COBBOLD’S TALES – WORTHAM

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On Friday 6th October the Trust gave a talk about Richard Cobbold and his parish of Wortham followed by a showing of the BBC’s 1970s film *In a Country Churchyard*. The event was in aid of the Friends of Wortham Church and played to a full house. The occasion also saw the launch of a new book *Cobbold’s Tales* by Sue Heaser.

In 1828 the Reverend Richard Cobbold and his wife arrived in the small north Suffolk village of Wortham. Despondent at having to leave their cultured life in Ipswich, at first they were resented by the poverty-stricken villagers. Cobbold turned to his painting and writing for comfort, using the village and its inhabitants as his inspiration. As time went by he created an extraordinary record of a village and the lives of its people during the difficult times of the 19th century. Drawing from Cobbold’s own writings, Sue Heaser has created a dramatic and moving story based on the true events of 19th century Wortham.

Priced at £10, proceeds from the sale of *Cobbold’s Tales* will also go to the Friends of Wortham Church for the continued restoration of the church. The book which has 40 pages, with colour illustrations on almost every page, is available from Wortham Post Office or from [www.friendofworthamchurch.weebly.com](http://www.friendofworthamchurch.weebly.com)

It’s worth every penny and more!

Richard Cobbold (1797-1877)  Cobbold’s Tales by Sue Heaser  Wortham Church as painted by Richard Cobbold.