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the Community
informed"*

FREE ISSUE

WANGFORD UGGESHALL SOTHERTON

Messenger

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St. Peter and St. Paul Church
WANGFORD

Saturday 1st June 2019 7.30pm

CONCERT

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A further tin of paint was tipped into the gutter on the corner of the High Street and Old Priory Gardens.

The police are aware of the incidents and the Parish Council would ask all to remain alert and report any inappropriate activity or damage which may affect the facilities the play areas and playing fields offer residents and visitors.



Easter Tradition
Bernard Meldrum's
delicious Simnel cake,
a treat for the
congregation after Easter
Sunday service at
Wangford Church.
Thank you, Bernard -
you definitely get the star
baker award!

Wangford 100 Club 2019

Winners in the April
Draw were

1. Harriet Notton
2. D Fletcher
3. Jess Smith

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Wangford Church Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee
Morning is on Tuesday
28th May in Wangford
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Please note the new start
time of 11.00 am, and the
new price of £2.

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

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

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

Wangford Art Group
Thursdays from 9.30 am Community Centre

Wingers Singing Group
Wednesday 1st May 10.30 am Community Centre

Uggeshall Coffee and Fish & Chip Lunch
Thursday 9th May 11.00 - 2.00pm The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema
Thursday 9th May 7.00 for 7.15pm The Old School Hall

Book Club
Thursday 9th May 8.00 pm Community Centre

The Arts Society Southwold
Tuesday 14th May 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford
Wednesday 15th May
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30 Church 10.35 - 10.45

Whist Drive
Wednesday 15th May 7.00 pm Community Centre

Lunch Club
Tuesday 21st May 12.30 pm Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast
Saturday 25th May 8.45 am Community Centre

Wrentham Film Night
Saturday 25th May 7.00pm Wrentham Village Hall

Wangford Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28th May Community Centre

N.B. New time 11.00 am

Uggeshall Food Hygiene Talk
Thursday 30th May 7.30pm The Old School Hall

Concert for MacMillan Cancer Support
Saturday 1st June 7.30 pm Wangford Church

WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

Wrentham Village Hall on Saturday 25th May

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First Thursday Knitting Group

The group have been
mainly occupied with knit-
ting the Easter novelties
that have been displayed
and sold in the run up to
Easter. The money raised
will be donated to East
Coast Hospice. Thank you
for your support.

Election Day coincides
with the May meeting so
there will be no meeting as
the Community Centre
will be used for the
election.

We meet again on
Thursday, 6th June at 2.30
pm in the Community
Centre.

Everyone welcome. If you
cannot knit, we will teach
you.

Valerie Beckett 578987

Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting is at
Wangford Community
Centre on Saturday 25th
May when Derek Rumsey,
after his return from
'Down Under', will talk on
his experience of copying
birds in the sky.

8.45 for 9.00 am

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Please let Bernard know
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Thursday 23rd if you wish
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Peter Eves RIP

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MAY'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends

In the week before Easter we remember that Christ was falsely accused by wicked people who sought to manipulate him for their own purposes. He endured a mockery of a trial at which justice was absent. Then after a flogging until nearly dead, and a ritual humiliation, he was crucified, dead and buried. In this sequence of events God, in the person of Christ, received all the cruelty, unkindness, and violence that humans are capable of imposing on one another. The mood is bleak. In response to his tormentors Christ was silent, and then prayed for forgiveness.

On Easter Day we celebrate the victory of life over death, love over hate, forgiveness over vengeance, generosity over selfish greed. The season of Easter continues for 40 days until Ascension Day. During these days of Easter Christians read in their weekly worship the story of Christ's risen life on earth. The risen Christ transformed the fear of the disciples, the grief of the couple returning to Emmaus, the guilt of Peter, the empty fishing nets, the loneliness of Thomas. The mood is joyous

This pattern of suffering being transformed by the joy of new life is woven into the fabric of creation, as spring follows winter. It is a pattern woven into human relationships, between individuals and nations. Peace following war, unity following division, forgiveness instead of vengeance. We have been through difficult times as a nation in recent months. Let us pray for Easter joy for our nation and all its people during the Easter season and the month of May.

Yours in Christ

Simon

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News from Wangford Church

Since I last wrote we have enjoyed another concert by the Bohemian Choir. This is a group of mainly students from Liberec university in the Czech Republic. This year their programme of music and the spoken word told the tale of the children of Poland who were evacuated to England to escape the atrocities of the war. This was a very emotional concert and beautifully performed by this group of young people.

During Lent we pondered on the events leading up to the Crucifixion, and celebrated the risen Lord on Easter Sunday, including a baptism.

Meanwhile we continue to plan for the ongoing maintenance of the building. This includes work to the roof which will be expensive, and attention to the floor tiles which have been deteriorating over the years.

The Churchyard has looked beautiful with primroses and daffodils replacing the snowdrops. Again we request that dogs are kept on leads and any mess is cleared up.

Valerie Beckett 578987

Book Club

At our April meeting we started with our AGM, and all thanked Joy for looking after our finances. We agreed the payment to the Community Council for the use of the Centre, and our annual charity donation will go to the St Elizabeth Hospice as they do wonderful work and are looking to fund beds at Beccles Hospital for the local community.

