

Worlington Pump

October / November 2023

Church Wildflowers



As the picture shows the poppies in the churchyard were splendid this year. They were considerably taller than usual and Joan Mortlock explains that this was because of the somewhat unusual weather conditions. Unfortunately because they stayed tall when they were past flowering they partially obscured the other wildflowers which weren't so tall although they were equally attractive and more varied.

The wildflowers will be getting cut down soon so if anyone would care to help they are welcome.

Please call Joan on 01638 713751 or Don on 01638 713710.

Vicar's Words

it is October once again and that means Harvest time. God is so generous in his provision of all we need and we have much to celebrate for his generosity to us. Sadly, although God has provided a harvest of plenty in the world, human greed and selfishness results in two problems. One is that war and conflict reduces production, as we are experiencing now in the Ukraine. The other is that this wealth is very unevenly distributed. The deaths from hunger we hear about most often are those caused by famine and wars but this actually accounts for only 10% of all hunger deaths. The majority are caused by chronic malnutrition with families facing such extreme poverty they are simply not able to get enough food to eat.

About 24,000 people die every day from hunger or hunger-related causes and three quarters of these deaths are children under the age of five. In total, twelve million children die every year - over half due to malnutrition. In the UK there has been a push to increase the quality of school dinners as it is now recognized that poor quality nutrition leads to a deterioration in children's health, a lowering of concentration in lessons and subsequent under-achievement. The UK is, by and large, a rich country but the Trussell Trust reported that the number of people using foodbanks rose from 26,000 in 2008/09 to approximately 2.99 million people in 2022/23.

It doesn't have to be like this. The world produces around 300 kilogrammes of grain per person per year, enough to feed everyone if the food were shared equally and used efficiently. The major problem is having the right food, in the right place, at the right time - all the time. This means eradicating two evils. The first is the extreme scarcity of food some people in our world have to endure. The second is the extreme poverty so many people live in. Individual programmes can mitigate the effects of poverty. However, we also need people to speak up for and with those who are marginalised so that the policies which cause poverty to flourish can be changed and the underlying causes addressed.

Gordon Anderson

Church Lane

THANK YOU to the anonymous villager (we presume) who keeps the nettles at bay round the dog box opposite the Church gate.

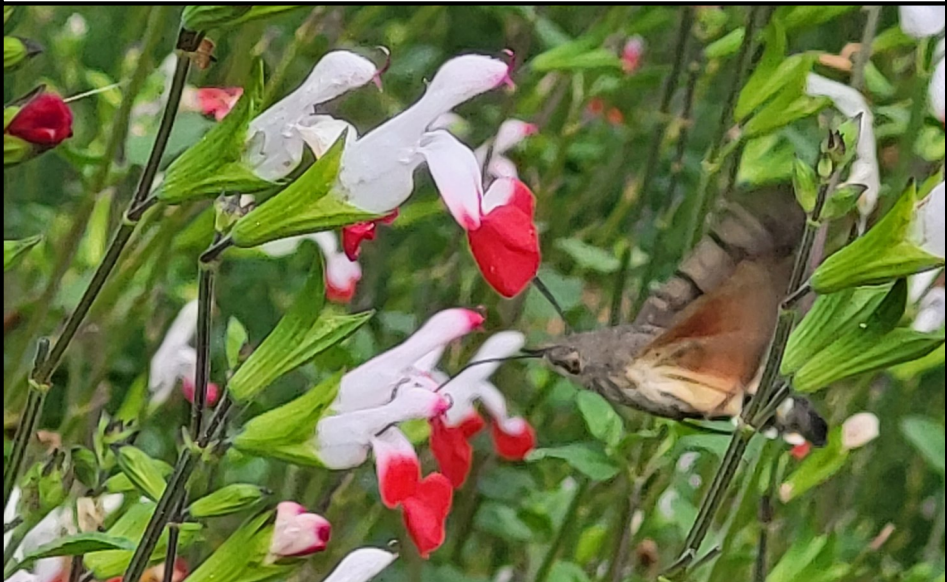
NO THANKS to the anonymous person who cut down the Cotoneaster bush beside the Church gate. On some days in the summer you could hear the buzz of the bees feeding off the bush from two meters away. In the autumn the red berries were attractive and a source of food for a variety of birds, particularly black birds.

