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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE YOUR FEELINGS KNOWN

The Parish Councils are encouraging as many individuals as possible to write expressing concerns about the devastating impact Lion Link could have on our area if their current plans for multiple energy projects are approved.

There would be the creation of one or two onshore energy superhubs within our coastal area, the building of the inland cable route, with trenches passing through Reydon, Wangford, Frostenden, Uggeshall, Henham, Blyford and Blythburgh on the way to Friston.

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Claire Coutinho -

Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk

and copy in

therese.coffey.mp@parliament.uk

info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com

Remembrance Services



Sunday 12th November

Wangford at 10.50 am

Uggeshall at 6.00 pm

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Wangford Community Centre

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Thursdays
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Community Centre

Community Garden

The October work party went very well with six of us achieving a good result. We started preparing the bed where the conifers were removed and two varieties of Rosa rugosa, one red flowered and one white flowered, will be planted. The soil was better than we imagined but will need topping up.

Volunteers weeded around the base of all the larger trees and weeds were removed from the central beds. There was still a good amount of colour from the English Marigolds, Russian Sage and the berries on the Spindle bushes.

The next work party will be advertised in the Village Store when the date has been agreed. Thanks again to our wonderful volunteers.

Geoff Pepper

Reydon Carpet Bowls

Wangford Community Centre

Tuesdays 11.00 - 1.00pm

All are welcome - no previous experience necessary.

£2.00 per session - but your first visit is free.

Just turn up at 11.00am.

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Wangford Parent and Toddler Group

Mondays 9.30 - 11.30am Community Centre

Body Conditioning

Tuesdays from 9.30 - 10.30am Community Centre

Salsa

Wednesdays from 7.30 to 8.30pm Community Centre

Wangford Art Group

Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm Community Centre

Book Club

Thursday 2nd November 8.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Ladies' Breakfast

Saturday 4th November 8.45am The Angel Inn

William and Alma Smith Memorial Service

Saturday 4th November 2.00pm Wangford Church

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

Thursday 9th November 10.30am Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema

Thursday 9th November 7.00pm Old School Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Thursday 9th November 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Xmas Bazaar

Saturday 11th November 2.00pm Community Centre

The Arts Society

Tuesday 14th November 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Wangford with Henham Parish Council

Tuesday 14th November 7.30pm Community Centre

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

Wednesday 15th November 10.30am - noon

Wangford Men's Breakfast

Saturday 18th November 8.45am The Angel Inn

Sotherton Church Quiz

Saturday 18th November 7.00pm Community Centre

Allotment Meeting

Tuesday 21st November 7.30pm Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford

Wednesday 22nd November
1010 - 1030 Community Centre
1035 - 1045 Church

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 23rd November 2.30pm Community Centre

Blyth Valley Labour

Monday 27th November 7.30pm Community Centre

Wangford 100 Club 2023

Winners in the October

Draw were

1. Peter Hart
2. Pam Blades
3. Beryl Meldrum

Food Bank

Please leave Items for the Food Bank in the basket at the font in Wangford Church to be collected on Friday morning.

Most needed food items are UHT milk, tinned fish or meat, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes or vegetables, tinned meat, baked beans, biscuits, rice pudding, and pasta.

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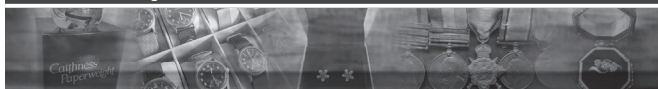
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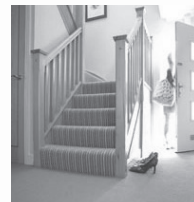
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NOVEMBER'S TEAM LETTER

Why? 28-hrs after returning from a very tiring trip to USA, helping our son and family move home, DIY-ing and cleaning almost all 6-weeks of our trip, we were sitting in St Mary's Halesworth, rather than at home recovering from jet lag!

We were there, with around 200 others, for the start of the Halesworth Climate Change weekend - A "Question Time" format - chaired by Bishop Martin, with a varied panel including the current Suffolk Coastal MP and Minister for the Environment, Therese Coffey. Understandably, a lively debate ensued with most questions pre-screened, until someone added an unscripted challenge regarding the government's recent decision to sanction a new gas field; one that seemingly flies in the face of progress toward green goals and net carbon zero. The chair kept calm and allowed the question to be unsatisfactorily answered! But the event was about so much more with Saturday's programme sharing local action: in habitat creation and restoration initiatives; helpful energy-saving links, and more. Challenges and connections were made between church and community. Concluding with Sunday Harvest worship and lunch, a powerful statement made by the church opening its doors and hosting this event with, and for, all.

