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Wangford with Henham Parish Council

Dog exercise area in Wangford

The Council is considering a number of projects to be funded by money received from the sale of Latitude Festival tickets. We have a proposal for a fully enclosed dog exercise area to be sited on the grassed area adjacent to the allotments, accessed via the gate in Norfolk Road. This area will be enclosed with wire fencing on timber posts, 2 metres high and with two access gates, one double gated for safety. The proposed cost of the scheme is about £3,000. We currently have £17,203 in our Latitude fund, together with £12,200 in our other accounts.

We are seeking villagers' views on this proposal, so please let us know if you think this would be a good or bad facility for the village by contacting Jean Brown, our Clerk, on 01502 675739, or speak to any of the Councillors.

Steven Smith

45th Grand Henham Steam Rally

What a magnificent Rally!



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of the iceberg! The weather was kind, the crowds flocked in, and a good time was had by all.

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Saturday 5th October
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Wangford Service of Light

Sunday 27th October
Wangford Church at 6.00pm

Do come to this year's Service of Light, when we re-dedicate the church floodlighting in memory of Lady Penelope's parents, the Earl and Countess of Stradbroke.

Wangford 100 Club 2019

Winners in the September Draw were

1. Andy Robertson
2. D. Fletcher
3. Zara Bradley

First Thursday Knitting Group

At present we are concentrating on the Shoeboxes. If anyone would like to participate please contact me as soon as possible. The boxes are now available and will be collected at the beginning of November.

We always welcome new members; we meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Community Centre at 2.30. We pay £1 which covers our expenses including tea or coffee and biscuits - and we can teach you to knit!

Valerie Beckett 578987

The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2019 series of lectures continues on Tuesday 8th October when Geri Parlyby will speak on 'From Magic Lanterns to Metro Goldwyn Mayer - the birth of the silver screen and the artists it inspired'.

Lectures commence at 2.00 pm in Southwold Arts Centre (St. Edmund's Hall), Southwold. Visitors and members' guests are welcome.

A small donation will be appreciated.

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

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

Wangford Art Group
Thursdays from 9.30am Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford
Wednesdays 2nd and 30th October
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30am Church 10.35 - 10.45am

Knitting Group
Thursday 3rd October 2.30pm Community Centre

Book Club
Thursday 3rd October 8.00pm Community Centre

DixieMix
Saturday 5th October 7.00 for 7.30pm Community Centre

The Arts Society
Tuesday 8th October 2.00pm Southwold Arts Centre

Singing Group
Wednesday 9th October 10.00am Community Centre

Uggeshall Garden Club
Wednesday 9th October 7.30pm The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Coffee Morning/Fish & Chips
Thursday 10th October 11.00am The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema
Thursday 10th October 7.15pm The Old School Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Thursday 10th October 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Lunch Club
Tuesday 15th October 12.30pm Community Centre

Whist Drive
Wednesday 16th October 7.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Coffee Morning
Tuesday 22nd October 11.00am Community Centre

Wangford Men's Breakfast
Saturday 26th October 8.45am The Angel Inn

Service of Light
Sunday 27th October 6.00pm Wangford Church

WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

Wrentham Village Hall on Saturday 26th October

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Wangford Church Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning is on 22nd October 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.

Fly the Flag in Celebration and support Wangford Church Restoration Fund



Mark that special occasion by flying the flag at the Community Centre that day for just £10.

Contact
Roy Hodgkins
07871 044120

Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting will be on Saturday 26th October at the Angel Inn when Clive Chambers from the National Trust will speak on 'Orford Ness'.

8.45 for 9.00 am

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We have a variety of different activities to suits all needs. The Day Centre is open 4 days week from 10.00am to 4.30pm.

If you would like to discuss what Saint Barnabas can offer in further detail please contact The Manager Mrs Nicki Fountain 01502 722264

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News from Wangford Church

September was a very busy month with a Baptism, Sponsored Ride and Stride, Jazz Concert and the Henham Steam Rally. Happily we were blessed with good weather throughout.

