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1897-1989
Writer
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In 1940 she wrote

HOW TO GROW FOOD:
A WARTIME GLIDE



Wortham Tithe War of 1934.

Tithe was a tax on farmers whereby 1/10 of the goods produced each year, crops or livestock, had to be paid to the village rector (Church). Farmers who could not or would not pay up had assets seized by bailiffs and sold, often well below market value, to pay 'the debt'. 140 strong police group which was sent to Mr R H Rash's farm to protect bailiffs who had been sent to Suffolk from Durham (locals would not do the job). Eventually pigs and bullocks were taken, the bailiffs took £702 worth of goods (about £61,000 today). Lots of protesters were arrested and taken to Norwich jail.



Stephen Rash - her grandson now farms at Wortham with his! Son Tom. Here is rare evidence of a farmer on a bike from the '80s



WORTHAM Near Diss 1934

The Blackshirts wait around.
Before the Police arrive in helmets,
greatcoats and shiny shoes and then
monitor the Blackshirts, now in
white shirts, at work on the ricks.