We then discussed Tess Gerritsen's "Playing with Fire". Most of us agreed that this book was an easy read but we were all disappointed in the end which seemed a modern re-working of the 'then I woke up and it was a dream' sort of conclusion. The story centred around a piece of unpublished music which Julia bought on a trip to Venice. The music and the mastery of it haunted Julia and she thought that it changed her very young daughter into someone who wanted to hurt her own mother. We learned about the mental health issues which Julia's mother had endured and Julia's concerns for her own child. Beside this story was the unfolding of how the piece of music came about. It was during WW2 and Italian Jewish people were being subjected to displacement and deportation. This part of the story was powerful and very humbling. As the story ends we are told that Julia was suffering from a curable brain tumour which was causing her delusions and her daughter was not satanic. The strand relating to the Italian Jews was so powerful and the other strand seemed trite in comparison. Several had read books by this author previously and commented that this was not one of the best examples of her work.

We next meet on Thursday 9th May at 8 pm in the Community Centre to discuss "Margaret Forster's "How to Measure a Cow". All welcome. Tea/coffee £1

Gill Smith 578620

Lt. Col. Robin Kentish Chater MBE RIP

The funeral for Robin, who died peacefully in his sleep on 29th March at the age of 98, took place at Wangford Church on Wednesday 17th April. The large, diverse congregation was testimony to the affection and regard in which he was held.

Born in 1920 in India, where his father was an officer in the Royal Engineers, Robin was privately educated in England, and entered the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich in 1938. He was commissioned into the Royal Corps of Signals as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1940, and saw wartime service in the UK, Northern Ireland, Algeria and Italy. He received an MBE in 1947 for Meritorious Service at the 1945 crossing of the River Po, at which time he had attained the rank of Temporary Major.

After the war Robin transferred to the Royal Tank Regiment, attended the Army Staff College, and subsequently served in Berlin, Fort Knox, Libya, Khartoum and the UK.

He married Alison, whom he met at a military ball, in 1952, and they had two children, Angus and Judy. Tragically, Angus died in a wind-surfing accident in the USA in 1987.

On retirement from the army in 1970, the family moved to Oaker, near Matlock, and Robin became administrative officer for the local College of Education, where his efficient, forthright management and superior administration skills led to his appointment as Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire.

Finally retiring, Robin and Alison moved to Suffolk, buying Toad Hall in Wangford in 1987, where they created a lovely home, and involved themselves in the life of the church and community. Alison, who died in 1993, was remembered for her love of painting, gardening, and helping others.

Improvements continued at Toad Hall, especially in the garden, where Judy celebrated her wedding to Harry in 1995, and where Robin hosted the Toad Hall Teas to raise funds for the church. He enjoyed visits from his siblings, James, Grizzel and Mima, and from Judy, Harry and his grandson Toby. He especially valued his friendship with Maureen, and Cathy's excellent cooking.

Robin gave much of his time to the church, not only editing this magazine, but also serving for 11 years as PCC Treasurer, cycling many miles in the Bike Ride, polishing the floor, and even zapping the woodworm. He was heavily involved in the Henham Steam Rally, and, with the help of Stephen Bourne, turned the Village Pantry from a small caravan-based outfit into its present incarnation in the large marquee. He was also a stalwart and one-time Treasurer of the Horticultural Society.

When he became less mobile, he invested in a top-of-the-range mobility scooter with all possible accessories, and could be seen zooming down Wangford Hill to do his shopping, go to the Post Office or to church.

As Revd Alan said in his eulogy, Robin lived a full life; always the giver, not the taker; the listener, not the talker; a wise steady hand; a proud family man; and a true gentle man. He was laid to rest with Alison in Blythburgh churchyard. Donations in his memory were for Wangford Church.

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Teas Invitation

As the Uggeshall community and friends beyond are looking forward to our commemorative 50th Golden Country Teas, behind the scenes helpers and bakers are preparing themselves. For the volunteers who are baking, waitressing and preparing the food, and anyone else who is interested, you are invited to come along to an hour of enlightenment of food hygiene awareness. This is an informal chat of interest given by Gerry Rhodes from Beccles who is a retired food hygiene expert. It will be held in the Old School Room in Uggeshall, on Thursday 30th May at 7.30pm.

All are welcome and there is no charge to attend.

Linda Hill

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Uggeshall Cinema

This month's film in the Old School Hall on Thursday 9th May is Bohemian Rhapsody. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

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THURSDAY 9th May 2019



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News from Sotherton

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ABRAHAM

In June Mrs Abe and I hope to hear and have a few words with the author Val McDermid after which I shall report back. There are two matters I want to raise. Is the McDermid Stand at Starks Park (look it up) named after her dad, or her, or both? and how is her old pal Roddy Lumsden? All will be revealed.

Bristol City Council wished to remove old lamp posts from a modest street and replace them with more modern versions. Neighbours complained, so they stopped. Is this what a Council is reduced to - being told what to do by members of the public? Perish the thought. If Local Government is to be decided by consensus of public opinion, trust me, not one decision would be made.