Don MacBean

All Saints Church Services

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| Sunday 1 st October | 11:00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 15 th October | 11:00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 29 th October | 11:00 am | Holy Communion, Group Service |
| Sunday 5 th November | 11:00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 12 th November | 10:45 am | Service of Remembrance (<i>at the War Memorial</i>) <i>followed by a service at the church</i> |
| Sunday 19 th November | 11:00 am | Holy Communion |

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| Treasurer | Elizabeth Klingaman | 01638 711642 |



The picture in the previous edition isn't actually a bird but a hawk moth and almost certainly a humming bird hawk moth. The photograph was taken by either David or Karen Goodman in their garden. They are immigrants from Southern Europe and North Africa which have been increasing in numbers in recent years and by an estimated ten fold in 2022. Lovely to see them but presumably the increase is due to climate change so a bit ominous as well..

A Winning Season and Charitable Cheers: Worlington Cricket Club Shines

Dear Worlington villagers,

It's time to celebrate the achievements and camaraderie that define the heart of our beloved Worlington Cricket Club. The past season has been nothing short of spectacular, filled with thrilling matches, community spirit, and a highly successful beer festival that made a significant impact for a noble cause.

A Season of Triumph

Worlington Cricket Club experienced a season of excitement and success. All our teams demonstrated their mettle and determination on the pitch, ensuring that they maintained their status in their respective leagues. It's a testament to the hard work, dedication, and skill of our players, coaches, and volunteers.

Throughout the season, each match was a testament to the sportsmanship and commitment that define our club. Whether it was a nail-biting last-over finish or a commanding victory, our teams played with heart and showcased the true spirit of cricket.

Cheers to Charity: A Beer Festival Triumph

One of the highlights of the season was our annual beer festival, and what a resounding success it turned out to be! Not only was it an opportunity for our community to come together and enjoy a wonderful day out, but it also served as a fundraising event for charity.

The festival brought together cricket enthusiasts, families, and friends from Worlington and beyond. With a wide selection of refreshing beverages, delicious food, live music, and fun activities, it was a day to remember. Laughter, camaraderie, and the joy of community filled the air.

Most importantly, the festival raised a substantial amount of money for charity. The generosity of our community was on full display as funds were collected to support a meaningful cause. The exact charity and the amount raised will be disclosed in our upcoming Annual General Meeting, so stay tuned for the heartwarming details.

A Future of Promise

As we look ahead, Worlington Cricket Club is committed to building on the successes of this season. We will continue to foster the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and community that have made us a cherished part of Worlington life. Whether you're a seasoned cricketer or someone looking to try the sport for the first time, we welcome you to be a part of our growing cricketing family.

We extend our gratitude to all our players, volunteers, sponsors, and the entire community for their unwavering support and enthusiasm. Together, we have made this season truly memorable, and we are excited about the promising future that

lies ahead.

If you're interested in joining us for the upcoming season, want to volunteer, or have ideas to contribute, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Let's continue to make cricket in Worlington a source of joy, pride, and positive change for our village.

In unity and with gratitude,

Ben Atkinson

Worlington Cricket Club

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All previous minutes & agendas can be found on the website or the village notice board

Bird Talk

On the 8th July at about noon I was sitting in our back garden supposedly reading but really just enjoying watching the 20 or so swifts swirling around the church tower next door. It was warm and our honeysuckle, which have had their best year ever, had filled the air with their delightful aroma, one of the bushes being only four meters in front of me. Everything in the garden was perfect.

Then, without warning, a male sparrow hawk exploded from the honeysuckle bush taking an unfortunate sparrow with it in its talons. As the hawk had entered the bush at speed from the other side it must have been surprised to find me right in the middle of its flight path. I ducked instinctively to my right whilst the bird swerved to its right & the wind from its wings, or was it the tip of its left wing, brushed my left cheek. The garage was only a couple of meters behind me so it must have done an emergency hand brake turn to avoid crashing into the side of the garage. It landed on the lawn for a split second to readjust its grip on the dead sparrow then shot off.

I was quite shaken so it took me a few seconds to process what had happened. I knew it was a male bird because the female is 25% larger than the male. This is because females are designed to hunt in more open spaces & take bigger birds such as pigeons, which the smaller bird couldn't cope with. The male, being more agile, is able to hunt among bushes & denser undergrowth where there is a greater chance of taking smaller birds by surprise. Its ability to do this was well illustrated by this incident & it must have used all of its fantastic manoeuvrability and speed of reaction to avoid colliding with me or the garage.

Sad for the sparrow but good for the sparrow hawk and its young, and fortunate for me to be in the right place at the right time to get the adrenaline rush from experiencing nature in action at really close quarters.

