



NORTH HARTISMERE BENEFICE

# Wortham and Burgate

## Sunday Club

Meet at Wortham Village Hall from 10.00am to 10.45am  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month during term time.

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

Dates for Autumn 2018 are:

**2<sup>nd</sup> September**

7<sup>th</sup> October

4<sup>th</sup> November

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## Wortham Walkers for September



Next month's walk will be at Earl Soham on Wednesday 5th September starting from the Victoria Pub in the middle of the village at 10.30 am and finishing about 12.00 after about 3 miles.

Anybody wishing to join us would be very welcome; more details from myself, John Scott, on 650009 or David Williamson, who is leading the walk, on 783610.



Food and drink can be obtained from the Victoria after the walk.



Borderhoppa Community Transport provides a regular door to door Dial-a-Ride service in north Suffolk every Wednesday to Harleston and every Friday to Diss.

Our service picks up passengers from the following villages in Suffolk:

Brome, Denham, Eye, Fressingfield, Horham, Hoxne, Mendham, Metfield, Palgrave, Stuston, Oakley, Stradbroke, Syleham, Weybread, Wingfield, Withersdale and Wortham.

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.

Membership costs just £6 for 6 months or £10 for 12 months.

Our regular members outings are also 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](http://www.borderhoppa.org)

## 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.**

**Marie Curie  
Cancer Care**



### **Afternoon tea, coffee & cake**

2:00 – 4:00pm, Friday 28th September 2018

The Barn, Ivy House Farm, Long Green, Wortham.

By kind permission of Mrs Jacky Bradley

All are very welcome to come and support this great charity.

If anyone would like to donate a cake, raffle prize, books, bric-a-brac, or would like to help on the day, please contact one of our organisers:

Jane King - 01379 898676, Miriam Quinn - 01379 898864,  
Liz Leeds - 01379 898462

# THE STORY OF JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL, 'JUTLAND JACK'



Born on 8 January 1900 in Leyton, London, Jack attended Walton Road School in Manor Park and was a keen boy scout.

After war broke out, he enlisted in the Royal Navy aged 15, and at Easter 1916, Jack was sent to Rosyth in Scotland. On 2 May he joined the crew of HMS Chester, a new 'light cruiser' - a bit smaller than a battleship - with about 400 men, which was part of the British Grand Fleet.



Jack had done well in training and had the rank of 'Boy Seaman First Class'. Like all soldiers and sailors, he had his own number - J/42563.

On 30 May 1916, after intercepting signals that the German navy was on the move, the Royal Navy's Grand Fleet put to sea. They left port from bases in Scotland and the Orkney Islands, with thousands of sailors, including Jack, on board.

The next day, the German navy steamed out into the North Sea. This was before radar or satellite navigation, so neither fleet knew where the other was until British sailors spotted distant ships at 2.00 pm. It was the German fleet, off Jutland in Denmark. Guns opened fire; the Battle of Jutland had begun, and the ships kept firing their guns for hours.

At 5.30pm Jack's ship came under fire from four German ships. Shells crashed from the German guns into HMS Chester. Jack's ship was hit, and all his gun-crew were killed or badly wounded. Only Jack was left standing, bleeding from wounds and although in pain, with shells still hitting the ship, he stayed by his gun waiting for orders. After the action, ship medics arrived on board to find him the sole survivor at his gun, shards of steel penetrating his chest, still manning his post.

Jack was taken to hospital in Grimsby and they sent for his mother, but Jack died on 2 June before she arrived - he was just 16 years old. His body was brought back to East Ham in a naval coffin and his family buried him in a private ceremony at Manor Park Cemetery, in a communal grave.



## RECOGNITION OF HIS BRAVERY

The story of Jack's heroism led to strong public opinion that Jack should have a burial fit for a hero. In late July, Jack's body was exhumed and carried by gun carriage from East Ham Town Hall to Manor Park Cemetery where he was reburied with full naval honours.



On 15 September 1916, the official citation appeared in The London Gazette stating that John Travers Cornwell had been posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross by King George V.

