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Wortham & Burgate Letter



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ADVANCED WARNING

There will be no WOBULs in February and March 2019 as your Editor will be taking a sabbatical. This will be the first time in my seven years producing this newsletter that there will be no issues published.

If you have material for events in January, February and March of next year, please send them to me by 28 December 2018.



Saturday 13 October, 7:30pm

**Michelle Williams, Christopher Plummer, Mark Wahlberg
in Ridley Scott's**

ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD

Saturday 17 November, 7:30pm

Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Alec Guinness

SOLD OUT!
DR ZHIVAGO

Special Dinner Event

Saturday 8 December

3:00 pm PADDINGTON

7:30 pm Singalong with THE SOUND OF MUSIC

www.palgravecinema.co.uk

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

TICKETS £5 each

Those of you who have chosen to receive emails from PalgraveCinema will get an email link to the official trailer of this film, and should you wish to see it, you can email your ticket requirement back to me, and pay on the night.

WAGOBERA

Creating Educational
Opportunities
In Uganda

Emma's Jumble Sale

**2 – 4pm, Saturday 27th October
Wortham Village Hall**

Please start sorting your jumble for Emma's 14th annual sale.

For the last 14 years, ex-Wortham primary school pupil Emma, has been fundraising to help disadvantaged children and young people in Uganda with their educational costs.

In 2004, after travelling to Uganda to volunteer as a primary school teacher, Emma began sponsoring one of her students, Christopher Wagobera. He had finished top of his class, but his family was unable to raise the money for him to start high school.

Over the years, thanks to the support of residents of Wortham and neighbouring villages, Emma's jumble sales have raised over £8,000 towards Christopher's education. In November he will be celebrating his graduation with a degree in Medicine and Surgery at Kampala International University in Uganda, something that would never have been possible without this support.

The charity is currently sponsoring four other students – Rebecca who is in her final year at university studying Law, Joshua (also in his final year) studying Computer Sciences and Programming, and Ben and Stella who are both doing their A-Levels.

If you have any unwanted books, toys, CDs, clothes, linen, etc. to donate to the sale, these can be dropped off at Wortham Village Hall on the morning of the sale. (Please note that we are not able to accept bric a brac.) Any items leftover from the sale will be donated to the British Heart Foundation.

For further information phone Gill on 07745 687681, email Emma at

wagobera@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/wagobera

DID YOU JIVE IN 55?

See the start of UK Rock 'n' Pop
between 1955 & 1963

Come and sing to 130+ hit tunes

JUST A FEW OF THE MANY STARS FEATURED IN THIS SHOW



Charity Fundraiser for Nordoff Robbins, Therapy through Music

Sunday 14 October, 1:30pm

Tickets from musicalmemories@mcb-biz.net

£10 Mike Bowen Mid-Show Break - tea,
01379 650192 coffee & cakes available

Thurston Rugby Club, Ixworth Rd, Thurston, IP31 3QE

NORTH HARTISMERE BENEFICE

Wortham and Burgate

Sunday Club

Meet at Wortham Village Hall from 10.00am to 10.45am

on the 1st Sunday of each month during term time.

(followed by coffee and cookies, for parents/carers too!)

Dates for Autumn 2018 are:

7th October

4th November

2nd December



Stories

Games



Crafts



and lots of fun!



All children welcome, and
Parents/carers can stay if they wish.

Just turn up or ring Lyn
01379 788479 for more details

LOPHAMS' VILLAGE HALL (off the A1066) IP22 2LP



Photo courtesy of Charmian Berry berry415@btinternet.com

THE OSILIGI TROUPE OF MAASAI WARRIORS

The Troupe's music is incredible, mesmerising to hear and certainly fascinating to watch. This is an opportunity to experience and enjoy the diverse culture of the Maasai. AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT!! NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Crafts and wares will be available for purchase.

Tuesday 9th October at 7.30 p.m.

