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Wortham & Burgate Letter



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APPEAL

Would WOBUL readers please help us by bringing any newspapers for recycling as plant packaging. Newspapers can be brought to the nursery during the hours 9am to 5pm.

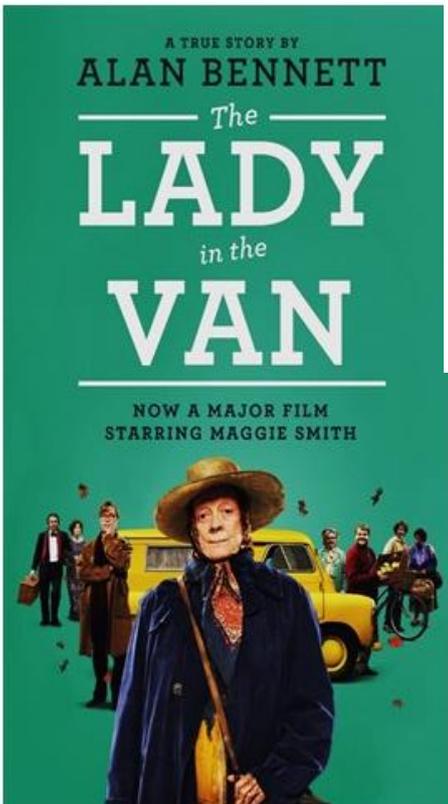
Thanks for your support *Christine Howard* 01379 898 529

Howard Nurseries Ltd, Bury Road, Wortham, IP22 1PX

PALGRAVE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Saturday 5 March 2016,
7:30pm Seats available

Saturday 12 March 2016
7:30pm SOLD OUT.
5:00pm a few seats left



Saturday 2 April 2016
7:30pm a few seats left



Licensed bar and Ice Creams during the intermission

www.palgravecinema.co.uk

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Fund raising for BOTESDALE HEALTH CENTRE

RACE NIGHT & SUPPER

8 RACES PLUS RAFFLE. BREAK FOR SUPPER. PAY BAR AVAILABLE
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SATURDAY MARCH 5th 2016

FIRST RACE 7.45pm (DOORS OPEN 7.15PM)

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Contact: Iain Smith 01379-890748 : Carole Fitt 01379-890878 : Ursula Noyce 01379-890138

Tickets from: Rickinghall Newsagents : Redgrave Community Shop
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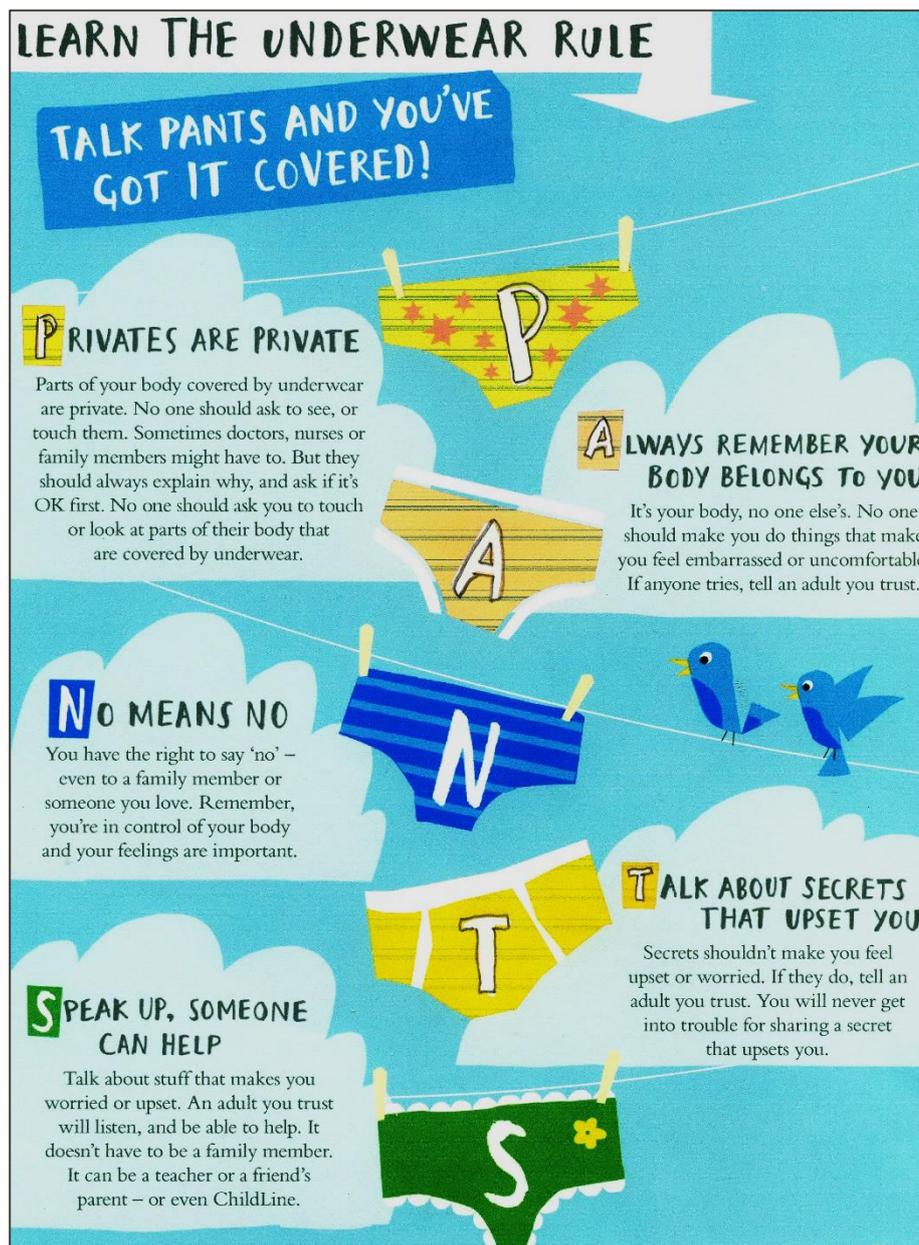
NSPCC 'Pants' Campaign