"Mortally wounded early in the action, Boy, First Class, John Travers Cornwell remained standing alone at a most exposed post, quietly awaiting orders, until the end of the action, with the gun's crew dead and wounded around him. His age was under sixteen and half years."

## JACK'S LEGACY

The Jack Cornwell Memorial Fund was established to provide a ward in his name for disabled sailors at the Star and Garter Home at Richmond. Every schoolchild in The British Empire was invited to give one penny towards the fund, with commemorative stamps given in return for donations.



Schools all over Britain celebrated Jack Cornwell Day on Thursday 21 September 1916. A picture of the boy, standing by his gun, with Admiral Sir David Beatty's report of the incident, occupied a position of honour in more than 12,000 schools.

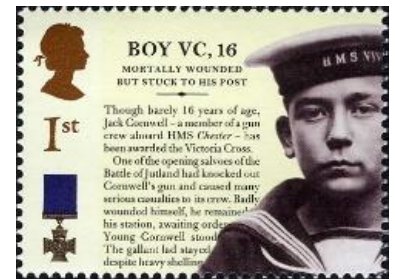
Also in September 1916, The Cornwell Award, often referred to as the Scout VC, was introduced. It was issued to scouts as a badge of courage.

At Jack's school in Walton Road, scholars and staff erected a plaque in his memory, which was unveiled by Lady Jellicoe, wife of First Sea Lord Admiral John Jellicoe. The school was renamed the Jack Cornwell School in 1929 but demolished in 1969.

In addition, the London Borough of Newham introduced The Jack Cornwell Bravery Award in 2001, which has been presented annually in recognition for outstanding acts of bravery by Newham people. A parade and memorial service by the Sea Cadet Corps and The Royal British Legion also takes place every year.

The gun that Jack manned from HMS Chester and Jack's medals are on display for all to see at the Imperial War Museum in London.

**Jack Cornwell, V. C. © IWM (Q 20883)**



### Message from the Editor:

Jack Cornwell became very famous over one hundred years ago, and has been remembered to this day, but many others have not. More than one million Service men and women gave their lives in the First World War so that future generations could live theirs.

I lost no family members in the First World War, so looked for someone with, or close to, my own name to commemorate. I found one Bowen with the initial M only, with no background at all, so I have chosen and will remember him, and his ultimate sacrifice.



Please help The Royal British Legion ensure their sacrifice is never forgotten: find someone to remember and leave a short message to commemorate their life. It's easy, free and fast. Just go to:



<https://www.everyoneremembered.org>

and remember someone who's been forgotten.

As I write, 434,000 have been remembered, but 626,000 people need a commemoration.

**Respect.**

*Mike Bowen*

**Cycle Ride.** Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHTC) will be having its 37<sup>TH</sup> Sponsored Walk and Cycle Ride on Saturday 8 September between 9am and 5pm. Each year the Suffolk Churches Trust aims to raise funds to repair and preserve our churches. Grants from SHTC help to keep the churches open. One day's effort can raise as much as £166,000 in Suffolk. *Sponsor forms can be obtained from Sheila Rush on 01379 788124.*

**Good Companions.** The Good Companions Club is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with a lunch at the Park Hotel, Diss. It started with a charity football match and was set up by Sheila Davis who ran The Dolphin pub with her husband Tom, and the money raise was used to start the club. Sadly Mrs. Davis died, but Tom continues to be involved with the club. It meets fortnightly on a Tuesday at Wortham Village Hall. It also arranges fundraising events and lots of lovely summer outings.

**Harvest Festival.** There will be a Harvest Festival service at St Mary's, Wortham on Sunday 16 September at 11:00 followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

**Sunday Club.** W&B Sunday Club returns at 10:00 on Sunday 2 September before the Harvest Festival service. The remaining dates this year are 7 October, 4 November and 2 December. See advertisement in this WOBUL.

**Wortham Bowls Club.** The club is having its finals day at the club from 10:00, Sunday 9 September. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch.

