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PHILIP JOHN HAYES RIP

A large congregation filled Wangford Church on 8th October for the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Philip, who died suddenly on 7th September. Tributes were paid by his younger brother Patrick and his friend Mike Ryland.

Born in Berkshire in 1941, young Philip was sent by his father, who was in the navy, to live with relatives in Ireland. After the war the family moved to Malta, returning in 1948 to various postings in England.

After boarding school, Philip studied at Trinity College, Dublin. He joined Tate and Lyle as a graduate trainee, working his way up over 20 years to become senior commodity buyer. He married, and had two daughters, Rachel and Camilla, but the marriage failed.

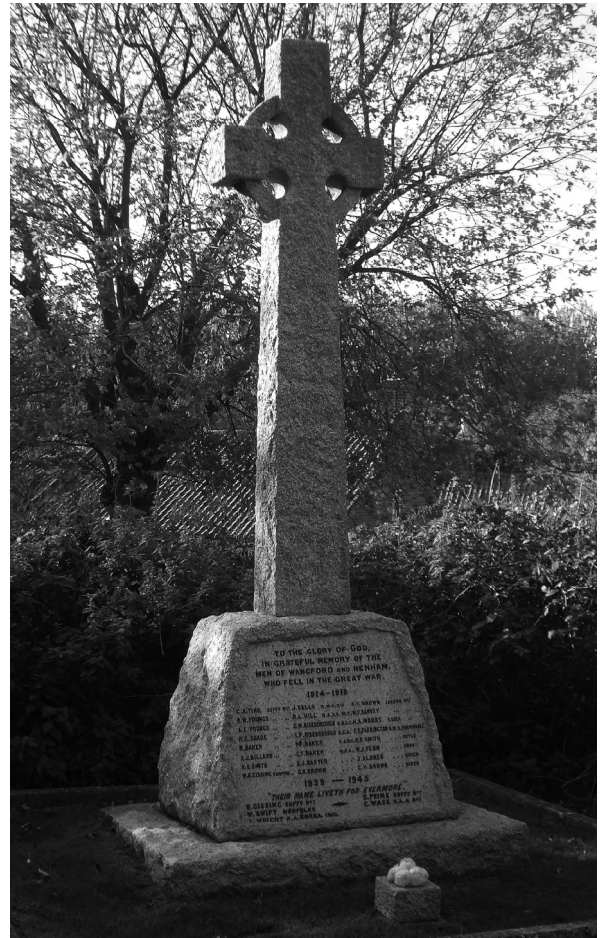
Philip later met the artist Anne Paton, and moved to Suffolk in 1990 where he was very much involved in local activities, including Wangford Parish and Community Councils, the Henham Steam Rally, as a governor of a local special school, an active Rotarian, and on the Suffolk Association of Local Councils - as well as being the history and geography expert on the Wangford Grumpy Old Men quiz team.

Family apart, Philip's biggest passions were rugby, dogs and chocolate. He discovered rugby at boarding school, and was a player, a London Society referee, and a long-term Hampstead Rugby Club chairman. With dogs, he liked a challenge, including communicating with his stone-deaf Dalmatian Beethoven. As for chocolate, his mother locked hers in the sideboard whenever Philip went to visit.

Philip had great strength of character, was independent, but generous in nature. Whatever he did, he put every effort into it.

Donations in Philip's memory were made to Wangford Church and Wangford Community Council.

REMEMBRANCE



Remembrance Services on Sunday 11th November

Wangford at 10.50am

Uggeshall at 6.00pm

Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting is at Wangford Plough on Saturday 24th November. Cllr Simon Flunder, Vice-Chairman of Southwold Harbour Users Association, will speak on 'Southwold Harbour's past, present and future'.

Full English - £10
Light breakfast (cereals, fruit juice, toast and jam/marmalade) - £6

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 22nd if you wish to join us.

