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SEEN HERE IN ITS NATURAL ENVIRONMENT THE LESSER SPOTTED PUMPING STATION

If you have a private pumping station at the bottom of your garden or in your street we need to know about it. You are currently responsible if anything goes wrong but the good news is that from October 2016 we will take responsibility for many private pumping stations in our region. This will include the cost to maintain and run them, but we have to find them first. If you're not sure what you're looking for our handy spotter's guide can help.

So if you have one get in touch today:

03457 145 145

Or email us at:
privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk
spotapumpingstation.co.uk



POTTERY WORKSHOP

at John Chipperfield Pottery



THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
10AM - 4PM

£40 PER PERSON
INCLUDING LUNCH

(£4 per item you wish to keep and have glazed and fired)

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TO BOOK PLEASE CALL 01379 783236
ALL PLACES MUST BE PAID FOR AT TIME OF BOOKING

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UP COMING EVENTS GO ONLINE:

www.friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com

 Find Friends Of Wortham Church on Facebook

Coming to Mellis Church

Sunday September 18th at 7.30 pm

HARVEST JAZZ

The APEX Traditional Jazz Band

Wine Bar

Tickets at £12 include a finger buffet

For tickets tel: 01379 783434

(Tickets can be obtained at the door but check first - this is a popular event)

Proceeds to Mellis Church



NEW DEVELOPMENT – HOWARDS CLOSE, WORTHAM

You will have noticed the new development of properties that Orwell Housing Association will be providing in the village. The development includes a mixture of dwellings which will be available early 2017:

1 x three-bedroom house
2 x two-bedroom bungalows

1 x two-bedroom house
4 x one-bedroom flats

Priority will be given to local people and families (conditions will apply).

If you are interested in these properties, you will need to register for housing with Mid-Suffolk District Council via www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk. You must be registered to be able to bid on the properties when they become available.

- Orwell Housing Association, in partnership with Mid-Suffolk District Council, will be holding an open day at The Manor House pub in Wortham on Tuesday 18th October 2016 between 12-4pm. If you would like to discuss the development, the properties available or find out how to register, please pop in and see us. For further information, please contact:

Orwell Housing Association Ltd

Emma Lally - Housing Officer

Tel:07843328092 emma.lally@orwell-housing.co.uk

WAGOBERA

Creating Educational
Opportunities
In Uganda

EMMA'S JUMBLE SALE Saturday 22 October, 2-4pm Wortham Village Hall

Please start sorting out your jumble for Emma's 12th annual sale.

Any unwanted books, toys, CDs, clothes, linen, etc. can be dropped off at the village hall on the morning of the sale, or if you are unable to make that date phone Gill on 07745687681. Any items left over will be donated to the British Heart Foundation.

- *Ex-Wortham Primary School pupil Emma, spent four months in 2004 in rural Uganda teaching at a primary school. She established the charity because of an 11-year-old boy called Wagobera Christopher who finished top of his class but was unable to go to secondary school because his family could not afford the fees.*
- *Because of Emma's commitment, Chris is now starting his 4th year at Kampala International University studying medicine and is due to graduate in early 2018. Over the years Emma's jumble sales have raised over £6,000 for disadvantaged children and young people in Uganda.*

For further information, email Emma at wagobera@gmail.com

Or visit www.facebook.com/wagobera

Summer of Activity, Mid Suffolk & Babergh



Mid Suffolk and Babergh are hosting their Year of Walking, with guided walks in many towns and villages, including Nordic Walking and some themed walks – booklets are available here at the Tourist Information Centre, where we can take your bookings too. Following the active theme, we have information on all the local sports clubs. Come and see us for more details and contacts for many different activities including Bowls, Badminton, Rugby, Tennis, Fishing, and Golf.

The Mix in Stowmarket are open throughout the year for youth activities and workshops, and there are many activity sessions for older people too, including New Age Kurling at the John Peel Centre on Wednesday mornings, and Yoga, Pilates and Line Dancing at Stowmarket Community Centre.

Activity isn't just about exercise – it's about getting outdoors and exploring the area too. Many attractions have trails and treks included; at the Museum of East Anglian Life, there is a lovely nature river trail, and a children's play area. Baylham House has a farm trail, and the Mid Suffolk Light Railway at Brockford have special open days in June and July, and they are open every Sunday. Stonham Barns have a range of activities, with fishing, mini golf, and plenty of space just to run around in.

