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Wangford Book Exchange Progress

You may have seen that the old telephone box in Wangford High Street has been transformed. The telephone was decommissioned about five years ago and the box was adopted by the Parish Council.



Local resident Linda Pepper asked the Parish Council if she could turn it into a free book exchange, and this was agreed unanimously. Linda enlisted the help of another Wangford resident Andy Atherton who has been extremely enthusiastic and busy. He has made shelves, removed all of the loose paint, sealed all

of the windows and repaired the wooden framed door. Linda and Andy then painted inside and out with three coats of paint. The project is almost complete as we are just waiting for two Perspex inserts with 'Wangford' and 'Book Exchange' on them. Once these are installed the Book Exchange will be filled with donated books that are in good condition.

The Parish Council and Linda would like to say a special thank you to Andy for his hard work, enthusiasm and dedication in making this project happen.

If you have any books that you wish to donate, please contact Linda Pepper on 01502 578805 to arrange collection.

Uggeshall Country Teas

After 2020's enforced break, the Teas are back in a slightly different format this year. They will be held at the Old School Hall in Uggeshall on one weekend only, Saturday 31st July and Sunday 1st August, but with extended opening, from 12 noon to 5.00pm. There will be the usual large Brica-Brac and Plant stalls. As usual, car parking is free.

This will be a COVID secure environment, and social distancing, seating /groupings will be dependent on government guidance in force at the time. It will help if you come earlier or later than normal; at busy times, please be prepared to wait outside.

All proceeds will be shared between St Mary's Church, Uggeshall, Wrentham 1st Responders, and Access Community Trust for the homeless.

Working Party Needed!

Weeding Wangford Greening Project

Sunday 4th July between 10.00am and 12.00pm
at the Community Centre Garden

If you have some time to spare and would like to help with socially distanced weeding of the new hedges and beds your efforts would be much appreciated. The recent rain and warm weather has made the grass grow really quickly. Meet Geoff Pepper on site and find out what needs to be removed and what needs to stay.

Please wear gloves and if possible bring a small garden fork or hand fork. There will be a tea, coffee and cake break mid-way through.

INFORMATION

Wangford Village Store

Monday to Saturday
8.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday 8.00am - 4.00pm

- * Face coverings must be worn.
- * Only 4 customers are allowed in the shop at any one time
- * Please keep your distance from others, and observe the 2m rule and floor grid



Wangford Post Office

Tuesdays

from 10.00am - 12 noon

Thursdays

from 1.00 - 3.00pm

at the Community Centre

Barber

Stewart Sharman's next visit will be on Wednesday 7th July from 2.00 to 4.00pm in the Community Centre.

If you need Stewart to make a home visit, please ring him on 01502 218838 to arrange for it on the same day. He is fully PPE compliant, and you will need to wear a face covering.

Mobile Library

The next visit is on Wednesday 7th July.

10.10am at Millfields

10.35am at Wangford Church.

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Pale coloured pets, in particular white cats, are vulnerable to sunburn, especially on their ears, noses and sparsely haired areas.

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You can prevent this by using sun protection - but only ever use pet-safe sun cream.

Wangford 100 Club 2021

Winners in the June Draw were

1. Linda Pepper
2. Audrey Rush
3. Dan Smith



Food Bank

Please continue to donate to the Lowestoft Food Bank. This can be done by leaving food with John and Jan Collins, 19 Lakeside Park Drive, Reydon or phoning 01502 725731.

Help with delivery

If anyone would like help to deliver their donations to Jan Collins, Valerie Beckett would happily help when she takes her own every Friday morning.

For more details please contact her on 578987.

Collection point

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

Wangford Community Centre

Because we cannot ensure a completely COVID-safe environment, we do not plan to open the Community Centre for non-essential bookings. until July 19th - government restrictions permitting.

