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future events and
interesting articles

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Wortham & BUrgate Letter

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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.

BEYOND THE WALL

A fun day in the walled garden

Considering our familiarity with the vicissitudes of our English weather, it's odd that we can still be alarmed by a weather forecast. However, despite the warnings of rain in the morning, a good many people still managed to find their way to our annual Blossom



Day on the 13th May. It was all rather new for all of us – new marquees, new flower beds and café area. Lots of children enjoyed playing the games, and the bouncy castle, and their parents bought refreshments



and took home cakes, preserves and plants – all made or raised by clients or volunteers and helpers.



Over £800 pounds Was raised as profit, and we hope a good deal of good will to inspire people to come again to our other events.

And that's now far away...



Thanks to everyone who helped to make Blossom day so enjoyable either by helping or buying from us.

The Plant Sale on June 2 is a trial venture, and a chance to buy plants or veg from Beyond the Wall. If you have surplus plants that you feel you could donate please let us know, and if possible drop them in to the walled garden before the weekend, so that we can sort them out.

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admin@beyondthewall.org.uk



BLOOMING BRESSINGHAM

FRAGRANT FERSFIELD

OPEN GARDENS

2nd – 3rd June 2018

10.30-5.30 p.m. daily

Entry £5

'THE HALL'S THE HUB'

****Entry Programmes* Refreshments****

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All at Bressingham Village Hall

For further information please contact Katherine:
01379 687207; ktsmith6838@btinternet.com

***Proceeds for repair works shared between Bressingham and Fersfield Churches and
Bressingham Village Hall.***

Wortham and Burgate Sunday Club

Meet at Wortham Village Hall from 10.00am to 10.45am
(followed by coffee and cookies) once a month during term time.

Dates for Spring Term 2018 are:

3rd June : 1st July

Stories



Games



Crafts

Singing



and lots of fun and friendship



All children aged 4-11 welcome.
Just turn up or ring Lyn on 788479
for more details

Wortham Walkers for June

Next month's walk will be in Debenham, meeting at the car park south of the church.



David Williamson (tel.783610) will lead this walk on Tuesday 5th June, starting at 10.30 am from the car park south of the church, and the walk is estimated to take 1.5 hours, followed by lunch at the Woolpack (near the church) for those who would like a meal. If it rains we have an alternative walk around Debenham.



We would appreciate a reply as to whether or not you plan to join us.

John Scott (tel. 650009)

PS. As we are equally divided between those who prefer Tuesdays and those choosing Wednesdays, we have decided to let the walk leader choose the day.

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



A Very Special Birthday Celebration

Tuesday 1st May saw a very special birthday celebration at Kettles On, when a surprise party was held for David Cooper, who reached the magnificent age of 99. After the tasty canapes, sandwiches and birthday cake was eaten, David gave a short speech of thanks, expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the friendship he experienced at Kettles On.

David is pictured below with his daughter Christine and son-in-law Jim.



Church Flowers

3rd June Flo Tyler
10th June Flo Tyler
17th June Liz Chapman
24th June Liz Chapman

Hall Cleaning

Fran Jones

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.