I am a qualified Nursery Nurse who has been working with children of various ages for over 30 years, so have regularly been on Child Protection courses during that time. It wasn't until I had read Cynthia Owen's harrowing true story called "Living with Evil" that I realised that these courses train us to look for signs of sexual abuse, but I feel prevention is better than cure, surely, and we should do more to make children aware of how to protect themselves too.

I contacted various Children's Charities, telling them of my concerns, including the NSPCC, who three years ago came up with the "Pants Campaign" which I hadn't heard of nor have some other child care providers! I think this is exactly what is needed to help protect children. I do hope you agree that this is a valuable tool that will help ensure that the children in our families will have the safe and secure childhood they deserve.

Please share this link with any one you know who has children/grandchildren either by email or Facebook. Let's hope it goes viral so we don't have to hear any more of these awful stories of ruined childhoods! 90% of child abuse is committed by people known to them!

Roella Trudgill BA.



Watchdog seeks views on diabetic foot care services in Suffolk

Healthwatch Suffolk is working with a leading Consultant Physician of Diabetes and Endocrinology at the Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust Diabetic Centre to explore local experiences of using diabetic foot care services in Suffolk.

Good foot care is essential for people living with diabetes because it can prevent complications caused by high blood glucose levels including damage to nerves and blood vessels. In fact, active foot disease is a leading cause of amputation in the UK.

That is why Healthwatch is keen to explore whether people at high risk of developing foot disease in Suffolk are receiving appropriate care. It is interested in your experiences about the full range of services that may care for your feet and this includes those accessed in GP practices, hospitals and in the community.

Andy Yacoub (CEO of Healthwatch Suffolk) said: "Our aim is to ensure that these essential services are shaped by the experiences of people using them. This survey will help us to independently check that patients are receiving the right messages to help them manage their condition and that there is fair and appropriate access to foot care services across the county.

If you have diabetes or know someone that does, please take part. It only takes a moment and your views could make a positive difference to care in Suffolk."

To take part, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/suffolkdiabetes>. You can also contact Healthwatch Suffolk on 01449 703949 or by email to info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk to request a hard copy survey.

This survey will close on 30th April 2016.



Have you called for an ambulance recently? Share your 999 story with Healthwatch Suffolk

Healthwatch Suffolk is working with Local Healthwatch across the East of England to find out what people think of local ambulance services. It is always interested to hear of your experiences but is seeking views now because it wants to inform an upcoming Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of the East of England Ambulance service.

The Care Quality Commission monitors regulates services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety. It has a legal duty to listen to the things Local Healthwatch say about services. As your local watchdog on health and social care services, Healthwatch Suffolk is best placed to inform the work of the CQC with the experiences of local people in Suffolk.

Whether you had a good or a bad experience, it is easy to share your story. Simply visit the Healthwatch Suffolk website (www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk) where you can search for the service and leave a review, call 01449 703949 or email info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk.

DISS CORNHALL ARTS



FILM Wednesday 2 March 7.30pm
The Second Mother (15) • Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

FAMILY Saturday 5 March 10-11am or 11.30-12.30pm
The Saturday Club • Imps Mother's Day - Make & Play Session
Botesdale Village Hall, IP22 1BZ
Tickets: £5 per child (2-8 years old) Children must be accompanied

MUSIC Saturday 6 March 8pm
Churchfitters • Garboldisham Village Hall, IP22 2SE
Tickets: £10 / Concessions £9 • www.churchfitters.com

WORKSHOP Wednesday 9 March 10am-12.30pm
Spring Book Folding – with Rushanne Young
Upstairs Studio, Designermakers@21 • £15 incl materials

FILM Wednesday 9 March 7.30pm
Everest (15) • Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

THEATRE Friday 11 March 7.30pm
The Importance of Being Earnest • The Pantaloons • www.thepantaloons.co.uk
Winfarthing Village Hall, IP22 2EN • Tickets: £12 / Concessions £10

FILM Wednesday 16 March 7.30pm
Macbeth (15) • Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