Not great news about the tower swifts. Simon Evans (to whom we are greatly indebted) did a survey on the 10th July and found only nine boxes showing signs of successful occupation. Nineteen boxes were completely empty and 15 had failed at the egg stage. There were about thirty birds around the tower on the day and Simon could find no apparent reason for the disappointing result. There has been a kestrel hanging around the tower for most of the breeding time so that will not have helped but it is unlikely that this was the sole cause.

We couldn't get the CCTV to work this year so it looks as if it has reached the end of its life. It was old when it was installed years ago so it has served us well but it is sad not being able to watch the chicks developing in their nest boxes. I particularly enjoyed watching them hesitate time & again while building up the courage to plunge into space for the first time.

Dick Newell who, with Judith Wakelham and Simon initiated & built the whole project, has reached the age at which climbing the tower ladder is not a good idea

(I never went up it) but he still supports us with advice & encouragement. Simon has retired but is now even busier with the many other bird projects he is involved in but still finds time to visit us. We look forward to a better year in 2024 and in the meantime our grateful thanks to all of them.

Now some good news. Simon checked the three swift bricks in Judith's old house and found all had birds with a total of eight chicks which were all doing well.

More good news! - in the last edition I bemoaned the paucity of swallows in the fields round the end of Church Lane. Well, later in the season Richard Hurlock reported seeing a significant increase from his kitchen window which overlooks the fields. I also saw many more with thirty plus on the power lines on one occasion. Neither of us could find where they were nesting but hopefully there will be even more next year. Also, in amongst the swallows were quite a number of house martins but, again, no sign of where they were nesting.

This is moulting season so other than the ever present and cheerful sparrows things have been quiet in our garden. Miles Davis tells me that there are (if they are still there) two young curlew sandpipers on the Isleham washes. They are small waders who breed in Arctic Siberia and winter in Africa, sometimes stopping off here en route. They aren't rarities but they are unusual so had attracted a cluster of twitchers otherwise, Miles says, he wouldn't have been aware of them. A nice positive note on which to end. *Don MacBean*



Heron by the River Lark, down river from the Hythe (thanks to Pat Gates)

***All Saints' Church
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returns in January***



Worlington Village Hall



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Harvest

A very special thank you to all the ladies who brightened up our lovely All Saints' Church with glorious autumnal flowers for Harvest. As always the church looked wonderful especially when fully decorated for the various seasons, autumn being no exception.

Afternoon teas followed and we had a good many visitors for a cup of tea and a choice of a wonderful array of cakes and bakes to sit and enjoy. Over £200 was made for All Saints' Church.

Worlington All Saints' Church PCC

Harvest Donations

This is to thank everyone who helped make up a huge selection of donations from the generous folk in Worlington for the Mildenhall food bank via All Saints' at Harvest time. No longer do we ask for food typical of the harvest, but items once thought of as luxuries, now everyday items for most of us.

They were kindly transported by Ken Lucas who filled his van and took everything to the distribution centre in Mildenhall.

This was gratefully accepted with many thanks to you all.

Worlington All Saints' Church PCC

Tuesday Coffee Morning



All Saints' Church, Worlington

Tuesday 31st October, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Tuesday 28th November, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Join us for coffee and homemade biscuits, and meet your friends and neighbours. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month.

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DEFIBRILLATOR & CPR TRAINING

An open invitation to all parishioners and coaching staff at Worlington Cricket Club to attend a session on the safe use of CPR and the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in case of an emergency situation.

**Wednesday 18th October
7pm til 9pm**

Worlington Village Hall



**Complimentary Tea, Coffee & Biscuits
will be available on the night.**

Village Hall Fundraising

Duck Race – A big thank you to all the families and individuals who showed up to support the duck race, and to those who couldn't make it but still bought ducks. A great day was had by all and a total of £137 was raised towards the upkeep of the village hall.

Table Top Sale – We trialled a table top sale earlier in September, with a view to doing more in the future. All tables were booked out and there was a steady flow of people coming in for a browse and to sample the delicious cakes and bakes kindly donated by people. A big thank you to Michelle Ferris for organising. We successfully raised £182.75, again towards the upkeep of the hall.

Quiz Nights – Quiz nights have always proved a popular nights entertainment in the hall. We currently have 2 this year, with more planned heading into next year. The first is on Saturday 7th October, which is now sold out but there is another one coming up on Friday 1st December. If you would like to book a table for December then please get in touch (Nick Foster, details above). More details on request or check out social media nearer the time.

Line Dancing – The village hall will be hosting an afternoon of line dancing on 15th October, full details can be found on the accompanying flyer and there will be a raffle held in aid of the village hall.

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