Wangford 100 Club 2018

Winners in the October Draw were

1. Geoff Pepper
2. Carol Coram
3. Gill Rush

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Ray Lurkins on
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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

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

Knitting Group
Thursday 1st November 2.30 pm Community Centre

Book Club
Thursday 1st November 8.00 pm Community Centre

Uggeshall Coffee Morning
Thursday 8th November 10.30 am The Old School Hall

Wangford Coffee Morning
Tuesday 13th November 10.45am Community Centre

The Arts Society Southwold
Tuesday 13th November 2.00pm St. Edmunds Hall

Singing Group
Wednesday 14th November 10.30 am Community Centre

Flu Clinic
Wednesday 14th November 2.30 pm Community Centre

Whist Drive
Wednesday 14th November 7.00 pm Community Centre

Uggeshall Garden Club
Wednesday 14th November 7.30pm The Old School Hall

Southwold Suffolk Wildlife Trust
'Bats' - an illustrated talk.
Thursday 15th November 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre
Admission £3.00

Xmas Bazaar
Saturday 17th November 2.00 pm Community Centre

Sotherton Quiz Night
Saturday 17th November 7.15 pm Community Centre

Lunch Club
Tuesday 20th November 12.30pm Community Centre

Men's Breakfast Group
Saturday 24th November 8.45 for 9.00am
Wangford Plough

Wrentham Film Night
Saturday 24th November 7.00 for 7.30 pm
Wrentham Village Hall

Wangford Christmas Special Coffee Morning
Tuesday 27th November 10.45am Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford
Wednesday 28th November
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30am Church 10.35 - 10.45am

WANGFORD FUNDRAISER QUIZ

At (and in aid of!) Wangford Community Centre on Wednesday December 5th. Supper will be served at 7.15 pm followed by the quiz.

Teams of 4 maximum, £7.50 per person to include sausage and mash supper (vegetarian option available if prebooked).

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Book Club

At our October meeting we discussed Graham Greene's 'Travels with my Aunt'. We found the book a great read but many of us were a little disappointed in the ending. The style and humour were excellent and such great characterisation. Told through the eyes of Henry Pulling, a recently retired, dahlia-loving and rather sheltered bank manager, who is slow to catch on makes the reader ahead of the narrator and adds to the humour. Henry meets long lost Aunt Augusta at his mother's funeral and he takes everything at face value. There are so many stories and events in the book. We loved the character of Wordsworth and the sheer breadth of experience and event in the story, but we were a little perturbed at Henry's pursuit of a very young girl. Greene's exploration of Catholicism and relationships was both lighthearted and sinister. Highly recommended.

We next meet on Thursday 8th November to discuss Margaret Drabble's "The Pure Gold Baby". All welcome. Tea/coffee £1

Gill Smith 578620

News from Sotherton

Quiz Night

Do join us for our fun Quiz Night on Saturday 17th November to raise money for St Andrew, Sotherton.

It's in Wangford Community Centre, 7.00 for 7.15pm. Teams can be up to six people (any age welcome).

Nibbles will be provided, but please bring your own drink. There will also be a raffle.

To book your place (£5.00 each), please ring Jane Walker on 01986 874248 or Karen Flaxman on 01986 873123.

WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

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NOVEMBER'S TEAM LETTER

Time to cosy up

An Australian friend of mine curses the first day of the year when the temperature drops to the degree that he has to put socks on. It means that the summer is over, autumn is here, and winter is on its way. His heart sinks.

I sympathise. We've long passed that day in the UK, of course, unless you're especially brave. The clocks have gone back and the dark evenings encroach. But there are compensations. Now's the time to dig out that chunky jumper (hoping the moths haven't got to it), and wriggle your toes in those sheepskin-lined slippers.

The Danes are good at this. They have a word - *hygge* - which doesn't exactly translate into English but it sums up the feeling that - although it's icy outside - inside, the candles are lit (the Danes burn more candles per head than anyone else in Europe), the wood-burner's glowing, you're tucking into a nourishing casserole, with a glass of robust red, and you're suffused with cosiness.

The idea of *hygge* is that you shut out the chilly darkness, and make your own light. This is what people have done for thousands of years. For most of humankind's history, sunset marked the end of the working day. The glow of a fire and guttering candlelight limited what you could do.

But it also meant gathering together, for safety, warmth and company. This is where people shared stories, reminded themselves of who they were, where we came from, and what was important. It's probably how religion got started.

Sometimes, I think that's what church can do. It's a gathering place, where we share with one another our ancestral stories, raise our voices in song and prayer, and remind ourselves of what really matters. It helps us recognise that we're not alone in the universe. In Holy Trinity, Blythburgh - where I go of a Sunday - it's not quite snug enough this time of year to summon up *hygge*, but the welcome's toasty, and that warms my heart. I'm sure that's also true of the church nearest you.

