



# WOBUL

## WOrtham & BURgate Letter

May  
2016



**Justice for the 96 arrives after 27 years of lies and cover-ups. Respect for families' love and perseverance.**

### IN THIS ISSUE

- |       |  |  |
|-------|--|--|
| 2     | Wortham & Burgate Commons – <b>Please read this</b>        |  |
| 3     | The state of Suffolk Roads – survey result                 |  |
| 4     | Rickinghall & District Community Bus                       | Red Cross Fundraisers wanted             |
| 5     | Diss Corn Hall On Tour – May events                        |  |
| 6     | Jim Moule Photo Sale in Palgrave                           | Roella's 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party |
| 7     | Bill's Birds for May                                       |  |
| 8     | Friends of Botesdale Health Centre AGM                     | Friends of Burgate Church event          |
| 9     | Burgate News   |  |
| 10    | Diss Cyclathon   |  |
| 11    | Borderhoppa Dial-a-Ride Service                            | Wortham Open Gardens                     |
| 12    | Friends of Wortham Church – Upcycling                      |  |
| 13    | NGS Garden Open – Linda & Andy Simpson's Batteleys Cottage |  |
| 14    | Police Connect – <b>Wanted</b> – Matthew Holloway          |  |
| 15    | Heritage Circle – You'll make a lovely sergeant            |  |
| 16    | Garden Notes by Linda Simpson                              |  |
| 17    | Try Tennis For Free – Wortham Lawn Tennis Club             |  |
| 18    | The Sheila Rush Page                                       |  |
| 19    | Wortham Bowls Club   |  |
| 20    | Tim Peake on International Space Station                   |  |
| 21-22 | Brome Recycling Centre Re-opens                            |  |
| 23    | Parish Councillor vacancies                                | Dates for your May diary                 |

The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrated by a large crowd on Long Green, Wortham. The next beacon was in Long Stratton or Bungay. Thanks to Stephen Rash for his speech and lighting the beacon, Jacky Bradley for organising the beacon and wood, and to firework sponsors, The Manor House.



Photographs by Brigitte Butcher

# Wortham & Burgate Commons

## Help us preserve these unique environments

**Wortham and Burgate have over 250 acres of registered common land in separate and distinct areas viz Burgate Great Green, Burgate Little Green, Furze Way, Stubbings Green, Wortham Long Green, The Marsh, Magpie Green and the Ling. The Ling is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and the Long Green is designated as a Visibly Important Open Space (VIOS).**



Each area has a unique character and considerable landscape and conservation value. They are havens for wildlife because they have been managed in the same way for hundreds of years by light grazing and cutting the grass for hay. Herbicides and fertilisers have not been applied so many scarce meadow plants have survived.

**All areas are open public access. We can all appreciate and enjoy their variety, beauty and biodiversity.**

For this to continue we (owners and accessing public) need to continue to apply certain management and / or protection practices. By

- Maintaining the turf (6" minimum) by 'topping' and NOT by mowing.
- Clearing (carefully) any encroachment of invasive trees and bushes. This clearly advises that additional trees and bushes should NOT be planted.
- Dog walkers picking up their animal's excrement
- Not parking any vehicle in such a way as to cause damage or block footpath access.
- Not dumping garden (or other) refuse. Not lighting any fires, for example, to burn any dumped garden refuse!
- Not shooting (at) any birds.
- Those with rights to graze animals erecting fences clear of footpaths and other public rights of way with clearly visible warning signs attached to any electric fencing.



If we all apply these practices then the character of the Commons will be maintained, if not enhanced.

For further details please access the more fully informative Commons Booklet under 'Our Villages' on the Wortham and Burgate Community website.

**Paul Burd** (Councillor for Wortham) for Wortham & Burgate Parish Council (pfb51.pb@gmail.com).

March 2016

## Survey reveals the state of Suffolk roads is number one concern

April 14, 2016

**A recent survey, presenting a snapshot of rural services available throughout Suffolk, reveals that roads and road issues are the main concerns for Suffolk's parishes.**

The survey, carried out by Community Action Suffolk (CAS) asked respondents to rank the top concerns for their area. Following roads, these include transport / bus services and technology / broadband.

The survey highlights some positive developments, such as an increase in the recorded number of community buildings, community-run pubs and over a quarter of parishes surveyed are pursuing plans for affordable housing.

Janice Banks, interim Chief Executive of CAS, said:

"Overall there remains a good spread of services and facilities across rural Suffolk. Village Halls and Community Buildings continue to be an important central hub for communities across the county, and these along with other community assets are essential in creating and maintaining resilient, sustainable communities in the future."

