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Wortham & Burgate Letter

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SAT 04 NOVEMBER, 7:30 pm

MY COUSIN RACHEL

From the book by
Daphne Du Maurier

Sun 10 December, 7:30pm

Live Theatre: A Christmas Carol

By The Spinning Wheel Theatre

www.palgravecinema.co.uk

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

TICKETS £5 each

TEA'S MADE

Attention residents of Wortham

You are invited to a weekly meeting with a difference. There are no agendas, no objectives and nothing on sale. The event is nothing more than an opportunity to meet new neighbours or old friends over a cuppa and a piece of homemade cake in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet every week in Wortham Village Hall on Wednesdays, between 2 and 4 pm.

Some of our regulars are among the 50 or so people who live alone in the Wortham area and they look forward to a weekly outing to have a natter. We try to avoid discussions on health problems, Brexit or Donald Trump, but we don't always succeed!

And the price for this get-together over tea, coffee and cake? Anything you like. We have to pay for village hall hire and refreshment supplies and these are covered by voluntary contributions.

For more information call Miriam Quinn on 01379 898864. Or just join us on Wednesday afternoon. No reservation is necessary.

TEA'S MADE

We will have a carol singalong on **Wednesday 6 December**, when Myra Pinnell will play the piano for us. To get us in the mood, we'll first enjoy some wine and mince pies.

On **Wednesday 13 December** we will transfer to the Norton Dog for our Christmas lunch. More details later.

Finally, please make a note: There will be no Tea's Made in Wortham Village Hall on 13, 20 or 27 December. Weekly natterfests resume on Wednesday 3 January.

Wortham & Burgate Sunday Club

November Meeting

The club will meet on **5th November** at 10.00am in

BURGATE CHURCH HALL

This is a change of venue for one month only.

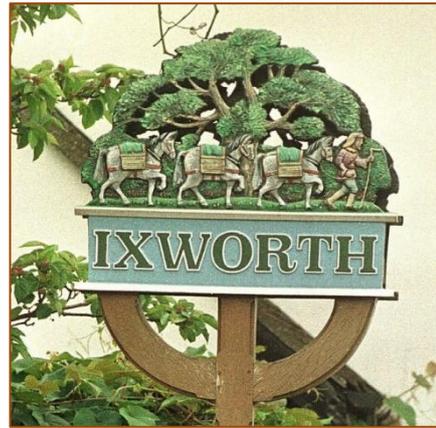
WORTHAM WALKERS

We walk on the first Wednesday of each month. **Next walk – Wednesday 01 November**

Next Wednesday's walk is organised and led by me - John Scott. It will be a relatively easy 3-mile walk around historic Ixworth, partly on the Riverside Trail. At the time of going to print, I am still finalising the meeting place and an exact off-road route.

I will email all members with final details, but the start will be at 10:30 as usual.

I hope to see several of you there and for a fine day and an enjoyable walk.



John Scott

juliejohn_scott@yahoo.co.uk

Wortham & Burgate Parish Council

If you are a resident of this parish and wish to be kept informed of news by the Parish Council, please email the Clerk to the Council as below to confirm your wish and that you are happy to receive information from it.

Your contact details will not be revealed to any other organisation, and would be for the sole use of the Parish Council to contact you with its news and information.

Netty Verkroost, W&B Parish Clerk, 0755 733 3811 wandbpc@gmail.com

WORTHAM & BURGATE HAS A NEW WEBSITE

<http://worthamandburgate.suffolk.cloud/>

The old site no longer exists.

Please change your favourites, and use this new community site.

Your contributions to the site are most welcome

Netty Verkroost, Wortham & Burgate Parish Clerk and RFO

07557 333 811

DISS HERITAGE CIRCLE – THE MERE BOARDWALK AND GARDENS



PARK RADIO & John King

Park Radio's John King - The Vinyl Knight - has been a resident of Wortham for nearly twenty years and for thirteen of those was a Parish Councillor and chair of the planning committee. John played in the pub's pool team for many years and still visits the Manor House regularly, taking on (late) comers.

