



Worlington Pump

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Gill's Reflections

At last! Signs of growth amongst the runner beans I planted what now seems like ages ago! The garden has burst into growth, and is it my imagination, or does everything seem bigger and more robust this year?

Maybe due to all the extra rain we have had recently!

Or perhaps absence has made the heart grow fonder.

Such hope, such promise. The sight of a previously bare tree suddenly covered in colourful growth always fills me with such pleasure. And it never ceases to amaze me how the seasons repeatedly mark the year with growth and decay - sometimes with speed and sometimes with crushing slowness.

Life's a bit like that isn't it!

Sometimes it just skips along in a riot of pleasure and colour.

At other times we can feel stuck in a situation that, rather like the winter greyness, seems to go on and on with no sign of improvement – just dreary darkness eating away at our peace of mind.

Yet, unseen, new creation is always waiting for the call of the Creator – biding time and visible only through promise. And then, (maybe after the faintest hint), change can arrive overnight and within days the landscape of our life is transformed; made new and ripe with fresh opportunity.

Great times, difficult times.

They are all there making up the bigger picture.

Some of which can be hard to make sense of.

I once read that life can look rather like the reverse side of a tapestry – whilst some areas are neat, others seem to be all wrong. Instead of order and shape, the colour and pattern are obscured by breaks in the yarn and knots with uneven stitches going all over the place. However, when the tapestry is turned right side up, you can clearly see the picture – showing all the love, hard work and hope that had been put into it.

God clearly sees the picture, the bigger perspective. That is what counts!

We do well to trust God in the waiting, in the searching, and in the finding.

Rev'd Gill Anderson

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 4 th June	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th June	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd July	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th July	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th July	11:00 am	Holy Communion - Group Service

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Coronation Weekend

Whilst the weather was unkind and the Village Hall was bursting with happy children and their families, some brave souls followed the Village Trail in an attempt to discover some little known facts about the village. It encompassed the Church, the Hythe, the Play Area and much more.

We hope to publish the trail in time for the summer holiday when the weather will be kinder and people will have time to make the discoveries at their leisure.

Wild Life - Help/Advice

Claire Scarff who lives in Feltwell (10 miles from Worlington) is happy to give advice and possibly practical help with injured birds or animals of any sort except hedgehogs.

She nursed an injured swift from our church yard back to health last year and took a video of it flying away. She is currently nursing another one from the village.

Her video page is – Wildlife Lounge.

Please contact Rob Garry on 01638 715611 if you need her contact details.

Bird Talk

I saw my first swallow on 1st April which is eight days earlier than last year, but I was beaten by David & Karen Goodman who saw one on the last day of March. However, since then I have not seen more than two at the same time in the village and I suspect they are the pair that are nesting in Ann Thornally's barn. There have also been five or six house martins over the fields but no more than that so I hope they are more plentiful in other parts of the village. The first cuckoo I know of was heard from the village on 15th April but I still haven't heard one this year.

The swifts arrived on time in the first week of May with my first sighting being on the first of the month. I have not seen more than eight round the church tower which is disappointing so I hope the numbers build quickly.

What we lack in numbers we make up for with a couple of interesting swift stories. Our neighbour's sharp eyed young teenagers noticed a grounded swift on their front lawn and carefully put it into a cardboard box; they knew not to try re-fighting it by throwing it in the air which was good. There was no obvious injury so we concluded that it was probably exhausted and, with cruel misfortune, run out of steam just before reaching the church tower. The knowledgeable children, knowing that dehydration is the main danger, provided tepid sugared water in a teaspoon while I contacted the splendid Clare Scarff in Feltwell who had nursed a swift back to health for us last year.

As this was her first swift of the year Clare christened the bird Eve, it is impossible to determine the sex by sight but Eve suited her. After careful examination Clare concluded that Eve had dislocated her left wing so she taped it lightly and has been keeping her fed, warm & watered while she rests and gets her strength back. Soon she will see if Eve is ready to fly by holding her in the palm of her hand as high as possible in an open space, which is the correct way to do it. Judith Wakelam used to release recovered swift on the cricket ground or the race course. I will report on Eve in August.

The second swift story is unusual. Miles Davis has five swift boxes with cameras and recently he noticed that one of the birds was jammed in a corner of the box and had not moved for ages.; the other bird ignored it. Eventually Miles went to investigate and on first sight thought the bird might be dead. He picked it out of the box and was half way down the ladder when he realised it was not one bird but two! They were locked together, chest to chest, by their small but very sharp claws which Miles had great difficulty in prising open, and in doing so the birds drew blood more than once on his fingers. When finally parted they flew away energetically.

