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WANGFORD UGGESHALL SOTHERTON

# Messenger

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## Cake Stall

The team once again braved the cold of the shady side of the Market Place to bring the best of Wangford to Southwold. Not only were there delicious cakes, pies and preserves, all home-made by the indefatigable ladies and gents of our villages, but there were also Ed and Rachel's non-edible, but just as good-looking, gifts – swiss roll and puppydog flannels, cupcake and pint of Guinness socks, and the beautiful hand-knitted scarves. The cakes raised the magnificent sum of £653. Well done and thanks to all for your help.

## Happy New Year!

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES!

From This

To This



**I**t's incredible how much hard work went into fundraising during 2011 to ensure that the repairs to St Peter and St Paul could continue uninterrupted. The north aisle now just needs its final coats of distemper, and refurbishment of the floor. Of

## THANK YOU!

course, we still need to raise funds for the redecoration of the remainder of the building, and for a new heating system, but we now know that, with teamwork and goodwill, we can do it.

Thanks to Steven Smith, our

Fabric Officer, and to Alan Greening, our architect, who have monitored progress on a weekly basis, and to the team of builders from Hoggs who take such a pride in their work.

So let's celebrate all the good things we've achieved.

## Wangford Calendar

Thanks to everyone who sponsored, painted a picture, or helped in any way with the Wangford 2012 calendar. I am pleased to say that the calendars together with the cards have raised over £800 for the Church Restoration Fund.

*Valerie Beckett*

Editor: Well done, Valerie

## BURNS NIGHT

Come and celebrate Burns Night at Wangford Community Centre on Saturday January 28th at 6.30 for 7.00 pm.

There will be the usual fare, with a piper and ceilidh band as last year. Tickets are £15 and are available from Wangford Village Store. All proceeds are in aid of Wangford Church Restoration Fund.



Enjoying the entertainment

## Pensioners' Christmas Lunch

On December 13th more than 60 villagers and friends enjoyed a splendid Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings, plus a giant raffle, entertainment and a sing-song courtesy of the Community Council. Thanks to Edna and Gill, who masterminded the cooking, plus their large band of helpers, and also to Wangford Farm Shop for so kindly donating the vegetables.

## Helping the re-decoration fund

I didn't send Christmas cards in 2011. Instead, I bought 20 Litres of Limewash to help with the redecoration of the interior of our parish church of St Peter and St Paul for the benefit of the whole community.

This comes to you with my very best wishes for a peaceful New Year worldwide.

*Penelope*

## Poppy Appeal Generosity

We have distinguished ourselves by raising over £1,000 for this year's Poppy Appeal. It's a splendid total, and all who participated are to be warmly congratulated.

*Penelope Gilbey*  
Local Organiser

# easyfundraising.org.uk

## An easy way to support Wangford Church Repair Fund

You are now able to help the Wangford Church Repair Appeal to raise funds every time you internet shop and it costs you nothing.

Easyfundraising.org.uk is an organisation which will pay a percentage of your shop directly to a charity/cause. There are over 400 retail sites which are affiliated including Ebay, John Lewis, Amazon, insurance companies, etc.

Below is a guide to how to set yourself up and start raising free funds for the Church. The first time you will need to register with an Email address and give yourself a password. After this it is easy.

To register go onto the easyfundraising.org.uk site – Register now – Support a Cause (put in Wangford Church Repair Appeal), then the screen changes and you enter your details. Once you have registered follow the following steps each time you wish to purchase something.

1. Sign in with your Email address and password.
2. Go to AtoZ of retailers and find the online store you want to shop with.
3. Choose 'go shopping'; the retailer's web page will automatically open.
4. Shop just as normal.
5. Wangford Church gets a percentage of your shop at no cost to you.

Once you have joined the supporters of Wangford Church Repair Fund, you will be able to see your contributions and the total amount raised for the Church. To date we have just 19 members who have raised an incredible £104.00.

If you have any questions or need help in any way I will be happy to assist.

Happy shopping,  
*Edna Utting*  
e.utting@btinternet.com

## SPORTS CLUB

The Club enters its 28th year with the membership at a very low ebb for its two remaining sports, Short Mat bowls and Snooker. Bowls takes place at 2.00 p m on Fridays when new members are most welcome ,with tuition available. Why not drag yourself away from that computer and get some exercise ! Snooker is available at any time (with a membership key ) restricted to over 18 's ; Juniors can play under supervision. At just £1.00 per hour this must be the cheapest in country.