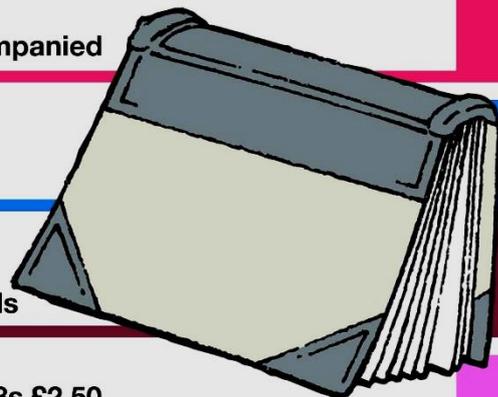
COMEDY Friday 18 March 8pm
Comedy Club • Luke Toulson • Alasdair Beckett-King • Compère – Russell Hicks
Diss Rugby Club, IP22 5RG • Tickets: Advance £9 / Door £10 Min age 18

WORKSHOP Saturday 19 March 10am-12.30pm or 1.30-3.30pm
Make your own pendant with Silver Clay
Upstairs Studio, Designermakers@21 • £40 including materials

MUSIC Saturday 19 March 8pm
Saskia Griffiths-Moore
Pennoyer Centre, IP21 4QT • Tickets: £8 • www.musicsongandsoul.com

THEATRE Friday 25 March 7.30pm
Charley's Aunt • RoughCast Theatre • www.roughcast.co.uk
Garboldisham Village Hall, IP22 2SE • Tickets: £9 / Concessions £7

FILM Wednesday 30 March 7.30pm
Sicario (15) • Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50



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BILL'S BIRDS

Writing this one sunny morning in January (25th) with the temperature at 12°C, it is a treat to go into the garden and hear the birds singing again. The trill of the little Wren, what a loud voice for such a small bird, and the tinkling Hedge Sparrow, always so secretive, and the ever-present Robin singing its sweet song, in fact to guard its territory - who dares steal its kingdom - the Robin can be pretty vicious if challenged, and at the back of all this joyful chorus, the Song Thrush, rare nowadays (2016), heard but not seen. I first heard one this winter on 21st December (2015).



Though I don't travel so far these days, it is possible to keep abreast of ornithological occurrences on the Internet and in the press, particularly the East Anglian Daily Times. This paper recently quoted some amazing ringing of "our" birds by the Suffolk Ornithological Group in the Suffolk Naturalist Society's Annual Suffolk Birds. A Hedge Sparrow ringed at Great Livermere on 31st October 2013 was recovered in Denmark on 12th March the following year, and a Robin ringed at Kessingland on 13th October 2013 was killed by a cat in Sweden on 14th April 2014. Who would have thought that "our" local garden birds could possibly have travelled so far, and why?



In January, one of our local observers reported to me that he had seen a Little Egret and, above it, circling high, a Buzzard from Fen Lane, Rickinghall. Such a sight would not have been visible over our villages 20 years ago. Though some of our common birds such as Thrushes and House Sparrows become rarer, others - especially the Collared Dove - are proliferating.

And now back to our murmuration of Starlings on Redgrave Fen. A grandfather took his grandchildren to see this miraculous sight and they amused each other by describing the moving flock by the shapes they were making in the sky. Surely an unforgettable way of remembering such wonders of one's childhood.

This winter Waxwings have been few and far between. Why, in such a mild season this year and after a productive summer, come south to find food in the winter when such food should have been plentiful in the north?

At Framsdan a Hoopoe was seen on 6th December 2015. Was it our Wortham sighting still in East Anglia? A House Martin was seen on the same date and two Swallows were seen in Kessingland on 13th December.

Of great excitement was the appearance of three Mergansers on the lake in Christchurch Park, Ipswich, for several days in December and January. I have seen these lovely "Sawbills". They are bigger than duck and breed on rivers and lakes in the English Lake District and Scotland.



Even if you do not see such birds yourself, there is always the excitement and interest in reports by colleagues.

Did you take part in the RSPB's "Big Garden Bird Watch" on 30th/31st January? We did. There was nothing unusual for us to see, but we still sent in our report. Remember every report matters, however few the sightings.

If we and many thousands of others send in our observations, the subsequent totals give quite a good idea of the overall bird numbers in our countryside, year by year.

Future Events

Friday 27th May. Wortham Village Hall.

Willow Weaving day from 10 until 4 pm making a 'Berry Basket'.

Lunch will be included. More details later.

Report

On Saturday 6th February the Friends of Wortham Church organised a dinner and speaker.

Fifty meals were served at the village Hall. A welcome drink and canapés to start gave everyone an opportunity to meet and chat before the main meal. There was a choice of three main meals and four sweets, followed by coffee and chocolates.

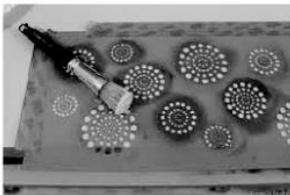
Alistair Harrison gave a very interesting and entertaining talk entitled from Cold Wars to Hot Islands - his 37 years in the Diplomatic Service.

A bar and great raffle raised a profit of £805.05 for the church.





JOIN THE UPCYCLE REVOLUTION



The Upcycle Revolution - Raising Money for F.O.W.C

We are asking you to get creative and breathe new life into a piece of old furniture, basket, photo frame or anything you can think of that someone would want in their home. It might be an old wooden chair you never use anymore or something you find at a car boot sale or local auction.

