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WANGFORD UGGESHALL SOTHERTON

# Messenger

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## SERVICE OF LIGHT

Our guest speaker at this year's Service of Light on Sunday 28th October at 6.00 pm will be the Bishop of Dunwich. Bishop Mike and Vicar Alan will lead our commemoration of the centenary of the end of WW1.

At the Service of Light we re-dedicate the floodlighting of St Peter and St Paul in memory of my parents, Lord and Lady Stradbroke.

I look forward to seeing you all in church.

*Penelope*



The Brown family from Cheltenham - Fiona (organ and piano), Carys (soprano) and Melvin (baritone) - who gave us a wonderful Harvest concert at Wangford on September 23rd.

We have booked them to return in the Spring, hopefully with Carys's brother Edward on trumpet.

## Herbal Hilarity at UGC !

Members of Uggeshall Garden Club experienced a few culinary delights at their September meeting, courtesy of Karen Kenny who brought along a whole range of tasty herbs from her allotment.



We chewed on Sweet Cecily and declared it fit for a king (or queen). The sweet, aniseed taste really livened up the taste buds and Karen advised us to try it when stewing rhubarb or gooseberries or even to jazz up a salad. The verdict on chickweed was less positive, even though Karen said it was an ideal accompaniment to marmite. Some members took this to mean the marmite would disguise the sharp flavour! Colourful nasturtiums were handed round and the room fell silent as they were duly digested, followed by appreciative yums and mmms.

Karen took us on a brisk and entertaining history of herbs covering everything from the tussie mussies carried by medieval folk to mask the noxious smells of street sewage and 'golden rain' as Karen delicately put it, to the herbal contents of Henry VIII's codpiece. We learned a lot, had lots of laughs and vowed to be more adventurous with our planting and eating in future.

*Marion Welham*

## First Thursday Knitting Group

We meet again on Thursday, 4th October at 2.30. New members are always welcome.

*Valerie Beckett 578987*

## Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting is at Wangford Plough on Saturday 27th October. The topic is A Touch of Magic - wait and see!

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

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 25th if you wish to join us.

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## WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

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

Mobile Library at Wangford  
Wednesday 3rd October  
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30am Church 10.35 - 10.45am

Knitting Group  
Thursday 4th October 2.30pm Community Centre

Book Club  
Thursday 4th October 8.00 pm Community Centre

Churchyard Working Party  
Saturday 6th October 9.30 am - 12.00-ish

Wangford Coffee Morning  
Tuesday 9th October 10.45am Community Centre

The Arts Society Southwold  
Tuesday 9th October 2.00pm St. Edmunds Hall

Singing Group  
Wednesday 10th October 10.30 am Community Centre

Uggeshall Garden Club  
Wednesday 10th October 7.30pm The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Fish and Chips  
Thursday 11th October 11.00 am The Old School Hall

Lunch Club  
Tuesday 16th October 12.30pm Community Centre

Whist Drive  
Wednesday 17th October 7.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Coffee Morning  
Tuesday 23rd October 10.45am Community Centre

Men's Breakfast Group  
Saturday 27th October 8.45 for 9.00am Wangford Plough

Wrentham Film Night  
Saturday 27th October 7.00 for 7.30pm  
Wrentham Village Hall

Service of Light  
Sunday 28th October 6.00 pm Wangford Church

## COFFEE AND BUNS IN THE CHURCHYARD

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## STEAM RALLY THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Village Pantry and the Hot Dog stall at Henham.

The good weather attracted the crowds, and we sold out early on the Sunday afternoon!

*Sara, Malcolm and Sue*

## Wangford 100 Club 2018

Winners in the  
September Draw were

1. Roy Beckett
2. Audrey Lamb
3. Sally Howeld

## Wangford Church Coffee Mornings

The October Coffee Mornings are on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd at 10.45 am in the Community Centre.

Do come along for home-made cakes and scones, freshly-brewed coffee and a good old natter.

## PHILIP HAYES RIP

The funeral service for Philip, who died suddenly on 7th September, will take place at St Peter and St Paul, Wangford, on Monday 8th October at 2.00 pm.



