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## TRY WALKING IN MY SHOES

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## Putting the pieces together for Cedric Morris' Return to Chelsea

Something very exciting is being assembled amongst the barns and potting sheds at the Howard Nurseries site. Being tucked away into the corners of the nursery is the set, furniture, compost and, more importantly, the plants for an intriguing revival at this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The architect of all this secrecy is Sarah Cook and she is cautious not to reveal too much before her display is revealed at the show. "Everyone knows we are doing Irises and that we are paying homage to Cedric's work as an artist and Iris breeder" says Sarah "however there is still a surprise waiting for everyone who comes to see us at Chelsea."

Sarah first became aware of the Benton Irises whilst she was the Head Gardener at Sissinghurst Castle. She noted the distinctive colouring on the Irises' petals and how they held themselves more elegantly than a standard Iris. Doing some research she discovered that Morris was a prolific Iris breeder having named over 90 varieties during his lifetime. His Irises were almost an annual fixture at the Chelsea Flower Show throughout the 50's and 60's, even HRH Queen Elizabeth was impressed by them and she consented to one being named 'Strathmore' after her royal residence.

However after Cedric's death in 1982 the Irises fell out of fashion, by 2004 only 3 of the 90 varieties of Iris he named were available to the trade and many had already been lost to cultivation. This is when Sarah made her discovery and felt they were too good to be forgotten forever. Over the next 11 years she searched all over the world for Morris Irises, from America to the Czech Republic, hunting amongst public and private collections for rhizomes and RHS records for traces of where the irises may have ended up.

With Sarah's hard work over 20 varieties of Morris Irises will be on display at this year's Chelsea Flower Show; A fantastic achievement for a variety which had been previously forgotten about.

All of the Irises are currently growing in Howard Nurseries' poly tunnels, only 30 miles away from where they were originally bred. To reduce the environmental impact of the display they have been grown in Melcourt's peat-free *Sylvamix* potting compost. The founder of the Nursery David Howard, a 3-time Chelsea medal winner himself first encouraged Sarah to display the Irises however "the thought of the work involved for the Chelsea Flower Show almost put me off doing it again! But seeing how much work Sarah had already put in and to rescue such a gem as Cedric Morris' irises I couldn't say no. Besides, how could I turn down a fellow Ipswich Town supporter?"

Sarah has done so much already to help revive the Irises and a successful return to Chelsea would be a fitting climax for a project 11 years in the making. The brief glimpses of the set we have had look very promising but Sarah remains very pragmatic, "There is many a slip-up to be made yet" she tells me anxiously. Whatever the outcome Sarah will have done a great justice to Cedric Morris' prolific plant breeding career. The thought of an added surprise only fills us with more intrigue.

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Benton Irises will be sold in limited quantities from RHS Wisley after the Chelsea Flower Show.

Howard Nurseries Ltd is a wholesale only nursery located in Wortham on the Suffolk/Norfolk border. It was founded by David Howard and has been growing herbaceous perennials for landscapers and garden designers for over 45 years.

*Matthew Everett, Howard Nurseries*

## Gold Medal at RHS Chelsea

On Tuesday 19th of May we found out that ours and Sarah Cook's display of Cedric Morris Irises won a Gold Medal at RHS Chelsea.

Judging day started with a visit from Plant Heritage supporter Alan Titchmarsh who was very interested in the project. He is the face of Plant Heritage's **Threatened Plants Appeal** which seeks to preserve the diversity of cultivated plants. Many of the varieties of Cedric Morris Iris which Sarah displayed will be available to the trade from next year.



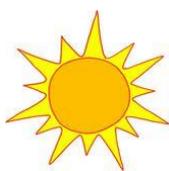
Pictured L-R: David & Christine Howard, Alan Titchmarsh, Sarah Cook & Jim Marshall



The tensions were high when everyone was cleared off the display as judging began but it was all worth it when the news came through today.

This display was also a great advertisement for Peat Free gardening as all the Irises on display were grown and potted using Peat Free Melcourt Sylvamix potting compost.