Malcolm Doney

News from Wangford Vets

Congratulations

Wangford Vets is proud to be runners up in the Best Rural Professional Services Business awards. Thank you to all our lovely clients for making this possible.

Macmillan Cancer Support

The Coffee and Cake Day raised £167.21 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks you to everyone who supported us.

New Vet

Welcome to our newest vet Luben Tittikov MRCVS.

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Country Teas

An evening was held in the School Rooms to thank all the volunteers for their hard work dedicated to the smooth running of this year's Teas. On behalf of the Country Teas Steering Group, Linda Hill thanked those present for their hard work and commitment. This year the Country Teas made a profit of £4584; whilst 80% of this will go to the maintenance of Uggeshall Church and the School Room, two charities chosen by the community received £500 each.

One charity was the First Responders, launched locally in 2008. On calling 999, the First Responders are contacted by the emergency services and quickly arrive at the scene of the person in need, starting the crucial recovery process. Four First Responders attended the evening – Angela Day, Pat Seaman, Chris Levett and Val Carse – and received the cheque for £500 from Giles Crisp. In response, Angela thanked the Teas committee and all volunteers for the donation.

The second charity was Access Community Trust for the Homeless. This is a large charity which offers supported housing for the homeless and those in need. Attending the evening were Tracey Kempley (Team Leader) and Jodie (Support Worker). Also attending were Stella, a representative from Phoenix House and David, a resident from Fyffe House. Tracey thanked the Teas community and said that the charity supports over 200 people in Lowestoft alone, but the residents and those being supported have monthly meetings and help to make decisions as to where any funds are best spent. David, who was previously homeless, said that the charity helped him to get his life back together.

Next year marks the 50th year of the Country Teas, and as well as serving delicious goodies, more funds are hoped to be raised by other means to celebrate not only the special occasion, but also the commitment of the village. An open meeting was held to discuss ideas, and there will be further meetings in the coming months.

Jane Temple

Uggeshall Recipe Book

Do you have a story to tell or a recipe to share? To celebrate Uggeshall Country Teas reaching 50 Golden years in 2019, a commemorative recipe booklet including individual stories relating to the Teas spanning the last 50 years, will be printed and on sale at the Teas next year. So we would love to hear from you if you have a special recipe you have baked for the event, or if you have a story or funny incident you can tell us about. We may well use it in the booklet.

Information has to be received by 31st December 2018 and sent to:

lucillethacker@btinternet.com or marionwelham@icloud.com
or contact Linda Hill 01502 578789.

JOAN ELIZABETH EDWARDS RIP

Family, friends and villagers gathered in St Mary's on 10th October for the funeral service for Joan, who died on 12th September. Joan was born in 1933 at Fen Farm, Brampton, and by the time she was 17 the family had settled in Middle Green Farm, Stoven. Her mother had MS, and when she went into care, Joan was left to manage the farmhouse and care for her father and uncle.

Joan and Ray met at a dance at Brampton Village Hall and married in 1959, moving to Wrentham West End, where they reclaimed land and planted 2000 Christmas trees. Twins Gillian and Paul were born, followed by Andrea.

Around 1966 Joan began to develop MS, but this did not prevent her from being active in the WI, Clover Club, the In-Betweens, and, when the children were grown-up, travelling the world with Ray.

Joan was laid to rest in the churchyard, and donations in her memory were for the Alzheimer's Society and the MS Society.



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Uggeshall Coffee Morning

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ABRAHAM

I have (almost) given up mentioning the grand old man of progressive education, A. S. Neill, and Summerhill School to the northern barbarians, but I do expect a little more interest from the folks in my adopted county. However, even that small dream was dashed recently. Idling my time away in the Parrot and Punchbowl, a lovely wee pub at Aldringham, I booked a table for Sunday lunch. I indicated a preference to be seated by the large photograph of Neill and a small pupil. Knowing that the young man attending to me was born and lived in Leiston I told him that of course he knew whose photo it was. "I haven't a clue" he replied. *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

I stupidly panicked recently and dialled, first of all my nurses, who, it being a Saturday were not at the hospital. I left a message and then, even more stupidly, called 999. The medics came almost immediately and the nurse rang on the Monday morning as soon as back on duty. I say again that, no matter what happens to me now or in the future, I have nothing but the utmost admiration for the attention I have been receiving. I do not care how much these angels are being paid, it isn't enough.