Once you have your chosen item (or item's) it's up to you how to decorate it and what technique you wish to use. Some examples are:

PAINTING, STENCILING, DISTRESSING, DECOUPAGE

All the upcycled pieces you donate will be put on display at the open gardens on June 11th-12th and then auctioned off at a later date with all proceeds going to Friends of Wortham Church

If you have any questions please contact Maureen 01379 783236
or Chrissy 01379 890220

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BY 08/06/2016 OR CONTACT THEM WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

Spacecraft hub



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ESA astronaut Tim Peake took this image from the International Space Station on his six-month Principia mission.

On the left is the Soyuz TMA-19M spacecraft that brought Tim Peake, NASA astronaut Tim Kopra and commander Yuri Malenchenko to the Space Station on 15 December 2015. It docked to the Russian Rassvet module after Yuri manually approached and made contact with the International Space Station.

Next to the Soyuz is the Cygnus supply spacecraft that arrived at the Space Station six days before the Tims and Yuri on 9 December. Cygnus is uncrewed and flies to the Space Station in an automated mode. The spacecraft is then grappled by the 16-m Canadarm and moved to berth with a docking port, here on the US Unity module.

The picture shows how close the spacecraft are to each other – when they arrive and leave they fly at speeds of 17,500 mph, just like the International Space Station. Cygnus left the Station 19 February, the Canadarm having been moved into position ready for its release and deployment. The Cygnus will burn up harmlessly on re-entry into Earth's atmosphere with waste materials from the Space Station. The astronauts have been busy preparing for its departure loading it with waste.

The difference in the spacecraft's solar arrays are obvious. The Soyuz solar array unfolds in a traditional accordion style, whereas the Cygnus uses a newer fan-like technique resulting in the circular 'umbrella' formation.

In the background Earth can be seen with the new day beginning to the left of the image. For the people living in the darker regions it was night at the time Tim took this picture.

GISLINGHAM VARIETY CLUB



Book, Music & Lyrics by Lionel Bart

Wed 6th to Sat 9th April at 7:30pm

Gislingham Village Hall

Tickets £9, under 16s £6

Box Office 01379 788411



My name is Paul Fleet and I am the Senior Community Fundraiser for British Red Cross in Norfolk and Suffolk. I wonder whether you can help with our Red Cross week this summer. The venues and dates of events which you will hopefully be interested in, are these:

| Collection Type | Town | Date |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Town Centre | Ipswich | 13 May |
| Town Centre | Ipswich | 21 May |
| Town Centre | Bury St Edmunds | 21 May |
| Town Centre | Bury St Edmunds | 11 June |
| Town Centre | Newmarket | 17 May |
| Morrisons | Lowestoft | 14 May |
| Morrisons | Lowestoft | 21 May |

I am seeking volunteers to cover a collection 'shift' at either the town centre or supermarkets of about 2 hours – either 9-11, 11-1pm, 1pm-3pm and 3pm-5pm. Volunteers will be provided with all kit i.e. bib, collection can etc. All money raised will be used in the local area, either on mobility aids, care in the community, first aid or emergency services. Please pass this information on to friends, family and colleagues. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request and I hope to hear from you soon.

Paul Fleet, Senior Community Fundraiser, Norfolk & Suffolk. Tel: 01603 253 412 Mob: 07921 940 730



In aid of Botesdale Village Hall

Performed by WARTS & ALL

******* For One Night Only *******

Saturday 12th March 2016 at 7.30pm (Doors 7pm)

Botesdale Village Hall

TICKETS at £10 *MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE*

(Price includes all entertainment and a light supper)

Obtainable from:

Rickinghall PO & Newsagents, Hilltop Hardware

Wortham Post Office, Redgrave Shop

Or telephone 01379 687580

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OUT OF THIS WORLD AWARD



At last week's 2016 Brits Awards, British singer Adele was presented with her Award for Global Success by ESA Astronaut, Tim Peake on board the International Space Station, 250 miles above the earth. Crying, Adele responded by saying that "her kid will think she is so cool receiving the award from Major Tim. She thanked Tim and hoped he is not too hungry (on the space station.)" Adele collected three further Brits – Album of the Year (for 25), Female Singer of the Year and Single of the Year. It was the most awards won by one artist for 21 years.

Friends of Wortham Church

FOWC organised a dinner followed by a speaker on Saturday 6 February in Wortham Village Hall. Fifty meals were served. A Welcome Drink and Canapés to start gave everyone an opportunity to meet and chat before the main meal. There was a choice of four mains and three desserts, followed by coffee and chocolates.

Alastair Harrison gave a very interesting and entertaining talk 'From Cold War to Hot Islands' on his 37 years' service in the Diplomatic Corps. A bar and a great raffle helped in raising a total profit of £805 for St Mary's Church.

Bridge Drive

A bridge drive organised by Jacky Bradley took place in Wortham Village Hall on Tuesday 16 February to raise funds for the hall. There was a lovely lunch and a glass of wine and later in the afternoon: tea and cake. There were 7.5 tables and the winners were Francis Chinkin and Alan Cawkwell. A total of £325 was made for hall funds. Thanks to Rick Waters, Francis Chinkin, Isobel Hunter and Ann Rose for all of their help.