[www.howardnurseries.co.uk](http://www.howardnurseries.co.uk)



## Fancy a day out with Borderhoppa?

At Borderhoppa we operate regular weekly outings for our members throughout the year. We operate a door to door service and it's a great way to get out and about, meet people or just visit somewhere different. So far this year our members have enjoyed shopping trips to Stowmarket, Beccles, The Range, Thetford and Bungay; pub lunches at Half Moon, Rushall, The White Horse, Stoke Ash, The Black Horse, Thorndon and The Jolly Farmers, Forncett St Peter. Outings for the next few months include Lowestoft, Taverham Country Shopping Centre, Aldeburgh and Thorpeness, Waveney Stardust boat trips, Southwold, Gt Yarmouth, Felixstowe, Fairhaven Water Gardens, Raveningham Country Fair, Stowmarket and several pub lunches.

If you or someone you know would like to join us, please call us on 01379 854800. Membership is £6/6 months or £10/12 months, outings are individually priced. If you would like more information please visit our website [www.borderhoppa.org](http://www.borderhoppa.org).

Once you become a member you can also use our door to door Dial-a-Ride service for appointments, shopping or just to visit friends or family. Our buses are fully accessible and can be used by anybody of any age.

## TRY WALKING IN MY SHOES

Our thanks to those who have donated shoes for our forthcoming charity summer sale in Diss on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. We still need shoes through early June, so please ask your friends and family to check their wardrobes and cupboards!

From 12<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June, Morrisons in Diss will be the final collection point for shoe donations. See the in-store display.

We also seek donations from our readers for Tombola prizes. Please contact us at home; contact details on last page.

*Lesley and Mike Bowen*

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### David Eddershaw, Pakenham Water Mill

David Eddershaw gave a fascinating, authoritative account of the history of Pakenham Water Mill when he spoke to the May meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall. He described the mill as 'special' because of its age, its beauty and the fact that it is still working.

There has been a mill on the Pakenham site for over 1,000 years. The Domesday Book states that there was a mill there at the time of King Edward (1042-1066) but there was likely to have been a mill on the site before this. The attraction of this location was a good, reliable water supply provided by springs in Pakenham Fen.

The current mill buildings were erected in the 1780s or 1790s by the Leheups family. It is a typical Georgian building with an attractive design consisting of four storeys, including one floor in the roof. By this time, there had been a change in the way mills operated. During the Middle Ages, farmers had taken their crops to a miller who took a share of the flour as payment. Later, millers bought wheat at a corn exchange and stored it in the upper floors of the mill. They produced flour for sale when the price was high. The late 18th and early 19th Centuries were a particularly profitable period for millers as the French and Napoleonic Wars created a shortage of flour for bread.

In 1813 the Leheups family leased the mill to Charles Lowe for 21 years. His annual rent of £130 was a lot of money at the time but it did include a house and farm. In addition, he had to spend £400 on improvements to the mill. Lowe was a very good miller. Consequently, he introduced the latest technology when he put in a breast shot waterwheel inside the mill. This was used until 1898 when it was replaced by the current waterwheel. Lowe also raised the walls of the mill pond to ensure sufficient water to power the four millstones.

Traditional mills produced wholemeal flour as the wheat grains were just ground between two stones. This had to undergo a further sieving to remove the husks to make white flour. In 1881 Henry Simon invented an automatic roller mill which made white flour cheaply available. Consequently, there was a slow decline in mills like Pakenham. By the late 1930s most traditional mills had closed. Pakenham Water Mill did remain working commercially until 1974 but by then it was producing animal feeds which only required a more crude milling process as it had lacked investment for many years.

The mill was put up for sale for conversion into a house but the Suffolk Building Preservation Trust managed to raise the funds to buy it in 1978 and then undertook its restoration so that it could continue milling. The mill is now run by volunteers and produces 8-10 tons of flour each year from locally sourced wheat. The Trust bought the adjacent miller's house in 2000 and subsequently renovated it. The house now has two kitchens reflecting life in the 1730s and the 1910s, along with a tea room for visitors. Pakenham Water Mill is a popular tourist attraction but regards the continuation of being a working mill as its priority.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24 June at The Village Hall, Rickinghall IP221HD when Roger Kennell will give a talk about Pretty Corsets in Suffolk – a family and corset manufacturer. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, [www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net](http://www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net).