However, we are conscious that there are areas for concern, and Community Action Suffolk exists to support communities with their activities to improve services and residents' wellbeing, particularly in rural areas."

CAS invited representatives, primarily parish and town councils, from Suffolk's 421 eligible parishes to contribute to the Rural Services Survey. 359 responses were received, giving a response rate of 85%. Towns with populations of over 10,000 were not invited to take part<sup>[1]</sup>, as these are classed as urban, not rural.

The survey determines the type and number of services and facilities currently in rural parishes across Suffolk and whether there have been any significant changes in these numbers (as of Autumn/Winter 2015) since previous surveys carried out in 2012 and 2008. Previous Rural Services Surveys were carried out by Suffolk ACRE (now CAS).

It is important to note that all of the responses are from the parishes themselves.<sup>[2][3]</sup> Community Action Suffolk has chosen not to validate this information. This reflects the perception of the services that exist as well as those that actually exist that respondents are aware of.

---

### Footnotes

[1] The 11 towns which have populations of over 10,000 are Ipswich, Lowestoft, Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill, Felixstowe, Stowmarket, Newmarket, Kesgrave, Sudbury, Mildenhall and Beccles.

[2] Some have responded as a collective from the Parish Council, Town Council or Parish Meetings; others are the views of an individual respondent.

[3] Whilst all rural parishes were invited to take part in 2015, 2012 and 2008 Rural Services Survey, there were some parish representatives that completed one and not the other survey, and this should be borne in mind when considering the comparisons.

## Rickinghall & Botesdale Good Neighbour Scheme

### Rickinghall & District Community Bus

As reported in last month's WOBUL, the news is all good. The service will continue to operate as usual, but there will be a small adjustment to the mileage cost effective from 1st May.

My thanks to the following who have worked to ensure the future of our community bus:



- First to the people and organisations who took the trouble to convey their concerns to Suffolk County Council.
- Secondly to Suffolk County Council which responded so generously by giving the bus to Rickinghall Parish Council.
- Thirdly to Rickinghall Parish Council for accepting ownership, thereby enabling RBGNS to continue to operate the system.
- Also, to all the volunteer drivers who give their time and energy.
- District Councillor, Derek Osborne, for his support and encouragement.
- And, last, but not least, our County Councillor, Jessica Fleming, for making funds available to cover the start-up costs.

With the County Council divesting all community transport I think it not unreasonable to conclude  
"A good job done by all".

GJG Lawrence, Co-ordinator, Rickinghall & District Community Transport



My name is Paul Fleet and I am Senior Community Fundraiser for British Red Cross in Norfolk & 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 940730

# DISS CORN HALL ARTS



**FILM** Wednesday 4 May EARLY START 7.15pm • Bridge of Spies (12A)  
Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50



**WORD** Thursday 5 May 6-8pm  
Brave New Reads launch event • Diss Library • FREE  
Book in person at Diss Library, Corn Hall box office or online (incurs a 50p fee)

**THEATRE** Friday 6 & Saturday 7 May 7.30pm  
Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 May 3.30pm • Eastern Angles • Somewhere in England  
100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum, Thorpe Abbotts, IP21 4PH  
Tickets: £14 / Concessions £13

**FAMILY** Saturday 7 May 2pm  
The Saturday Club • Morgan & West's - Utterly Spiffing Spectacular Magic Show  
Garboldisham Village Hall, IP22 2SE  
Tickets: £7 / Children £4 / Family 2 adults, 2 children £20 (Ages 5+)



**COMEDY & MAGIC** Saturday 7 May 7.30pm  
Morgan & West - Parlour Tricks  
Garboldisham Village Hall, IP22 2SE  
Tickets: £12 / Concessions £10 / Family 2 Adults, 2 children £39 (Ages 7 – 107)

**FILM** Wednesday 11 May 7.30pm • The Lobster (15)  
Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50



**THEATRE** Saturday 14 May 7.30pm  
Open Space • Habeas Corpus by Alan Bennett  
Garboldisham Village Hall, IP22 2SE  
Tickets: £10 / Concessions £8.50

**FILM** Wednesday 18 May 7.30pm • Carol (15)  
Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

**WORKSHOP** Saturday 21 May 10am-12pm & 1.30-3.30pm  
Make your own pendant with Silver Clay  
Upstairs Studio, Designermakers21, IP22 4LB • £40 including materials

