

# Church and Village News for April 2026

Bedfield, Monk Soham, Southolt, Tannington and Worlingworth

## JOIN US FOR A SPRING CLEAN OF THE VILLAGE

Meet at The Community Centre  
10.30 am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Tea, coffee and cake for all volunteers!

As the days are getting longer and the weather (hopefully!) improves, when we are out and about in the village we should be looking forward to some sunshine, with daffodils, primroses, snowdrops and other signs that Spring is on its way. Unfortunately, however, the Parish Council is somewhat concerned that these signs of Spring are being obliterated on our kerbs and verges by a proliferation of littering, which recently has reached epidemic proportions.

In Worlingworth we are lucky to have the enjoyment of being in the countryside, with all that it offers – open fields, fresh air, beautiful scenery, the list could go on, however some amongst us – or the public transiting through our beautiful village – seem to consider it acceptable to throw rubbish out of their vehicle, or just dump all and any detritus on the verges. This is not just a matter of a few drinks cans or fast-food packaging, but amongst the items retrieved later is a child's pram and various bottles filled with unknown liquids (we really don't want to find out the contents on that one). These actions are spoiling everyone's enjoyment of this beautiful village.



The Parish Council would therefore like to ask you all to ensure that you take any rubbish home with you, for safe disposal via the various refuse bins that are provided by the District Council. Additionally, you may feel able to "adopt" the area in the immediate vicinity of your house, or a stretch of road within the village and try to keep them clean. If large items are fly tipped and it is not possible to dispose of them, please contact the Parish Council and ask for help. If it is beyond the type and size where it is can be safely removed, then the Parish Council has the contact names and number at various departments within the local authority to assist.

The surrounding photos show some of the items that have recently been found. These were kindly collected by Alison, from the area of New Road and by our Footpath Warden James, when out and about within the village (the pram found in Mill Road).



We all want the village to remain clean and safe, not only for our own use and enjoyment, but importantly to keep safe the younger members of our community, who may not understand the dangers presented by this rubbish. If you require litter pickers to avoid physical contact with some of the rubbish, or to reach into inaccessible spaces, again please contact the Parish Council, as we have a number of these that we can lend out to individuals to assist.

If everyone does a little bit, it will all add up and greatly improve the environment that we live in for the benefit of all. Please help keep YOUR village clean, tidy and safe.

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## *Join us to Celebrate Easter*

*at St Mary's Church, Worlingworth  
including refreshments & an Easter Egg Hunt*

### *Good Friday*

*11:00 am: At the Foot of The Cross - A reflective service*

### *Easter Sunday celebration*

*10:30am: Easter refreshments*

*11:00am: Celebration Holy Communion  
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt*



**EVERYONE WELCOME**

The Post Office in **Bedfield** is open every Tuesday morning from:

**9.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.** in the Community Hub.



**Did you know?** Not only can you buy stamps and send parcels, **but you can also bank cash into your bank account and withdraw cash (even if you bank with another provider).** With so many high street banks closing this is a useful service.

**The pop-up Coffee Shop** also opens every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Freshly baked, warm scones (fruit or cheese) are always available to eat in or takeaway, gluten free fruit scones also available.

**If you haven't visited before,** come and join us for a cuppa and a catch up with friends and neighbours. Open to all, everyone welcome.

### **Monk Soham**

#### **Good Friday & Easter Day at Monk Soham Church**

Sung Litany at 9 a.m. **Good Friday**, this is a short service with two hymns, based on a collection of prayers. The Pastoral Quire will be in attendance and will lead the singing. All are welcome to come and join in.

On **Easter Day**, 6am sunrise service, and at 11am Holy Communion with Easter Hymns. All are welcome.

We hope that the people who normally decorate the church windows etc for the Easter Day service will kindly do so again this year.

# Worlingworth Hall

Church Street, Worlingworth

*What's available at Worlingworth Hall*

## INDOOR PICKLEBALL COURT - COMING SOON

A new indoor Pickleball court is being created. will be opening soon,

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**17th April** to [v.swallow44@btinternet.com](mailto:v.swallow44@btinternet.com). Please don't send in  
PDF format as can't reduce to fit A5 page. Jpeg or Word format OK.

Reminder will normally be sent a week before.



