

Church Cleaning

2nd Cathy Hume
9th Sheila Rudland
16th Elizabeth Clark

23rd Paddy Richards
30th All

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

St Mary the Virgin, Wortham will be holding their Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church on Sunday 6th April at 12.35pm. It will be preceded with a light lunch at 12 noon and the Vestry meeting to elect churchwardens at 12.30pm.

Mothering Sunday at Wortham Church on Sunday 30th March

On Mothering Sunday we welcome everyone to Wortham Church for a family service at 11.00am to think about and give thanks for our mothers and mothers everywhere.

FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS

Wednesday 19th March

Willow Weaving Workshop – Making garden obelisks. 10.00am to 4.00pm Wortham Village Hall
£25 to include a light lunch To book please ring 783236 or 890534.

Friday 25th April

Jonny Ling presents a fascinating evening with his period organ collection. Demonstrations, food and music galore! 7.00pm, Tickets £10 per person. To book please ring 783236 or 890534.

June 2014

The Craftsman's Quest

Following on from the highly successful Dragon Quest, this is a new treasure hunt organised by the FOWC team and will run from June to September. More details in the April magazine.

Thursday 19th June

Pottery Workshop 10.00am to 4.00pm £30 to include a light lunch
To book please ring 783236 or 890534 - more details to follow.

Wortham & Burgate Twinning Association AGM

The Twinning AGM will be held on March 4th at 7.30pm in Wortham Village Hall. It will be a short meeting followed by a Crepes and Cider social evening. All welcome.

Charity Tombola

Roella Trudgill would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported her Grand Charity Tombola either by donating prizes or coming along on the day and buying a ticket. She raised a magnificent £325 which will be shared between Acorn House at Addenbrookes Hospital and Jenny Lind Hospital in Norwich where her great niece has been receiving treatment for cancer. A special thank you goes to Janice and Peter at the Post Office for allowing people to drop off prizes and to Gill for helping her on the day.

Residents' Survey

Local volunteers have delivered a survey form to every resident in Wortham and Burgate to find out what is really important in the local community. Views are being sought on the future of housing development, what local amenities are important, environmental issues and good and bad points about the villages. Everyone is being given an opportunity to have a say in local issues. The last survey of the parishes took place in 2000 but times have changed and people's views will have changed too. The results of the survey will be published, acted upon and may well be of interest to other rural village communities.

Wortham Burns' Night

Wortham held its first ever Burns' night Celebration Dinner and Dance at the Village Hall on Saturday 25th January, hosted by Lesley and Mike Bowen. The sell-out event was attended by 80 guests who, after The Selkirk Grace, enjoyed an excellent traditional Burns meal of Cock a Leekie Soup, Haggis, Neeps and Tatties and Raspberry Cranachan from Food Glorious Food of Rickingham. The audience enthusiastically clapped in the ceremonial Haggis carried by the Chef's 12 year old son Hayden Newport, dressed in Kilt and Tam o' Shanter and Mike Breen dramatically read 'Ode to a Haggis' in Scots dialect.

Mike Bowen read a technological version of 'To a Mouse' and toasted 'The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns'. Lively music was provided by Mellow Bellows and Jill Saunders was the Caller for the dancing. Phil Sinclair won the Best Scottish Costume for his funny portrayal of a Border Reiver and great fun was had by many guests participating in the Tossing the Quid competition. This game and the draw raised sufficient funds for a donation in excess of £250 to be made to the Wortham Welfare Trust. The event was held in memory of the late Nick Smith a founder Trustee of the charity. The evening closed with Burns' most famous poem/song Auld Lang Syne, led by the Wortham Warblers, a local branch of the Discord singing group from Diss.

WORTHAM VILLAGE HALL

March 29th 7.00pm, 'CALL ME DUFF' *An outrageous rip off of the famous BBC TV and radio panel game Call My Bluff.*

A panel of three will present an **audience of competing teams** with a series of words trawled from the darker reaches of the Oxford English Dictionary. Each panel member gives their version of **the meaning of a word**: two definitions will be false and one true. Teams are allowed to question the panellists to help them decide which one is telling the truth and which ones are bluffing (duffing).

Come and be part of a team of four and judge how well three upstanding members of our community can lie! There will be **prizes** for the winning team, good fun for everyone, a splendid **finger buffet** and of course, a **raffle**. The proceedings will be chaired by Ian 'Robert Robinson' Haywood.

£26 per team of four: Raising funds for Wortham Village Hall.

For further information and to book a place contact Lisa Long 01379 898121 or Katherine Smith 01379 890534

Village Hall Diary for March

Sewing Class	3rd, 17th, 31st	9.30 - 2.30
Ballroom	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st	7.00 - 8.30
Yoga	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	10.00 - 11.30
Junior Tennis	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	12.15 - 1.15
Good Companions	4th, 18th	2.00 - 4.30
Twining AGM	4th	7.30
Pilates	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	7.15 - 8.15
Yoga	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	1.30 - 3.00
Willow Weaving Workshop	19th	10.00 - 4.00
'Call Me Duff'	29th	7.00

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 12th March Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm