#### **Altar Flowers**

#### Church Cleaning

5<sup>th</sup> Cathy Hume 12<sup>th</sup> Janet & Sheila 19<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Clark 26<sup>th</sup> Paddy Richards

# **Easter Sunday**

St Mary's Church held a Family Communion service at on Easter Day. Churchwarden, Cathy Hume, welcomed Rev Frank Howard who led the service and reader Graham Reardon who preached. The organist was Myra Pinnell, the reading was given by Elizabeth Clark and the intercessions were read by Ruth Coles. Two of John Scott's grandchildren, Giulia and Rihanna, took the collection and Giulia also helped Rev Frank by carrying the bowl of water to be sprinkled on the congregation, after baptismal vows were renewed at the font. The church looked beautiful with daffodils, tulips and other spring flowers; after the service whilst coffee was being served there was an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Many thanks to everyone who decorated the church for Easter - it looked lovely. Sheila Rush

#### WWII Museum

Wortham Primary School invited grandparents, parents and friends to the school on March 26<sup>th</sup> to see their World War II museum which class 2 and 3 had put together this term. There were many authentic items which had been used during the war that people had sent into school. On display were Ration books, Gas masks, Identity Cards, a tin bath, a paraffin stove, a baby's pot, an iron, a saucepan, a candlestick, a tin hat, a telephone, an Air-Raid Warden's first aid kit, scrapbooks, postcards and much, much more. The children had made their own scrapbooks and wrote letters about them. It was like stepping back in time to see so many artefacts of a bygone age. A truly well spent afternoon. Well done children!

## **Howard Nurseries Open Day**

Howard Nurseries are holding an Open Day on Saturday 25th May between 1pm and 5pm to enable people to view the 15 acres of iris fields. There will also be plant stalls, competitions, tractor rides and teas. The afternoon is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and entry is £3 for adults and free for children under 13. (and see page opposite)

# Wortham Village Hall - Dates for your diary

Open Gardens 2013 - June 8th and 9th 11.00am - 6.00pm. £5 per ticket for either or both days.

Entry programmes available at Wortham Stores from 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

On June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> programmes will be sold at Wortham Stores and from

gardens at various 'entrance points ' to the village.

Ploughman's lunches, tea and cakes will be available.

Stalls will include plants from Howards Nurseries and

a Terrific Tombola! Look out for more information on posters coming soon.

Call Katherine Smith 01379 890534.

# Village Hall Quiz\_- November 16th

# Buttons

Wanted! Large buttons about the size of a 50p piece, please. Thanks Roella Trudgill, The Croft, Mellis Road, Wortham.

# Wortham Village Hall Diary for May

Pilates	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	7.15 - 8.15
County Council Election	2nd	7.00am - 10.00pm
Yoga	7th, 13th, 20th	10.00 - 11.30
Yoga	9th, 16th, 23rd	1.30 - 3.00
Sewing Class	13th, 20th	9.30 - 11.30
Ballroom	13th, 20th	7.00 - 8.30
Good Companions	14th, 28th	2.00 - 4.00
Anglia Polymer Guild	19th	11.00 - 3.00

**Mobile Library** May 8th Wortham Post Office 2.40pm to 2.55pm

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037



# Friends of Wortham Church - Coming Events

## Wire Sculpture Workshop by Jenny Goater

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> June with performances at 3.00pm and 7.30pm and further information can be found at: <a href="https://www.themidsummerhare.weebly.com">www.themidsummerhare.weebly.com</a>
See page 9 opposite for poster.

Tickets available from Wortham Post Office from 1s 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 (under 16s free) for the evening.