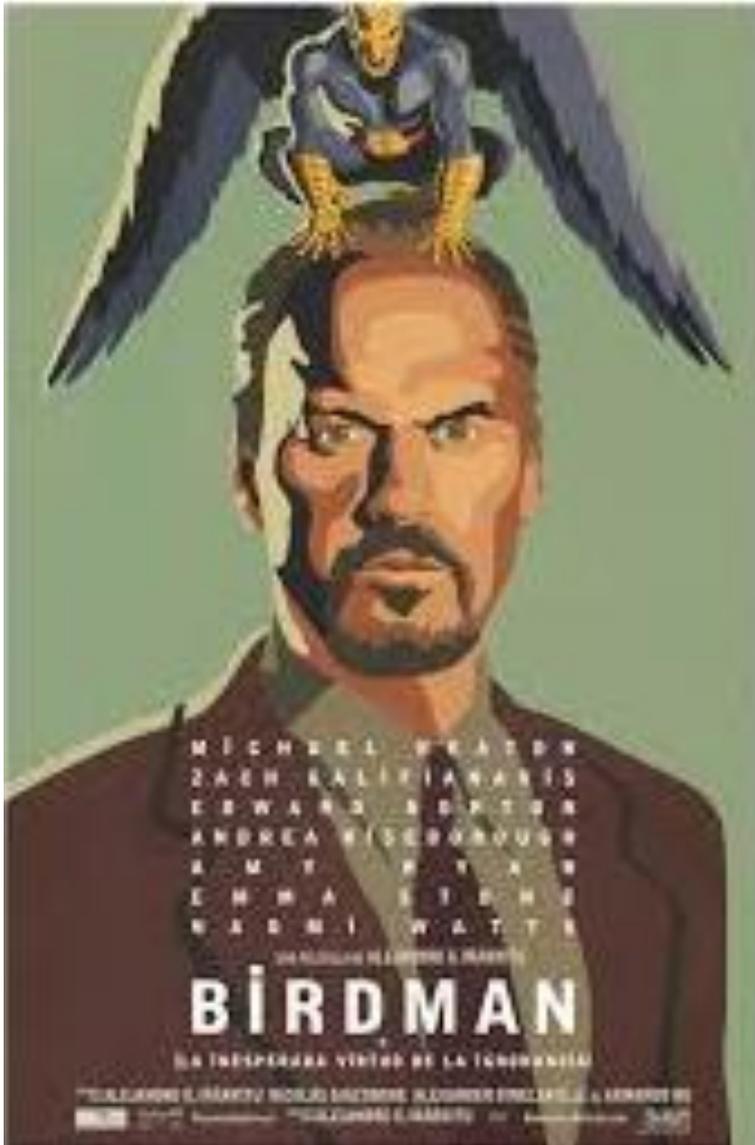
*Gerry Gurhy*

# PALGRAVE COMMUNITY CENTRE CINEMA

**New digital surround sound system**

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## Saturday 6 June, 8pm



**Sat 11 July,  
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We are at the stage of the project when nothing much seems to be happening, but a great deal of work is going on behind the scenes.

### ***Project progress***

We have been doing a series of tests on the building to try to identify problems before construction starts. These have all had to be scheduled around a very active events programme, but are now complete. The main tests are:

- **Asbestos** . The Council had already done a major asbestos strip out and nothing serious has been found during the new investigation.
- **Roof loading**. The original cast iron roof structure carrying the specially made glass roof- lights was technically advanced for its time and has served well for 160 years. Extensive testing has been carried out to see if the structure will be able to support a new roof, the proposed light boxes and an enlarged lighting rig. Initial indications are good.
- **Plaster**. All seems to be fine.
- **Floor testing**. The proposed retractable seating will put a heavy load on the floor. The substructure has been tested and we await the results

Meanwhile Hudson Architects have been working with a raft of consultants and are now drawing up detailed plans so that we can go out to tender as soon as the HLF have approved them. We have had valuable input from users of the Hall, and this has informed our final design. Four contactors out of the ten that expressed interest have been selected to quote.