Music helped John through the darkest days in his life and enhanced and made more poignant, the good and great times. His love of music spans a lifetime during the most dramatic developments in popular and underground music. From songs first heard on wind up gramophones to the incredible variety of music platforms today. His experience of hearing the newest ground-breaking tune is as great as ever.



Displaying an early lack of musical talent, he trained as an Accountant and worked mostly for British Sugar; at times working in China, Poland and France. He was appointed an Expert Witness and ran a business as a claims consultant which he could have continued had not the buzz of putting on Vinyl Nights at the Dolphin (Manor House) rekindled his desire to work and perform in music. John has always loved radio, from Radio Luxembourg, pirate radio and Radio 1 with John Peel, Alan Freeman and Pete Tong. A lot of the new music continues to excite him.



Park Radio bravely gave John the chance to present from 2010, during the Restricted Service Licence broadcasts required to build the audience base and gain their full time licence. John developed his skills in Radio Broadcasting at South Essex College at weekends, then as a full-time student in Music Production and Technology at Cambridge Regional College from 2010 until 2013. John attended Dubspot – The World Famous Electronic Music School in New York - for six months from early spring 2014. The intensive and extensive courses covered sound design, sound creation and DJ-ing and John DJ'd in a club in New York before returning to the UK where he continued the Dubspot course online until 2016.

Between presenting for Park Radio, John worked for other radio stations in the East Anglian area. With Park Radio's launch on FM and online, for its initial five-year licence, John plans to bring his unique style to their audience in the Diss, Eye and Harleston area.

John regularly listens to live music, collects vinyl in a wide variety of genres and is a Hi-Fi enthusiast. John's other hobbies are world travel, camping in the UK; and of course, visiting record shops - and training in Krav Maga - self-defence.

The Vinyl Knight plays an eclectic selection of music: Electronic, post-Dubstep, Trance, Prog Rock, Folk, Dance, World music, Jazz, including the spoken word; in fact, anything that landmarks important changes in musical development, sounds great, taps into the emotions: is evocative, or has a message.

Park Radio broadcasts to North Suffolk and South Norfolk along the Waveney Valley, using the 107.6 FM and 105.2 FM frequencies.



A quiet time of the year to be writing this report. The House Martins have gone to Sub-Saharan Africa (so they say, nobody knows exactly where), and the Swallows have gone the furthest to South Africa (well recorded). The garden birds are quiet, our Robin gives a tentative trill on occasions. The Starlings don't visit the bird bath (are they waiting to join a murmuration?)

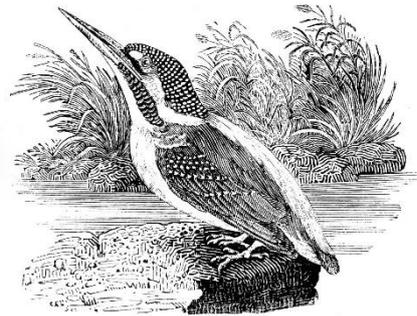
The countryside is awaiting Redwings, small thrushes with red under their wings; they rootle around for food under dead leaves. Then Fieldfares (big thrushes, chattering as they go) who will strip your orchards of apples and hedges of berries. If you are really lucky, you will see a Waxwing which is a beautiful Scandinavian bird and comes here when their own countries have run out of berries.

Overhead the flocks of Rooks and Jackdaws make their daily noisy journeys to and fro from their night roosts. In the fields there will be Black Headed Gulls (heads no longer brown in the winter and red legs) and many Lesser Black Backed Gulls (dark grey bodies and yellow feet).

On the coast I hope you may see skeins of Pink Footed Geese and the Brent Geese which are just off shore and breasting the breaking waves.

Later will come the flocks of yellow-beaked swans, Whooper and smaller Bewicks in small flocks overhead honking as they come and emerging from the autumn mists on their way to the Ouse Washes.

