



Worlington Pump

April 2018

Bird Talk

Feeding birds can be frustrating. As some of you may know I have been battling squirrels for years and recently I had some success by covering the metal pole on which the feeders hang with Vaseline. Unfortunately unless I replaced the Vaseline almost daily the squirrels were still able to climb the pole.

In the past I have tried a cage feeder which worked well except that the birds declined to go between the bars of the cage. I was sharing my woes with Mike Pollard who told me that he had a cage feeder that worked perfectly. Instead of the bars being vertical they bulged out at the bottom like a bell, allowing more room for the birds. I bought one immediately – but it didn't work. The birds in my garden refuse to enter the cage but a couple of hundred yards away they use it happily!

I almost gave up but then I saw an advert in Waitrose for yet another design. The nuts go in a cylinder above which is a spring loaded metal tube. When the squirrel approaches from above, as it invariably does, the weight of the animal pushes the tube over the nuts. This has worked effectively for a few weeks so I am delighted.

But the other day there was a development. Frustrated by not getting at the nuts the squirrel went on to the unprotected mixed seed feeder. In the past they have shown no interest in anything but nuts so I hope that this change is due to desperation because of extreme weather rather than a permanent shift in dietary preference.

In early February we were approaching Brinkley via the hill behind Six Mile Bottom when we saw eight buzzards all at once. Two were perched on trees while the other six were circling around, one with what looked like a rabbit in its talons. We couldn't see any carrion lying around but that doesn't mean there wasn't some, or maybe Brinkley is just a good place for buzzards. Anyway, it was an arresting sight which we watched for about five minutes before they dispersed.

I hope that you saw some of the fieldfares that were around the village for some days at the end of February and the beginning of March. I had heard about them but not seen any until my near neighbour, the appropriately named Denis Field, phoned to tell me they were on his mulberry bush in large



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Sunday 8 th	11:00 am	Messy Church (Village Hall)
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Sunday 15 th	8:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 th	11:00 am	Informal Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th	10:00 am	Joint Service (St. Peter's, West Row)
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Flowers

Sunday 1 st	Mrs V. McClure
Sunday 8 th	Mrs V. McClure
Sunday 15 th	Mrs A. Thornalley
Sunday 22 nd	Mrs A. Thornalley

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Correction - Robert Lucas

I apologise for an error in last month's pump, where I omitted one of Robert Lucas's donations, the article should have read:

Robert Lucas who was the Worlington organist for Worlington church in the 60s and 70s never lost his interest in All Saints church and left in his will 20 thousand pounds for church funds. He also left the Red Cross 20 thousand, Clare church 20 thousand, St. Edmundsbury cathedral choir 20 thousand, The Children's Society 20 thousand, Christian Aid 20 thousand and the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel 20 thousand.

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Dear friends

Churchill famously said, “I am fond of pigs. A cat looks down on a man; a dog looks up to a man. But a pig will look you in the eye and see his equal.”

I’m not sure how true that is, but I too am very fond of pigs. In my home village of Freckenham we have run for the last few years a small pig co-op, whereby up to 8 families club together to buy a few rare breed piglets, and raise them, sharing costs and feeding duties. It’s a great community activity, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have produced our own high quality free range pork; the children involved have learnt not only where their food comes from, but valuable lessons about the responsibility of caring for livestock and of co-operation with others.

This year we have an additional reason for rearing our five Gloucestershire Old Spot piglets: we have acquired a piece of derelict land behind our garden, once farmland but abandoned to brambles, nettles and bindweed for many years. Everyone told me I would need to use industrial-strength weed killer before I could create the wildflower meadow I dreamed of. I hated the idea of that, and I knew from experience that nothing clears a bit of overgrown land quicker than a gang of hungry piglets. They are never happier than when digging up and chomping juicy roots and it’s a joy to see them ‘rooting’ their way around the field. It’s easy to see that with their strong shoulders and plough-like snouts they are designed to do exactly this. Often I feel, when I am pottering about feeding, watering or just giving them a lovely scratch behind the ears, that I too am designed exactly for this: I feel perfectly at peace.