**FILM** Wednesday 25 May 7.30pm • Closely Observed Trains (15)  
Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

**COMEDY** Friday 27 May 8pm  
Comedy Club • Phil Nichol • Darius Davies • Neil McFarlane - Compère  
Diss Rugby Club • Tickets: Advance £9 / Door £10 Min age 18



**BOX OFFICE 01379 652241** Every day except Tuesday and Sunday 10am-4pm

Opposite the Corn Hall at Designermakers@21, 21 St Nicholas St, Diss IP22 4LB [www.disscornhall.co.uk](http://www.disscornhall.co.uk)

## **JIM MOULE PHOTO SALE**

### **Roella Trudgill**

is holding a sale of some old photos of the late Jim Moule, formerly of Palgrave, at **Palgrave Community Centre, 10.00 - 2.00, Sunday 15th May**, as part of its Garage Sale Trail! The photos comprise:

50 photos of Botesdale  
27 of Diss  
45 of Palgrave  
8 of Redgrave  
50 of Rickinghall  
12 of Stanton  
6 of Walsham Le Willows  
70 miscellaneous and unidentified  
5 postcards of local scenes

All monies raised will go to Pancreatic Cancer and Brain Tumour Research

## **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**

***All Proceeds to Pancreatic Cancer  
and Brain Tumour Research***

## BILL'S BIRDS

On the morning of 23rd March, on the way to get my paper at the local newsagent in Rickinghall, I heard a bird singing just off The Street. It was a migrating warbler and definitely not a Black Cap or other warbler. How frustrating, no means of recording it and not even seeing it! Could my brain carry the song back to my computer which contains the "Guide to British Birds"? Suddenly I needed an expert by my side. I shall never know what it was, other than an unknown migrating warbler on its way to a suitable breeding habitat, extolling the joys of early spring and hoping to pick up a mate!

This leads me on to the song of one of our local birds - the Starling. Have you ever stopped to listen to its continued 'bubbling, whistling and singing' song? It is also a known mimic, not only of other birds but also of human noises. My wife and I at the Chapel House, Botesdale, when in the garden, were occasionally called to the phone, thinking it was the outside bell, but it was only part of the "bubbling" song of a local Starling!

Bird song can be very difficult to recognise, especially as both the memory and direction of bird song can be complicated by ageing failure to hear, and the use of only a single hearing aid.

I have recently heard (and seen) the Stock Dove, both from our house and in the willows round the bridge in Fen Lane, Rickinghall. Different to our well-known Wood Pigeon, it has a repeated, cooing 'hiccup' - that's the only way I can describe it. The Stock Dove is smaller than our Wood Pigeon without the white wing and neck markings and with a smooth, dark blue plumage.



Apart from the easily distinguished Turtle and Collared doves, the other wild dove in the UK is the **Rock Dove**, which inhabits the rocky cliffs of our shores. The 'common' pigeon seen in town and city centres or by the side of Diss Mere is an offshoot of the Rock Dove. This is the pigeon which used to be excellent food for big houses which always had a dovecote for breeding and eating purposes. It has up to six broods a year. Some of these birds are what are called "feral" Rock Doves, i.e. they have resumed their wild state after escaping from captivity. (*Pic Left*)

At last, from our house, I have viewed no less than five Buzzards circling together. I realise that many of you have far higher counts (13 is the winner at present), but this was my exciting best number.

Over the last few months I have been informed of sightings of visiting unusual birds, mostly large ones: Cranes, Buzzards, the Red Kite (*pic Right*), the Bittern and Nightjar. Perhaps they have been kicked out from the family home, well won against opposition in past years, and now is the time for the offspring to seek habitats in other areas for themselves.



When you get this magazine's edition it will be in May and I shall be interested to learn of your first sightings or sounds of our spring visitors. As I write this, on 5th April, I have just been informed that the Cuckoo has been heard, and when walking on our terrace I heard the distant call of a Chiff Chaff. It will be interesting to learn of the arrival of the Swallow, Martin and Swift and, in course of time, the other warblers.



FoBHC

The Annual General Meeting will be held at  
The Botesdale Health Centre

**MONDAY 9th May 2016 at 7.30 pm**

Come along and meet people from all the sections that make up the Practice – doctors, nurses, office and pharmacy staff. There will be ‘behind the scenes’ tours of the Health Centre including x-ray, ultrasound and equipment provided by the Friends.

Dr Andrew Yager will be giving a talk about his Local Commissioning/Cancer care role which has developed since retiring from the Health Centre.

Everyone is welcome so do come along. We look forward to meeting you and sharing a glass of wine.



