

P.S. May 2023 be a better year than 2022 for everyone.

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(See page 7
for more details)

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Wangford Parent and Toddler Group

Mondays 9.30 - 11.30am Community Centre

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Tuesdays from 9.30 - 10.30am Community Centre

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Wednesdays from 7.30 to 8.30pm Community Centre

Wangford Art Group

Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm Community Centre

Yoga

Thursdays from 6.30 to 7.30pm Community Centre

Book Club

Thursday 5th January 8.00pm Community Centre

The Arts Society

Tuesday 10th January 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wangford with Henham Parish Council

Tuesday 10th January 8.00pm Community Centre

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th January 10.30am Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema

Thursday 12th January 7.00pm Old School Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Thursday 12th January 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford

Wednesday 18th January

1010 - 1030am Community Centre

1035 - 1045am Church

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

Wednesday 18th January 10.30am - 12 noon

Wangford Men's Breakfast

Saturday 21st January 8.45am The Angel Inn

Blyth Valley Labour

Monday 23rd January 7.30pm Community Centre

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 26th January 2.30pm Community Centre

Wrentham Film Night

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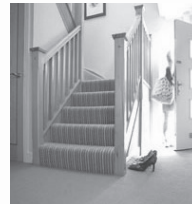
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We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and that everybody enjoys a happy and healthy 2023. We still pray that some of the problems at home and around the world start to ease soon to make lives easier for us all.

The Coffee Mornings in church will continue to run this year on the third Wednesday of every month, so the next one is on January 18th. Coffee mornings are open to all and the 100 Club draw and monthly raffle will be drawn there.

There were also two very successful flower arranging courses in the church in November and December and we hope that these may continue this year (dates will be confirmed).

We look forward to welcoming you to the church during 2023.

Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)

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Please see flyer delivered with the January Messenger or go to the easyfundraising website.

With grateful thanks for your support.

Karen Hale, Edna Utting, & Sheila Scholes (01502 578661), Wangford Parochial Church Council.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

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'East Anglia's Changing Coastline'

Speaker: Adam Burrows from Natural England

Thursday 12th January 7.30pm

Southwold Arts Centre

Cost: £4 (including refreshments); under 25s free

All are welcome.

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

Coffee Mornings return on January 12th from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

Uggeshall Cinema

The cinema will be back on Thursday 12th January with 'The Duke' - postponed from November. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm

Matt Grady

Festive Foodbank donation

A big thank you to the Uggeshall PCC for helping this much needed charity this year for local people in need. All the luxury items were made up into special Xmas bags for individuals, couples and families who have to make ends meet. These were given out in December on top of their basic Foodbank boxes. I have personally given these out in the past and the recipients are always very, very grateful as they do not expect it, and there are often happy tears. Which is heartwarming in return.

Linda Hill

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2023 series begins on Tuesday 10th January when Daniel Robbins will speak on

'Frederic, Lord Leighton : Eminent Victorian Artist'

Lectures commence at 2.00pm in Southwold Arts Centre.

Visitors and Members' guests are welcome.

Wangford Mens' Breakfast

We next meet on Saturday 21st January at the Angel, when Phil Grigg will celebrate an historic birthday for Amazing Grace and tales of the errant vicar of Olney, Bucks.

All are welcome, 8.45 for 9.00am.

Contact me via email: johnscholes@hotmail.com.

Moving On

It has been announced that after 12 happy years in Sole Bay, Simon Pitcher has been appointed as the new Rector of Lavenham and Preston St Mary. Simon will end his ministry in Sole Bay at the end of February, and start in Lavenham at the end of March. Please pray for Simon and Irene as they prepare for this move.

NEWS FROM WANGFORD VETS

New - Paws Go Places Transport Service

With our clinic situated in a rural area, a transport service is something we have thought about and wanted to provide for a long time. With limited public transport and not everyone having access to a car, attending appointments usually means asking family or neighbours. We know that some local taxi services prefer not to take pets and coordinating a bus timetable with an appointment is difficult to say the least, even if you are lucky enough to be on a bus route. With this in mind, we are pleased to be able to offer a safe, reliable and personal option for pet owners in the area.