How blessed we are when we find out who we are and what we are designed for. Each of us will have activities that bring us peace, whether it is walking, gardening, music, being with our loved ones or any number of other things. It’s a very individual thing. However the bible suggests that there is another source of peace that is right for us all: Jesus offers “peace - but not the kind the world gives” - every time I pronounce the blessing I speak of ‘the peace that passes all understanding’. St Augustine summed it up by saying “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you” We are designed to know and love God. My prayer for each of us is that we will find that special peace: that we will look God in the eye and love him, and know ourselves to be loved.

Sandie

Date for copy for the next edition by: **Sunday 22nd April.**

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All Saints' Church, Worlington

Tuesday 24th April

10:30 - 12:00

Join us for home-made biscuits and coffee with friends and neighbours

Everyone Welcome

Quiz Night Results

We had a great evening at the Village Hall, last month. A full house and 11 teams. This time it was the turn of "I Short" now the current champions. Thanks to our brilliant quiz master, Brian Cole who puts so much into the enjoyment of the whole evening and to all who came, for your company and support.

The generosity with raffle, generous donations and help putting everything away is much appreciated. Finally, a big thank you to Linda, Kenny and Ellen for their invaluable help. £435 was made on the night and proceeds to All Saints Church.

Val M. on behalf of All Saints PCC

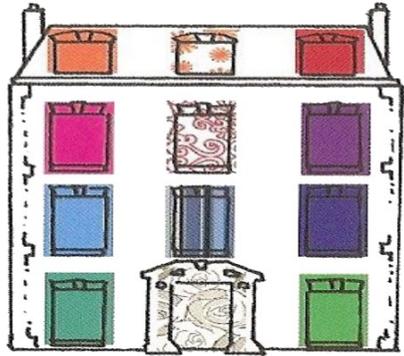


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numbers. I didn't even have to go outside as I got a perfect view from our back bedroom. Thank you Denis.

And then, the very next day, I was posting a letter when I noticed movement under the hedge by the post box – two gorgeous redwings. I have had many excellent views of redwings but never from less than two meters. They pecked away energetically while I sat for a few minutes watching from the warmth of the car; you can't beat armchair bird watching in that sort of weather.

Finally – common snipe. I have seen single snipe from time to time by the Lark but not for at least two years and only once have I ever seen one flying. But on the last day of February Miles Davis saw four common snipe flying along the river and around the footbridge. They are dumpy medium sized waders with a distinctive long straight bill. They like thick undergrowth and, unless they move, they are almost impossible to pick out so good is their camouflage.

Miles reaped the benefit of being an ultra conscience all-weather dog walker (do you recall the 28th of February?) but also of living in an area with such a range of relatively unspoilt accessible habitat.



Don MacBean

Portable speed indicating device scheme

As I am sure you have all noticed by now, the village has, for the last few months been deploying a SID or speed indicating device at various points around the village. The main reason for this is obviously to try and get motorists to reduce the speed at which they travel through the village. Every couple of months we will be publishing the results from these checks.

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27/1/18 – 10/2/18 Red Lodge - Worlington	41792	26635	2039	0	0	0	0
11/2/18 – 24/2/18 Freckenham - Worlington	26451	15802	8330	18	0	0	0
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Friday 6th April, 7:00 for 7:30pm, Here I Belong, Note this replaces regular film night. Last year, audiences were spellbound when Pentabus Theatre Company came to Freckenham with the play 'As The Crow Flies'. With Creative Arts East support, Pentabus Theatre return with a play by Matt Hartley. It's about communities, relationships and growing old. It is an uplifting night out, with some gentle audience participation if you want too! It's Elsie's birthday, which is appropriate since it mirrors the 20th anniversary of the opening of the village hall in February (another milestone!). There will be cake! The show is staged in cabaret-seating style and the scenery changes with bunting, flowers, fairy lights and balloons as the audience is taken on a journey through 60 years of village life. Tickets Adult £10 and under 18 £5. Tickets in advance (it helps with the layout and how many tables & chairs are needed but can be collected on door) by calling to book 01638 720118 or 07542 198933 !!

Saturday 28th April, 10:00am - 12 noon, Farmers & Crafts Market. Bacon rolls, cakes hot drinks free entry, meat from TFM Butchers of Isleham, bread, seasonal produce, cheese, olives & more, pies, preserves, pickles, honey, eggs, WI, homecrafts knitting, cards, jewellery, pin boards, bags, planters, plants & more.

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