



# Worlington Pump

## November 2017

### **Lest We Forget**

Remembrance Sunday has come round once more. This year we are 99 years on from the end of World War I, the Great War, the one that was supposed to end all wars. Each year in towns and villages throughout the country we gather for community services of remembrance following the familiar pattern instituted by the Royal British Legion, enacted with pomp and circumstance at the Cenotaph and replicated on a smaller scale at war memorials in every corner of the land.

But what exactly are we remembering? On one level the focus is simply to remember with deep gratitude all those young people who gave their lives for our freedom, not only in both world wars and other wars which, sadly have continued with deadly regularity. However, the phrase “Lest we forget” carries an additional, weighty meaning that we would do well to keep at the forefront of our thoughts at this time of year. We must not forget how easy it is for wars to start, and how much evil comes of them and we must realise the part we ourselves play in that.

In one sense World War I genuinely will never happen again. We can be glad that the filthy horror of trench warfare is a thing of the past - but that doesn't mean the end of war. We now live in a world in which some of the leaders seem scarily unstable, and even quite small countries have military capability undreamt of in years gone by. We contemplate the thought of the world as we know it being completely devastated by nuclear war. At the same time warfare has also come closer to home in the form of terrorism – so unpredictable and unsettling.

So let us not forget this on Remembrance Sunday as we gather at our War Memorial in Worlington: peace starts at home. First, choose to be at peace with yourself, and with your own neighbours here in Worlington. Petty conflicts are just a smaller version of the warfare that ruins our world – have no part of them. When you have figured that out you can begin to work for peace in the wider community: you can refuse to be part of any talk that vilifies those who are in some way ‘different’ from us. Reach out. Befriend a stranger. Remember that we all have more in common than that which separates us. After that, you can think about working for peace in the wider world. Refuse to be terrorised: carry on with your life to the fullest. Have compassion on refugees and homeless people. Stand fearlessly for peace.

The voices of our war dead call out to us to remember these things. Let's not forget. - *Love Sandie*

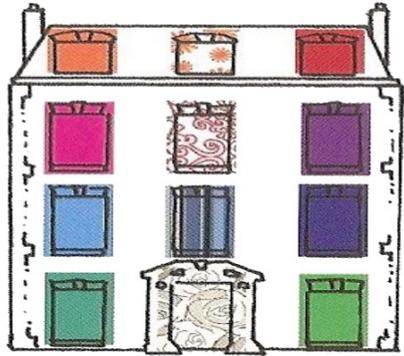


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Sunday 5 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:45 am	Act of Remembrance ( <b>Worlington War Memorial</b> ) <i>followed by worship at All Saints</i>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	Informal Communion

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Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs A. Thornalley
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs V. McClure
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs V. McClure

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# ***Worlie Café***

## ***Worlington Village Hall***

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

12:00 noon - 2:00pm

### ***Menu***

*Carrot & Swede Soup (With Crusty Bread)*

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*Sausage Casserole*

*Vegetarian Sausage Casserole*

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*Tea, Coffee, Cold Drinks*

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*Choice Of Homemade Cakes*

### **Fireworks - Please be Thoughtful**

Fireworks are great fun but most of our pets are really frightened of the noise they make. If you plan a firework party, please would you tell a dog walker or two and they will pass this on so that we can all be prepared. Thank you.

### **Flowers in the Village**

Joan Mortlock has asked us to thank the people who have brightened up the village this summer by planting flowers in their own gardens or on bits of "spare" land.

We are very happy to do so.

A special "thank you" must surely go to the owners of the garden opposite the entrance to The Meadows. Their summer long display of giant sunflowers looking over their wooden fence and African marigolds beside the pavement was spectacular; and because of the fence they couldn't even see it themselves!

# ***Tuesday Coffee Morning***

***All Saints' Church, Worlington***

***Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November***

***10:30am - 12:00pm***

***Join us for home-made biscuits  
and coffee with friends and neighbours***

***Everyone Welcome***



***Please note, no coffee morning in December.***

***We look forward to seeing you on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018***

## **Ladybirds in our churchyard - Fame!**

For the past nine years Dr Peter Brown of Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge has been studying the population of ladybirds on the lime trees in the churchyard. Recently he published a paper on his research in the journal of the Royal Entomological Society and it tweaked the interest of the ITV Anglian News.

The result was that there was a neat item on the Six O'clock News on 23rd October. Peter explained what he has been doing and there were some nice shots of the churchyard, the lime trees and parts of the church. The interviewer kept referring to the churchyard as the "research centre" which is a considerable feather in our cap!

This was all arranged and executed within a few hours so there was not time to tell people it was going to be on the news.