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## Book Club

At our September meeting we discussed two books. Claire North's 'The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August' was not read by all, but those who did commented that it was a complex narrative and difficult to understand in parts. As the story progressed it became clear that Harry (who had lived many lives) spent those lives trying to stop one person becoming all powerful and he tried to slow down the scientific advances because the speed of knowledge would bring about the end of the world. An interesting book. The second novel was Rose Tremain's 'The Gustav Sonata'. Several members found the story rather sad in the description of the boys' world war II childhoods (whether they were rich or poor, they were unhappy). Quite a thought provoking book and Gustav was told by his mother to 'master himself' and be like the neutral Switzerland to keep him separate and strong.

We next meet on Thursday 4th October at 8 pm in the Community Centre to discuss Graham Greene's 'Travels with My Aunt'. All welcome. Tea/coffee £1

*Gill Smith 578620*

## Wangford Church News

What a wonderful long hot summer we have enjoyed. But now that the autumn season is upon us it is time to think and plan ahead.

Firstly George Ives is organising a churchyard working party, or Churchyard Coffee Party, on Saturday 6 October, from 9.30 till 12. Please come and join us as we tackle some overgrowth at the back of the church. Coffee and cake will be provided. Gardening gloves and any useful tools are strongly recommended.

Then we look forward to the Stewardship Sunday on 14 October, planned across the team, when we continue to consider what we can give back to God of our time, energies, gifts and money. The bible study booklet, available at the back of the church, entitled "Generous God, Generous People" is really helpful in guiding our thoughts on this subject.

On to our annual Service of Light at 6pm on Sunday 28 October. (Please note there will be no morning service that day). Bishop Mike, the Bishop of Dunwich, will be coming to talk to us at this service. The collection will go towards the cost of the church floodlights. And as usual, there will be refreshments afterwards.

*Jackie Casement, Churchwarden*  
578992

## OCTOBER'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends

### Creationtide

The heatwave this summer was a powerful reminder that our planet is not disposable! The evidence that carbon dioxide is heating the planet is seen in melting polar ice caps, rising sea levels and extreme weather. In the church, September and early October is designated Creationtide, a time to reflect on God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. God loves the world ('cosmos') so much (John 3:16), referring to the entire universe. Do we share such love for God's world, in our care for it?

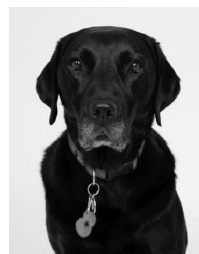
Our harvest celebrations in September and October coincide with Creationtide. As we give thanks for the fruits of the harvest, we recognise that God "saw that it was good." (Genesis 1 v25) He has blessed us with life, and in his love for us, his purpose is that we would live a good life in partnership with him as stewards of all that he has made. We give thanks for the work of farmers, those in the food processing and retail industries, fishermen and all who work at sea transporting food to markets. In all this we pray for sustainability and responsibility in caring for the world's resources.

In St Edmunds in September we enjoyed a beautiful flower festival, celebrating "all things bright and beautiful" and raising funds to support the Marine Conservation Society in their work of tackling plastic pollution in our oceans. We can all make a difference and serve as good stewards of God's creation by lessening our plastic use, choosing sustainably-sourced and fairly traded food, and recycling waste. Simple steps help to build a fairer world, and help us to honour God's good creation.

*Simon*

## News from Wangford Vets

### Poppies on 4 Paws Appeal



Our appeal once again runs until November 11th. We are asking pet owners to show their support for the Royal British Legion by displaying a special fluorescent clip-on poppy on their dog's collar or harness, for a donation to the Poppy Appeal.

We are also selling handmade "Lest We Forget" poppy bandanas in 4 sizes and 2 colours for your dog to wear with all proceeds to the Royal British Legion. Both are available from reception.

### Practice news

A warm welcome to Susanne Harrington RVN who has joined our growing nursing team. And we have been awarded the Most Trusted Local Vet Clinic 2018 Suffolk award by GPH Animal Wellness.

## News from Uggheshall

### Uggheshall Fish and Chip Lunch

On Thursday 11th October between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm we will again be holding a Fish and Chip lunch followed by home made apple pie and ice cream. If you wish to attend, please arrive by 11.30am so that we can advise the caterers of numbers in plenty of time.

### Ride and Stride

Wendy Boyden and Rev. Judy Miller participated in the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride event on 8th September. Wendy cycled to raise funds for Uggheshall church



and Judy for Reydon and Walberswick churches. We started the cycle ride in Woodbridge, wending our way back to Reydon visiting 31 churches in various villages on the way

getting as far as Dunwich church by 5pm. We cycled approximately 46 miles and had a very enjoyable day, visiting many beautiful village churches that neither of us had seen before. Sponsor monies are still being collected so final amounts are not certain at this time.