*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016*

*7.00 pm for 7.30 pm on*

**Burgate Little Green**

*Canapés on arrival*

*Caribbean dinner*

*Coffee*

*(Please bring your own drinks)*

**Tickets: £20.00 each available in advance from  
Jennie Labdon 01379 783598**





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.

**Kettles On** continues to be very popular. A warm welcome is assured to old friends, newcomers, and passers-by! A probable record of 39 were served tea, coffee and cakes on 1<sup>st</sup> April.



### Woodland Walk

This will take place on **Bank Holiday Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. Come to Pointons Barn on Little Green from 2.00 pm for a short tractor ride to Burgate Wood. This wood is only open to the public once a year - this is an opportunity not to be missed. Light refreshments available. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults £2.50, children 50p.

### Cambridge Half Marathon – 28 February 2016

Sarah and Jax Labdon would like to say a "Big Thank You" to everyone in Burgate and surrounding areas who supported them. They ran the marathon in a respectable time of 2 hrs 6 mins and raised a fantastic total of £2,500, which will be donated to Parkinsons UK and Prostate Cancer UK. Thank you everybody.

#### Church Flowers

7 <sup>th</sup> May	Jennie Labdon
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Shudy Walker
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Shudy Walker
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Michelle Furness

#### Hall Cleaning

Fee Robertson

**Church Hall Booking Secretary:**

Judi Tann 01379 783302

# DISS CYCLATHON

## SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2016



SPORTIVE  
COME & TRY IT RIDES  
GRAIN BEER TENT  
WHEELIE WONDERFUL TRAIL  
LIVE MUSIC  
FUN FAIR  
TRADE STANDS  
COFFEE & CAKE



Talk to a local cyclist in Norfolk or Suffolk and they'll tell you the best cycling in the area is on the beautiful country lanes and that the best stops are in the many cafes in the market towns. As part of the Diss Cyclathon we've decided to combine the two into a Nine Town Sportive.

There's a choice of 25, 50 and 100 mile routes and you get all the things you'd expect from a Sportive.

Marked routes and downloadable maps to guide you along the way.  
Mechanical assistance should your bike break down and a broom wagon should you break down!

Lots of lovely cycling folk to ride with and chat to.  
Plus the warm feeling that you're supporting local cycling and our friends at the Air Ambulance.

**Register to ride at [www.disscyclathon.org](http://www.disscyclathon.org)**

If you prefer not to pedal then spend your time exploring Diss where there will be a range of fun activities and events that pay homage to all things cycling - modern, historical and that which is just good fun!

If you're entering the Sportive, why not bring along the whole family to cheer you over the finishing line? There'll be plenty to keep them busy from stalls, stands and live music to a fun fair, a smoothie bike, beer tent, and lots of places to eat and drink.





## Borderhoppa Dial-a-Ride service

Borderhoppa buses are available to people of all ages who are unable to use ordinary bus services either because of mobility difficulties or because there isn't a bus service for them to use.

You can use a Borderhoppa bus to take you shopping, for doctors or other appointments, visit a friend or relative or to attend your local community group/club. Borderhoppa can also connect you with bus and train services to Norwich, Ipswich and beyond.

All drivers are fully trained. Borderhoppa buses pick users up from their door and will take them back again. Most vehicles are fitted with wheelchair lifts to make them fully accessible.

To use the dial-a-ride service all passengers need to become members. This costs £6 for 6 months or £10 for 12 months. Fares are priced according to distance travelled.

Membership forms are available to download from our website [borderhoppa.org](http://borderhoppa.org) or you can request one by calling our office on 01379 854800.

# WORTHAM OPEN GARDENS

*4 miles from Diss on A143*

**11-12 JUNE**

**11am - 5pm**

**Programmes available  
in advance from  
Wortham Post Office**

for further information see  
[www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk)  
Twitter:@worthamgardens

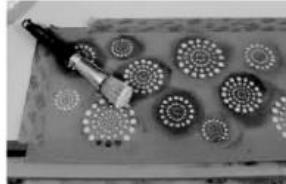


## JOIN THE UPCYCLE REVOLUTION



### 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



**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE RECEIVED BY MAUREEN OR CHRISSY  
BY 08/06/2016 OR CONTACT THEM WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

**ng's** gardens open  
for charity

# Garden Open Battleleys Cottage

The Ling  
Wortham  
Diss IP22 1ST

**Sun 15 May**  
**1 - 5.30pm**

**Adm: £4**  
**Children: free**

**Plants for Sale**



The National Gardens Scheme: Registered Charity No. 1112664

[www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)



SUFFOLK  
CONSTABULARY

POLICE CONNECT  
*Keeping you informed, keeping your community safe*

Police across the region are currently investigating a small spate of burglaries where elderly people have been targeted by groups of men. The men often claim that work is required on the property and may force their way into the house where they steal cash or other valuables.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind people how to stay safe at home, therefore please see attached document. Please take this opportunity to speak with elderly friends, relatives and neighbours and make sure that they are aware how to keep themselves safe at home.

