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WANGFORD UGGESHALL SOTHERTON

# Messenger

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**Wangford and Henham Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

How should Wangford and Henham celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend – from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June?

Come along with your suggestions to the **Community Meeting** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.45 pm in the Community Centre.





Wangford Church Coffee Mornings (including the 100 Club Draw) have moved to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, starting on 16th March. Do join us between 10.30 am and noon for delicious coffee, cakes, scones - and a good old natter!

Afternoon Tea this month has moved to Thursday 17th March, 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Wangford Community Centre

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Tuesdays from 2.00 - 4.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Art Group  
Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm Community Centre

Book Club  
Thursday 3rd March 8.00pm Community Centre

Community Garden Working Party  
Sunday 6th March 10.00 am Community Centre

Jubilee Tree Planting  
Sunday 6th March 11.00am Playing Field

The Arts Society  
Tuesday 8th March 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wangford with Henham Parish Council  
Tuesday 8th March 8.00pm Community Centre

Platinum Jubilee Community Meeting  
Wednesday 9th March 7.45pm Community Centre

Uggeshall Coffee Morning  
Thursday 10th March 10.30am Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema  
Thursday 10th March 7.00pm Old School Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust  
Thursday 10th March 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford  
Wednesday 16th March  
1010 - 1030am Community Centre 1035 - 1045am Church

Wangford Church Coffee Morning  
Wednesday 16th March 10.30 am - noon  
N.B. in Wangford Church

Afternoon Tea  
Thursday 17th March 2.30pm Community Centre

Spring Fayre  
Saturday 19th March 2.00pm Community Centre

Blyth Valley Labour  
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## Collection point

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

## Mobile Library

The next visit is on  
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10.35am at  
Wangford Church.

## Wangford Vets

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Please be aware we are seeing several cases of parvovirus in the area. Sadly, some have been fatal.

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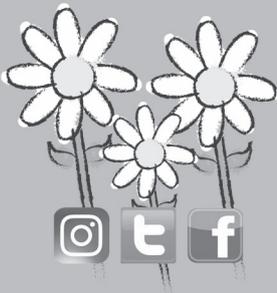
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# MARCH'S TEAM LETTER

## Walking in the footsteps of Christ, wherever you are.

As Lent begins, pandemic permitting, I will be joining the congregation of St Andrew's, Toledo, Ohio on Ash Wednesday as I'm visiting my family in the USA. For over 3 years, Rev Bridget and congregation have been welcoming me as I attend worship when there. It's also within walking distance!

After Easter, I'm joining the Holy Land trip with Rev Alan. It seems 'This Year' in Jerusalem will happen; I'm returning 25 years after my initial Blyth Valley Team pilgrimage. I clearly recall the sense of wonder visiting places familiar from Scripture, where Christ and His disciples had walked. At times I was almost overwhelmed, as I was studying scripture in a new and deeper way in my first year of ministry studies. This year marks my 21<sup>st</sup> since ordination! Yet, I approach with anticipation the new beginnings arising from this return journey; I'm expecting new challenges, change and renewal.

Thanks to the pandemic, travelling, once taken for granted if funds allowed, has become a more uncertain process, but that has also been true navigating our way through our usual daily lives. Remembering that as Christians we are called to an itinerant life as we follow Christ has helped me deal with some of that uncertainty since 2020. Trying not to stay where we are most comfortable, when a new call is placed on us that challenges our familiar ways and complacencies, can feel risky. Our Lent course this year explores this and other themes in the film "The Way" and related resources.

Together, these spurred my thinking about the different paces and places we walk in Christ's footsteps, knowing He walks in ours, even when we feel least connected or aware. These remain challenging times, with turmoil, economic and emotional hardship in every news bulletin. Lent, its groups and resources, can provide prayerful focus on ways we are called to respond to the need, our own and others', for His love and grace. Let's find our way to walk with Christ and offer, or receive, pastoral and practical support; we may be called to respond by giving or receiving, recalling God's gift of His son, for our salvation.

May you know God's love and His Son bringing the light of hope as you walk with Him through these Lenten days towards our Easter joy.

*Rev. Judy Miller*

## News from Wangford Church

We are thankful for the continuing progress with vaccines and the improving situation with Covid; a recent baptism in church was another sign that things are getting back to normal.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen events and subsequent time constraints, it was decided to postpone the planned Gilbert and Sullivan evening in the church this month. New dates are now being considered and will be announced shortly.