*The next meeting of the Parish Council is on  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (starting at 7pm)  
in the Community Centre  
All are welcome*

*clerk@worlingworthparishcouncil.gov.uk*

Minutes of previous parish council meetings can be viewed on the village website at <https://worlingworthparishcouncil.gov.uk>

**JOIN US FOR THE VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN**

10.30 am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Tea, coffee and cake for all volunteers!  
(see front page for more details)

**PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG** – Unfortunately a few owners have not been tidying up after their pets. Please ensure that when you take your dog for their walk you have poo bags with you. **The Parish Council provides 11 dog bins** across the parish for the disposal of waste – so you're never far from one! Dog waste left on footpaths and pavements can lead to the spread of parasites, bacteria and pollutants, impacting both human and animal health and causing environmental damage.

**Invitation to All  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
in the Community Centre at 7pm**

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity to find out what we and other village organisations have been doing for you over the past year and a chance to see how the money raised at a local level – through what is known as the precept – has been spent. There will also be an opportunity to put forward ideas and suggestions for the future of the village. Please join us if you can.

**RECEIVE UPDATES DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX**

The Parish Council has recently made the move to a gov.uk domain website. On our new website at [www.worlingworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.worlingworthparishcouncil.gov.uk) there is the opportunity to sign up to receive alerts when new information is posted. We hope that this will be a quicker way to share important information with the community, so please give it a go!

**SAVE THE DATE  
Worlingworth Walking Day – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Explore the wonderful network of paths around the village - by ensuring all parts of the footpath network are walked and any issues that may require attention can be collated, reported and remedied

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Cricket Pavilion in Bedfield, Jewson's gates in  
Monk Soham and  
The Cottage, Monk Soham Green

#### **BEDFIELD AND MONK SOHAM TENNIS CLUB**

##### **Invitation to play tennis in a delightful location at Bedfield Playing Field**

If you would like to join our Tennis Club please look at the Home page on the Club's website to find the instructions about how to join (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BedfieldandMonkSohamTennisClub>). We have four categories of membership: **Adult** individuals @ £30 p.a.; **Family** members (up to 6 playing members) @£50 p.a.; **Junior** individuals (17 and under) at £15 p.a.; and non-playing **Supporters** @ £10 p.a. Once you have joined you will be given a code to the padlock. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy our recently laid surface, even if you've never played before or have none yet to play with – we have regular club sessions when you can meet other members and develop your skills.

##### **After School Junior Tennis Coaching Sessions – this Summer Term**

As previously, the Club is organising after school coaching for primary age children with our resident coach, Kari Poacher. Provisional dates are from Thursdays 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> May. There will be two sessions of 45 minutes each, starting at 3.45 pm at the Bedfield Playing Field. The first session is aimed for beginners and the second session (at 4.30 pm) for those with experience or who have received coaching previously. The cost for all five sessions will be £25 per participant. If the cost is a deterrent, please don't be put off, just contact me to discuss a rate you can reasonably afford. If you are interested to have your child(ren) participate in these coaching sessions, please apply by sending an email to the address below.

For any further information, please contact Martin Pierce, Membership Secretary, on 01728 627141 or email [bedfieldmonksohamtennis@gmail.com](mailto:bedfieldmonksohamtennis@gmail.com)



Dear Friends, let me begin by wishing you a joyous Eastertide and I do hope that many of you will be attending/attended one of the church-based activities scheduled through Holy Week and Easter. What a time of year for physical and spiritual refreshment! The evenings become lighter and I for one cannot help but feel deeply and truly refreshed by the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. In her book, 'Mansfield Park', Jane Austen said, "To sit in the shade on a fine day and look upon verdure is the most perfect refreshment." How lucky we are in our rural group of churches that we do not need to take many steps to enjoy the beauty of our surroundings and to use all our senses in enjoying God's gifts to us. Elsewhere of course, there are many that do not have the riches that we can enjoy and when I come to think of it, wherever we are in the world, it is difficult to escape from the horror of the war that has broken out in the Middle East. Why can't we learn to love one another and live in harmony and focus on the love of God wherever we are? We don't need to go to church to pray but it is nice when people get together to do so. How wonderful to look on the church as God's home yet if we were to travel back in time and meet with Jesus, face to face, he might raise an eyebrow at the word church because it didn't exist! Today it can mean a building, but most importantly, church is the community, our community, the one in which we share the good and the not so good and learn to live in love and harmony as instructed by the Lord Jesus. I say it again! A happy and blessed Easter to all, prayers and blessings,  
Reverend Chrissie – 07803 134301 –  
rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com

# Join The Friends of Bedfield Heritage

The Friends of Bedfield Heritage are an independent group of 70+ members of the local community. The group is friendly, welcoming, sociable and a lot of fun!

