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44th GRAND HENHAM STEAM RALLY

For nearly 44 years the Grand Henham Steam Rally has raised funds for the communities of Wangford-cum-Henham, Sotherton and Uggeshall and, over recent years, has also supported other charities. This year, their chosen other charities are UK Sepsis Trust, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Wrentham Community First Responders, SERV Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and Southwold Lifeboat. Your visit to this year's Rally, on Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th September, will help raise funds for all these good causes.



Attractions this year include Nigel Oakley's Heavy Horses, and the Dog and Duck Show, an amusing and informative display of dogs working with ducks. That's in addition to the large display of steam engines, vintage vehicles of all sorts, dog agility, threshing demonstration, live music, the steam Fun Fair, trade, craft and food stalls - plus a licensed bar and food outlets to suit every taste and pocket!



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a special treat, try Sotherton Church's pancakes. You can buy your discounted tickets in advance online; Adults and over 14 are £10.00 (£12.00 on gate); 8 - 14-year-olds are £3.00, and under 8's are free.

Volunteers are needed on the morning of Monday 17th to litter pick on the site. Many hands make light work, so do help if you are able. Meet at Henham Park at 9.00am.

Visit www.henhamsteamrally.com—there is no postage or booking fee to pay.

Wangford Harvest Concert

To round off our Harvest celebrations we have a concert of popular classics at 3.00 pm on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd September.

The concert features the Brown family - Fiona on organ and piano, her husband Melvin (baritone), and daughter Carys (soprano). Fiona is Director of Music at Winchcombe Parish Church in Cheltenham, and a very active musician on the Gloucestershire scene.

Music will include Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor (the famous one), and cheerful pieces by Mozart, Haydn, Vaughan Williams, Ireland, Debussy and Saint-Saens. And scrumptious cream teas will be served in the interval!

Buy your tickets (£5.00 each, with children under 10 £1.00) at the church on the day.

All proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund.

Harvest Festivals this month

Wangford

Sunday 23rd at 11.15am

Sotherton Team Service

Sunday 30th at 11.15am

Uggeshall Team Evensong

Sunday 30th at 6.00pm

First Thursday Knitting Group

We were delighted to send blankets and warm garments via the leader of Suffolk Knitters and Stitchers to places where we know they would be appreciated. Also to Jack Storer as he begins a new stock of warm clothing and blankets for Charles to take to refugees on his next convoy.

We decided to take part in the Shoebox appeal again this year, and if anyone would like a box, price £1 and so much easier than covering a box with wrapping paper, please contact me during the month ahead so I can order appropriately.

We meet again on Thursday, 6th September at 2.30. New members always welcome.

Valerie Beckett 578987

Wangford Men's Breakfast Group

The next meeting is at Wangford Plough on Saturday 22nd September.

Vicki Doy will speak on the role of the Voluntary Help Centre.

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

Please let Bernard know on 578766 by midday on Thursday 20th if you wish to join us.
8.45 for 9.00 am

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

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

Mobile Library at Wangford
Wednesday 5th September
Millfields 10.10 - 10.30am Church 10.35 - 10.45am

Knitting Group
Thursday 6th September 2.30pm Community Centre

Book Club
Thursday 6th September 8.00pm Community Centre

Singing Group
Wednesday 12th September 10.00am Community Centre

Uggeshall Garden Club
Wednesday 12th September 7.30pm The Old School Hall

Uggeshall Coffee Morning
Thursday 13th September 10.30am The Old School Hall

Grand Henham Steam Rally
Henham Park
Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September
10.00 am - 6.00 pm

Lunch Club
Tuesday 18th September 12.30pm Community Centre

The Arts Society Southwold
Tuesday 18th September 2.00 pm St. Edmunds Hall

Whist Drive
Wednesday 19th September 7.00 pm Community Centre

Men's Breakfast Group
Saturday 22nd September 8.45 for 9.00am
Wangford Plough

Harvest Concert and Cream Teas
Sunday 23rd September 3.00pm Wangford Church

Wangford Coffee Morning
Tuesday 25th September 10.45am Community Centre

Wrentham Film Night
Saturday 29th September 7.00 for 7.30 pm
Wrentham Village Hall

Wangford Church Coffee Mornings

The September Coffee Mornings are on Tuesdays 11th and 25th at 10.45 am in the Community Centre.

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Wangford 100 Club 2018

Winners in the July Draw were

1. Jackie Casement
2. Bernard Segrave-Daly
3. Gill Clarke

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

Support Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and your local church on Saturday 8th September by cycling or walking round as many churches as possible between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, or by sponsoring someone who's taking part.