So however you are planning to spend your summer – pop in to the Tourist Information Centre in Stowmarket (just up the hill from ASDA) for some inspiration.

Sue Green

DID YOU JIVE IN 55?

Mike Bowen's musical story of
UK Rock 'n' Pop, 1955 - 1963

Come and sing to 140+ hit tunes

JUST A FEW OF THE MANY STARS FEATURED IN THIS SHOW



Bill Haley



Helen Shapiro



Lonnie Donegan



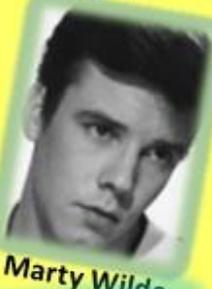
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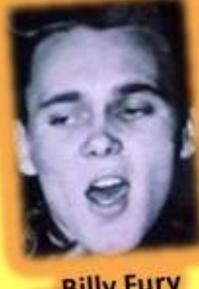
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Eddie Cochran



Marty Wilde



Billy Fury



Cliff Richard



The Beatles



Elvis Presley



Connie Francis



Sam Cooke



Gene Vincent



Shirley Bassey



**SINGING YOUR BLUES AWAY AT A
RAHOF FUNDRAISING EVENING !**

**7:30pm FRIDAY
16th SEPTEMBER**

**AMENITIES CENTRE,
CHURCHWAY, REDGRAVE**

**Tickets £8 each
Incl. light refreshments**

Please call

01379 897180

WHAT IS RAHOF?

RAHOF events are regularly advertised in this newsletter. In case some of you might wonder what the organisation is about: RAHOF stands for Rickingham Area Hospice Fundraisers. It is a support group for St Nicholas Hospice Care in Bury St Edmunds, your local hospice for this catchment area of Suffolk and Thetford. The group raises funds and friends for the excellent work of this Hospice, which provides a wide range of services to our community.

RAHOF has been in existence since 1987. The acronym was chosen because Rickingham lies at the centre of the immediate local area from which we draw support. The group raises awareness of the work of this Hospice, as well as funds for the cause, via an annual programme of events aimed to give pleasure as well as value for money.

Over the years RAHOF has put on many successful events including concerts, coffee mornings, sponsored walks & horse rides, auctions of promises, dances, marathons and musical cream teas, to name a few. We have never stopped. Some events, such as the popular Annual Quiz in October & Spring Lunches with prestigious speakers, have become popular fixtures in the local calendar.

Many past chairmen and committee members continue to support us - and therefore the Hospice itself - either directly or in a few cases, by privately organising their own events. Our RAHOF events have raised an average of £10,000 each year (sometimes more), and gained many friends for "St Nick's".

In a future issue of this newsletter, we hope to outline the services provided by St Nicholas Hospice Care.

ANNUAL RAHOF QUIZ

Friday 21st October

7.00 for 7.30 pm

Hinderclay Village Hall

Quizmasters: Mike Webb & John Kilgannon

Tickets: £9 pp.

(from 01379 897180)

Tables of 6; admission by ticket only

Finger Buffet

Good Draw

NOTE: Please bring your own beer/wine/favourite glasses

DISS CORN HALL ARTS



WORKSHOP Friday 2 September 10am–12pm & 2pm–4pm
Drawing & Painting for Children - with Clare Birks
DesignerMakers21 • £12 incl materials

WORKSHOP Saturday 3 September 10am–4pm
An Introduction to Polymer Clay – Making Beads with Enid Winder
DesignerMakers21 • £40 incl materials & refreshments

FILM Wednesday 7 September 7.30pm
Youth (15) • Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

MUSIC Friday 9 September 8.30pm
Denny Newman & The Regulators • Park Hotel, Diss • Advance £10 / Door £12

FILM Wednesday 14 September 7.30pm
Our Little Sister (PG) • Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

FILM Wednesday 21 September 7.30pm
Eye In The Sky (15) • Diss High School • Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

FAMILY Friday 24 September 2pm
The Saturday Club • Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science Show
Botesdale Village Hall • Tickets: Adult £6 / Child £4 (6+ yrs)

FILM Wednesday 28 September 7.30pm
Florence Foster Jenkins (PG) • Diss High School
Tickets: £5 / Under 18s £2.50

