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WANGFORD UGGESHALL SOTHERTON

# Messenger

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## Congratulations

Former Wangford resident Maisie (Violet May) Hodge celebrated her 100th birthday on September 2nd at All Hallows care home in Bungay. As a former telephonist with Bomber Command from 1941 - 46, she was treated to a visit from the RAF Association, who gave a socially distanced march and salute.



Congratulations  
to  
Dennis and Pauline Whiting  
who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary  
on September 10th.

Well done!

And well done to the intrepid Maureen Beales, who shortly after her 90th birthday cycled, as she has for many years, in the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride to raise money for Wangford Church.

Had COVID-19 not intervened, she would also have been busy the following weekend in the kitchen at the Village Pantry at the Henham Steam Rally.

## Wangford Green Shoots

As you may have noticed the Parish Council have started to create a tree planting and wild flower area to the side of the Community Centre. We feel that this area would benefit from a new look with beautiful planting and seating, and put our village even higher on the 'doing our bit for the environment' list.

Paths have been mown and planting beds have been outlined. The work will continue throughout the autumn and planting should be completed by spring, ready for an official opening.

Funding for the project has come from the sale of Latitude tickets and not from the village precept. After talks with Festival Republic it has been agreed that Melvin Benn, Latitude managing director, would also like to give a further donation to the scheme for which we thank him.

The area will consist of mown paths, tree planting areas, hedging to screen the garages, wild flower beds and a picnic area with disabled access. Hopefully this will also create a haven for wildlife.

We are hoping that a number of the younger members of the village would like to get involved with the project and to volunteer to help plant and maintain the gardens for the future.

If you are interested then please contact me.

In closing a special thank you to Helen Rolfe and Geoff Pepper for all their help in making this happen.

*Adrian Smith Chair - Wangford with Henham PC*

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# OCTOBER'S TEAM LETTER

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”** John 6 verse 51

**Give us this day our daily bread.** Matthew 6 verse 11

Dear Friends,

I wonder what else the year 2020 could throw at us. In late September and during October our churches will celebrate harvest festival. Our churches will be beautifully decorated with flowers and vegetables and we will praise God for the fruits of the earth in due season. However the wheat harvest in 2020 will be the worst for 40 years. Too little rain when rain was required, and too much rain when rain was not required has seriously affected the crop. Yields are down and prices for flour, bread, cakes and biscuits are set to rise.

We must remember to include in our prayers farmers and all those who work in the food industry at what is going to be a challenging time. A bad wheat harvest has always been feared in every society, with the prospect of shortage and hunger overshadowing everything else. While we give thanks for the harvest we are reminded again of the real threat of climate change, the impact on weather patterns, and the changing nature of rainfall and seasons.

The year 2020 has been a wilderness year in many ways. When the people of Israel journeyed through the wilderness they feared hunger and wondered where the next meal would come from. Where would they find their daily bread? In the book of Exodus Chapter 16 we read the story of God providing daily bread, manna, for his hungry people. Each morning there was just enough bread for each person for one day. Manna could not be stored because it went rotten. The people had to learn to trust and to depend on God. Their faithful God did provide, and each morning the people gathered their daily bread, just enough and never more than enough, until their wilderness journey came to an end.

When Jesus fed the five thousand hungry people in the wilderness (John 6) the crowd were delighted. Here was one who could fill their hungry bodies with bread. They would never have to work again, never be hungry again. Jesus taught his disciples to pray “Give us this day our daily bread.” He knows that we need food for our stomachs, enough for each day, and that our daily bread is a necessary starter for daily life. We will still find bread on our shelves each day, even if it is a little more expensive. For that we give thanks. For the work of farmers, fishermen shop workers and those who produce and deliver our food each day we give thanks. For the provision of free school meals for our hungry children we give thanks. For the work of foodbanks and charities that support the homeless we give thanks. We pray “Give us this day (all of us) our daily bread,” and we rejoice when we see this prayer being answered for all of us with a spirit of generosity and care.