Wangford Community Centre Bookings

New email address

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JULY'S TEAM LETTER

Road Maps, Mazes and Labyrinths: "Solvitur Ambulando" It is solved by walking (St Augustine of Hippo)

We've been living a life defined by the Covid Road map for so long it's hard to think that, by the time you read this, such restrictions may have been lifted. However, the twists and turns of the Pandemic cause continued uncertainty. I feel the Covid journey has been more 'Maze' than 'Road Map', due to heart-breaking, tragic consequences of blind ends, false starts, stops, of difficult choices about routes taken and when. The vaccine has been a beacon of hope, but sadly not shared equitably worldwide.



In contrast, I've been reading and thinking about the centering prayerfulness derived from walking a Labyrinth. While maze and labyrinth are often used interchangeably, there is a key difference: **A Labyrinth is a complex, circuitous path that leads from a beginning point to the centre, there is only one path in, and from the central point the same path is followed out.** Used since ancient times, a Christian version in Chartres cathedral (pictured) dates from around 1200 and was used as reflective, meditative space for local 'pilgrimage', when travel to the Holy Land was costly and dangerous.

At the Labyrinth entrance, you (the 'pilgrim') choose a focus for prayer or reflection and, starting your journey, walk slowly following the path that progresses toward the centre. Unlike a maze, there is a single path, no tricks and turns to deceive or deflect; yet the path reverses time and again, apparently taking you away from the centre before bringing you back until the still centre is reached. Taking time to reflect in the centre prepares you for the outward journey carrying new insight, learning and intention with you.

Such a journey reflects the weft and warp of our lives and can reveal what we put at the centre: the turns allow a chance to re-orientate and pray; pauses make space for a glimmer of insight or shaft of joy. Walking in faith, Christ walks with us and restores us and we know he is "The Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6).

As part of a small working group, we are exploring options for holding a local Labyrinth prayer and worship event. If you are interested in engaging in this project, please let Sarah or myself know: sarah@wallington-smith.net or judym61@btinternet.com

Rev. Judy Miller

News from Wangford Church

The announcement by the Prime Minister that most Covid regulations and social distancing measures are to stay in force until July 19th means that the current arrangements in church will remain for a few more weeks; we thank everybody for their patience. My fingers are crossed that it will not be too long before we can socialise after services and even sing again. Many thanks to Sue and to the choir members who have tried to provide as much music as we have been allowed to have in services during the lockdown period.

Flowers

The flowers in the church always look lovely and Beryl Meldrum looks after this for us. Like most things these days though, flowers seem to be getting more expensive so if any green-fingered villagers who grow flowers or foliage for cutting in their gardens/allotments have surplus that they would like to donate to the church, please do contact Beryl on 578766.

Also, if anybody would like to make a donation for a flower arrangement in church to mark a special occasion, please do contact Beryl or alternatively Sheila on 578661.

Rumour by Angela Lawrence

On Saturday August 21st at 3pm, Angela Lawrence will be discussing her book 'Rumour' which is a fascinating but tragic true story of two lives lost to rumour when William Smith, the much loved Headmaster at Henham and Wangford School was wrongly accused of spying at the beginning of the First World War. He is now interred with his wife Alma in the churchyard. Admission to this event is free but there will be a retiring collection afterwards which will go towards restoration of the grave of William and Alma in the churchyard.

Pauline and Dennis Whiting RIP

Wangfordians were sad to learn of the deaths of village couple Pauline and Dennis within the space of just a month.

Pauline passed away in hospital on May 22nd after a short, unexpected illness, and Dennis also died at home in Wangford on June 15th after a long illness.

Our thoughts are with Gill and her brothers at this sad time.

Donations in memory of Pauline and Dennis, made payable to Solebay Care Fund, may be sent to Tony Brown's Funeral Service, The Funeral Parlour, New Cut, Saxmundham, Suffolk, IP17 1EH.

Patricia Jean Roxburgh RIP

The funeral service for Patricia, who died on the 17th May at the age of 95, took place on 7th June, a glorious early summer day, in the churchyard at Letheringham, near Easton.

Her godson and nephew Alex gave the eulogy on behalf of his brother Max and their families. He remembered Auntie Tish, or Great Auntie Tishoo, as someone who always had compassion and interest in others' wellbeing, but also had a wicked sense of humour. As a child he remembered with a mixture of fear and affection her babysitting them in Chelsea. She was a stickler for discipline and doing things properly, and she taught the children manners, music, swimming, and social skills that set them in good stead – she was a 'proper lady'.

