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Wortham & Burgate Letter



Your monthly community and local information

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CONGRATULATIONS TO WORTHAM BOWLS CLUB

Wortham Bowls club play in two leagues. This year they competed in the Upper Waveney Division Two Triples League and the Stowmarket Wednesday Triples League. It's been a great season for Wortham and they finished in first place in both leagues.

In the Upper Waveney League the club has been promoted to Division One and will face new challenged playing opponents they rarely have an opportunity to play against. The standard will be very high and consolidation in the top league is the aim for 2016. Congratulations are due to Richard Pursehouse who lead his team to many victories and also through to the semi-finals of the Upper Waveney Plate Competition, where they lost to the eventual winners, Mendlesham.

There is no promotion from the Stowmarket League, so the target for next year is to enjoy meeting old friends again from across the Stowmarket area and of course win the League for a second year! Congratulations are due to Mike Burgess who has captained this team for a number of years and to the twenty or so players who contributed to the success.

Another factor contributing to this year's 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 the head groundsman, Charlie Gooderham and his small band of helpers.

A garage at Cobbold Close in Wortham was broken into sometime between 9.20pm Monday 24 August and 7.30am Tuesday 25 August. Damage was caused to the garage door and items inside moved but nothing stolen.

If you have any information about this incident please contact Suffolk Police on 101 reference ST/15/2848

Police are urging members of the public and landowners across Suffolk to report any suspicious activity during the August bank holiday weekend, in a bid to crack down on illegal raves and unlicensed music events (UME). Warnings are also being issued to anyone organising an illegal rave or UME that any sound equipment found will be seized, causing significant financial loss to organisers, and that they will be prosecuted.

The warning comes following three unlicensed music events in Norfolk in recent weeks. Police seized sound equipment, including speakers, mixing units and turntables, at the events in Felthorpe, West Somerton and Aldeby. Arrests were also made concerning driving and drugs offences.

Members of the public can play a key role in preventing such events and the public are being asked to assist police by reporting any suspicious activity around open land or disused buildings.

Landowners also need to remain vigilant and immediately report any activity, which may lead them to suspect a rave is being organised on their land. Extra care should be taken to ensure that property entrances are secure wherever possible. Police across the county work with landowners, the Forestry Commission and Farmwatch to offer security advice.

The police need to be informed of:

- Any information that an illegal rave is taking place
- Any sightings of vans, lorries or large numbers of vehicles gathering near woods, rural car parks or near to disused buildings/warehouses
- Sightings of fliers advertising raves
- Broken padlocks on access gates, to areas where a rave may take place.

Intelligence and social networking sites will be monitored to enable early preventative action to be taken. Early intervention in preventing and disrupting such raves is key and in the past the vigilance and response from the public has been extremely useful. Reliable and timely information about where and when an event is being set up can allow us to identify the organisers and seize sound and other equipment before the rave begins.

If information is received when the event is already underway, police may instead monitor it to ensure as far as possible the safety of those in attendance. Vehicles trying to get on or off site will be stopped and dealt with for any offences they might be committing. Where possible the organisers will be identified and dealt with at the end of the event, which will be closed as soon as it is safe to do so.

Anyone with information about an illegal rave or UME or anyone who witnesses any suspicious activity on farmland or in buildings should contact Suffolk Constabulary on 101.

Help us keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity. Please use the following link to pass useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident:

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/safetyadvice/reportacrime/tellthepolice.aspx>

DO NOT USE THIS LINK IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

EMMA'S ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE

Wortham Village Hall 3rd October 2 - 4pm

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 go along to bag a bargain in support of this good cause.

Emma is also currently raising money for Christopher who is starting his 4th year of Medicine & Surgery in September and is in need of the following requirements to carry out his training in hospital:

Blue theatre gown = £10	White gum boots = £7.50
Littman stethoscope = £80.00	Diagnostic set = £37.50
Patella hammer = £7.50	Thermometer = £7.50
Tuning fork = £5.00	Aneroid bp machine = £15.00
Hutchinson clinical set = £27.50	

If you would like to make a donation for any of the above items please visit: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/wagobera> or contact Emma on the email address or number above.



Honorary Secretary: Mr Iain Smith
Old Post House, The Street, Rickingham, IP22 1DX
Tel: 01379 890748
Honorary Treasurer: Mrs J Meekings
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Tel: 01379 898614

Dr Andrew Yager, Senior Partner, Botesdale Health Centre, will be retiring at the end of August. Dr Yager and his wife, Annie, invite you to drop in to Bridge House, Bury Road, Rickingham, IP22 1HA on **12th September between 2.00 and 5.00 pm** for a farewell drink, cake and a chat.