The Friends are a registered charity (re 1206355).

Our aims are to preserve the historic fabric of St. Nicholas Church and the wider history of the community and, secondly, to encourage and actively develop the community life of Bedfield. Our current project is to install a fully accessible, composting toilet in the churchyard which will be open to all – villagers, walkers, riders and church visitors alike.

The Friends give their time and their talents to support community events and activities and to fundraise. For example, we ran Festive Frolic in December 2025 which involved online auctions and sales and pop-up shops across Bedfield. All items for sale were donated and included locally made food and crafts but also experiences such as holidays, dining opportunities and bird watching & glass making with experts, raising over £3000.

Friends can be involved in as few, or as many, things as they like with no pressure – just bring yourself and some laughter. Membership is free and is open to all - without any qualms about whether one attends services or not, what your beliefs are – or were – or whether you have any religious beliefs at all. The group has in its membership some of the most Christian, non-religious members!

The Grade 1 listed church is, of course, the oldest building in the village and the most impressive one that is open to all of us. It is a focal point – and one which could be used much more: not just more weddings and Christenings but for more community gatherings – such as concerts, talks, quizzes etc. Imagine attending an event and your relief in knowing that there is an accessible toilet in the churchyard!

Trustees – Jane Sullivan (Chair), Lin Ford (Secretary), Mike Gepp and Beckett Miles.

## **We would love you to join our friendly Friends**

Can you help with our projects and/or our fundraising events? We would love you to join us! Please contact Jane Sullivan on 07580 386015 or at [friendsofbedfieldheritage@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbedfieldheritage@gmail.com)

## WORLINGWORTH C of E PRIMARY : OUR MONTHLY NEWS

**Easter** Happy Easter everyone! The children finished the end of term by learning about the importance of the Easter story and reflecting how our rainbow values are demonstrated in the actions and events. They made Easter decorations and wrote their special prayers to be displayed in St.Mary's over the Easter weekend, so we hope everyone enjoys looking at them. In school we celebrated by having a special whole school Collective Worship with the children singing and our Collective Worship Ambassadors leading the prayer. The Friends of the School organised a successful Easter Egg Hunt to help raise money towards a special project in school. Thank you to everyone in our community for all their support in providing special opportunities and care for our children.

**150 Years Concert & Garden Party – 3<sup>rd</sup> July** We are busy planning our summer learning and events to celebrate the 150 years since our school was opened. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, in the afternoon, we will be holding a special concert and garden party for families, former pupils and employees and anyone in the community involved in our school. Look out for more details next month but keep the date free!

**School Memories** Thank you so much to people who have emailed in some of their memories from when they were at the school. It is always interesting to read them. We also have received the kind support of the History Society. Please do keep emailing them in – we are keen to share them with their children as part of their history learning this summer along with a our visit to The Hold, to explore primary resources and records first-hand!

**Donate A Bag of Compost** We need your help. Are you able to donate a bag or two of compost, manure or top soil? We are developing our Reflective Garden at school as part of our 150 year celebrations so it can continue to be a special space for our children and families for quiet thoughts, nurture and stillness with nature during busy and tricky times. We are busy trying to seek funding and donations from local businesses to help. However, we desperately need compost, manure and top soil to help refuel the old beds and create new planting beds. Any donations or help from you towards this important project would be gratefully appreciated by the children and all of the staff. Please just in get in touch via the office if you are able to support us. Thank you.

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## Willows Nursery

Our full-time nursery is a busy, happy and caring place full of curious learners, ready to be challenged. We always welcome new parents to come and visit our nursery, meet our specialist teachers and see our child-focussed curriculum in action so please contact the office if you would like to arrange a visit.

## Seeds & Saplings

Our weekly toddler group in our Willows Nursery **will begin again on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11am-12pm**. These informal, fun sessions include stories, nursery rhymes, different play and craft activities inside and outside in our Early Years Garden for all the children and provides families with the opportunity to come and get to know the school, meet the staff and have a much-needed cuppa and chance to chat! Do come along and join us. We look forward to welcoming you to our nursery.

Please log on and take a look: [www.worlingworthschool.co.uk](http://www.worlingworthschool.co.uk) . You can also follow us on X: [@WorlingworthSch](https://twitter.com/WorlingworthSch) and facebook: [Worlingworth.School](https://www.facebook.com/Worlingworth.School).