Autumn saw the launch of our new transport service 'Paws Go Places' which is fronted by Debbie, who has previously had a career in the Ambulance Service.

Travel is tailored to your pet's individual needs and Debbie is DBS checked, fully insured, a genuine animal lover and an experienced driver.

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Our friendly drivers are genuine animal lovers, who have a wealth of experience and completely understand the bond that people share with their pets.. Pet hair and a few muddy footprints are OK with us!

To find out more about this service call Debbie on 01502 579000 or call the Wangford Vets reception on 01502 578999. Cost of transport is based on mileage.

We are also able to deliver your pet's medication, food and orders from our online shop. For prescription deliveries you can call reception to order your pets medication and ask for Paws Go Places Delivery - the cost for this service is £3.50



Debbie and Chorkie

Dedicated Out Of Hours Care

The Wangford Veterinary Clinic team are committed to providing compassionate and continual care for your pet 24/7. Up until now, many of you will be aware, that some of our day Vets and Nurses have also covered out of hours emergencies on a call out basis. We now have a dedicated night and weekend team of Vets and Nurses to look after your pets out of normal working hours, whether for patients in our hospital care or emergency appointments requiring treatment. These clinicians will stay on the premises throughout the night and weekends to deliver the constant care we strive to provide.

Our out of hours emergency care night team consists of Veterinary Surgeons: Lyn, Eva and Jenny and Veterinary Nurses Emily G, Desiree and Megan.

Out of hours weekend and bank holiday day team consists of Veterinary Surgeons, Walter and Galina and Veterinary Nurses, Estelle, Jessica and Lauren.

To continue the personal standard of care for their patients, the night vets will continue to provide some day appointments too, on a rota basis, so please do book in advance to see a regular vet.

For emergencies or urgent veterinary advice out of our usual opening times, please call our normal number on 01502 578999, where you will be transferred to one of the members of our team.



Santa Paws Appeal

A massive thank you to the lovely lady who made and donated all of these beautiful soft blankets to our Santa Paws Appeal for rescue cats to cuddle up in (see left). They will be much appreciated.

Cheryl and Angie's Christmas Charity Raffle

Our raffle at the Wangford Christmas Bazaar raised £109.00. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. We were able to make up 15 bags of hats, gloves, snoods, socks, toiletries and treats which were kindly distributed to the homeless in Lowestoft by Sam's Café in Bevan Street.

The generosity of local people has helped so many. Once again, a big thank you.

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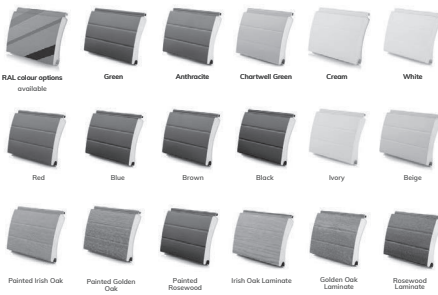
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Book Club

At our December meeting we discussed Barbara Erskine's "Sleeper's Castle" which met with a mixed response from our readers. Some reported that they had tried to continue with the book (it was very long) but found the characters and subject matter rather tedious. We did agree that the historical events in Wales and the war with England fought on the borders were vivid. The Welsh prince Owain Glendower had an enormous following and relied on his seers and bards to tell him the outcome of the war. He came to realise that his seers told him what he wanted to hear and not that both sides would suffer huge losses. There were personal losses too. The narrative wound the story of 15th century Catrin and her father Daffydd with that of Miranda and her late partner's murderous ex-wife. Old ghosts and voices from the past interspersed with modern-day tragedy and skirmishes. There were definitely parts that were unbelievable and where you could not abandon rational thought to accept the narrative, although some found once you entered the story you were strangely drawn into the storytelling. Catrin and Miranda's lives became entwined with Miranda being able to dream/time travel back to the past and although she could not change what had been, she found a way to a peace that would allow the ghosts of Sleeper's Castle to rest. Intriguing ideas of how the past always informs the present and blurring the lines of what we think we know.