This reminds me of a recent lecture for Suffolk Wildlife at Redgrave Fen by a Northumbrian naturalist on his county's famous engraver Thomas Bewick (1753-1828), after whom the swan was named. His detailed engravings from boxwood of birds and animals are fascinating, very accurate and often with amusing vignettes which tell aspects of country life. He was mentioned in the writings of Jane Eyre by one of the Bronte sisters and Wordsworth, even the great American artist Audubon made a special trip to this country to meet him.



Some of our winter birds have already arrived. The Golden Plover from the moors and hills of the north, coming to their annual sites of estuary mudflats and inland, ploughed fields. An annual Hinderclay flock is here already. The Golden Plover is a wader-like bird, with a chest that appears golden as it turns in the low autumn sun.

At this time of the year I watch for the list of migrating birds that appear on our coastal observation centres. I look at the one on Spurn Head (where the river Humber enters the sea). It sticks out into the North Sea and is a resting place for many exhausted migrating birds. It reflects the incredible movement at this time of the year. Examples from recent counts gives 300+ Meadow Pipits, 800+ Gold Finch, 480+ House Martins and 73 Swallows, 61 Robins and 62 Song Thrushes, plus many others on their way.

A week ago I saw amongst our climbing roses a small bird, a Chiff Chaff. Migratory, possibly to a coastal departure point. All by itself, not in a flock. It may stay here for the winter. It may go to the Mediterranean. What primitive genetic sense guides it? It has not got the safety of a surrounding flock. No-one as yet has discovered what guides our migratory birds.

THE SHEILA RUSH PAGE

FoWC Cobbold Evening. 100 people attended the Friends of Wortham Church Cobbold evening in Wortham Village Hall on Friday 6 October. There was a talk by Anthony Cobbold, the Great, Great, Great Nephew of Richard Cobbold, who is keeper of the Cobbold Family Historic Trust. He gave an extensive history of the Cobbold family who were brewers in Ipswich, hence the connection to Tolly beer and later with Ipswich Town Football Club. Also shown was the film 'In a Country Churchyard' about Richard Cobbold. Also on show were photos of pupils from Wortham Primary School in 1978 and adults from the village that were shown in the film.

In 1929, Richard and his wife Mary Ann arrived in the North Suffolk village of Wortham. Despondent at having to leave their cultural life in Ipswich, at first they were resented by the poverty-stricken villagers. Cobbold turned to his painting and writing for comfort, using the village and its inhabitants as his inspiration. As time went by, he created an exact record of a village and its people in the difficult times of the 19th century. Cobbold also wrote a book 'Margaret Catchpole – About a Suffolk Girl'. On 26 December 1876 died, followed a few days later by Richard, on 5th January 1877. They were buried side-by-side in Wortham Churchyard amongst his humble parishioners.

FoWC would like to thank everyone who helped in many ways, and also for supporting the event which raised £800 for FoWC funds.

Emma's Wagobera Jumble Sale. Crowds of people supported Emma's Jumble Sale on Saturday 7 October in Wortham Village Hall. There were lots of willing helpers, some of whom have been helping over the 13 years Emma has held the sale. She has raised over £7,000 for disadvantaged children and young people in Uganda.

Former Wortham Primary School pupil Emma Poppenborg spent four months in rural Uganda in 2004, teaching at a primary school. She established the Charity Wagobera because of an 11-year-old boy named Wagobera Christopher who finished top of his class, but was unable to go to secondary school because his family could not afford the fees. It's thanks to Emma's commitment that he is now starting his final year at Kampala University studying clinical medicine and is due to graduate early in 2018. A raffle was held and a total of £945 was raised for the Charity.

Quiz Night and Hog Roast. Wortham Village Hall is having its popular annual Quiz Night, this time with a delicious Hog Roast, on Saturday 18 November at 7:30pm. Doors will open at 7pm. Entry is £10 per person with teams of four people. There will also be a bar and raffle. All proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the hall. To reserve a table, contact Mike at: family.cornish@gmail.com or ring 01379 309538.



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.



St Mary's Church, Burgate

Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

in the Church

Craft Stalls ★ Xmas Tombola ★ Games

Cakes and Savouries ★ Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Come and buy those little presents you can't find anywhere else!

Friends of Burgate Church Jumble Sale

Held in the Church Hall on 30th September, the jumble sale attracted a large number of customers looking for a bargain, followed by a cup of tea and home-made cakes. A total of £455 was raised for the Friends of Burgate Church. Many thanks are due to the chief organisers, Jennie Labdon and Shirley Sturgeon, and their army of helpers.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

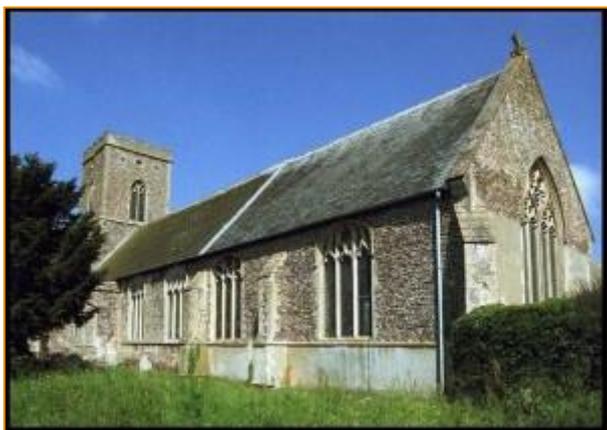
Many thanks to all those who came to Kettles On on Tuesday 26th September which on this occasion was converted into a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thanks to your generosity, a total of £400 has been donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

St Mary of Pity, Burgate – open all hours!

well not literally *all* hours, but we do have a rota for opening and closing the church so that it is open for visitors during most of the daylight hours. The large key gets passed on to the next "opener" at the end of your week. It can sometimes feel like a bit of a chore (especially if like me you remember that you have

not locked the church at 11.30 at night and rapidly pull on some warm clothes, drive down to the church, and armed with a bright torch, brave the shadowy churchyard to lock the door!). However, a quick look at the Visitors Book shows how much people appreciate us keeping our church open. It also gives glimpses of Burgate history – the church is therefore one of the strong links we have with our past.

The first signatories in the book, which started in 1982 to commemorate the first flower festival, were the Bishop of Dunwich and the Rev Knott. These were closely followed by Harry Baker, Billy Garrod and Daphne Walker – although no longer with us, these three are still held in very fond remembrance by Burgate residents.



While most visitors do come from within probably a 10-mile radius of Burgate, there are quite a number who travel many miles to visit the church. In 1983 a Mrs Dunbar from Victoria in Australia noted that “My grandfather’s grandfather (James Morley) was transported to Australia, accused of stealing from this church.” Six years later a visitor from Canada visited the church where his great, great, great grandparents – George Steel and Ann Wiseman – were married in 1824. Go back another two hundred years or so to 1635 and a Burgate resident, Robert Daniell, left England to settle in Watertown in the USA, and his descendant Bryan made the reverse trip two years ago to see where his forbears came from. In the same year the church was visited by a Mr and Mrs Tipple from Hampshire, who were descendants of a John Typul, who was baptised in the church in 1520.

Not all visitors are tracing their ancestors, in 2013 a keen organist from Oxfordshire noted “How totally wonderful to find a hand-pumped organ in working order in such a beautiful church. I thoroughly enjoyed performing an impromptu “festival overture” with the Church Warden providing God’s air!”

Many visitors pass favourable comments on the famous brasses or the war memorial, others are less impressed with the general decoration “...the church looks like a jumble sale stall – awful!” But a visitor from the Church Monument Society would disagree – “We like all the pictures, please keep them!”

However, the comment which reflects the views of a large number of our visitors comes from a couple from Manchester who wrote, “Great to see a rural church open, and an oasis of peace.” **Gina Cole**

Church Flowers		Hall Cleaning
5 th November	Shudy Walker	Fee Robertson
12 th November	Shudy Walker	
19 th November	Shirley Sturgeon	Church Hall Booking Secretary:
26 th November	Shirley Sturgeon	Judi Tann 01379 783302

WORTHAM ROLL OF HONOUR - WAR SERVICE 1939 -1945

THE WORTHAM BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION HAVE REQUESTED WORTHAM P.C.C. TO PREPARE A ROLL OF HONOUR FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF WORTHAM WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES AND MERCHANT NAVY IN WORLD WAR II (1939 -1945).

TO HELP AUTHENTICATE THE FOLLOWING LIST OF MEN AND WOMEN FROM WORTHAM WHO SERVED IN THE FORCES DURING THIS PERIOD, THE P.C.C. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH PROVIDING FURTHER DETAILS SUCH AS OTHER CHRISTIAN NAMES, REGIMENT OR BRANCH OF SERVICE INVOLVED, OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS.

PLEASE EITHER WRITE OR TELEPHONE ANY INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY NAMES OF PARISHIONERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN MISSED FROM THE LIST) TO WORTHAM P.C.C. C/o TOM HUGHES, THE WIGWAM TEL./FAX.644770 OR SHEILA RUSH: 5 RASH'S CRESCENT TEL: 640662.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

WORTHAM ROLL OF HONOUR 1939 -1945 WAR SERVICE

Abbreviations:

*K.i.A. (Killed in Action) A.T.S. (Auxiliary Territorial Service) R.A.F. (Royal Air Force) R.M. (Royal Marines) R.N. (Royal Navy) M.M. (Merchant Marines,) W.R.N.S. (Women's Royal Navy Service)

BARTRUM	BESSIE	A.T.S.	
BARTRUM	CECIL C	ARMY	
BARTRUM	CLIFFORD	ARMY	
BARTRUM	DONALD	ARMY	
BARTRUM	ERNEST J.	ARMY	K.I.A. -
BARTRUM	FREDERICK	ARMY	
BARTRUM	LESLIE	ARMY	ROYAL ARTILLERY
BOND	ERIC	R.M.	
BOYCE	NORMAN	ARMY	
BOYCE	OLIVE	A.T.S.	
BOYCE	RUSSELL	R.A.F.	
BRANDER	PETER	R.N.	
BRANDER	JAMES	R.N.	
BREWSTER	LEONARD	ARMY	
CARVER	HARRY	R.A.F.	
COLEMAN	GEORGE	ARMY	RIFLE BRIGADE
COLLINS	FREDERICK	ARMY	
COLLINS	FREDERICK	R.A.F.	
COLLINS	REGINALD	R.N.	
COLLINS	ROBERT J.	ARMY	K.I.A.
COOPER	ARTHUR	ARMY	
CHURCHYARD	ERIC	ARMY	
DADE	GEORGE	R.A.F.	
EASTO	REGINALD	ARMY	
ERITH	DOUGLAS	ARMY	
FLATMAN	GURNEY	ARMY	
FROST	PERCY	ARMY	

GARNHAM	ERNEST	R.A.F.	
GARNHAM	JAMES	R.A.F.	
GARDINER	RONALD	R.A.F.	
GROOME	IVAN	R.A.F.	
HALL	EDDIE	ARMY	ROYAL ARTILLERY
HARBOUR	ROBERT	ARMY	
HILLER	GEORGE	ARMY	KINGS ROYAL RIFLES
HOWARD	JESSIE	ARMY	
HOWARD	JOHN	ARMY	
HUGHES	CECILJ.	R.A.F.	
HUNT	THORA	A.T.S.	
JOLLY	AMY	A.T.S.	
JOLLY	BASIL	R.N.	
JOLLY	BERTIE	ARMY	
KERRY	BARTLE	ARMY	
KERRY	ERIC	R.A.F.	
KERRY	FRANK	ARMY	
KERRY	FREDERICK	R.A.F.	
KERRY	LESLIE	ARMY	
KERRY	SIDNEY	ARMY	
MUSK	DOUGLAS	ARMY	
MUSK	RAYMOND	ARMY	
MUSK	ROBERT	R.N.	
MUSK	SIDNEY	ARMY	TANK CORPS
PRETTY	ARCHIE	ARMY	
POTTER	ALAN F.	ARMY	K.I.A.
RASH	MORAY	M.M.	
SHARMAN	ALBERT	ARMY	
SHARMAN	EDWARD	ARMY	
SHARMAN	LESLIE	ARMY	
SMITH	KENNETH	R.A.F.	
SMITH	MABEL	W.R.N.	
SMITH	OWEN	R.A.F.	
SMITH	ROY	R.A.F.	
TOOTH	WALTHIOLTH	ARMY	
WARREN	LEONARD	ARMY	ROYAL ARTILLERY
WILBY	LESLIE	ARMY	
WOODS	ALFRED	ARMY	ROYAL ENGINEERS
WOODS	IVAN	R.N.	

Quiz Night & Hog Roast

**WORTHAM VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER**

Support Your Village Hall

Starts at 7.30 pm (doors open from 7.00pm)

Cost: £10 per person, with teams of 4 people

Bar & Raffle

***To book a table please contact Mike Cornish:
01379 309538 or e-mail: family.cornish@gmail.com***

Raising funds for Wortham Village Hall - Charity No.1113478



WORTHAM *Open* OPEN GARDENS 2018



CALL FOR
GARDENS



Wortham will be opening its gardens again on the weekend of the 16th and 17th of June, 2018.

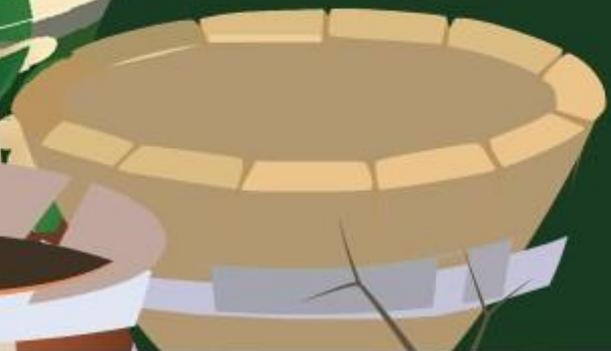
In the past this event has not only raised much needed money for the maintenance of the village hall, but has also been a very enjoyable social occasion. In order to make 2018 equally successful we need volunteers willing to open their gardens. It doesn't matter how big or small your garden is, or whether it is manicured or natural, all gardens are interesting. If you would like to volunteer your garden, or if you would like to have a chat about the possibility, please phone or e-mail me.

Joy Cornish

(on behalf of Wortham Village Hall Committee)

Family.cornish@gmail.com

Tel: 01379 309538



Borderhoppa is looking for volunteers and trustees to join our vital community transport service in south Norfolk and north Suffolk.

Users of the service include the elderly, young people, community groups, the rurally isolated and those with impaired mobility. Our door to door dial-a-ride service helps people to carry out important tasks such as attend medical appointments, go shopping, pay bills, participate in social events and visit friends and family.

If you are interested in supporting us by becoming a volunteer/trustee or both we would love to hear from you.

For more information please contact Tom Clarke, Manager 01379 854800.

Friends of Wortham Church

On Friday 6th October the Friends of Wortham Church held a cheese and wine evening with a talk by Anthony Cobbold to 99 people at Wortham Village Hall.

Anthony Cobbold is the keeper of the Cobbold Family History Trust and gave a comprehensive and informative talk about his ancestors with a slide show followed by a BBC film about Richard Cobbold who was Rector of Wortham for 50 years in the 19th Century. The evening raised over £850 for the church funds.



Friends of Botesdale
Health Centre

Patient Transport

CAN YOU HELP ?

This increasingly busy service is in need of more volunteer drivers.

If you have a car, time to spare and would like to help please phone Val Goodwin on 01379890190 for details.

Can you help Healthwatch Suffolk to shape and improve home care services

Healthwatch Suffolk is exploring people's experiences of accessing home care services (domiciliary care). It is an opportunity for you, your friends or family members to influence and improve these services now and for the future.

The watchdog wants to hear from people that are currently using home care services, have used them in the past or those who may need help at home but have been unable to obtain support in the county.

Domiciliary care is care provided in a person's home. Sometimes it is called home care or 'Support to Live at Home'. Home care can include support with things like helping people to get out of bed, washing, dressing, getting to work, cooking meals, eating, seeing friends, caring for families and being part of the community.

Healthwatch Suffolk will use your feedback to help it understand the issues that people face when accessing care at home and what needs to be explored in detail as part of its developing project. As the health and care watchdog for Suffolk, it can use the things that people share to shape, influence and improve care to our county's most vulnerable residents.

Sharing your experiences couldn't be easier

If you are currently using a service, Healthwatch Suffolk is asking people to take part in a short survey. You can access it using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/homecareinsuffolk>

If you are not currently accessing support or would prefer not to feedback online, please contact the Healthwatch Suffolk team on 08004488234 (Freephone) or by email to info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk.

Hard copies of the survey and other formats are available on request.



**Do you receive care in your home?
You can help us to improve local services.**

David Howard's Talk

About ninety people attended the village hall to hear David Howard talk about his life and his nursery. He was interviewed by his friends Sarah Cook and Jim Marshall, who were able to persuade the normally reticent David to talk freely and in a very entertaining manner. Sarah was formerly the Head Gardener at Sissinghurst and her husband Jim was the National Gardens Advisor to the National Trust. The talk was enjoyed by all and made £1,000 profit for the village hall funds for the maintenance and improvement of the hall. Our grateful thanks go to David, Sarah, Jim and David's daughter Christine for their time and effort in making the talk a success.



Quiz Night

Our next fund-raising event is the annual Quiz Night which this year will include a hog roast. This is always an enjoyable occasion so please come along with your friends at 7.30pm on the 18th November – doors open at 7.00 pm - and test your general knowledge. You might be surprised to find how much you know! The tickets are £10 per person for a table of four. They can be bought at the village shop or from Mike Cornish on 01379 309538.

Open Gardens

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Village Hall Improvements

Our present facilities for the storage of tables, chairs, the stage and equipment are woefully inadequate both in area and condition. The end building is held up mainly by willpower. Discussions have taken place regarding the extension of the southern end of the hall to provide double the storage area we have at present. Although the work is urgent the estimated cost is around £50,000 and so will depend on securing grants and fundraising events.

Once this work is done the area of the onetime kitchen at the opposite end of the hall will become vacant. This will give us the opportunity to provide a proper bar instead of the large table we have to use at present.

Earlier this year we purchased twenty upholstered chairs, which have proved very popular. We have been offered a grant which will hopefully enable us to buy additional similar chairs. Our aim is eventually to replace all our old chairs with upholstered ones.

RECYCLING. Please recycle your glass, newspapers, magazines and textiles at the Village Hall Community Recycling Centre. WE RECEIVE THE INCOME.

Barry Higgs, on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee.



THE STORY OF JOHN MCCRAE

**John McCrae wrote the poem
'In Flanders Fields' which inspired the use of
the poppy as the symbol of Remembrance.**



Both a soldier and a doctor, John McCrae was born in Canada in 1872 and fought in the Boer War. When Britain declared war on Germany McCrae was appointed as a field-surgeon in the Canadian Artillery. He was in charge of a field hospital during the Second Battle of Ypres, a period that saw some of the most brutal fighting on the Western front. Lt Alex Helmer, a close friend of McCrae's, was one of the casualties and it was his death that inspired the poem **In Flanders Field**. Written on 3 May 1915, McCrae submitted the poem to The Spectator, who declined it, and then to Punch, who published it in December 1915. After Ypres, McCrae rose in the ranks, first joining the medical corps and being promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, then to Colonel, and finally named Consulting Physician to the British Armies in France (the first Canadian to receive the honour). He died of pneumonia on 28 January 1918 and is buried in Wimereux, France.