Should you wish to show appreciation for Dr Yager, donations can be made to 'FoBHC re Dr Yager' and sent to Mrs J Meekings or Iain Smith (*addresses as above*) or left at Reception (Health Centre).

A 'Book of Names' will also be given to Dr Yager - please leave your name/card as well.

A fundraiser in aid of Mellis Church

TRADITIONAL JAZZ

Peter Scott's Band



Mellis Church, Sunday 20th September, Doors: 7pm

Music: 7:30 – 10pm with two breaks

Wine Bar Light supper included

Tel: 01379 783434 for tickets, £12 each

ef Esmée Fairbairn FOUNDATION

Corn Hall Comedy

@Diss Rugby Club
sat nav: IP22 5RG

Gordon Southern

James Bran

Wayne Deakin

Advance £9
Door £10
Min Age 18

**Friday
25th Sept
8pm**

Follow us on Twitter @DissCornHall

Food from 6.30pm

Bar from 6.30pm

CORN HALL ON TOUR

Tickets: 01379 652241 www.disscornhall.co.uk

GISLINGHAM VARIETY CLUB

Presents

CONFUSIONS

by Alan Ayckbourn

An amateur production licensed by Samuel French

GISLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Thurs 12th to Sat 14th Nov

Tickets £8 (under 16's £6)

Box Office – 01379 788411 opens Monday 5th October

'Confusions' is a set of five interlinked one act plays:
Mother Figure, Drinking Companion, Between Mouthfuls, Gosforth's Fete and A Talk in the Park.

Each play deals riotously, but with sharply pointed undertones, with human eccentricities and the human dilemma of loneliness; a mother unable to escape from baby talk, a disastrous fete, an unsuccessful seduction attempt, a fate fraught dinner encounter and the final play sums up with five characters on park benches.

(copyright Samuel French)

Are you a community group or organisation looking for transport to take you on outings or to an event?



If you are a member of a local not for profit community group, you can hire our minibuses for outings. Go to destinations of your choice, visits to your favourite places, shopping trips or any other place your group wants to visit.

Our requirements are very simple. You must register with us as a not for profit organisation and tell us what your group does and when and where you would like use of a minibus.

Hire of bus with a Borderhoppa driver for non-profit making organisations

To hire one of the Borderhoppa buses you must have a Group Membership.

The cost of our annual group membership is £15

Hire Fee - £15 per day

Driver - £10 per hour

Fuel costs - £1 per mile

We currently operate 9 mini buses, 6 of which have wheel chair lifts.

If you have a group member who is having transport problems getting to your meetings/social events we can also offer a friendly door to door Dial-a-Ride service with helpful drivers.

If you would like to make a booking or would like more information then please call 01379 854800 or visit: www.borderhoppa.org

Just one minute of your time please!



Thanks for voting for the Diss Corn Hall which has been short listed in the Norfolk Arts Awards as Best Small Venue, and Angela Sykes as Most Influential Arts individual. Last year we came third.

Help us put the Corn Hall and Angela in top slot this year! And Norfolk & Norwich Festival as Best Large Organisation. Voting closes on 4th September.

Thanks. David Case

David Case Fine Art, The Old Rectory, Church Road, Brockdish. Norfolk IP21 4JJ

<http://www.norfolkartsawards.com/edp-peoples-choice-awards-2015.html>

www.heritagetriangle.co.uk

OFFICIAL OPENING OF WORTHAM POST OFFICE, STORE & TEA ROOM DRIVE

On 12th August, around 45 people – guests, councillors and parishioners – attended the official opening of the drive and car parking track leading to the Wortham Post Office, Store and Tea Room. Stephen Rash, Chair of W&B Parish Council thanked all of those who participated in the motivation, planning, costing and sourcing of the project, particularly Barry Higgs, Andrew Titcombe, Barry Cole, Jacky Bradley and Netty Verkroost, Clerk to the PC.

Thanks were also given to those who fundraised and gave money for the project, such that everything else came from Parish Council reserves without a loan or rates precept. Contractors A. Waterfield & Sons Ltd of Scole was also praised for a fine job and carrying out the work with minimum inconvenience.



Further speeches were made by Jessica Fleming, Suffolk County Councillor for Hartismere and Diana Kearsley Mid Suffolk District Councillor for Gislingham Ward. After saying a few words about the village, Colin Lond and Sheila Howard jointly cut the tape to formally open the drive. The guests then joined Janice & Peter Lloyd for tea and cake in the Tea Room garden.