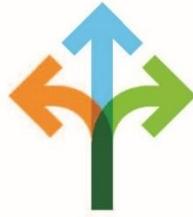
MUSIC THURSDAY 29 September 8pm
Diss Jazz Club • Derek Nash with the Chris Ingham Trio
Park Hotel, Diss • Tickets: £12

COMEDY Friday 30 September 8pm
Comedy Club • Andrew Bird • Eleanor Tiernan • Alistair Williams – Compère
Diss Rugby Club • Tickets: Advance £10 / Door £12 Min age 18

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to book a phone or
face-to-face appointment
with a guidance specialist



HERITAGE CIRCLE JULY REPORT

The author and poet Georgette Vale took on the persona of Lucilla Reeve to tell the moving story of her life in the villages taken over by the Ministry of Defence as a battle training area in World War II.

Lucilla was born in the late 1880s and lived at Tottington with her grandparents and single mother who worked at the “big house” for Lord Walsingham. An anonymous donor paid for her education in London and after college she worked there for a printing company. At the end of The Great War she returned to Tottington to live with and care for her grandmother who was now alone. She got a job as Land Agent for Lord Walsingham and also took up writing and broadcasting mainly on farming and countryside matters. She went on to serve on the Rural District Council and various food and farming committees.

In 1938 she managed to buy Bagmore Farm in Tottington. It was run-down and dilapidated but she managed to pull it round with good care and use of the land and was able to make a profit breeding sheep, whilst carrying on as Land Agent – despite the army manoeuvres being carried on in the nearby forest. However, on 13th June 1941 an Officer from the War Executive Committee informed her that 90 acres of her fields was needed for the army. Despite her protests she had to accept the fact to help the war effort.

Exactly one year later it was announced that the battle area was to extend taking over five villages – Longford, Tottington, Sturston, West Tofts and Buckingham Tofts & Hall – covering 18,000 acres. Eight hundred people were given one week's notice to leave. As Land Agent Lucilla fought to get that notice extended to one month and helped the villagers with the move ensuring they all had somewhere to live and they were told they could come back when war ended.

Lucilla was offered two packing sheds on a nearby duck farm. She converted one to living accommodation and used the other, together with some sheds she built, for her sheep and she carried on breeding lambs. In 1943 she bought Gt. Ellingham Farm, outside the battle area, putting a tenant in the farmhouse and continuing to live at the duck farm. She got workers to help on the new farm and this way managed to make a living out of the two. She sold it after the end of the war to the tenant, hoping to use the money to retire and move to the Broads.

The war ended but there was no indication of moving back for the villagers; the area was total devastation. Years of arguing with the M.o.D. followed until in 1948 it was announced that the villagers would never be going home. Lucilla said they were told they would be compensated so they waited, and waited, then in January 1950 they were informed their compensation would be at 1938 prices – when property prices were of course a lot lower.

Several who had been tenants before were given council houses with rent fixed for their lifetime at 2s 6d, but previous home-owners had to accept their meagre compensation, including Lucilla who had inherited her grandmother's home. So her plans for the move to the Broads fell through.

She was devastated, not just for herself but because she felt she had let everyone down in the end, and she went into deep depression. She was admitted to hospital in August suffering from “melancholia and delusions”. On her release she returned to Bagmore Farm but was still depressed and unable cope; in October she hung herself in the Barn. She was buried outside the boundary of the Churchyard in her beloved Tottington. Later, in churchyard clearance by the army, the boundary was moved to around her grave.

The emotional story kept the members of the Circle enthralled and raised many questions and much discussion.

In September the AGM will be followed by Linda Sexton talking on A Short History of Shopping. Contact the Secretary on 01379 898561 for details.

SHEILA RUSH REPORTS

FOWC – KINGFISHER ENSEMBLE AT MUSIC, WINE AND ROSES

Friends of Wortham Church presented Music, Wine and Roses at St Mary's Church on Sunday 7 August featuring The Kingfisher Ensemble. About 100 people attended the event at which wine was served before the performance. Former Chairman of FOWC, Edward Coales welcomed everybody to the event and introduced the ensemble which comprised Beth Spendlove on violin, Kelly Jones and Wendy Poulston, Violas and Christopher Slatter on cello. £500 was made for Friends funds.

TRIBUTE TO WALLY

A service to celebrate the life of Walter Gerald Goddard (Wally) was held at St Mary's Church, Wortham on Wednesday 10 August. A packed church was welcomed by Rev Adrian Watkins, and the organist was Peter Cresswell. The entry music was 'From a Jack to a King' by Slim Whitman. There were many tributes to Wally from all of his grandchildren and Wortham Wine Club and the eulogy was given by Nigel Pepper. The exit music was by Ned Miller – 'Do what you do, do well.'