*Wendy Boyden*

## News from Sotherton

Our next service is on Sunday 21st October at 9.30 am. Do come and join us in our tiny country church in the middle of the fields.

*Karen Flaxman 01986 873123*

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# ABRAHAM

Former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan died recently. In January 2004, he delivered the inaugural Robert Burns Lecture at the United Nations in New York. This is how he ended it:

*We have just begun a new year, can almost still hear the echo of millions of people singing 'Auld Lang Syne', Burns' great ode to friendship. So let us allow hope to be renewed. Let us admire the enduring resonance of the work of Robert Burns. And let us dream, as he did, of a true brotherhood that embraces and encompasses all humankind, and allows all people a chance to enjoy their inalienable rights, dignity and freedom.*

I couldn't have put it better myself.

In a documentary about Manchester City Football Club, it was apparently revealed that City employ someone to switch on the players' cars, so as to save them time and warm up their vehicles after training. Who said footballers were spoiled and pampered? All together now - Give .... Me .... Strength ....

As of the late Lord Longford, we're all asking the wrong question about Boris Johnson. Look, we *know* he's a scruffy-haired buffoon - but is he *right* ?

One of my many failings is that I have never been over adventurous regarding travelling to foreign climes. For sure I have seen Spain (disastrous - best forgotten), Ireland (Dublin - marvellous) and Paris (beautiful), and I hope to return to these two wonders some day. I would have loved to have seen Paris when but a boy, for as Hemingway remarked, *If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your*

*life, it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast.* In the main, though, I am content with my immediate environs, with the occasional sortie to St Andrews, Orkney and the countryside of old Blighty. Let us face it, for a man who comes over dizzy when leaving Wangford, distant lands hold no attraction for me. (I do travel to Aldeburgh once a week- quite enough for me). I would prefer a wet weekend in, say, Lyme Regis to a fortnight in China.

My attitude is probably entirely out of kilter with the zeitgeist of the age, when we live in a society obsessed with wanderlust, where collecting exotic experiences seems to constitute a badge of honour, if not a moral necessity. If globetrotting is a worship, other than the mild examples quoted above, count me out of this religion. My passport is exclusively employed for identification purposes at Norwich Airport. Now, this may be seen as a personality defect. Some may regard it as a fear of flying. Not so. I actually do not mind flying at all. How often have I heard it said that one should step outside one's comfort zone. Why? I have spent many years creating my comfort zone and am in no hurry to relinquish it. You may regard this as ridiculously parochial. Well, so be it. If you are planning your next trip to the North Pole, I may even wish you bon voyage as I sip my parochial gin and tonic looking out of the Swan on to Southwold Market Place. But consider this; while you are stravaiging (*Ed - wandering about aimlessly*) round the world, I feel positively virtuous knowing that your carbon footprint is doing untold damage to mother earth while mine makes the minutest impression.

Once more, struggling for an end piece for these jottings, one presented itself for all the wrong reasons.

On 7th September, Philip Hayes died. I like to believe that I knew Philip. But, did I? For sure it was he and my other chum, Mike Ryland, who aroused my interest (one night in the late lamented Angel) in joining the Parish Council, and I thank them for that. A few conversations through the years about Phil's history - two daughters, a brother, work with Tate and Lyle, a publican in Lewisham, a short sojourn in Walberswick, a rugby enthusiast and Office bearer with Southwold Rugby Club, Chairman of Suffolk Association of Local Councils, latterly a connection with Orkney, and a considerable period in Wangford where he ended his days. I imagine there was a lot more, but from all accounts a full, well-led life. I liked him and he was my friend and, for me, that will always be enough. May God bless you Phil; rest in peace.

*Abraham*

1st Southwold Scout Group

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## The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2018 series of lectures continues on Tuesday 9th October when Gavin Plumley will speak on The Art and Architecture of fin-de-siècle Vienna.

