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### OFFSHORE WIND POWER LANDFALL

Have your say!

Whilst most people around here agree that renewable energy is the way forward to mitigate climate change, we have to be ready to challenge the latest proposals from the National Grid and its partners.

Initial plans were to bring power from offshore and Holland onshore near Leiston, with a substation at Friston, but due to objections about the impact on an area of outstanding natural beauty, alternatives, including landfalls north of Southwold, and at Walberswick are now being considered, and are subject to (non-statutory) consultation. There has been little by way of public information, and some of the exhibitions about the proposals have already taken place. The next (and last) exhibition is on Friday 6th October 2023 from 2.00pm to 8.00pm at Leiston Community Centre IP16 4JU.

There are also two webinars, where the project team will provide an overview of the proposals on Tuesday 17 October 2023 at 7.00 - 8.30pm and Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 7.00 - 8.30pm.

To register to attend the webinars or read more information about the proposals you can go to this website - [nationalgrid.com/lionlink](http://nationalgrid.com/lionlink)

Information from SASES (Substation Action/Save East Suffolk) is also available at Wangford Village Store.

If the landfall north of Southwold were to be approved, Wangford and Reydon would be greatly impacted by the construction of a cable corridor (or pylons) on agricultural land and adjacent to an area of outstanding national beauty, as well as by the increased construction traffic on rural routes not designed for that purpose.

Suitable alternative brownfield sites, such as at Bradwell, have been identified, and have been championed by Therese Coffey, MP, Environment Secretary.

The consultation closes on Friday 8th November.

### WANGFORD FLU CLINIC

Wednesday 4th October 3.30 - 5.30 pm  
Wangford Community Centre

### Memorial and Thanksgiving Service for the life of George Ives

Sunday 29th October

St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Wangford  
at 3.00pm

Further details from Sue Ives 01502 578007



*Martin Smith and the Jazz Goats once again in full swing entertaining a capacity audience at Wangford Church on September 2nd. It was definitely dancing in the aisles!*

## Wangford Post Office



Tuesdays  
from 10.00am - 12 noon  
Thursdays  
from 1.00 - 3.00pm  
Community Centre.

## Community Garden

The next Community Garden work party will be on Sunday 15th October between 10am and 12 noon. We will continue keeping the beds tidy and removing weeds. Where the conifers behind the Village Sign have been cut down we will start removing any weeds.

The conifer stumps will be removed and we will replace the hedge with Rosa rugosa to form a colourful backdrop. They will have much more wildlife value with a mixture of single red flowers and white flowers which are great for pollinators. They will also have large rose hips in the autumn providing additional colour and texture. Our band of merry volunteers continues to do great work on organised work parties and at other times on their own under our guidelines. Well done everybody.

*Geoff Pepper*

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### 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

### Allotment and Garage Rents

Tuesday 3rd October 7.30pm Community Centre Bar

### Wangford Community Council

Tuesday 3rd October 7.45pm Community Centre

### Flu Clinic

Wednesday 4th October 3.30 - 5.30pm Community Centre

### Book Club

Thursday 5th October 8.00pm Community Centre

### Wangford Ladies' Breakfast

Saturday 7th October 8.45am The Angel Inn

### Wangford with Henham Parish Council

Tuesday 10th October 7.30pm Community Centre

### Uggeshall Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th October 10.30am Old School Hall

### Uggeshall Cinema

Thursday 12th October 7.00pm Old School Hall

### Community Garden Working Party

Sunday 15th October 10.00am - noon

### Wangford Church Coffee Morning

Wednesday 18th October 10.30am - noon

### Wangford Men's Breakfast

Saturday 21st October 8.45am The Angel Inn

### Blyth Valley Labour

Monday 23rd October 7.30pm Community Centre

### Mobile Library at Wangford

Wednesday 25th October  
1010 - 1030 Community Centre 1035 - 1045 Church

### Afternoon Tea

Thursday 26th October 2.30pm Community Centre

### Wrentham Village Hall Film Night

Saturday 28th October

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## Wangford 100 Club 2023

Winners in the September  
Draw were

1. Simon Casement
2. Dan Smith
3. Harriet Notton

## Food Bank

Items for the Food Bank can be left in the basket at the foot of the font in Wangford Church to be collected on Friday morning. Most needed food items are UHT milk, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, tinned veg, baked beans, biscuits, rice pudding, and pasta.