FOBC and Burgate PCC invite you to a

Flower Demonstration

in St Mary's Church Burgate, IP22 1QE

Friday 8th June at 6.30 pm

Nick Grounds – National Demonstrator

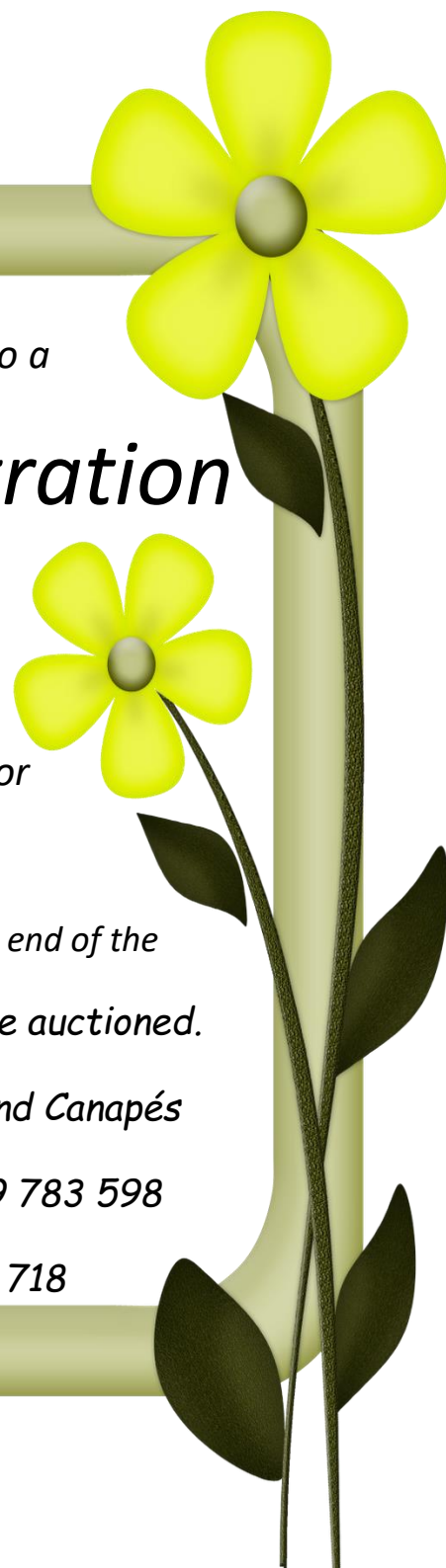
on the theme of "The Materialist"

4 arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening, and 2 arrangements will be auctioned.

Tickets: £12.50 include Pimms and Canapés

Contact Jennie Labdon on 01379 783 598

or Gina Cole on 01379 783 718



PALGRAVE COMMUNITY
CINEMA

Saturday 9 June, 7:30pm

Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill

2018 Best Actor Oscar & Bafta

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THE DARKEST HOUR

Saturday 7 July, 7:30pm

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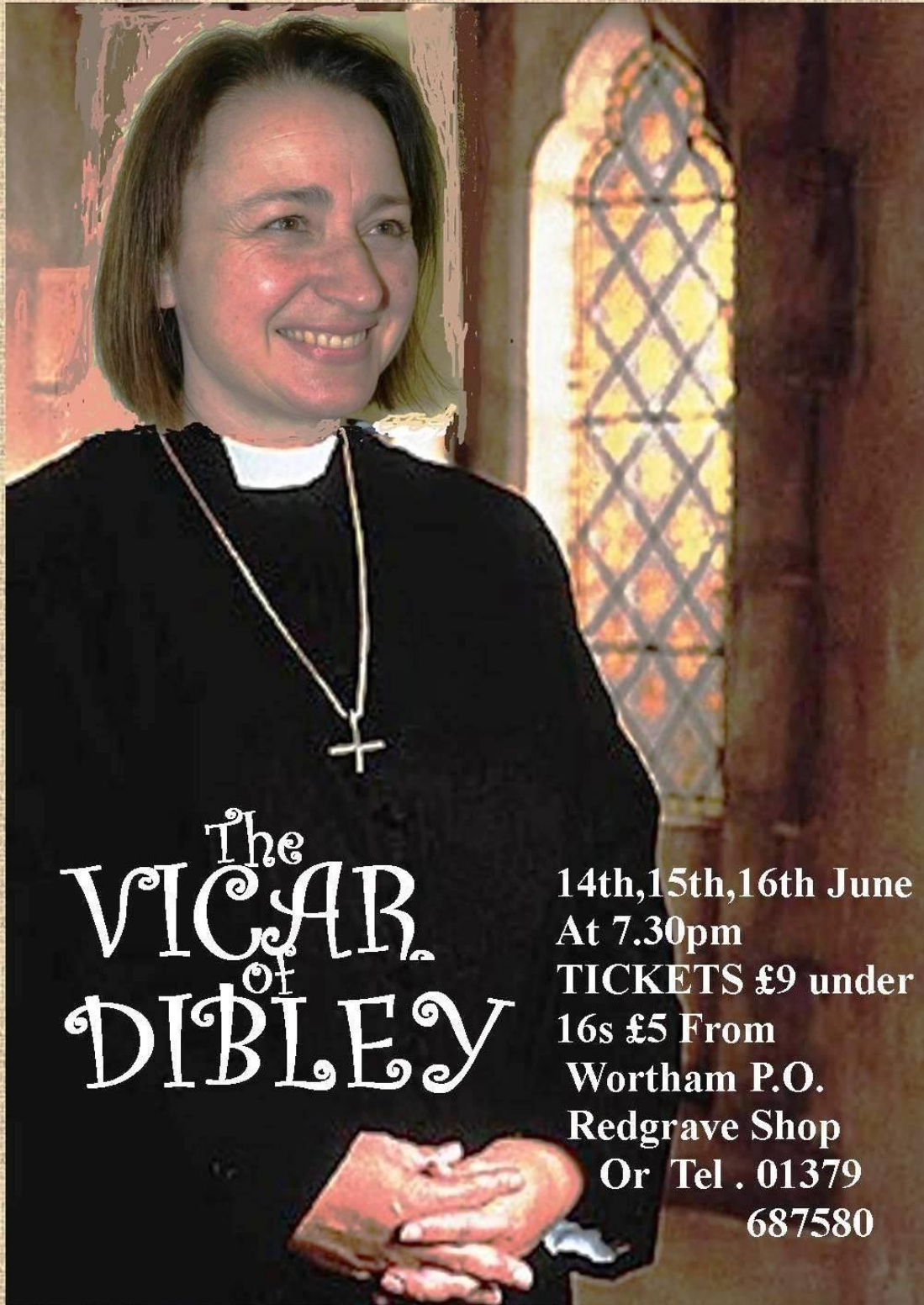
Twinning News