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SEPTEMBER'S TEAM LETTER

Dear Friends,

'Come ye thankful people come'

The season of harvest festival is upon us. Being fortunate to live in a rural environment makes the changes of the seasons so much more meaningful and significant. As I walk my dog, Soleby, I see changes in the fields as the cycle of the year progresses: from the soil being furrowed to prepare for sowing, as the green shoots begin to sprout, as the field is rich with a mature crop and then is left with the stubble after the Harvest.

It is a time each year when we are given the opportunity to give thanks to our farmers and food processors for providing the bountiful supply of food that is readily available to us. And also to God our creator, who provides us with all good things for our survival.

During the month of September the Sole Bay Team of Churches are going to launch our Stewardship Campaign culminating on 14 October with our Stewardship weekend. The theme we have chosen for our Campaign is

'Growing in Generosity'

There are 4 concepts encapsulated within the theme of 'Growing in Generosity' that we will be considering: Generous God; Generous people; Generous Giving, and Generosity towards others.

We will be encouraging our congregations to think broadly how we can best demonstrate our own generosity in response to the overwhelming generosity of God. This will take the form of asking each member of our churches to think about how they might devote more of their time, skills and money to their church community.

To help each of us prepare for this we are encouraging as many people as possible to use a series of Daily Bible Readings called 'Generous God, Generous People' for the month of September and the first week in October. For each day the booklet includes a passage from scripture, a reflection and a prayer. The booklet is free and available in each Church across the Team. If you are reading this article and September has already started you can begin the Bible study when you are ready.

Let us go into the Autumn and 'Grow in Generosity' together as God's pilgrim people.

Alan

Dr. DAVID KING-DAVIES RIP

A celebration of the life of former Wangford GP Dr. King-Davies, who died on 20th August, will take place at St Peter and St Paul, Wangford, on Friday 7th September at 2.00 pm.

News from Wangford Vets

Strutt Your Mutt Charity Dog Day & Walks 2018

Thank you to all those amazing people who gave their time to help at Strutt Your Mutt, to the businesses that so generously sponsored the event, to all those who collected sponsorship from family, friends and colleagues, to all the lovely people who attended with their families and dogs, and to the lovely customers and family of the Sailors Home Pub at Kessingland who raised £310. YOU all made Strutt Your Mutt a very special day indeed.

Together the total we raised for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is an incredible £9,659.53!!!!

We have a cheque presentation to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People at midday on Tuesday 4th September and everyone is welcome to pop along and join us to meet Daniel Jillings, his mum Ann and hearing dog Varley, as well as other hearing dog partnerships.



Remember Forrest - a Hearing Dog Puppy sponsored, by the team from Wangford Vets for around a year now? Here's an update on the progress of this lovely boy. The Hearing Dogs team tell us he's fantastic and they are really very proud of him. Here he is being introduced to travelling by rail for the first time.

We've enjoyed following Forrest so much that we have decided to sponsor another Hearing Dog puppy.



Meet Rusty, a male golden Cocker Spaniel.

Change of date

The Emergency Pet First Aid Evening advertised for the 20th September has had to be moved to THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER 7 pm - Sorry for any inconvenience.

Thank you to the Wangford Fundraising Group

for their great efforts this year on behalf of
St Peter and St Paul Church.

The hugely successful Flower Festival, with entertainment by George and Polly Ives and Jeffrey Dyball, and Songs, Tea and Cake with the Sole Bay Singers together raised the tremendous sum of over £1,770 for the Church Restoration Fund.

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Country Teas

On behalf of The Uggeshall Teas Steering Group, we would like to thank all those who contributed to the great success of the Uggeshall Country Teas 2018. The School Room looked stunning with beautiful floral decorations, the cottage garden looked equally pretty, and, with scrumptious home made delights served throughout the afternoons, it is no wonder that local people, as well as those from far and wide, flocked to our pretty village to relax and enjoy a traditional country tea in beautiful surroundings. Once again, the two weekends raised a large sum of money (just under £5,000), the majority of which goes towards the costs and maintenance of, not only the Church, but also the School Room. This year it was decided that the charities benefitting from the teas will be the Wrentham First Responders and Access to Homeless, each receiving £500.

However, none of this could take place without the support of those who contributed their time and effort to make the teas the success that they have come to be. Whether you donned an apron and served numerous cakes, baked copious amounts of delicacies, helped to set up tents, tables and chairs, or gave up your afternoons to wash up - your involvement is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank those who came to indulge in the teas and in so doing, helped to raise a large sum of money. Thank you to you all!

Jane Temple

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

This month's gathering will be on Thursday 13th in The Old School Hall from 10.30 am.

KAREN KENNY
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Back by popular demand, broadcaster Karen is well known for her horticultural knowledge and experience. This talk will focus on herbs with their powerful health benefits and transforming culinary properties. Learn how to grow them and more!

Uggeshall School Room
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News from Sotherton

PCC

The next PCC meeting will be held at the Wangford Plough on 5th September at 7.30 pm.

