



# Worlington Pump

## November 2016

### **Bird Talk**

In mid August I went to the RSPB reserve at Snettisham Beach on the south side of the Wash. I was with the U3A (University of the Third Age) bird group to which I belong and our diligent leader had arranged that we arrived just before the tide started to come in. There are vast mud flats there that look as if they stretch all the way across the water to Boston and there are also thousands of waders at that time of year.

Because there is very little gradient the tide comes in slowly and as it does the birds get twitched and will eventually take to the air to move further inland – this is the sight we had come to see. Spectacular doesn't do it justice; there are oohs and aahs when they rise but then there is usually silence as people take in the glory of the tableau.

It was a clear sunny day with, unusually, little wind. There were many species of birds on the flats but the most numerous were knot of which there were probably two or three thousand. The knot is a small to medium wader with, in summer, a russet body and silvery grey wings on which there are russet patches. They look rather dull from a distance but when they take off in their thousands swooping and swirling they look magnificent. They fly in a tight but fluid formation like a gigantic ever changing ink stain spreading over a light blue bit of paper – similar to a “murmuring” of starlings. The only disappointment was that there were a similar number of oystercatchers who stubbornly refused to take to the air preferring to edge away from the creeping tide on foot.

A few years ago I was at the same spot when, according to the RSPB warden, there were seven thousand golden plover. They look like ordinary brown birds if you see them on a field on a dull day but in such numbers on a bright day you can see why they are called golden. In truth they were more spectacular than the knot but I am not quibbling.

We are quite a well travelled bunch but we all agreed that there is no need to go to Africa, India or Alaska to see nature at its breath-taking best; it is available on our doorstep an easy 50 miles away on the Norfolk coast plus other places as well.

One of these other places is our churchyard. When I got home I went immediately to the kitchen for coffee and looked out the window into the churchyard where there was a large thistle. On the thistle was a young goldfinch not yet fully coloured but nonetheless pristine. It had eschewed the feeders and was plucking seeds from the thistle thus releasing a stream of white parachutes to drift slowly to the ground – it was a delightful sight.

You really can't compare one goldfinch with a couple of thousand knot because they are incomparable, which is the point – they both give us pleasure in different ways. Another not

# WORLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

**4<sup>th</sup> November** - Worlie Café

**9<sup>th</sup> December** - Worlie café – Menu TBC

**10<sup>th</sup> December** - Festive prize Bingo

**6<sup>th</sup> January** - Worlie Café – Menu TBC

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - Winter Warmer Quiz with Hearty Beef Stew, Cheese Scones & Crusty Rolls



**Quiz & Curry Night** - A big thank you to all those that turned out to support our quiz evening. Everyone had a really good time and the food was amazing. A big thank you to head chef Jim for all his hard work. Thanks also to all those that stayed to help tidy up and to the men who did a brilliant job with the washing up! We raised just over £370 for the Village Hall.

**Homemade Craft Fayre** – A full house of stalls and a steady flow of customers. Everyone involved had a great day. Thanks to the handful of parishioners that came down to support our efforts and to the wonderful people who donated cakes for the kitchen. The whole event raised just over £70 for the Village Hall

**Cash Bingo** – Thank you to everyone that showed up to our bingo evening. We raised £92 for the Village Hall.

**For more information on events, or hiring the hall for your own function, please visit [worlington.onesuffolk.net](http://worlington.onesuffolk.net)**

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**Note: The next issue will be a double issue, covering December and January.**

## All Saints Church Services November 2016

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Messy Church ( <b>Worlington Village Hall</b> )
	10:45 am	Act of Remembrance ( <b>Worlington War Memorial</b> ) <i>followed by worship at All Saints</i>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	Family Service

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### Flowers

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs A. Thornalley
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs A. Thornalley
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs V. McClure
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs V. McClure

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comparable little episode occurred on a balmy September evening when we set off to walk to the Staunch. My wife, who is much more observant than I, asked "Is that a kestrel?" and indeed it was but in an unusual position. It was perched on a gravestone in the churchyard, stationary, with the evening sun full on it showing its complex makings better than I have ever seen them. It reminded us of a stone carving of a falcon that you sometimes come across on old gravestones but then it flew off; the spell was broken but the memory remains.

*Don MacBean*

PS - You don't have to have been to university to join the U3A. It provides a large variety of groups, lectures and outings open to anyone of a certain age, or younger, who wish to keep their minds stimulated. There is almost certainly something for everyone in the programme.

