#### No Flowers in Lent



Church Cleaning

1st Cathy Hume 8th Sheila & Janet 15th Elizabeth Clark 22nd Paddy Richards

### Thank you

The family of the late Hazel Lond would like to thank everyone for donations received for Botesdale Health Centre and the grand total is now £626.

### Call up

Congratulations to Carole Baker from Wortham, who plays for Diss and District Bowls Club, and is once again getting ready to represent the nation after being selected to play for England. As well as her international call up, Carole, along with Mary Johnson, Elsie Elvin, Pat Baker and Pat Last will be representing Norfolk in the semi-finals of the National Counties Atherley Trophy in Boston in March.

#### **Good Companions**

Wortham Good Companions returned to the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd February after their Christmas break. A minutes silence was observed for the club's oldest member, Mrs Edith Hubbard aged 94, who sadly died on 7th January. The AGM followed; all committee members were voted in again for the coming year, last year's events and outings were discussed and everyone seemed pleased by the way the committee had run the club. Two new members have joined.

#### FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS

**Stars, Celebrities and Special Occasions** The dinner and speaker on Saturday 7th February at Wortham Village Hall organised by the Friends of Wortham Church was a great success. 41 people enjoyed a splendid three course meal followed by an interesting, informative and amusing talk by Deborah Preston who was for a time head housekeeper at The Grosvenor House Hotel in London. She told of various events and occasions when members of the royal family and celebrities had visited the hotel. A total of £822.50 profit was made for the Friends of Wortham Church.

Future activities under consideration this year include day courses on photography, willow weaving, first aid and wire sculpture.

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

#### Norse Bus

There is a Suffolk Norse Bus every Thursday that goes from Wortham directly to Norwich, so no changing at Diss. It leaves opposite the Dolphin on the A143 at 10.15am and arrives in Norwich at 11.10am. It then departs from Norwich at 16.30pm and arrives back in Wortham at 17.25pm. It is a case of use it or lose it!

## Lily Edith Erith 1919 - 2014

Wortham lost its oldest resident Lily Edith Erith aged 96 who sadly died on December 15th 2014. A large congregation was present for her funeral service on Monday January 5th 2015 in St Mary's Church, Wortham. A lovely caring service was conducted by the Revd Ginny Manning with organist Revd Nigel Ballard. Tributes were given by family and reflections by Revd Manning. Lily and her husband Doug were well known in the village having farmed here for many years. She was a very good cook and needlewoman and was renowned for her homemade wine. Lily leaves a large family who loved her dearly and she will be sadly missed.

### **WORTHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

# **Management Committee**

Following the departure of our previous Secretary Lisa Long, we are pleased to announce that Mike Cornish has taken on this role. At the AGM in June, the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman will be resigning. Therefore we need new members to join the remaining stalwarts on the committee. You might be an individual who uses the hall regularly and/or represents a group that uses the hall. It is a lovely hall with a great kitchen but there is more upgrading needed and the roof needs attention. So.......

### YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!!

# Call Me Duff - Saturday March 28th - 7.00pm for 7.30pm Wortham Village Hall

Following the success of last year's adaptation by Ian Haywood of the panel game Call my Bluff, this delightful event returns with Ian 'Robert Robinson' Haywood in the Chair, panel members, Mike Breen, Jacky Bradley and Leslie Dumbell. The contestants are you the audience in teams of four. You will be fed and mightily entertained for £26 per team. Book now to avoid disappointment. Katherine Smith 01379 687207 or Mike Cornish 01379 309538

# **Open Gardens**

The next Open Gardens raising funds for the Village Hall will be in 2016. We are very lucky that Joy Cornish has volunteered to head up the planning team for this event. More on this later in the year.

# Village Hall Diary for March

Ballroom	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd	7.00 - 8.30
Yoga	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	10.00 - 11.30
Good Companions	3rd, 17th	2.00 - 4.30
Tea's Made	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	2.00 - 4.00
Yoga	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	11.45 - 1.15
Sewing Class	9th, 23rd	9.30 - 2.30
'Call Me Duff'	28th	7.00
Good Companions Prize Bingo	30th	7.00 for 7.30