As part of the Triangle streetscape plan we are carrying out a parking survey, to find out why people come to Diss, where and how long they park etc. Please would you complete one on: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dissparking2015> It only takes a couple of minutes.

Fundraising carries on to close the final gap, and contributions from individuals and businesses are still very welcome.

### ***The Corn Hall on Tour***

Angela and her team are busy matching possible venues with events and the Corn Hall on Tour will start in July when the Hall closes. Some events will take place in Diss, some in surrounding villages. We will be producing a programme brochure as usual.



David Case, Chair

Diss Corn Hall Trust

[davidcasefineart@btinternet.com](mailto:davidcasefineart@btinternet.com)

It is early May and the weather has been appalling with strong winds and heavy rain which threatens the ardent bird watcher. However, in spite of such opposition, the Spring migrants have been arriving. Sand Martins were early in April and House Martins before the end of the month, but over our villages the Swifts were later. I saw my first on 7th May.

The Cuckoo was on Redgrave Fen by 18th April, at least two of them. The Blackcap, Whitethroat and Reed Warblers were all there before the end of April, but the Willow Warbler not until May.

At this time of the year I listen for the Nightingale and Turtle Dove. I tried the Lackford Lakes without luck. The Nightingale was not in the right mood for me on 2nd May but it had been heard — still no Turtle Dove. Incidentally, watchers in Malta have yet again lost their vote to 'stop' hunters murdering our migrating Turtle Doves.

So what about a visit to Minsmere, usually a certainty but no song from the Nightingale although it had arrived. The reserve was full of newly arrived Swifts and the Bittern was heard 'booming' through the strong wind. Everywhere was the short powerful song of the non-migrating Chetti Warbler. The Marsh Harrier showed off beautifully at the Island Mere hide, but, of course, I missed the Bearded Tits.

From the 'Scrape' hide Avocets abounded. Springwatch workers have now erected very costly fencing to keep out last year's marauding badger which accounted for the small number of young which were raised. Only Sandwich Terns were seen, though the Common Tern was known to be present. The beach little ternary no longer exists.

In spite of the weather at last I was rewarded with a solitary Spoonbill. This splendid bird was feeding just below the Scrape hide and it was amusing to watch its spoon-like huge bill shifting to and fro in the mud and water for food.



Nearer home, I have had an excellent view of a female Marsh Harrier flying over fields near Wortham's Fen Road in bright sunlight — a rich brown bird with a patch of yellow on its forehead. Perhaps one day it will breed on the Fen?

In Thetford, of all places, there is some good bird watching to be had on the lakes near the Nunnery Bridge. They are close to the British Trust for Ornithology headquarters. I was fortunate enough to see a Short Eared Owl flying over the fields on the way to these lakes. So, of course, I rushed to the BTO headquarters and alerted the staff to what I had seen. Two of their number rushed out to view it. However they missed it!



One last interesting report from a watcher who has spent many years in France: he saw a Grey Shrike on Redgrave Fen. This Shrike, the size of a small Thrush, has a raptor-type beak, as does its equally rare cousin the Red Backed Shrike (called the 'butcher Bird'), and it impales its catch on nearby 'spikes' of plants, which is known as its 'larder', ready for eating later.

So there are rarities about—remember the Ring Ouzel in Rickinghall? Now, another 'mega tick'.



Don't forget – **the kettle's on** every Tuesday at the Church Hall in Burgate. Do come along and enjoy a hot drink and homemade cakes, meet your neighbours, catch up with old friends, bring children. 10.00 am until 12 noon. Look for the 'A' board by the side of the road.