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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| C<br>H<br>U<br>R<br>C<br>H<br>S<br>E<br>R<br>V<br>I<br>C<br>E<br>S | Sunday 7th October  | 19th Sunday after Trinity |
|  | 11.15 am Wangford   | Eucharist (CW)            |
|  | 6.00 pm Uggheshall  | Evening Prayer (BCP)      |
|  | Sunday 14th October | 20th Sunday after Trinity |
|  | 11.15 am Wangford   | Eucharist (CW)            |
|  | 6.00 pm Uggheshall  | Evening Prayer (BCP)      |
|  | Sunday 21st October | 21st Sunday after Trinity |
|  | 9.30 am Sotherton   | Eucharist (CW)            |
|  | 11.15 am Wangford   | Eucharist (CW)            |
|  | 6.00 pm Uggheshall  | Evening Prayer (BCP)      |
|  | Sunday 28th October | Last Sunday after Trinity |
|  | 6.00 pm Wangford    | Service of Light          |

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## OCTOBER 2018 CENTRE DIARY

|          |                    |            |                 |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1st Oct  | Parent & Toddler   | Hall       | 09.30am         |
| 2nd Oct  | Bums & Tums        | Hall       | 09.30am         |
| 2nd Oct  | Post Office        | Bar        | 10.00am-12.00pm |
| 2nd Oct  | Blythburgh Bowls   | Hall       | 7.00pm          |
| 2nd Oct  | Community Council  | Cttee Room | 7.45pm          |
| 4th Oct  | Wangford Art Group | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 4th Oct  | Post Office        | Bar        | 1.00-3.00pm     |
| 4th Oct  | Knitting club      | Cttee Room | 2.30pm          |
| 4th Oct  | Yoga               | Hall       | 7.15pm          |
| 4th Oct  | Book Club          | Cttee Room | 8.00pm          |
| 5th Oct  | Yoga               | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 5th Oct  | Salsa              | Hall       | 7.30pm          |
| 8th Oct  | Parent & Toddler   | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 9th Oct  | Bums & Tums        | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 9th Oct  | Post Office        | Bar        | 10.00-am12.00pm |
| 9th Oct  | Coffee Morning     | Hall       | 10.45am         |
| 9th Oct  | Blythburgh Bowls   | Hall       | 7.00pm          |
| 9th Oct  | Parish Council     | Cttee Room | 8.00pm          |
| 10th Oct | Singing Group      | Hall       | 10.30am         |
| 10th Oct | Brampton Quiz      | Hall       | 7.00pm          |
| 10th Oct | GHSR meeting       | Cttee Room | 8.00pm          |
| 11th Oct | Wangford Art Group | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 11th Oct | Post Office        | Bar        | 1.00-3.00pm     |
| 11th Oct | Yoga               | Hall       | 7.15pm          |
| 12th Oct | Yoga               | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 12th Oct | Salsa              | Hall       | 7.30pm          |
| 15th Oct | Parent & Toddler   | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 16th Oct | Bums & Tums        | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 16th Oct | Post Office        | Bar        | 10.00am-12.00pm |
| 16th Oct | Lunch Club         | Hall       | 12.30pm         |
| 16th Oct | Blythburgh Bowls   | Hall       | 7.00pm          |
| 17th Oct | Barber             | Cttee Room | 3.00pm          |
| 17th Oct | Whist Drive        | Bar        | 7.00pm          |
| 18th Oct | Wangford Art Group | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 18th Oct | Post Office        | Cttee Room | 1.00-3.00pm     |
| 18th Oct | Yoga               | Hall       | 7.15pm          |
| 19th Oct | Yoga               | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 19th Oct | Salsa              | Hall       | 7.30pm          |
| 22nd Oct | Parent & Toddler   | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 22nd Oct | Blythvalley Labour | Cttee Room | 8.00pm          |
| 23rd Oct | Bums & Tums        | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 23rd Oct | Post Office        | Bar        | 10.00am-12.00pm |
| 23rd Oct | Coffee Morning     | Hall       | 10.45am         |
| 23rd Oct | Blythburgh Bowls   | Hall       | 7.00pm          |
| 25th Oct | Wangford Art Group | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 25th Oct | Post Office        | Bar        | 1.00-3.00pm     |
| 25th Oct | Yoga               | Hall       | 7.15pm          |
| 26th Oct | Yoga               | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 26th Oct | Salsa              | Hall       | 7.30pm          |
| 29th Oct | Parent & Toddler   | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 30th Oct | Bums & Tums        | Hall       | 9.30am          |
| 30th Oct | Post Office        | Bar        | 10.00am-12.00pm |
| 30th Oct | Blythburgh Bowls   | Hall       | 7.00pm          |
| 31st Oct | Artmakers East     | Hall       | 10.00am         |

Barber's next visit 21st November.