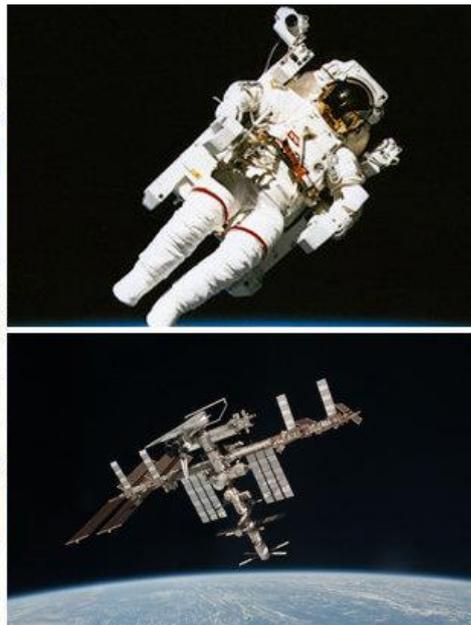


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UK's Space Ambassador Tim Peake returns to Earth from ISS on 18 June with colleagues Tim Kopra and Yuri Malenchenko. They will land at 09:13 GMT in the steppes of Kazakhstan and Tim will return straight to the European Astronaut Centre in Cologne, Germany, for check-ups and research into how humans adapt to living in space. Thanks for the memories and photos, Tim! Photos: ESA

Garden notes by Linda Simpson

Last month I wrote about the shrub *Rubus Tridel Beneden*. I was hoping it would be open for our National Garden Scheme Open day on 15th May. As luck would have it, it was and it looked lovely.

Fortunately, some of the tulips were still out although there was plenty of colour to enjoy for the 240 visitors who came. Since then the tulips have faded but have been taken over by the large purple headed alliums giving a vertical accent in the rapidly filling borders.



Sometimes visitors in the winter are surprised that the garden does not look fuller. I by contrast am surprised by how full it looks suddenly after a bit of warmth. In March/April as I garden I look at the borders sometimes and think I have large gaps only to find that a month later plants have filled out and are rapidly filling the space.

In my much smaller last garden I was constantly overplanting (I couldn't resist new plants) and having to rescue plants that don't like lots of competition. Here I have the luxury of space but being a *plantaholic*, still have to remind myself not to plant too closely. I try and make sure there is a succession of plants in most of the beds so I try to find plants that will wait for the early flowering varieties to die back and take over the space. For example, oriental poppies are early in leaf and flower but look uninteresting and frankly tatty soon afterwards. I have planted some in front of a very vigorous helianthus (perennial sunflower Lemon Queen) which can grow up to 5 foot (although cutting off the top 1/3 of growth about now reduces the height). Inevitably, however well I stake it, it leans forward, swamping anything in front. The solution I found was to let it do that and cover the unattractive dying leaves of the oriental poppy.

I also like to leave a few gaps deliberately so I can use the space to plant out some of the more tender plants, such as some of the shrubby salvias, that may not survive winter in my garden. The late Christopher Lloyd, one of my gardening heroes, was very skilled at this and I constantly refer back to his books for inspiration.

We will be open again for the village gardens open weekend on 11th/12th June but thanks to everyone who supported us for our NGS opening with help on the day, providing cakes or visiting us. We raised a fantastic £1500 for the NGS Charities and hopefully the scheme, with its nationwide gardens open days, will again raise in excess of £2.5 million over the year to distribute to many of the cancer and nursing charities. Since its foundation the National Garden Scheme has given more than £44 million pounds to nursing and caring charities.

News from the Wortham Garden Lovers Group

Wortham Garden Lovers Group held a seedling exchange in the garden of Terry and Katherine Smith. Members brought along their surplus seedlings, including vegetables, annuals and perennial seedlings. Tea and cakes rounded off the afternoon enjoyed in the spring sunshine.

Anyone interested in joining the Garden Lovers Group please contact Linda on lindaruth11@gmail.com.

WORTHAM VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS 2016



Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June
11am to 5pm

Admission: Adults £5 (Allowing entry over the whole weekend)
Children 12 and under free with paying adult

All proceeds go to supporting Wortham Village Hall

Thanks to everyone who has helped and supported this event
Particular thanks go to:
Wortham Post Office for their help and for selling programmes,
Howard Nurseries for donating so many plants,
also Simonds Coaches and Diss Garden Centre for their kind donation of raffle prizes.

Registered Charity No. 1113478

WORTHAM VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN
Saturday 11TH & Sunday 12th JUNE, 11am to 5pm

After a rest of three years Wortham Village Gardens Open event is back with lots of lovely gardens for you to visit. There are 18 gardens in all and you can take your time over two days if you wish. The ticket price of £5 covers you for both days.

It's not just gardens that will be of interest. There are two gardens with open studios displaying beautiful artwork as well as a display of garden related crafts (which can be purchased or ordered) from the Designermakers 21 group in a third garden.

The school garden which the children maintain will be open and they too will have a display of artwork.

Our beautiful village church which has the largest diameter round tower attached to a church, will also be open to visitors.

Refreshments, including ploughmans lunches, will be on offer. There will also be a chance to buy plants, generously donated by Howard Nurseries, and to view and bid for upcycled items of furniture to raise funds for The Friends of Wortham Church.

All in all, there is a lot to do and see. Details of all gardens and their locations are in the programmes which are available in advance or on the day from Wortham Post Office Stores. Unless otherwise indicated, all proceeds go to supporting Wortham Village Hall.

RAHOF (Rickinghall Area Hospice Fundraisers)

& St Nicholas Hospice Care present their

SPECIAL SPRING LUNCH

The Great Barn, Bressingham Hall

Wednesday 8th June 2016

12 noon for 12.30p.m.

After Lunch Speaker: ADRIAN BLOOM

Tickets £28, incl. delicious lunch, glass of wine and a tour of gardens
available from: June Hart on 01379 897180, Miranda McCoy on 01284 715567,
(miranda.mccoy@stnh.org.uk), or St Nicholas Hospice Care retail shops.
(in aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care, Bury St Edmunds, your local hospice)

May 5th was an important day in our villages. The cry went out "the Swifts have arrived". I was informed by many of you, personally and by phone. One person stated that they were three days earlier than usual. Well, the Swifts knew (though we would never have believed it) we had a week of good weather to come. They had travelled from South Africa and possibly as far as Madagascar. Over the past fifteen years the Swift population has fallen by 40% so it is with relief and satisfaction to see and hear that some of ours have returned. The decrease is due to the way we fill in our roof eaves, beneath which they nest, and the atmosphere's population of micro-organisms has fallen, possibly due to pollution by agriculture and other chemical usage.

A most unusual sighting has been the report of a Sea (white-tailed) Eagle over West Hall Wood, Rickinghall on 26th April. This was verified by two watchers. One was also reported on that day over Middleton in East Suffolk. As this paper's recorder I needed it verified and immediately presumed it must have been a Kite. "No doubt about it" said my informer, "and it's much bigger and it has a white tail, more like a Condor".

I continue on the subject of raptors. On 27th April I found, alive, a female Sparrow Hawk in our front garden. I had time to get my camera to photograph it before it flew over our Meadows drift. I suspect it had stunned itself, or perhaps it was ill?



Again, on raptors. I managed a trip to Minsmere and whilst watching birds over the "Scrape" area, spent several minutes observing a male Peregrine Falcon flying up and down and scaring the local bird population which rose in flocks as it passed over. It made several dives at the remaining birds. A beautiful sight. Perhaps it was being playful and only out to tease. It caught nothing.

Minsmere was at its best with noisy warblers in the bushes and the reeds and the ever-present Cetti Warbler in the background. The Scrape was full of Black Headed Gulls (including some Mediterranean gulls), Avocets (no badgers this year), Lapwings, Redshanks, Turnstones, Godwits, Dunlin and terns, both Common and Sandwich.

I must admit NOT seeing a Marsh Harrier or hearing a Bittern 'booming' - they can wait, they are not so rare these days. But I did see and hear a pair of Bearded Tits. Their 'ching-ching' cries unmistakable before they once again disappeared in to another reed bed.



And the Nightingale? Not on Minsmere but on my return journey using a narrow road to Westleton, I had to slow down and stop to pass a stationary van. The van driver got out to talk to one of the staff at Minsmere who was travelling behind me. At that moment a Nightingale began singing at full-volume beside us. I checked with my fellow onlookers. They confirmed it was a Nightingale, now my joy was complete. There was much I had not seen nor heard, but that Nightingale made up for it and I drove home contented!

If you cannot reach some of our known reserves don't worry, there is so much to see and hear around us. At my last visit to Redgrave Fen on 30th April, the notice board revealed three Cuckoos, Sedge and Reed Warblers, several Hobbies (another raptor) migrating to this country, and a Marsh Harrier. There are many reports of this Marsh Harrier, a female perhaps enticing a male to come and join her.

Don't relax, we still have the Spotted Flycatcher and Turtle Dove to welcome.

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

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.



A THREAT TO SUFFOLK VILLAGES

*A letter from Wortham resident and former Editor of WOBUL,
Terry Quinn to local MP, Jo Churchill.*

Dear Jo Churchill.

This is to seek your support for protection of our beautiful Suffolk villages that are currently under threat.

It might appear that protection of ancient Suffolk villages is difficult because of pressures to add hundreds of new houses. However, one Suffolk village has shown that the two needs are not necessarily incompatible.

In 2001 and 2014 the parish of Wortham & Burgate in North Suffolk conducted surveys to determine what changes residents wanted, and did not want. Two of the main results set a conundrum. Residents wanted new housing for young families including young people born in the community but there was also a large majority who feared that excessive development could destroy the openness and charm of a village mentioned in the Domesday Book. Villages that are encircled by modern estates could be strangled and lose their unique character

Yet despite this apparent conflict, Wortham has added more than 50 new homes in recent years in spaces between existing houses. Most residents agree that the design and location of the additional homes has not seriously impacted the charm and character of the ancient village that was voted Suffolk Village of the Year in 2004. They have also welcomed a second affordable housing development that will soon be extended.

All of this was achieved with the active support of a Parish Council that cares about the views of its residents. Its Planning Committee supported infill development and opposed backfill, cramming and excessively large houses that did not respond to the results of a 'housing needs survey.' It also published a Village Design Statement that called for high quality design that complemented vernacular architecture and the high proportion of listed buildings in the community.

I am no longer a member of the Wortham & Burgate Parish Council but was proud to serve on its Planning Committee for 12 years until May 2015. Villages like ours still face major problems but I believe we have shown that they are not insurmountable.

Your predecessor, David Ruffley, joined several Suffolk parish councils to argue against planning changes in the National Planning Policy Framework proposals in 2012. Sadly, we were unsuccessful and localism has been weakened by the removal of planning regulations previously used by villages like ours to protect something special.

I hope that you will support councils who fight against ill-conceived development because if people like us don't fight to preserve and protect our precious inheritance, who will?

Yours sincerely,

Terry Quinn



Friends of Burgate Church

Caribbean Tent Extravaganza

Saturday 18th 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.

Plant Sale and Woodland Walk

These events took place on 25th April and 2nd May, and despite some rather unforgiving weather (it did actually hail during the plant sale) which probably kept visitor numbers down, the Friends of Burgate Church made a total of £1268.25. Many thanks go to all who helped organise and support the two events.

Quiz Night 13th May

A quiz night on the theme of Suffolk and Norfolk was held in the Church Hall on the evening of 13th May in aid of Médecins sans Frontières. A total of nine teams participated and a total of over £400 has now been donated to this worthwhile charity. Many thanks to all who came and to the organising team.

Church Flowers

7 th May	Jennie Labdon
14 th May	Shudy Walker
21 st May	Shudy Walker
28 th May	Michelle Furness

Hall Cleaning

Fee Robertson

Church Hall Booking Secretary: Judi Tann 01379 783302



BLOOMING BRESSINGHAM and FRAGRANT FERSFIELD

OPEN GARDENS 25–26 June 2016

Proceeds shared between Bressingham & Fersfield Churches & the Village Hall for repair works

Gardener's Question Time with a Difference!

by Adrian Bloom

*The 'They Do Different'
at Blooming Bressingham!*

One of the highlights of the joint Bressingham and Fersfield celebration of gardens, from Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th June, will be the Saturday evening's Gardener's Question Time, featuring a broad range of local and internationally known horticulturists. Starting at 7.30pm, with only 100 or so seats available in Bressingham Village Hall, this will be a very different event to the normal question and answer GQTs.

Chairman Adrian Bloom of the talented and knowledgeable panel felt that the panel's passion for plants and gardening should be passed on, so the first part will involve each panellist telling the audience what – and perhaps who – got them inspired in their horticultural career.

- Secondly, time for questions from the audience.
- Thirdly, each of the panellists and Adrian will select and describe three of the best easy to grow plants for the smaller garden. Fifteen plants in total will form a list - available to all after the event.
- Lastly a few more questions, orientated around ornamental plants rather than rather than edible.

The panel, in alphabetical order:

- **Guy Barker** is a Norfolk-based plantsman with a horticultural degree from Writtle College. He has wide experience in maintaining private gardens, and lectures on the creative use of plants.
- **Jaime Blake** has over 25 years' horticultural experience, gaining much of his early horticultural expertise from the founder of Bressingham Gardens, Alan Bloom. He is currently the fully hands-on Head Gardener and Curator of the six-acre Dell Garden at Bressingham. He is also a respected member of the Royal Horticultural Society's Herbaceous Plant Committee and is on Plant Trial panels.
- **Chris Grey-Wilson** has a long and distinguished career as botanist, plant hunter, editor and author. His depth of knowledge is immense and now, on at least his third garden on the Suffolk-Norfolk border, he is as passionate a gardener as ever. He was awarded the Veitch Memorial Medal by the RHS in 2012.
- **Ben Potterton** is not only the owner of local specialist retail plant business Blacksmith's Cottage Nursery near Dickleburgh, but also has his own zoo, so is totally immersed in nature. His wide knowledge is put to good use as one of the Radio Norfolk Gardeners.
- **Adrian Bloom** as Chairman will guide the evening's proceedings, which should be lively and informative. Adrian has of course been part of the Bloom family business for over 50 years as nurseryman, creating the Foggy Bottom garden and others in the UK and abroad. He and his son Jason continue to develop the heritage left by Alan Bloom, and he is as keen a gardener as ever.

Tickets for Gardeners' Question Time on Sat 25th June at 7.30 pm in Bressingham Village Hall (IP22 2AT), **£5**
Tickets for *Blooming Bressingham and Fragrant Fersfield* Open Gardens weekend 25-26th June, **£5**.
Opening hours: 10.30-5.30 pm daily.

- Twenty-two lovely private gardens in Bressingham and Fersfield will be open to the public, and also Plant and Craft Sales, Music, and a Photography Exhibition. All proceeds shared between Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Churches and the Village Hall for urgent building repairs.

All tickets available from Bressingham Village Shop - Linda Holly: hollyjl@btinternet.com Tel: 01379 687729
and Katherine Smith: ktsmith6838@btinternet.com Tel: 01379 687207.

GQT questions to be sent to either Linda or Katherine.



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BEAUTIFUL and INTERESTING LOCAL GARDENS

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PLANTED WHEELBARROW COMPETITION

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME chaired by **ADRIAN BLOOM**
SATURDAY 25 JUNE at 7.30pm

Question Time Panel:

Jamie Blake, Ben Potterton, Guy Barker, Chris Grey-Wilson



REFRESHMENTS



**PLANT
SALE**



MUSIC



**PHOTOGRAPH
EXHIBITION**



Tickets for Gardeners' Question Time & Open Gardens from the Village Shop

Tickets and further information please contact

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Botesdale Open House

Drop-in morning



Do you have a life-shortening illness of any kind?

Are you caring for someone who has received bad news about their condition?

Are you struggling with bereavement?

Would you like to meet others facing similar challenges?

If so, please feel welcome to come and join us for the opportunity to share experiences with others or just some quiet space.

Open House is held on the **first Thursday of every month** between **10am-12pm** at **Botesdale Health Centre**.