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## Memorial Service

for the lives of William and Alma Smith on the 109th anniversary of William Smith's death. Saturday 4th November 2023 at 2.00pm The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wangford

*William Smith was the much loved and respected Headmaster of Henham & Wangford School for over 30 years, who was falsely accused of spying during the First World War and took his own life on 4th November 1914. Members of William and Alma Smith's family will be present and the service will include music that formed part of the original funeral service for William Smith. There will be a special exhibition in church. Afternoon Tea will follow the service.*



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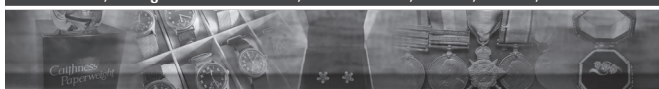
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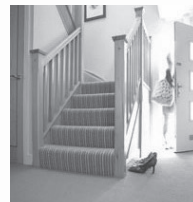
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# OCTOBER'S TEAM LETTER

## Chestnuts

In October the chestnut trees drop all their wonderful leaves and chestnuts. In Spring their glorious pink and white candles emerge from sticky buds and through summer the trees offer restful shade. I think they come into their glory in autumn. Chestnuts cradled in that prickly outer husk are stunningly beautiful when you look really closely at them. That smooth nut polished like rosewood. Some people leave them in corners of their homes to keep spiders away. I'm not convinced. Chestnuts are like some people who can be very prickly outside but once you get to know them you find a softer more likeable centre. Have you ever stopped to think why they are so prickly? People will often appear as hard and prickly to protect themselves. Perhaps they have been very hurt along life's way and this is their way of coping. It takes time, patience and sensitivity to get to know the real person. As a priest I have the privilege of being with people at their most joyous and their most vulnerable and sad times. Visiting people at home and in care homes, I saw that some people had wonderful relationships with their family, other residents and their carers. It was a loving two way relationship. On the other hand, I saw other souls who were always critical of their family (who then rarely visited unless they were very saintly!), who complained of having no friends and who treated professional carers abominably. Getting to know the latter type of person, so often I discovered some very deep hurt from the past or a deep rejection they had suffered. They were so wounded, they developed this hard carapace and that biting tongue. That incredibly wise and humble person the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu reminds us that there is nothing we can do to make God love us more and equally there is nothing we can do to make him love us less. Somehow like the prickly chestnut we need to allow a little crack to open up so that our inner hurt and wound can receive the warmth of love, forgiveness, peace and mercy from Christ our Lover and Redeemer and also from friends and our communities that can heal us and allow the crack to open wide so at last the prickly carapace falls off and reveals the beautiful soul hiding inside.

*Loving God we thank you for the enormous pleasure of gathering hundreds of conkers, the free gift from the chestnut tree. You provide many times over and yet while there is enough to go round on our planet home, we do not share it equally, we plunder and despoil our globe. Help us curb our greed. The chestnut tree will soon shed her leaves and become skeletal in winter, reminding us that there is beauty in old age and that death is a prelude to new birth.*

*Rev'd Margaret*

## News from Sotherton

### Harvest Festival

A very warm invitation to you all to join us at Sotherton Church on Sunday 15th October at 6.00 pm for our candle-lit Harvest Festival service. There is no morning service that day.

### Weddings

Many congratulations to Mark and Leanne Flaxman who were married at Sotherton Church on 9th September, and to John and Alison Walker who were married at Framlingham Church on 23rd September, wishing them all many years of happiness from us all.

## Suffolk Wildlife Trust

(Blyth Valley and Southwold)

'Suffolk Shingle : Tales of Treasure and Trash'

Speaker: Kate Osborne of Beach Bonkers

Thursday 12th October 7.30pm Southwold Arts Centre

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

## The Arts Society, Southwold

The 2023 series continues on Tuesday 10th October when Chris Aslan Alexander will speak on

'A Carpet Ride to Khiva'

Exploring the revival of 15th century Timurid carpets.

Lectures commence at 2.00pm in Southwold Arts Centre.

Visitors and Members' guests are welcome.

## News from Uggeshall

### Uggeshall Coffee Morning

October's Coffee Morning is on Thursday 12th from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

### Uggeshall Cinema

The film for October 12th is 'Empire of Light'. Set in an English coastal town in the early 1980s, the film is about the power of human connection during turbulent times. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15pm.

*Matt Grady*

### Harvest Festival

Do join us at St Mary's for our Harvest Festival Evensong on Sunday 8th October at 6.00pm.



Above - the Uggeshall sandwich-making team at the Grand Henham Steam Rally.



Left - Wendi Hutchinson and Matt Grady, who renewed their marriage vows at St. Mary's on 5th September, their 25th wedding anniversary.



## News from Wangford Church

It has been a busy old month in church and we look forward to welcoming people to more services and events as we move into autumn and winter.

August 27th saw us set what may be a record in Wangford (certainly in modern times), as six members of the same family were baptised that morning. We hope that the four adults Colin Murphy, Adam Smith, Connor Ford, Kristine Bloomfield and the two children, Phoenix Smith and Jacob Murphy all enjoyed their day.