But Jesus knew that the crowd needed more than just a full tummy. The ancient Israelites were led through the wilderness rather than just being sustained in it. People need the hope of better things to come. A faithful God will lead his people out of the wilderness and to a new place of salvation. This is why Jesus said <sup>51</sup> **I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”**

During Covid lockdown we were not just sustained by having food in the cupboard. We were sustained by the support of family and friends, by letters, and cards, by knowing that we were remembered and loved and valued. This is what Jesus is talking about. We are remembered and loved and valued by our faithful God, so much so that Jesus gave everything of himself on the cross in order to lead us out of the wilderness into new hope. To pray “Give us this day our daily bread”, is not just to pray for food to sustain our physical bodies. It is also to pray that each day we would know and be reminded of the sustaining, forgiving, strengthening love and support of Christ our Saviour. We can make his love known by the way that we, his disciples, love support and care for one another.

During 2020 we have come through a great deal of wilderness mileage, and we have sustained and supported one another in the name of Christ. With a difficult harvest, the Presidential elections in the USA, the threat of a second Covid outbreak this winter, the prospect of a no deal Brexit (and a new football season for Norwich) there may be a few more miles of wilderness ahead. We pray “Give us this day our daily bread” and we are answered by our faithful God who in Christ Jesus answers “I am the living bread that came down from heaven”, the one who said “and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” Matthew 28 verse 20.

*Simon*

## Patricia Ann Ford RIP

Wangford Lunch Club friends were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Pat on 12th August. Her humanist funeral service took place at Waveney Memorial Park on 7th September. Friends and neighbours from Frostenden and Wangford gathered in Gipsy Lane to pay their respects as the cortège departed.

Pat Hindson was born in Chester in November 1943, but little is known about her early life. Her son William - 'my Bill' - was born in 1967, but Pat's relationship with his father did not last, and some difficult years followed, with Bill being first fostered, and then adopted by another family at the age of 4.

When Pat moved to Southend to work, she met Cliff Ford, a cab driver, and they moved to Tottenham in 1983. From 1984 they lived on the Broadwater Estate, working for Harringay Council, Cliff as a caretaker and Pat as a carer. Their 12th floor flat came with the job. Pat was involved in the residents' association, and they both did a lot of voluntary work. They married in 1985, and Cliff got a caretaker's job in Northumberland Park, Tottenham. They shared many interests, including travel, steam trains, trams and trolley buses.

Cliff took early retirement on health grounds in 1998, and he and Pat moved to Gipsy Lane, Frostenden at Christmas 1999. It was like joining a family, with the Village Hall Millennium party right next door just 11 days later. They probably attended just about every function at the hall thereafter.

One momentous event took place just into the Millennium when Bill's previous partner tracked Pat down, and they met for the first time since Bill was 2½, on Burns Night 2000. Bill said "I knew I didn't need to get a DNA test off Jeremy Kyle as we were so similar-looking, to say the least". They were able to establish a close and loving relationship after 30 years of separation, and Pat very quickly became a big part of Bill's family, the McKennas.

'My Cliffy', whom she adored died just over 10 years ago, but Pat continued to live a full life despite missing him dreadfully.

Recently, as Chair of Frostenden village hall, Pat revived the Coffee Mornings, and it is testament to the affection and admiration they had for her that a number of her Wangford friends went along to support her efforts.

Pat loved people, taking a great interest in their lives, and was always cheerful. She had many friends in the area, and was a regular at the Plough - her second family. Pat always had cats, was proud of her garden, often bringing produce for the Lunch Club raffle, and loved to watch F1 racing on TV, as well as being something of a technogeek. She would have been pleased that her service, for which she had chosen the music and poetry, was live-streamed.

Donations in Pat's memory were for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

## News from Sotherton

Our Harvest Festival Service at St. Andrews is on October 4th at 4pm in the church. You are all very welcome. We need to observe social distancing guidance, so face coverings must be worn, and mixing in groups of more than six is not allowed.

Please bring offerings of tinned and dried goods to be donated to the Food Bank.

If anyone is free to help clean the church on Friday October 2nd from 2.00pm we'll be pleased to see you. Masks, gloves and hand sanitizer will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you then or at the service.

*Karen Flaaman*

## News from Uggeshall

The Harvest Evensong at St Mary's will take place at 6.00pm on 11th October, and you will all be very welcome. We need to observe social distancing guidance, and face coverings must be worn.

Please bring offerings of dried or tinned goods which will be donated to the Food Bank.