There is no need to book a place, just drop in, and you can bring a friend or family member too. **We look forward to seeing you.**

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you matter*

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A Registered Charity No. 287773

**Botesdale Health Centre, Back
Hills, Botesdale, Diss, IP22 1DW**

For more information and future dates
please call 01284 702525 or email:
dayhospice@stnh.org.uk

SHEILA RUSH REPORTS

Howards Nurseries

Wortham's local plant wholesaler, which last year won a Gold Medal at the Chelsea Flower Show, this year grew special plants for a garden designed by Matthew Wilson and sponsored by Welcome to Yorkshire. The stunning feature was the east window of York Minster, over 3 metres high and 4.5 metres wide, and the flowers replicated the colours of the window's stained glass.

The entry received an RHS Silver Award and won the BBC RHS **People's Choice Award** as the best garden of all 17 entries at the 2016 show as voted by Chelsea Flower Show viewers on BBC1. Well done, Howards Nurseries

Good Companions

Wortham Good Companions Club extend an invitation to friends and supporters to join the members for afternoon tea at its meeting on 21 June, 2pm – 4pm. There will be fundraising stalls and everyone is welcome to come along.

Post Office Store

Wortham Post Office has a surplus produce stall for home grown vegetables and fruits. Produce donations are requested, and will then be sold to the public, all monies taken to be shared equally between East Anglian Children's Hospices and East Anglian Air Ambulance.

NGS Open Gardens

On Sunday 15 May, Linda and Andy Simpson held their annual Open Gardens for the National Gardens Scheme at Batteleys Cottage on Wortham Ling and 230 people showed their support. Plants were donated by Howards Nurseries and lovely refreshments were also on sale. Linda and Andy thank all those who came through the gate, the helpers and Howards Nurseries. The wonderful sum of £1500 was raised for NGS.

Wortham Primary School

On Friday 13 May the school celebrated The Queen's 90th Birthday with a traditional tea party, featuring a lovely cake decorated with The Queen's crown. The afternoon finished with games on the playing field.

Community Award

Hartismere School in Eye celebrated the achievements of its Year 10 and 11 pupils in the past year, during its recent school awards evening. Head Teacher James McAtear congratulated students, staff and governors for their hard work, after the school received its second successive Outstanding Rating from Ofsted. The winner of Diss & District Rotary Club Award for Services to the Community was **Hannah Lond**, who lives in Wortham, so our many congratulations are offered to her. How proud her Nanna, the late Hazel Lond would have been to see her receive the award. Well done, Hannah!

Songs of Praise

Everyone is invited to a Songs of Praise service to be held at St Marys Church, Wortham at 11:00am on Sunday 19 June to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of Friends of Wortham Church. Suggestions of favourite hymns and readings are welcomed, please let Cathy Hume know your requests on 650321.

Advance Notice

Wortham Bowls Club is having a Coffee Morning in its club house on Saturday 9 July at 10:30am. Stalls will be plants, home-made cakes, Bric-a-Brac and books. There will be teas and coffees and a raffle.

DISS CORN HALL



FILM Wednesday 1 June 7.30pm
The Danish Girl (15)
Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

FILM Wednesday 8 June 7.30pm
Tangerines (15)
Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50



MUSIC Saturday 11 June 8pm
Luke Concannon • www.lukeconcannon.com
Botesdale Village Hall, IP22 1BZ • Tickets: £10 / Door £12

FILM Wednesday 15 June 7.30pm
The Big Short (15)
Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50



WORD Friday 17 June 8pm
Luke Wright's Stand Up Poetry Club - featuring Jemima Foxtrot
Upstairs at The Scole Inn, IP21 4DR • Tickets £10 / Students £6

DISS TOWN EVENT Sunday 19 June 10am
Come Try Cycling – part of Diss Cyclathon
Fair Green, Diss • All rides only £5 (incl cycle health check, £2.50 refreshment voucher & goodie bag - booking essential)

WORKSHOP Wednesday 22 June 10am-12.30pm
Hand Tie Flower Bouquet - with Gabriel's Garden
Upstairs Studio, Designermakers21, IP22 4LB • £45 incl materials
www.gabrielsgarden.co.uk



FILM Wednesday 29 June EARLY START 7.15pm
The Revenant (15)
Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

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

UPCYCLE AUCTION

AT BATTELYS COTTAGE WORTHAM

25th June 2016

5-7pm

Free Entry, Drinks by donation, Nibbles
and another chance to look around the beautiful gardens



These are just some of the pieces that have already been upcycled ready to display at
Wortham Open Gardens on June 11th - 12th
before being auctioned off at Battelys Cottage with all proceeds going to F.O.W.C.