## **WANTED**

### **Matthew Holloway**



Police are appealing for the public's help in tracing a man who is wanted for multiple fraud offences.

Matthew Holloway, 45, is believed to be behind a number of frauds in Cambridgeshire worth a total of more than £100,000.

The frauds involved a claim by Holloway that he had a multi-million-pound trust fund but required a loan from the victim to pay fees in order access the money. It is believed Holloway could be in the eastern region.

Photographs of Holloway are above, the one on the right showing how detectives believe he looks now.

Anyone with information should contact DC Mark Yendley at Cambridgeshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111 or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

*Police Connect Team*

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.

### **Janette Robinson, 'You'll Make A Lovely Sergeant' – The First World War experience of Flora Sandes**

Janette Robinson presented the fascinating and unique story of Flora Sandes to the April meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall. Flora Sandes was the only western woman to fight in the front line in World War I. Janette became 'engrossed' in the story of Flora Sandes while working as an archivist in Wickham Market and has conducted painstaking research into her life.

Flora came from a privileged background. She was born, the daughter of a vicar, in Yorkshire in 1876. The family moved to Marlesford in Suffolk in 1886 and later went to Thornton Heath, near London. While growing up, she engaged in riding, hunting and shooting with her brothers. She was educated at home by governesses, before attending a Swiss finishing school where she learned French and German. After this, Flora trained as a secretary but in her spare time she studied first aid.

When war broke out in August 1914, Flora wanted to become involved. She tried to join the Red Cross as a nurse but was rejected as she lacked formal qualifications. Undaunted, Flora, aged 38, joined the Serbian Red Cross and within weeks was at a hospital at Kragujevac, near the front line. The conditions in the hospital were appalling. Two doctors, five orderlies and eight nurses cared for 1,200 badly wounded men. There were no anaesthetics and they had no running water. Flora then worked in a hospital at Valjevo where the overcrowded conditions caused a typhus epidemic. She worked tirelessly in the hospital caring for the sick and the wounded, and undertaking minor surgical operations. She recounted amputating a soldier's toes with a pair of scissors! Inevitably, Flora contracted typhus, and later hepatitis, but managed to survive.

The war went badly for Serbia and the army was forced to retreat across the mountains to Adriatic Sea where it was evacuated to Corfu. During this terrible retreat in the rain and snow of November 1914, Flora enlisted in the Serbian army as a private. She saw action with the rear guard. Other soldiers were inspired by her bravery and no longer saw her as a woman. She was promoted and gained honours over the next two years. A brief return to England in 1916 allowed her to raise funds for Serbia and to write her first autobiography. On her return, Flora was involved in severe fighting with the Bulgarians. She was seriously wounded by a grenade, sustaining 24 wounds which were operated on without an anaesthetic. She was awarded the Karadorde's Star, the highest military honour in Serbia, and promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major. The international press publicised Flora's achievements and she became a role model for other women. She undertook further fundraising for Serbia and she gained fame in Britain. During 1918, after a further return to Serbia, Flora became ill with Spanish flu. This epidemic killed many millions across Europe but Flora managed to recover. In 1919 she was commissioned as an officer in the Serb army but was demobilised in 1922. She came to live in Suffolk but could not settle. She tried to earn money through a second autobiography but there was little interest in stories about a war that people wanted to forget. Flora lived briefly in Paris before going to Belgrade. She was still there in 1941 when the Germans invaded Yugoslavia. Despite being imprisoned for a short time, she was able to survive until liberation by the Communist partisans.

In 1946 Flora finally came back to live in Lower Hacheston, Suffolk until her death in 1956 at the age of 80. She had shown bravery and resilience throughout her life, dedicating herself to the service of Serbia and its army despite enormous personal cost. She was featured in a Serbian film in 2006 and has been commemorated in a Serbian stamp but she has been largely ignored in Britain. There is a small plaque to her in Marlesford Church and a pub named after her in Thorndon Heath but this is scant recognition for such a remarkable woman.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25 May 2016 at The Village Hall, Rickinghall IP221HD. Annie May will be speaking about the Burston Strike School. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, [www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net](http://www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net).

