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**THE BIG
HELP OUT
AND BIG
LUNCH**



The weather on 8th June was lovely, there was a tremendous turn-out, and a good time was had by all.
More photos in the July Messenger.



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Wangford 100 Club 2023

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1. Dylan Forristal
2. Rachel Dade
3. Linda Pepper

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2023 series continues on Tuesday 13th June when Mark Hill will speak on

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Wrentham Village Hall Film Night

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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

Book Club

Thursday 1st June 8.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Community Council

Tuesday 6th June 7.45pm Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford

Wednesday 7th June

1010 - 1030am Community Centre

1035 - 1045am Church

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

Thursday 8th June 10.30am Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema

Thursday 8th June 7.00pm Old School Hall

The Arts Society

Tuesday 13th June 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wangford with Henham Parish Council

Tuesday 13th June 7.30pm Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast

Saturday 17th June 8.45am The Angel Inn

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

Wednesday 21st June 10.30am - noon

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Monday 27th June 7.30pm Community Centre

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 29th June 2.30pm Community Centre



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Community Centre

Wangford Community Council

Thanks to all who attended, helped at and donated to our Spring Sale on 29th April. The weather was kind to us but there were other events on the same day; despite this we raised £160.20 for funds.

Carolyn's Cakes and the stalls did well too.

Our next fund-raiser is our Summer Sale on Saturday, 8th July - more in the 'Messenger' nearer the time.

P.S. Thanks to all for the lovely Coronation Big Lunch is on Monday 8th May.

Malcolm Woolnough



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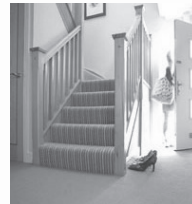
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JUNE'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends,

Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.

On 4th July I will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood, meaning that I will have been a priest for very nearly half of my life so far! Being a priest is not just what I do, it is who I am. It is integral to my identity.

Alan has very kindly agreed to me celebrating my anniversary at the 6.30pm Eucharist at St. Margarets, Reydon on Tuesday 4th July. It will be a simple celebration, with a couple of hymns on this occasion. In addition, Alan has kindly invited me to Preside at the Team Eucharist at Blythburgh on Sunday 30th July at 11.00am. We will have a special service booklet. It would be wonderful to be joined by everyone who would like to come to either or both services.

Of course, ministry is never really exercised alone. It is a joy to be a member of a "college", or team, of priests who minister across the Team Parishes. I value and appreciate the diversity of approach and insights of my brother and sister priests, as well as their mutual support and encouragement.

We pray especially for the appointment process for our new Team Rector. As we continue to miss Simon, we pray that his successor will have just the right God-given gifts and skills to take us forward on the next stage of our journey together.

Importantly and vital, though, is the recognition of, and response to, the truth that we all, all the baptised, have a calling from God and a ministry in the world. The words at the beginning of this letter come from the end of the Baptism Service, and they are spoken to the newly baptised person by all present. All of us, ordained or lay, are called by God to bring His light to dark situations; His peace where there is conflict; His forgiveness and reconciliation where there is bitterness and animosity; comfort where there is distress; joy where there is happiness and success; and to walk alongside those who are seeking Him. We don't need a dog collar to do any of those things!

With every Blessing

Fr. Stephen

Wangford Mens' Breakfast

Fourteen attended our monthly meeting at the Angel Inn on the 20th May. John Collins the local organizer for the Sole Bay Foodbank gave an insight into the founding and running of this local area service. Donations in kind or financial keep this well-used organization serving the community. A cracking good breakfast followed.

Next month, on 17th June, John Brownfield will entertain us with Beekeeping in the Waveney Valley. If you are interested, contact johnscholes@hotmail.com

We meet 8.45 for 9.00 every third Saturday at the Angel Inn, High Street, Wangford.



England - one of the four displays around the font celebrating the King's patronages and work throughout the four corners of the UK.

Northern Ireland, complete with leprechaun, was to the left, Wales, with daffodils and leeks, to the right, and Scotland, with thistles and tartan behind the font.

News from Wangford Church

We celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with a lovely Songs of Praise service, a fantastic exhibition of village photographs and some amazing floral tributes. The photographs will be staying in the church during the coming weeks so if you haven't visited yet, please do take the opportunity to do have a look around. A huge thank you to the volunteers who helped with the exhibition and the floral displays; I think everybody has done the village proud.