**Shoe Boxes.** Operation Christmas Child is a Samaritans Purse initiative and the leaflets and flat pack cartons will be in Wortham Post Office Stores during the first week of September, priced at £0.30 each.

**Emma's Jumble Sale.** Emma will be holding her annual fundraising Jumble Sale at Wortham Village Hall on Saturday 27 October between 2 and 4 pm. Donations can be delivered to the hall in the morning of the event. Founded by former Wortham Primary School pupil, Emma Poppenberg ne Thornton as an educational fundraiser. See advert elsewhere in this WOBUL.

**Retirement.** Kate Cropper, the Tyndale Benefice Secretary in Gloucestershire informs us that their vicar, Revd. Canon Rob Axford and his wife Christine are retiring next month. They were here at Wortham Church from January 2002 until January 2008.

## Benefice Harvest Appeal 2018 – Gifts for the Journey

This year the Benefice Harvest Appeal will be for **Tools With A Mission (TWAM)**, a Suffolk based charity ([www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk)) that helps individuals and families in poorer countries break free from poverty by providing tools and other resources to help them create sustainable livelihoods.



### Imagine...

You're sitting in a small rural skills centre in Zambia. One of its trainees is sitting next to you telling you her story. Imagine this is Felicia...

*"I have survived by growing vegetables and groundnuts and selling them in the market. But it is not enough to support my family. I look after 9 of my own children and 8 of my grandchildren because their mother has died. My husband died in 1992. We often go without food. We survive just by the grace of God."*

***'Our mission is to collect unwanted tools, refurbish them, sort them into trade kits and send them across the world for livelihood creation. We send around 20 containers filled with over 300 tonnes of tools every year.'***

Our Harvest Appeal will help TWAM to put together these kits. You can give generally to the Appeal or designate one of the following amounts towards a gift of your choice:

£25 – A Sewing Machine	£10 – A Sewing Kit
£35 – A Knitting Machine	£8 – Hand Knitting Kit
£35 – A Computer Kit for young people in African schools	£7 – A Scholar Pack of basic education materials for children in African schools
£10 – A Box of School Text Books for schools and colleges in Africa	£45 – A Builder's Kit
£40 – A Carpenter's Kit	£240 – A Carpentry Workshop Kit
£35 – A Mechanic's Kit	£110 – A Garage Workshop Kit
£25 – An Electrician's Kit	£20 – A Plumber's Kit
£20 – An Agricultural Kit	£25 – A Ground Worker's Multi-Purpose Kit

### **Ways to give:**

1. Cash or Cheques made payable to 'North Hartismere Benefice Fund'. If you are a tax-payer your donation can be Gift Aided which increases its value by 25%.
  2. Put your donation in the Gift Aid envelopes at any church service in the coming weeks during August-October or in a plain envelope (if not gift-aided) and clearly labelled 'Harvest Appeal'.
  3. Your donation can also be given at any time to your local church treasurer, churchwarden or to the Rector – or preferably sent directly to the Benefice Treasurer, Mrs Beryl Dyer, 4, Clarke Close, Palgrave IP22 1BE. Please clearly indicate in writing if you wish the donation to be gift-aided, confirming you are a UK tax-payer paying sufficient tax for gift-aid to be reclaimed on the donation and include your name and full postal address – or alternatively we can give you the envelope to make this declaration.
  4. You can also donate your own tools that are in good working order.
- Please support this Appeal generously and make a life-changing impact on individuals and families caught in the poverty trap.

**Adrian Watkins (Rector)**



## FAREWELL BUM NOTES AND DANCING IN THE AISLE

It seems that twenty-seven years have passed from the time six youngish performers stood before an audience in Mellis Church brandishing various blowy and twangy things. Jazz was rarely performed in village churches at that time so the opening tune: 'Just a little While to Stay' was played in hope that an audience would still be there when it finished. Nothing was rehearsed, and never has been since an early vicar removed both fingers from his ears and said how much he enjoyed Beethoven.