Having consulted knowledgeable people this is probably what had happened: unless there is a mishap to a partner swifts generally pair up for life. But once the chicks having fledged the parents head back to Africa separately meeting up again the following year at the same nest. Occasionally one arrives a few days earlier than the

other so is alone in the nest. Other swifts may see this as an opportunity to either take over a mate or drive the single bird out and take over the nest. If the delayed mate is a male and arrives to find another male with his mate in his nest then serious combat, which has been known to be fatal, can result. Of course it could also possibly be an aggressive male trying to oust the resident male. Anyway, there are now two birds back in the box, but which two? Claire Scarff tells me that she has had four such reports already this year which shows just how strong the urge is in birds to pass on their genes – just like us humans really.

Regular river walkers continue to report seeing otters more than occasionally which, combined with kingfishers, grey wagtails, egrets, herons, swans and more, makes a walk along the Lark a most rewarding exercise. On the edge of the mill pond beside the old mill next to the A11 there is the neatest swan's nest I have ever see. The other day, while waiting to see if the resident swan would move so that I could count the eggs, an egret flew lazily past followed by the electric blue flash of a kingfisher – and all beside a teeming motorway.

From two gardens in the village, some distance from each other, have come reports of reed buntings regularly visiting the feeders. These birds are usually found near water clinging sideways on to, as their name suggests, reeds! I wonder if they are appearing in any other gardens?

Finally, a quirky story. Recently we were walking with our daughter and her dog beside Ely Marina when a swan came gracefully but purposefully down the middle of the river. It turned right into a birthing area which held a large barge type boat with wooden shutters which looked like a long term mooring. The swan tapped on one of the shutters and waited; nothing happened so it tapped again harder this time and a few seconds later the shutter opened outwards. The swan's head was hidden behind the shutter but we assumed it had been fed & that this was a regular occurrence. The swan went on its way, as did we but with a slight spring in our step having witnessed this little cameo. *Don MacBean*



Easter

A very special thank you to all the ladies who made our church so bright and beautiful with the glorious selection of spring flowers this year.

As always, after the season of Lent when there's no decoration at all, it's so wonderful to see the sudden burst of colour everywhere. It is really such a treat and loved by everyone.

Let's not leave out the very kind gentleman who makes such a great job cleaning the altar brass; Mr John Thompson, than you very much.

Easter Monday Teas

We closed the Easter weekend with our Afternoon Teas and it was lovely to see lots of people arriving to enjoy a slice or two of cake or something from the vast selection of bakes on offer.

A chance also for people to wander and take in the loveliness of the floral arrangements.

The kneelers depicting the history of Worlington village drew lots of attention, so please call in and see for yourselves the village involvement in bygone days.

Thanks to all who helped on the day and those who helped with baking.

A special thank you to those which along for the afternoon, it was lovely to see you. The sum of £200 was raised for All Saints Church.

Ann & Val

Books

We have a great selection of books in Church at the bargain price of 4 for £1. The church is open everyday so why not come along and browse.

Something for everyone.

Worlington Cricket Club Season in Full Swing

Join Us for Cricket, Youth Training, and Sponsorship Opportunities!

Greetings, Worlington villagers! It's that time of the year again when Worlington Cricket Club springs into action with the commencement of an exciting new season. With great pleasure, we invite you to join us and be a part of the sporting fervour that has captured our community for generations.

Cricket enthusiasts of all ages, both experienced and beginners, are encouraged to don their cricket whites and join our teams. Whether you're a seasoned player or looking to try your hand at this timeless sport, Worlington Cricket Club welcomes everyone to participate and share the joy of cricket. The season is now in full swing, so don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of this incredible sporting experience.

Calling all young aspiring cricketers! Our youth training sessions are held every Friday night. We warmly invite all kids, regardless of their skill level, to come and discover the thrill of the game in a friendly and inclusive environment. It's an excellent chance for children to develop their cricketing skills, make new friends, and foster a lifelong love for the sport. Parents, please encourage your children to join us and unleash their potential on the cricket field!

Moreover, we are thrilled to announce that our annual beer festival is fast approaching. It promises to be a fantastic community event filled with cricket, camaraderie, and, of course, a splendid selection of beverages. As we organize this much-anticipated festival, we are actively seeking sponsors to help make it an even bigger success. If you or your business would like to support our club and gain valuable exposure, we invite you to consider becoming a sponsor. Please get in touch with us to learn more about the diverse sponsorship opportunities available.

Worlington Cricket Club holds a special place in our hearts, and we are dedicated to fostering a vibrant cricketing community in our village. By participating in our teams, attending youth training sessions, or becoming a sponsor, you can contribute to the growth and success of our club while enjoying the numerous benefits of being a part of this wonderful sport.