We next meet on Thursday 5th January at 8 pm in the Community Centre. We will briefly discuss Mike Gayle's "The Man I Think I Know" before indulging in a post-Christmas celebration with refreshments and games. We abandoned the idea of a quiz based on the books we have read over the past 12 months as our last attempt was disastrous and our recall even more so!

Gill Smith 578620

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st January	2nd Sunday of Christmas
11.00 am Southwold	New Year Team Service
Sunday 8th January	Epiphany
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 15th January	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
9.30 am Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 22nd January	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
11.15 am Wangford	Morning Prayer (BCP)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 29th January	4th Sunday of Epiphany
11.15 am Wangford	Team Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)

ABRAHAM

I like Christmas time and all the attendant shennannigans - the pageantry, the church festivities, the glory of celebrating the birth of Jesus (although it is generally accepted that he was not born on 25th December), the jollity and the chance, if we needed it, to forget about one's troubles, pains and miseries.

So, I have been trying to cast my mind back almost eighty years to see if I remember what it meant to me once upon a time; Dad coming home after work on Christmas Day and then eating Christmas lunch is an early memory. You see, Christmas Day was not a public holiday back then in the land of the barbarians, just as New Year's Day was not in dear old Blighty, both of us doing each other a favour much later by bestowing upon one another a small piece of civilisation.

Presents loomed large for us children on the day. Nothing wildly extravagant, mind you. Which reminds me of the cartoon in recent times of the ancient grand-pa looking down on the child and remarking how lucky the youth was, because in his day he received little more in his stocking than an apple and an orange. To which the youngster rejoined with, "so nothing new there, I also got an i-pad and a mobile phone". There would be books. Who remembers the 'Buffalo Bill Annual' and the 'Eagle' omnibus? The 'Dandy' and the 'Beano', still with us in some form, but where are you now Dan Dare (and arch-enemy Mekon), Harris Tweed, extra special agent, the Cutaway features, P.C.49, and tons of other scrumptious goodies? Mercifully too, Oor Wullie and the Broons are yet with us. As well as the inevitable half-crown, there would be sweets in the stocking. I checked and goodness me, you can still buy a Cadbury Selection Box.

There had to be snow to make the big day memorable, and there usually was. I remember well - how could I forget - the snows of '47? I was just over three years old then, when I opened the front door and this white wall fell on me.

Happy days? Don't be silly, they were cold, wet and miserable. That was then, this is now. By the time you read this, the Christmas festivities will be over and 2023 will be upon us. It only remains for me therefore to hope that you had a fine time with your families and friends and wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Abraham

Wangford Community Council

This year's three sales have raised £647.62 for Community Council funds, as well as helping the other good causes financially through their stalls.

We will be back in March with our Spring Sale.

Best wishes for the 2023.

Malcolm Woolnough

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JANUARY 2023 CENTRE DIARY

3rd Jan	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
5th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
	Book Group	Cttee Room	8.00pm
9th Jan	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
10th Jan	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
11th Jan	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 9.00pm
12th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30 -7.30pm
16th Jan	Toddlers	Hall	9.30 -11.30am
17th Jan	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	12.00-3.30pm
18th Jan	Private Hire	Hall	3.30-6.00pm
	Benacre League AGM	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
	Salsa	Cttee Room	7.30-9.00pm
19th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30- 12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
20th Jan	GHSR	Hall	7.30pm
23rd Jan	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	7.30-9.00pm
24th Jan	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
25th Jan	Salsa	Hall	7.30-9.00pm
	GHSR	Bar	8.00pm
26th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
27th Jan	Private Hire	Hall	7.00 - 9.30pm
30th Jan	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-1130am
31st Jan	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon