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Wangford Community Council invites you to



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Wangford Community Centre

Tuesday 13th December

This will be cooked by the staff and students from the Catering department of East Coast College.

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Lucy Cook - Project Trust

19-year-old Lucy from Wangford is volunteering with an organisation called Project Trust, and will spend 8 months from January to August 2023 in Honduras. She will be working in an orphanage called Miqueas 6.8 in the village of La Colorada, near El Progreso. The home, with more than 30 children, is run by an American-Canadian couple assisted by Honduran staff and volunteers.

Lucy will be involved in teaching, tutoring and running activities, including therapeutic activities for children with special needs. There will be a lot of opportunities for music, art, drama and sport.

Lucy has to raise £6,250 by 5th December to fund her trip. She has already contributed £1,500 of her own, and is working hard fundraising through car boot sales and other events. If you feel able to support her with donations of money or goods to sell, do get in touch with her as follows:

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Sunday 13th
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Uggeshall at 6.00 pm

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them.

Wangford 100 Club 2022

Winners in the October
Draw were
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2. Liz Schofield
3. Rachel Dade

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Wangford Parent and Toddler Group

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Body Conditioning

Tuesdays from 9.30 - 10.30am Community Centre

Wangford Art Group

Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm Community Centre

Book Club

Thursday 3rd November 8.00pm Community Centre

The Arts Society

Tuesday 8th November 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wangford with Henham Parish Council

Tuesday 8th November Community Centre
6.30 - 7.30pm Payment of Allotment and Garage Rents
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

Thursday 10th November 10.30am Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema

Thursday 10th November 7.00pm Old School Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Thursday 10th November 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 12th November 2.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

Wednesday 16th November 10.30am - noon

Wangford Men's Breakfast

Saturday 19th November 8.45am The Angel Inn

Community Garden Working Party

Saturday 19th November 10.00 am Community Garden

Sotherton Quiz

Saturday 19th November 7.00 for 7.15pm
Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford

Wednesday 23rd November
10.10 - 103.0am Community Centre
10.35 - 10.45am Church

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 24th November 2.30pm Community Centre

Blyth Valley Labour

Monday 28th November 7.30pm Community Centre

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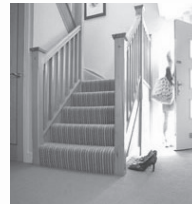
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NOVEMBER'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends,

Remember, remember, the 5th November...

I'm sure we all remember the rest of it! However, there are days in the Church's calendar for November which cause us to remember too.

The 1st November is All Saints Day, which we celebrate, in common with most parishes, on Sunday 30th October. Saints are sometimes viewed with suspicion in the Church of England, which is sad. We do not worship saints and they are not little plaster idols. We do not pray to them, although sometimes we seek their prayers for us. They are flesh and blood human beings, just like us. Many had struggles and failings; even St. Peter denied his lord, but they came good in the end, and so can we. They are the heroes of the Church, our elder sisters and brothers in the faith, and they encourage us and inspire us to strive for the holiness they attained, often at the expense of their lives.

All Souls Day is the 2nd November, which we will observe at a Team Service at Reydon at 3.00pm on Sunday 30th October. This is an occasion to remember our own departed loved ones, and there will be an opportunity to light a candle. Of course we mourn their passing, of course we miss their physical presence, but, as Christians, we do not believe that the death of the physical body is also the spiritual death of the person we loved and still love. As we remember them, in love and trust, we commend them anew to God's care and keeping and pray that, by the grace of God, we may be re-united with them, one day, in His Kingdom.

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on the 13th November, with services across the Team. We remember those who gave their lives to defeat tyranny, ethnic slaughter, and oppression; and so that we might enjoy lives of freedom, democracy and peace. We remember them with gratitude, of course, during the two minutes silence and during the laying of poppy wreaths. We also remember them, and all the victims of war, when we work and witness in our own day to overcome division, bigotry, prejudice, and hatred of any kind.

November does indeed give us much to remember!

With every Blessing,

Fr. Stephen

News from Wangford Church

October 2nd saw this year's Harvest Festival; thank you to everybody who provided gifts to be donated to the local foodbank. Foodbanks are more important than ever at the moment and there is a basket at the back of the church for any donations you are able to make; these are taken to the foodbank each week. At the service we were joined by Dr Girlie Shadaya, the Principal of Amasango Career School in Grahamstown, South Africa who was visiting the UK. She spoke about the current challenges the school faces, her future hopes, and also the impact harvest has upon her learners in a particularly poor part of South Africa.

On 9th October, we commemorated the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams who composed so much well-known church music, especially through his editing of the English Hymnal. All the music sung and played at the service was written or arranged by RVW, and the sermon explored the relationship between faith and creativity.