WORTHAM WELFARE TRUST

The Trustees would like residents of Wortham to be aware of our existence. We may be able to offer help and would welcome enquiries.

The trust has its roots in the 17th century; the funds were originally derived from sale of land in the parish. It was formed by combining two charities, those of Thomas Church and Charles Goodrich.

The funds have been invested, yielding money that can be used to provide "relief for persons resident in the Parish who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress" in accordance with the constitution of the combined charities. This can be provided as modest financial sums or used in other ways. For example, we have provided help by donating fuel, vouchers and money for hospital visits.

If anyone feels they may be in need of assistance or know of someone else who may be, then we would be pleased to hear from you. All matters are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

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Maureen Ling, Treasurer. 01379 783236

Trustees: David Howard, Jenny Piper, Janice Lloyd and Jonny Dickson

Victorian Christmas Market

There will be no Victorian Christmas Market outside the Post Office in Wortham this year. Many of you may be disappointed, but the extremely busy main road, the dark evenings, the increasing number of visitors and the restricted area have all made it impossible to guarantee public safety.

These factors coupled with a small organising committee with very limited funds have made the decision inevitable.

At the moment a summer event with a more appropriate format is being considered.

Planned fundraising events

Digital Photography Course for Beginners

29th September at The Rookery, Wortham between 10.00 and 4.00pm. The workshop will be run by Lucy Kayne, a passionate photographer with 14 years' experience. The cost is £30 and will include refreshments and a light lunch. There are still spaces left so please call Maureen on 01379 783236 to find out more and to confirm your place.

Bring and Buy Plant Sale

On Saturday 10th October, 10.30 am until 1.00 pm at Battelys Cottage on Wortham Ling. Refreshments of teas, coffee and cakes will be available and a chance to look around Linda and Andy Simpson's 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 also be helpful if plants are 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



For next year's diary - Saturday 6th February 2016: a sit down dinner followed by a talk from Alistair Harrison. He will be reflecting on 37 years in the Foreign Office and discussing various experiences in the diplomatic service and some 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



Our commitment to deliver superfast broadband to everyone in Suffolk is certainly gathering pace with more and more properties being able to benefit from improved broadband speeds every month.

We are rapidly approaching the end of our first contract with BT, which once complete we will have connected more than 100,000 properties. The second contract with BT to connect a further 50,000 properties was signed in October last year and we expect to be able to share those areas that will be connected as part of that contract in the autumn.

I am fully aware that there are areas who are still struggling with little or no connection. I can assure you that we are working hard with BT to make sure that people are connected as soon as is possible but these things do take time, so I thank all those that are still waiting patiently.

We want to make sure as many people as possible know about the broadband project and all the associated benefits. We are developing a programme of communications work to help rise the projects profile within communities. We already have a good social media presence but we will look to develop this further over the coming months. I would encourage you to follow the project on Twitter to make sure that you get all the latest news - <https://twitter.com/BB4Suffolk>

I hope you find this newsletter useful. We will continue to develop the look and content of this new newsletter over the coming months so please let the team know on: broadband@suffolk.gov.uk if you have comments on style or content.

Councillor Colin Noble

Leader of Suffolk County Council and Chair of the Better Broadband for Suffolk Programme

Help to sign up

Faster broadband speeds are not automatically received once cabinets and cabling has been upgraded. Residents and businesses must contact their provider.

Our website - <http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com/> - has been updated to include a step by step guide so anyone can check if increased speeds are available in their area and what they need to do to benefit from them.



TRADITIONAL BURGATE HARVEST INTO WORTHAM THATCHED COTTAGE



RICKINGHALL FURTHER EDUCATION GROUP

is pleased to announce its next course

Looms, Linens, Woollens and Worsteds – a History of East Anglian Textiles



The course will be delivered by noted East Anglian lecturer **Jean Smith**. Jean says: “the course will consider the important history of the textile industry of East Anglia, from the Middle Ages to the Nineteenth Century: the part played by the many skilled spinners, weavers, dyers and merchants; the use of flax, hemp and wool; the centres made wealthy by the trade; the highs and lows experienced by the industry and reasons for its eventual demise.”