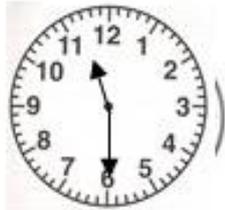
Tickets £8, School Age £6

Contact for tickets and information:

Email jennyvere@btinternet.com

or

Telephone 01379 687679



**MID MORNING COFFEE
BREAK**



CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

**WE ARE INVITING ALL BUSINESSES TO BE PART
OF PARK RADIO**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU, WE WILL
PLAY 3 SONGS OF YOUR CHOICE AND WE WILL
PLAY YOUR TUNES ON AIR DURING OUR MID
MORNING COFFEE BREAK**

**SO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS EITHER EMAIL US
AT studio@parkradio.co.uk**

or

call us on 01379 210000

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

**CHRIS MOYSE'S SHOW
MONDAY - FRIDAY, 10:00 - 13:00**

BSEVC is a registered Charity No 1004198 – Co No 2636217

Are you missing a bus service? Can you get to your nearest large shopping centre or has your bus service stopped?

Can we help by picking you up from your house and taking you to Eye to connect with the bus services to and from Diss, or to Gislingham to connect with the buses to Stowmarket?

BSEVC Connecting Communities run fully accessible vehicles on which to book a seat you only have to phone us. We have one vehicle covering the whole of North Suffolk so therefore can suggest we may be able to help you by getting you to Eye to connect with the bus services to and from Diss and Bury St Edmunds or by taking you to Gislingham to connect with the buses to and from Stowmarket. If there is a group of you from the same area we may be able to take the vehicle all the way to Diss.

We do not take bus passes, carers and children under 5 travel free and the fares taken when travelling are: 1 to 5 miles £2.40, 6 to 9 miles £3.30, 10 to 14 miles £4.20, 15 to 20 miles £5.50

We realise the need for transport within your area and are working hard to engage volunteer drivers to drive their own vehicles to provide you with a community car service. This service should be up and running by the middle of July. The community car service is slightly more expensive than the minibus but is more flexible and will travel to and from destinations inside and outside of Mid Suffolk.

We have been running community car services from Stowmarket, Debenham, and Ipswich for several years and more recently have set up a service in Kesgrave. These services have proved very popular and are a lifeline to so many people who otherwise couldn't take trips to visit relatives and friends, enjoy the sociability of clubs, attend day centres, and for the energetic Stradbroke Leisure Centre.



The most valuable service this type of transport provides is to get passengers to hospitals, health centres, and dentists. For health appointments our drivers will wait for you for no extra charge and West Suffolk and Heath Road will not charge our drivers for parking. We also get requests to take people to parties and weddings or connect with buses and trains and even to catch planes at various airports.

The charges for the community car services are 54p per mile (45p plus VAT) charged from the driver's home to you to your destination and the return for the driver to his home if he is not required to wait for you. There is a booking fee of £1.20 (£1 plus VAT) for each single journey. Travel taken in the community cars will be invoiced to passengers the following month.

Our offices are in Stowmarket and to book any of our services please ring 01449 614271 between the hours of 09.00 and 16.00, we also have an email address bookings@bsevc.co.uk. One of our office staff Katie, Francesca, Cherie or Jan will be more than happy to help you. For groups wishing to make bookings for outings and social events we operate a much larger fully accessible minibus, a 15-seater. If you are interested in this service, please contact Fran on 01449 614271 or email francesca.callan@bsevc.co.uk

**BATTLE'S OVER - A NATION'S TRIBUTE
SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018**

WW1 BEACONS OF LIGHT



Wortham & Burgate Parish Council is holding Its 'Beacons of Light' event in the early evening of Sunday, 11th November 2018. This celebrates the Centenary of the signing of The Armistice which called for a ceasefire of the First World War, effective at 11:00am on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

A large crowd is expected to assemble opposite The Manor House from 6:30pm to pay its respects to those who made later life possible for the rest of us. At 6:50 pm, children from Wortham Primary School will read the names of those local servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice.

At 6:55pm, a bugler will play the Last Post at our event and will join 1200 others around the country in a synchronised playing of the Scottish Lament. Ours is Ian Sturgeon, a former bugler in the Band of the Household Cavalry, and now Bandmaster at Diss Salvation Army.