On Sunday November 13 we will hold our Remembrance Service. The Act of Remembrance begins at 10.50am at the War Memorial, and continues with a service in church.

November's coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 16th November at 10.30am. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on offer and there will be a raffle too.

We are holding a Christmas raffle for church funds. The prize is a food hamper, and tickets, priced at £1.00, will be available in church each Sunday and from the Village Store and Farm Shop. The draw will take place at the Carol Service in church on December 18th.

Finally, for some time now we have been unable to fly a flag due to issues in the church tower, but thanks to Mike Barber, we now have a new flagpole installed at the front of the church. We would like to thank Mike for erecting the flagpole so quickly, and in time to honour the late Queen Elizabeth II. The flagpole came from Lady P's house and we are sure that Lady P will be pleased that this has helped the church. It was gifted to us by Dr Catherine Thomas of Suffolk Exotic Vets, and we would like to thank Dr Thomas for her generosity.

Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)

News from Sotherton

Pancakes

The weather stayed fine for the return of Henham Steam Rally and once again Sotherton Pancake stall was up and running. Thanks to everyone who helped make pancakes and set up and man the stall. We raised a grand total of £1000.00

Quiz Night

Our annual quiz in aid of St. Andrews Church funds is on November 19th at Wangford Community Centre, arriving at 7.00 p.m. for a 7.15 p.m. start. Nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drink. There will be a raffle. Tickets are £6.00 per person, maximum table number of 6. Please phone Karen on 01986 873123 or Jane on 01986 874248 to book a table. We look forward to a fun, sometimes competitive, evening with friends.

See you on 19th November.

Maureen Alice Beales RIP

A memorial service for Maureen, who died on June 29th aged 91, took place on September 9th at St Peter and St Paul, Wangford, attended by a large congregation of family, friends and former colleagues. Born in Peterborough in 1930, Maureen won a scholarship to the local grammar school, followed by secretarial college. She worked for architects and accountants, but had the most fun when she joined Great Eastern Railways, working with one of the first female civil engineers, and, ever practical, taking advantage of discounted rail fares.

Maureen and Peter met at a dance, and, after he qualified as a Geography teacher, they moved to Humber Doucy Lane, Ipswich, round the corner from his first job at Northgate School. Peter moved to Woodbridge School in the late 1960s, and then to Ipswich School, where, from 1977 he became a housemaster, living in a school house.

Maureen and Peter had two sons, Nicholas and Duncan, and a daughter, Bryony, and were a very active family, enjoying travel, cycling and camping.

Peter took early retirement in 1988 following his cancer diagnosis, and they moved to 1 Church Street, Wangford, where they set up a tea room with Duncan. Sadly Peter's cancer returned in 1991, and the business closed. Peter died in 1992.

Maureen, in need of a job, went to work as a receptionist at the firm where Bryony was employed, remaining there until her retirement. Bryony recalls that watching her mother get to grips with a computer for the first time was very funny.

When she finally retired, Maureen threw herself into a very active life. She continued to travel, cycling and camping in Europe until her mid-80s; she was still cycling at the end of 2021. She went to keep fit classes, and WEA courses, and kept up her musical interests, playing viola in her Ipswich orchestra and a string quartet, and enjoying recorder ensembles.

Maureen also became involved with Wangford church, where her practical and organisational skills were put to good use. She was a churchwarden for many years, as well as sacristan, unofficial verger, brass polisher and cleaner. As keyholder for many years, she ensured that, come rain or shine, the church was opened and closed daily. Through the church she met Robin Chater, and they became a powerful team, who quietly got on with whatever was needed to keep the ship afloat.

Maureen joined Robin in developing the Village Pantry at the Henham Steam Rallies; she was a very successful recruiter, with a gift for getting, and keeping, people involved. After handing over the well-oiled machine to Sara, Maureen was still helping out in the kitchen cabin at the last pre-covid Rally in 2019.

Maureen was a good friend to many, and was generous in passing on her knowledge and skills. She was a loving and supportive mother, grandmother of four, and great-grandmother of six. She hated fuss, and her equable temperament was an example to others. She saw the best in everyone, and never took offence. Like a superannuated girl guide, she had a can-do, positive attitude, a great sense of humour, and a remarkable energy and zest for life that belied her years.

Although Maureen cared for Robin as his health declined, she would have hated having to be cared for herself. That her final illness was mercifully short was a blessing for her.

Donations in Maureen's memory were made to Cancer Research.

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

The film for November 10th will be 'The Duke'. In 1961, 60-year-old Kempton Bunton stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend. Stars Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.

Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.



Matt Grady

The Uggeshall sandwich team hard at work in the Village Pantry kitchen at the Grand Henham Steam Rally.