The most moving display was an exercise done with schoolchildren 9-11 in the 10-day exhibition, prior to the weekend, called "Tree of Hope". In sessions devised by Revd Alison Alder, children wrote short notes, to express their hopes for nature and the environment before hanging them on the 'tree' branches like prayers. The display continues and I encourage you to pay a visit if in Halesworth. It's very much on my mind as I write this, on the eve of St Francis, who could have been founder of the first Eco Church!

Southwold and Walberswick PCC's, with Rev Philip Tarris and I, are discussing Eco Church applications and hope to begin them soon. We look forward reporting back to Team Council and anyone who wants to stop and ask us, as this is of relevance to all in the Team and Diocese! God knows, it makes sense to align ourselves with this movement, work cooperatively with our communities towards better use of the earth's resources, and live in closer step with God's gift of the natural world, so beautifully depicted in Jacqui Parkinson's "Threads through Creation" panels.

Find out more at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>

Revd Judy

News from Sotherton

Quiz Night

Saturday 18th November 2023

Wangford Community Centre at 7.00pm
6 people per team, £6.00 per person; nibbles are included but please bring your own drink.

A raffle will be held on the night.

Contact Jane on 01986 874248
or Karen on 01986 873123

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2023 series continues on

Tuesday 14th November

when Christopher Garibaldi will speak on
'An Introduction to Norwich Silver'

Lectures commence at 2.00pm
in Southwold Arts Centre.

Visitors and Members' guests are welcome.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

(Blyth Valley and Southwold)

'The Broads and its Wildlife'

Speaker: Tony Brown

Thursday 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Cost: £4 (including refreshments); under 25s free

Book Club

At our October meeting we discussed "Unsettled Ground" by Claire Fuller. Generally we thought the story began well as secrets started to unravel, but at mid-point we questioned the believability of the events and circumstances in a modern setting. The narrative explored the emotions and responses of 51-year-old twins Jeanie and Julius on the death of their mother and how they coped with entry into a world which appeared to have moved on without them.. They had never left home or lived independently. Their mother controlled their lives by wrongly telling Jeanie she had a serious heart condition so she rarely attended school and believed in her invalid status. Julius was told that he had to always look after his sister and he never had the opportunity to build any relationships of his own. We discussed how a parent could lie to this extent. The twins were not equipped to deal with finances and had a small income. We discussed whether there would be any social care available, but they did not seem to want to engage with anyone who could help other than their mother's friend Bridget who was chaotic but kind. The twins had to endure being evicted, cope with homelessness, lack of money and Julius nearly died when he was shot by the lads who had evicted them. We did find the sudden change in direction of the narrative jarring when it suddenly switched to Jeanie returning to the family home to look after Julius who would never be independent following his shooting. The most disturbing aspect was that their mother Dot had a relationship with the land owner which she concealed and at the end Jeanie was arranging for someone to sit with Julius while she went out to meet the land owner. We discussed whether history was partially repeating itself in the relationship with the land owner. We also discussed the characterisation and that we felt a lack of empathy as we could not relate. We did agree that the description of the land and nature was excellent.

We next meet on Thursday 2nd November in the community centre at 8 pm to discuss "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

Gill Smith 578620

News from Wangford Church

Autumn feels very much with us as I write these notes and with the changing of the season, we celebrated our harvest festival in October. All donations of food were passed on to the Lowestoft Foodbank where they were very welcome, and we will continue to take further donations of non-perishable food items throughout the winter. The church looked absolutely lovely for harvest; many thanks to Wendy and all the volunteers who helped put the displays together.

October also saw the Jubilate Choir visit for Evensong and they sounded fantastic. It really did make for a great service and if you were unable to make it last month, they will be returning to this area in January 2024 to sing at South Cove. You may have read before about the tragic story of William and Alma Smith who were the victims of gossip and rumour in 1914 during World War 1. The much loved and respected headteacher of Henham and Wangford school, William was falsely accused of being a spy and under War regulations, the family was given notice to quit the area. Five days later he took his own life. William's wife Alma also committed suicide in January 1915, and both were buried in our churchyard. When we first heard this story in full, the PCC decided to have the gravestone restored. Now that this is complete, there will be a memorial service to William and Alma on November 4th at 2pm attended by their great-granddaughters, members of the Earl of Stradbroke's family, and Angela Lawrence the author of 'Rumour', the book which drew attention to the tragic story.

There will also be a special exhibition and refreshments and if you like local history and want to find out more about William and Alma and hear how unsubstantiated rumours can have such devastating effects, please do come along.

