



Worlington Pump

September 2015

Village Tidy-Up

It's that time of year again. Summer has been and gone and 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 will be provided (gloves, bags and litter pickers). Everyone is then welcome to return to the hall when they have finished for light refreshments. I look forward to seeing you there.



Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride



The Trust has raised and distributed over £3,000,000 to help with the repair and maintenance of churches in Suffolk, including our church in Worlington. The Trust derives its income in particular from the annual sponsored bike ride, held this year on September 12th.

Please help by riding yourself or by sponsoring some of our cyclists (including Jemma & James, pictured above in the 2006 ride). Please contact Rob on 715611 or rob@garry.me.uk if you would like a form, or to sponsor anyone. *Thanks.*

Dear Friends

Few of us who are associated with the village will ever forget the evening of 17th July 2015, the night on which a horrific accident took the lives of four people suddenly and without warning. Many of us had spent a pleasant evening at the church enjoying the spectacle provided by our nesting swifts, and it was and is hard to believe that such a shocking tragedy could happen in our peaceful village. At times of tragedy we often search for ways to mark the depth of our feelings in some way. In this case many joined together to make a procession to the scene of the accident in order to lay flowers. In the church we offered special prayers and lit candles.

The news media take a great interest at first, but soon move on to the next story. In contrast those who are directly and indirectly affected continue to live with shock and loss. At times like these, it is not only individual lives that are lost but whole networks of friendships and family ties. Our hearts go out to those who were closest to all those who died; we think too of those living near to the scene of the accident who will surely never be able to forget the scenes they witnessed on that evening. All around us are lives changed forever. The old prayer book gave us the familiar words, 'In the midst of life, we are in death' – words that may seem meaningless and old fashioned until such a time as this, when we realise just how fragile life is. Gradually we begin to understand what they mean.

On a personal note, over the summer we reached the anniversary of the death of our daughter Jenny in an equally sudden and senseless accident. In the intervening year I have pondered much on the gossamer-thin division between this life and the next. How are we to cope with this life of uncertainty, this life which is so beautiful and yet is in the midst of death?

Stephen Vincent Benét, an American author and poet, put it well when he said 'Life is not lost by dying; life is lost minute by minute, day by dragging day, in all the thousand small uncaring ways.' In other words the value of a life is not in the number of years it lasts. Sadly many of us can waste long lives in trivia, in pettiness, in apathy and indifference.

Perhaps the best response we can each make to untimely death is to determine to live our own lives well. Or to use some more words from the prayer book:

'Grant us, O Lord, the wisdom and the grace to use aright the time that left to us on earth. Lead us to repent of our sins, the evil we have done and the good we have not done. And strengthen us to follow the steps of your Son, in the way that leads to the fullness of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.'

Sandie

All Saints Church Services September 2015

Sunday 6 th	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 th	11:00 am	Messy Church (Worlington Village Hall)
	6:30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 20 th	8:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th	11:00 am	Family Service

Priest in Charge	Rev. Sandie Barton	01638 720048
Elder	Heath Rosselli	01638 717337
Churchwarden	Mrs Shirley Reeder	01638 716096
Treasurer	Mr Rob Garry	01638 715611

Flowers

Sunday 6 ^h	Mrs A. Thompson
Sunday 13 th	Mrs J. Power
Sunday 20 th	Mrs J. Power
Sunday 27 th	Provided by Wedding Party

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Date for copy for the next edition by: **Tuesday 22nd September 2015**

Please send all articles for the October pump to rob@garry.me.uk or put them through my door, 1 The Meadows, Worlington. Thanks.

Swift Fest - 17th July 2015

A lovely evening, about a hundred and sixty people plus a great story to tell added up to a splendid event. We took over £400 in donations, which has been divided 50/50 between the church and the two swift groups - Action for Swifts (AfS) and Swift Conservation (SC).

To up-date you on the story – thanks to AfS there are now forty swift boxes in the tower. They have also installed two more cameras, making a total of four, plus a split screen digital video recorder that has made a huge difference. If anyone would like to have a look please phone me on 713710; but be quick as the two chicks in box one will fly off to Africa soon (they will probably be gone by the time this is published) but the single chick in box two will be here for another couple of weeks. However, thanks to the new technology, we can go back seven days and see what was happening in the four camera boxes.