Wortham & Burgate Twinning

The AGM was held on Tuesday 2 February in the village hall and 50 members attended. The Chair, Nick Beasley informed the meeting of a very busy year ahead which includes a French visit from Hédé in July. Linda Simpson who is standing down as Secretary, was presented with a gift, and she is replaced by Judith Philips. The evening continued with an entertaining French theme quiz compiled by Nick Beasley and Andy Simpson. Anyone wishing to join should contact Chris on 01379 898 338.

Bowls Club

Wortham Bowls Club is opening its green on Sunday 17 April at 2pm. New members are welcome along with experienced and novice players which plays in the Upper Waveney League on Tuesday evenings and the Stowmarket & District League with Wednesday Triples. If you would like to join, please get in touch with Jean Hoskins on 01379 643641.

Good Companions

The Wortham club held its AGM in Burgate Church Hall on Tuesday 16 February. Chairman Betty Garnham welcomed everyone to the first meeting since Christmas and asked everyone to remember club member Joyce Whymark who sadly died on Christmas Day. Betty then gave her annual report.

Outings and Events Organiser, Tom Davis; gave his report; Treasurers report was as circulated. President Mrs Gill Moore, Vice Presidents Mrs Sue Bawden and Mrs Vivian Bloomfield had all agreed to continue. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Event Organiser and Membership Recorder were all voted to continue their positions.

The membership fees are to remain unchanged. Future fundraising dates were discussed including the Spring Bingo in Wortham Village Hall on Monday 21 March at 7:30pm.

Meetings will continue back in Wortham Village Hall on Tuesday 1 March at 2pm.

Contact Tony on 01603 758158 or 07885 487016 or e mail at farmwatchltd@btconnect.com. Danny on 01553 670671 or 07798 635746 or email at Danny@farmwatchltd.co.uk

Tack thieves about Thieves were about in daylight at Barnham near Thetford. They were in the process of trying to cross the river with it when they were spotted, and ran off dropping the tack. I hope they got very wet and very cold!

Ride on Mower Stolen Thieves broke in to a garage near Melton Constable overnight and stole a John Deere X300 with a 42" mulching deck on it. The serial number of the machine was IMOX300ELCM220780. They also raided the building site next door and took various power tools. Lawn mowers are an in vogue target as spring and the cutting season approaches.

Suspected Deer Poaching Two incidents have been reported to me. The first was near West Acre, when the gamekeeper was disturbed in the middle of the night by what he thought was a rifle shot. He got dressed and went in that direction and found an Audi Car with 4 men in it sitting in one of his gateways. He blocked the car in, but was then blocked in by a VW Touareg car with 777 in the number. He was asked to move his vehicle and both vehicles left. Police were informed but did not attend. The index number of the Audi was similar to B13 TMT.

In the second incident the police response was a lot better. A vehicle was seen being driven on land near Brandon where it should not be in the early hours of the morning. Substantial damage was done to the wheat crops where they chased about after deer. The police were called and I am glad to say stopped the vehicle, and are dealing with the vehicle and occupants.

Please keep an eye out on your crops for vehicle damage of this sort, as you may well have a visit of a similar nature. The dog men are out every day in Cambs at the moment, and sometimes in Norfolk, so be on your guard, and if you find coursing in progress, stay safe and report it using the 999 system.

Ifor Williams Trailers These and other similar makes are very popular with our friends at the moment with incidents on the Norfolk/Suffolk border and in Cambridgeshire. Three trailers were taken from one site overnight, from March, so they are coming prepared and are very determined. Several have been stolen in Norfolk. Thieves also attacked a JCB near Wisbech, taking tools and diesel, and then smashed the machine up, doing some £10,000 worth of damage.

GPS systems are also still being stolen. If you take yours off the tractor, please store them in your house, as when they are stored in farm buildings our friends break in and search for them and take them. Eight sets were stolen in Fenland in January. If you leave it on the tractor, make sure it is parked in an alarmed building. They have all the time in the world to spot follow and then target you so keep aware if you are using this type of kit. With the Ifor Williams type Cattle trailers and horse boxes, you can easily mark the soft aluminium roof supports on the inside by scratching your post code with an old dart or a scribe. They can also have the post code painted on the roof to give the police helicopter something to look for!

Hare Coursers were about in the 10-Mile bank area at the weekend, Green Nissan Terrano index similar to P787 FAJ.

Batteries Silver Transit NJ 08 UNX has been reported in as visiting 3 further premises and are still at it, with a further one, index similar to NX 62 ESU also active. Please be very wary if either call in on you, and let us know asap if they do and let the police know via 101 if you can get through!

Do not leave batteries sitting outside in your yard or in open sheds as these people will have them. They must be making good money or they would not bother.

Gun dogs Scarcely a day goes by without good quality gun dogs being circulated in the social media having gone missing or having been stolen. Some are sometimes recovered having been utilised for puppy farming. Likewise Terriers and the like are taken for badger baiting. I find it surprising when I visit a farm and find the prize dog(s) in insecure kennels.

