

Church Cleaning

3rd Cathy Hume 10th Sheila & Janet 17th Elizabeth Clark 24th Paddy Richards 31st All

School Fair

Wortham Primary School held their Christmas Fair in the school on Saturday 28th November with many lovely stalls and children were able to make decorations. It was lovely to see Roella back in Wortham with her stall raising funds for children with cancer. At 2.00pm Father Christmas made a special early visit to the school and he was kept busy all afternoon in his beautifully decorated grotto. Coffee and mincepies were served and there was a large raffle which included eight boxes of groceries and many other prizes. Over £900 was made for school funds.

Good Companions

The Good Companions held their club afternoon on November 10th in the Village Hall and members were entertained by 53 pupils from Wortham Primary School. They sang Christmas carols and songs, with several taking turns playing the piano, led by their music teacher Janet Kenyon. They opened the show with Frosty the Snowman and this was followed by Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer and many more, finishing with We Wish you a Merry Christmas. Guests from the Open the Book team and our new rector Rev. Adrian Watkins were also present. Chairman Betty Garnham thanked the children for a lovely afternoon and member Audrey Rose presented a donation to the school from the club. The children were then given refreshments.

Tennis Club

Congratulations to Wortham Tennis Club for winning the Suffolk Sports Club of the Year award which was presented at an Oscars style evening on Friday November 13th. There was strong competition from two others on the shortlist; Gipping Valley Angling Club and Stowmarket Ladies Netball Club. Wortham Tennis Club had seven representatives at the awards evening and when the envelope was opened announcing them as the winners there was a moment of disbelief followed by a massive cheer! The club has had some lovely congratulatory messages from it's members, from Suffolk and Norfolk clubs and national officials. If you would like to know more about Wortham Tennis Club take a look at their website **www.worthamtennisclub.co.uk** or contact club secretary Isobel Hunter at **isobelhunter@btinternet.com**

Wortham Post Office

We have now finished the Bring and / or Buy table outside the shop. This table is where our lovely customers bring any surplus home grown fruits and vegetables and the produce is then taken by other customers in exchange for a donation. This year, thanks to your generosity, we have raised £606.88. The money has been divided equally between East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) and East Anglian Air Ambulance. We continue to collect used stamps which we also send to these two charities. From all of us at the Post Office Stores and Tea Shop, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

New Name

By now most people will know that the Dophin Pub is no more. It has been re-named The Manor House and has a new landlord, a new cuisine and a new decor. However there is one familiar face, Julie Clears, who will be serving behind the bar. The Thai options on the menu will be authentic dishes prepared by head chef Su who will be helped by her partner Nish who was born in Thailand but has lived and worked in Britian for 20 years. He has now signed a five year rolling agreement with Star Pubs and Bars to run the newly named Manor House. I am sure everyone wishes the new venture well.

Wortham Village Hall

Quiz Night: Wortham Village Hall hosted another successful quiz night in November and raised £480 for the maintenance of the hall. The Management Committee would like to thank everyone who supported this event.

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 13th January Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm

Village Hall Diary for January

Yoga	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	10.00 - 11.30
Pilates	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	9.30 - 10.30
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Sewing Class	11th, 25th	9.30 - 2.30
Ballroom	11th, 18th, 25th	7.00 - 8.30
Parish Council Meeting	12th	7.30 - 9.00
Tea's Made	13th, 20th, 27th	2.00 - 4.00
Village Hall Committee	14th	7.30
East Anglian Polymer Clay Guild	17th	10.00 - 3.00

FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS

Dinner and Speaker

Saturday 6th February 2016. Tickets will be £25 each and the meal will consist of a pre-dinner drink with canapés, a main course and a sweet followed by coffee. The tickets will be available later in the year from Wortham Post Office or Maureen Ling on 01379 783236. Menu choices will be given to you with the ticket and will need to be returned as soon as possible. Wine and beer will be available. After the meal Alistair Harrison will be giving a talk on his life in the diplomatic service, reflecting on a 37 year career in the Foreign Office giving an account of his varied experiences and special highlights from his career.

For details of fundraising events please check the website <u>friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com</u>

NOTICEBOARD

Tea's Made Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.00pm Wortham Village Hall Transport available