Contacts: Secretary Malcolm Woolnough, Bowls: Dennis Whiting, Snooker: Peter Soanes

## ZUMBA CLASS

The start date for 2012 is Tuesday 10th January, at 9.30 am in the Hall at Wangford Community Centre. (Classes also on 17th, 24th, and 31st January).

*Imogen Hall*

## SOLE BAY TEAM Not Sunday Not School

A monthly after school club for 5s-11s

(under 5s are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult)

Games-Stories-Craft-Food

5-6.30pm at Wangford Community Centre on

Thursday 5th January

Thursday 3rd February

Thursday 1st March

£1 per child per session

More details from  
Revd Rich Henderson  
722192 or Keith &  
Halcyon Meldrum 723221

## The Lunch Club Meetings

Our first meeting of 2012 will be on Tuesday 17th January. To join us for good food and company, simply contact Sue Taylor on 578408 or suethemusic@tiscali.co.uk or at 79 High Street, Wangford.

## Wangford Church Repair 100 Club

Here are the results for the Big Christmas 100 Club draw:

- 1st Prize £75  
Diane Mabbutt
- 2nd Prize £50  
Mr and Mrs Jackson
- 3rd Prize £25  
Adrian Smith
- 4th Prize £15  
Jean Burns

Application forms for next year's draw are available in the Village Store, Angel Inn or by post from Sallie on 01502 578386.

The closing date for entry is 31st January 2012. If you have any questions please contact Sallie Smith or email tedsmith8@aol.com



## Wangford Church Repair Fund Shop

Buy your presents here and support the restoration of the church



### NEW LITRES OF LIMEWASH

Still available - Lumps of Lead and Flints for Facing

For just £5, on behalf of yourself or a friend, buy a present of a litre of limewash, or a lump of lead or a facing flint for the roof repairs. You can buy as many litres, lumps or flints for as many people as you like. We will send you a card with details of the gift(s) to send on to the recipient(s).

Order forms are available from Wangford Village Store, Wangford Farm Shop, The Angel Inn or any church in the Team.

Raise the Roof -  
Wangford Organ CD

This CD of organ favourites from Wangford will make an ideal present. It features four first-class organists who all have a Wangford connection. Buy the CD from Wangford Village Store, priced £10; or from Sue Taylor, 79 High Street, Wangford, BECCLES NR34 8RL (cheques should be payable to 'The PCC of Wangford').

We are grateful to Wangford Village Store and Wangford Farm Shop for their contributions towards the CD production costs.

## WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

### SOLE BAY TEAM

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### SOUTHWOLD DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Tuesday January 10th

2.00 pm in St Edmund's Hall, Southwold.

Gail Turner speaks on

Footfall to Santiago – 12 centuries of Pilgrimage and

Art on the Camino.

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79 High Street, Wangford.

### WANGFORD AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 19th January at 7.30 pm

Wangford Community Centre

Open Meeting from 8.30 pm

Suffolk Wildlife Trust – 'Creating a Living Landscape  
for Suffolk'

Members free, everyone welcome £1

### BOOKS 'N BRIC-A-BRAC SALE AT SIBTON

Saturday 21st January from 10.30am until noon.

There will also be clothes and toys, and admission is free.

Delicious homemade refreshments will be available.

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Wangford Community Centre

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Tickets £15 from Wangford Village Store.

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## BOOK CLUB

At our December meeting we held our Christmas party which was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Special thanks to Gilly for her patient decoupage instructions (we will all have beautifully decorated flowerpots for the spring bulbs) and Sara for devising the quiz.

We did not discuss this month's book: Phillipa Gregory's 'The White Queen' as several people had not finished the book so we will discuss it at our next meeting on Thursday 12th January 2012 at 8 p.m. in the Community Centre.

All welcome. Tea/coffee £1.