Sometimes the owners are blackmailed for their return with threats of death of the animal if instructions are not complied with. It is big business for some of our undesirables. Perhaps you may like to think about your situation if it applies, and take steps to make your best friend a little safer. One scrap collector in a transit colour white, index similar to X486 YBR was paying more than a little attention to the dogs at one place he called. Scruffy young man aged about 20.

Hire Van A Northgate hire van drove into a farm yard near Necton on Saturday afternoon. The driver did not seem keen to stop and talk to the occupier and drove off. Thanks to the CCTV we know the number was similar to RO 64 ODA.

Traditionally at this time of the year we lose a 4x4 or two, and with Land Rover stopping manufacture of the Defender, theft of and parts from them are easy to dispose of for money. If you have such an item please look after it, or you may see the bits being offered on eBay.

As of next year, the Caesar marking system will be coming in to play on new Quad bikes and Gators, hopefully making them a little safer. A tracker on them is well worth while having if it is offered as part of the kit. If not, we can do them at an attractive price.

Suspicious Land Rover Discovery Colour green and bearing a 14 plate was seen a long way off road where it should not have been near Ivy Todd. Drove away very quickly when an attempt was made to see what it was up to.

Tarmac Scammers Turned up yesterday at Carleton Forehoe offering to spray the driveway with tarmac from half a load which was left over from a job.

The two gentlemen concerned were white males in their 30's, bald and wearing very new high visibility jackets and trousers. They were using a Blue Ford Ranger index similar to MT 65 UTU. They were asked to leave before they could get into their variable pricing scheme. Do not get caught by these people, who often demand very large sums of money for very thin tarmac, having originally quoted far less. You have been warned.

Numbers to watch for:

Audi A4 index similar to B13 TMT. VW Touareg 4x4 with 777 in the number. Green Nissan Terrano index similar to P787 FAJ. Silver Transit index similar to NJ 08 UNX. Silver Transit tipper index similar to NX 62 ESU. White transit index similar to X486 YBR. Green 14 plate Discovery. Blue Ford Ranger index similar to MT 65 UTU.

Garden notes by Linda Simpson

It probably seems perverse to think about the autumn when spring has hardly started but once the spring bulbs start to flower I go around the garden notebook in hand to jot down what spring bulbs I need to order in the autumn and where I need to put them. This is because although I think I will remember what I felt was missing or I needed more of, I never do. Trying to remember which spring bulbs are where in the autumn when a whole growing season has come and gone is next to impossible.

I have problems keeping crocus bulbs since the mice seem to find them and eat them so I have focused on planting cyclamen coum and the early flowering iris' – *reticulata* and *histroides*. These have now started to make really good clumps and have been looking very colourful. The cyclamen self-seed and I keep an eye out for seedlings at this time of year and spread them around. However, I definitely need to order more of the iris in the autumn.

Many bulbs seem to do well in my sandy soil so I have a few very large clumps of this cheerful early flowering iris. I need to plant more close to the house where I can see them even if the weather keeps me indoors so I have made a note in my gardening notebook to remind me where I think I need to plant more.

Every year I also buy bulbs to grow in pots just outside the window to keep a cheering display going. Once these have finished I plant them out in the borders. The crocus I grow in this way do seem to have been left alone over the last couple of years once I have planted them out in the orchard so I am hoping that I may be able to slowly build up a display in this way.

It might of course be that because the last three winters have been milder so the mice have left them alone. I am not banking on them surviving but if I have had at least one seasons enjoyment from them when they were in pots it does not feel so frustrating.

Another reminder I have given myself is to buy more of an unusual dwarf iris, *iris tuberosa*, also known as *hermodactylus tuberosa*.

This is an unusual form which normally flowers in April but this year is flowering early like many other things. It has yellow flowers with black falls and has survived here for a few years now although it is not supposed to be hardy.

Unlike some of the other irises it has not bulked up but I plan to order more and try them in different spots.



As the season develops I will continue to note what bulbs I need to order and what combinations work well and then all I have to do in the autumn is to remember to check my notes!

'CALL ME DUFF'

*our very successful adaptation of the
BBC Panel game 'Call My Bluff'*

Saturday 2nd April, 7.30 pm

Wortham Village Hall

Doors and bar open at 7.00pm

£20 per team of 4 people

To reserve your table please contact Mike Cornish:

family.cornish@gmail.com 01379 309538

Raising funds for Wortham Village Hall



Twinning News

Around 40 members turned up for the annual general meeting on Tuesday 2nd February. During the business part of the meeting Chairman Nick Beasley and Treasurer Dave Long were re-elected and Judith Phillip was elected secretary, Linda Simpson having stood down from this role. The committee members Lynn Clark Joy Cornish, Chris Grocott, Gerry Gurhy, Katherine Hughes, Christina Odams, Andy Simpson and Linda Simpson were all re-elected.

Both a review of the last year and plans for the forthcoming year were summarised by Nick and members were encouraged to volunteer to join a small subcommittee to help organise the visit by the French in July this year.