Contact Maureen 01379 783236 or Chrissy 01379 890220 if you have any questions

Willow Weaving

A Willow Weaving Course run by Jo Hammond took place at the Village Hall on Friday 27th May. Ten people took part and produced various sizes of berry baskets. Jo demonstrated a variety of techniques, and included information on a variety of willow and its usage.

Her professional help enabled everyone to practice their newly discovered skills and create a splendid basket. A great lunch made the day very enjoyable. Just over £200 was made for Wortham Church funds.

Future Events

Sunday 19th June: Songs of Praise Service in Wortham Church at 11.00 am to celebrate the various fund raising activities organised by the Friends of Wortham Church over the years. Light refreshments will be served after the service and there will be a chance to see items from some of the varied workshops and activities that have taken place.

Saturday 25th June: Up Cycling Auction at Battelys Cottage, Wortham Ling. Various upcycled items that have been on display at the Open Gardens Weekend will be auctioned between 5 & 7 pm. Those visiting the Open Gardens will have the opportunity to see them and put on a closed bid if they are unable to attend the auction itself. Please see the above poster.

Sunday 7th August: A classical Concert in Wortham Church at 6.00 pm. The very popular Kingfisher String Quartet will be performing an hour long concert. Tickets are £10.

Thursday 8th September: A Pottery Workshop at John and Penny's Studio in Brockdish. They are both enthusiastic potters and with their help and guidance those attending last time made some really good pots. The cost is £40 for the day to include lunch. Pots that are glazed will be £4 each.

Annie May, The Burston Strike School

The May meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall had a presentation from Annie May. She gave a clear and passionate account of the Burston Strike School. Annie linked the causes of the Burston School Strike to the conditions experienced by agricultural labourers in the 19th Century. They were very lowly paid and lived in squalid tied houses. Farmers could sack their workers at any time and then evict their families from their homes. Fear discouraged complaints by workers.

Annie and Tom Higdon moved to Wood Dalling in Norfolk in 1902. Annie became the head teacher of the village school. Tom was an assistant teacher. They soon came into conflict with the school managers as they complained about the condition of the school buildings, demanding repairs. They began to transform the learning experience of their pupils by teaching typing and use of a sewing machine for girls, and photography for boys, as well as the 3Rs and Scripture. Influential local farmers were concerned that raising the ambitions of the children would deprive them of compliant workers. In addition, Tom was active in promoting the Agricultural Workers' Union. In 1911 events came to a head when Tom was prosecuted for assaulting a farmer who had illegally taken a boy out of school to work on his land. The Higdons were told to accept dismissal or accept another school. They took the latter option and went to Burston School.

Initially, the Higdons were very quiet in their new post. However, the appalling conditions of the school building and the desire to care for and educate her pupils brought Annie Higdon into conflict with the newly appointed Rector, Charles Tucker Eland, who was Chairman of the School Managing Body. The problems were exacerbated by Eland's expectation of deference from the whole community. Petty arguments over the lighting of fires to dry the clothes of children on a wet day, escalated with the election of Tom Higdon and other labourers to the parish council in 1913 as they began to demand improvements to village housing. The Rector appeared to become determined to dismiss the Higdons after the school was closed for a week during a whooping cough epidemic. Eland had been on holiday in Switzerland and had not been consulted but permission had been obtained from the deputy chairman of the school's managers, the Rector of Shimpling.

Two children who were fostered to a Mrs Phillips by Dr Barnardo Homes were used as the pretext for Annie Higdon's dismissal. It was claimed that Annie had severely beaten these girls. This was utter fabrication as Annie was a pacifist opposed to corporal punishment. Eventually, the Higdons were dismissed. The children were appalled. They decided to go on strike by boycotting Burston School from 1 April 1914. A prominent figure among the children was Violet Potter, aged 13, who was Annie May's aunt. The strike began with a noisy march by children around the village.