Just short of 50 people enjoyed learning Breton Dances at an event held at the Village Hall on Friday 18th May.

Dancing was to live music lead by professional group BOF who led the workshop. Included in the dances was a gavotte which also saw the leader of the dance indicate when we should slow down and have a gentle walk around exchanging village gossip – well that is apparently how it is done in Brittany!

Around £400, including the raffle won by Judith and Andy Phillips, was raised for Twinning funds. This will go towards paying for the cost of entertaining the French visitors when they come in July.

**WARTS PRESENTS
AT BOTESDALE VILLAGE HALL**



**The
VICAR
of
DIBLEY**

**14th,15th,16th June
At 7.30pm
TICKETS £9 under
16s £5 From
Wortham P.O.
Redgrave Shop
Or Tel . 01379
687580**

A stage play by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter adapted from the original TV series by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer. With kind permission of Tiger Aspect Productions

The Vicar of Dibley comes to Botesdale

WARTS (Wortham and Redgrave Theatre Society – a talented company of non-professional actors) next production is the ever popular The Vicar of Dibley. Based mainly on the first two TV series which were aired originally between 1994 and 1998, the stage play has lost none of its humorous appeal.

Set between the Dibley village hall and the Vicarage, the well-loved characters hold their council meetings with much sniping and varying degrees of success, while curious goings-on and hilarious conversations take place in the Vicarage. The action culminates with the “fairytale” marriage between Alice Tinker and Hugo Horton.

Some scenes contain mild adult themes which some parents may find unsuitable for children.

Royalties for this production will be donated to the charity Comic Relief.

Once again WARTS is delighted to welcome members of Mere Players to the cast and backstage crew.

Performances take place from Thursday 14 to Saturday 16 June at Botesdale Village Hall from 7.30 pm Doors 7pm. Licensed Bar & Raffle. Booking is recommended. Tickets cost £9 and are available now from Wortham Post Office, Redgrave Village Stores or the box office on 01379 687580.

A large, dark brown oval sign with a pink border. The text 'WORTHAM' is in pink, 'OPEN GARDENS' is in white, and '2018' is in pink. The sign is set against a background of green foliage and pink and purple bunting flags.

