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Return of the Bohemian Choir



The Bohemian Choir are delighted to be returning to Suffolk for the third time this Spring, arriving on 28th March and leaving on 5th April. The Choir consists of twenty singers, all students of the university of Liberec in Bohemia, in the north of the Czech Republic. The choir is led by Doctor Jana Konvalinkova and Christopher Muffett, both teachers at the university. The students are drawn from many faculties, with the majority studying in the pedagogical faculty.

Each year, a theme is chosen, then stories and music are woven around it. This year our theme is legend and lore from the Suffolk lowlands and the Bohemian highlands. The repertoire is varied and includes pieces from both traditional and contemporary composers. There is something for everyone.

The choir has forged close links with schools, churches and universities in the Suffolk area. This year we are singing in Wangford, Blythburgh, Norwich, Bury St. Edmunds, Ipswich and Sotterley. Dates for your diary are: Saturday 28th March at 7.00pm, St Peter and St Paul, Wangford; Sunday 29th March at 6.00pm, St Margaret, Sotterley; Saturday 4th April at 7.00pm, Holy Trinity, Blythburgh.

We are all looking forward to sharing our music and stories with you. Afterwards we hope you can find the time to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with our young students.

Jana Konvalinkova and Chris Muffett.

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Sports at Wangford Community Centre

Snooker Hall

The refurbishment of the Snooker Hall continues. The table has been recovered and serviced, redecoration will be undertaken soon, and new heaters and ceiling lights will be installed. To join, contact Malcolm Woolnough on 578701.

Table Tennis

If anyone is interested in playing Table Tennis please contact George Ives on 578007. It's hoped to have a booked evening slot in the Centre.

Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting will be on Saturday 28th March at the Angel Inn. Speaker to be confirmed.

8.45 for 9.00 am
Full English - £12
Coffee and talk only - £5

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 26th if you wish to attend.

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

The March Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 24th in Wangford Community Centre at 11.00 am.

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

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2020 series of lectures continues on Tuesday 10th March when Angela Smith will speak on 'Cordoba and beyond: Muslim art and architecture in Spain.'

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

Wangford 100 Club 2019/20

Winners in the March Draw were

1. Dave Foulger
2. Jean Burns
3. Simon Casement

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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

Uggeshall Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday 3rd March 7.30pm The Old School Hall

Wangford Art Group
Thursdays from 9.30 am Community Centre

Knitting Group
Thursday 5th March 2.30 pm Community Centre

Book Club
Thursday 5th March 8.00 pm Community Centre

The Arts Society
Tuesday 10th March 2.00 pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wangford Wingers Singing Group
Wednesday 11th March 10.30 am Community Centre

Uggeshall Coffee Morning
Thursday 12th March 10.30 am The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema
Thursday 12th March 7.15pm The Old School Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Thursday 12th March 7.30pm Wenhaston Village Hall

Lunch Club
Tuesday 17th March 12.30 pm Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford

Wednesday 18th March
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30 Church 10.35 - 10.45

Whist Drive
Wednesday 18th March 7.00 pm Community Centre

Spring Sale
Saturday 21st March 2.00 pm Community Centre

Wangford Coffee Morning
Tuesday 24th March 11.00 am Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast
Saturday 28th March 8.45 for 9.00 am The Angel Inn

WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

Wrentham Village Hall on Saturday 28th March
JUDY

2019 biographical film about Judy Garland
starring Renee Zellweger.

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First Thursday Knitting Group

The Group met as usual on the first Thursday of February. We were glad to welcome back members who were absent last month due to illness.

Two members had brought finished blankets which together with children's sweaters will go to Jack Storer for inclusion in his son's next delivery to refugees. We shall continue knitting squares for blankets as these are very much appreciated by recipients we are told.

We shall also be knitting trauma teddies, or teddies for tragedies as they are sometimes known.

On this occasion we remembered Peggy Button who died recently. Peggy was a most prolific and beautiful knitter and her squares made some of our most beautiful blankets. May she rest in peace.

New members are always welcome. We meet each week at the Community Centre at 2.30 on the first Thursday of each month. We can provide wool and needles for beginners. Please come and join us.