The course will run for **10 weeks starting at 2pm on Thursday 17th September in Rickinghall Village Hall**. Lectures last for 2 hours with a short break for refreshments. The cost for the course is still only **£40!**

As is normal with our lectures, it helps us to put out enough chairs and provide sufficient refreshments if we know in advance how many to expect! If you think you might like to come along, do please telephone either **Janet Swann (01379 783624)** or **Sue Emerson (01379 897010)**: Sue can also be emailed at emerson500@btinternet.com). It also helps us to relieve people from their money quickly, and we can do this more easily if we know who may be coming.

No need to commit – you can sit-in on the first lecture if you are not sure whether or not you will sign up. Please call Janet or Sue if you have any questions.

No end of course examination, no homework, and no responsibility except to learn and enjoy!

PALGRAVE MOVIES

Due to holidays and redecoration, Palgrave Movies will recommence in November.

Meanwhile, there will be one film: Sun Oct 11th. Peter Cresswell, local composer filmed his DAVID oratorio at Diss Anglican Church last November.

The film of this production is being shown with Peter introducing the evening.

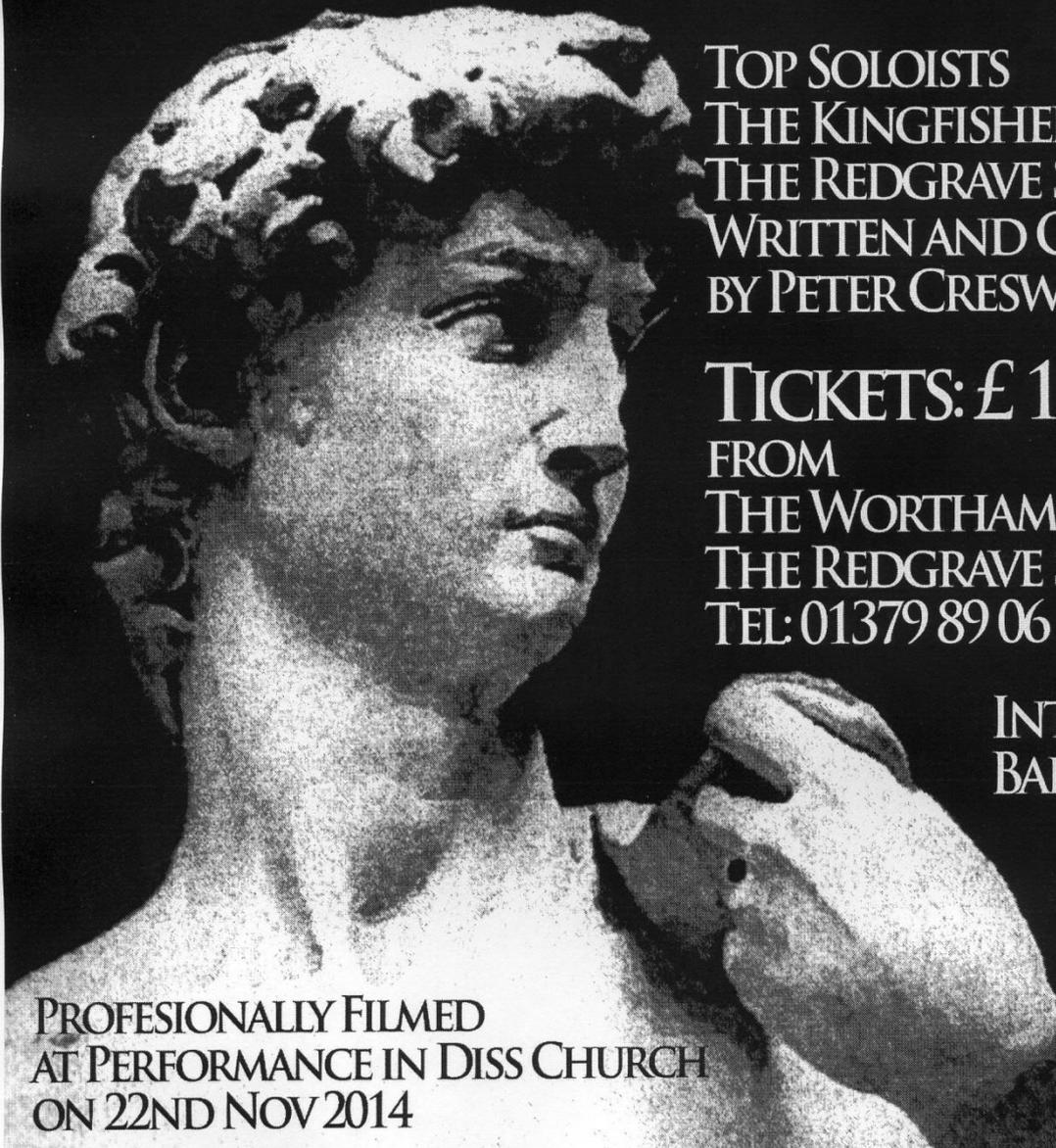
Tickets are £10 per person and available from Wortham Post Office and Stores only

PETER CRESWELL
PRESENTS

DAVID

GALA FILM SHOW

PALGRAVE COMMUNITY CENTRE
SUNDAY OCT 11TH AT 7.30 P.M.