WORTHAM OPEN GARDENS 2018

Entry programmes
available in advance from
**Worham
Stores & Post
Office**

16 - 17 JUNE

11.00AM - 5.00PM - 4 MILES FROM DISS ON A143

For further information visit

www.opengardens.co.uk

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Wortham Village Open Gardens Weekend

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June. 11am – 5pm

Do come and support fund raising for the village hall and have a lovely time visiting some of the beautiful gardens that Wortham residents have created.

There will be a total of 20 gardens open and if you cannot manage to visit them all on one day, your purchased programme will entitle you to visit on both days at no extra cost.

You can take your time and enjoy a lunch and/or tea at one of our two refreshment stops and while you are there also buy some of the lovely plants that Howards Nurseries have generously donated and take part in our raffle.

Programmes are £5 with children under 12 free. They will be available from The Post Office Stores a couple of weeks in advance and over the weekend (or outside the Stores when closed).



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.

Garden notes by Linda Simpson

As I am sure you have heard, Beth Chatto died recently at the age of 93. She was one of my gardening heroes. Not only was I inspired by visiting her garden in Elmstead Market in Essex in the late 70s, early 80s and beyond but also it was because of her that my eyes were opened to the wide range of perennial plants that it is possible to grow in the UK.

40 years ago, at Cressing Temple in Essex there used to be annual plants sales to raise money for the Red Cross. It was well supported by all the local owners of gardens great and small and it was possible to get clumps of freshly dug herbaceous plants for tiny amounts of money. In addition to this informal plant jumble sale, some nursery owners including Beth Chatto would bring along plants for sale. I remember having conversations with her about the plants and what sort of conditions they might like but it was the range and diversity of plants that really made an impression on me.

At that time garden centres sold very restricted ranges of plants and it was only specialists like Beth and Bressingham Gardens where it was possible to buy what was then more unusual. Fortunately, things have come on a lot since then. Not only do more garden centres have a wider range of plants on offer but there also seem to be more specialist nurseries where it is possible to hunt out gems.

Beth was a strong proponent of 'right plant right place'. Now this is a concept that most gardeners will chafe against from time to time and I am no exception. Who amongst us has not hankered to grow something that may be totally unsuitable for our soil. However, if you wish to make your gardening easier you would do well to heed this mantra!

A visit to Beth's nursery is still an exciting outing for a plant lover and her presence around it will be missed. I saw her there as recently as two years ago and the interview she gave on the Gardeners World programme last year demonstrated she was still thinking about her garden. Her inspiration will continue to guide my gardening ideas even if she is no longer with us. I salute you, Beth Chatto.

Like everybody I am often also inspired by plantings I might see by chance or during a visit to a garden. Recently I happened to visit the garden at Houghton Hall. If you aspire to topiary and training of fruit trees this is definitely a garden to visit, but it has much more. The big thing I took away from my visit there was a magical planting combination of camassia leichtlinii and narcissi Old Pheasants Eye planted together in long meadow grass.



The pale blue of the camassia interplanted with the delicate white recurved and scented flowers of the narcissi was just delightful and one I plan to try and emulate in my garden. I already have an area planted with the narcissi (see the photo taken a week or so ago) and will interplant with the camassia next autumn.

BILL'S BIRDS

Since I wrote my last article, the weathermen did at last make amends and we had days of record temperatures (29°C). At last those fields of Field Fares realised they were free to fly north. Many of you had noticed their large gatherings and some were fortunate enough to have Field Fares coming to your feeders which they rarely visit. An attractive thrush when seen at close quarters.

But all was not over, for on 22nd April for 20 minutes in the late afternoon we were the receivers of the heaviest hailstorm I have ever experienced. Stones covered the terrace, small streams of stones and water rushed down the side of our bungalow. Thank goodness I cut short my afternoon ramble. Our roads and drives became white streams. I do trust birds were able to seek shelter in time. I am told we had experienced a Super Cell Storm!