## Wangford Parent & Toddler Group

I would like to set up a weekly parent & toddler group to be held at Wangford Community Centre. I would need to estimate the numbers that might attend. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending could you please contact me. I would also like to hear from parents who would be willing to help organise the group. Thanks very much

*Lorraine Davison*

Tel: 01502 578645

lorraineplay@gmail.com

## WANGFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Christmas Lights Thanks to Nick Westwood and his team for their hard work in setting up the Christmas tree at Pound Corner, and also for setting up the display on the Community Centre – although at the time of writing there are problems with the Centre electricity connection, so their work may have been in vain. Many thanks also to Walter for allowing us to site the tree on his property, and to Carl Chapman for efficient delivery of the tree.

Steam Rally Helpers' Party The thank-you party for all who helped in any way at the Grand Henham Steam Rally takes place on Friday 20th January at 7.30 pm at the Plough Inn, Wangford. All who helped make the 2011 Rally such a success are cordially invited to attend.

Barber in Centre Stewart Sharman's first visit of 2012 is on Wednesday 4th January from 4.00 – 6.00 pm in the Committee Room. Home visits can be made on the same day; call Stewart on 07866 431385.

*Gill Smith*  
578620

*Malcolm Woolnough*

# JANUARY'S TEAM LETTER:

Dear friends,

As a Priest I find it an enormous privilege to journey with people as they explore their vocation and calling. When undergoing training for authorised ministry such as Reader or Ordained ministry the words 'spiritual reflection' become part of your breathing pattern. Nothing can be studied, prepared or undertaken without that element of things being considered to the point that one feels if you have to 'spiritually reflect' one more time you will have a few choice words to share with your tutor or Vicar!

Christmas has come and gone, as the decorations get packed away for another year January gives us all a good opportunity to look at our Spiritual life. To ask ourselves some questions- What are we doing that helps grow and develop that side of

us? Have we got a little jaded in the prayers we use or the services we attend? Do we take for granted that a new day dawns and forget to start the day with thanksgiving on our lips such as 'Praise to you O God for the beginning of a new day, for the beginning of life itself'?

I would like to encourage you to work out how much time you spend sorting out the house, or your wardrobe, or the Christmas decorations or whatever earthly start you make to January, and then suggest you set aside a similar length of time for some spiritual reflection.

When you read the Gospel accounts of Christ just such an activity frames all of his recorded life and ministry. Often verses start with something like 'Now during those days he went onto the

mountain to pray' Lk 6.12, or 'he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself' Matt 14. 13b.

His ministry is rooted in spiritual care of himself in the presence of his Father, and his words to us are one long spiritual reflection on life and how God calls us to live. So surely as we start our new year of 2012 one of the most useful things we can do is to resolve to find a way that helps us to refresh and develop our own spiritual lives. Prayer, Scripture, books, a visit to a different church or service, or just a quiet time. All these will encourage our soul to healthy shape.

So I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year, in every sense of the Word.

*Revd Richard Henderson*

## A few words of thanks

My wife Cindy and I sadly moved out of the village last week and relocated to Buckinghamshire for work reasons, a sad day for us both as we left behind many friends.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in Wangford for making us so welcome since we arrived in 2009. There are too many to name but I will name a few if I may.... Catherine, Steve, Annabel and Suzie (our expert cat feeders), Mo and Trotter who came to our rescue (along with about 30 other folk according to Abraham) when our cat Jerry got run over, Walter and his team at the vet, everyone at the village shop, the farm shop and the Angel. The Clarke brothers who did a fair bit of work on our cottage during our stay. Our wonderful neighbour Betty in Church St who as well as being a good neighbour was instrumental in the whole Jerry rescue back in the summer. Rachel (sorry don't know surname) but I hope that NCFC stay in the Premier League. Lastly George and Sue Ives who became very good friends as well as neighbours and cycle partners, George I already miss those rides out to Framlingham for coffee and Sue your wonderful cooking.

We both wish you all well for the festive season that is just around the corner and thank you once again for making us so welcome.