And so, for the last time, six old fruits will be sharing misplaced glissandos and bum notes with an audience who yet again are prepared to top up their store of unwanted musical memories. Even so, the two intervals are usually quite enjoyable and can be enhanced by nibbles and a glass of wine.

Like all village fundraising events, there's lots of preparation beforehand, so thanks to all the helpers; the wine donators; the cake makers, and anyone else who helped, and dare I say it - the 'musicians?' who have travelled from various places across East Anglia to make 'Harvest Jazz' such a fiasco over all these years.

Pete Scott

### Harvest Jazz 2018 at Mellis Church

Sunday September 16th at 7.30pm

**Apex Traditional Jazz Band**

Wine Bar

Tickets £12 (Include a finger buffet)

Phone 01379 783434 for tickets

*(Tickets can also be obtained at the church door)*

*The church pews are hard, so bring a cushion if you can.*

*Ear muffs are optional for those with perfect pitch.*

Date	Category	Diary of Events	Tickets
Sat 01 Sep, 8pm	Music	Toyah – Acoustic: Up Close & Personal	SOLD OUT
Wed 5 Sep, 10.30 - 19.30	Matinee and Evening Film	Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri (15)	£5 / U 18 £2.50
Thu 6 Sep 7pm	Screen Arts	NT Live - Julie	£12 U18 £10
7 Sep – 13 Oct Box Office Hours	Art Exhibition	The Artist's Garden	FREE
Sat 8 Sep 7.30pm	Music	Temple Bros as Everly Bros + Buddy Holly	£18 Conc £16
Wed 12 Sep 10.30am - 7.30pm	Matinee and Evening film	I, Tonya (15)	£5 U18 £2.50
Thu 13 & Fri 14 Sep 10.30 & 11.15am	Heritage Open Days	Guided Tours of the Corn Hall	FREE
Sat 15 Sep 10am – 4pm	Heritage Open Days	Oxblood Molly Dancers, archive footage and film screenings	FREE
Sat 15 Sep 10am – 2pm	Heritage Open Days	Drop-In family creative workshops	FREE
Sat 15 Sep 12 - 12.30pm	Heritage Open Days	Talk about the History of Brush Making in South Norfolk	FREE
Fri 14 Sep, 7.30pm	Music	Daphne's Flight – Collister, Harrold, Matthews, Watson & White	£20
Sat 15 Sep, 7.30pm	Music	RAF Centenary – RAF Honington Military Band	£10
Tue 18 Sep – 27 Nov, 4.00 – 5.30pm	Arts Awards	Arts Awards – Aware!	£30 / course (incl.tuition)
Wed 19 Sep, 7.30pm	Evening Film	Lady Bird (15)	£5 / Under 18 £2.50
Thu 20 Sep, 7.30pm	Music	Diss Jazz Club – Swing's the Thing – Duncan Hemstock	£12
21 Sep – 24 Oct	Art Exhibition	Beyond Dementia	FREE
Fri 21 Sep, 2pm	Family	Saturday Club – Pete's Family Jam	Kids 3-7 £5, Ads free
Fri 21 Sep, 7.30pm	Music	Kast Off Kinks	£17.50, concs £15
Sun 23 Sep, 3pm	Dance	Backlash Ballroom – Strictly Movies: A Ballroom & Latin Dance Explosion	£19, concs £18
Wed 26 Sep 10.30am - 7.30pm	Matinee Evening Film	Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society (12)	£5 U18 £2.50
Thu 27 Sep, 7pm	Screen Arts	NT Live – King Lear	£12, U18 £10
Fri 28 Sep, 8pm	Comedy	Corn Hall Comedy Club	Adv £11, Door £13
Sat 29 Sep, 7.30pm	Music	Megson	£15

For more info about any event or activity go to [www.thecornhall.co.uk](http://www.thecornhall.co.uk) or ring the Corn Hall box office on 01379 652241



## Beyond the Wall – Summer Fun



Keeping to tradition, the hot dry summer became distinctly cooler and damper in time for our annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party. But a sense of fun and well-furnished tables guaranteed that everyone would have an enjoyable time and over 90 people came and joined in. The combined efforts of staff and learners assured plenty of food and a warm welcome to guests who helped to raise over £400 for Beyond the Wall.