At the Spring Fayre in the community centre on March 19th Sylvia will be running a bric-a-brac stall to raise money for the church; if you are reading this before March 19th and have any donations, you can drop them to Sylvia on the morning of March 19th (anytime from 10.00 am). Many thanks to Sylvia for taking the time to organise this.

Also, the monthly Coffee Mornings will be starting in the church again in March; the first will be on Wednesday March 16th, from 10.30 am to 12 noon. Please note the change to a Wednesday, and to the third Wednesday of each month.

*Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)*

## Book Club

At our February meeting we discussed Francis Spufford's "Light Perpetual". We admired the narrative construction and in particular the description of the bomb exploding at the beginning - long vowel sounds, rhetorical questions, slowness of action, and addressing the reader created anticipation of this huge event. It did take a little while to understand the nature of the five characters we meet as children, who in one version were killed by the bomb and in the other had the book's creation of lives for them. We see the people they become at 27, 35, 50 and 64 and how their imagined lives unfold. Mental health issues were evident in all the characters' lives and set against the circumstances they either found themselves in or which ensued from their actions. There were so many situations the five faced and largely overcame. We liked Ben and his battles with his thoughts, who went from institution to hospital to a job he hated to find a relationship and family which worked for him and we saw his increasing happiness and contentment of a life well lived as it came to a close. Vern was out to make money at any cost; he won and lost several fortunes but it did not make him happy. Uncaring and unscrupulous, greed created his own downfall, although he did not seem to care about that. A very well-written book which most of the group rated highly, although readers found it disjointed and confusing.

We next meet on Thursday 3rd March at the Community Centre to discuss "The Librarian" by Salley Vickers.

*Gill Smith 578620*

## News from Uggeshall

### Uggeshall Coffee Morning

This month we meet on Thursday 10th from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

### Uggeshall Cinema

March's film is 'The Secret Garden', the 2020 adaptation of the book of the same name, on Thursday 10th at the Old School Hall. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

### Frostenden, South Cove and Uggeshall

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## News from Sotherton

### St Andrew's

Do join us for our Communion service on Sunday 20th March at 9.30am.

## Wangford Greening Project Events on Sunday 6th March

### Working Party

The next working party is on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. Meet at the Community Centre, Millfields

Do come along to help us to tidy up the hedge that we planted last year. We will also be building a compost heap for the material we remove and having a general tidy up. This will be the start of our maintenance programme this year.

### Jubilee Tree Planting

2022 heralds the year-long Platinum Jubilee celebration as communities come together to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's glorious and unprecedented 70-year reign. A major part of the celebration is the creation of living and lasting memorials, courtesy of a project launched by HRH Prince Charles, affectionately called 'Treebilee', where people across the UK are being urged to plant trees to mark this special occasion. Wangford with Henham Parish Council has elected to take part in this project and has been gifted one of 200 English oak trees by East Suffolk Council for us to plant and nurture within our community.

**We will be planting the Oak tree on the Norfolk Road boundary of the Playing Fields at 11.00am. Please come and join us.**

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- act as first point of contact for external organisations and councils.

The ideal candidate will be a CILCA qualified clerk, but we'll help you to work towards this qualification otherwise.

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2. Households may apply for a maximum of four paid tickets per property, strictly for the use of registered members of that household (children 12 years and under are admitted with a child ticket).
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# ABRAHAM