The Beacon of Light will be lit at 7pm. The bells of St Peters Church, Palgrave will ring out at 7:05pm, followed by a firework display back in Wortham.

Please join us to show your support at this milestone event.

A collection will be taken for the four charities being supported by the event –

ABF The Soldiers' Charity
The RAF Benevolent Fund
Royal Naval Association
MNA The Merchant Navy Association



Netty Verkroost, wandbpc@gmail.com

THE SHEILA RUSH PAGE

Cycle Ride. Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The sponsored cycle ride took place on Saturday 8 September, with 30 riders visiting St Mary's Church, Wortham, which included lots of children riding behind their parents on tandems. The PCC thanks all the stewards who manned the church during the day. John Scott from Wortham was the only rider from St Mary's, but many people sponsored him. As yet the total is unknown, but half will go to the church and half to the Trust.

Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival service took place on Sunday 16 September at St Mary's Church, Wortham. It was conducted by the Revd Ginny Manning, and the organist was Myra Pinnell. Revd Ginny welcomed everyone to the service and thanked the ladies who had decorated the church with their stunning arrangements and candle cups.

The reading was given by Elizabeth Clark. Prayers were said by Churchwarden Cathy Hume. The collection was taken by Elizabeth Clark and Janette Higgs. The service ended with the blessing and then a light lunch was served at the back of the church.

Good Companions. The club celebrated its 50th Birthday as a club on Tuesday 18 September at the Park Hotel with a lovely lunch which everyone enjoyed. There were 37 members with several guests and tables were decorated with golden balloons. Sadly, the Chairman Betty Garnham was unable to attend, but she sent her best wishes to the club.

After lunch, a gift and card was presented to member Doreen Foster who will be celebrating her 90th birthday in September. A presentation was also made to Tom Davis who arranges the outings and does many other jobs for the club. A celebration cake was baked by Kay Wake and was distributed to all members. The club meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at Wortham Village Hall between 2 and 4pm. New members are always welcome.

Cobbold Festival 15 & 16 June 2019. Plans are underway for a fantastic flower festival in the church as a celebration of the life of Richard Cobbold our famous rector from 1828 to 1877. Cobbold kept diaries during his long incumbency and produced paintings of virtually every dwelling, public-building and pub in the parish.

His watercolours are delightful and have never been published in full. Maureen Ling and Sue Heaser having been photographing every painting in his diaries at the Suffolk Record Office for a new publication at the festival. It will be a visual feast of our village in the 19th century, and many previously unseen paintings will be in the book. Everyone with an old house in the village should not miss this event.

Quiz Night & Hog Roast

**WORTHAM VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 17th 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

SUE, YOU ARE A MAGICIAN!

Whilst we realise that some in the village are still waiting to be able to link to super-fast broadband, we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Sue Coales for all the tremendous work she has done (and is still doing) to get us all linked up and into the 21st century!

Having been one of the lucky ones to already be on the new system our businesses have been transformed and our lives made considerably easier over the past month.

We are convinced that we would have waited at least 5 more years for this if it had not been for Sue, as Wortham appeared to be the Brigadoon of Suffolk according to the BT and Openreach internet maps!

As an event organiser I know just how labour intensive and difficult this has been. Sue, you are a magician - not least because you have managed to ensure the value of all our properties by doing this. THANK YOU!

Belinda and Ben Edwards, Jasmine Cottage.



TEA'S MADE

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 must pay for village hall hire and refreshment supplies and they're covered by voluntary contributions.

For more information call Miriam Quinn on 01379 898864.

Or just join us on Wednesday afternoon.

No reservation is necessary.

TWO REMARKABLE BRITISH WOMEN IN WW1

LIFE AS A WW1 NURSING SISTER



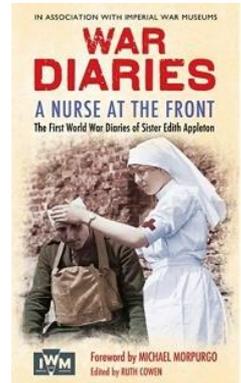
Born in Deal, Kent, in 1877, Sister Edith Appleton served in France with the elite Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. Edith was gazetted for the Royal Red Cross in 1918 and awarded a military OBE.