*Cindy & Mark*

## Wangford with Henham Parish Council

Keep in touch with the Parish Council by visiting the website at [www.wangfordwithhenham-community.org.uk](http://www.wangfordwithhenham-community.org.uk) Council Meeting Dates: All monthly Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8.00 p.m. in the Committee Room, Wangford Community Centre. Members of the public are always welcome to attend and are given an open forum at the start of the meeting. Housing and Council Tax Benefit From Waveney District Council - If your pay has been reduced, you may be able to receive help towards your Council tax bill, or rent. If you have adapted your home to meet your needs, eg. an extra bathroom, or you use a wheelchair in your home, you may be entitled to a reduction in your Council tax bill. Please contact the Benefits Liaison Officer on 01502 523535 or e-mail [benefits@waveney.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@waveney.gov.uk) to find out if you're eligible for either of these reductions to Council Tax.

## UGGESHALL NOTES

### JOHN BEDWELL RIP

The thanksgiving service for John's life took place at St Mary's on November 28th, which would have been his 77th birthday. His nephew Daryl Hill gave a wonderful, warm and often humorous account of John's life, which was much appreciated by a very large congregation. John was born in Stoven in 1934, and was educated at Henham and Reydon, starting work at Uggeshall Hall before joining the army. He returned in 1954, and married Ann at Uggeshall in 1959.

He worked for the County Council, and was promoted to Highways Inspector in 1972. On his retirement he threw himself into his passions – country pursuits, gardening, his beloved Norwich City, holidays, and his family, of whom he was very proud. John was always

busy; indeed, Daryl reckoned that "rest in peace" would not apply to his uncle, who probably already had a long list of things to do up in heaven. John will be greatly missed, and our thoughts are with Ann and the family at this time.

### JOHN WARNES RIP

The funeral service for John took place at St Mary's on 5th December. John was born at Withersdale in 1934, and sang in the church choir there as a young boy. The family moved to Uggeshall when he was 8 years old, and he attended Reydon School. He worked in agriculture before service in the RAF, after which he worked as a rep for Eastern Counties Farmers. In his retirement he kept active, helping with the harvest and helping other people with decorating and odd jobs. We send our condolences to Hilda and the family.

# ABRAHAM WRITES

It is the nature of the beast, particularly that of one from north of The Wall to over-sentimentalise at this time of year. I am no exception. Another one over and what have we done? When asked the question what mark have you made on life, so many folk have over-modestly confided that their lives have been inconsequential and that history will record little of importance. But who makes the judgement and the rules? Not I, for sure. Probably the Almighty. I guarantee that so many in our little village have contributed in no small measure to the betterment of the human race, far more than the cretins who purport to run

the country, and instead run it into the ground. Politicians and Governments come and go but the proper folk just smile, get on with life, carry on as always, and look upon this pleasant land with equanimity, just as they have done since time began. Mind you, I do wonder how much we can take before there's a revolution.

And what for the New Year? I am content with today and look forward to all my tomorrows. Life will be pretty much the same. Boring? No. It is the predictability that I find so reassuring. We shall do exciting things which to some may elicit a yawn, but in the twilight years I do not yearn

for the dreams of yesteryear. Only tired and disillusioned people look for sensations. I look forward to meeting new folk - not friends as such - I have reached my base level and so far as friendship is concerned I have all I need. The village will throw up lots of interesting stuff of which I may be part but mostly, I suspect, I shall be a delighted bystander. Wangford is an extremely cat-friendly village. Discuss.

Hands up all those who tried to please old Abe by not singing for the sake of in Auld Lang Syne. If Robbie were alive today he would be spinning in his grave.

I almost leave you with the

last verse of the greatest humanitarian song ever written by man :

Then let us pray that come it may,  
As come it will for a' that  
That Sense and Worth, o'er a'  
the earth,  
May bear the gree and a' that.  
For a' that and a' that,  
It's coming yet for a' that,  
That Man to Man the world  
o'er,  
Shall brothers be for a' that !

Finally, to everyone who glanced at my scribblings (Mrs Abe and four cats) and to the sainted Editor who indulged me :

To ane an' a' baith great and sma'  
A hearty guid New Year

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Are you the irresponsible dog owner?

Since moving to Wangford 12 years ago, each day I have enjoyed walking from my house in Norfolk Road along the High Street to the Village Store

and post box. The pavement alongside the playing field is the natural route.

But now it is a no-go area.

For several months this pavement has been fouled daily with dog mess. No sooner has the rain got rid of the worst, then fresh deposits appear, strategically placed centre pavement to ensure they are trodden in, spread, taken into the shop and back to one's home.