It's always amazing to see how quickly a parched landscape recovers with the help of a drop of rain. The walled garden has been transformed, but with a distinctly autumnal colour scheme. We still have some summer left, I hope, but we are aware that it's time to start looking at plans and projects for next year. Learners are already being schooled in healthy food preparation, using fruit and vegetables from our own gardens, where possible.

Members of our Lite Bites club are already enjoying our produce, and the surplus is available to buy at our stall – beside the garden gate. Just now there is also a good selection of decorative plants for sale including wallflowers for next spring. Apples and grapes have decided to ripen early, and will become juice or jellies in the kitchen, ready, along with whole fruit, for Apple Day on 7<sup>th</sup> October.



The vegetable garden will also get a make-over with a view to opening it for public visits next year. The plan is to make a sort of edible double border containing yellow and orange vegetable and fruit varieties and a display in late summer of giant sunflowers. Very ambitious, and I'm looking forward to seeing it develop. The last couple of years have seen an enormous improvement in the kitchen garden, and it's right that people are allowed

to see what can be achieved with organic methods and an enthusiastic team

Finally, the news that we've been invited to a modest live spot on Park Radio in October (don't worry, I'll remind you again nearer the day). Clearly this newsletter reaches, and is read by, a good number of people. Many thanks, WOBUL!

# HERITAGE CIRCLE

## Frances and Michael Holmes, The Old Courts and Yards of Norwich

Frances and Michael Holmes gave an excellent talk to the August meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickingham Village Hall about the old courts and yards of Norwich. It was based upon their extensive research into areas which housed about 10% of the city's population in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century when there were 650 yards.

The courts and yards were mainly cul-de-sacs which were dark contained shoddy houses occupied by the poorest people in the city as the rents were very low. They had been built from the 18<sup>th</sup> century behind the grander houses which faced on to the main streets of the city centre. They were intended to house the rapidly rising population of Norwich which trebled in size during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to 120,000 by 1911. The yards were unplanned, infill developments with narrow entrances from the main street. The small houses were often poorly built and lacked basic amenities. There would be a communal toilet and a single water pump serving up to a dozen families. The poor ventilation combined with piles of refuse and insanitary conditions would have made the air foul in the yards. Despite this, the yards often had elegant names, such as Queen of Hungary Yard or Unicorn Yard. These were often derived from the name of a nearby pub.

Conditions in the yards were appalling when it was wet. Drains would get blocked and refuse was difficult to remove. However, families did take a pride in their appearance and the yards frequently had a very strong communal spirit. The talk included interviews with people who lived in the yards in their childhood. They commented on how the front step was kept white and the door furniture sparkled. Some houses were whitewashed inside every week to keep down the bugs. One woman said that every autumn she and her sisters returned to school with new dresses made by their mother. Similarly, their father made shoes for all the family. Women worked constantly to manage the household with none of the technology available today, but they chatted with neighbours while collecting water or were washing clothes. Families in the yards made their own entertainment, such as street parties or carnivals. Neighbours tried to help each other through difficult times as there was little state support available.

From 1897 Norwich City Council tried to improve the yards but tended to try to address single issues, such as toilets, rather than addressing the whole gamut of problems of yards. Real change began after World War I when Lloyd George talked of creating 'Homes fit for heroes.' Government funding allowed the building of new council estates in areas like Lakenham and Mile Cross. Unfortunately, these developments had little impact on the yards as the rents were unaffordable. Real change only began after the Housing Act of 1933 when local authorities were given access grants if they rehoused people living in slums. Many yards in Norwich were designated as slums and cleared. People living in yards were given newly built council houses, but the slum landlords received little or no compensation. People's lives were transformed by being given good quality, but cheap, houses in open, tree-lined streets which had running water, gardens. Often communities from the yards were kept together as they were rehoused on the same estates. There was a cost. Some of the historic buildings of the city were demolished as well as the yards that stood behind them.