Her diaries leading up to the end of the war on 12 November 1918 give a profound insight into the life of a First World War nurse, starkly exposing the suffering of the wounded and dying – as well as the quirks and distractions of life at the front.



15 April 1915

Our men made an attack last night and we heard the heavy firing that covered their advance – it shook the houses. I missed tea and dinner because we were too busy in the theatre... with so many amputations or arms and legs and insides cut and packed in.



19 May 1915

Ypres is dead, a silent town of broken and burnt houses and destroyed streets. A man who was shot in the spine has been dying by inches – nay, sixteenth of inches. And is not dead yet. His brain and abdominal muscles are the only non-paralysed parts of him now.

One of the most striking aspects of Edie's diary is the way she writes about death. Often, understandably, she is inured to it. But sometimes, it is crushingly intimate.

12 March 1916

My poor little boy, Kerr, died today. He had been in 15 days, suffering from gas, pneumonia, bronchitis... but only the day before yesterday he realised that he was not going to get well. He kept whispering all sorts of messages for home and his fiancée – then he would call, 'Sister', and when I bent down to hear, 'I do love you... will you kiss me?' I did kiss the boy – first for his mother and then for myself – which pleased him.

One of Edie's patients – 24-year-old Rifleman James Lennox of 12 Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles – clung to life for more than 40 days. Her description shows that, while she had nursed hundreds of dying men, she could still be deeply affected by individual cases.

13 July 1916

I fear one boy may not get better. He has pneumonia caused by a lump of lead in his left lung and I suppose they will not be able to operate. He is so blue and bad, poor dear.

21 July 1916

My ill boy is ... simply being poisoned by his own system. He talked more yesterday but does not look right and has such a quick pulse. I think he will die quite soon.

4 August 1916

Had a letter from the mother of my ill boy. She asks that he write just two words to her and she will feel more content. So I went back, in case he is not there this morning, and helped him do it. It is a poor little five-word scrawl, but I hope it will please her poor soul.

20 August 1916

Poor Lennox... only his heart and eyes are alive, but the rest of him is dead, poor dear.

23 August 1916

Lennox died soon after 8 o'clock last night. Never have I seen such a slow, painful death. It was as if the boy was chained to Earth for punishment. I am very glad for [him] to be away.



Pictured here are two Ediths, Matron Edith Cavell (l) and Sister Edith Appleton (r).

Eddie's diaries after November 1916 are missing. When they resume, in June 1918, she is on the Normandy coast in a hospital at Le Tréport, near Abbeville.

19 August 1918

The two poor spines are dying so slowly – one, an old sergeant, is quite happily rambling on to his wife, a queer old fish who looks almost reprovingly at him for dying. The other is an Australian and really a most handsome fair lad – 24 years old yesterday. He is a marvel – can't feel a single thing below his chest, but his upper part is always happy, content and cheerful.

12 November 1918

Peace! Thank God for that! It feels very queer too, as if your elastic had snapped. Here endeth the fighting part of the war – GOD SAVE THE KING!



Edith continued nursing in London after the war. In 1920 she was awarded the Military OBE and RRC Royal Red Cross 1st Class. In 1923, she settled in the village of Brightstone, Isle of Wight and three years later, aged 49, married Lt Cmdr Jack Bonsor Ledger, a stepson of an elder sister. She died aged 80 in 1958.

Source: Royal British Legion

THE ONLY BRITISH WOMAN TO FIGHT ON THE FRONT LINE IN WW1

Flora Sandes was born on 22 January 1876 in Nether Poppleton, Yorkshire, the youngest daughter of an Irish family. Her father was Samuel Dickson Sandes, the former rector of Whitchurch, County Cork, and her mother was Sophia Julia (née Besnard).

When she was nine years old, the family moved to Marlesford, Suffolk; and later to Thornton Heath, near Croydon, Surrey. As a child she was educated by governesses. She enjoyed fencing, riding and shooting and said that she wished she had been born a boy.