The Friends of Burgate Church are very pleased to announce that once again the Suffolk Singers have accepted our invitation to perform a summer concert in St Mary's Church.

This will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be £12.50 each and include a glass of Pimms and canapes in the interval.

Although the final programme has yet to be decided, it is likely to range from Renaissance folk songs to spirituals and light music. A truly memorable evening is in store with one of Suffolk's major choirs under the direction of Claire Weston, a previous principal soprano with English National Opera.

**Contact** Gina Cole on 01379 783718 or [ginacole49@gmail.com](mailto:ginacole49@gmail.com) for tickets.

### Churchyard clean-up

"On behalf of Burgate PCC, I should like to take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to all the wonderful people who turned out on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May to tidy up our churchyard. . Their huge amount of hard work has resulted in a very beautiful and tranquil churchyard. Thank you all for your kindness and many thanks to Dot for providing the much needed refreshments."

Liz Chapman, Vice Chair, Burgate PCC

### Plant Sale and Woodland Walk

These two annual fundraising events, organised by the Friends of Burgate church, were both very well attended. The Plant Sale was held on 25<sup>th</sup> April held in the Bloyes' garden on Great Green and although we suffered from torrential rain to begin with, the sun eventually made an appearance, many plants were bought and teas and cakes consumed. In contrast, the sun shone continuously on the day of our walk in Burgate Wood – and many people (young and old) enjoyed the novelty of the tractor ride, followed by a guided tour around the wood. Combined, the two events raised around £1400 for church funds. Well done to all the organisers and helpers.

	<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>Hall Cleaning</b>	<b>Churchyard</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Shudy Walker	Fran Jones	Nick
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Shudy Walker		Brian
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Michelle Furness		Denis
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Church being decorated for evening concert		Chris

# CAN YOU HELP?

Overweight & obese men and postmenopausal women are needed to study if 6-month blueberry intake improves risk factors of heart disease, diabetes, lung function & cognition.

**You can volunteer for the study, if you are:**

- 50-75 yrs & generally healthy (no cancer, diabetes or heart, thyroid, digestive disease).
- A non smoker / or ex-smoker (having stopped for more than 6 months).
- Not taking: medication for diabetes, vasodilators (e.g. Viagra) or prescribed HRT.



**Volunteers need to:** Attend up to 3 to 7 test days (from 1 to 8 hours, plus a 2-hour next day visit) ■ Give blood, urine & faecal samples, & have blood pressure, insulin resistance, liver fat, lung & cognitive function measured ■ Follow some dietary restrictions for 21 days before and during the study.

For more information, contact Dr Peter Curtis (01603-592424; [circles-study@uea.ac.uk](mailto:circles-study@uea.ac.uk)). Travel expenses at 45p/mile (up to 25 miles radius) & an inconvenience payment will be reimbursed.

**UEA** University of East Anglia

Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital NHS Trust **NHS**

### **London Marathon**

Niki Hinton, a Wortham mum who was running in behalf of Wortham Primary School, successfully completed the London Marathon in 6 hours 18 minutes and 34 seconds. Niki thanks everyone who supported her with donations and will be letting you know how much was raised when all of the money is finally in.

### **Open Garden**

Batteleys Cottage on Wortham Ling is the home of Linda and Andy Simpson who will be holding an Open Garden Day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 1:00 to 5:30pm. Admission will be £4, accompanied children will be free and the event is in aid of the National Gardens Scheme. There are lots of corners to sit in and admire the results of their hard work; there are also views over open countryside and there is wheelchair access to most parts of the garden.

### **Coffee Morning**

Wortham Bowls Club is holding a Coffee Morning at its clubhouse on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 10:30am. There will be cakes and refreshments, garden produce, plants, bric-a-brac and a raffle.

### **Douglas Leonard Cole - 8<sup>th</sup> April 1923 – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Doug Cole was held at St Mary the Virgin Church in Wortham on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April and a large congregation was present. A lovely, caring service was conducted by Rev Ginny Manning with the opening music being 'Going Home' by Dvorak.