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DAVID

GALA FILM SHOW

PALGRAVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

SUNDAY OCT 11TH

AT 7.30 p.m.

The third performance of Peter Creswell's oratorio 'DAVID' took place in St Mary's church DISS on 22nd November 2014 at a concert in aid of The Household Cavalry Foundation. A professional film was made in high definition. Previous performances have taken place in Bury St Edmunds and Redgrave. The film is brilliantly edited by Ronnie Mehlis who used 9 HD cameras. The wonderful sound is from the excellent recording made by David Holland. Internationally famous tenor Richard Edgar Wilson performs the role of narrator and distinguished solo singers from English National Opera and other companies take the roles of well known characters in the famous story of the life of DAVID, namely: SAMUEL, SAUL, GOLIATH, JONATHAN, BATHSHEBA, URIAH, NATHAN, THE WITCH OF ENDOR. 'The Kingfisher Ensemble' led by Beth Spendlove comprise the orchestra and are joined by the Redgrave Singers. The oratorio is conducted by the composer. A souvenir programme will be on sale for £3.00 which contains the full script/libretto. Peter will give a short introduction to the film show.

The film is in two parts, ACT 1, which takes the story to the death of Saul and Jonathan, finishing with David's famous lament. 'How are the mighty fallen...' and ACT 2, which commences with DAVID, who is now King of Israel, entering in triumph into Jerusalem having recaptured the Ark of the covenant from the Philistines. The central theme is David's love affair with Bathsheba and his total involvement with GOD. There will be an interval between the 2 Acts and the bar will be open.

Only 60 seats are available in the cinema and you are advised to purchase your ticket in advance.

Also should you wish to attend the reception before the film please tel 01379890650.

This will start at 6.45 in the bar area.



Peter Creswell.

Sarah Doig gave an eloquent, well-researched talk about entertainment in Elizabethan England when she saved the August meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall. She had stepped in literally at the last minute when the pre-arranged speaker failed to arrive.

Sarah explored different aspects of entertainment in Elizabethan England by beginning with music. The English Renaissance of the 16th Century saw a significant change in the nature of music from largely religious to the secular. Families like the Kitsons of Hengrave Hall near Bury St Edmunds were patrons of music. Two noted musicians, Edward Johnson and John Wilby, lived there to entertain the family but they also taught the children singing and how to play instruments. Musical accomplishment was expected of the nobility. Elizabeth I was a keen musician. There is a portrait of her playing the lute and other sources comment on her skill at playing the virginal. Printing also helped to secularise music as it was published more widely. Many towns had waites bands whose members were good singers and had the ability to play a range of instruments. However, other street music which often comprised of the playing of fiddles, flutes and drums was looked down upon. Dance was a form of entertainment enjoyed by all ages. It was another favourite pastime of the Queen.

The introduction of the printing press in the late 15th Century and greater access to education raised literacy rates. At its peak in the period 1560-1580, it is thought that 30% of husbandmen (farmers), 70% of yeomen and 60% of tradesmen in Norwich could read. However, fewer were able to write as this was a more complex skill. Printing made books cheaper but they were still expensive. Some books, household manuals and herbals, were aimed specifically at women. Penny ballads enjoyed an extensive readership. They were often sensational stories, such as the final hours of a condemned man, but they could also pass on the news, or religious or political views. Wealthy men had access to a wide range of literature, including history, biographies, and sermons. The classics, Homer and Virgil, were read either in the original or in translation.

Most educated people wrote poetry but Philip Sidney and Edmund Spenser were two of the greatest poets of the period. The other popular form of writing was for the theatre, with Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe particularly notable. However, theatres had an unsavoury reputation and were excluded from the City of London. Initially, plays were performed at taverns, the first theatre being built at Shoreditch in 1576. The Globe was constructed in 1599 in Southwark. The absence of artificial light meant that performances occurred in the afternoon when they could be attended by several thousand people drawn from all social classes.