To find out more about Worlington Cricket Club, register for youth training, or explore sponsorship opportunities, please contact us through our website, email, or by visiting our club in person. We eagerly await your involvement and look forward to sharing many memorable moments on and off the field. Let's make this season one to remember!

Play hard, have fun, and let's cricket together!

Ben Atkinson, Worlington Cricket Club

Contact worlingtoncricketclub@gmail.com or worlingtonbeerfestival@gmail.com.



What's on in Freckenham

Coffee Caravan monthly visits to East View car park on the first Tuesday of the month 2 - 4pm 6th June, 4th July. Warm welcome guaranteed, lovely cakes, cuppa, chat and friendly advice on offer! Free event but donations appreciated.

First Friday of Month Film Nights 2nd June Ticket to Paradise stars George Clooney and Julia Roberts. A man and his ex-wife race to Bali, Indonesia, to stop their daughter from marrying a seaweed farmer. As they desperately try to sabotage the wedding, the bickering duo soon find themselves rekindling old feelings that once made them happy together. £7 a person. Doors & Bar + themed cocktails with snacks opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm.

Farmers Market with some Crafts 24th June. 10 – 12 noon, many regular stalls including our local Fruit & Veg stall, TFM Butchers of Isleham, The Pie Kitchen, Buttercupps of Beck Row baking including ciabatta & focaccia bread, along with cakes, honey & preserves. Upcycled wood crafted into planters, boot jacks, chopping boards is back, Jewellery, Cards, Branching Out, hair accessories and more. Plants from local gardens, veg & bedding plants too! Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls and homemade cakes. Then a break till September

Could be bingo coming back soon look out for date. £2 per person entry fee, £1 a game doors & bar open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

A talk on Cavenham Heath Friday 14th July, doors & bar open 7pm talk starts 7.30m. Suggested donation £3 per person money split between village hall and Natural England. This will then be followed by a guided walk on 3rd September, time to be confirmed, which must be pre-booked. Weekly events are all listed on the website check first if attending for first time or after a break, especially as some may take a break over Easter:

<https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>

Tuesday Coffee Morning

All Saints' Church, Worlington

Tuesday 27th June, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Tuesday 25th July, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Come along for coffee and homemade biscuits. If you haven't been before, do join us and meet your friends and neighbours. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month.

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MEETING DATES: First Thursday of the month at 7.30pm

The next Parish Council Meetings is Thursday 8th June

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

Worlington Parish Council News

Councillor Vacancy

Following on from the May elections there is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you have an interest in the village and feel as though you could make a difference then please contact the parish clerk. A full criteria of what is needed/ expected can be found on the village website.

Worlington Village Hall cleaner & caretaker vacancies

We are currently looking for a cleaner for the village hall. You will be required to clean 1.5hrs a week to include the main hall, toilets and kitchen. This is a paid position

We also need a caretaker for the hall. Duties include helping to manage bookings and prepare regular reports for the trustees, checking oil levels, carrying out regular fire alarm checks and reporting any issues with the building to the trustees. Hours will vary from month to month. This is a paid position.

If you are interested in finding out more information then please contact the parish clerk on the email address above.

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Many thanks to those who submitted a consultation response by the 30th May deadline. There will be further updates concerning the neighbourhood plan in due course.

Community Speedwatch

The village has run a speedwatch programme for a number of years now, although of late we haven't had the volunteers available to carry out checks. It would involve an hour of your time, working in groups of 3 or more to carry out speed checks at various locations throughout the village, with the aid of a speed radar gun. Speeds over 35mph are then recorded along with vehicle details and passed on to Suffolk constabulary who will issue a warning letter to the offending drivers. For more information see <http://worlington.onesuffolk.net/local-information/speedwatch/>.

Play Area Update

The new bark surfacing for the play area has been ordered and will be delivered W/C 5th June. The Parish Council would be grateful to anyone willing to spare their time (and their shovels & wheelbarrows) to help spread it when it arrives. Time/date has yet to be arranged but will most likely be the weekend following. Anyone who wishes to help please contact Nick at el_fozzo69@hotmail.com. Thank you

The King's Coronation Craft Event

The pottery table provided by DKW Ceramics was very popular with 29 gongs made by both children and adults. Other great crafting options were also on offer including crown and flag decorating and badge and card making.

Special thanks go to Geraldine Ciantar and Paula MacKenzie for organising and running the event and to former District Councillor, Brian Harvey for providing locality funding. The women of Worlington, including those from All Saints Church, came together to provide a great selection of savoury and sweet treats which were enjoyed by all, which was much appreciated.

The children queued patiently to have their faces painted and interest was expressed in a crafting event being held again later in the year.



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