## News from Wangford Church

Firstly, thank you to everybody who took part, or sponsored somebody, in this year's Suffolk Ride and Stride on September 12th. 50% of all the money raised this year will go directly to our church and every penny is much appreciated.

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Friday October 23rd at 3pm. The venue will be either in the church (if it is safe to do so), or alternatively at St. Margaret's Church in Reydon. This meeting is open to everybody in the village, and has two parts. Firstly, the vestry meeting is convened for the sole purpose of electing the churchwardens. Anyone on the church or local government electoral roll may vote. This is followed by the APCM where lay members of the PCC are elected and annual reports are given. Only members of the church electoral roll may vote at this meeting.

The venue will be confirmed nearer the date with notices in the village shop and on the church noticeboard. If anybody would like to attend but needs assistance with transport, please contact Mark (578691) or Jackie (578992).

*Mark Notton, Acting Churchwarden (578691)*

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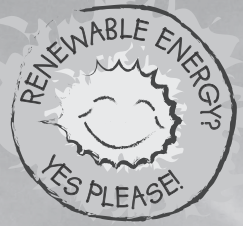
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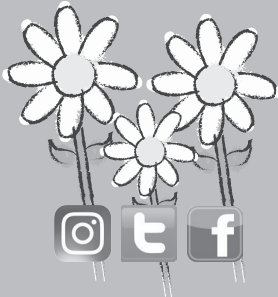
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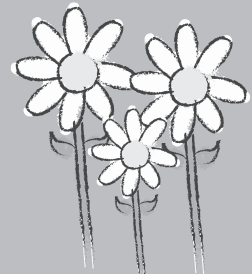
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# ABRAHAM

Bad Poetry Day is celebrated on August 18th every year. Why, you ask? Why not, I reply. After all, it's too easy to regale the alleged greats of the rhyming art. Celebrate by composing some really excruciating drivel and boring your chums down the pub. The true master of the awful is generally reckoned to be William Topaz McGonagall - Poet and Tragedian (1825-1902). The real tragedy of McG. is that he took himself seriously and believed his poetry to be wonderful. To be fair also he couldn't give a toss for his critics. On the other hand the great and the good Walter McCorriskien (1926-2004) called himself not only Scotland's but also the world's worst poet and could never be described as taking himself seriously or wanting anyone to regard him in a serious vein. Consider these gems and judge for yourselves : "A three-legged dug rode westward wan day, Doon tae the jile at Moosejaw, "Sheriff", he said on unsteady leg, "Sheriff, Ah've come for ma paw." or, Heaven forbid : "Ma chow mein's finished," Ah sadly said, "Don't worry nane," Said a kind wee wean, "We'll both chow mine instead." Pure magic eh?

I have long since ceased making fun of other folks for their choice of lifestyle, if it conflicts with my own. Live and let live is what I say. If, say, vegetarianism or veganism is their bag, so be it. But I still object to their mangling of the English language for their own benefit. A real crackerjack turned up in the wee Angel one day when a young lady who had booked in enquired as to whether or not she might have, for breakfast- give me strength - *vegan black pudding*.

You may recall that recently I regaled the merits of a book by Julie Welch recalling her schooldays at the now defunct Felixstowe College entitled *Too Marvellous for Words*, an affectionate look back at a lost world and age. Now she has produced another smasher - *The Fleet Street Girls* - telling us about the struggles and tribulations a group of women endured in order to infiltrate the male-dominated bastion of Fleet Street journalism. She interviews and quotes many of the female pioneers but she is at her best when talking about herself and how, particularly, she became, in 1973, the first lady football reporter, when she covered the Coventry City versus Spurs (her magic team) match. When she entered the hallowed hall she heard the ghastly comment ' *Women in the press box. So it's come to that!* ' Her reaction was ' *I've been given the chance to show what women are capable of, and I am not going to let a dinosaur like him get in my way!* ' (That insult was balanced out when she was given a lift back from the match by her hero Danny Blanchflower). The book is a wonderful evocation of the great press days emphasising the glamour and mystique of the male chauvinistic strongholds, the testosterone-fuelled, smoke-filled press boxes and news rooms, the long boozy lunches liquefied by El Vino's cheap plonk and the sleeping off back at the office. At times it reads like an adventure story when I was cheering Julie on, hoping (and just knowing) she could break that glass ceiling. A simply marvellous read.