*Gerry Gurhy*

## Garden notes by Linda Simpson

We all love spring and one of the things I particularly love is the wonderful colours of the countryside. It reminds us of just how many variations of green there are. Not just green either but bronzes coppers and yellows. If you could only capture those colours and freshness wouldn't it be wonderful. Of course it is its fleetingness that makes it so wonderful I suppose since if it all looked like that all the time we might not notice.

I do try and grow a range of plants with different leaf colours but although they do give a lift over a long period (I have written before about the effect of golden foliage in darker corners) they do not somehow convey the same freshness.

This spring has seemed long with very few warmer days to help us feel summer is on the way. It has its advantages though, since it means the spring flowers last for much longer. The early tulips that started flowering three weeks ago are still going strong whilst the later flowering tulips are only just beginning to come into flower.



Opening my garden on 15<sup>th</sup> May for the National Garden Scheme this year, much earlier than in previous years, I am wondering exactly what will be in flower. It's always a bit of a gamble with the weather not just on opening day but on the days leading up to it. There is always something to see but there are some plants I hope will be 'performing'.

One such is a shrub Rubus Tridel Beneden. It's a shrub that deserves to be better known and when people see it in flower they usually think it is a rose. It has single open cup shaped blooms – at the moment it seems a long way from flowering with the leaves only just opening but I am hopeful that we may have a few warm days between now and then which will help encourage it into flower – come and see for yourself on 15<sup>th</sup>!

The continuing cold weather is also causing a bit of headache with trying to harden off plants. It doesn't matter even if you have hardened off frost susceptible plants a hard enough frost (anything below 0/-1) will still damage them and give them a shock. They may not die but will be given a check so all your hard work in sowing and nurturing them earlier will be put back.

So even if we have some warmer days do not get lulled into a false sense of security and if you do put plants out be ready with the fleece to protect them if frost is forecast. I don't know how long the weather is going to continue with this northerly airstream bringing temperatures down but it is probably worth being cautious for another couple of weeks at least.



Suffolk Sports Club of the Year

Suffolk LTA Club of the Year



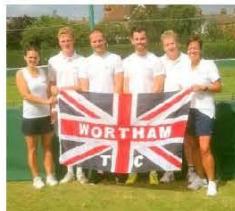
**OPEN DAY SUNDAY 15 MAY 10AM – 3PM**

**COME AND HAVE A GO AT TENNIS**

**TENNIS ACTIVITIES FOR ALL – ANY STANDARD, ANY AGE  
(complete beginner to experienced player)**

All day barbecue, cakes and refreshments

Your chance to find out what happens at Wortham Tennis Club!



<http://www.worthamtennisclub.co.uk/>

Sign up at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays> or just come along on the day

## Wortham Village Hall – Call Me Duff

The adaptation of the BBC panel game, Call My Bluff returned to the Village Hall on Saturday 2 April. Chairman of the hall, Barry Higgs, welcomed everybody and thanked them for supporting the event. Ian Haywood was in the chair presiding over the panel members Mike Breen, Linda Simpson and Leslie Dumbell. There were eleven tables of four contestants and the winner was Team 11. There was also a bar and a raffle and £351 was raised for village hall funds.

## Royal British Legion, Women's Section

Sadly, the **RBLWS is to be disbanded** later this year. It was formed in 1921 and today has about 30,000 members in more than 700 branches. The Women's Section have been the backbone of the RBL and members are very angry at the way they are being treated. Both Eye and Botesdale Branches have decided to disband which means that both Standards will have to be laid up, as well as the National Standard, and the National Chairman will no longer be able to lay a wreath at The Cenotaph each year. If any branches should disband, their members will also lose their membership of RBL. It is a very upsetting time for everyone.

## Hat Trick

Many congratulations for a third successive year to **Carole Baker** of Wortham who has achieved the honour of becoming National Over-60s Champion. Representing Norfolk Bowls Club, Carole defeated ladies from Norfolk before attending the National Championships at Nottingham Bowls Club defeating ladies from Worcestershire, Tyne & Wear, Yorkshire and Devon to take the title. Carole is also captain of the Norfolk County Ladies Team and was proud of her team in winning the national Atherley Trophy at Melton Mowbray in April against a strong team from Devon by 113 to 104 shots.