The Higdons began to give lessons to the children on the village green and then used other temporary buildings as a school. The authorities fined parents for not sending their children to school but these were paid by well-wishers. The strike gained widespread publicity and money flooded in to support what was perceived as a fight for justice. By 1917 sufficient money had been raised to build the Strike School in the village. The strike was only ended by the death of Tom Higdon in 1939. Annie died in 1946 and both are buried at Burston Church.

The strike lasted for 25 years and has gained fame as the longest running dispute in British history. It is still commemorated by the Strike School Museum and an annual rally in Burston on the first Sunday in September.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at The Village Hall, Rickinghall IP221HD. Richard Smith will be speaking about Medieval Brewing. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net.

Gerry Gurhy

Wortham & Burgate Twinning News

Barbecue



On Sunday 22 May, around 40 members enjoyed a barbecue held at the home of Mike and Chrissy Odams. The weather was fine and those there enjoyed a relaxed afternoon. The usual barbecue meats were accompanied by a delicious array of salads and followed by a yummy spread of cakes.



Teams Wortham and Burgate and 'Others' then took part in a tug of war which was then ruled by referee Chris Grocott to be won 2 to 1 by team 'Others' despite mutterings about uphill advantages! A stroll around the woodland area of the garden rounded off a very pleasant get together.

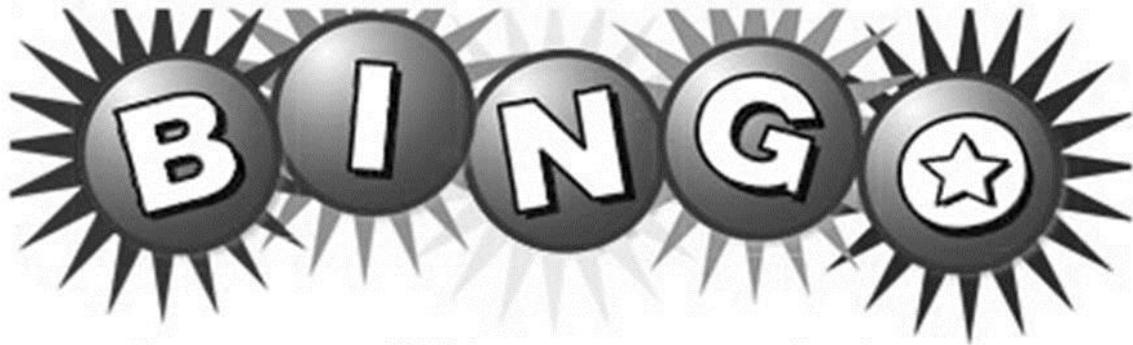


Visit by Twinning Partners from Hédé

Members are currently preparing for a visit by members of the Hédé Bazouges Jumelage. A total of 37 visitors including 15 school-aged children will be staying with hosts in Wortham and surrounding villages.

A full programme of events has been organised including a day school for the young people, visits to Thelnetham windmill and vineyard, a visit to Framlingham Castle and the coast.

Wives Club



PRIZE BINGO EVENING

Friday 1st July

At Rickinghall Village Hall

Doors open 7.00 pm Eyes Down 7.30 pm

Raffle and Refreshments

**In aid of the Dialysis Unit
at West Suffolk Hospital**



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***

DISCOVER PALGRAVE EVENT – SATURDAY 11 JUNE, 7:30pm

THIS MOVIE ONLY - FREE ADMISSION TO ALL

A special screening of Peter Hall's acclaimed movie, filmed entirely in Suffolk

AKENFIELD

Sat July 16th 8pm

Sat Aug 6th 8pm

Sat Sept 3rd 8pm

Sat Oct 1st 7.30pm

DADS ARMY (pg.) a few seats left

SPOTLIGHT (15) WINNER OF BEST FILM OSCAR

TRUMBO (15)

EDDIE THE EAGLE (pg13)

www.palgravecinema.co.uk

Book in advance online, where trailers can be seen and reviews read.