Wally moved to Wortham when he was 4, he was one of six children – Mary, Rosalie, Arthur, Bunny and Timmy were his siblings. He left school at 14 and went to work at Oak Tree Farm, Burgate, first working with horses and later learning to drive a tractor. He was a keen cyclist riding with his mates to Felixstowe or Great Yarmouth (no cars then), and he played football for Wortham for many years. He became an active member of the community: Parish Councillor, member of the wine, tennis and bowls clubs, darts team and member of the very successful Racketeers. He had a carefree, uncomplicated philosophy on life: Don't worry about things that really don't matter; don't hurry, you'll get there in the end, and always look for the positives in any situation. But most of all Wally loved to sing. In the last few months he couldn't communicate with us very well, but he was still able to sing. So goodbye, Wally, you will always be remembered by so many people who knew you.

CYCLE RIDE

My many congratulations to Mike Bowen for his wonderful achievement in cycling in one of the largest events of the year: The Prudential RideLondon festival. He finished the 46-miles of the London-Surrey ride in 3 hours 46 minutes at an average speed of 12 mph. He was riding for one-year-old Ivy-Mai Geary who has spent most of her short life in Great Ormond Street Hospital with a rare blood cell deficiency condition. Mike has raised over £700 for the family's expenses caused by Anthony Geary being unable to work as he did not leave his daughter's side for three months in GOSH. Although Ivy-Mai is recovering well at home, the fundraising continues at <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/valleri-ruthven-2>.

TV GARDENER

Over 100 people visited Howards Nurseries in Wortham on Tuesday 9 August for a talk by TV Gardener, Christine Walkden, followed by a lively Q&A session.

W&B PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13 September in the BUrgate Church Hall at 7:30pm.



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 road.

Joan Pointon 1923-2016, (formerly of Waveney Lodge, Burgate)

A lovely service of Thanksgiving for the life of Joan Pointon was held at the Diss Methodist Church on Friday July 15th 2016.

45 people attended the service which was conducted by the Reverend David Ely. There were three hymns and her daughter Ann gave a lovely and moving, and at times humorous, tribute to her mother. Several people from the Methodist Church also paid tribute to her.

After the service refreshments were served in the Colin Riches room and there was time to talk to the family and how much they appreciated everyone being at the service.



JumbleSaleJumbleSaleJumbleSale

Saturday 8th October

at 2.00 pm

Burgate Church Hall

If you have any *good quality* items you would like to donate, please bring them to Kettles On a Tuesday Morning.

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Church Flowers

Hall Cleaning

3rd September

Gina Cole

Linda Pell

10th September

Gina Cole

17th September

Flo Tyler

24th September

Flo Tyler

Church Hall Booking Secretary: Judi Tann 01379 783302



WORTHAM BOWLS CLUB NEWS

August 2016

It is almost the end of the 2016 outdoor season and this month has been sadly overshadowed by the death of two past members of the club.

Chris Pursehouse and John Garnham had been long-standing bowlers over the years. They will be known and fondly remembered by many others aside from the Bowls Club membership.

The last week of the season we had several re-arranged games to play which were postponed due to the often unseasonably wet weather earlier this year. Our final League standings won't be revealed until they are played off. Currently we are 5th in the Upper Waveney and tied 3rd in the Stowmarket.

A few weeks ago we were pleased to be invited to host the Upper Waveney Plate Final on Saturday 13th August. This had to be played on a neutral green and it was something of a compliment to our club to be chosen. Club members worked hard to ensure that the day went well.

Our green was in superb condition thanks to our green-keeper and his team of helpers and our guests were pleased with the welcome and the refreshments we provided. We are only a small club but in no way is our friendly reputation "small" so we should justifiably be proud.

A financial benefit was also made, raising about £80 overall.

Some members have enjoyed another friendly match at home to Scole. The afternoon of August 18th was a really golden one with warm sunshine and a victory for Wortham. Team photos are on the club website. The last one of this summer is away to Coney Weston on August 30th.

Play-offs for the team competitions are continuing and Finals Day is only days away now on Sunday September 4th. The Whisky Draw takes place earlier in the morning. There may still be some tickets available for sale.