Uggeshall Teas Thank You Evening

An enjoyable evening was held at The Old School Hall to thank the wonderful volunteers without whom the Teas could not take place and to meet and hear from the organisations who benefited from the proceeds. Uggeshall Church will use the largest chunk of the money raised towards the roof repairs. Wrentham First Responders, an absolutely invaluable local service which gives vital support in the first critical minutes of an emergency, will spend money on necessary equipment. Access Community Trust, based in Lowestoft, offers accommodation and support and many other services to the homeless and socially excluded, helping them reintegrate into society.



Members of The Uggeshall Teas Steering Group with Lisa McDowell and Simon Baldry, Access Community Trust, Valerie and Carol, Wrentham First Responders, and Clare Bailey, Uggeshall PCC.

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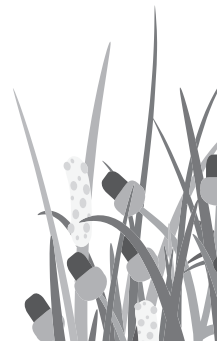
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The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2022 series continues on Tuesday 8th November when Gail Turner will speak on

'Painter of Sunlight : Joaquin Sorolla'

Lectures commence at 2.00pm in Southwold Arts Centre. Visitors and Members' guests are welcome; a small donation would be appreciated.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust (Blyth Valley and Southwold)

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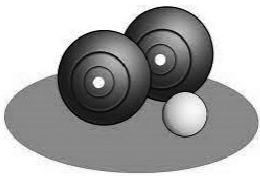
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Book Club

At our September meeting we discussed Ruth Ware's "The Death of Mrs Westaway". We all felt there was a strange compulsion to continue reading this book despite the somewhat bizarre tale of life, relationships and dysfunctional families. The context and setting seemed out of time with the narrative and the characters were not believable. The story unfolds through Hal who was only 18 when her mother died. Hal works on Brighton Pier as a tarot reader and we did find some of the tarot related points interesting but some of the connections she made using the cards were quite spurious. The arrival of an unexpected letter telling her of an inheritance set off a chain of events. She has no money or family to fall back on and decides to carry on being the person the letter was sent to. We wondered why the family did not question who she was but welcomed her into the home of the late Mrs Westaway. Relationships between the Westaway adult children were tense. Tales of difficult and unloving childhoods were unveiled. Hal began to piece together who her father was and that her mother's death was not an accident. There were many twists and turns and the author did keep us guessing as to the true nature of Hal's background and why she was being hunted down so relentlessly.

We discussed whether fiction had to be believable. There were aspects of the narrative and technique reminiscent of Daphne du Maurier and Agatha Christie. Gothic conventions abounded - woman (young) in distress, the supernatural and omens (via the tarot cards). Trepassen House was not a castle but it was dark and foreboding and contained secrets. In summary, a discordant narrative that conversely we just had to read.

We next meet on Thursday 3rd November at 8 pm at the Community Centre to discuss "Fatal Inheritance" by Rachel Rhys.

Gill Smith 578620

Wangford Mens' Breakfast

Saturday the 15th October saw 14 gather for breakfast at the Angel Inn for an illustrated history of the Southwold Railway. Mr James Hewitt from the Halesworth and Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway enthralled all with his 'past, present and future' narration.

Next month on the 19th November, Mr David Moss of Moss & Co, owner of the Angel and several other local pubs, will give his view from the other side of the bar of the trials and tribulations of the hospitality industry. If you are interested, email johnscholes@hotmail.com.

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Sunday 6th November	3rd Sunday before Advent
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Sunday
10.50 am Wangford	Remembrance Service
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Remembrance Evensong
Sunday 20th November	Christ the King
9.30 am Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 27th November	Advent Sunday
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Holy Communion (BCP)

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1st Nov	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall and Bar	7.00-9.30pm
3rd Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00-9.00pm
7th Nov	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
8th Nov	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm
	Allotment/Garage Rents	Cttee Room	6.30-7.30pm
	Parish Council	Cttee Room	7.30-8.30pm
9th Nov	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
10th Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
12th Nov	Xmas Bazaar	Hall	2.00pm
14th Nov	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
15th Nov	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.30pm
16th Nov	Artmakers East	Hall	9.30-3.00pm
	Steam Rally	Bar	8.00-10.00pm
17th Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
19th Nov	Sotherton Quiz	Hall	7.00pm
21st Nov	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
22nd Nov	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.30pm
23rd Nov	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
24th Nov	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Afternoon Tea	Hall	2.30-4.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	6.30-7.30pm
28th Nov	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	7.30-10.00pm
29th Nov	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	2.00-4.00pm