Sports were very popular in Elizabethan England. They were regarded as a good preparation for war. Archery, wrestling and other martial sports were encouraged. Hunting trained young men in agility, speed and horsemanship. Similarly, hunting provided an opportunity to show wealth and power through the possession of parks, horses and dogs cared for by a large staff of servants.

There were a number of other pursuits for all classes including riotous football matches, bear baiting and cockfighting. Taverns were popular. Smoking was a new and exotic pastime introduced in the 1560s. Cards, chess, billiards, dice and story-telling were quieter forms of entertainment. Overall, entertainment was an integral feature of life of all people in the Elizabethan period.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 September at The Village Hall, Rickinghall IP221HD when a short AGM will be followed by Roy Tricker giving a talk about 100 years of St Edmundsbury Diocese.

Continued

On 30 July the Heritage Circle visited Stanta, the Stanford Training Area, near Thetford. The group was conducted around the site by Colonel Powell who gave an amusing and well informed commentary. He explained that Stanta is the third largest Ministry of Defence training area in Britain. It is located on land used for military training before 1939 in an area which had four villages and two hamlets. However, on 24 June 1942 the military met with the villagers and gave them just three weeks to pack up and leave their homes as the demands of World War II meant that soldiers had to have practised combined arms training. This integrated the use of tanks, artillery and other heavy weapons. It needed a large area and would have posed a danger to the local people but leaving their homes must have been a traumatic experience for the villagers.

There were four churches within the Stanta area but now only one is used for occasional services. St Mary's at West Tofts was dates from the 14th Century and contains a rood screen designed by Pugin in the 19th Century. It has undergone recent renovation after neglect since the 1940s.

There are some traces of the original village of West Tofts still to be seen but these are brick buildings. Most of the cottages were made of clay lump and they have become hummocks as their walls disintegrated when their roofs were removed. Records from 1845 indicate that there were 182 people living in the village at that time. There were 72 children registered with the school. Of the other villages, Stanford is a live fire area where only brick buildings remain. The same is true of Tottington which was the largest village in 1942. In 1845 some 340 people lived there. Most were employed on land owned by Lord Walsingham. There is still a church in the village but it is too dangerous to approach it as there is probably live ordnance nearby.

Stanta has been used as a military training ground in all conflicts since World War II. It has an area about 20,000 acres and it can accommodate about 1,800 soldiers in three barrack areas at any one time. Soldiers and airmen train on simulated villages. There are former checkpoints similar to those used in Northern Ireland. There is a German town from the Cold War era which was adapted to be a village in Bosnia. This now has an Iraqi village and police station attached.

In a separate area of the Stanta site there is an Afghan village where all of the soldiers and airmen serving in that theatre were trained. It has enclosed compounds which would have been home to an extended family. Narrow alleyways and hidden tunnels connect compounds. The village was made a more realistic experience as 650 Afghan refugees stayed there for 12 hour shifts. In addition, 400 retired Gurkhas role played police or terrorists. The intention was to 'scare' the soldiers undergoing training so they would not be scared when in Afghanistan.

13,000 sheep graze on the grassland of Stanta and are managed by shepherds who move the animals away from dangerous areas, such as live firing. The sheep are useful for keeping the grass down and provide some income to offset the costs of Stanta.

In the 1960s much of the filming for the popular television series '*Dad's Army*' happened at Stanta. Frog Hill which overlooks a Breckland landscape is familiar from the programme's opening credits.

An initially wet evening concluded with a wonderful sunset over the Norfolk Breckland.

Gerry Gurhy



Don't forget – The Kettle's On every Tuesday 10.00 am until 12 noon 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.

Look for the 'A' board by the side of the road

**“LUVVERLY
JUMBERLY”**

Jumble Sale

Teas, Cakes, Jams and Preserves

Burgate Church Hall

Saturday 19th September 2015

Seaside Quiz

Burgate Church Hall was full of aspiring quizzers on the evening of 14th August to take part in the Seaside Quiz, organised by the Friends of Burgate Church. In first place, with a total of 62 points were the Wortham Originals. Despite gathering together some of the finest brains in Burgate and Botesdale, Dick Pell's team (Dick's Crew) once again managed to come last. A total of over £250 was raised for the church. Well done everyone.

Scrap for the Church

Dick Pell would like to thank all those who have contributed to his collection of scrap metal over the years, which he has then sold and given the proceeds to the church. He would like to let everyone know that he has now ceased collections. Many thanks Dick for all your hard work.