## Friends of Wortham Church

FOWC is holding a **Willow Weaving** day on Friday 27 May 10am – 4pm in Wortham Village Hall. The task is to make a Berry Basket and the total cost including materials and lunch will be £45 per person. Contact Maureen Ling on 01379 783236 or Chrissy Cole on 01379 890220 to book your place.

## Birthday Beacon

After a short speech in the Manor House pub remembering some of the many things that have occurred in the past 90 years, Chairman of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council, Stephen Rash, lit the Beacon in front of some 200 visitors. This was then followed by a firework display.

There was a Royal Toast to The Queen and also a toast to former Wortham resident, (Elizabeth) Betty Garnham who shared the 21 April birth date; as Betty was unable to attend the evening event, a lovely floral arrangement was sent to her by the Parish Council. It was nice to see lots of older children at the beacon and display, and it was felt by all that our Beacon was far better than the one lit at Windsor! The next beacons in our region were at Long Stratton and Bungay.

Congratulations to Jacky Bradley and family for supplying the wood for the beacon (much of it unusable rotten fence posts formerly lining the main road), to the Parish Council and to Johnny Parr and Nish of the Manor House for hosting and providing the excellent firework display.

## Wortham Bowls Club

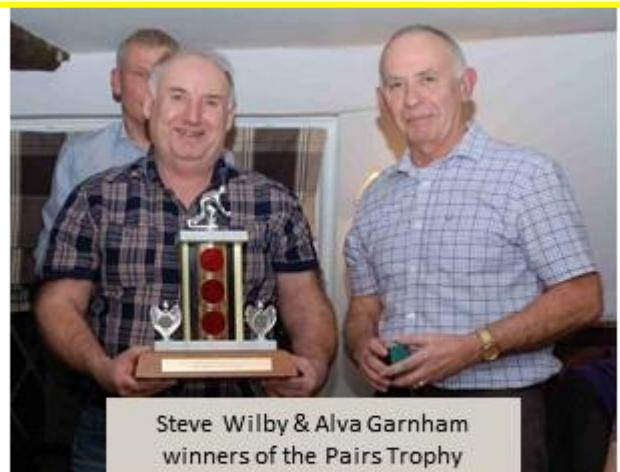
On Saturday 23 April, the Bowls Club Tuesday Team captain, Richard Pursehouse, officially opened its bowls green. Although it was freezing cold, and snowed, it was a pleasant afternoon and tea was served. Trophies and prizes were presented.



Two of the large trophies are League Cups won last season.



L-R: Bernie Trigg, Chairman; Derek Frost, Richard Pursehouse, Alva & Rachel Garnham. Derek, Alva & Rachel won the Triples Trophy being held by Richard.



Rachel Garnham  
Ladies Singles  
Winner.

Alva Garnham won both the Men's  
Singles and the Eddie Hall Trophy

Steve Drake being presented with the Handicap  
Trophy by Bernie Trigg, Club Chairman



## Tim Peake on International Space Station: Pics ESA

- 24.04.16 Harnessed to the deck, Tim sets a Guinness Off-World Marathon Record of 3 hours 35 minutes 21 seconds, whilst watching the race on BBC TV
- 15.04.16 Sun Rise and Shine
- 15.04.16 SpaceX satellite passing by the ISS
- 12.04.16 Yuri Gagarin Day – reading Gagarin's signed autobiography



# Brome Community Recycling Centre

<u>Address</u>	<u>Site opening times</u>
Brome Community Recycling Centre  Brome Industrial Estate, B1077, Brome, Eye, Suffolk IP23 7HN	<b>Monday and Tuesday:</b> 10am until 4pm <b>Wednesday:</b> Closed <b>Thursday and Friday:</b> 10am until 4pm <b>Saturday:</b> 10am until 4pm <b>Sunday:</b> Closed <b>Bank Holidays:</b> 10am until 2pm  <b>Site Closed:</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday to Sunday in June, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday to Sunday in October,</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January.</b>

Mid Suffolk District Council are pleased to announce that after successful negotiation, the popular Brome Community Recycling Centre is to re-open on Monday 2nd May 2016.

Mid Suffolk District Council has worked with partners to provide the site to ensure this valuable community service can re-open. The recycling centre will be operated by KHK Recycling. Charges apply for certain types of waste, to pay for disposal and the costs of running the facility.