She left the FANY in 1910 joining another renegade FANY, Mabel St Clair Stobart, in the formation of the Women's Sick & Wounded Convoy. The Convoy saw service in Serbia and Bulgaria in 1912 during the First Balkan War. At the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 she volunteered to become a nurse but was rejected due to a lack of qualifications.

Sandes nonetheless joined a St. John Ambulance unit raised by American nurse Mabel Grouitch, and on 12 August 1914 left England for Serbia with a group of 36 women to try to aid the humanitarian crises there. They arrived at the town of Kragujevac which was the base for the Serbian forces fighting against the Austro-Hungarian



offensive. Sandes joined the Serbian Red Cross and worked in an ambulance for the Second Infantry Regiment of the Serbian Army.

In 1914 she went riding with a Serbian soldier who, impressed with her equestrian skills, told her she was wasted as a nurse and should enlist as a soldier; she told Dr Isabel Emslie, "I've always wished to be a soldier and to fight." In 1915 she struggled to get to the Front, eventually joining the ambulance of the Second Regiment at the Babuna Pass.

During the Great Retreat through Albania, all the other ambulance staff fled or were killed. Sandes could no longer make herself useful as a nurse and was enrolled as a private by General Miloš Vasić. She quickly advanced to the rank of Corporal.



In 1916, during the Serbian advance on Bitola (Monastir), Sandes was seriously wounded by a grenade in hand to hand combat. She was awarded the Order of the Karađorđe's Star and promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major.



Unable to continue fighting due to her injury, she spent the remainder of the war running a hospital. At the end of the war she was commissioned as an officer, making her simultaneously the Serbian army's first female and first foreign officer. She was finally demobilised in October 1922.

In May 1927, Sandes married Yuri Yudenitch, a fellow officer and former White Army general. The couple lived for a time in France, but afterwards returned to Serbia (which by this date had become part of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia), and settled in Belgrade. Among other jobs, Sandes drove Belgrade's first taxicab. Later in 1927, she published a second autobiography and lectured extensively on her wartime experiences in three continents. She wore her military uniform while delivering her lectures.

When Germany attacked Yugoslavia in April 1941, Sandes and Yudenitch were recalled to military service, but the invasion was over before they could take up any military duties. They were briefly interned by the Germans, before being released on parole. Yudenitch fell ill, was removed to hospital, and died there in September 1941.

Sandes subsequently returned to England. She spent the last years of her life near Wickham Market - back in Suffolk again.

Flora died at the West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds on 24 November 1956.

Source: Wikipedia



BURGATE VILLAGE NEWS



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. 10.00am until 12 noon. Look for the 'A' board by the side of the road.

Jumble Sale – 22nd September

This was very well attended – many thanks are due to all those who donated, sorted and sold the jumble and provided the very welcome refreshments. A total of around £425 was made for the Friends of Burgate Church.

<u>Church Flowers</u>	Fee Robertson	-	7 th October, 14 th October
	Jennie Labdon	-	21 st October, 28 th October

Hall Cleaning - Judi Tann

Did you know.....

..... that you can hire Burgate Church Hall for meetings, parties and other social events? It has a very well- equipped kitchen with excellent cooking facilities, fridge, microwave and dishwasher. Toilet facilities are modern and are fully disabled accessible. Contact Judi Tann on 01379 783302 for further details.

Wortham Walkers for October



Only four of us were able to get to Earl Soham for the September walk. However, because there were few of us, the weather was wet, and Hutton's Deli was very tempting, we decided to leave the walk until October and enjoy the refreshments on offer at the Deli.

We would like to do the walk again on either Tuesday 9 or Wednesday 10 October. As with September, the day will depend on which the majority prefers, so please let us know and hopefully we will have a fine day and more members would like and be able to come



We will meet at the Victoria Pub in the middle of Earl Soham at

at 10.30 am and finishing at 12.00 after about 3 miles.

David Williamson, who is leading the walk, on 01379 783610.