Steam Rally Pancakes

Thank you to everyone who has offered to make pancakes. We will be in touch shortly. If anyone would like to help us man the stall during the weekend (15th/16th September), please get in touch with Karen on 01986 873123 or Jane on 01986 874248.

Team Harvest Festival

The next service at St Andrew's will be a Team Harvest Festival at 11.15 am on Sunday 30th September. Do come along to join us.

Wangford Church News

August has been a quiet month here in Wangford but there has been a lot going on in the Sole Bay Team, not least of all the Beach Mission for children and parents that was very well attended. Many of us visited the Uggeshall Teas which were delightful as usual. The Meadow Sale and Flower Festival at South Cove was a great success and the service for St. Lawrence, their patron saint, was led by Alan in the open air. Afterwards we were served with tea and cake and the whole afternoon was a lovely occasion.

September will be quite busy here in Wangford. The Harvest Festival on Sunday, 23rd September at 11.15 will be conducted by Revd Alan Perry, and gifts of produce and money will be taken to the Access Drop-In Centre in Lowestoft. With such a great deal of poverty and homelessness in Lowestoft - right on our door step - we appeal to everyone to help as much as possible.

In the afternoon at 3pm there will be a Harvest Concert with cream teas.

Look out for details nearer the time on posters and the Church Notice Board.

Owing to deteriorating health and movement out of the village, we have vacancies on our Cleaning Rota. If anyone can help please get in touch with me on 578987. At present the rota works out that each pair cleans once every eight weeks, which takes about two hours.

In September we return to two coffee mornings per month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10.45.

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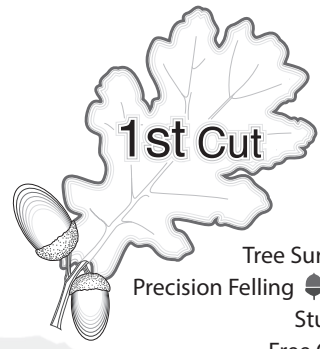
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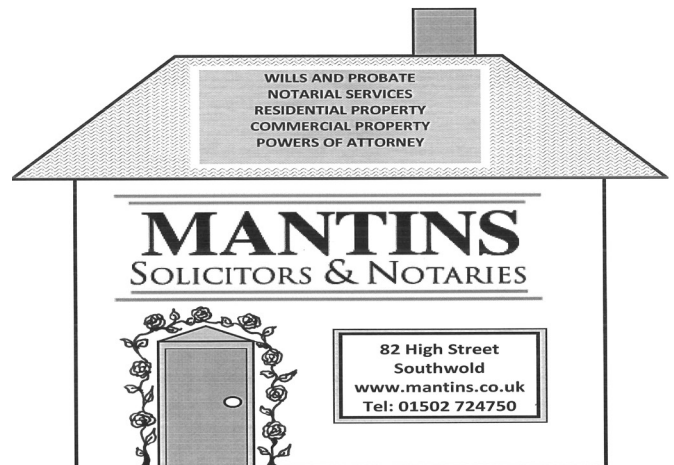
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For a particular reason I have, for the first time recently, been taking a great deal of interest in Benjamin Britten. The late great actor David Hemmings, who was one of Britten's boy singers, had this to say about him : 'Of all the people I have worked with, I count my relationship with Ben to have been one of the finest. And also my relationship with Peter too. And it was never, under any circumstances, threatening...Did I feel that he was desperately fond of me? I suppose I did, but I must say I thought far more in a sort of fatherly fashion; and I had a very bad father-son relationship.... There is no man in my entire life that has been more influential on my attitudes than Ben'. I would settle for that.

Pub behaviour Part 2.

Unless you are a massive drinker, avoid large rounds and whips like the plague. If not, you are likely to end up paying for expensive shorts when you are struggling with a half pint or two. Even worse, if the boys decide to get their food from the whip too, you will find yourself paying for someone else's steak while all you want is a sandwich. Stand your ground and buy your own, even if it means being labelled a boring old git. You will secretly be respected for it.

Sit where you like. Regulars can be the heartbeat of a pub but not at the expense of believing they have a god-given right to occupy the same seat no matter what. But also be sensitive. If you inadvertently sit where the band or quizmaster set up, it is polite to move. However if you are half jokingly, almost threateningly told, "That's Tom's seat", stay where you

are. I know a couple who, upon entering a certain nearby hostelry see that their regular spot is occupied, sit as closely as possible to the intruders, so much so that they are almost in their lap. Whether or not you are ready to go, be cussed and remain. That pair need to get a life.

Don't go over the top when complaining. Tending bar is not the rocket science it once was. Many bar staff know little about cocktails, what glass to use, or what condition the beer should be kept. There is no point in shouting the odds or delivering a lecture to the poor little sod behind the bar. Lack of training is to blame. Ask gently for the pint to be topped up or to be changed. Complain to the manager. If he is snotty about it, change your pub, the man's a waster.