At the end of the business part of the meeting a French themed quiz prepared by Nick and Andy was enjoyed by members. The winning team 'The Bonapartistes – Katherine and Terry Smith, Ian Luff and Andy Phillip each won a pack of mini eggs.

We are pleased to report that membership of Twinning is going from strength to strength and we are pleased to welcome new members Gina and Barry Cole, Fee and Nick Robertson, Susan Richardson, Charlie Vicky Joe and Amber Tustian.

HERITAGE CIRCLE, January

Neil Lanham, The Secrets of a Fine Arts Auctioneer

At the January meeting of the Heritage Circle some of the secrets of a Fine Art Auctioneer were disclosed by Neil Lanham, who was for many years an auctioneer at Clare.

After leaving an Estate Agent office he bought a failing Fine Art Auctioneers business and started by selling anything and everything. He straight away made a profit on some old English oak furniture, so he continued to obtain as much of this as he could. This was followed by other quality English furniture and gradually he gained a world-wide reputation as an honest auctioneer who got the best possible prices for his clients.

He explained the secrets he felt were behind his success as follows:

- he felt that staying as a “local” saleroom meant that he knew his clients and customers better than a big national company could;
- he always researched the background to his sale goods so he could describe them accurately in his catalogue;
- he never used the expressions “in the style of” or “believed to be from” – it was better to not put a name to it if he could not prove the provenance;
- he didn’t use an estimated price in his catalogues – he felt this could deter some customers and also might mean not getting the best price for his customer, to whom he advised a reserve price which he never disclosed elsewhere;
- his sales were always well advertised with many posters and good quality catalogues;
- he sent free catalogues to dealers and collectors he thought might be interested in particular items for sale;
- his was one of the earliest salerooms to use telephone and later internet bidding.

Mr Lanham’s interesting talk was accompanied by slides and anecdotes of many of the outstanding art and furniture he had sold for amazingly high, and unexpected, prices.

He said many people – including businesses and churches – do not know what treasures they own, and if they are considering selling anything they should always take advice from a reputable dealer and get at least two estimated prices.

HERITAGE CIRCLE

Derek Palgrave, Enjoying Heraldry

Derek Palgrave warned his audience that the study of heraldry can be 'dry,' however, his talk was the reverse when he spoke to the January meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall.

Derek explained that heraldry has five component parts. It contains symbols, colours, geometrical designs, recognisable allusions and conventions. He began to illustrate this by reference to the coat of arms for Suffolk. The main design is a sunrise over water which is an allusion to Suffolk containing the most easterly point in England where the sun rises first and its coast on the North Sea. There are also two crowns with arrows through them which is a link to St Edmund. Similarly, the coat of arms for Hong Kong contained a lion for Britain, a Chinese lion and had junks in a harbour. There is often wit that underlies coats of arms. The shield of the former Prime Minister, Edward Heath, had a cloud, a wide staircase and a portcullis. This alluded to his boat, Morning Cloud; his birthplace, Broadstairs; and his links to Westminster.

The coat of arms for Great Yarmouth shows dimidiation as two coats of arms are combined together. The original shield for the town had three silver herrings but Edward III allowed his three lions to be added as a reward to the men from the town who helped him to win the Battle of Sluys in 1340 against the French. Now the coat of arms has the head of three lions on the left and three fish tails on the right.

Derek described how he applied to the College of Arms for his own crest. His first test was to prove that he was a gentleman. He either had to be a university graduate or an officer. He satisfied both criteria. Then he engaged in a discussion with the College of Arms about the design of his shield. A Palgrave family, not related to him, had arms with lions rampant which was a helpful start. Then he was asked about allusions to himself. He had attended City of Norwich School and lived in Norfolk and these gave him part of his design. Further elements included were his fellowship of the Royal Society of Chemistry, his career in the RAF, and his interest in North Barningham Church, where some members of the Palgrave family are buried. He eventually received his grant on vellum and was very pleased with the outcome. Minor variations on the coat of arms are used by his family.

The talk finished with examples of unusual places where coats of arms may be found. Pubs often have coats of arms on their signs. The drain pipes at Audley End House have the family arms, while they appear on the ceiling and above a bed at Blickling Hall. There is a door latch at Drogo Castle with the coat of arms. Finally, the coat of arms for Bury St Edmunds appears on some dustbins in the town.

The talk was delivered with great enthusiasm which led to an enjoyable evening for the audience who posed many questions to the speaker after its conclusion.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 March 2016 at The Village Hall, Rickinghall IP221HD when Peter Driver will be speaking about Follies and Oddities of Suffolk. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net.

Gerry Gurhy

London nightlife by Tim Peake

ESA astronaut Tim Peake took this image of London from the International Space Station 400 km above Earth. At the time it was midnight in the capital city and, because the Space Station runs on Greenwich Mean Time, it was also the same time for Tim Peake.

Tim took this photo from the Space Station's European-built Cupola observatory. Such a clear image is rare: not only were there no clouds, but also Tim had the time to set up his camera. The Space Station flies at 17,500 mph, so only briefly passes over specific points of Earth and its ground track moves along on each 90-minute orbit – so Tim might not get another chance to image London during his six-month stay in space for the Principia mission.