John Scott, 01379 650009



FRIENDS of BOTESDALE HEALTH CENTRE

Fund raising for BOTESDALE HEALTH CENTRE

RACE NIGHT & SUPPER

8 RACES PLUS RAFFLE: BREAK FOR SUPPER:

PAY BAR AVAILABLE

DOORS OPEN AT 7.15PM



SATURDAY OCTOBER 6th 2018

FIRST RACE 7.45pm (DOORS OPEN 7.15PM)

RICKINGHALL VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS: £10 EACH

(NO ADMITTANCE ON NIGHT WITHOUT TICKET)

Contact: Carole Fitt: 01379-890878, Ursula Noyce: 01379-890138, Jo Meekings: 01379-898614

**Tickets from: Simply Beauty (Hill Top): Redgrave Community Shop:
Wortham Post Office or any of the above contacts.**

Promoted by: FRIENDS of BOTESDALE HEALTH CENTRE. REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER - 285606

Beyond the Wall – Out and about

Over the last six weeks Clients at BTW have been engaged with something a little different from our usual programme of events and skills session. Lisa, a tutor and Duke of Edinburgh expedition leader has been coming in on Wednesday mornings to deliver a series of classes that look at, and provide, opportunities to learn and practice skills that build up to being able to take part in a successful outdoors expedition.



Skills such as map reading and cooking over a camp stove have been built alongside activities that assist with getting the right kit together ahead of an expedition; selecting the right clothing and choosing an appropriate tent. The course has been very 'hands on' as well as using reinforcing exercises to reflect on the varied experiences that have been brought to our learning environment. With tents up, walks completed, maps read, and all the right provisions and kit packed, we are now all hike and expedition ready, thanks to Lisa's course!

That's Gardens Manager Phil's explanation of what was going on when I dropped in the other day. Pity I didn't know about the tent erecting – I've had tents collapsing and letting in water ever since I started camping as a boy. Actually, I was dropping in plants for sale at the next big event:



APPLE DAY

The Walled Garden

Beyond the Wall, Thornham Magna,
Eye, IP23 8HA

Sunday 7th October

12.00pm – 3.30 pm

FREE ENTRY

APPLES!

Live Music

CAKES

Morris Dancing

Barbecue

Produce Stalls

Refreshments

Craft Stalls

CHILDRENS GAMES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

BILL'S BIRDS

It has been an extraordinary summer with many weeks of no rain and then temperatures of 80°F +. This, after a sudden return to winter temperatures in early March. However, the birds seem able to cope and we have sat in the sun for many hours enjoying the birds coming to our bird baths and watching Swifts 'screaming' overhead. The hot weather continued until the end of July when we had storms of thunder and spectacular lightning.

So, now looking out over our terrace through double glazed windows on an afternoon of continuous non-stop rain, the changed bird population has retreated for cover. Yesterday, 25 August, when sitting outside, we realised that most birds had abandoned our feeders (though not the water supply). A pair of Wood Pigeons is still present with a recently cracked white egg outside our backdoor, denoting a late clutch. But the charming Collar Doves are not to be seen. We still hear the constant 'hiccupping' call of the Stock Dove from afar.



The main body of Swifts left us on 27 July after the storm. I suspect they were about to go but having travelled possibly hundreds of miles to fill their expanding cheeks with food for their young, they returned to find empty nests: the migrating young precede the adults (we still don't know how they manage to find their way without their parents). So, the parents also left for the south!

Did you know that our Swift population has decreased by 50% in the last twenty years? Probably due to the destruction of nesting sites and lack of food—a decrease in the supply of aerial plankton (insects and arachnids) due to changes in farming practice. As a result, House Martins find an increase in their supply of food due to the lack of hungry Swifts in the skies, and Swallows also benefit being nearer to the ground.

In the garden we miss the Hedge Sparrow's dainty song and fewer noisy House Sparrows which find more seeds in the fields amongst the straw left by the combines. In the past open barns and straw stacks supplied food, now unobtainable in bird and animal proof storage buildings.

Our commonest garden bird, the Blackbird, is not showing up. At this time of the year, it keeps under cover as it is moulting and getting used to its new coat.