Do not force your company on anyone else. At a bar or in a urinal, opportunities to converse with strangers do occur and can be worthwhile. One of my openers is are you local or just visiting? He/she, if on their own, will often open up. If the answer is a curt 'yes' or 'no' you will know that they do not wish to talk. Fair enough. The person reading a paper or book? Leave them be. He with a laptop? Definitely give him a swerve. Do not join in with a table's conversation, much less park yourself uninited.

Check on the closing time of the pub. Extended opening has changed our perception of last orders. Apparently in England and Wales the landlord makes up the rules about drinking up time. If he sells you a pint at three minutes to twelve and expects you to vacate the premises at midnight, change your pub.

A few nice little occurrences lately.

A short stay in the 'Auld Grey Toun' in East Fife to see the good old boys of the past play in the British Seniors Golf Championship. The town looks terrific as always, and a wee trip to Muchty to have a walk with an old girl friend, a nod to the Jimmy Shand statue and a wee chat with a couple of headbangers in the local pub. Two smashing companions with me who met one of the dearest boys I have known, who made me laugh many years ago, still does and kept me going when times were dark.

Alas, the phantom moggy donor has decided that, after ten, enough is as good as a feast. And it is. To answer your query, my friend, we were certainly not annoyed and found it extremely generous and amusing. Thank you and God bless you.

Abraham

Book Club

At our August meeting we discussed Tony Parsons' book "The Slaughter Man". This is not a book that we would generally have chosen. The majority of our readers found it disturbing and gratuitously violent, but we were not the target audience. We wondered if the author saw himself in the role of the 'hero' Detective Max Wolfe. We were sceptical that one man (Wolfe) could survive the level and diversity of violence. Many found the style poor, and the intricacy of vocabulary and content was replaced with police and forensic acronyms and stereotypical characterisation. One of our readers did like the book and felt it would probably make a good TV drama.

We next meet on Thursday 6th September at 8pm to discuss Claire North's "The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August". All welcome.

Tea/coffee £1.

Gill Smith 578620

C H U R C H S E R V I C E S	Sunday 2nd September	14th Sunday after Trinity
	11.15am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
	6.00pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 9th September	15th Sunday after Trinity
	11.15am Wangford	Eucharist (CW)
	6.00pm Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 16th September	16th Sunday after Trinity
	Henham Steam Rally - no services	
	Sunday 23rd September	17th Sunday after Trinity
	11.15 am Wangford	Harvest Festival
	6.00 pm Uggheshall	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Sunday 30th September	18th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Sotherton	Team Harvest Festival	
6.00 pm Uggheshall	Team Harvest Evensong	

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SEPTEMBER 2018 CENTRE DIARY

1st Sept	Private Hire	Hall	
3rd Sept	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
4th Sept	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
4th Sept	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
4th Sept	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
6th Sept	PCC	Cttee Room	9.00am
6th Sept	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
6th Sept	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
6th Sept	Knitting Group	Cttee Room	2.30pm
6th Sept	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
6th Sept	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
7th Sept	Salsa	Hall	7.30pm
8th Sept	Private Hire	Hall	
10th Sept	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
11th Sept	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
11th Sept	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
11th Sept	Coffee Morning	Hall	10.45am
11th Sept	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
11th Sept	Parish Council	Cttee Room	8.00pm
12th Sept	Singing Group	Hall	10.00am
12th Sept	Barber	Cttee Room	3.00pm
13th Sept	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
13th Sept	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
13th Sept	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
14th Sept	Salsa	Hall	7.30pm
17th Sept	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
18th Sept	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
18th Sept	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
18th Sept	Lunch Club	Hall	12.30pm
18th Sept	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
19th Sept	Whist Drive	Bar	7.00pm
20th Sept	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
20th Sept	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
20th Sept	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
22nd Sept	Private Hire		
24th Sept	Parent & Toddler	Hall	9.30am
24th Sept	Blyth Valley Labour	Cttee Room	8.00pm
25th Sept	Imogen	Hall	9.30am
25th Sept	Post Office	Bar	10.00am-12.00pm
25th Sept	Coffee Morning	Hall	10.45am
25th Sept	Blythburgh Bowls	Hall	7.00pm
26th Sept	Artmakers East	Hall	10.00am
27th Sept	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
27th Sept	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
27th Sept	Yoga	Hall	7.15pm
28th Sept	Salsa	Hall	7.30pm

Barbers next visit 17th October

WRENTHAM FILM NIGHT

Wrentham Village Hall on Saturday 29th September

THE POST

2017 political thriller directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks. (Cert 12A)

Doors open at 7.00 pm for refreshments.
 Film screens at 7.30 pm. £4.50 including refreshments.