

**Altar Flowers**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Mrs S Payton  
 16<sup>th</sup> Mrs S Rush

**Church Cleaning**

2<sup>nd</sup> Cathy Hume  
 9<sup>th</sup> Janet & Sheila  
 16<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Clark  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Paddy Richards

**Songs of Praise for the Centenary Window**

A large congregation was present for an uplifting Songs of Praise service held at St Mary the Virgin, Wortham on 14<sup>th</sup> April for the dedication of the new stained glass window celebrating the centenary of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich. The window was installed last September and was designed and made by Deborah Lowe from Todmorden in Lancashire. The service was conducted by our rector Reverend Michael Thompson and the address, dedication and blessing were given by the Right Reverend Nigel Stock, bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich. Edward Coales of the Friends of Wortham Church gave a few words of thanks towards the end of the service and flowers and gifts were presented to Deborah, her partner Graeme and Bishop Nigel. The final hymn, 'Praise God for windows', had been written especially for Wortham by a previous rector, Rev Christopher Idle and we were delighted that he was able to attend the service. Afterwards refreshments were served.

**Bowls Champion**

Congratulations to Carole Baker from Wortham who was crowned National Ladies Champion at the EIBA Championships. The competition took place in Nottingham on Good Friday and Easter Saturday and saw the Diss & District Ladies President overcome fellow England International Katherine Hawes 21:9 in the final, to take the crown. Carole said she was absolutely delighted; it was something she had dreamt about. She now hopes her success will encourage more people to get involved in the sport. Well done Carole!

**Open Gardens for Wortham Village Hall**

Open Gardens 2013 - June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 11.00am – 6.00pm. £5 per entry ticket/programme for either or both days, accompanied children - free entry. Entry programmes will be available from Wortham Stores from June 3<sup>rd</sup> and from the shop and gardens at various 'entrance points' to the village on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. So far, fifteen gardens including the school's will be open and three artists will be showing their work. Ploughman's lunches, tea and cakes will be available in two of the gardens. Our Terrific Tombola (will there be a gnome or two this year?!); Plant Stall courtesy of Howard's Nursery (so you know they'll be good) and a Pampered Chef stall will also be available. This event is raising money for Village Hall Funds, in particular towards the kitchen upgrading. **So PLEASE come and support us and the people who are so kindly opening their gardens because.....**

**Village Hall Kitchen Upgrade** As some of you will know, the kitchen units are falling apart - upgrading is now urgent rather than just desirable. Grants are being applied for and quotations for the work sought. We hope to do the work in August this year - watch this space for updates.

**SUNDAY FUN RUN for VINTAGE, VETERAN & P.V.T CARS**  
**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Honeypot Farm, Wortham.**  
**11.00 – 11.45am**  
**If you like the sound & smell of old cars**  
**come along, & park on the common.**  
**Collection for E.A.C.H.**  
**(Last Year £199.07)**

**Village Hall Diary for June**

Sewing Class	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	9.30 - 11.30
Ballroom	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	7.00 - 8.30
Yoga	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	10.00 - 11.30
Pilates	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	7.15 - 8.15
Yoga	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	1.30 - 3.00
Open Gardens	8th & 9th	ALL DAY
Good Companions	11th	1.30 - 3.30
Village Hall AGM	13th	7.00

**Village Hall Quiz - November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Hall Booking Secretary** Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

**Mobile Library** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm Please note the new time

### Friends of Wortham Church – Events

#### **Wire Sculpture Workshop by Jenny Goater**

Wednesday 5th June 10.30am at Ivy House Farm Barn, Long Green, Wortham. £25 to include teas/coffees and light lunch. Jenny is a teacher and professional artist well known for her life like animals created out of wire and mesh. She will be demonstrating the different techniques using galvanised wire and mesh to create sculptures suitable for house and garden. By the end of the day everyone will have produced their own personal sculpture.

Booking essential. Contact Carol on 898928 or Maureen on 783236.

#### **The Midsummer Hare**

The Midsummer Hare is a musical fable with orchestral instruments and narration which has been created by Sue Heaser and Peter Creswell. The piece is set in the fenland around the source of the Little Ouse and Waveney rivers on the borders of Norfolk and Suffolk and takes place over the course of a single day in midsummer. The story is an original fable that celebrates the beauty of these valley fens and their wildlife.

The musical instruments each represent a particular creature and the piece consists of musical solos that invoke the characters of the animals and birds and ensemble playing to create the atmosphere of the fen. A narrator tells the fable and the voice interacts with the music, sometimes speaking over it, sometimes interspersed, and sometimes silent when the orchestra takes the story.

It is to be premiered at Wortham Church on Saturday 29th June with performances at 3.00pm and 7.30pm and further information can be found at: [www.themidsummerhare.weebly.com](http://www.themidsummerhare.weebly.com)

Tickets available from Wortham Post Office from 1st May or ring 01379 783236 or 01379 898479. Seats priced at £7.50 / £10.00 (under 16's free) for the matinee performance and £10 / £20 for the evening.

#### **FOWC Photography Workshop**

On 25<sup>th</sup> April ten people travelled to the home of Hans and Hetty at Thelnethan where we were made extremely welcome. An interesting morning was spent learning about the different types of cameras and how to capture the best pictures using light to its best advantage as well as focus and different angles. We then spent some time taking photographs in the garden trying to remember what we had been taught. The weather was beautiful and we were able to enjoy lunch in the garden. Afterwards we walked to the fen and the windmill finding many more photo opportunities which we might previously have missed. Back at the barn and a welcome cuppa we enjoyed looking at more of Hans' inspiring work. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone and we are extremely grateful to Hans for giving up his time to help us. The day also made £250 towards church repairs.