Valerie Beckett 578987

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MARCH'S TEAM LETTER

I look forward to Lent every year. After I moved to Suffolk, I joined a group in Holton and subsequently reaffirmed my confirmation vows in St Mary's, Halesworth at the Easter vigil service in 1994. I still remember stepping into a bigger picture of faith and belief and owning the promises, in a new, stronger way due to God's grace guiding our learning, study and fellowship in this study group.

So, I truly associate the season of Lent as one in which to take something up: responding positively to the gift of God's son, alongside a meditative reflection on the sacrifice made by Jesus for us all. Making the most of this important time of preparation before celebrating anew the joy of our risen saviour at Eastertide. I can heartily recommend joining one of the Lent groups offered in the team.

However due to my shifts, I've often found group attendance difficult and so have accrued a collection of Lent (and Advent) books. Some are good enough to revisit. This year our diocese is recommending one that encourages us to "#LIVELENT - for God's Creation": in keeping with our call to be Good Stewards: to live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature, caring for creation. The book by Ruth Valerio is available for personal study, but the diocese has produced an 'Environmental Lent Challenge' booklet to allow us to think about one small action each day that, incrementally and corporately, can and will make a difference. Details can be found at https://www.cofesuffolk.org/uploads/Lent_Challenge_Booklet.pdf

Study, Be Challenged, Pray, Get Involved, Give: 5 positive ways to practice our faith during Lent.

Revd. Judy Miller

News from Wangford Church

February came and went with no sign of the start of the roof repairs. We are told that this is due to the builders' other commitments. No doubt they have been delayed by the high winds and heavy rains.

Meanwhile things are happening in the background. We are awaiting an inspection regarding a Bat survey and our Treasurer is working hard applying for grants and/or donations towards the ever rising costs. Many thanks to the individuals who have sent donations for this purpose; other donations would be gratefully received and should be sent to our Treasurer, Mrs Sheila Scholes.

We are looking forward to a visit from the Bohemian Choir who gave us very moving concerts over the last two years. They will be with us on Saturday, 28th March.

As with all Grade 1 listed buildings, the Church always needs funds for its upkeep, so the Fund Raising continues. If anyone has a bright idea for a fundraising event please contact me.

Attendance at the Coffee Mornings on the fourth Tuesday has fallen, possibly due to the bad weather and illness. We would like to welcome back old friends and their friends and especially newcomers to the village. Fresh Coffee and a cake/scone/sausage roll is £2. Good company is free!

Mothering Sunday is on March, 22nd. There will be a special Family Service at 11.15 that morning. People of all ages are welcome.

Valerie Beckett, Churchwarden 578987

News from Wangford Vets

Santa Paws 2019/20

Seven charities will each receive a donation of £250 this year from our Santa Paws Appeal. With the help of our generous clients and animal lovers from throughout the community, Wangford Veterinary Clinic have been able to give a donations to seven different rescue charities.

The benefiting charities this year are F.A.I.T.H Animal Rescue, Cats Protection League Anglia Coastal, Cats Protection, Saxmundham and Framlingham, Greyhound Trust Eastern Counties, Norfolk and Suffolk Animal Trust and PACT Animal Sanctuary. Yarmouth Greyhounds Home Finders Walter and the team want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their fantastic support.

Baby socks

Baby socks do a brilliant job of keeping pets warm when they are under anaesthesia for surgery at Wangford Vets.

So if you have any outgrown or odd baby or toddler socks to donate, please drop them off at reception and we will put them to very good use.

Also needed at the moment - clean newspapers.

Strutt your Mutt

Strutt your Mutt returns on Sunday 14th June 2020. All money raised will go to 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'. Put the date in your diary now!

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

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'Elders have left the building'

Speaker: Jez Wood

Thursday 12th March 7.30pm Wenhaston Village Hall

Cost: £3 (including refreshments)

News from Uggheshall

Uggheshall Annual Parish Meeting

This year's meeting will be held in the Old School Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd March.

All Uggheshall residents are invited to attend. For further information, contact philiphall@talk21.com

Uggheshall Coffee Morning

The March Coffee Morning is on Thursday 12th from 10.30 am in the Old School Hall.

Uggheshall Cinema

March's film, Downton Abbey, will take place in the Old School Hall on Thursday 12th. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

Uggheshall Music

Helen Hayes's two new groups continue to meet on Wednesdays from 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the Old School Hall. Uggheshall Ukeleles are on 4th and 18th (ukeleles are available for use), and Uggheshall Singers on 11th and 25th. Both groups cost just £5 per session.