For once, in the travel section of the Guardian, something to which I can relate. 50 reasons to love the UK. Not that I have visited all fifty. In fact, very few of them. But the ones I have I agree with. For example, Durham Cathedral, the dear old Forth Bridge (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), The George Inn, Southwark, Bridport, Dorset, St Pancras Station, Water of Leith, Orford Castle and, wait for it, how can I resist? - Pier Art Centre, Stromness, Orkney, where you can, among others view Barbara Hepworth and Southwold's own Margaret Mellis. One more reason to go north.

A sweet little girl, by name of Mary, has presented us with jars of delicious marmalade as a thank you, she informs us, for lighting up our part of Church Street, so that she can walk her doggie in comfort during the dark nights. Delicious.

Commenting recently in an article in the Guardian newspaper about racist abuse, a journalist asked if enough was being done to stop it and, quoting from a study by academics at Southampton University, the conclusion was that many supporters do not believe that enough is being done. This is the

part that tickled my fancy - 'The research, based on interviews with fans from 53 English clubs, found that fewer than half knew about Kick It Out's smartphone app - which allows them to report discrimination on the spot'. Goodness me, being almost vilified for not having a smartphone and not knowing what an app is; pardon me for being a dinosaur.

And off we go again. A golfer, just about to take part in a major tournament commented "I'm there to compete, there trying to win". Who would have believed it?

I try not to complain. I really do, but there are a few times when this condition I have gets me down and I think when are these blasted headaches going to go away, when will the medics mend this ageing ticker, blah, blah and I can start doing things I used to?

But then I think. Compared to many, many others, what right do I have to moan? I can walk, talk and do so many things that other poor wretches I come across in hospital cannot. Even now, sitting in my little room, trying desperately to interest my half-dozen loyal readers, I enjoy myself. I have a fine life, and if I am slightly restricted, so what? The sun shines and all the foliage is blooming. I live in the finest County in England under a glorious East Anglian sky, I wander down the lanes to Aldeburgh each week spreading the Benjamin Britten gospel. So, old chap, you have lots to be grateful for. Get a grip and stop whingeing.

There's night and day, brother, both sweet things; sun, moon and stars, brother, all sweet things; there's likewise a wind on the heath. Life is very sweet, brother; who would wish to die ? (George Borrow)

Abraham

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5th May 11.15 am Wangford 6.00 pm Uggeshall	3rd Sunday of Easter Eucharist (CW) Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 12th May 11.15 am Wangford 6.00 pm Uggeshall	4th Sunday of Easter Eucharist (CW) Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 19th May 9.30 am Sotherton 11.15 am Wangford 6.00 pm Uggeshall	5th Sunday of Easter Eucharist (CW) Eucharist (CW) Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 26th May 11.15 am Wangford 6.00 pm Uggeshall	6th Sunday of Easter Family@church(CW) Eucharist (BCP)
Thursday 30th May 7.30 pm Blythburgh	Ascension Day Team Service

News from Wangford Vets

Puppy Party

The next party will be held on Wednesday 5th June at 7.00 pm. Puppies of clients and non clients are welcome, provided they have completed their vaccination course. Please phone reception on 01502 578999 to book a place in advance.

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2019 series of lectures continues on Tuesday 14th May when Mary Alexander will speak on 'New York in the Gilded Age (1890s)'. Lectures commence at 2.00 pm in Southwold Arts Centre (St. Edmund's Hall), Southwold. Visitors and members' guests are welcome. A small donation will be appreciated.

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MAY 2019 CENTRE DIARY

1st May	Wingers Singing Gp	Hall	10.30-12.30pm
1st May	Waveney Mammals	Cttee Room	8.00-10.00pm
2nd May	Polling Day	Hall	6.30am-10.30pm
2nd May	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
3rd May	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
4th May	PS Glassfusion	Hall	10.00am-12noon
5th May	Private Hire	Hall	All Day
6th May	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
6th May	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
7th May	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
7th May	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
7th May	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.00pm
8th May	Barber	Cttee Room	2.00-5.00pm
8th May	GHSR Meeting	Cttee Room	8.00pm
9th May	Wangford Art Gp	Hall	9.30am
9th May	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
9th May	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
9th May	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
10th May	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
13th May	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
13th May	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
14th May	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
14th May	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
14th May	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.00pm
14th May	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
15th May	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00pm
16th May	Wangford Art Gp	Hall	9.30am
16th May	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
16th May	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
17th May	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
20th May	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
20th May	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
20th May	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	8.00pm
21st May	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
21st May	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
21st May	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
21st May	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.30pm
23rd May	European Elections	Hall	6.00am-10.30pm
23rd May	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
24th May	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
25th May	Mens Breakfast Club	Bar	8.30-10.30am
27th May	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
27th May	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
28th May	Coffee Morning	Hall	11.00-12.15
28th May	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
28th May	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00 - 9.00pm
30th May	Wangford Art Gp	Hall	9.30am
30th May	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
30th May	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
31st May	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30pm

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