So those of us who can spot them tiptoe round, walk in the road, or on the opposite pavement. But what of the walkers who don't see so well? Or those who have difficulty with mobility?

Who is this person set on spreading disease? It only takes one thoughtless dog owner to spoil the village for everyone, and put all other dog owners under suspicion.

So, please, mend your ways and clean up after your dog.

*Very Concerned  
Norfolk Road  
Resident*

### Your Dog is Not Responsible for Fouled Footpaths



**You Are  
Please pick it up and bin it**

*Editor: Thanks to Rod for his humorous poster. On a serious note, the Dog Control Order makes it illegal to fail to clear up after your dog if it fouls any land that is open to the air and to which the public has access. There is a fixed penalty fine of £80, or a fine of up to £1,000 if there is a conviction in the courts – and none of us wants that to happen to anyone in Wangford.*



Wangford & District  
Horticultural Society

### Annual General Meeting

To be held on

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**7.30pm**

**Wangford Community Centre**

**Open Meeting  
From 8.30pm**



It is hoped that following the technical problems of the November meeting that Suffolk Wildlife Trust will return to tell us more about their work of 'Creating a Living Landscape for Suffolk'



Members Free  
Everyone Welcome £1



# JANUARY 2012 DIARY

3rd Jan	Friendly Club	Bar	2.00pm
4th Jan	Belly Dancing	Hall	7.00pm
5th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
5th Jan	FESPA	Bar	10.30am
5th Jan	Youth Group	Hall	4.00pm
6th Jan	Bowls	Hall	afternoon
9th Jan	Horticulture Soc	Comm/room	8.00pm
10th Jan	Zumba	Hall	9.30am
10th Jan	Friendly Club	Bar	2.00pm
10th Jan	Parish Council	Comm/room	8.00pm
11th Jan	MS	Hall	7.00pm
11th Jan	Belly Dancing	Bar	7.00pm
11th Jan	Steam Rally Meeting	Comm/room	7.30pm
12th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
13th Jan	Bowls	Hall	afternoon
17th Jan	Zumba	Hall	9.30am
17th Jan	Lunch Club	Hall	12.00noon
17th Jan	Friendly Club	Bar	2.00pm
18th Jan	Whistdrive	Bar	7.00pm
18th Jan	Belly Dancing	Hall	7.00pm
18th Jan	PCC	Comm/room	7.30pm
19th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
19th Jan	Horticulture Soc	Hall	7.30pm
20th Jan	Bowls	Hall	afternoon
21st Jan	Private Party	Hall	evening
22nd Jan	Private Party	Hall	1.00pm
24th Jan	Friendly Club	Bar	2.00pm
25th Jan	Waveney Watercolourists	Hall	10.00am
25th Jan	MS	Bar	2.00pm
25th Jan	Belly Dancing	Hall	7.00pm
26th Jan	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30am
27th Jan	Bowls	Hall	afternoon
28th Jan	Burns Night	Hall	evening
31st Jan	Zumba	Hall	9.30am
31st Jan	Friendly Club	Bar	2.00pm

Community Centre bookings – Call the booking secretary, Gill Rush, on 578062.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st January	2nd Sunday of Christmas
8.00 a.m. Uggeshall	Holy Communion (BCP) ES
10.00 a.m. Southwold	Family Holy Communion Team Service JL/SP
Sunday 8th January	Epiphany
9.30 a.m. Sotherton	Pilgrim Eucharist JL
11.00 a.m. Wangford	Holy Communion JL
6.00 p.m. Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP) HT
Sunday 15th January	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
11.00 a.m. Wangford	Holy Communion JL
6.00 p.m. Uggeshall	Holy Communion (BCP) JL
Sunday 22nd January	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
11.00 a.m. Wangford	Holy Communion RH
6.00 p.m. Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP) JL
Sunday 29th January	4th Sunday of Epiphany
11.00 a.m. Wangford	Holy Communion JL
6.00 p.m. Uggeshall	Team Service for Candlemas
JL Joan Lyon, TG Tom Gladwin, HT Heather Turner, MD Margaret Dinn, RH Rich Henderson, ES Edward Shotter, SP Simon Pitcher, PT Peter Trendall, TBC to be confirmed, LAY Lay led.	

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