



Worlington Pump

October 2015



Worlington's 2015 season came to a close in mid-September with the 1st XI regaining their Division One status.

Following a series of defeats towards the close of the season it looked as though the team may be facing relegation from the top flight, but with other results going in their favour they managed to finish in 9th place. Jimmy Watson finished as top run scorer with a tally of 732 while Graham Ford (551) and Chris Baugh (510) also passed 500 for the season. On the bowling front, Ziaf Kulasi was top wicket taker with 31.

Worlington II meanwhile, missed out on automatic promotion finishing in third spot in Division Six. There may be an outside possibility of promotion but this is based on several factors so please keep an eye on the club's website for further updates! Adam Gallop (509 runs) and Graham Downey (27 wickets) were the star performers for the 2nd XI.

Sunday cricket once again featured Worlington's Academy side and their Sunday 1st team in the National Village Cup. For the second year running, Worlington took the Suffolk & Essex regional title after victory against Bentley CC. They then lost to eventual finalists Foxton of Cambridgeshire in the last-32.

The Academy team finished their season in a highly respectable fourth place in Division Four of the Hunts County Bats Suffolk League.

The Youth section under the guidance of Adam Gallop, Craig Woollard, Terry Small, Jonathan Peachey and Colin Thompson to name a few had their most successful season to date. The under 9s swept all challengers aside going unbeaten all season, winning two cups and the league on the way. The under 15s followed suit whilst the under 11s and under 13s topped their respective leagues. Well done to all; the future is bright

On behalf of Worlington CC, thank you to everyone that supported the club throughout the season. We look forward to more of the same come next Spring.

Dear Friends

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One of the nicer things I am sometimes asked to do as a parish priest is to go into a local school to do an assembly. I love it, though it can sometimes be quite a challenge to be asked to explain things I haven't really thought properly about before. Next week for instance I have been asked to take a communion chalice to show them and to explain why some items are considered 'sacred' as part of a theme of respect and values. That really got me thinking. What's special about a simple metal cup we use for communion services? What is it that makes some objects precious?

I'm sure it's not their monetary worth. I recently took my engagement ring to be mended because the single stone had come loose. The jeweller nodded approvingly and said I had done the right thing because the stone would have been expensive to replace. I replied that it was much more precious to me because my husband (the old romantic) had chosen the stone and had the ring made specially. No amount of money could ever replace the romance.

I'm sure it's not their aesthetic value either. Many of us have some 'work of art' once created by a small child on display in our home which will never make it to an art gallery, but which is amongst our most valued possessions. Similarly there is many a beloved mongrel of 57 varieties that is just as highly prized by its owner as it would be if it were a Crufts Grand Champion.

So think of me as I try to explain all this to the children next week, and tell them that the thing that makes something really precious is the love that lies behind it. We can't handle an ancient chalice without thinking of the thousands of worshippers who have lovingly used it before us, and we can't handle it without remembering that we are commemorating Jesus, who loved us enough to die for us. So we treat the chalice with reverence because of love.

I hope that as I try to explain all this, they will realise that they themselves are precious and loved, and therefore sacred – much more so than a bit of old silverware. And so are you.

Sandie

New Village Website

As part of the new design of the village website we will be adding a business page where people from within the village only can advertise themselves in one easy to find place. if you would be interested in adding your trade please send details to Nick Foster at el_fozzo69@hotmail.com.

All Saints Church Services October 2015

Sunday 4 th	11:00 am	Harvest Service
Sunday 11 th	11:00 am	Messy Church (Worlington Village Hall)
	6:30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 18 th	8:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th	11:00 am	Family Service

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Flowers

Sunday 4 th	Mrs V. McClure
Sunday 11 th	Mrs V. McClure
Sunday 18 th	Mrs E. Boatman
Sunday 25 th	Mrs E. Boatman

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Village Tidy-Up Reminder

It is time to give the village a well needed tidy up, we will be meeting at the Village Hall at 10.00am on Saturday 3rd October, all equipment provided. Everyone is then welcome to return to the hall when they have finished for light refreshments.

Date for copy for the next edition by: **Thursday 22nd October 2015**

Please send all articles for the October Pump to rob@garry.me.uk. Thanks.

Bird Talk

It is reassuring that despite all the fuss and publicity around the Swift Fest the other birds and wildlife get on with their lives unperturbed by what some of us humans get excited about. I am also struck by how people get pleasure from, and comment on, the “ordinary” happenings of nature. Here are some examples.

The week after Lindsey Osborne moved into the new house they had built in the garden of their old house she was delighted to see a bullfinch. She had never seen this species in the garden when they were in the original house. Then Chris and Michelle Hall, who live virtually next door, told me, quite independently that they had also seen a bullfinch. Was it the same one? Is this gorgeous bird being seen in other gardens in the village?

In early June Peter and Lyn Bonas were sitting at the picnic table at the Hythe when they spotted a couple of otters on the far side of the river. Intrigued, they returned the next evening but this time there was only one otter! A bit later in June Miles Davies was crossing the footbridge at the Staunch when he heard a commotion in the river – a mother mallard was fighting off an otter! After a tussle she succeeded and went to the bank where two small ducklings joined her. She quickly shoed them back into hiding while Miles was left to ponder if the otter had eaten the others for lunch.

There have been quite a few sightings now so I think we can conclude that there are resident otters in the Lark and wouldn't it be nice if they could be persuaded to eat the American crayfish?