The last match of the 2016 season is the Annual Friendly Challenge against Walsham-le-Willows on Sunday September 11th at home this year. We currently hold the cup so no doubt our opponents will be hoping for success this time. Whatever the result, it will be another good natured match.

All club information & results can be found on the website: Please go to: www.worthamandburgate.onesuffolk.net and choose Clubs & organisations, then Wortham Bowls Club.

Jean Hoskins

Secretary

worthambowlssecretary@gmail.com

01379 643641



Come and enjoy a baked potato supper and talk raising money for Friends of Wortham Church

Friday 28th October

7:30pm for 7:45pm start
at Wortham Village Hall

MISBEHAVIOUR AT SEA!

Tales of a Cruise Ship Craft Teacher

By Sue Heaser



£10 PER PERSON BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
(Price includes baked potato with a variety of fillings)

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Tessa West, A History of Bury Gaol

Tessa West gave a very interesting talk to the August meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall. Her subject was the history of Bury St Edmunds Gaol in the 18th and 19th centuries but she drew interesting comparisons with the modern penal system.

Tessa has a background of working in education in a prison and of being a member of the Parole Board. This contributed to her writing a biography of the penal reformer, John Howard, who visited prisons to study their conditions. He visited Bury Gaol on four occasions between 1774 and 1782. The conditions were very poor. There were two principal categories of prisoners, debtors and felons but other people were incarcerated because of their mental health.

The prison, like others of the time, was run as private business. Inmates had to pay for straw to sleep on, food, water and medical care. Felons were chained at night in dungeons. There was no separation of men and women. In 1773 five prisoners died of smallpox. The gaoler sold beer and wine to outsiders as he had no other salary. Howard urged reform to regularise and improve conditions in prisons. In addition to the gaol, Bury also had a Bridewell which was a combination of a gaol for petty offenders and a workhouse at what is now Moyses Hall. In 1804 a new gaol was built for Bury which could hold 140 people. John Orridge became the governor of the prison which was designed using the panopticon principle. There was a central Inspection House with corridors leading off from it housing the prisoners. There was a window in each cell and some provision of toilet facilities but a 24-foot wall separated the prisoners from the town.

Orridge believed that the prison's functions were to keep prisoners secure, to preserve the health of the inmates and to 'ameliorate their morals.' He appears to have been successful at least in the first two aims. There was only ever one escape from the gaol and doctors did provide some medical care for prisoners. Prisons in the 18th century had been notorious for their high death rates from diseases such as 'gaol fever,' a form of typhus. Hard labour was proposed to improve the 'morals' of prisoners. In 1819 Bury Gaol became the first prison in Britain to have a treadmill. It was hard, demoralising work. Prisoners spent an eight-hour shift walking on the treadmill. It has been calculated that they stepped up about 11,000 feet per day. Much of the work was pointless as the prisoners simply 'ground air.'

Records suggest that many of the people committed to Bury Gaol were charged with offences that appear trivial today. One prisoner had stolen three lettuces, another stole turnips to the value of 1d and a further person had taken two eggs. A vagabond was gaoled along with deserters from the army and a man who thrown stones at a railway carriage. The ages of inmates ranged from 11 years and upwards.

The prison had a flat roof for public executions. In 1828 William Corder, who had committed the Red Barn murder at Polstead, was hanged at the gaol. The last public execution in Bury occurred in 1851. It was watched by a crowd of up to 5,000 people who were mainly women with their children. In 1880 the prison was closed and its remaining inmates were sent to Ipswich Prison.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28 September at The Village Hall, Rickinghall. There will be a short AGM followed by Linda Sexton talking about the History of Shopping. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net.

Gerry Gurhy

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.**

*because
you matter*

**St Nicholas
Hospice Care**

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

BILL'S BIRDS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

On 24th June I heard a Robin singing in our garden. "So what" you may say, but, it had not been singing for several months. Too busy nest building or fledglings to feed? Or had the Blackbird, with a louder and more beautiful song, shouted him down? Perhaps the Sparrowhawk had got 'my' bird, or merely it had done its work for the season and he (or she, they both sing) could relax into song. It is a somewhat melancholic song in an otherwise quiet garden. Could it be a young bird asserting itself above over-worked parents? Sadly, it does say (or sing) that the year is moving on, although we complain that we have yet to have a summer.