Patricia was born in 1925 in Gidea Park in Essex. At 17, during WW2, she was evacuated from bomb-affected Essex to Londonderry in Ireland, and was attached to the Royal Navy Voluntary Aid Detachment. At a young age, she learned first aid and how to look after injured servicemen. She then spent most of her life and career living in Chelsea, working for a local property developer, Louis Morris, in Kensington for 25 years. She lived in a palatial ground-floor flat in Swan Court, just off the Kings Road. Alex remembers the exquisite interior design and the grand piano; Patricia was a great pianist even with a permanently dislocated little finger. At this time she was somewhat of an idol for the youngsters - living off the fashionable Kings Road in the 70s, hobnobbing with the likes of Mick Jagger and Sid Vicious. She seemed to be part of the jet-set. She was, of course, the ultimate socialite and seemed to know everyone in the news.

Meeting dignitaries did not seem to faze her. Patricia often talked about Margaret Thatcher, who lived opposite Swan Court before she became Prime Minister. Patricia managed to befriend her by delivering her Financial Times after it was mis-delivered to Patricia's flat.

Patricia was an Honorary Member of the Royal Hospital and looked after the Chelsea Pensioners as Welfare Officer for 15 years. In 2001 she was also given an award by the Queen for 50 years service to the British Red Cross. She was a royalist, and rumour has it that she shook hands with the Queen without her gloves on. With all her charm, she clearly got away with it.

Patricia moved up to Suffolk to be closer to her sisters, Lizzie Wilton and Paula Tosetti. She married Doctor Ian Roxburgh in 1983 and they moved from London to Brandon Lodge in Walberswick – a beautiful house where she worked her magic with the interior design, soft furnishings and embroidery skills. Numerous dinner parties ensued, always with an eclectic mix for the taste buds – and of course no-one could get down from the table unless they finished all their food, both adults and children!

Patricia moved to Valley Farm, Uggeshall in 2001, and spent her last 20 years in a beautiful house in a very rural setting. She threw herself into the local community and drove her little car around the Suffolk countryside like a Formula 1 driver, always visiting people. She was constantly full of energy, and kept that sociability long into her later years. She was always very proud of her garden, which was a great hobby too. She became a member of Uggeshall Church choir, and a dear friend and support to many people.

Her final months were spent at Aldeburgh Care Home, where, over Christmas 2020 she suffered from a combination of Covid and pneumonia. But she fought through, and even at 95, she was determined and still had her sense of humour. Even during her final days she would joke about not being able to watch Formula 1 and horseracing on TV. She loved Lewis Hamilton and Frankie Dettori, and became quite an expert in her later life.

It is fitting that she was laid to rest at Letheringham, in the tiny tranquil country churchyard along a farm track, overlooking a large paddock with four beautiful horses, next to her younger sister, Paula, a place where Patricia often attended special services with the family.

Alex ended his words with a fitting memory from Lynn, to whom the family are so grateful for her many years of friendship and caring for their Auntie Tish at Uggeshall. "Every day I spent with Tish is a memory – she was one of a kind and with a heart of gold – she will be missed so much – it was an honour to have known such a grand lady".

Donations in Patricia's memory may be made to the British Red Cross and Letheringham Church. Contact Tony Brown Funeral Directors, Saxmundham (01728 603108).

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Country Teas

Volunteers/helpers are required for baking, waitressing, washing up, making tea, setting and clearing up etc. If you are interested or require further information please contact-

Linda Hill
lindadianehill@btinternet.com
01502 578789
07483226269

or
Denise Baker
dbaker47@hotmail.com
01502 578190

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

Uggeshall Coffee Morning is to restart on Thursday 8th July, 10.30 -12.30, and we hope that you will be able to join us.

Due to current Government COVID guidelines this session will be held outside at the Old School Hall, weather permitting. We aim to offer a relaxed, friendly but COVID compliant morning where you can meet friends and have a chat.