And how about the Robin? Has last year's couple returned? Like other birds, it has stopped singing, though you may hear a few wistful notes from last year's resident, or perhaps a new owner has taken over. I am delighted to have seen a Robin peering at me from a low hedge in our garden. Will it stay?

And the Fen? At a recent visit it was quiet. No warblers singing. They may be there but, having found a mate and being involved with feeding young, there is no time to sing. The Marsh Harriers are still in residence.

The Centre's notice board recently stated four Spotted Flycatchers had been seen. Could they have been from the nest near Redgrave Fen Road? I understand that the four young were fully fledged and had been ringed officially.

You will be reading this report in October. Already, in the last week of August, a dozen Golden Plover have been seen. Watch out for Redwings and Field Fares.

How quickly the year goes by.

Garden notes by Linda Simpson

At the time of writing the garden seems to have largely recovered from the drought and extreme temperatures earlier in the summer. It is always interesting to observe how plants do in different weather conditions and this year is no exception.

There are exotic plants around the country that have flowered for the first time in 50 years. I cannot lay claim to any such records and in my garden, it has been more a question of keeping things going.

I was watering the borders but it takes days to get around them all. At the hottest there were some things that were drooping again before I had even gone around once. For some things though it was not drought that caused them to droop but the heat. I usually checked in the early morning or the evening and if they had perked up they didn't need watering.

I was very interested to see that veronicastrum plants seemed to become acclimatised to the heat after a few weeks (a bit like us). They are usually quick to droop when the sun is hot but will pick up again in the cool of the evening. However, by the end of the hottest week they didn't droop at all.

Since we had our National Garden Scheme opening at the end of the very hot week we decided the only way to manage was to get up at five and work in the garden until 9/10. I must say I loved doing this – that time of day was just a wonderful temperature and everything felt fresh. Later in the day we were, on some days at least, able to relax a bit in the shade. If our summers become regularly hot I think this is a way of working I would be happy to adopt.

One part of the garden did suffer – that was the 'lawn' and grassy areas. We didn't of course water these and by the end of the drought the grass was bleached white. We are told that you will not kill grass but I now beg to differ. Although much of the grass has recovered we have been left with large patches all over where it has not. We have now scarified it all a couple of times and I have sown some grass seed in the worst. Unfortunately, many of these patches are being colonised with weed seedlings so I guess we will have to deal with them in due course too!



Even now having scarified, sown with grass seed and had some rain it still looks a mess. Fortunately, the borders are still looking very colourful to compensate. The near frost the other night (0.4c) in our garden will not be enough to do any damage but will encourage trees and shrubs to take on their glorious autumn colours.

Martyn Taylor, The A-Z of Streets in Bury St Edmunds

Martyn Taylor used material from a recent book to give an entertaining talk to the August meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall about changes to the streets of Bury St Edmunds. He used the idea of an A-Z gazetteer to explore aspects of the history of the town through short anecdotes about places and the people who lived there.

Martyn started his review with the letter A and Angel Hill. This lies at the heart of the historic town. One of its most prominent features is the Angel Hotel which was built on the site of three medieval inns. It used to have attractive creepers across its frontage, but they had to be removed as mice climbed them and got into the bedrooms, upsetting guests. Nearby is another notable building, the Athenaeum. It has a green dome which contained an observatory opened in 1859. Unfortunately, it is now in disrepair. However, at the time, it encouraged a flourishing astronomical society.

Like most medieval towns and cities, guilds played a prominent role in the community. In Bury St Edmunds, the most influential was the Candlemas Guild whose members were the wealthiest citizens in the town. They supported the poor and the needy. Two examples of their work are still to be found. The Guildhall Feoffment School in Bridewell Lane and the alms-houses in College Square were financed by the guild.

