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REMEMBRANCE



Remembrance Services
on Sunday 10th November
Wangford at 10.50am Uggeshall at 6.00pm

Reader's letter

I was very interested to read Abraham's letter in last month's magazine as it brought back memories of some of my family members. It reminded me of my Grandfather, George Robert Allingham and his brother, my Uncle Frederick. They were living in Australia and were sent together to fight in the Boer war in South Africa. Unfortunately my uncle was killed in action.

The horses they rode were called 'Walers', sturdy horses from New South Wales; the soldiers were members of the Light Horse Regiments and always wore emu feathers in their hats.

The men of the Light Horses endured indescribable hardship but through it all their camaraderie and sense of humour helped to make the most of their gruelling life. They loved and revered their horses and were heartbroken when they had to be shot. We must realise, too, that men lost their youth in those terrible years of war, when death was never far away.

Pamela Barnes MBE

RAISE THE ROOF

Wangford Fundraisers

Have you booked your team table for the QUIZ NIGHT to be held on November 6th in the Community Centre?

Bookings have gone well but if you would like to join in then do ring Edna on 578311 or Sue on 578007 as soon as possible and we will try to fit you in!

Supper of Hotdogs and dessert will be served at 7.15 and the quiz will follow.

Tickets are £7.50 per person - with teams a maximum of 4.

All profits to Wangford Church Raise the Roof.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

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Wangford Church

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Raise the Roof and Maggie's, Cambridge.

News from Wangford Vets

Poppies on 4 Paws

Supporting the Royal British Legion, the Appeal runs until 11th November. In addition to our usual red clip on poppies we have a beautiful new purple poppy which has become a symbol of remembrance in the UK for animals that served during wartime. Available from reception.

Puppy Party

Wednesday 13th November at 7.00 pm. Free to clients and non-clients, but pre-booking is essential. Ring 01502 578999.

Dog Behaviour Evening

Wednesday 20th November, 7.00 - 9.30 pm - for owners without their dogs! Learn how to solve your unwanted problems. Tickets £10 from 01502 578999.

Wangford 100 Club 2019

Winners in the October
Draw were

1. Audrey Lamb
2. Stephen Young
3. Henrietta Bradley

First Thursday Knitting Group

November is Shoebox month. Just a reminder that filled Shoeboxes should be brought to the meeting on 7th November or handed to me, or left in the Church by that date. We still have some empty boxes; if anyone would like one to fill please contact me as soon as possible.

Valerie Beckett 578987

Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting will be on Saturday 23rd November at the Angel Inn when Fred Butter will speak on 'The History of the Highway Code'

8.45 for 9.00 am

Full English - £12
Coffee and talk only £4

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 21st if you wish to attend.

DIXIEMIX

Friday 13th December
7.30pm Southwold Sports
Pavilion

Tickets £10

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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

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

Fundraisers' Quiz and Supper
Wednesday 6th November 7.15 pm Community Centre

Wangford Art Group
Thursdays from 9.30 am Community Centre

Knitting Group
Thursday 7th November 2.30 pm Community Centre

Book Club
Thursday 7th 8.00 pm Community Centre

The Arts Society
Tuesday 12th November 2.00 pm Southwold Arts Centre

Singing Group
Wednesday 13th November 10.00 am Community Centre

Uggeshall Garden Club
Wednesday 13th November 7.30 pm The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Coffee Morning
Thursday 14th November 10.30 am The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema
Thursday 14th November 7.15pm The Old School Hall

Xmas Bazaar
Saturday 16th November 2.00 pm Community Centre

Lunch Club
Tuesday 19th November 12.30 pm Community Centre

Whist Drive
Wednesday 20th November 7.00 pm Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast
Saturday 23rd November 8.45 am The Angel Inn

Sotherton Quiz
Saturday 23rd November 7.00 pm Community Centre

Wangford Coffee Morning
Tuesday 26th November 11.00 am Community Centre

The Abbot Consort Concert
Saturday 30th November 7.30 pm Wangford Church

Mobile Library at Wangford
Wednesdays 27th November
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Christmas Barn Sale
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Wangford Church Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 26th 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, plus a Bric-a-Brac/ Bring and Buy stall.

WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

Wrentham Village Hall on
Saturday 30th November

YESTERDAY

2019 romantic comedy directed by Danny Boyle, written by Richard Curtis.

Starring Lily James, Himesh Patel, Robert Carlyle and Ed Sheeran.

Cert 12a.

Doors open 6.45pm, film screens 7.30pm.

£4.50 inc refreshments.

All welcome

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2019 series of lectures continues on Tuesday November 12th when Roger Askew will speak on 'The very model of English entertainment' - the works of W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan.

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NOVEMBER'S TEAM LETTER

"Sorry seems to be the Hardest Word". Or is it?

I wonder if you agree with Bernie Taupin's words, who wrote the lyrics to this song which became a hit for Elton John in 1976 and Blue in 2003? I think an equal contender for the prize might be the words "thank you".