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Worlingworth Community Centre

Hot Drinks    BBQ    Cake Stall    Tombola & Raffle    Car Boot Sale

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**Worlingworth Community Centre**  
**Every Friday from 6:30pm**  
**Bar, Darts, Pool table, Outside table tennis**



# Care Café

*Bedfield & Monk Soham Community Hub (IP13 7JE)*

*Are you a Carer, Cared for, bereaved or alone?*

Why not join us on the **first and third** Monday of every month from **10.30 am to 1.00 pm**?

Relax with a coffee, meet new friends, and engage in conversations. Whether you need a listening ear or simply a break to unwind, this is the perfect spot.

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# Our Club

## Visit to Ipswich Transport Museum

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026,

**Leaving Bedfield & Monk Soham Community Hub,  
(IP13 7JE) 11.00am and returning approx. 3.30pm**

**Admission to the museum costs £12, Concessions £10**

Ipswich Transport Museum is a collection of over 100 major transport and engineering objects which were all made or used in the Ipswich area. ‘So whether you are interested in buses, lorries, bikes, cranes or carriages, social history, or just want to know a bit more about the area, you will find the museum a fascinating place.’

There is also The Sunbeam Tearoom for a cuppa  
or a bite to eat.

Please let us know if you are coming along so that we can  
co-ordinate car sharing.

Everyone is welcome. Our Club is open to everyone regardless  
of where you live.

Debbie – 07827 299490 Claire – 07444 535183

With thanks to both Mid Suffolk Council and the Community Club for  
their support.

**Four Rivers  
Benefice  
9 Churches  
2026**

**April**

**Church Services.**

	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Good Friday</b>	<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. Easter Day</b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>St. Nicholas Bedfield.</b>		<b>10.30am</b> Easter Garden	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30am</b> Morning Praise	
<b>St. Lawrence Brundish.</b>			<b>4.00pm</b> Holy Communion <b>4.30 Easter Service</b>		
<b>St. Mary. Cratfield.</b>	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>Agape` Service &amp; Supper</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion		
<b>All Saints Laxfield.</b>		<b>10.30am</b> Easter Garden <b>12 to 3pm Vigil</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30am</b> Celtic Morning Prayer	<b>9.30am</b> Chatty Church
<b>St. Peter. Monk Soham.</b>		<b>9.00am</b> Sung Litany	<b>6.00am</b> Sunrise Service <b>11.00am. H.C.</b>	<b>11.00</b> Morning Prayer BCP	<b>11.00</b> Holy Communion BCP
<b>St. Margaret. Southolt.</b>					
<b>St. Ethelbert. Tannington.</b>				<b>11.00</b> Holy Communion	
<b>St. Mary. Wilby.</b>		<b>10.30am</b> Good Friday Service	<b>11.00</b> Holy Communion		<b>10.30am</b> Village Worship
<b>St. Mary. Worlingworth</b>		<b>11.00</b> At the Foot of The Cross	<b>11.00</b> Holy Communion CW		<b>11.00</b> Let's Celebrate
<b>The Lectionary Year A</b>		Hangings removed Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16.5:7-9 John 18:1- end of 19	Gold or White Acts 10:34-43s John 20:1-18	Ps. 16 Acts 2:1-14a,22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:9-end	W Ps.116:1-3,10t-end Acts. 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

Services may not be as listed above. If you wish to confirm the time and format, please telephone a Church