Doug found himself in Africa with the British 8<sup>th</sup> Army, working to unravel one of the most potent weapons of the Axis powers: the ENIGMA CODE. He was secretly interrupting enemy transmissions from behind the front lines and transmitting them to Bletchley Park for analysis. Even after the war he was unable to discuss the subject with anyone, even his wife, until after the government released the secret to the general public in 1990. Official recognition finally came with a certificate signed by the Prime Minister thanking those involved for their service and dedication to breaking the Enigma Code.

He was a member of Wortham Bowls Club, Suffolk County Bowls, Wortham Wine Club and Diss & District Probus Club. Final Prayer and Blessing were given and the closing music was 'Time To Say Goodbye' by Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli. Committal took place later in the Churchyard.

### **Howard Nurseries win Chelsea Gold**

David and Christine Howard have done it again, winning a gold medal for their display in the Grand Pavilion showcasing irises bred by artist Sir Cedric Morris. For eleven years their partner in this enterprise, Sarah Cook, had travelled the world seeking any of the missing 80 irises he had developed after they had fallen from interest in the past four decades. Since 2013, the plants had been secretly brought on in the Wortham polytunnels, where many other Morris irises have been grown by the family Nurseries.

Ms Cook, who also lives in Suffolk, said: 'It is a chance in a lifetime to be working with Howard Nurseries which has all of the skills and experience to grow plants for showing. Without their input it would be impossible to showcase the work of such a renowned artist and breeder. It is a thrill to be working with a Suffolk company and a fellow Ipswich Town Football Club supporter.'

## Garden notes by Linda Simpson

We recently returned from a holiday walking in the Grazelema National Park in Southern Spain. We wanted to see the wild flowers and we were not disappointed. Because the mountain range is the first one inland from the coast the moist air from the sea drifts up and deposits generous amounts of rain. This means that many plants that would not normally survive in the high temperatures of the south, thrive in the warmth with some moisture at their feet.

The range of flowers we saw was just stunning. The numerous orchid varieties were of course very exciting but to see wild paeonies, irises, gladioli, hellebores not to mention rock plants, meadow flowers and flowering shrubs, was a constant delight.

I love to see flowers that I grow in the garden in their natural habitat and one such variety was *asphodelus albus*. Less common than the yellow flowering *asphodelus lutea*, it is a plant I bought from Beth Chatto's garden in Elmstead Market a few years ago. I was disappointed though that after the first year they failed to flower.

However this year they have decided to put on a wonderful display and I am thrilled to see them looking so vigorous. Although the flower is white it has tinges of brown on the flower stalks and apricot tints on the stamens. The effect is very attractive. I don't know why they have not flowered in past years but I wonder if the hot summer last year was necessary for them to build up strength to flower this year. Either that or they simply needed to get established. Perhaps I will be able to tell next year.

This white flowered asphodel was all over the mountainsides in Spain although in the main had finished flowering. There were some still in flower in shadier or cooler spots and I was interested to see they did not have the tinges of brown and apricot that I found so attractive in the plants in my garden.



Returning home from the lovely warmth ( actually a bit too hot for the first couple of days when temperatures were in the mid 30s) we felt decidedly chilly but were relieved to see that the cooler nights didn't actually get cold enough for a frost although I think it was probably a close run thing!

# TEA'S MADE

*Every Wednesday afternoon in Wortham Village Hall*

You are invited to a weekly meeting with a difference. There is no agenda, no objectives and nothing on sale. Just a weekly opportunity to have a chat or play a board game with others in this village over tea and cake between 2 and 4 pm on Wednesday afternoons.

There is no sponsor, no ulterior motive and no pressure to do anything other than sit down and chat with old friends or perhaps to meet new neighbours. The recent Parish Survey revealed that there are more than 50 people living alone in our village and they may be particularly interested in a weekly outing to have a natter.

The Parish Survey also showed that 'chat with neighbours' was the second most used source of information, so here's your chance to catch up on whatever interests you.