For any queries please contact:-

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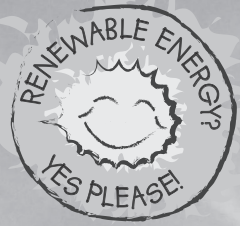
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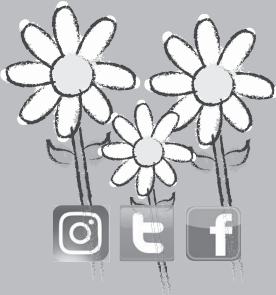
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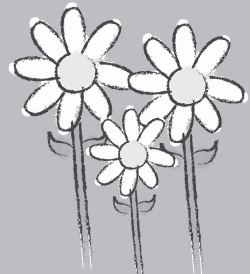
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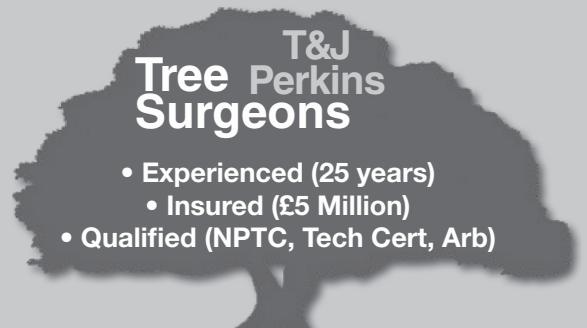
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ABRAHAM

The mangling of the language and the lunacy behind it continues apace. Harken : 'Lecturers at Edinburgh University have been told to ask students for their preferred pronouns to avoid "transphobic microaggressions". This is to avoid upsetting transgender and non-binary people and encouraging the use of "micro-affirmations" to make people feel more comfortable. Pick the bones out of that.

I read that a gentleman was quite miffed that his application for listed building consent to install solar panels on the roof of his listed cottage was refused. Quite right, too. I have often wondered why some folk buy a listed building and then demand to alter it to suit their contemporary needs. I have, however admired those who have purchased wrecks, often timber-framed and revitalised them by judiciously and sensitively repairing the fabric of the building, knowing that it will cost far more than a conventional house. At first sit and glory in the old house, let it settle and get used to you, think deeply for about a year and then decide how best to adapt it, retaining its character for all to enjoy.

I watched all six episodes of *Here Come The Gypsies*. Interesting, indicating that they do not differ from other folks in that they wish to pursue their individual interests and employment without interfering with others. For sure, the lifestyle is somewhat at odds with that of Gorgios. All of the characters portrayed fascinated in their own way: the ex-barefisted fighter training his son in skills that would be required as a man - using a chainsaw and driving his dad's £50,000 Range Rover; the family in their traditional caravan making wreaths from natural materials and feeding off the land when necessary; the fortune teller at £20 a throw; the horse fairs where the dealing and drinking in equal measures goes on; the cheerful chaps roaming the countryside in their horse-drawn trailers simply because the generations had lived this way and they were determined to keep it up for that reason alone; the lady who told us that it was the sole duty of a gypsy wife to keep a clean home, have babies and cook for the menfolk who, naturally were the breadwinners and in this respect she was training the daughters to do likewise. Feminists in the gypsy world are clearly persona non grata; and my favourite - a tubby, friendly, elderly gentleman with a terminal illness enjoying the twilight years wandering about in his camper van whenever and wherever he chooses, cooking on the campfire and watching the sun go down with a glass of wine. He chose and purchased his gaily painted coffin which he carries in the van, ready to use when the time comes.

To teach or not to teach Latin in schools? Well...catapulted into my High School at the age of eleven I opted to join the 'B' Group which meant, along with the normal core subjects, learning technical skill, such as woodwork, metalwork and technical drawing.. However, because the 'B's were over-subscribed, there being only 30 pupils allowed at any one time in a technical classroom, a scientific method was employed to decide which pupils would instead have to join the 'A' team and learn Latin. I was one of the chosen few, the 'scientific method' being drawing names out of a hat. So began my five plus years of classic education. Glory be, I took to it and enjoyed the grammarian process and structure of the dead language. If I can string a few words in the correct order (I do manage now and again) I put it down almost exclusively to those Latin years.