On 16th and 17th July an occupancy survey was done. There were twenty-four nests with forty chicks most of whom were ringed. Considerable interest is being shown in the empty boxes so we hope for even greater numbers next year.

Dick Newell of AfS and Edward Mayer of the more internationally focused SC gave illustrated talks that were enthusiastically received. AfS also had a display of swift conservation information and materials which generated so much interest that John Stimpson from Wilburton sold out of all his swift boxes. John has now made over 6,000 swift boxes and we have been one of his best venues.

Our fame has spread so far that a team from the BBC filmed the event. The aim is to show what a parish church, with help from knowledgeable enthusiasts and the local community, can do to help wildlife in their church and churchyard. They scaled the daunting tower ladder to film Simon Evans ringing chicks in the nest boxes and, back on terra firma, they filmed Judith Wakelam raising orphaned swifts back to health.

They also took shots of us all on the grass gazing and pointing skywards pretending to look at hordes of swifts. Unfortunately the early part of the evening was windy with few birds about so I hope we looked convincing. But soon after the TV crew left the wind dropped and the birds appeared in squadrons! All this will be condensed into a five-minute slot that will be shown on Songs of Praise on Sunday 6th September. There will be a reminder via the village email.

If you came along thanks for your support, if not catch up with what happened on 6th September.

And thanks to all those who provided refreshments, over £100 was donated, which will help with the upkeep of the church.

Don MacBean

Swifts Not Rain Stop Play

I would like to say a big thank you to Worlington cricket team and Croydon touring team. On the afternoon of 30th July I arrived at the recreation ground with the intention of releasing seven rehabbed swifts. Unfortunately, I had omitted to first check if there was any cricket scheduled.

Needless to say, a match was just about to begin. After a little pleading for a short delay the teams agreed to allow me time to release the birds.

The first swift decided it wasn't quite ready to go and went down rather than up, as occasionally happens. This resulted in the advice from one of the intrigued watching teams to "change the batteries". The second swift produced a text book take off that was greeted with spontaneous applause. The subsequent birds followed suit and by then I had a number of the players come over, keen to see what they were. Most people, as was the case on this occasion, have never seen a swift in the hand only a scythe-like creature high in the sky. Several of the players thanked me for the opportunity to see one close up.

The delay was much appreciated. When the birds are ready for release I need a large area just in case they do come down as was the case with the first one. I would have gone to Newmarket Heath had the answer been a no, so once again a big thank you for saving me a journey.

I understand Worlington did win the match, had they not, I think I might have felt a little guilty.

Judith Wakelam

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

Friday 4th September – Invictus (PG) to coincide with the start of Rugby World Cup! Details on village website, doors open 7:00pm for 7:30pm screening.

Village Farmers Market – Last Saturday of the month – Next one will be Saturday 26th September 10 – 12 noon. Free Entry, refreshments available.

St Andrew's Church Annual Flower Festival Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September - theme this year World of Colour. From the beauty of a Fenland Sunset to the Grandeur of a Volcano and all the colours of God's Rainbow depicted in flowers and props from the imagination of the arrangers. Entry is FREE but donations for church upkeep will be much welcomed. As always there will be teas with homemade cakes, a raffle, a number of stalls and the Freckenham Tractor Boys will be showing off their vintage tractors and farm machinery. Doors open 1:00 pm and close at 5:00 pm. For full details contact Kay Gee on 01638 720610.



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in the Church

10:30am – 12 noon

Open Gardens Art Trail

I can now give an update on our recent Open Gardens & Art Trail weekend. The total sum raised has exceeded £3,000. All proceeds to All Saints Church.

Once again, a huge thank you to all who took part and to those who came along to enjoy it all. We really do appreciate all the hard work and involvement for this lovely weekend. *Val McClure.*

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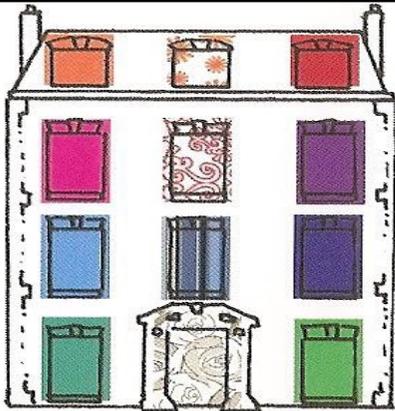
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