

Wortham

Church Cleaning

4th Cathy Hume
11th Sheila & Janet
18th Elizabeth Clark
25th Paddy Richards

Shoeboxes for Christmas

Leaflets about the Operation Christmas Child appeal can be found in the church and at the Post Office. The boxes will be blessed at a special service on October 25th at 11.00pm when we will be joined by other parishes in the Benefice. The Palgrave Praise Band will be leading our singing and a short film about children who have received boxes will be shown. If anyone would like to purchase a flat pack box for 30p for their gifts please contact Cathy Hume. (650321)

Cycle Ride

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored Cycle Ride took place on Saturday 12th September. The PCC would like to thank everyone who manned the church on the day and John Scott who rode for the church.

Emma's Annual Jumble Sale October 3rd 2.00 - 4.00pm Wortham Village Hall

Emma Thornton will be having her 11th annual jumble sale to raise money to pay for the school and university fees for children and young people in Uganda who would never be able to attend without her help. Emma first went to Uganda during her gap year in 2004 and has continued to help some of the children that she met there while teaching in a rural primary school. Please bring any jumble and raffle prizes to the hall on the morning of the sale or call 01379 870897 or email wagobera@gmail.com and remember to go along and bag a bargain in support of this good cause. Donations can also be made at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/wagobera> or contact Emma on the email address or number above.

Autumn Fair

Wow –it's that time of year again! Wortham Church Autumn Fair is being held on Saturday 31 October at Wortham Village Hall from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. Predictable like an old friend, the stalls, activities and competitions you know and love will be there, including books, bottles, bric-a-brac, cakes and preserves, together with tombola and raffles. But like a fun friend, you might encounter a few surprises too, just to keep you on your toes! Come prepared to be entertained and have fun amongst friends, old and new, made complete with a delicious piece of home-made cake and a cup of tea. See you there!
PS. If there's anything you could donate to any of the stalls, it would be very much appreciated. Please let Cathy Hume know (650321).

FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS

Plant Bring and Buy Sale

Saturday 10th October from 10.30 until 1.00 pm. at Batteleys Cottage, Wortham. Refreshments of teas, coffee and cakes will be available and a chance to look around their stunning Autumn garden. Plants can be brought for sale on the day or left just inside their gate the day before. Plants in pots or freshly dug clumps of perennials wrapped in paper will be fine. (it would be helpful too if plants could be labelled).

Wine Tasting organised by Adnams

Friday 16th October. 7.30 pm at Wortham Village Hall. Tickets are £12.50 to include a light finger buffet. Tickets will be available from Wortham Post Office Stores or telephone Maureen Ling on 01379 783236.

Dinner and Speaker

Saturday 6th February 2016. A sit down dinner followed by Alistair Harrison giving an after dinner talk on his life in the diplomatic service. Alistair will be taking about his reflections on a 37 year career in the Foreign Office talking about his varied experiences and highlights from his career. More details will follow later on time and cost.

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

Leslie Alan Bartrum

A funeral service to celebrate the life of Leslie Alan Bartrum was held at St Mary's Church, Wortham on Monday 24th August. The service was conducted by our Rector, Rev Adrian Watkins and the organist was Nigel Ballard. The Processional Music into church was 'The British Grenadiers' and the coffin was draped in the Union Jack. A poem, 'Our Father kept a garden' was read by his daughter Angela and memories and reflections were given by Rev Watkins. Les was born in Wortham, the only child of George and Rosanna and he worked for the Rash family for over 40 years. He served as a Gunner in the Royal Artillery spending time in Italy and North Africa for which he was awarded campaign medals. He loved the land and all its changing seasons, living for his garden, growing all kinds of fruit and vegetables and pottering in his greenhouse. In his younger days he played football for Wortham, was a member of the Royal British Legion and also of the Good Companions Club. He was a Wortham boy, born and bred. We send our condolences to the family. Rest in peace Les, now reunited with wife Brenda, until we all meet again in God's care.

Wortham Bowls Club

Double congratulations to Wortham Bowls Club who finished their season with a victories over Walsham le Willows and Diss Causeway to secure the Upper Waveney Division Two Triples League and the Stowmarket Wednesday Triples League titles. It has been a great season for the Wortham club, which was formed in 1922, and a factor contributing to this years success is the significant improvement in the quality of the bowling green. This has been achieved through carefully managed investment in equipment and materials and the endless enthusiasm of head groundsman Charlie Gooderham and his small band of helpers.

Wortham Village Hall is available for hire by groups and by members of the public, both from within and outside the village. The main room has a large floor area which is ideal for clubs, parties, dancing and dining. There is also a modern and very well equipped kitchen. Hire rates and booking information are available upon request from Mike Burgess on 01379 898037.

The running of the Hall is the responsibility of the Management Committee which meets four or five times a year. The Committee is keen to attract new members from the local community who would be interested in helping us manage and maintain this valuable village resource. For further information please contact Mike Cornish on 01379 309538.

Date for your diary! Saturday 21st November 7.00pm Village Hall Quiz. More details next month.

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 21st October Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm

Village Hall Diary for October

Yoga	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd	11.45 - 1.15
Junior Tennis	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	4.30 - 5.30
Pilates	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	6.00 - 7.00
Twinning Murder Mystery	2nd	7.00 for 7.30
Emma's Jumble Sale	3rd	2.00 - 4.00
Sewing Class	5th, 19th	9.30 - 2.30
Ballroom	5th, 12th, 19th	7.00 - 8.30
Yoga	6th, 13th, 20th	10.00 - 11.30
Pilates	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	9.30 - 10.30
Tea's Made	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	2.00 - 4.00
Good Companions	13th, 27th	2.00 - 4.30
FOWC Wine Tasting	16th	7.30
FOW School	23rd	
Church Autumn Fair	31st	2.00 - 4.00