## What's on in Freckenham [www.freckenham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.freckenham.onesuffolk.net)

Firstly I will reveal the Mystery Show from October it was called Amsterdam a true story written and performed by Chanje Kunda.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Coffee Caravan visits continue during the winter at the hall 2 – 4pm free cuppa, chat & advice.

**Freckenham Film Nights** – no need to book just turn up! **£5**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Akenfield**, a film depicting the rural lives of Suffolk villagers in the 20th Century, using local people as actors, was first shown in 1975. Based on Ronald Blythe's 1969 book of the same name, Akenfield was filmed by Sir Peter Hall in Charsfield and neighbouring villages. Tom (Garrow Shand) is a young farmer who lives in Akenfield, a small village in England. In 1974, Tom attends his grandfather's funeral and finds himself questioning his oppressive family history and his role within it. Peggy Cole, now 80, played the Dulcie Rouse - the mother of the film's central character Tom. She said: "It showed how times were hard and people forget today, that years ago we relied on the farmer to grow all we eat and that houses were poor with no electric or running water". Bar & Popcorn.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**, 3pm Shoe Box Send off at the Church

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, Quiz Night, in aid of Church funds. £2.50 per person come on your own or as a team. Bring your own drinks & nibbles, tea and coffee available. Raffle and prizes! 7pm for 7:30pm start. Contact: Anne 01638 720111 or Hilary 720082.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, two events, 10am - 12 noon Farmers & Crafts Market with seasonal produce, meat, bread, cheese, pies, honey, eggs, preserves & pickles and crafts at the market. Cuppa, cakes & bacon rolls too. Followed in the evening by Cash Bingo doors open 7pm eyes down 7:30pm. £1 a game – all money taken used as prize money so the more who come the bigger the prizes. Bar.

## Mary How

We would like to thank everyone who attended Mary's Funeral and for all the lovely cards and kind messages of support received.

Our appreciation goes to Adrian and Gary Peachey, for their professional expertise throughout. A special thank you to Sandie for the beautiful Service she delivered. Also thanks to Shirley, Ellen and Doreen for their help at the church. Finally, thanks to Den and the team at the Walnut tree for their hospitality.

All in all a lovely send off. Once again thank you.

*Bun, Leslie, Brian and Astrid.*

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Next one will be November 29<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am - 12:00pm

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*Everyone Welcome*

### **Harvest Flowers and Teas**

All Saints Church always looks its best when decorated for the seasons or special occasions and Harvest was no exception.

The flowers and materials used were perfect for the time of year and colours used were those gorgeous gold, red and bronze shades we see everywhere during autumn. From the porch to the altar, all looked beautiful. So many admiring comments made about it too. We hope all the arrangers heard!

Harvest teas offered a delicious range of bakes and cakes and so lovely to have lots of people along to join us. A huge thank you to all the ladies involved who arranged flowers, baked goodies and served teas too. We really are so lucky in Worlington to have such generous and talented people. Thank you all once again.

Proceeds to All Saints Church, *Val McClure, on behalf of All Saints PCC*

### **Village Tidy Up**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October saw our bi-annual village litter pick. A smaller group than earlier in the year due to some being unavailable, but it was nice to also see a few new faces. Thank you to everyone who did come along. We collected 12 bags of litter from across the village which, when you think how small we are is actually quite shocking!

Our next pick will be in early spring, so please keep your eyes open for info. in the pump and on the village website.

*Nick Foster*

All Saints' Church  
**Quiz Night**  
**with Fish & Chip Supper**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Worlington Village Hall**

**7.30pm**

**A fun night promised!**



Quizmaster Brian Cole  
Fish & Chips cooked freshly for us at the hall

£10 per person  
to include coffee

Raffle

Teams of 6 ideal

Please bring your own drinks

Please contact:

Val: 01638 714336 or Linda 01638 515068  
if you would like to know more, by Tuesday  
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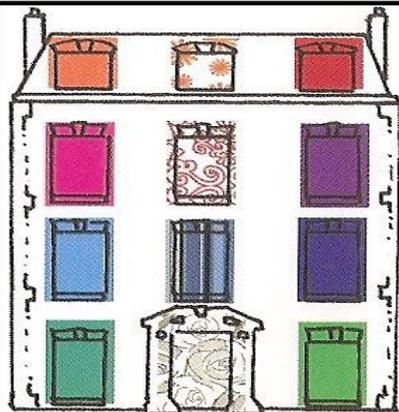


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