Jeremy Clarkson has written, with ill-disguised contempt, about the decision of West Oxfordshire District Council to refuse planning permission to turn an unused lambing barn on his farm into what is described as a cafe but looks like a small restaurant. His customary scattergun approach has a pop at everything - the room in which the Planning Committee met - 'pus coloured', an angry rich couple from the local village, 52 local people 'whose real-ale-infused red trousers were glowing puce with nimby-induced rage', but especially at a councillor who dared to voice his objections to his scheme. Jeremy, he's doing his duty as an elected official trying to preserve this green and pleasant land and not, as you sneeringly suggest, seeing the decision 'as a tremendous victory for the downtrodden little man who took on, and beat the man from the telly'. Trust me, Mr. Clarkson, you are just not that important. And what of Clarkson's argument to justify turning a shed which he has never used into a cafe? He'll sell good food that has been grown and reared locally. Is that not exactly the sort of thing most people shop for in local village and town centres, keeping precious small grocers, butchers and greengrocers alive? I am sure they would be pleased to purchase his goods. He goes on to criticise the councillors for caring that the barn is in an area of outstanding natural beauty, 'not understanding that it's only beautiful because farmers keep it that way'. Keep believing that, if it makes you feel good, but in my leisure and working life I have seen hedgerows and trees destroyed leading to vast areas of prairie farming, ugly solar farms springing up and large unattractive utilitarian structures, most built without planning permission, all contributing to visual desecration of our precious countryside. For many years, governments have made such concessions to the farming community to enable them to diversify, another example being enabling them to convert so-called redundant buildings into houses. Mr Clarkson's parting shot is typically bullish - 'eventually, this unholy mess will all be untangled and the decision will be overturned'. We'll see. The decision notice seems correct to me. If planning policies are sound they will always be supported. Meanwhile the enthusiastic part-time farmer has 'a cow in the barn that is due to give birth to her first calf'. I trust that this is not the same barn that is unused.

I ask Mrs Abe for an idea for my scribbles and she suggests that I let the good people of Wangord and outlying districts know what my exciting life has consisted of in the last month. Right. I normally stroll round the village, creeping into the wee Angel now and then; I've had my hair cut; I've visited the dentist; been to the Nelson regularly on a Thursday with John (legend in his own lunchtime) Illston; crept round Southwold; bought a few books,; read a few books; gone for the paper every morning; watched too much (rubbish) television (God bless Bradley Walsh and Coronation Street for making my life worth living); done a wee bit of shopping; conversed with my little Sparkle, the highlight of the week; hung a cartoon of Oor Wullie on the wall; talked to dogs in Southwold High Street (have you noticed that a motionless man hanging on to his dog is invariably waiting for his wife to exit from a shop?); deleted lots of Spam and eaten some Spam; and a hundred more similarly thrilling pursuits. Admit it - you envy my rock and roll life-style. It fair exhausts me.

*Abraham*

## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th March		1st Sunday of Lent
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 13th March		2nd Sunday of Lent
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 20th March		3rd Sunday of Lent
9.30am	Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 27th March		Mothering Sunday
11.15 am	Wangford	Family Service
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Holy Communion (BCP)
All services from St Margaret's, Reydon are live-streamed via YouTube.		

### Wrentham Chapel

"Younger than Springtime" is the theme of the next Caedmon Evening to be held in the Chapel at 7.00pm on Friday 25th March.

This is a seasonal celebration in a wide variety of music, word and song. Items for the programme are brought along by members of the audience on the night - others just come to enjoy the performances. The evening includes time to chat whilst enjoying wine, soft drinks and a light buffet.

There is no admission charge, but those who would like are invited to contribute to a retiring collection for the upkeep of this historic chapel.

*Sue Hardy 578994 / 07771 882738*

### Suffolk Wildlife Trust

(Blyth Valley and Southwold)

'Harvest Mice and other Small Mammals'

Speaker: Geoffrey Abbot

Thursday March 10th, 7.30pm at Southwold Arts Centre

Cost: £3.00 (including refreshments); under 25s free.

### The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2022 series continues on Tuesday 8th March when Charlie Forman will speak on

**'8 Buildings for 8 Faiths in London'**

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## MARCH 2022 CENTRE DIARY

1st March	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
2nd March	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
3rd March	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
	Book Club	Hall	8.00pm
7th March	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
8th March	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
9th March	Jubilee Meeting	Hall	7.45pm
	Salsa	Cttee Room	7.30-8.30pm
10th March	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Breedon Gp Meeting	Hall	4.00-6.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
13th March	Private Hire	Hall	All Day
14th March	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
15th March	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
16th March	Artmakers East	Hall	10.00-3.00pm
	Steam Rally Meeting	Hall	8.00-9.30pm
17th March	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Afternoon Tea	Hall	2.30-4.30pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
19th March	Spring Fayre	Hall	All Day
21st March	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
22nd March	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
23rd March	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
24th March	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
28th March	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	7.30-9.30pm
29th March	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
31st March	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm

## Lent Groups begin on Monday 7th March

Tuesdays 2.30pm Southwold Vicarage

Tuesday 7pm Blythburgh

Wednesday 10am Wantage House, Southwold Common

Wednesday 2pm Reydon Vicarage

Thursday 7.30pm Hotson Road, Southwold

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