# April

For Pastoral Care, Baptisms, Wedding or Funeral arrangements

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>.</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>MAY 3rd.</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<p>please contact: Revd C Smart 07803 134301</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com">rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Please note: Monday is Revd Chrissie's day-off</p>	
10.30am Holy Communion		<p><b>Churchwardens. Elders. Contacts. Tel:</b></p> <p><b>St. Nicholas.</b> Jenny Hinchey 07710 218957 <b>Bedfield</b></p> <p>St. Lawrence. Tina Smiddy 01379 388298 Brundish.</p>	
9.30am Village Worship	9.30am Village Worship	St. Mary. Cratfield.	<p>Andy Edmonds 01986 798523</p> <p>Revd Clive Mobbs 01986 798030</p>
12.30 Envoy Lunch 6pm Hartis. House	10.30am Celtic Morning Prayer	All Saints Laxfield. Lay Elder. LH	<p><b>Jackie Turton</b> 01986 798618</p> <p>Liz Hammond 01986 798726</p>
	11.00 Family Service	<b>St. Peter.</b> <b>Monk Soham.</b>	<p>Revd Rebecca Artiss 01728 685663</p> <p><b>Geoff Artiss</b> 01728 685663</p>
		<b>St. Margaret.</b> <b>Southolt.</b>	<p>Secretary, Gillian Richardson 01728 627916</p>
		<b>St. Ethelbert.</b> <b>Tannington.</b>	Jenny Hinchey 07710 218957
10.30am Celtic Morning Service	10.30am Holy Communion	St. Mary. Wilby.	<b>Mary Pipe</b> 01728 723443
11.00 Morning Prayer BCP	11.00 Morning Prayer CW	<b>St. Mary. Ww</b> Churchwarden. Lay Elder. BS	<p><b>Ann Davidson</b> 07807 588485</p> <p><b>Bert Stanford</b> 01728 628474</p> <p><b>Bert Stanford</b> 07876 440090</p>
Ps.23 Acts. 2:42-end 1 Peter 2:19-end John 10:1-10	Ps.31:1-5,15-16 Acts.7:55-end 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Priest in Charge <b>Vicarage Laxfield</b> Pioneer Minister-LLM Administrator.	<p><b>Revd Chrissie Smart 07803 134301</b></p> <p>Revd Chrissie Smart 01986 743339</p> <p>Sheila Pipe 01728 723443</p> <p>Virginia Skoyles 07900 350117</p> <p>LE = Lay Elder licensed to Benefice LH BS</p>
		<p><b>Zoom Services Online</b></p> <p>To join contact Revd Chrissie 01986 743339</p> <p><b>Celtic Prayer Wednesdays 7pm.</b></p> <p><b>Celtic Prayer Fridays 9.00a.m.</b></p>	

warden or LE in the Parish.

BCP=Book of Common Prayer. CW=Common Worship

## News from Worlingworth Community Centre

There's plenty happening at the Community Centre over the coming weeks, and everyone is very welcome to join in.

□ Next Bingo Night takes place on Wednesday 8th April. □ Doors open at 6.45pm, with eyes down at 7.30pm. □ £12 entry – always a fun and sociable evening.

□ Upcoming Events □ **Saturday 20th June – Worlingworth Summer Fair and Bounce Fest returns.**

Join us from 11am–3pm. □ Inflatables / bouncy castles for all ages, car boot sale, cake stall, BBQ, hot drinks, tombola, raffle, children's and adult competitions, bar open. See posters for information. Details of the competitions will be in next month's magazine.

□ Community Library □ Our Community Library is located in the portacabins behind the Community Centre and is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 4.30pm.

There is a wide range of books available, including fiction and non-fiction, children's books, reference books, biographies and autobiographies, cooking books and other special interest titles. □ Books and DVDs may be borrowed and returned at any time during opening hours.

Donations of books are very welcome, especially children's books. Please leave any donations in the library's donation box during opening times.

From Richard McManan-Smith

My dear wife Gill (McManan-Smith) sadly died peacefully at home in the early hours of Thursday 29 January, after a short illness. I would like to thank everybody who sent messages of condolence and who gave me their support. Gill was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her husband and family.



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## INSPIRING WOMEN

01 April  
Charles Garland  
TV Comedy



Guest speakers  
Lunch club  
Book club  
Chat  
Tea+Biscuits



Worlingworth Community Centre 7:15pm  
First Wednesday each month  
WorlingworthTannington@sefwi.org.uk  
Diana 07810175303



### Brundish Film Night

On Thursday, 02 April at 7.0 for 7.30 in Brundish Village Hall, we are showing **'The Choral'** starring Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam, Simon Russell Beale and Alun Armstrong. Set in 1916, as so many members have gone to the war, a Choral Society in Yorkshire recruits local townspeople to put on a performance of Elgar's opera *The Dream of Gerontius*. Written by Alan Bennett.



Tickets: £6.00

Email: [priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com) for more details.

### Saturday 9 May

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## Bedfield Open Gardens

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June 11.00 – 4.00

We are looking for people in Bedfield who would like to open their garden this year. It can be small, large, tidy, messy, a work in progress – it doesn't matter as people just like to look round to get ideas for themselves. It's fun too as you meet all sorts of folk.

It will be the main fundraising event for St Nicholas this year.

Contact

Barbara Corbett 07907 621349 or Jenny Hinchey 07710218957

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The service is run completely by volunteers, even the drivers. We rely on both passenger donations and local trusts and parishes for our funds. We do not have core funds from the council.

## Community bus for High Suffolk



Connecting the villages of Bedfield, Bedingfield, Kenton, Monk Soham, Southolt, Tannington, & Worlingworth with nearby towns, we operate a single a 16-seat minibus.