TICKETS £5 each



New Bus Club Lottery

The New Bus Club Lottery was established to help Borderhoppa replace older vehicles coming to the end of their useful life. New Bus Club Lottery is open to everyone aged 16 or over.

Each lottery number costs £2.00 per month and participants can purchase any amount of numbers each costing £2.00 per month.

The lottery draw takes place on the last Friday of each month and all winners are notified by post.

If you would like to support your local community transport service and join the New Bus Club Lottery application forms are available to download from our website www.borderhoppa.org, from our drivers or by calling us on 01379 854800.



Extended weekend hours at Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres

From Wednesday 1 June 2016, the opening hours at Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will be changing to offer site users extended hours on Sundays, Bank Holidays, and on a Thursday evening during the summer months, reflecting the times when the sites are most used and needed by residents.

The busiest times of the week for these sites are the weekend and bank holidays. The quietest day of the week is consistently a Wednesday. As a result of this, all sites will be closed on a Wednesday.

The new opening times for Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres are as follows:

April - September

Monday	9am – 5pm
Tuesday	9am – 5pm
Wednesday	Closed *
Thursday	9am – 5pm (late night opening until 7pm during May - August) *
Friday	9am – 5pm
Saturday	9am – 5pm
Sunday	9am – 5pm *

October - March

Monday	9am – 4pm
Tuesday	9am – 4pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9am – 4pm
Friday	9am – 4pm
Saturday	9am – 4pm
Sunday	9am – 4pm

*** From 1 June 2016**

All sites are closed 25, 26 December and 1 January

Councillor Matthew Hicks, Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection at Suffolk County Council, said: "Feedback received from Recycling Centre users across Suffolk told us that people wanted to see the sites open for longer during the busiest periods. So from 1 June, all Household Waste Recycling Centres will be open for longer on Sundays, Bank Holidays and later on Thursday evenings during the summer months."

All relevant site signage is being updated ready for the new operating timetable which begins on 1 June. A new leaflet will be available at every site for people to take away, including a handy business card with the new opening times.

You can recycle a wide range of materials at the Recycling Centres; further details can be found here www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk



Friends of Wortham Ling

We need your help

Do you live locally?

Perhaps you walk (with or without your dog) on the Ling or like to visit with your family?

Are you passionate about the Ling's wildlife?

Find out about the new Friends group

The Friends of Wortham Ling aim to

- Help maintain the Ling as a public and open access site for the benefit of all those who love and enjoy the Ling, but without compromising its special status.
- Protect and promote the Ling as a valuable nature site and Site of Special Scientific Interest, and, with the owner's permission, assist in its management as such.
- Foster community ownership and encourage everyone who uses the Ling to value it as a beautiful heath that needs protecting for future generations and wildlife.

We aim to do this by

- Liaising with the owner, and the local parish and district councils.
- Providing everyone within the Ling community (local residents, members of the dog walking community, visiting families and walkers) the opportunity to be involved.

We need your help

If you are willing to help in some small way or just want to become a Friend of Wortham Ling contact us at LingLink@friendsOWL.org.uk or join the Facebook group on www.facebook.com/groups/LingLink/

Your help and support would be most welcome

VILLAGE HALL DATES FOR YOUR JUNE DIARY

Wortham Morning Yoga	Village Hall	Tuesday	07, 14, 21, 28	10:00 – 11:30
Wortham Afternoon Yoga	Village Hall	Thursday	09, 16, 23, 30	11:45 – 13:15
Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall	Monday	06, 13, 20, 27	18:30 – 21:00
Sewing Class	Village Hall	Monday	13, 27	09:30 – 14:30
Good Companions	Village Hall	Tuesday	21	14:00 – 16:30
Tea's Made	Village Hall	Wednesday	01, 08, 15, 22, 29	14:00 – 16:30
Pilates	Village Hall	Wednesday	01, 08, 15, 22, 29	09:30 – 10:30
Pilates	Village Hall	Thursday	02, 09, 16, 30	18:00 – 19:00
Parish Council	Village Hall	Tuesday	17	19:30
Dance School	Village Hall	Friday	01, 08, 15, 22, 29	19:15 – 20:15
Referendum Vote	Village Hall	Thursday	23	06:30 – 22:15

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