Nearing the end of his life A.S. Neill of Summerhill School was weary and his stepson Peter told me that he wanted to go. His wife Ena had been running the premises for the last three years and Neill feared that the Secretary of State for Education, having tolerated him for so long, might take the view that the old man having died, they could not continue allowing a school in which children can play all day without learning lessons. He knew also (or *thought* he knew) that his only child did not wish to take on the burden. Zoe's life was in horses and she had married a local farmer in 1971. Mercifully, Neill was wrong and in 1985 Zoe took over the running of Summerhill and she and Tony, her husband, with his extensive business experience and acumen, have led the school into the 21st Century. Two of the sons, Will and Henry are heavily involved and will ensure that the next generation are ready and willing to carry on. Let the Grand Old Man have the final say : "The future of Summerhill itself may be of little import. But the Summerhill idea is of the greatest importance to humanity. New generations must be given the chance to grow in freedom. The bestowal of freedom is the bestowal of love. *And only love can save the world*"

We're almost back to normality. And to cheer us up a wee bit more - a friendly, dinky wee poem from Nina and Graham in May's messenger. We wish you many happy, happy years in the village..

Abraham

CHURCH SERVICES	Sunday 4th July		5th Sunday after Trinity
	11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 11th July		6th Sunday after Trinity
	11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 18th July		7th Sunday after Trinity
	9.30 am	Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 25th July		8th Sunday after Trinity
	11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Holy Communion(BCP)	

In addition, for those unable to attend in person, all services from St Margaret's, Reydon are live-streamed via YouTube. Simply Google 'YouTube', and search for 'St Margaret's Reydon Parish Church'.

A Family Service is streamed via Zoom at 9.30 am on Sundays 4th and 11th.

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Wangford Village Recorder

Angie Bliss has taken on the role of Village Recorder for Wangford and Henham. The Recorders' Scheme was initiated in the early 1950s by the Suffolk Local History Council. Its purpose is to establish and maintain a network of people across the county to ensure the survival of valuable material for future local historians. A Local Recorder is not appointed by, or responsible to, their Parish Council or any other parish organisation, but is a volunteer who works under the auspices of the SLHC. Their principal role is to record the events and changes that take place in the parish monthly. All material of permanent value will be offered to the local branch of the Suffolk Record Office, and will be available to future local historians. The Record Office holds thousands of documents, but there is a particular gap in evidence for Wangford.

The general aim of recording is to build up a picture of the parish today, and to record the changes that take place over time. Items as simple as a publicity poster, details of interesting properties, or records of commemorative events will make fascinating research for future historians. Memories can prove to be short when it comes to recalling eg. what the street looked like before 'those houses' were built, or how the landscape was altered when 'the new road' went through. Social change, such as the effect events have on a community (e.g. Covid-19, a village shop or pub closing, changes to public transport, re-organisation of your benefice, weather patterns etc) also need to be recorded, so Angie will begin with an initial survey of the village which she will update to reflect many of these changes.

Though the role is primarily concerned with the records of the present, Angie would also like to hear of documents or photographs in the parish which have recently come to light or might be in danger of destruction. If you know of such items, please contact her to discuss the way forward for them. If you have relevant documents but do not wish to part with them, with permission she can digitise copies of them and archive them in the Records Office.

There is an amazing amount of local history locked up in people's memories. Angie has already begun to record oral histories of some of the older residents. If you are interested in having your memories recorded, please contact her. After each recording, she will produce a dated, verbatim transcript, omitting any details which may breach current data protection laws. Both the recording and transcript will be deposited in the Suffolk Records Office.

Angie moved to Wangford in 1993, but spent some years working in Essex before moving back in 2015. She is currently a volunteer for the Lowestoft Scores Project alongside the Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust. She also worked for the Combined Military Services Museum for 10 years, during which time she curated exhibitions and researched and catalogued artifacts in its collection.

If you would like to discuss any events you may be holding, have information of past or current affairs, of farming details etc, or would like to take part in recording an oral history, then please contact Angie at wangfordvr@gmail.com.