June's coffee morning will be on Wednesday 21st at 10.30 and you are all invited. Tea coffee and cakes are available and there will be a raffle. As usual, the Wangford 100 Club draw will be made during the morning. It's a great opportunity to relax and chat with neighbours and friends.

Along with the other churches in the Sole Bay Team, we are still looking for a new Team Rector, and we would like to thank all the clergy who have taken services at Wangford whilst Rev Alan has tried to keep everything running smoothly during the period of interregnum. Services in Wangford and across the team have remained largely unchanged (11.15am each Sunday here) and many thanks to Rev Alan for working so hard to keep things going.

Finally, an advance note for your diaries. We are pleased to announce that in September the church will be hosting a concert by the Jazz Goats. Anybody who saw them perform back in 2019 will know that it is a fantastic evening of music and dancing and further details will be announced later in the summer.

Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

June's Coffee Morning is on Thursday 8th from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

Uggeshall Cinema

The film for June 8th June is 'Summerland'. During World War II, an Englishwoman opens her heart to an evacuee after initially resolving to be rid of him in this moving journey of womanhood. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm

Matt Grady

Coronation Celebrations



Celebrations started in Uggeshall on Friday evening when villagers and guests met in the Old School Room. Right Royal entertainment was provided by Helen Hayes and her daughter, the very talented Kitty-Mae, and all enjoyed fish and chips followed by apple pie and ice cream. We sang the National anthem, toasted the King and Queen Consort and enjoyed catching up, and even some dancing!

A big thank you to all involved in setting up and clearing up, to Helen and Kitty-Mae and their support

team, to Seashell Fish and Chips for supplying 60 plus portions of fish and chips and to Uggeshall PC for generously funding the evening.

On Sunday evening the Coronation Songs of Praise was preceded by the planting and blessing by Giles Crisp and Revd Margaret King and many villagers of the Coronation giant red-wood on the opposite side of the churchyard to the one planted for the Platinum Jubilee.



Uggeshall Teas



This year, the Uggeshall Teas will be held over the weekend of Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July, 2pm to 5pm each day - make a note in your diary!

Come and support this traditional village event, meet old friends and new, and indulge in delicious bakes all whilst relaxing in a pretty village garden.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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and over the weekend (from 1.30 to 5.30pm on either or both days) waitressing, teapot filling, washing up and general kitchen help.

Book Club

At our May meeting we discussed Merlin Sheldrake's "Entangled Lives". This was quite a daunting book to tackle and very few finished the entire book. Sheldrake has turned his PhD thesis into a best seller on how fungi is so central to our existence: it enables humans to survive and thrive, and still holds secrets and potential of enormous importance. We all agreed that there was a lot of facts and information and difficult to retain everything. We learnt that fungi has the potential to clean up building sites and can also digest plastics, pesticides and radioactive material. Other interesting facts we became aware of is that fungi are the largest organisms ever recorded - they enabled the first life on land and can survive in space and nuclear radiation. We enjoyed the section on the coveted truffle. The author looked at types of fungi beside human existence and truffles are non-human but are more than this because they can adapt and sense their surroundings and respond to it as if they had an intelligence. In the spirit of increasing knowledge, Sheldrake undertook an experiment with LSD and commented on the mind altering properties and the potential fungi has which is now being harnessed to treat mental health conditions.

The conclusion was that we know so little about fungi (90% of the species has not yet been documented) or how they exist, but they hold enormous potential for the future of the planet.

We next meet on Thursday 1st June at 8 pm in the Community Centre to discuss "Act of Oblivion" by Robert Harris.

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ABRAHAM

I have been watching to my regret the latest adaptation of *Great Expectations*. What an excruciating mess. *My father's family name being Pirrip, and my christian name Philip, my infant tongue could make of both names nothing longer or more explicit than Pip. So, I called myself Pip and came to be called Pip.* No question then, those being the opening words of the novel that the name is Philip Pirrip. Why, therefore is Pip referred to in this adaptation as having the surname of Gargery? We have a botched suicide attempt, (Pip throwing himself off a bridge with a noose round his neck); his sister, Mrs Joe Gargery, earns a few bob by sexually chastising a man. Opium smoking abounds, including Pip, Jagers, Estella and Miss Havisham and the 'f' word is sprinkled around liberally. Now, a scripwriter is entitled to give us a dreadful drama and the BBC, foolish though they may be, are entitled to commission it. What they should not do is put Dickens name to such a travesty or call it *Great Expectations*.