September 2nd saw more than 150 people packed into church for a night of music and dance as the Jazz Goats put on a great show. We would like to thank Martin and the rest of the band for coming all the way to Wangford and giving everybody a night to remember. Many thanks also to the team from The Angel for providing the refreshments. The changing of the season sees this years Harvest Festival which will be celebrated on October 1st. This will be a family service and all food donated will go to the Lowestoft Foodbank which needs food more than ever before, due to the continuing cost of living crisis.

On Sunday October 8th, there will be no morning service in church as we welcome the Jubilate Choir for Evensong at 6pm. This will be a really lovely evening and please do come along to listen to such a fantastic choir.

Following our successful event in February 2021 featuring Angela Lawrence and her book 'Rumour', we hope that some people may remember the story of William and Alma Smith who are buried in the churchyard in Wangford. William Smith was the much loved and respected Headmaster of Henham & Wangford School for over 30 years and was falsely accused of spying during the First World War. Now that William and Alma's gravestone has been fully restored, there will be a memorial service and exhibition in church at 2pm on November 4th and members of William and Alma Smith's family will be present. It promises to be a fascinating afternoon with refreshments provided after the service, and a chance to find out some more about a bit of very local history.

*Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)*

### Book Quiz Answers

1. Peter Pan - J. M. Barrie
2. Lorna Doone - R. D. Blackmore
3. The Wind in the Willows - Kenneth Grahame
4. Far From The Madding Crowd - Thomas Hardy
5. The Catcher In The Rye - J. D. Salinger
6. Wuthering Heights - Emily Bronte
7. Brighton Rock - Graham Greene
8. Lost Horizon - James Hilton
9. Campbell's Kingdom - Hammond Innes
10. On The Road - Jack Kerouac

## A Churchyard Tribute to George

George Ives will be missed by so many in the village and on behalf of Wangford Church PCC, we would like to acknowledge the years of care and effort he gave to Wangford Churchyard. In his final days, George reminded us that the church hedge should be trimmed in September and from his bed, was pleased to hear the sounds of the grass being cut. We shall miss the man, his cheerful disposition, annual bulb planting programme and willingness to organise the PCC resources to maintain the churchyard.

George and Sue - both accomplished musicians - have arranged Charity concerts, and music to fundraise for the Church with world class musicians taking part. George knew how important the church and graveyard is to villagers - and visitors - and as Churchwardens we hope we can maintain the high standards that he set. The PCC is grateful for the help it receives - both financial and practical - from the Parish Council, paid workers and volunteers who help cut and trim the grass, look after the War Memorial and maintain the gate and signboards.

Following the loss of George, we would greatly value someone coming forward to continue the organisation of the churchyard work - the majority of which is carried out by paid operatives with the help of the Churchwardens and P.C.C.

George organised seasonal Work Parties and we would like to continue this practice - usually on a Saturday morning. Please look out for dates of the next "Churchyard Clean Up" and help if you can. Coffee and cakes are provided!

One outstanding problem is the suckers of the Ailanthus Altissima (Trees of Heaven) which are engulfing the lower rear churchyard area. On professional advice, these require major work: - cutting down to ground level and ongoing cutting back. It will be a big operation and will take time to achieve the results we want. If you feel you are able to help with this project, we would be very glad to hear from you (please!).

Finally, something that made George very happy during his final illness: the grave of William & Alma Smith has been cleaned and restored and will be rededicated on 4th November. George was fascinated by this story of this Wangford Headmaster, who gave 30 years of service to the village, only to be wrongly accused of spying during WWI.

A Memorial and Thanksgiving Service for George will be announced shortly.

With grateful thanks to a gentle man who will be greatly missed. R.I.P.

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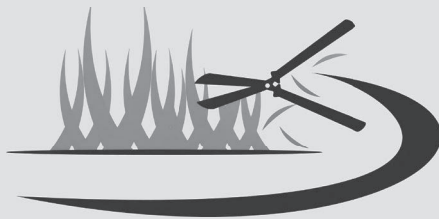
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### Book Club

At our September meeting we discussed "Machines Like Me" by Ian McEwan. This was a book that met with a mixed reception. Set in the 1980s amidst a mixture of historical events from the past including the Falklands war where Argentina was victorious, Margaret Thatcher was forced from office, the UK left Europe and there was general unrest. Alan Turing had not died in the 1950s but was working in artificial intelligence and had created Adam and its female counterpart Eve. This felt like a dystopian society and the main character Charlie was rather dysfunctional with a chequered past and unusual view of the world powered by a computer where he gambled, won and lost money on the markets, and played games. He spent his inheritance on buying an Adam and with the girl upstairs (Miranda) they each created half of Adam's personality. We talked about the difference and similarities in Adam as a creation powered by artificial intelligence and the representative human Charlie - particularly in their individual relationships with Miranda. We noted that Adam did express feelings and he was also quite literal and moral. He was upset when he heard that his counterpart robots had used their "kill" switch to end their existence as living was very hard in the human world. Adam was financially successful with investing in the stock market and earned Charlie a fortune. However, he decided that he would use the money he earned to pay outstanding tax on Charlie's behalf and nearly all the balance monies was sent to charity. Miranda lied in a criminal case to get justice for her friend. Adam forced her to confess and Charlie drove her to the police station. She served a long sentence. We talked about how humans manage themselves, including ideas, morality and politics and whether we could truly replicate ourselves in another form and whether we would really wish to do that. We also clearly saw the shortcomings in the human condition. In summary, a book that generated a lot of discussion. We next meet on Thursday 5th October at 8 pm in the Community Centre to discuss Claire Fuller's "Unsettled Ground".