## Items accepted at Brome Community Recycling Centre (Prices current as of April 2016)

<b>Waste Type</b>	<b>Charge (£)</b>
Commercial/Builders Waste	Priced accordingly, call for a quote
Hardcore/Rubble/Soil	£2.00 per 25kg bag
Gas Bottles	£3.00 per item
Fridges/Fridge Freezers	£10.00 per item
Domestic Appliances	£6.00 per item
Carpet/Underlay	£5.00 per item
Mixed Metals	No charge
TVs	£3.00 per item
Small WEEE (Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment)	No charge
Mattress (Single)	£6.00 per item
Mattress (Double/Queen/King Size)	£10.00 per item
Wooden Door	£3.00 per item
Sofa (2 & 3 seater)	£10.00 per item
Corner Sofa	£15.00 per item
Armchair	£6.00 per item
Bed Base (Wooden)	£5.00 per item
Textiles	No charge
Glass (Bottles and Jars)	No charge
Batteries (Domestic type or vehicle - clarify)	No charge
Cardboard/Paper	No charge
Cooking Oil	No charge
Household/Garden Waste inc. Wood - Car or Small Trailer	£6.00 per load
Household/Garden Waste inc. Wood - Large Car/ Small Van or Medium Trailer	£15.00 per load
Household/Garden Waste inc. Wood - Large Van or Large Trailer	£20.00 per load or priced accordingly

## **Unacceptable Items**

We are NOT able to accept the following items at this site:

Asbestos, Paints/Solvents, Plasterboard inc. gypsum, Tyres, Explosives, Clinical Waste, Animal Waste/Pet Bedding.

To arrange a collection of hazardous waste including asbestos, paints/solvents, please ask your local council about Hazardous Waste Collection Services.

To arrange the collection of clinical waste, please see please ask your local council about Clinical Waste Collection Services.

Plasterboard is only accepted at four Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's) in Suffolk;

Bury St Edmunds - Rougham Hill, IP33 2RW\*

Lowestoft - Hadenham Road, NR33 7NF\*

Foxhall - Foxhall Road, Brightwell, IP10 0HT\*

Stowmarket - Old Bury Road, IP14 1JQ\*

\*As of April 1st 2016 the limit on the amount of Plasterboard accepted on Suffolk County Council run sites has been removed. Plasterboard is not classed as a household waste product (according to the Controlled Waste Regulations) and therefore a small charge will be made to dispose of this type of waste. For information on prices, [click here](#).

**For all enquiries about Brome Community Recycling Centre please contact:**

KHK Recycling  
07857 662528  
[khkrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:khkrecycling@gmail.com)



[www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk)

**For additional information about Mid Suffolk District Council waste services please visit:**

**<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services>**

# WORTHAM & BURGATE PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT HAPPENS IN THE PARISH AND YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME, WHY NOT JOIN AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

**Come to the next meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT Netty Verkroost

07557 333 811 [wandbpc@gmail.com](mailto:wandbpc@gmail.com)

### VILLAGE HALL DATES FOR YOUR MAY DIARY

Wortham Morning Yoga	Village Hall	Tuesday	03, 10, 17, 24	10:00 – 11:30
Wortham Afternoon Yoga	Village Hall	Thursday	12, 19, 26	11:45 – 13:15
Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall	Monday	09, 16, 23	19:00 – 20:30
Sewing Class	Village Hall	Monday	09, 23	09:30 – 14:30
Good Companions	Village Hall	Tuesday	24	14:00 – 16:30
Tea's Made	Village Hall	Wednesday	04, 11, 18, 25	14:00 – 16:30
Pilates	Village Hall	Wednesday	04, 11, 18, 25	09:30 – 10:30
Pilates	Village Hall	Thursday	12, 19, 26	18:00 – 19:00
Parish Council	Village Hall	Tuesday	17	19:30
Dance School	Village Hall	Friday	13	16:00 – 19:00
Friends of Wortham Church	Village Hall	Friday	27	18:00 – 23:59
PCC Election	Village Hall	Thursday	05	19:00 – 22:30

***WOBUL is published monthly as a service of the Wortham & Burgate Community Action Programme***

***Members of the CAP: Terry Quinn (Chairman), Paul Bradley (Deputy Chairman), Michael & Paddy Richards, Sheila Rudland, Cath Aspinall, Paul & Alexis Burd, John Payton, Victoria Tustian and Chris Williams (Treasurer).***

***Editor: Mike Bowen. The Chalet, Union Lane, Wortham. IP22 1SP.***

***Tel: 01379 650192 email: [wobul@mcb-biz.net](mailto:wobul@mcb-biz.net)***

***The Editor thanks all contributors for their timely submissions and states that the views stated herein are his or those of the article contributor and not of the W&B Community Action Programme.***