Please contact Helen on 07917 798456 or helenjhayes@hotmail.com for further information.

Latitude

Henham Park 16th - 19th July 2020

Uggheshall residents are invited to register their interest for concessionary tickets between 10th March and 10th April. The main conditions are:

1. All applicants must be permanently resident in Uggheshall and be registered on the Parish Council's Electoral Roll. A routine check is made.
2. Householders may apply for tickets to pearlfelgate@googlegmail.com stating the names of those who would like a ticket, their address and contact details, what day they would like a ticket for, and their means of payment (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 ask for further details).
3. The price of the concessionary tickets is determined by the Latitude Festival organisers, Festival Republic Ltd. They allow no price variance.
4. Close of registration is midnight 10th April 2020. 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.

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Barn Sale

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News from Sotherton

Flat cap

When cleaning the church in January a flat cap was found under the pews. This has been placed on the table at the back of the church for collection.

Church Service

The next church service is at 9.30 am on Sunday March 15th. Do come and join us.

Fashion Show

A fundraising fashion show is going to be held in Wangford Community Centre on the 17th April. More details to follow next month.

APCM

The APCM is to be held on the 29th April 2020 at 7pm at The Plough, Wangford. After the meeting, do stay or come and join us for a meal (pay for yourself). If you wish to eat, please let me know by the 15th April so I can tell The Plough. d.flaxman@btconnect.com

Karen Flaxman 01986 873123

Book Club

At our February meeting we discussed Karen Joy Fowler's "We are all Completely Beside Ourselves". This book met with a mixed reception. It tells the story of Rosie and begins in the middle of the story when she is at College in the USA, and focuses on the loss of her brother and sister. There were hints along the way, but we were quite surprised when we find that her sister was a chimpanzee and that her early life was an experiment on the part of her parents by bringing up Rosie and Fern as sisters. It is not until the end that we are shown Rosie's guilt over the loss of her 'sister' and that she told her parents she was scared of Fern. The experiment turned her father towards alcohol, her mother had a breakdown, brother Lowell joined the Animal Liberation Front and was a wanted man, and Rosie went from one disaster to another. Fern went to a sanctuary but found acceptance difficult.

Some people found the monologue style off-putting and too packed as well as being misleading but others thought that this was how memory was recovered. The book created a lot of discussion and we talked about the 1970s experiments with Apes. Most agreed that the story was intelligent, disturbing and thought-provoking but some did find the content unbelievable and irritating.

We next meet on Thursday 5th March at 8pm at the Community Centre to discuss Jane Harper's "Force of Nature".

Gill Smith 578620

Frostenden Coffee Mornings



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ABRAHAM

More philosophy from the mouth of Robert Jenrick, the Government Housing Secretary (me neither). Harken to this meaningless piffle : 'a sense of place still matters. In our fast-paced, globalised world, identity remains important,..... most of us seek to live in a strong community, imbued with history, pride and beauty. And that theme runs through the heart of this new Conservative Government..... Now is the time to re-establish the essential bond between people and places..... I want to play my part by putting local people at the forefront of decision-making and giving them a greater say in the development of their neighbourhoods. That way, buildings can reflect the identity of their communities.' He goes on to tell us that last October he launched a brand-new National Design Guide with the proviso that 'we will expect local authorities to design their own guides in line with national standards..... If you meet these locally decided standards, the planning process must be swift and simple..... I will look carefully at the suggestion of a "fast track for beauty".' What, in heaven's name does that mean?

In 1973 Essex County Council produced a revolutionary Design Guide for Residential Areas, which was generally welcomed and adopted. It was only ever intended to prove that there is no substitute for good design, and in the beginning was a success. Unfortunately, even good architects got lazy and began overusing it with the result that Essex and the Home Counties are being crowded with 'legoland'. I will defend the planning system to the hilt relating to such matters as numbers and where to put buildings, but I believe also that good, imaginative architects (and they are out there) should be allowed to prosper.