The back of Ken Beaton's house looks onto the field to the west of Church Lane and he has been fascinated by how aggressive a few lapwings in the field were towards other birds, particularly crows and, on one occasion, a kestrel. Almost certainly, as ground nesters, they were defending eggs or young from potential predators. A distraction trick a lapwing parent sometimes uses is to pretend that it has a broken wing and hop away from the nest. The predator follows it thinking it is disabled so will be easy meat, only to find the bird is fully able to defend itself or fly away having accomplished its mission. Good to know there are lapwings nesting in the area as there haven't been any on the Church Farm fields for some years now.

Finally, Mary Thompsett has for years had many swallows nesting in her stables where they co-exist congenially with her daughter's horses. However, this year the number of young is down. Worried, she kept an all night watch and at 03.00 saw a barn owl silently enter and exit the stables; the light was not good enough to see if it had taken a young swallow. There are barn owls in the area but Mary had never seen one in the stables; is it the culprit?

Simon Evans is not only a swift ringer but also the barn owl recorder for Suffolk, however he didn't mind giving an opinion on a problem in Cambridgeshire, where

Mary lives. Apparently, because of the cold spring there is a shortage of voles which are a staple for barn owls so the parents will look wherever they can for food to feed their young, thus the barn owl could well be the reason for the decline. This leads me to observe that most, if not all, animals and birds are potential food for some other creature but that is the nature of nature!

Don MacBean

PS - On 3rd September Alan Beazer went out of his back door at 3 Walnut Grove to have a few puffs on his pipe. Out of nowhere a sparrowhawk zoomed down and snatched a sparrow from right in front of Alan; he heard a little squeak and the bird was gone leaving Alan amazed by the speed and precision of the attack. A classical example of nature in action and why this lightening fast small hawk is so named.

What's on in Freckenham www.freckenham.onesuffolk.net

Films At Freckenham - Tickets £5 – no need to book.

Friday 2nd October - Far from the Madding Crowd (12). This is the 2015 remake and thanks to strong direction and a talented cast stands up well to the original. Based on the literary classic by Thomas Hardy, the beautifully made drama, set in the Victorian age, Far from the Madding Crowd follows the story of independent, beautiful and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene who attracts three very different suitors. Running time: 1hr 59 mins.

Tuesday 6th October - Coffee Caravan final visit of the year 2 – 4pm.

Saturday 17th October - Spend a relaxing hour in the afternoon to hear the entrancing music of West Africa. Rural Kora on Tour, a series of world music concerts featuring Gambian virtuoso Sura Susso. The afternoon concert provides a unique and uplifting opportunity for everybody, particularly families and children, to become immersed in the vibrant music and folklore of a proud culture and enjoy the talents of one of Africa's finest musicians. Doors open at 2.45pm. Children are invited to bring a cushion. Tickets are adults £5 or family ticket £10 for two adults and two children, available on the door or wegottickets.com, search for Sura Susso. Refreshments available. Phone Arts La'Olam direct 01473 822055 for more details.

Tuesday 20th October - Shoe Box Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy 10.30 – 12 noon. Free entry.

Saturday 31st October - Freckenham Farmers Market 10 – 12 noon. Suppliers returning again include fresh meat from Culford Flock, fruit and vegetables from West Row Plantation Farm, Suffolk honey, preserves, award-winning savoury pies, artisan hand-baked real bread from Mark and Caroline of Orb Bakery and hopefully a cheese stall (to be confirmed). Refreshments available. Free entry.

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Tuesday Coffee Morning

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Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride

On Saturday 12th September we woke to a slightly damp day, but the weather forecast assured us that it would brighten up - which it duly did. We set off just after 8, visiting Red Lodge before getting to Freckenham for 9 and then off to Barton Mills, followed by Mildenhall and West Row, via the cycleway. Although it had stopped raining and the sun came out, there was a bit of a wind as we headed into Beck Row, then a puncture! After replacing the inner tube we headed off to Eriswell (a new church for us) via Holywell Row and then the new road, under the All, to Icklingham - into the wind!

Tea and cakes at West Stow followed, then Flempton and, due to an accident closing the road, we had to miss Lackford and to go to Cavenham via Risby. After Tuddenham we had a big welcome at Herringswell, then into Cambridgeshire to visit Kennett, Chippenham and Fordham just before 6; with a fast ride home with the wind behind.

We managed just under 50 miles and visited 21 churches, and thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Jemma and James raised nearly £200.

Rob Garry (on behalf of Jemma & James)



August Bank Holiday Open Church

A very big thank you to all who helped set up, worked and packed everything away during that weekend. For wonderful cakes and bakes and to the ladies who were there to serve delicious teas and to the suppliers of bric-a-brac and books, a huge thank you. Over £850 was raised for All Saints Church that weekend.

Thank you all for marvellous continued support.

Val McClure on behalf of All Saints PCC

Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper



**Friday 16th October
7.30pm at
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**Sunday 4th October
2.30 – 4.30pm**

Gorgeous decorations in the Church for harvest!
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Worlie Café

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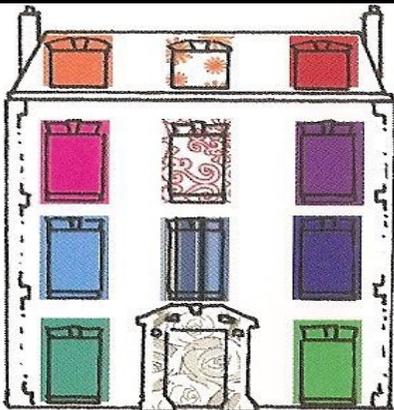
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