The Jazz Concert in memory of Sidi Scott, which was attended by over 180 people, also heralded the launch of the second Raising the Roof project, this time to repair/replace the roofs over the south nave, chancel and north porch to ensure the long-term viability of the building. The total cost of the work is £157,000, for which quite a substantial sum is already available, and we are applying for grants. There is still a long way to go, however, if work is to commence in the Spring. We are inviting folk to buy virtual tiles for £10 each, and of course any donations will be much appreciated. There are more fundraising events in the pipeline. Please support and/or give generously. Rev Alan or Sheila Scholes will be happy to provide more details.

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Work on the floor tiles is almost complete and has made a huge difference to the overall appearance besides eliminating several safety concerns. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.

As folk get older and less mobile, Church cleaning becomes more difficult. If anyone is willing to join the band of Church cleaners I would be very glad to hear from you. At present the rota runs on a seven week basis and when working in pairs the shift takes about 1 to 2 hours.

Would someone be willing to take over the maintenance of the two flower tubs at the Church entrance? Again, it's not a very arduous task and takes only a little time. It would be one job less for the Church Warden and would be appreciated by everyone entering the Church. Please contact me..

The floodlighting is now timed to go off at 11pm instead of midnight, in an attempt to reduce the electricity bill which has risen considerably. It has been noticed that the lights sometimes come on before dusk, so the possibility that the sensor which controls this has broken is being investigated.

Just a reminder that pennies collected over the year for the Floodlighting Fund should be passed to Lady Penelope before the Service of Light on 27th October when this money is dedicated to the maintenance of the floodlighting installed in memory of the Earl and Countess of Stradbroke.

Valerie Beckett, Churchwarden 578987

OCTOBER'S TEAM LETTER

Making a Faith Bridge with Christian Climate Action
7-19 October

To be honest, I'm often overwhelmed by the immensity and impending doom of the climate change discussion, and feel powerless to take positive action to influence those leading environmental and energy policy. I get frustrated by the 'deniers', and yet more frustrated at the inevitable conclusion of MY contribution to the problem, due to the poverty of rural transport and my job based 35 miles away. I'm no Greta Thunberg!

Christian Climate Action (CCA) has encouraged me to consider a new way of responding. Lord Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, building on the St Paul's protest earlier this year, is encouraging people to engage in person, or prayer in an initiative planned in October, to be held outside parliament in Westminster. He says "Christians are called by God to show the world what the divine image looks like- the image of a divine creator who brought the world to birth, called it good, and summoned human beings to reflect his divine care and delight through their own work in the world, animated by the gift of Christ's spirit. Christian Climate Action seeks to respond to that summons. In the face of impending environmental crisis, we need to encourage one another to grow more fully into the joyful responsibility we are made for."


Faith is going to play a pivotal part in the October Rebellion - with a "Faith Bridge" signifying bringing Faith and action together. We are asked to imagine a sacred space above the water, formed by the still muttering of 24/7 prayer, a place of prophesy and worship, a space to cry out together and grow hope together. As it says in Romans "Creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed" Whether I get to stand side by side in person, or in prayer, has yet to be decided.

BUT, can I find the courage to stand up for the creation that God deemed GOOD, by embodying the sacrificial love Christ taught us, for you, for me, for us and our children and grandchildren? Can I/can we practice a better way of being in this world, recognising and practicing small steps of housekeeping and husbandry, with regularity, for best effect; for all of our futures, in the name and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

Will you join me, and other Christian Climate Action supporters, in prayers and/or peaceful protest, this October?
<https://christianclimateaction.org>

Revd Judy Miller

Frostenden Coffee Mornings



Do join us on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall from 10.30 am for coffee, cakes and conversation.
Admission £1.50
Proceeds to support the Village Hall.

News from Uggeshall

Coffee Morning and Fish & Chip Lunch

Our extended meeting on Thursday 10th October from 11.00 am to 2.00pm includes a Fish and Chip lunch. If you wish to have lunch, please arrive by 11.30 am so the caterers can be advised of numbers.

Uggeshall Cinema

For the screening on Thursday 10th October we will be showing the excellent film, East of Ipswich. For those who may not know it is a very funny, rites of passage film set in 1950s Southwold. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm.

Food Bank

If you wish to give tins and boxes of food there will be the monthly collection for the food banks on Monday 14th October at the Old School Hall between 10.30 and 11.30 am. Thank you.