I think you may hear a hint that other birds have realised this and the young ones start to practise. Starlings remind us of other birds from chimney pots or roof ridges. Also, you may hear a little secretive song of a warbler slowly moving south, eating a full diet, ready for a sea or perhaps a Sahara crossing.

I have written of Wood Pigeons, Collared and Stock Doves, but the other day there was a diminutive dove on our drive. A small dove, like the Stock Dove but no red legs or bill, and quite tame. There were no rings on its legs. I think it was a Feral Dove, feral to the Rock Dove, from which Feral or racing pigeons are descended. Similar to the pigeons of city centres like Trafalgar Square or which were used to stock the dovecotes of big country houses and monasteries for food.

The sky is a vast area, but if we continually keep looking skywards we would be prone to accidents. The other day I saw a large number of Swifts wheeling high in the sky. While I watched a raptor sailed easily through their number, without troubling them. The raptor, possibly a Kestrel, was not interested in the Swifts and they knew it. Even from that height the raptor had its eyes firmly focused on the ground for its next meal. By the time you read this article the Swifts will be doing their figure of eight racing in joyful anticipation of flying to warmer climates. I always go roughly by their arrival date of about 8th May and departure about 8th August. Only three months here to raise their families and then off to Africa.



A Yellow Wagtail has been reported. Once seen, never forgotten. The male really is bright yellow. Unlike our common Pied Wagtail which migrates locally in the winter, often in large numbers, the Yellow migrates in winter south of the Sahara and West Africa. I remember seeing only one in my life (a male) by Coniston Water in the Lake District when I was about ten years old.

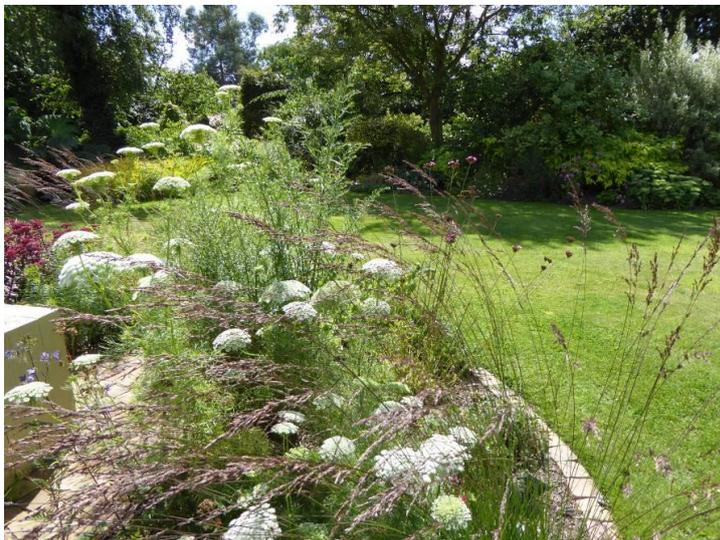
I am often asked about Oyster Catchers. Why don't they keep to the coast? They have unmistakable black and white plumage with a long red bill and red legs. They will be seen on Redgrave Fen and near New Waters lake. Their call again is unmistakable and I have seen and heard them in flight over our house in Rickinghall. It is a typical 'wader-like' call and reminds me at once of the coast. Records show large groups of these birds on the coast but over the years more of them are travelling inland, perhaps following a river (locally the Waveney) and they find food they enjoy inland as well as at river estuaries to satisfy their appetite.

And now a follow-up on our Sea Eagle. A reporter followed this bird which was ahead of their car near West Hall Wood, Rickinghall, flying slowly and veering off at the end of the wood. It looks as though this bird has taken a liking to this area.

Its desperately dry since we seem to have missed most of the heavy thunder showers that areas further west of us may have had. Although I try to avoid watering as far as possible I have had to water a couple of times to make sure things do not die. It would cost a great deal to restock the garden so it's a balance.

The tortured willow that has been in the garden for some years, judging from its size is looking very sorry for itself and losing most of its leaves. I am hoping this is drought and it will recover either once we get some rain or in the spring. However much of the tree is quite rotten in places and although there are new strong stems growing up through the older rotten ones we do not know if it will continue to survive by replacing the dead wood in this way. We had intended to have the top taken out of the tree in the winter to minimise any damage should it blow down. It supports a couple of vigorous rambling roses and if the tree were to die I would hope there would be enough sound wood left to continue to act as a support to the roses. Time will no doubt tell.