What about this year's spring arrivals? After seeing our first Swallow on 9th April, the next day there were up to a dozen on Diss Road, Botesdale near the Round House. I have noticed such a group annually on this site; within a few days they have flown on. Why there? There must be a good supply of insects present for a 'pit stop'.

Next, the Chiff Chaff, that early spring arrival a bit later this year. My first was outside Botesdale Village Hall on Sunday morning 15th April. Loud and clear its song burst out with a ray of sunshine. In the next few days it seemed to be everywhere, possibly following up the River Waveney. I can picture them coming up by night and then surprising us all the next morning, saying 'yes', spring is here (I do trust they miss the hailstorm). And, the Cuckoo. Did you hear it on Redgrave Fen? I gather a pair was there on 19th April. My first hearing was 28th April (again on the Fen).

I gather that Redgrave Fen has got its annual Bittern. Several recordings of its 'booming'. Also, Bearded Tits have been seen. I have been unlucky over these sightings, but every time I visit the Fen I see a pair of Marsh Harriers. This will be their third year. Now well established.

The Cetti Warbler has been heard during the winter but its numbers were reduced by the extremely cold spell. Not a migrator. Present summer and winter. This brown skulking warbler sings all the year round. An explosive 'cetti-cetti' (a soft 'c') comes intermittently from a low bush. First seen in the UK in 1961. First seen in Suffolk in 1971.

Other birds of note, a single Brambling on Botesdale Common in April. Usually seen with a winter finch flock. Also, a Ring Ousel (blackbird with a white chest) in a field by Magpie Green at Wortham. Unmistakeable. Last recorded in this area in Rickinghall two years ago by an observant teenage boy who conveniently proved it with a photo in an email!

And, lastly, on a Redgrave Fen winter walk, a Tree Creeper. I saw it very clearly and was able to get close to it. It flew to the trunk of a tree and typically started walking from the bottom upwards. Very well camouflaged with a very dark back and a light front. Apparently, it is well known to let watchers get quite close. I expect it realises how well its size and colouring camouflage it from passers-by.

When you get this article in the June magazine, do watch out for the Turtle Dove (last year only one on Botesdale Common) and the Spotted Flycatcher. Did you know that the Flycatcher winters in Angola and has to cross two deserts to get to us? Thank goodness for geo-locators





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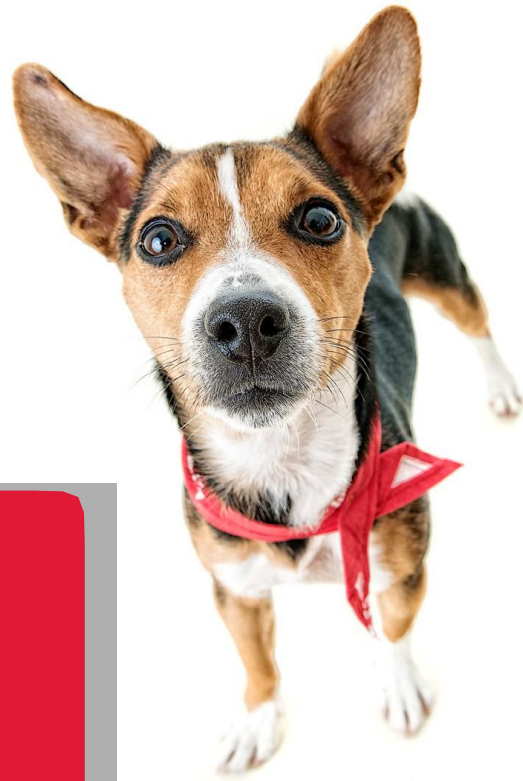
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**CHRIS MOYSE'S SHOW
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PAWS WITH A CAUSE

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Sunday
30
September
2018

10am - walks finish 3pm

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www.eaaa.org.uk

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PAWS WITH A CAUSE

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Register now!

You can register online or by calling us.

For more details visit www.eaaa.org.uk or call 03450 669 999.