Linda Hill

Leslie Ronald English RIP

The funeral service for Les, who died on 19th June, took place at Waveney Crematorium on 12th July. Born in Walberswick in 1927, the last of four sons, Les attended Reydon school. He was an all-round sportsman, and loved football, which he would play anywhere; he later became a referee.

His National Service in the Royal Artillery in 1945 took him to Palestine, and North Africa, and on leaving he became a bricklayer in the Southwold area.

On their marriage, he and Joan bought The Cottage in Uggeshall for £600, and Graham and Julie were born in 1956 and 1959 respectively. Joan and Les divorced in 1973.

A staunch Labour supporter, Les was very active in the community, becoming a special constable, a Parish Council member, co-founder of the Henham Steam Rally, and a member of the Wangford Community Council, in which role he raised funds for the building of the Community Centre.

His interests included vintage cars and motor bikes, for which he was the steward at the Steam Rally. He also over the years kept many animals, locally known as the menagerie.

In 2014 Les went into respite care at Stradbroke Court, then to a flat in Marram Green independent living complex in Kessingland. He was diagnosed with dementia in 2015, and moved back to Stradbroke Court shortly before his death.

Philip Anderson RIP

Led by his friend and colleague Robert Foat, the funeral service for Philip, who died suddenly on 18th July, took place on 5th August at Seven Hills Crematorium, Ipswich, a special place for him. His daughters Anna and Fiona, and sons Peter and Nigel paid emotional tributes to their father, and his brother John read, at Philip's special request, the Dylan Thomas poem 'Do not go gentle into that good night'.

Born in Northumberland in 1935, Philip attended Newcastle Royal Grammar School. His first employment was in pig farming, and later he drove lorries, but he had many other jobs during his life.

Philip was a practical man who could turn his hand to anything, as comfortable mixing concrete as he was reading poetry. Extremely intelligent, with a dry sense of humour, he didn't suffer fools gladly, and he always strove to be the best he could at everything.

After the family's first holiday abroad in the Camargue, he decided to study French at night school, and eventually qualified as a teacher of French. Later, he and Margaret became publicans, and after that he became a funeral assistant with Fisher's in Southwold, a place he loved, and where he acquired a reputation in the local community for care and compassion.

Throughout his life he had dogs and other animals, and achieved his dream of owning a horse when he acquired Sooty, a Welsh cob.

Donations in memory of Philip were made to the RNLI and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.



Neill Ludmon

Dutch new wave planting

Neill will take us through an illustrated journey featuring 20th and 21st Century Dutch garden and planting designers. One is Piet Oudolf, famous for his naturalistic style of grasses and perennials as seen at Pensthorpe, but there are others and a wealth of ideas for our own gardens.

Uggeshall School Room

Wednesday 9 October @ 7.30pm

UGC members £3 / Non-members £5

News from Sotherton

Church Services

Our next church service is October 20th 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.

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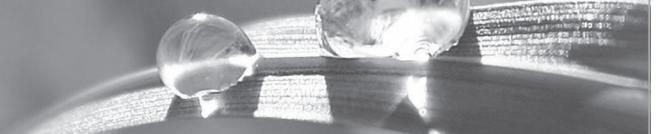
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ABRAHAM

A reminder of the day of the long-gone heavy horse made me recall my slight memory of these beautiful animals; the baker's and the milkman's carts in my wee village being drawn by them; the Adnams dray wandering through Southwold (could the Company not have kept at least two of them for the tourists?) And this tale of WW1 will touch your wee hearts. Australia sent about 53,000 horses overseas to serve in the various theatres of the war. Of those just one returned to Australia, and he, naturally, was a General's horse. The Anzacs were not permitted to bring their horses back due to quarantine regulations, as it was thought they might spread anthrax. So they were ordered to get rid of their animals. In the European theatre France and Belgium presented no real problem, so the bulk of the horses were sold or given to the peasants and farmers. But in Palestine and the Middle East where the Light Horsemen were stationed, it was not thought proper to leave the animals as it was reckoned that the Arabs treated them very cruelly. Rather than give them away, the Anzacs chose to shoot their horses, and each man shot his best mate's horse. Recalling those awful days, an old Light Horseman called Elijah told of his horse Banjo and his best mate having to shoot him. Even after 70 years Elijah's eyes filled with tears. He had forgotten the names of his mates, but he remembered Banjo because he had saved his life umpteen times.