For the last month or so I have been enjoying annual flower that goes by the horrible name of ammi visnaga. This is an umbellifer (flatish flower heads made up from lots of tiny flowers). It has taken ages to come into flower having been sown and germinated last autumn and I had thought I might not bother with it again. However once in flower it has looked very striking. The white flower heads appear to float above its stems.



I liked too the contrast with the purple flower heads of the floaty grass molinia Moorhexe which in the sunlight shimmers and sways.

The ammi, grown in my central bed and repeated in the beds circling the lawn near the house, it has given a certain harmony to this area of garden an effect I shall aim to try and repeat next year either with the ammi again or with something that might have a similar effect – perhaps cleome or verbena bonariense.

The ammi flower heads also extend their interest by turning green and collapsing in on themselves slightly (like an umbrella blown inside out). It will be interesting to see how long they continue to add value in the garden. It just goes to show that I shouldn't write off a plant too quickly!

And finally, now that we have started to cut the grass in the meadow areas we wondered if it was that that has attracted the family of tawny owls that seem to be hunting in and near the garden in the last few days. One landed in the oak tree above our heads when we were out the other evening and last night they were so near, possibly on our roof, their calls were loud enough to wake us up. We often hear them in the distance but over the last week or so they have been very close – how delightful.



Old Time Music Hall

Friday 30th September

Come and join us for a light-hearted evening of musical entertainment in Wortham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Enjoy and sing along with various acts including songs from the Wortham Warblers and music from a barrel organ and street organ.

Dress to get in the mood.

A buffet supper will be provided and there will be a cash bar.

Tickets will be available
Office Store in the next

from Wortham Post
couple of weeks.

Look out for posters



with full details.

FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH

Music, Wine & Roses The Kingfisher Ensemble playing a string quartets from Haydn, Puccini and Beethoven in St Mary's Church, Wortham on Sunday 7th August was most enjoyable and a £500 profit went to the up keep of Wortham Church.

Pottery Workshop 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 the last time we ran this workshop made some really good pots. The cost is £40 for the day to include lunch. Pots that are glazed will be an additional £4 each.

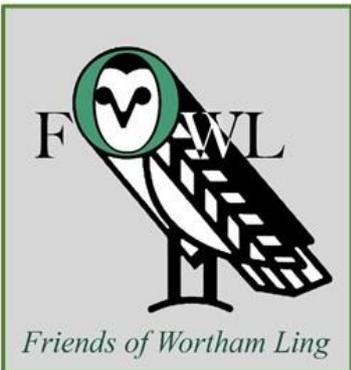
Future Events with more details to come.

Spud and Spout - Friday 28th October. This will be a casual evening at Wortham Village Hall enjoying a baked potato supper with various fillings, and hearing Sue Heaser talking about her travels on cruise ships. Tickets will be £10 and you may bring your own drinks.

Valentine Dinner and Speaker - February 11th. Tickets £25.

Hot Air Balloon ride for raffle - A Hot Air Balloon company has offered two tickets for a raffle worth £300. Tickets will be on sale in the autumn and will be drawn at Christmas when the usual Christmas foods hamper raffle is drawn.

For details of fundraising events please check the website friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com



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 SEPTEMBER DIARY

Wortham Morning Yoga	Village Hall	Tuesday	13, 20, 27	10:00 – 11:30
Wortham Morning Yoga	Village Hall	Thursday	15, 22, 29	11:45 – 13:15
Good Companions	Village Hall	Tuesday	13	14:00 – 16:30
Tea's Made	Village Hall	Wednesday	07, 14, 21, 28	14:00 – 16:30
Pilates	Village Hall	Wednesday	07, 14, 21, 28	09:30 – 10:30
Pilates	Village Hall	Thursday	08, 15, 22, 29	18:00 – 19:00
School of Dance	Village Hall	Wednesday	07, 14, 21, 28	19:15 – 20:15
Ballroom	Village Hall	Monday	05, 12, 19, 26	18:30 – 21:00
Village Hall Committee	Village Hall	Thursday	08	19:15 – 22:00
Anglian Polymer Guild	Village Hall	Sunday	18	10:00 – 15:00
Twinning Victorian Social Evening	Village Hall	Friday	30	17:30 – 22:30
Private Function	Village Hall	Thursday	01	10:30 – 16:00
Private Function	Village Hall	Saturday	10	18:00 – 23:59

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