When did we dislike and distrust politicians as much as we do now? In the good old days we knew little about their private lives; we did not wish to know and took the view that if their personal habits did not affect their jobs it did not matter. I still believe that but now and again both aspects must collide. And you get the distinct impression that it is just one big game to them. It is everyone's duty to vote and be delivered of the

government they deserve but the ability to believe that what they get is worthwhile no longer exists.

I honestly did not believe I would miss the village pub as much as I do. Not using it that often, its very presence, the lights, the cheerful fire, the murmur of chat, were nonetheless a comforting presence at the heart of the old place. Not to mention two minutes away.

The old names seem to be becoming fashionable one more. William, Harry, Alfred, Bertie etc. Doubtless, the royal connection has an influence. How about a come-back for Norman?

How about this for an over-blown superlative? In a newly acquired book Dylan Thomas is described as 'Britain's greatest poet'. That sort of daft comment generally starts more arguments than it ends. Now, the editor (the poet's granddaughter) is entitled to her opinion, but to come out with such an outrageous claim is asking for someone like me to pick it up. Some might argue that he may not even be Wales' greatest poet but *Britain?*, thereby consigning Shakespeare, Hardy, Wilde, O'Heaney, Owen, Burns, Byron, Sassoon to a position of inferiority is beyond the pale. I stand by my favourite- Rupert Brooke.

And so, from a ripping wedding at the end of one month (no-one can accuse Colin and Joc of being in a rush) to a sombre funeral at the beginning of another. To complete the village cycle what we need now is a christening.

Abraham

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2018 series of lectures continues on Tuesday November 13th when Peter Webb will speak on Toulouse-Lautrec and the Cabarets of Paris.

Lectures commence at 2.00 pm in St. Edmund's Hall, Southwold. Visitors and members' guests are welcome. A small donation will be appreciated.

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6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 11th November	Remembrance Day
10.50 am Wangford	Remembrance Service
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer with Act of Remembrance (BCP)
Sunday 18th November	
2nd before Advent	
9.30 am Sotherton	Eucharist (CW)
11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
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11.15 am Wangford	Family@church
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NOVEMBER 2018 CENTRE DIARY

1st Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
1st Nov	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
1st Nov	Knitting	Cttee Room	2.30pm
1st Nov	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
1st Nov	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
2nd Nov	Yoga	Hall	9.30am
2nd Nov	Salsa	Hall	7.30pm
4th Nov	Private Hire	Hall	
5th Nov	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
6th Nov	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
6th Nov	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
6th Nov	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
7th Nov	Suffolk Mammals	Cttee Room	7.30pm
8th Nov	PCC	Cttee Room	9.00am
8th Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
8th Nov	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
8th Nov	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
9th Nov	Yoga	Hall	9.30am
9th Nov	Salsa	Hall	7.30pm
11th Nov	Private Hire	Hall	
12th Nov	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
13th Nov	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
13th Nov	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
13th Nov	Coffee Morning	Hall	10.45am
13th Nov	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
13th Nov	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
14th Nov	Singing Group	Hall	10.00am
14th Nov	Flu Clinic	Hall	2.30-5.30pm
14th Nov	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00pm
14th Nov	Steam Rally	Cttee Room	8.00pm
15th Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
15th Nov	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
15th Nov	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
17th Nov	Xmas Bazaar	Centre	2.00pm
17th Nov	Sotherton Quiz	Hall	7.00pm
19th Nov	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
20th Nov	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
20th Nov	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
20th Nov	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
20th Nov	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
21st Nov	Barber	Cttee Room	3.00pm
22nd Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
22nd Nov	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
22nd Nov	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
23rd Nov	Yoga	Hall	9.30am
23rd Nov	Salsa	Hall	7.30pm
26th Nov	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
26th Nov	Blythvalley Labour	Cttee Room	8.00 pm
27th Nov	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
27th Nov	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
27th Nov	Coffee Morning	Hall	10.45am
27th Nov	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
28th Nov	Artmakers East	Hall	10.00am
29th Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
29th Nov	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
28th Nov	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
30th Nov	Yoga	Hall	9.30am

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