And the cost to you for this 'get-together' over a cuppa and cake? Whatever you like! We will have to pay for the hire of the village hall and buy supplies for the refreshments, but contributions are voluntary. If you'd like to help cover the costs, we suggest 50p or £1.

Volunteers are needed to man the kitchen and perhaps make the occasional cake. If you don't have a car and cannot get a lift, booking the community bus could be a good solution. Ring Gordon on 01379 897109.

**TEA'S MADE** started in Wortham Village Hall in January. Please spread the word to your neighbours and then just show up.

For more information, to express interest or volunteer to be an occasional driver, **contact Terry Quinn on 01379 898 864.**

## SURPRISE VISITORS DROP IN AT TEA'S MADE.

There were two unexpected visitors at the weekly **Tea's Made** session at Wortham Village Hall on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>. The man and woman were spotted showing interest in the notice boards outside the hall and were invited in for tea and cake. We introduced ourselves and the man responded with, "I'm the Reverend Richard Cobbold and I am the great, great, great, great grandson of THE Richard Cobbold."

Richard is an army chaplain and lives in Farnborough with his wife Yvonne. The couple were holidaying in Colchester and made the trip to Suffolk to explore the village of Richard's famous ancestor. They visited Wortham several years ago and often wondered why they never found the centre of the village. Some of the Tea's Made regulars explained that this was because there is none. We explained how Wortham is made up of several hamlets that form a square around farmland.



Rev Richard & Yvonne Cobbold

After a cup of tea and a chat, the couple left to visit Wortham Church and the Post Office Store. Who knows who our next famous visitor will be? Prince William, who starts work shortly as a pilot with the East Anglian Air Ambulance, may literally drop in one day.

*Terry Quinn*

# THE FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH



Dear Friend, please find below the notice of this year's AGM. I do hope that if it is convenient, you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,  
Maureen Ling, Chairman

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Notice is hereby given of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Wortham Church to be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015** in Wortham Church at **7.00 p.m.**

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Membership Report.
7. Approval of the accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015
8. Election of Honorary Officers:
  - a) Chairman
  - b) Vice-Chairman
  - c) Secretary
  - d) Treasurer
  - e) Membership Secretary
9. Election of members to serve on the Committee
10. Election of Honorary Auditor
11. Any other business.

*Carole Belton (Secretary)*  
*Autumn Meadow, Church Road, Bedfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk. IP13 7JJ.*  
*Tel: 01728 627149 Email address: c.b@raum.co.uk*

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## Digital Photography Course for Beginners with Lucy Kayne

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10am - 4.00 pm**

Lucy is a passionate photographer with 14 years' experience. The course will be an introduction to the use of compact digital cameras, learning to understand your own camera and to get the best photographs possible. Join us for the day and get the most out of your camera.

Tickets: £30 for the day, to include teas and coffees and a light lunch at The Rookery.

Please call Maureen on 01379 783236 for more details or to confirm your place.

For details of fundraising events please check the website [friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com](http://friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com)



## **New online feedback platform for health and social care in Suffolk**

Healthwatch Suffolk, which has the job to ensure that the voice of local people and communities is fed into the heart of NHS and care services, has launched a new engagement tool to help people in Suffolk let health and care bosses know what's good and what's bad about health and social care in the county.

The Feedback Centre is accessible via a variety of devices including mobile phones, ordinary PCs and tablets, just by going to Healthwatch Suffolk's website - [www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk). People can easily and anonymously rate the care that they received in an engaging and simple way from wherever they are.

It is important that everyone has the chance to be heard. People can therefore share their views using numerous methods including physical comment postcards (by freepost), by telephone or directly with staff at community events across the county.

Recent research has shown that half of the public who considered complaining about NHS services did not. Many people were put off because they expected the process to be too bureaucratic and others believed it would make no difference. Healthwatch Suffolk believes that by helping patients to more easily express their views we can improve health and social care.

