

Church Cleaning

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A Short History of the Friends of Wortham Church

Twenty years ago, after a rather depressing report on the state of the church fabric, Geraldine Rash suggested that The Friends of Wortham Church should be created. This would take over the fund raising needed for future church repairs from the PCC. In 1996 the Friends were formed with 26 members under the chairmanship of Edward Coales. Subscriptions rose quickly to 40 and the Friends soon had £6,000 in the bank. The next year, with the help of grants, essential repairs to the church were carried out and after twenty years £300,000 has been spent on repairs and improvements. The Friends have raised £140,000 towards this total. By 2016 the number of subscriptions has risen to over 100 and the fact that so many people in the parish have become members has given a renewed interest in the church.

Over the years many fund raising events have been organised by the Friends, usually five or six a year, all of which have been well supported by the village. The most notable event was in 2002 when the musical 'Cobbold's Tales', written by Sue Heaser, was held in the church and raised nearly £5,000. The Victorian market was first held in December 2009 and ran for six years. Improvements to the church that have been funded by the Friends have included a kitchen area and WC, a car park, radiant heaters and a PA system. A beautiful addition has been the new stained glass window in the north aisle to commemorate the centenary of the diocese. For the last 15 years the Chairman of the Friends has been Maureen Ling and she deserves special thanks for giving so much of her time and for making the Friends such a success.

Please visit our website for information about past and future events: friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com

W.A.R.T.S.

A date for your diary. WARTS Summer production is the Restoration Comedy "The Country Wife" by William Wycherley. This has been updated by Tim Hall to Soho in the 1950's. There is more than a touch of 'Carry On up the Restoration' about the production although retaining most of the original bawdy script. Performances will be on 14th, 15th and 16th July in Redgrave Church. Tickets £8 from Wortham Post Office, Redgrave Community Shop and Rickinghall Post Office.

Wortham Bowls Club

Wortham Bowls Club are holding a Coffee Morning in their club house on Saturday July 9th between 10.30am and 12 noon. There will be Cakes, Plants, Bric a Brac, a large raffle and refreshments.

Howard Nurseries

Wortham's local plant wholesaler who won a Gold Medal at the Chelsea Flower Show, this year grew special plants for a garden designed by Matthew Wilson and sponsored by 'Welcome to Yorkshire'. A stunning feature was the stained glass window inspired by the East window of York Minster, over 3 metres high and 4.5 metres wide with the flowers echoing the colours of the window. The entry received an RHS Silver Award and won the BBC RHS People's Choice Award as the best garden of all the 17 entries as voted by Chelsea Flower Show viewers. Well done Howard Nurseries.

Legion Get-together

Suffolk County Women's Section Royal British Legion met at Needham Market Community Centre on Saturday 11th June for their last County Get-together with branches from all over the county attending. There were fundraising stalls in the morning and beautiful needlework sent in by branches was on show before everyone broke for lunch. This was followed by a short meeting. The Vice Chairman said the Silent Tribute, welcomed everyone to the get-together and read a message from the Chairman Pat Scott who was unable to attend. The County will close on the 5th September and the County Standard will be laid up in St Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds but no date has been fixed for this yet. All branches will have to lay up their standards as well, before they close. There was a large raffle and cups were given for the needlework. Then there was some entertainment by a group from Ipswich who were very good. A lovely tea was served and a celebration cake was cut. Jo thanked the ladies for all their help and support over the years. The National Anthem was then sung, then it was time to say goodbye to many friends that had been make over the years, along with many tears.

Wortham Open Gardens 2016

Despite worries about the weather and the other activities going on in the area Wortham's Open Gardens Event was a great success and enjoyed by many people. The Wortham Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those involved in any way in running the event, and also all the people who visited the gardens. The event raised almost £2,800 for the maintenance and repair of the village hall.

'It was a very busy weekend for the owners of the 18 gardens and studios that were on display for Wortham Open Gardens 2016. Going through every gate there was a lovely surprise to be had, with each garden being unique in its own way. Wortham Primary School children had worked very hard to create a splendid garden at the school and there was the opportunity to see the Solar Dome on the playing field which provides extra classroom space for the children. There were ploughmans lunches to savour, teas and coffee and a mouthwatering selection of cakes. Plants were on sale, kindly donated by Howard Nurseries and there was a raffle. All proceeds will go to Wortham Village Hall funds. The Village Hall committee would like to thank everyone who helped over the weekend; to Wortham Post Office for selling programmes, Howard Nurseries for the lovely plants, Simonds Coaches and Diss Garden Centre for their kind donations of Raffle prizes and to everyone who came along and visited the gardens.'

Sheila Rush

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 29th June & 27th July Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm

Village Hall Diary for June

Private function	2nd	5.00 – 23.59
Sewing Class	4th, 18th	9.30 - 2.30
Ballroom	4th, 11th, 18th	6.30 – 9.00
Yoga	5th, 12th, 19th	10.00 - 11.30

Good Companions	5th	2.00 - 4.30
Pilates	5th, 12th	6.30 - 9.30
Pilates	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	9.30 - 10.30
Tea's Made	6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	2.00 - 4.00
Dance School	6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	7.15 - 8.15
Yoga	7th, 14 th , 21 st	11.45 - 1.15
Pilates	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	6.00 - 7.00
Twinning	9th	5.50 - 10.30
Anglian Polymer Guild	17 th	10.00 - 3.00
Private Function	23 rd	12.00 - 23.59

FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS

Willow Weaving

A Willow Weaving Course run by Jo Hammond took place at the Village Hall on Friday 27th May. Ten people took part and produced various sizes of berry baskets. Jo demonstrated a variety of techniques, and included information on a variety of willow and its usage. Her professional help enabled everyone to practice their newly discovered skills and create a splendid basket. A great lunch made the day very enjoyable. Just over £200 was made for Wortham Church funds.

Future Events

Sunday 7th August A classical concert in Wortham Church at 6.30pm. The very popular Kingfisher String Quartet will be performing an hour long concert. Tickets £10.

Thursday 8th September A Pottery Workshop at John and Penny's Studio in Brockdish. They are both enthusiastic potters and with their help and guidance those attending the last time we ran this workshop made some really good pots. The cost is £40 for the day to include lunch. Pots that are glazed will be an additional £4 each.

For details of fundraising events please check the website friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com