THE SHEILA RUSH PAGE

Produce. The surplus produce stall has started again outside Wortham Post Office and Stores. You can donate anything that can be sold, such as vegetables, fruit and plants, and at the end of the season the money will be shared between EACH - East Anglian Children's Hospices and EAAA - East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Friends of Wortham Church. FOWC held a tassel-making Workshop with June Kingwell on Friday 11 May at Lime Tree Farm. A very pleasant afternoon was held with tea and cakes. £80 was made for FoWC funds.

Good Companions. The May meeting of the club was held on Tuesday 22 May at Wortham Village Hall. Names were taken for the next outing, to Tavernham and Cromer on Tuesday 5 June. Refreshments were served, and the afternoon ended with a raffle.

Twinning Association. Wortham and Burgate Twinning held a ceilidh with a difference – a Breton Dance Workshop dancing to live music from BOF on Friday 18 May at Wortham Village Hall. 45 people enjoyed a lovely evening, there were nibbles with wine and cheese and there was a cash bar and a French raffle. The Association is well ahead with preparations to welcome a group of 26 adults and 15 children from Hede during the period of July 12 to 16.

Thy Kingdom Come. The Church of England was encouraging each parish and local communities in our nation to take part in an event centered on words from The Lord's Prayer. All churches in our benefice took part where there was an opportunity to meet together and pray led by members of our ministry team, also with short readings. Both St Mary's Church, Wortham and St Mary of Pity, Burgate took part.

Sunday Club. W&B Sunday Club met on 6 May at Wortham Village Hall. There were stories, singing, games and crafts followed by coffee and cookies, There are just two more meetings on June 3rd and July 1st before the summer holiday break. All children are very welcome. Just turn up between 10:00 and 10:45am . You can ring Lyn on 01379 788749 for more details.

Wortham Open Gardens. This year's Open Gardens are on the weekend of June 16 and 17, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Wortham Bowls Club and St Mary's Church will also open. Tickets are £5 and are valid for both days, available from Wortham Post Office and Stores. Refreshments, including ploughman's lunches, will be available; plants will be on sale, generously donated by Howard's Nurseries. All proceeds will go towards maintaining and improving Wortham Village Hall. Please note that access to all parts of open gardens may be possible but is not guaranteed.

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

Our door-to-door dial a ride service can take you shopping, to medical appointments (excluding hospitals), to visit a friend or relative or attend a local club.

Our regular members outings are very popular. We have trips to the seaside, garden centres, shopping trips, boat trips and pub lunches.

If you would like to find out more about the great service we provide, please call us on 01379 854800 or visit our website www.borderhoppa.org.

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



Wortham & Burgate Parish Council is planning to hold an event on 11 Nov. 2018. This event is planned to include the lighting of the beacon, a non-religious commemoration of those who died and fought, the Last Post and fireworks to finish.

The Parish Council Clerk would like to contact as many family members of those involved in WW1 and invite them to attend. Please can you help me by sending any contact details to my email address below.

We are also looking for a bugler to play the Last Post at our event, and to join 999 others around the country in a synchronised playing of the Scottish lament. So if you know of anyone who might be prepared to do this for us, please let me know.

Netty Verkroost

VILLAGE HALL DATES FOR YOUR JUNE DIARY

Wortham Morning Yoga	Tuesday	05, 12, 19, 26	10:00 – 11:30
Wortham Midday Yoga	Thursday	07, 14, 21, 28	11:45 – 13:15
Ballroom	Monday	04, 11, 18, 25	18:30 – 20:30
Tea's Made	Wednesday	06, 13, 20, 27	14:00 – 16:30
Pilates	Wednesday	06, 13, 20, 27	09:30 – 10:30
Gentle Exercise Mornings	Thursday	07, 14, 21, 28	09:30 – 10:30
Gentle Exercise Evenings	Wednesday	06, 13, 20, 27	19:30 – 20:30
W&B Sunday Club	Sunday	03	09:45 – 11:00
Good Companions	Tuesday	19	14:00 – 16:30
Village Hall AGM	Thursday	21	19:00
Open Gardens	Weekend	16-17	
Private Function	Saturday	16	14:00 – 23:59

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