The talk offered quirky details about Bury St Edmunds. Hatter Street, where the Abbeygate Theatre now stands, is little changed from when it was built but it was the Jewish Quarter and was originally called Heathenmen Street. The Fox in Eastgate Street is probably the oldest pub in the town. Drovers who brought animals to the market drank there. Around the corner was the ducking stool which was last used in 1833 to punish scolding wives or cheats. Similarly, in Home Farm Lane, near the hospital, there is the only thatched building in Bury St Edmunds because a serious fire in the town in 1608 led to thatched roofs being banned.

Martyn told one distressing story. Chalk mining was undertaken in parts of Bury St Edmunds. The chalk was used to make lime cement for building work or to reduce the acidity of fields. In 1964 33 houses were built in Jacqueline Close to the west of the town centre. In 1967 some of the houses began to collapse and fall into the old mine workings. The problem was so bad that most residents had to be moved out for their safety. Their problems did not end there as most were not insured for subsidence and so were still liable for their mortgage repayments. Questions about why permission was granted to permit building on the site were never adequately answered.

At the end of his A-Z review, Martyn mentioned Zulu Lane. He has found a link between the town and the Zulus. In the middle of the 19th century, Thomas Wilkinson, the son of a JP in Walsham-le-Willows was a pupil at a grammar school in Bury St Edmunds. He went on to become the Bishop of Zululand. This story concluded an enjoyable evening provided by a man with an extensive knowledge of Bury St Edmunds through research of the town where he was born and obviously loves.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24 October at The Village Hall, Rickinghall. Mike Wabe will give a talk about life and death in a Victorian gaol. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net.

Gerry Gurhy



Twinning News

Wortham and Burgate Twinning is holding an evening event at Wortham Village Hall on Friday 16th November at 7.30pm

Member Mike Bowen is presenting an evening of singing the blues away with 'Did you Jive In 55'. Tickets, £10, include a glass of wine /soft drink and will shortly be on sale at Wortham Village Stores.

There will be a cash bar and raffle.

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WORTHAM BOWLS CLUB

The league season is now over and the green has been put to bed for the winter. The club finished fifth in the Stowmarket League and eighth in Division One of the Upper Waveney League, which can be considered a successful season. Additional friendly matches were organised and the internal club competition was enjoyed by all.

Several new bowlers joined the club during 2018 and we look forward to welcoming new novice or experienced bowlers for the 2019 season. To accommodate the additional players, we will enter a team in the Bury & District League which will play on Monday afternoons.

Thank you to all those who bought raffle tickets for the annual Whisky Draw and we hope that the successful **forty-eight** winners enjoy their whisky or two bottles of wine if that was your preference.

Further details, including contact details, weekly fixtures and results are available on the village website.

www.worthamandburgate.suffolk.cloud

Friends of Wortham Church

Spud and Spout evening 'Spanner in the Works'

Robert Erskine, English sculptor, designer and broadcaster will be giving an illustrated talk at Wortham Village Hall on Friday 19th. October.

His landmarks sculptures have been awarded status of permanent public monuments by The Public Monument Sculpture Association and The Courtauld Institute, for contributing to the heritage and culture of the nation and his work is held in public and private collections worldwide.

The evening is at 7.15 for 7.30 start when there will be a light supper of baked potato with a choice of fillings followed by the talk. There will be a bar.

Tickets are £10 available from Wortham Post Office or Maureen Ling on 01379 898176.

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Wortham Midday Yoga	Thursday	04, 11, 18	11:45 – 13:15
Ballroom	Monday	01, 08, 15, 29	18:30 – 20:30
Tea's Made	Wednesday	03, 10, 17, 24, 31	14:00 – 16:30
Pilates	Wednesday	03, 10, 17, 24, 31	09:30 – 10:30
Gentle Exercise Mornings	Thursday	04, 11, 18, 25	09:30 – 10:30
Gentle Exercise Evenings	Thursday	03, 10, 17, 24, 31	19:30 – 20:30
Good Companions	Tuesday	09	14:00 – 16:30
W&B Sunday Club	Sunday	07	09:45 – 11:00
Junior Tennis	Monday	08, 15	1300 – 14:00
FOWC Spud & Spout	Friday	19	19:00 – 22:00
Emma's Jumble Sale	Saturday	27	14-00 – 16:30

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