IN FLANDERS' FIELDS

**In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.**



The Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres

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Frances Hart – The life and times of Mozart as told by his wife

Frances Hart gave an entertaining talk about Mozart which she illustrated by extracts of the composer's music at the October meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickingham Village Hall. She adopted the character of his wife during her performance.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in 1756 in Salzburg. His father, Leopold, was a musician for the Prince-Archbishop. Mozart was taught how to play the violin, the viola and the keyboard by his father, but from a young age showed himself to be a prodigy. In 1762, at the age of six, he began to tour with his father's orchestra as the lead musician and played for many of the crowned heads of Europe. The tours were successful but not lucrative as Leopold was given rings, watches or snuff boxes rather than money. The orchestra spent a year in England in 1764 but found the country 'cold.'

The touring ended in 1773 when Mozart was 16. He had established himself as a talented musician and had composed many orchestral works and operas while travelling in a coach across the rough roads of Europe. However, he did not have a patron and had to accept a post as a court musician in Salzburg where he was lowly paid and had a status in the household above the cooks but below the valets. Similarly, Salzburg was also a provincial town which did not offer the opportunities to stage the operas he wanted to write.

Mozart was a fun loving young man who liked to play practical jokes. However, he also tended to make enemies in the world of music as he was not tactful in the critique that he offered on the work of others. Fellow musicians could be jealous and resentful of his youth and apparent arrogance. In 1781, aged 25, Mozart went to Vienna to further his career. He stayed with the Weber family and fell in love with one of the daughters, Constanze, who was six years his junior. She was a talented singer and Mozart wrote several technically difficult pieces for her to perform. They wanted to marry but Mozart's father vehemently opposed the match as he felt that Wolfgang was too young and Constanze was too poor. Eventually, Leopold's objections were overcome, and the couple married in 1782. Over the next eight years they had six children but only two of them survived beyond infancy.

Initially, Mozart prospered in Vienna. Unfortunately, during the 1780s his income declined as the Austrian aristocracy commissioned fewer musical works. He was forced to borrow money. However, his fortunes improved when *The Magic Flute* was premiered in 1791 in Vienna. The opera was very popular as it was sung in German, not Italian. In the same year he was commissioned to produce the *Requiem*, his final work as he became ill while writing the score and did not finish it. Mozart died aged 35 in December 1791. The cause may have been food poisoning after a masonic dinner. His funeral was held in St Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, but he was interred in an unmarked grave as he was so poor at the time of his death.

Mozart died at the height of his powers, but his enduring fame was influenced by his wife. Mozart inspired other musicians and composers in his life time, notably Beethoven, but Constanze had his works published so that they could be performed after his death. He is now recognised as a genius for the innovations that he introduced into a variety of forms of music and study of his compositions is a key element of the education of modern classical musicians.

Constanze remarried sometime after Mozart's death and died at the age of 80 in Salzburg.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on 22 November when Stuart Bowell will give a talk entitled *History from Old Photographs*. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net.

Gerry Gurhy

VILLAGE HALL DATES FOR YOUR NOVEMBER DIARY

Wortham Morning Yoga	Tuesday	07, 14, 21, 28	10:00 – 11:30
Wortham Midday Yoga	Thursday	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	11:45 – 13:15
Pilates	Wednesday	01, 08, 15, 22, 29	09:30 – 10:30
Tea's Made	Wednesday	01, 08, 15, 22, 29	14:00 – 16:30
Ballroom	Monday	13, 20, 27	18:30 – 20:30
Gentle Exercise Evenings	Wednesday	01, 08, 15, 22, 29	19:30 – 20:30
Gentle Exercise Mornings	Thursday	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	09:30 – 10:30
Good Companions	Tuesday	14, 28	14:00 – 16:30
Good Companions	Monday	06	18:00 – 21:30
Anglia Polymer Guild	Sunday	05	10:00 – 15:00
P.C.C Fayre	Saturday	04	14:00 – 16:30
Village Hall Quiz	Saturday	18	19:30
Sunday Club - Burgate Church Hall		05	

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