Tony Rollo (Chair of Healthwatch Suffolk) said:

“We are here to make sure that the patient voice comes through loud and clear to the professionals who make decisions about health and social care in the county. As an independent organisation, we hope to gain the trust of the public to tell us their full experiences of local services; the excellent and the good, as well as where things need to improve. We hope that by creating a familiar tool, we will be able to engage many more people in celebrating and improving health and social care here in Suffolk.”

For more information please visit the Healthwatch Suffolk website ([www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk)), email [info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk) or call 01449 703949 to speak to a member of the team.

# DISS CORNHALL ARTS



**ART** 2-27 JUNE Box Office Opening Hours • Sheila Tilmouth – On the Margins  
An exhibition in the Corn Hall Gallery • FREE • Evening viewing Tuesday 2 June 6.30 pm-7.45pm

**WORD** Tuesday 2 June 8pm • Helen Smith & Sheila Tilmouth  
Talk about the Fen Raft Spiders of Redgrave and Lopham Fen • Tickets: £5

**FILM** Wednesday 3 June 8pm • The Hunt (15) • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

**MUSIC** Thursday 4 June 8pm • Limehouse Lizzy • Tickets: £15.50 • [www.limehouselizzy.co.uk](http://www.limehouselizzy.co.uk)

**MUSIC** Friday 5 June 8pm • D'Ukes • Tickets: £10

**WORD** Tuesday 9 June 7pm  
Lars Tharp - on The Importance of Living Up To... One's Teapot • Diss DFAS  
Tickets: £12.50 • [www.tharp.co.uk](http://www.tharp.co.uk)

**FILM** Wednesday 10 June 8pm • The Theory of Everything (12A)  
Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

**WORD** Friday 12 June 8pm  
Luke Wright - Stay at Home Dandy • Jemima Foxtrot • Stand-up Poetry Club  
Tickets: £8 / Students £6

**FAMILY** Saturday 13 June 10-11am or 11.15am-12.15pm  
Imps Make & Play Father's Day Special • The Saturday Club  
Tickets: £5 per child (ages 2-8) • Must be accompanied by an adult • Pre-booking essential

**MUSIC** Saturday 13 June 8pm • Dirty DC  
Tickets: Advance £12 / Door £14 • [www.dirtydc.co.uk](http://www.dirtydc.co.uk)

**SCREEN ARTS** Sunday 14 June 2pm  
La Bohème • The Royal Opera House • Delayed Live Screening • Tickets £15 / Under 18s £12.50

**FILM** Wednesday 17 June 8pm • Whiplash (15) • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

**MUSIC** Friday 19 June 8pm • Mishaped Pearls • FolkEast Productions  
Tickets: £10 / Concs £8 / Door £12 • [www.mishapedpearls.org](http://www.mishapedpearls.org)

**COMEDY** Saturday 20 June 7.30pm • Barry Cryer – Twitter Titters with Colin Sell  
Tickets: Advance £19.50

**FILM** Wednesday 24 June 8pm • Trash (15) • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

**COMEDY** Friday 26 June 8pm  
Corn Hall Comedy Club – ED Fringe Special • Matt Richardson • Vikki Stone  
Tickets: Advance £9 / Door £10 • Min age 18 • Hot chilli & Rice and bar from 6.30pm



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## DATES FOR YOUR JUNE DIARY

Wortham Morning Yoga	Village Hall	Tuesday	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	10:00 – 11:30
Wortham Lunchtime Yoga	Village Hall	Thursday	04, 11, 18, 25	11:45 – 13:15
Gentle Evening Yoga	Primary School	Thursday	04, 11, 18, 25	19:00 – 20:30
Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall	Monday	01, 08, 15, 22, 29	19:00 – 20:30
Sewing Class	Village Hall	Monday	01, 15	09:30 – 14:30
Good Companions	Village Hall	Tuesday	09, 23	14:00 – 16:30
Tea's Made	Village Hall	Wednesday	03, 10, 17, 24	14:00 – 16:00
Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	Thursday	04	17:00
Private Function	Village Hall	Friday	12	14:30 – 18:30
Private Function	Village Hall	Saturday	13	09:30 – 14:00

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