In the words of a beautiful song lamenting the final days of the Clydesdale entitled 'The Last Trip Home' :

As we head back, oor friends have lined
The road tae be there one last time
For nane of them would want to miss
The chance to see us pass like this
They'll say they saw in years to come
The muckle horses' last trip home

So steady, boys, walk on
Our work is nearly done
Nor more we'll till or plough the fields
The horses' day is gone
An' this will be our last trip home
So steady, boys, walk on.

Let us give thanks and try to support all the animal sanctuaries throughout the land and The Suffolk Punch Trust at Hollesley for preserving, and perpetuating the memory of, these wondrous beasts.

Lord, give me strength! A comprehensive school turned away children for not wearing the new 'gender-neutral' uniform. Some girls were wearing skirts, golly gosh, instead of the regulation grey trousers and, wait for it, two community police officers were recruited to enforce non-attendance. This must be a first - the police keeping children away from school. Why don't the nutters allow boys and girls to be exactly that?

My last word on the wee Angel - for now. Talking to two visiting strangers one evening in the pub, after the gentleman had just scoffed delicious pork wrapped in parma ham, his comment was "This was a good find", meaning both food and house. Nice one, Mr Moss.

Abraham

Book Club

At our September meeting we discussed 'The Only Story' by Julian Barnes. We all agreed that it was very well written. The book had a biographical stance and told the story of Paul's great love with Susan. It was very well constructed and the narrative stance changed from first person to second person and to third person as the speaker (Paul) began to distance himself from the story he was telling. We felt that it was truthful and not overly sentimental which made it feel real. Paul was considerably younger than Susan and their affair was scandalous in the village. We came to see the difficulties their relationship faced and how in living together everything disintegrated due to Susan's dependency on alcohol. In the end Paul could not save Susan and in his words 'handed her back' to her daughter. It was fun, happy and sad in equal measure. Some parts of the story were rather tedious and drawn out. It was one dimensional in that we never heard a voice from anyone else to balance what Paul was saying. In summary, we would recommend this book and it generated a lot of discussion.

We next meet on Thursday 3rd October at the Community Centre at 8 pm to discuss 'The Hoarder' by Jess Kidd. All welcome. Tea/coffee £1.

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Suffolk Wildlife Trust
(Blyth Valley and Southwold)

'Bugs on the Move'

Speaker: Ian Beford

Thursday 10th October
7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

Cost: £3(including refreshments); under 16 free.

S	Sunday 6th October	16th Sunday after Trinity
	11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
I	6.00 pm Uggeshall	Harvest Festival
	Sunday 13th October	17th Sunday after Trinity
R	11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
	6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
S	Sunday 20th October	18th Sunday after Trinity
	9.30 am Sotherton	Eucharist (CW)
	11.15 am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
E	6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 27th October	Last Sunday after Trinity
C	6.00 pm Wangford	Service of Light

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OCTOBER 2019 CENTRE DIARY

1st Oct	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
3rd Oct	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 Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
4th Oct	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
5th Oct	Dixie Mix Fundraiser	Hall	7.30pm
6th Oct	PS Glassfusion	Hall	
7th Oct	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
8th Oct	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.30pm
	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
9th Oct	Wangford Wings	Hall	10.00am-12noon
10th Oct	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
11th Oct	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
12th Oct	PS Glassfusion	Hall	
13th Oct	Private Hire	Hall	12.15-3.45pm
14th Oct	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
15th Oct	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
16th Oct	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00-10.00pm
	GHSR	Cttee Room	8.00pm
17th Oct	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
18th Oct	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Brampton Quiz	Hall	7.00pm
21st Oct	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
22nd Oct	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
	Coffee Morning	Hall	11.00-12.30pm
	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00-9.00pm
23rd Oct	GHSR	Cttee Room	8.00pm
24th Oct	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm
25th Oct	Yoga	Hall	9.30-10.30am
28th Oct	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	
29th Oct	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12noon
30th Oct	Artmakers East	Hall	10.00-3.00pm
	Barber	Cttee Room	2.00-5.00pm
31st Oct	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Yoga	Hall	7.15-8.15pm

Barbers next visit - 4th December 2019