The post-war period saw a continuing movement of people out of the city centre, initially into suburbs, but later into the villages around Norwich. However, in recent years there has been a trend to return to the city centre to live in renovated old houses or new developments, some of which have retained the names of the yards that once stood on the site.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26 September at The Village Hall, Rickingham. A short AGM will precede a talk by Martyn Taylor entitled *The A-Z of Streets of Bury St Edmunds – how they have changed over the years*. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, [www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net](http://www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net).



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

## 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 beside the road.

### Burgate Church Fete

The fete was held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August in the Church on a bright a sunny day. Burgate PCC would like to thank all those who gave up their time to make the fete such a success and also to those who came and shared a happy afternoon together. A sum of just under £900 was made for the PCC.

A decorative border made of black floral and leaf motifs surrounds the central text. The border consists of stylized flowers and leaves arranged in a rectangular frame.

**JUMBLE SALE**

*Saturday 22nd September  
From 2.00 – 4.00 pm  
Burgate Church Hall*

*All the items we sell are clean and sorted carefully.*

*We also pre-select a number of very good quality items which we put on a separate rail.*

*If you would like to donate any good quality items please contact –*  
**Jennie Labdon on 01379 783 598**

### Church Flowers

2<sup>nd</sup> September Gina Cole

9<sup>th</sup> September Flo Tyler

16<sup>th</sup> September Flo Tyler

23<sup>rd</sup> September Liz Chapman

30<sup>th</sup> September Liz Chapman

### Hall Cleaning

Linda Pell

### 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.

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 Gislegham 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 Gislegham 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](mailto: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](mailto:francesca.callan@bsevc.co.uk)

## BILL'S BIRDS (For August & September)

Just south of Norwich there is a large lake, Whitlingham Great Broad. It has an excellent centre with parking, food, etc., even wheelchairs with enormous balloon-like wheels to iron out the bumps on its excellent circular walk.

As usual, in these summer days, there are plenty of lake and land birds. Also, some very loud screaming Swifts. Excessively loud and there, above the parking place, was a pole with a square top containing several holes—man-made Swift nests and the screams we heard were recordings of Swifts attracting these birds, hopefully to use these man-made nests!

The last time I heard and saw such attractions was on the island of Malta. There, in a large enclosure, were several man-made and used comfortable little rooms open at one end to the skies and built to accommodate 'shooters'. The recordings of birds were being targeted at our passing-through migratory birds to breed in Europe and luring such birds into the range of these 'brave' shooters. What a contrast?



Now back to Suffolk I have again visited (this time in better weather), Minsmere. What a welcome noise in the 'scrape' from nesting gulls, resident Avocets and visiting waders. One new gull I noticed was a Mediterranean Gull with a real black head. It has now joined our black (dark brown) headed gulls in their nesting site. It is a big gull with a red bill and legs.

Coincidentally I have visited Lackford Lakes near Bury St Edmunds and saw three small gulls flying in circles like terns and surface feeding. These were immature Little Gulls passing through East Anglian waters. If they were adults, they would remain 'small' but they would also have the same black heads and red feet as the Mediterranean Gull. Lackford Lakes has an excellent 'centre' from which one can watch birds on their nearby feeders. On that day a Greater Spotted Woodpecker and Marsh Tit. On their pond swam a pair of Gadwalls. Not a very exciting looking grey duck with marked white wing feathers at its side. The female has the same white marking as the male, but typically, being female, is much smaller. In the past I have seen a Water Rail on this site happily pinching food meant for pheasants. The Water Rail is a bird rarely seen and with a hideous pig-like cry. Sadly, the Lakes' two male Nightingales had found mates and had ceased to sing.

And now Turtle Doves. One was seen in a garden in Hinderclay. Once only. It was probably searching in vain for successful nesting sites of the past, but then moving on. But, surprise, surprise, a pair has nested in our area. This really is exciting news. The Turtle Dove's population since 1994 has fallen by nearly 93%, mainly due to our new farming methods, but not helped by the aforementioned Maltese 'shooters' slaying them on their migratory routes. I wish I had been able to hear their 'purring' song. It used to be typical of the English summer.