Owner of Yorkshire Brewery Samuel Smith, one Humphrey Smith, sounds like someone I could like. In his 200-odd pubs mobile phones, laptops, tablets, even Kindles are banned, and payment in many pubs is by cash only. In 2017 he banned swearing in his pubs. If customers want to use their devices they can join the smoking outcasts outside the premises. So far, so obvious. Does this make for bad business in these houses, many of which it seems are architectural gems? Of course not, and I am willing to bet that it encourages a more discriminating type of customer. One of their pubs is the legendary Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese just off Fleet Street where you can sit where Doctor Johnson once sat and you can nip out and view his house and statue of his mog Hodge - 'a very fine cat indeed'. Mrs Abe and I have been there. A person who used to work for the company remarked "Smith said that if people in the pub had phones in front of them they should be told to put them away. It was a case of telling people how to live their lives, and on what grounds can that be reasonable?" Listen, matey, on the same grounds that if you're effing and blinding the publican is entitled to sling you out. It's my pub, my rules. If you don't like them, don't come in. Now, where can I find a Sam Smith pub?

After another Burns night at a local establishment I thought I would say a few words about the third greatest Scot of all time. There is no question that Robert was a remarkable man. The young women of Ayrshire said of him : "An hour in the dark with Rob is worth a lifetime with any other lad." There are more than 60 statues to him throughout the world, from the Americas to the Antipodes to the Sorbonne in Paris. After

Queen Victoria and Christopher Columbus Burns has more statues dedicated to him than any other non-religious figure. It was at the cottage where Burns was born (on July 21st 1801) that 5 years after his death aged 37, the first Burns Supper was held. Haggis was eaten, poems recited, songs sung and almost certainly a dram or two drunk. That evening saw the first rendition of An Immortal Memory, the now traditional speech on Burns' life and beliefs. So many more reminders of his life abound. A translation of My Heart's in the Highlands was adopted as the marching song of the Chinese resistance fighters in WW11; Beethoven attempted to write a melody for the lyrics of Auld Lang Syne; the Soviet Union was the first country to honour Burns with a commemorative stamp.....and much more. In 1865, the year of his assassination, Abraham Lincoln was asked by the Washington Burns Club to attend their Supper and, if he could not, to send a message indicating "the honour of your recognition of the genius of Scotland's bard, by either a toast, a sentiment, or in any other way you deem proper". Lincoln sent his apologies and remarked : "I can not frame a toast to Burns. I can say nothing worthy of his generous heart and transcending genius. Thinking of what he has said, I cannot say anything which seems worth saying." Nor can this Abe.

So who is the second greatest Scot? My little girl texted (whatever that is) her mother to tell her that the answer to the first question in a quiz in which she was taking part up there in Orkney was A. S . Neill. Glory be. The Grand Old Man is acknowledged in Scotland. Hope springs eternal. And of course she got it right. Why wouldn't she? After all, she is her father's daughter.

Abraham

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Sunday 1st March	1st Sunday of Lent
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 8th March	2nd Sunday of Lent
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Baptism
Sunday 15th March	3rd Sunday of Lent
9.30 am Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 22nd March	Mothering Sunday
11.15 am Wangford	Mother's Day Service
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Holy Communion(BCP)
Sunday 29th March	5th Sunday of Lent
11.15 am Blythburgh	Team Service
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1st Mar	Private Hire	Hall	11.00 -12noon
2nd Mar	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
3rd Mar	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Cttee Room	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
5th Mar	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-1.00pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Knitting Group	Cttee Room	2.30pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
6th Mar	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
7th Mar	Private Hire	Hall	9.30-2.00pm
8th Mar	Private Hire	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
9th Mar	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
10th Mar	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 Mar	Wingers Singing	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
12th Mar	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-1.00pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
13th Mar	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30pm
14th Mar	Private Hire	Hall	10.30-12.30
15th Mar	Private Hire	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
16th Mar	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
17th Mar	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
18th Mar	Barber	Cttee Room	2.00-4.00pm
	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00-9.00pm
	GHSR	Cttee Room	8.00pm
19th Mar	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
20th Mar	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
21st Mar	Spring Fayre	Hall	2.00pm
22nd Mar	Private Hire	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
23rd Mar	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
	Blythvalley Labour	Cttee Room	
24th Mar	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Coffee Morning	Hall	11.00am-12.30
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26th Mar	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am-1.00pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00pm-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
27th Mar	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
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