	Church Flowers	Hall Cleaning	Churchyard
5 Sept	Shudy Walker	Linda Pell	David
12 Sept	Shudy Walker		Liz/Rod
19 Sept	Michelle Furness		Alan
26 Sept	Gina Cole		Nick

Church Hall Booking Secretary: Judi Tann 01379 783302



**Refusing to ignore
people in crisis**

**Every year our volunteers help thousands of people in their own homes following an illness or hospital stay
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The British Red Cross Society, incorporated by Royal Charter 1908, is a charity registered in England and Wales (220949) and Scotland (SC037738). Information correct at date of print

Garden notes by Linda Simpson

Last month my article started talking about the heavy rain we had just had and this month is the same. I don't think we can complain about the lack of rain anymore having had 37mm (1.5inches) in a few hours yesterday! In the main plants are happy with and look better for a good dose of rain but some annuals – petunias and some bedding geraniums for example – look decidedly bedraggled for a while until new flowers develop. Deadheading will help as well as some sunshine if we get it.

In the main I confine annuals to pots around the house but I do grow some to give a boost in odd spots in the borders. It's always handy to have a few ready to pop in the odd gap that may appear.

Cosmos are a fine example of an annual that placed in borders around the garden will continue to flower until the first frosts, provided you keep deadheading. Easily grown from seed they come in a range of pinks and whites and although in the main are tall they are light and airy and can be a 'see through' plant if planted towards the front. I find them indispensable so grow them most years.

This year for the first time for a long time I also grew cleome another taller attractive annual. I grew the variety Helen Campbell which is white. Its round full heads of flower have withstood the rain and look lovely offset by the spidery leaves that grow up the stems. It seems to have been in flower for quite some time. I have made a note to get the seeds of other colours and grow more next year.

A word of caution though – if you plan to grow either of these annuals in pots make sure they are very big pots. I have found that both these taller annuals tend to make a lot of root and will dry out very quickly in a pot – so much so that in fact I have decided that I will not grow them in pots in future, only the open border.



Also looking good in the garden at the moment is a plant genus more usually known as an annual bedding plant but which has other very different perennial varieties. I am talking about lobelia. The perennial lobelia is a very different from the annual one. I grow lobelia Queen Victoria which has deep purple leaves and spikes scarlet flowers. It is happy in all but very dry conditions although the slugs do like it so it may need some protection from them.

It has not always been regarded as bone hardy and I usually break some pieces off to bring into the greenhouse in the winter. It is very easy to propagate in this way and I am never short of plants. There are a number of different varieties and colours of perennial lobelia and being late to flower will help extend the colour in the garden into the autumn. It's worth keeping any eye out for them at the garden centres.



On Saturday October 31st St Mary's Church will be holding its annual Autumn Fair at Wortham Village Hall.

There will be a great mix of stalls including books, bric a brac, cakes and preserves, games to test your skill and raffles, bottles and tombola to test your luck!

If you have any items for any of the stalls please contact Cathy Hume (650321).

Contributions would be greatly appreciated.

St Mary's Church, Wortham

Autumn Fair

Saturday 31st October



2.00pm

**Wortham
Village Hall**

BRIC A BRAC

BOOKS

GAMES

PRESERVES

TOMBOLA

HAMPER

RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS

CAKES

SHOE BOXES

Just a reminder that you might like to start thinking about collecting items for the shoe box appeal for deprived children. Leaflets about the scheme will be distributed in September and the boxes will be blessed before their long journey abroad at a service at St Mary's Church, Wortham.

REBUILT DRIVE

The drive linking Wortham Post Office Store and Tea Room to the A143 Bury Road was officially opened on Wednesday 12th August by local resident Colin Lond assisted by Sheila Howard. Stephen Rash, Chair of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council said 'we are absolutely thrilled; it has been years in the coming and now we have a wonderful result.' After the opening, everyone present was invited to the tea garden for refreshments.

WORTHAM BOWLS CLUB

Congratulations to the Bowls Club who finished their season with a victory over Walsham le Willows to secure the Stowmarket Wednesday Triples League title and also won the Upper Waveney Division Two Triples League title and has gained promotion to Division One. After more than 90 years, this is the first time that both the leagues have been won by Wortham, so many more congratulations to both teams.

KEVIN BANHAM

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Kevin William Banham who passed away suddenly on July 14th 2015, aged 56, was held at St Mary's Church, Redgrave on 4th August. 200 people attended the service which was conducted by Rev Christopher Davidson. There was a mixture of traditional hymns and modern music and many tributes were paid to him.