Two more churchyards have been home to Spotted Flycatchers and one annual visitor to Redgrave has successfully fledged young. I have previously mentioned that we have Oyster Catchers nesting near Redgrave Lake. These are waders, black and white, with red bills and legs. These coastal birds are being seen much more frequently inland. When heard flying overhead they have a distinctive 'peeping' cry which you will never forget. A pair have recently been seen on Rickinghall playing field.

I write while Swifts are screaming over our home in this hot summer, against a long-lasting background of a clear blue sky. They may have gone by the time you read this month's magazine. Happy holidays and don't forget your binoculars.



# WAGOBERA

Creating Educational  
Opportunities  
In Uganda

## Emma's Jumble Sale

2 – 4pm, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Wortham Village Hall

*Please start sorting your jumble for Emma's 14<sup>th</sup> 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

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



Wortham & Burgate Parish Council is holding an event on 11 Nov. 2018. This event is planned to include the lighting of the beacon, a non-religious commemoration of those who fought and died, the Last Post and fireworks to finish. A large crowd is expected to assemble opposite The Manor House to pay respect to those who made later life possible for the rest of us.

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 by sending any contact details to her email address below.

A bugler will play the Last Post at our event and will join 999 others around the country in a synchronised playing of the Scottish lament. Ours is a former bugler in the Brigade of Guards, and now Bandmaster at Diss Salvation Army. More information in the next issue of WOBUL.

Please show your support at this milestone event.

Netty Verkroost, wandbpc@gmail.com

Ringling for Peace  
*Armistice 100*





# PAWS WITH A CAUSE

A fundraising country walk for  
all the family. All proceeds in  
aid of East Anglian Air  
Ambulance (EAAA).

**Sunday  
30  
September  
2018**

10am - walks finish 3pm

Glemham Hall  
Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0BT

[www.eaaa.org.uk](http://www.eaaa.org.uk)

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*Together we save lives*



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A unique opportunity to walk around the beautiful area surrounding **Glemham Hall** in support of EAAA.

**One, three or five** mile walking routes available.

# PAWS WITH A CAUSE

Paws of Parham will be holding regular agility displays during the day. Perhaps your dog would like to test their agility?

Enjoy a hot drink and a bacon butty before your walk and a freshly cooked burger or hot dog afterwards from Beefed Up Catering. Or why not treat yourself to a glass of prosecco, wine, beer or a soft drink from The Stable Arms!

## Register now!

You can register online or by calling us.

For more details visit [www.eaaa.org.uk](http://www.eaaa.org.uk) or call 03450 669 999.



## VILLAGE HALL DATES FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER DIARY

Wortham Morning Yoga	Tuesday	04, 11, 18, 25	10:00 – 11:30
Wortham Midday Yoga	Thursday	06, 13, 20, 27	11:45 – 13:15
Ballroom	Monday	10, 17, 24	18:30 – 20:30
Tea's Made	Wednesday	05, 12, 19, 26	14:00 – 16:30
Pilates	Wednesday	05, 12, 19, 26	09:30 – 10:30
Gentle Exercise Mornings	Thursday	06, 13, 20, 27	09:30 – 10:30
Gentle Exercise Evenings	Wednesday	05, 12, 19, 26	19:30 – 20:30
Good Companions	Tuesday	04	14:00 – 16:30
W&B Sunday Club	Sunday	02	09:45 – 11:00
Anglia Polymer Guild	Sunday	23	19:00 – 15:00
Village Hall Committee	Thursday	06	19:00
Tennis Club	Sunday	09	17:00 – 21:00
Junior Tennis	Monday	10, 17, 24	1300 – 14:00
Private Function	Friday	07	16:00 – 20:00
Private Function	Saturday	22	10:30 – 15:30
Private Function	Saturday	22	18:00 – 23:59
Private Function	Saturday	29	09:30 – 14:30

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