*Gill Smith 578620*

### Wangford Ladies' Breakfast

On September 2nd, Jeremy Fournel, from The Amber Shop, in Southwold, gave an interesting talk on everything amber, from its natural state to how it is crafted and made into jewellery and ornaments. He brought along many items from the museum at the shop. Amber has been found washed up on our shores; according to Jeremy the best time to go searching is between November and March.

Next month, October 7th, Pat Seaman, a First Responder, will be speaking on how we should respond to help ourselves and family in an emergency.

If you are interested in joining us, 8.45 for 9am at The Angel Inn, Wangford please contact Jan by email - [perrypoppy@aol.com](mailto:perrypoppy@aol.com) All new ladies welcome!

### Wangford Mens' Breakfast

September 23rd saw 16 enjoy Bill Seymour explain about European Weather Satellite Systems. A thoroughly enjoyable and informative morning, and as usual rounded off with an excellent Angel breakfast.

Next dates are- 21st October, 18th November and 16th December. 8.45 for 9.00 at the Angel Inn.

Interested? Email [johnscholes@hotmail.com](mailto:johnscholes@hotmail.com).

## ABRAHAM

That last wee exercise I gave you seemed to be well received, so here are five more beginnings and five closing lines of well known books. (*Answers on page 7*)

1. All children, except one, grow up.
2. If anybody cares to read a simple tale told simply, I John Ridd, of the parish of Oare, in the county of Somerset .....
3. The mole had been working very hard all the morning, spring-cleaning his little home.
4. When Farmer Oak smiled, the corners of his mouth spread till they were within an unimportant distance of his ears,
5. If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born, and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied and all before they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap,
6. I lingered round them, under that benign sky; watched the moths fluttering among the heath and the harebells, I listened to the soft wind breathing through the grass, and wondered how any one could ever imagine unquiet slumbers for the sleepers in that quiet earth.
7. 'If he loved you', the priest had said, 'that shows.....!' She walked rapidly in the thin June sunlight towards the worst horror of all.
8. and of the little Manchu who had been 'most old' and of the strange ultimate dream of Blue Moon. "Do you think he will ever find it?" I asked.
9. We will begin drilling. operations up in the Kingdom as soon as the snows melt. Maybe I'll end up a millionaire. But all the money in the world cannot buy what I have now.
10. nobody knows what's going to happen to anybody besides the forlorn rags of growing old, I think of Dean Moriarty, I even think of Old Dean Moriarty the father we never found, I think of Dean Moriarty.

## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st October	17th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Harvest Festival
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 8th October	18th Sunday after Trinity
6.00pm Wangford	Evensong
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Harvest Festival (BCP)
Sunday 15th October	19th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00pm Sotherton	Harvest Festival
Sunday 22nd October	20th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Family@Church
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 29th October	Last Sunday after Trinity
11.00 am Wangford	Team Communion
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)



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## OCTOBER 2023 CENTRE DIARY

Oct 2nd	Toddlers	Hall	0930 - 1130am
Oct 3rd	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Reydon Bowls	Hall	11.00 -1.00pm
	Allotment rents	Bar	7.30pm
	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
Oct 4th	Longshore Flu Clinic	Hall	3.30-5.30pm
	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Oct 5th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
Oct 7th	Private Hire		
Oct 9th	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
Oct 10th	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
Oct 11th	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Oct 12th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm
Oct 14th	Private Hire		
Oct 15th	Private Hire		
Oct 16th	Toddlers	Hall	9.30-11.30am
Oct 17th	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Reydon Bowls	Hall	11.00-1.00pm
Oct 18th	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
	GHSR	Bar	7.30 - 9.30pm
Oct 19th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
Oct 23rd	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	7.30pm
Oct 24th	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Reydon Bowls	Hall	11.00-1.00pm
Oct 25th	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Oct 26th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm
	Afternoon Tea	Hall	2.30-4.30pm
Oct 29th	Private Hire		
Oct 30th	Toddlers	Hall	9.30 - 11.30am
Oct 31st	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Reydon Bowls	Hall	11.00-1.00pm