November 12th is Remembrance Sunday and we will go out to the war memorial in the churchyard at 10.50 am for the Act of Remembrance, followed by the usual service in church.

November's Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 15th from 1030 am to noon in the north aisle. Do join us.

As November moves on, our minds will turn towards Christmas. Full details of Christmas services and activities will be in next month's issue but we are very much looking forward to the village carol singing event. Last year, the traditional carolling around the village ended up outside the church where there was more singing and refreshments before some people retired to The Angel. We hope that again we can involve as many people as possible in the evening.

Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)

Wangford Ladies' Breakfast

On October 7th, we very much appreciated Chris Levett, a First Responder, speaking to us on how we should respond in an emergency at home. Very informative, especially the demonstration on how to use a defibrillator.

This month, on November 4th, we have Jo Flunder and Pam Hall joining us from Southwold museum. They will be bringing along a few interesting artefacts for our perusal.

If you are interested in joining us, 8.45 for 9.00am at The Angel Inn, Wangford please contact Jan by email - perrypoppy@aol.com

All new ladies welcome!

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

November's Coffee Morning is on Thursday 9th from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

Uggeshall Cinema

The film for November 9th is 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. It's a beautiful story of a simple act that one man made to try to bring some meaning and importance to his life. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15pm.

Matt Grady

Group Parish Council

Tuesday 7th November, 7.30pm in the Old School Hall.

Uggeshall Teas

After another successful year of Uggeshall Teas which raised over £3000, an evening was held at The Old School Hall to thank all those who volunteered their time and efforts to ensure this annual event went smoothly. A large team is needed to make the Teas happen and all help is gratefully appreciated.

During the evening, representatives from the organisations benefitting from the proceeds (Wrentham First Responders, Access Community Trust, Lowestoft Food Bank and St Mary's Church, Uggeshall) were present to accept the donations and to give an insight into how their organisations work and how the money might be spent. A lovely evening and thanks to Uggeshall PCC for providing refreshments.



Members of Uggeshall Teas committee with Wrentham First Responders, Giles Crisp (St Mary's, Uggeshall), Linda Hill (Lowestoft Food Bank) and Simon Baldry (Access Community Trust)



A date for your diary - next year's Teas will be held on 3rd and 4th August 2024!

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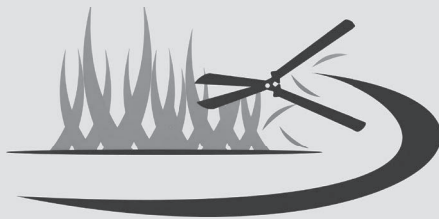
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ABRAHAM

I have been overdosing on J.M.Barrie recently, having read two books about his love of cricket and one by his personal assistant and companion of some 20 years standing, Cynthia Asquith, which is, by definition, a very personal outlook on J.M.B. He learned to play cricket at his home town of Kirriemuir indicating that the land of the barbarians had a long tradition of the gentle sport. To illustrate the point Freuchie Cricket Club, from a wee village in Fife, founded in 1908, won the National Village Championship by defeating a side from Surrey in 1985, their greatest triumph. When Barrie became famous, he founded a club consisting of friends and colleagues mostly from the literary world which he named the Allahakbarries, which seemingly is Moorish for 'Heaven Help Us'. They played their games against village teams, mostly from Shere and Broadway. They were generally beaten but enjoyed themselves, the teams usually being entertained afterwards at a banquet. The only real cricketer among the company was Arthur Conan Doyle and the last recruit to the team was A.A. Milne. Barrie himself was a fierce competitor and a slow left handed bowler. The memoir of Cynthia Asquith is revealing with many quotable instances such as explaining his bowling method thus - *'the reason I bowl so slowly is that if I don't like the ball I can catch it up and bring it back, and on the creation of Peter Pan - 'I made Peter by rubbing the five of you (Llewelyn Davies boys) violently together, as savages with sticks produce flames'*. Barrie dedicated the play to his three surviving adopted sons. George died in the war and Michael drowned (a suspected suicide?) Much later Peter the publisher committed suicide. On returning, when rich and famous, to his home town of Kirriemuir Barrie wrote:

Now times are altered; if I care

To buy a thing, I can;

The pence are here and here's the fair

But where's the lost young man?

In obedience to clear instructions his name appears on the gravestone in Kirriemuir cemetery below his mother's, father's, one brother and three sisters, *'with no embellishments of any kind'*. Neither is there any epitaph, or record. Merely the names and dates. JAMES MATTHEW BARRIE 1860-1937. All of which confirms to me that Barrie was the greatest of men.