As I sit at my keyboard and screen desperately searching for something to hold my loyal readers' attention I look behind and see a bookcase with a small but highly selective collection of sporting volumes. Golf and cricket are featured but most of all, the beautiful game. Starting with : 3 biographies of the one and only Jim Baxter, George Best, Danny Blanchflower, Trevor Brooking, 7 about Old Big 'Ead himself Brian Clough, of which the most riveting is *Provided You Don't Kiss Me : 20 Years with Brian Clough* by Duncan Hamilton. Duncan Hamilton has written some 17 books about various sports and I only have three, the other two being *For The Glory : The Life of Eric Liddell*, of which the 1924 Olympics forms but a small part, and *The Footballer Who Could Fly*. This is a magnificent trip down memory lane illustrating the only common interest between father and son - football. There is a particularly heartbreaking chapter entitled *A Drink For Mr Baxter, Please* which details an evening in a hotel bar in Nottingham with Duncan's father behind the bar serving and conversing with Jim Baxter. Jim's decline and fall through over fondness of alcohol is painfully chronicled. Terribly sad.

If you are interested in sports writing, anything, but anything by Hamilton is worth the reading. The oddity amongst the Clough collection is *Be Good, Love Brian* subtitled *Growing up with Brian Clough* by Craig Bromfield, a touching account of how Clough more or less adopted Craig and his older brother, that would see Craig live with the Clough family on and off for nine years. Moving and inspirational, this fine book shows an entirely different side to the great man. Hurrying along- two about the Cobbold brothers, two of Bobby Robson and a biog of Alf Ramsey, to remind you long-suffering Blues fans that once upon a time there were glory days. Dalglish, Greavsie, Alex James - a Wembley Wizard of 1928, when Scotland stuffed England, The King (Denis Law), Jock Stein, Dunfermline Athletic, *My Father and other Working Class Heroes* by Gary Imlach, *Those Feet - A Sensual History of English Football* by David Winner, *Black Boots and Football Pinks - 50 Lost Wonders of the Beautiful Game*, *IT'S A TEAM GAME*, *Scotland's Football Line-ups in the Black and White Era*, *Lifted Over The Turnstiles*, and finally, thank goodness, I hear you say, *RANGERS An Illustrated History*, to remind me when, for 5 glorious years Slim Jim was king of Ibrox Park.

Why would anyone wish to test the 'dunkability' of biscuits? Apparently, a firm called Top Rated Casinos did, recording how many dunks it took before 17 of the most popular biscuits

broke apart. In first place was a Jaffa Cake, withstanding 116 dunks and lasting 3 minutes and 16 seconds before it fell apart, with, in last place, the plain Digestive, lasting only 6 dunks and 12 seconds. You needed to know that , didn't you? In 3 minutes I would have scoffed at least two Jaffas but what sane person would want to dunk them anyway?

When I came back to Dublin, I was court-martialled in my absence and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my absence. (Brendan Behan)

Abraham

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	6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 11th June		1st Sunday after Trinity
	11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 18th June		2nd 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 June		3rd Sunday after Trinity
	11.15 am	Wangford	Family@Church
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JUNE 2023 CENTRE DIARY

1st June	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30- 12.30pm-
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
5th June	Toddlers	Hall	9.30 - 11.30am
6th June	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Ceilidh Class	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
7th June	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
8th June	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
12th June	Toddlers	Hall	9.30 - 11.30am
13th June	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Parish Council	Cttee Room	7.30pm
14th June	Private Hire	Hall	4.30- 6.00pm
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
15th June	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm
19th June	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
20th June	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Ceilidh Class	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
21st June	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
	GHSR	Bar	7.30pm
22nd June	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
26th June	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
27th June	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	7.30pm
28th June	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
29th June	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm
	Afternoon Tea	Hall	2.30-4.30pm

Wrentham Chapel

The next Caedmon Evening is on Friday 23rd June at 7.30pm. 'Songs, sonnets and such for a Suffolk Summer Solstice' is the theme of this seasonal celebration in music, word and song. As usual, the programme will be assembled from items brought and performed by some of those attending. There will also be a light buffet with wine and fruit juice, and time to chat.

There is no charge for this event, but any donations towards the upkeep of this historic chapel will be very much appreciated.

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