Local farmers and people from the agricultural community, haulage firms and Kevin's work colleagues also came to pay their respects. Kevin's Scania truck was in the funeral cortege and was positioned appropriately for the committal. Kevin leaves a widow, two daughters, a son and five grandchildren. We send our condolences to them.

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust has been holding the bike ride since 1982 when Suffolk initiated the event to raise funds for grants to places of worship. Since then the event has spread all over the UK and most counties will be involved this year. Cyclists of any age can take part (children must have parental permission) and they should obtain sponsorship to visit as many churches as possible during the day between 9am and 5pm on Saturday 12th September then later collect the pledged money. Churches of all denominations will be open across Suffolk and Norfolk, and many provide excellent refreshments. Taking part is a good day out and there is a rich array of churches in the two counties with more than 500 medieval ones in Suffolk alone. Sponsorship forms should be available from your church.

THANK YOU, PEOPLE OF NORTH HARTISMERE – FROM REV'D GINNY MANNING

I was absolutely overwhelmed and amazed at the service on 12th July when you presented me with the beautiful basket of flowers, delicious chocolates and magnificent cheque towards a holiday. Both Colin and I were moved by your generosity and will indeed enjoy a holiday, perhaps in September. So thank you very much!

These wonderful gifts were given to me in “appreciation of my ministry and care during the interregnum”; as I reflect on that, I think of the events of the past year, the joys and the challenges and how much I have enjoyed this one-off opportunity to do so much ministry and have so much contact with so many people. It has been a huge privilege. In spite of this there have been so many things that I have been unable to do, and challenges that still lie ahead.

I cannot help thinking of others who have done so much to help, too; firstly retired clergy who have helped us out to enable our pattern of services to continue. We thank Rev'ds George Hilliard, Frank Howard and Chris Davidson, as well as Rev'ds Lorraine Dawson, Christine Brooks and Barbara Bilston. We also give thanks to Rev'd Susan Loxton, our Rural Dean who has given so much support. Their help collectively has been invaluable.

Also I think of Graham and Frank, both invaluable, but here I have to stop and must not mention more names because as I reflect, I remember all our hard working churchwardens, who all hold offices on PCCs and so many others who help in our churches and parishes in so many ways; the list is endless. Many of worked harder during the vacancy, many have given extra support in all kinds of ways. So, it is us , as a team, and as the Body of Christ, his hands and feet on this earth, who have really carried us through this vacancy; with the guidance and strength given by God. We have discovered a unity as followers of Jesus which is both biblical and a joy to behold.

Now we face a new and exciting part of our Christian journey, because Adrian our new Rector, will be here to lead us. We do not know exactly what lies ahead, only God knows that, but we do have challenges that face many rural parishes in our country, and are keen to address these, to be a glowing beacon of God's light and love here in this benefice. So as we look forward to the ministry of Adrian among us, let's prepare to be right beside him and behind him in his new role as Rector of North Hartismere.

We wish Adrian, Eunice and their family every blessing in their new home and situations, and continue to keep them in our prayers.

REMINDER

Emma's Jumble Sale, 3rd October, 2-4pm, Wortham Village Hall.

THE NEXT WOBUL WILL BE PRODUCED AT THE END OF OCTOBER FOR EARLY NOVEMBER. PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTION BY FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER.

Mike.

VILLAGE HALL DATES FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER DIARY

Wortham Morning Yoga	Village Hall	Tuesday	08, 15, 22, 29	10:00 – 11:30
Wortham Afternoon Yoga	Village Hall	Thursday	10, 17, 24	11:45 – 13:15
Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall	Monday	07, 14, 21, 28	19:00 – 20:30
Sewing Class	Village Hall	Monday	07, 21	09:30 – 14:30
Good Companions	Village Hall	Tuesday	01, 29	14:00 – 16:30
Tea's Made	Village Hall	Wednesday	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	14:00 – 16:30
Polymer Guild	Village Hall	Sunday	20	10:30 – 15:00
Pilates	Village Hall	Wednesday	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	09:30 – 10:30
Pilates	Village Hall	Wednesday	03, 10, 17, 24	18:00 – 19:00
Junior Tennis	Village Hall	Tuesday	08, 15, 22, 29	12:00 – 13:00
Junior Tennis	Village Hall	Thursday	10, 17, 24	16:30 – 17:30

LOOKING AHEAD

Emma's Jumble Sale	Village Hall	Saturday	October 03	14:00 – 16:00
Adnams Wine Tasting (FOWC)	Village Hall	Friday	October 16	19:30
Village Quiz	Village Hall	Saturday	November 21	19:00

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