The prevailing view at the moment seems to be that Scotland is heading for another referendum on their independence and breakaway from the United Kingdom, despite the gobby diminutive one having gone on record as saying not for another generation. And, as I may have also mentioned on at least one other occasion I can see no good reason to break up a union that has worked to our mutual benefits for hundreds of years. If

inevitable, why should folk not born but residing in the land of the barbarians have a vote but not true born Scots like yours truly. I say let every Scots born citizen have a vote and, if I am correct, the response will be a massive 'no' to a divorce. But then, some folk may say, if you have chosen to desert your native land, why should you have a say in its future government and well-being? And then I return with, why should foreigners who are mere short sojourners dictate and promptly leave, having used the country for their own selfish gains? It's a tricky one, to be sure. This I do know; I am always glad to go back - to remind myself what a beautiful place it is and to remind myself why I left all these years ago, and I do not wish to go through a border control to visit my early fold. After all I am constantly being reminded that I have the accent with which to cope with any perceived problems..

A Scottish visitor to the Red House recently reminded me of the old days of the teachers' tawse. He sounded almost affectionate about that dastardly corporal punishment, so I swiftly passed on. I do not mind reminiscing now and then about days gone by but I prefer to concentrate on what good stuff existed. Not too much, mind you, an overdose of nostalgia can be downright unhealthy. So for my half dozen wrinkly readers, a reminder of past (but not necessarily better) times: MONEY (Lsd, which later on, referred to something somewhat different) - farthing, halfpenny, penny (240 to the pound), threepenny bit, tanner, bob, florin, half crown, and then to a ten bob note and pound for which you could buy lashings of goodies with which to rot your teeth - gobstoppers, dolly mixtures, raspberry drops, black jacks, toffees; sweet cigarettes were popular with, perish the thought, boys copying their favourite film stars; sherbet dabs, spangles, fruit gums, rolos, many of which such as Mars bars, KitKat, Aero and Smarties are still with us today. Were they bigger then or is it because our youthful mouths and fingers were smaller? More nostalgia next month - comics, picture houses, maybe? Don't tell me, you can hardly wait.

In the summer months I sit reading in my little front room, now and then looking out of what Mrs Abe affectionately refers to as our shop window (which is what it used to be) and I notice so many folk wandering by. All ages and, aside from the usual residential suspects, I wonder who they might be. Are they little families enjoying a 'staycation' in one of Suffolk's finest, or villagers whom I have not up to now set eyes on visiting the delights of the wee Angel? I think I should be told, but whatever, it is all very pleasant, 'bootiful' even.

*Abraham*

## Wangford 100 Club 2020

Winners in the September  
Draw were  
1. Audrey Lamb  
2. Karen Hale  
3. Mary Baldry

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## Church Services in October

There is a mixture of zoomed and church services. The latter are subject to government regulations, which means that there can be no singing, but a single soloist, and organ music are permitted. Holy Communion is permitted, but there is no Communion cup. Wangford church is closed due to the building works, and Sotherton is closed until the next stage of easing.

For log-in details for the zoomed services please contact Rev Alan Perry (453624), or Harriet Notton (07713 939701) for technical advice and support.

### October 4th

8.00 am	Southwold	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Reydon/Southwold	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Zoom	Family Service
4.00 pm	Sotherton	Harvest Festival

### October 11th

8.00 am	Reydon	Holy Communion
9.00 am	Reydon	Holy Communion and APCM
9.30 am	Southwold	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Zoom	Family Service
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Harvest Festival

### October 18th

8.00 am	Southwold	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Reydon/Southwold	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Zoom	Family Service
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Evening Prayer

### October 25th

8.00 am	Reydon	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Reydon/Southwold	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Zoom	Family Service
6.00 pm	Uggeshall	Holy Communion

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## Multi-games area

Unfortunately, due to vandalism and misuse, Wangford Parish Council has reluctantly closed the MUGA to under-16s unless under supervision.

This area is meant to be for organised sport, and is currently set up for tennis. Using it for unofficial football kick-arounds has resulted in damage to the surrounding wooden fence.

The access key is now kept indoors, so anyone wishing to book the facility should contact Councillor Adrian Smith at 6 High Street (578386).