The story has often been told but it is worth repeating, of the poet and writer W.E. Henley's little daughter Margaret, an only child, who died when she was only five, and who befriended J. M. Barrie. Her name for him was first "Friendly" and then "Friendly wendy" or sometimes just "Wendy". Ten years after her death, when Barrie was writing the play of *Peter Pan*, the word came back to him and for the first time Wendy was a girl. Not for the last, as all over the world, there must now be thousands of Wendys, and I expect there always will be - but how many will have heard of little Margaret Henley?

We spent a few days last month in the East Neuk primarily to show historian daughter Frances where her old dad was born and bred. Lots of photographs were taken, the closed pub, the Auchtermuchty sign, the old house (I did knock but alas no answer), the war memorial with the wee soldier, and lots more. We lunched in Falkland in the company of one of my oldest friends and classmate from primary school. All very pleasant and nostalgic. Stopping in a house at St Monans, one of the delightful wee villages on the east coast, we took a bus to the Auld Grey Toun. On the top deck we had a panoramic view of the countryside, the villages and the Firth of Forth, and were reminded what a beautiful part of the country we have there. The corn glowed, the vegetables shone a glorious green and the

sea sparkled, as did the smashing little houses. St. Andrews looked its best. We sat in the grounds of St. Salvator's college and ate a small snackette purchased from that master waist expander, Fisher and Donaldson, from whom a regular consignment of scotch pies and bridies is delivered to us. Delicious. To counterbalance the beauty Andy (Frances' husband) and I had occasion to visit Glenrothes, a new town that will never sport any character. I worked there for 3 months in 1963 testing the drains of the hundreds of houses being built. Riveting, what? The rock and roll life I've led. While there, however, we dined in a Wetherspoon's and relished that good old pub staple, ham egg and chips. You can keep your pony fancy haute cuisine.

Along the way, yes, there was another twinge of nostalgia and a pang of regret, asking myself why I left and didn't persevere in that magnificent corner. Well, I was young and daft and had no appreciation of what was staring at me. Was it really greener elsewhere? After all, so many of my boyhood chums stayed behind and prospered. What was wrong with me? That was then, this is now. Never fear; I knew the regret would pass and that as soon as I touched again Suffolk soil I would look skywards and bless the moment I had come here all these years ago. And so it came to pass. Amen.

Abraham

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5th November		All Saints Day
11.15 am	Wangford	Harvest Festival
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 12th November		Remembrance Sunday
10.50 am	Wangford	Remembrance Service
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Remembrance Evensong
Sunday 19th November		2nd Sunday before Advent
9.30 am	Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 26th November		Christ the King
11.15 am	Wangford	Morning Prayer
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Holy Communion (BCP)

Wangford Mens' Breakfast

Saturday 21st October saw 16 hardy souls entertained by Elona Rogers with an interesting talk about sleep. Mentioned were the varying patterns of consciousness, sleep patterns, problems and cures. No doubt all slept well that night with a better understanding of overnight rest. Rounded off with the usual Angel Inn hearty fare and copious servings of coffee and tea. Next meeting is 18th November, 8.45 for 9.00 at the Angel Inn. Interested? Email: johnscholes@hotmail.com.

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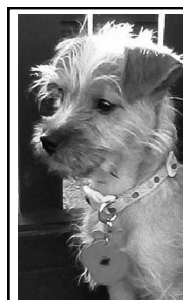
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NOVEMBER 2023 CENTRE DIARY

Nov 1st	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Nov 2nd	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
Nov 4th	Private Hire	Hall	
Nov 6th	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
Nov 7th	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Reydon Bowls	Hall	11.00-1.00pm
Nov 8th	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Nov 9th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm
Nov 11th	Xmas Bazaar	Hall	2.00pm
Nov 13th	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
Nov 14th	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Reydon Bowls	Hall	11.00-1.00pm
	Parish Council	Cttee Room	7.30pm
Nov 15th	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
	GHSR	Bar	7.30 - 9.30pm
Nov 16th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
Nov 18th	Sotherton Quiz	Hall	7.00pm
Nov 20th	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
Nov 21st	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Reydon Bowls	Hall	11.00-1.00pm
	Allotment Meeting	Cttee Room	7.30pm
Nov 22nd	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Nov 23rd	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm
	Afternoon Tea	Hall	2.30-4.30pm
Nov 27th	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	7.30pm
Nov 28th	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Reydon Bowls	Hall	11.00-1.00pm
Nov 29th	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Nov 30th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm



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