The main outcome is that there has been a huge increase in the foreign Harlequin ladybird and a decline in the native species. This is thought to be due to intraguild or IGP. In plain English this means killing and eating potential competitors – a combination of predation and competition. As both species rely on the same prey there is a benefit from eating each other but the Harlequin seems to be the overwhelming beneficiary.

This all sounds pretty gruesome but so is much of nature. I am not clear whether this is Darwinian evolution in action or an indication of something more sinister happening in the environment. I will ask Peter and report in due course.

*Don MacBean*

# ***All Saints' Church Quiz Night***

***with Fish & Chip Supper***

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**Worlington Village Hall**

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***Worlington Village Hall - 7.30pm***

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## Bird Talk

I mentioned in previous months that I have had to move my bird feeders from the bush in the churchyard to the middle of my lawn in our back garden. This was because of squirrels, jackdaws and pigeons.

The long thin metal pole that the feeders now hang on proved no deterrent to the squirrels. But at last I have some success to report – I sprayed the metal pole with WD 40 and then covered it with Vaseline. Two mornings later I saw a squirrel hopping nonchalantly across the lawn towards the feeders. It jumped onto the pole at a point about three or four feet from the ground, and slid slowly back to the ground! I laughed out loud.

Surprisingly it did not try again but hopped off back the way it had come. I would like to say with its tail between its legs but that wasn't the case. I didn't see one on the feeders or trying to get on the feeders for weeks but there was one this week that had successfully scaled the greasy pole; I will have to apply more Vaseline.

There is more good news. The jackdaws have not appeared in the back garden. Also, as there are no branches for them to perch on the pigeons have given up trying to eat from the feeders so the intended beneficiaries get unimpeded access to the various seeds. However, even the small garden birds can't help knocking seeds out of the feeders onto the lawn from where they start sprouting which is messy and not good for the lawn.

This is where my least favourite bird, the pigeon, has come to my aid. They, together with the collared doves, cluster round the bottom of the pole and peck up the fallen seeds. One morning this week there were four pigeons and seven collared doves. They don't do a perfect job but it is miles better than if they weren't doing it at all.

Because the hedge and other bushes are now too far away from the feeders to give cover the small birds have adapted their feeding tactics. When the feeders were within the bush they would peck at the seeds for quite a few seconds at a time then hop onto a near by twig or branch. Now they wait in the hedge or the Russian vine before darting to the feeder, taking a couple of pecks and then darting back to safety. I don't now see so many birds on the feeders at the same time but there is more flying to and froe involved which is equally attractive.

As the bad birds are not interested in nyger seed I left a couple of feeders in the churchyard. To my delight the goldfinches have rediscovered their appetite for nyger and are disposing of four feeders worth a week, but they are still in the back garden eating white sunflower seeds as well.

Incidentally, Mary Tompset regularly has up to thirty goldfinches on her feeders at Willow Farm near Soham. Mary has become an enthusiastic participant in the British Trust for Ornithology's Garden Bird Watch Scheme that has enhanced her knowledge and interest in her garden birds.

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If anyone would like to know about it please contact me. No specialist knowledge is required and the results from the simple weekly recordings go towards one of the largest and most useful bird surveys in the country – citizen science at work.

Last autumn was the longest and most colourful that I can remember so I doubt that this year will be quite so good. But it is still spectacular particularly in parts of Thetford Forest where there are mixed varieties of trees.

*Don MacBean - 713710*

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

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 7:00 for 7:30pm, Nebraska.** £5 a person, no need to book just turn up. Bruce Dern stars as a disreputable old man who is convinced he needs to go to Nebraska to claim a million-dollar prize. His son (Will Forte) realises it's a same designed to get people to sign up for a magazine subscription, but eventually give in and grudgingly drives his father there. Shot in atmospheric black-and-white this classic road trip movie is both touching and funny, inviting us to reflect on themes of ageing, family dynamics and missed opportunities. Cert. 15 Run time 110 minutes. Bar opens 7pm, popcorn, snacks, ice cream & heat/air con.

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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10:00am - 12 noon, Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market.** Stalls confirmed are cheese, meat, pies, bread, honey, eggs, preserves & pickles, soap, children's gifts and crafts at the market. More stalls to be confirmed.

## **Thank You**

Our thanks to everyone who came to our October quiz night. Brian Cole has been our quizmaster for some years now and never fails to provide questions to set our brains ticking. Our thanks to him for all the hard work he puts in for these evenings.

Although the scores were close, the clear winners were "The Full Set", all the way from Mildenhall and we look forward to a return match.

Thank you also to Linda, Ken and Ellen for their help and to the kind folk who put away tables and chairs, which is much appreciated and for donations of raffle prizes.

Over £300 was made in aid of All Saints Church.

*Val McClure*



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