The orbital outpost has to travel at this speed to keep it in orbit, but this only adds another complexity to night-time astronaut photography: to get such a sharp result, Tim had to compensate for the motion of the Space Station. Judging the speed required by trial and error, Tim kept a steady hand for the 1/60 of a second that the shutter was open, tracking the city and keeping it in the viewfinder.

The lights in the image are mainly street lighting, illuminating the streets of London. Lights appearing blue are LED-lit areas. Black areas in the picture correspond to unlit areas such as parks and rivers – the distinctive wind of the River Thames shows in black. Hyde Park, Regent's Park and Battersea Park are recognisable in the centre, the reservoirs at Walthamstow are upper centre, and Richmond Park is at lower left.



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THE BURGATE SINGERS

VOCAL WORKSHOP & 'SING VIVALDI'

BURGATE VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY 19th MARCH

1.30pm (for 2pm start) – 5.30pm

Burgate Singers under Musical Direction of Alain Judd are hosting another of their popular vocal workshops on 19th March at Burgate Village Hall. The workshop starts at 2pm and there will be a tea-break and high tea at 5.30pm.

Participants will have an opportunity to rehearse Vivaldi's Gloria (soloists welcome). A finale evening performance will take place at Burgate Church accompanied by a professional organist, starting at 7.30pm. Participants are advised to bring their own scores if possible and for the evening performance are asked to wear black (men may wear black or white shirts)

Cost for all-inclusive workshop, refreshments, full afternoon tea and evening performance is £20. Tickets and further information from Pat Greenwood on 01379 783987.

Evening concert: Please encourage your friends and family to attend the concert for which the audience tickets are £5 each (children free) – no booking is necessary – tickets can be obtained on the door.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US - BOOK EARLY TO GUARANTEE A PLACE!

Roella's 60th Birthday

Charity Dance

to

"Backstreet"

Saturday 16th July 2016

8.00 pm – Late at the Park Hotel, Diss

Tickets £5

From Park Hotel or 01379 650 471



You may have heard that Groundwork and Tesco are working together to award new funding to community green space projects.

Do you know of a local community green space project that would benefit from funding? If so, there are Bags of Help at hand! We're delighted that the money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores in the UK will be used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities across the UK.

Groundwork is administering the funding and you can find all the details on our dedicated website.

In total the Bags of Help programme will support around 2,500 projects each year across the UK – around 50 of those are likely to be in Suffolk. There will be two funding rounds per year over the next three years. That means that around £500,000 will be given out in grants.

Groundwork has over 30 years' experience of working with communities to change places and change lives for the better. We know that people are a part of the place they live, work and play so we're really excited to be involved in this scheme, helping people access valuable funding to run projects that improve community spaces.

We'd like to encourage our partners to make the most of this opportunity so please do consider the funding yourself or pass the information on to colleagues, groups or individuals you think might want to apply.

Groundwork East can also help groups and organisations tackle a multitude of other issues, bringing ideas to life and providing solutions to improve people's prospects, encourage greener living and working, and create better places. Our projects range from employment and training schemes through to education and youth work to landscape architecture and community work - and lots in between.

Please do get in touch if you would like to work with Groundwork or have any questions about this funding opportunity. Good luck!

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THE FLYING SCOTSMAN BACK ON TRACK



WORTHAM VILLAGE HALL ROOF

The scaffolding is down. Freeman and Jenner have completed the re-roofing of the village hall. Work included replacing the non-existent felting; bringing the roof insulation up to modern requirements AND replacing some 40+ broken tiles.

Our thanks go to everyone who has supported our fund raising events. We are also indebted to Gillian Hilder at Mid Suffolk District Council who guided us through our application and subsequent success in obtaining over £6000 grant funding. Jessica Fleming's Locality budget provided £1000. Suffolk community foundation £900 and a further £2000 came from the Suffolk Green Fund.

All in all, a successful project!

Mike Burgess

VILLAGE HALL DATES FOR YOUR MARCH DIARY

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| Wortham Morning Yoga | Village Hall | Tuesday | 01, 08, 15, 22 | 10:00 – 11:30 |
| Wortham Afternoon Yoga | Village Hall | Thursday | 03, 10, 17, 24 | 11:45 – 13:15 |
| Ballroom Dancing | Village Hall | Monday | 07, 14, 21 | 19:00 – 20:30 |
| Sewing Class | Village Hall | Monday | 07, 21 | 09:30 – 14:30 |
| Good Companions | Village Hall | Tuesday | 01, 15 | 14:00 – 16:30 |
| Tea's Made | Village Hall | Wednesday | 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 | 14:00 – 16:30 |
| Pilates | Village Hall | Wednesday | 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 | 09:30 – 10:30 |
| Pilates | Village Hall | Thursday | 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 18:00 – 19:00 |
| Good Companions Bingo | Village Hall | Saturday | 21 | 19:00 – 21:30 |
| Dance School | Village Hall | Thursday | 09, 16, 23, 30 | 19:15 – 20:15 |
| Friends of Wortham School | Village Hall | Monday | 18 | 17:00 – 19:00 |
| Polymer Guild | Village Hall | Sunday | 20 | 10:00 – 15:00 |

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