Well, the word sorry does seem to have been in short supply recently. It seems in public life that it is a difficult word to say and on each side of the Atlantic politicians have not set a good example when it seems self evident that an apology would seem, to any decent person, appropriate and a way to bring the matter to an end. Human relationships whether in the work place, family, media or on the international stage would be healed much more quickly if we all found it easier to say this one word.

Saying 'thank you' though can be equally challenging. Jesus himself experienced a lack of gratitude when in Luke 17, verses 11-19 he healed 10 lepers, but only one felt it important to praise God and say 'thank you' for being healed. This was the person that Jesus praised for his faith.

In November we are minded to share in red letter days that call on us to be thankful for a number of different occasions.

On November 1 it is all Saints Day when we give thanks to God for all the women and men down the ages who have devoted their lives to following Christ, sometimes in spite of their strange personalities. On this day we remember that as a Christian we can never be alone because the Communion of Saints is forever surrounding us.

On Remembrance Sunday we commemorate all those who have given their lives for our freedom in armed conflicts since and including The Great War. I think it is also a time for us to say sorry as a society, for the times when we have taken our freedom and peace for granted, and neglected service men and women who have needed our support due to PTSD and living with life changing injuries.

Well, the jury is out. I will leave the answer to you. However, regardless of whether the answer is 'sorry' or 'thank you' we could all attempt to say each word more, and that can only be good for all of us who make up the Body of Christ.

Revd Alan Perry

Wangford Fundraisers

Many thanks to all who supported - and helped to organise - the DIXIEMIX Jazz evening. A very enjoyable and successful evening resulted in us being able to send £476 to Wangford Community Council.

News from Wangford Church

The 'Raise the Roof ' Appeal is underway and the evidence is that the sooner the Roof is repaired, the better. I have just returned from mopping up and emptying the strategically-placed bowls at the Church after the heavy rain. Where possible our fundraising efforts are to support this cause. Meanwhile grants and donations are urgently sought as it is hoped that the first stage of the work will begin in early Spring.

The Jazz night held in September was a great success and raised nearly £1800 towards the Roof project. In November there is a Quiz night organised by the Village Fundraising Group which will help boost the Fund. On Saturday 30th November we have a visit from Abbot Consort of Voices who are bringing us a programme of "Music to herald the season of Advent" called Adveniet. Entry is free but there will be a retiring collection to be shared between Maggie's Centre, Cambridge and our Raise the Roof Appeal. This is an opportunity to enjoy some beautiful choral music.

Many thanks to the volunteer who will now take over the care of the flower tubs either side of the Church porch. There was no response to my plea for volunteers to help clean the Church but I am hoping some are still thinking about it! Please let me know if you can join the rota. At present it is once every seven weeks

Our Coffee Morning will take place on Tuesday, 26th November as usual. This month we hope to have a Bric-a-Brac / Bring and Buy stall. In December our Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Tuesday, 10th December. Come and join us for Christmas goodies and Raffle.

Valerie Beckett, Churchwarden 578987

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News from Uggeshall

Coffee Morning

This month we meet on Thursday 14th from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

Uggeshall Cinema

We will be showing the film "Yesterday" on November 14th. Some of the scenes were shot locally and some of you were extras in those scenes, so come along and spot yourself! Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

Advance notice - the film in December will show on Thursday 19th due to holidays.

Food Bank

Please come and donate if you can on Monday 18th November at The Old School Hall, 10.30-11.30 am. Thank you.

Uggeshall Teas

At the Thank You evening on 23rd September, 20% of this year's proceeds from the Teas were donated to local charities.

It was a lovely evening and thank you to the PCC who supplied all the food and drink. The hall looked lovely and it was heart-warming to listen to Angela and Tracey give a brief outline of their work and what the funds may be spent on.

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Teas.


The steering group - Linda, Pearl, Jane, Amanda,



A cheque for £700 was presented to the Gatekeeper of the Wrentham First Responders Angela Day and First Responders Pat Seaman, Chris Levett, Val Carse and Carol Aldred,



A cheque for £700 was presented to Tracey Kempley, the Single Adult Homeless Supported Housing Team Leader Fyffe & Phoenix, and Lisa McDowell, support worker at Access Community Trust in Lowestoft.


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Huge thanks to all organisers, members and supporters - the UGC team

News from Sotherton

Church Services

Our next church service is on Sunday 17th November at 9.30am. All are welcome.

Quiz

St Andrews next fund raising event is our Grand Quiz Night on the 23rd November 2019 at 7pm in Wangford Community Centre. There's a maximum of 6 people in a team, and all ages are welcome. Bring your own drink.

To book your place please ring Karen on 01986 873123 or e-mail d.flaxman@btconnect.com

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ABRAHAM

Here's a real crackerjack. This couple live off benefits in a Brighton council house. They refuse to educate their children or give them western medicine, preaching their, to them, commendable lifestyle of an "off-the-grid" existence. The fellow says that he has no intention of working a normal week because "it's just not in my psyche". Lordy, give me strength! The psyche of the vast majority of decent working folk tells us that if we don't work, we don't get the decent things in life, there would be no economy - and no benefits to keep people like them. Their twisted logic tells us that they have a minimalist impact on society by having their children at home and not using schools or the NHS.