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*Note: we do not operate a school bus service. See the [FAQ](#).*

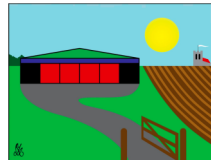
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# Debenham Shed

Community projects recently completed or planned include ten owl boxes for the Barn Owl Support Group; an improved arrangement for holding crosses at Debenham's war memorial; and a new stage surround at Eye Bank theatre (completed). We are also undertaking some Kintsugi repairs to broken crockery for a customer (see photo).



Our provisional dates for Saturday workshops in 2026 are as follows, 10am-2pm:

11 April and 13 June: Introduction to Fusion 360 and 3D printing

May



(date to be fixed): metal casting and metal forge work

11 July: candlemaking

Also workshops for willow weaving and spinning, dates to be arranged. Contact us at [events@debenhamshed.org.uk](mailto:events@debenhamshed.org.uk) or on the numbers below if you are interested. Normal charges are £5 for members, £10 for non-members, to cover materials.



*What is Debenham Shed? A place to make things by yourself, with guidance or with others. It could be in metal, cloth, wood or plastic. We have lots of tools and materials. You may want to repair or make new—the limit is your imagination. It is also for social connecting and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter. **Debenham shed is open to all adults.***

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields Farm, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). We are open on Monday mornings 9am-12pm and, Fridays 10am-5pm. Membership by the year, half-year or PAYG. Chairman: Rob Davies 07952 556152 Treasurer: Tony Hutt 07906 614328. Visit our website at [www.debenhamshed.org.uk](http://www.debenhamshed.org.uk) (sign up to newsletters on the Contact page) Email [info@debenhamshed.org.uk](mailto:info@debenhamshed.org.uk) . Registered Charity (CIO) 1212367. Like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed](https://www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed).



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*Hello Worlingworth & Bedfield. I have been in The Gambia 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February. You can look back at our vet volunteering adventures by finding Helen Whitbread on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100005205978583>). We took lots of supplies with us but will continue to collect on our return (SEE WISH LISTS) if you would like to help....*

**About The Gambia Horse And Donkey Trust** - The charity helps to reduce extreme poverty in the rural areas by increasing the productivity of working horses and donkeys through welfare and management training. It provides basic veterinary assistance, teaches in schools and to farmers groups, and provides scholarships for paravets at college level. **The Gambia Horse And Donkey Trust registered charity number:- 1096814** - Website [www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk](http://www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk)

**We have a JustGiving page.**

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helen-whitbread-nicky-windell-go-gambia?utm\\_medium=CR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helen-whitbread-nicky-windell-go-gambia?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL)

We initially raised funds to enable us to volunteer our veterinary services at The Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust for 2 weeks in February 2026. For those of you who don't know us, Nicky a qualified veterinary nurse and Helen Whitbread(Ford) an equine vet, worked together for over 20 years predominantly at Deben Valley Equine Veterinary Clinic. We are a fantastic caring team with a huge plethora of experience and skills which can make a huge difference to the people and animals of The Gambia. We continue to collect drugs, bandages, money and horse & dog equipment, since we will be sending more this month.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Warmest Regards, *Nicky Windell & Helen Whitbread(Ford)* 07469  
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# THE GAMBIA HORSE AND DONKEY TRUST

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*There are many other ways to help - [http://  
www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk/Howtohelp.htm](http://www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk/Howtohelp.htm)*

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Also details on page 22

**Date for your diary AGM May 5th 7.00pm**

## Val Ariss 1949 - 2026



Betty Beecroft saw a kindred spirit in Val, both determined women with very kind hearts and always wanting to do their best for Worlingworth. It was Betty, who asked Val to be part of the Community Council in 1976, and so the community adventure began. One she shared with Mick all this time, as he too was always by her side, supportive of any

scheme.

Val loved people, the Community Centre became her life.

Stone picking the playing field before it was grass seeded, cooking, painting, sewing curtains, tending the quiet garden, serving on the bar, looking after the money, keeping the archive, caretaking, fundraising.

It was Val who suggested the Bike Show for The Brain Tumour Trust.

Fetes, Bonfire Nights and Harvest suppers when she would make her legendary apple pies, with bramleys sourced very locally, and always asked “the girls” Julie, Haley, Peggy and Tracy to be the servers. Mick would be in the kitchen with Jenny and Peter. Val, at her best, at the helm.



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