And we have, to balance the matter, the fantastic revelation that the President of the Supreme Court, Lady Hale, is an "ex-barmaid". Well, good for her, and don't we all know at least one worthy person who has carried out so-called menial tasks to make ends meet or pay off the dreaded university loan? I know our little girl did until she found a job that she really wanted. So often, too, these jobs sustain folks throughout their working lives and give them an understanding of how the economy works and how people behave. How many of these over-privileged prats who are pretending to run the country could unblock a drain, change a barrel, or listen to a tale of woe? If these people had ever spent just a tiny part of their existence actually working for a living, would we be in such an unholy mess as we now are?

Once more the land of the barbarians is in the van by making it now illegal to smack children, thus setting an example for the rest of the UK. At the moment, the rest of Britain can use the defence of "reasonable punishment" which allows parents and carers (now, there's a misnomer) to hit children, providing no marks are left on the skin. I appreciate the argument that frustrated parents will raise when they ask how you deal with a child who doesn't listen, is out of control and pushes their tempers to the limit, and I sympathise. Striking children, nonetheless, must teach the little ones that attacking others is an acceptable way of behaviour. In the main, therefore, the new law must be a good thing.

Book Club

At our October meeting we discussed "The Hoarder" by Jess Kidd. This was quite a different book for us and met with a mixed reception. Some readers did not enjoy the story and found the subject uninteresting. Many did not like how it started but after persevering found it was very well written. The book told the story of elderly Cathal Flood who in turn recounted his own story. He lived amongst piles of rubbish and artefacts and some were quite horrifying. Underneath the surface was the death of his wife and daughter. Maud Drennan was the character who carried the narrative and was his carer. The descriptions were vibrant and funny but there was a sadness in disappearance and loss. We all agreed that we could not have guessed the ending. Those who did finish the book found it compelling with its double rooms, strange objects and people who are not who they seemed to be. A very different psychological thriller. We next meet on Thursday 7th November to discuss Anne Tyler's "Vinegar Girl". Tea/coffee £1

Gill Smith 578620

At the beginning of the month hundreds of blokes named Nigel gathered in a pub to celebrate "Nigelness" because, according to the landlord, one Nigel Smith, the name is much maligned. This sounds like a touch over-sensitive to me, if not downright paranoid. Be that as it may, they picked a collective noun for a group of Nigels, it being a 'niggle' of Nigels. Which set me thinking, having nothing better to do, you see. I wandered into the wee Angel one evening to be confronted with four Marks (there may have been others lurking in the background) There was Croydon Mark, Brummie Mark, Church Street Mark, and I belong - to - Julie Mark. So, how about a collective noun for these good people? Answers to the sainted Editor on a pinhead no later than last week. I suggest "low" or, if you consider that iffy - "full". This one may run on a bit.

Abraham

Dominic Church RIP

The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dominic, who died on 29th June, took place in Wangford Church on 25th September.

His sister Gabby spoke movingly of the big brother whom she idolised, and who always wanted to care for his baby sister. Dominic was very creative, and from an early age was fascinated by everything to do with film, and later, computers and gaming.

After school, he took time out to visit Australia, working for the Sony Centre in Sydney, then building funfairs, and finally working on a remote farm.

Dominic's life changed dramatically in 2012 after he was hit by a car, and was left with life-threatening head injuries. After this, his temperament seemed to change, and he struggled with depression, although he successfully began a Chemistry foundation course at UEA in 2017.

Dominic was buried in the churchyard.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd November	All Saints Day
11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
3.00 pm Reydon	All Souls Service
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Sunday
10.50 am Wangford	Remembrance Service
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Remembrance Service
Sunday 17th November	2nd before Advent
9.30 am Sotherton	Eucharist (CW)
11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 24th November	Christ the King
11.15 am Wangford	Family@Church
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Eucharist (BCP)

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NOVEMBER 2019 CENTRE DIARY

1st Nov	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
4th Nov	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
5th Nov	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
6th Nov	Flu Clinic	Hall	2.30-5.30pm
	Fundraisers' Quiz	Hall	5.30-10.00pm
7th Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Knitting Group	Cttee Room	2.30-4.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
	Book Group	Cttee Room	8.00pm
8th Nov	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
11th Nov	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
12th Nov	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
13th Nov	Wangford Wingers	Hall	10.00-12noon
14th Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
15th Nov	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
16th Nov	Bazaar	Hall	2.00pm
18th Nov	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
19th Nov	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Lunch Club	Hall	
20th Nov	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00-10.00pm
	GHSR	Cttee Room	8.00pm
21st Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
22nd Nov	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
23th Nov	Sotherton Quiz	Hall	6.00pm
25th Nov	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	8.00pm
26th Nov	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Coffee Morning	Hall	11.00-12.30
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7..00-10.00pm
27th Nov	PCC Meeting	Cttee Room	9.30am
	Artmarkers East	Hall	10.00-3.00pm
28th Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Cttee Room	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
29th Nov	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am