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Winter 2021

Special Christmas Services

Carol Service

followed by

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Friday December 17th

7:00 pm

*Join us for this lovely service of
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Christingle Service

Sunday December 19th

11:00 am

*A special family service for Christmas and an
opportunity to make your own Christingle to take home*

Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve, Friday December 24th

11:30 pm

Christmas Day Services

St. Andrew's Church, Freckenham 9:30am

St. Mary's Church, Barton Mills 10:00am

Are you ready for Christmas yet?!

Listening to the local news reports it seems that many people are getting ready for Christmas early this year. Fear of not being able to get all the gifts that they want (or, indeed, their loved ones have asked for) because of production difficulties or empty shelves because of a shortage of delivery drivers has driven them to start shopping even earlier this Christmas! I'm sure that the high street and on-line businesses together with the shopkeepers will be very pleased to see the increase in early trade after turmoil of the last 2 years! However, all of this does pose the question about why we are buying presents and why they are so important?

I think I am stating the obvious if I say that Christmas is a Christian festival! We celebrate the greatest gift of all, that God the Father sent his only Son to this world to show us that He loves us, to be our Saviour and to show us the way to eternal life with Him. What I find amazing about this is that it is a gift that no money can buy! There is no way of buying God's love for us and no amount of money could buy the gift of His Son coming into the world. Yet we seem to think that to make Christmas the best it can be we need to buy even more presents and that the more expensive presents are the better. God showed us His love by freely giving us the most precious present of all, His Son Jesus.

So, as you prepare for Christmas do come and join us at All Saints' Church. The Church's season of Advent, a time of preparation as we remember the coming of Jesus into the world, starts on 28th November. Do come and join us. You will find the times of our services on a separate sheet. We look forward to welcoming you!

And I pray that God will bless each one of you richly this Christmas!

Rev'd David Everett, Team Vicar

Remembrance Sunday

There was a good turn out at the War Memorial for the Remembrance Service led by Heath Rosselli-Campbell. There we thought of those who have served in the two World Wars, and this year we also remembered the part played by animals who have given such noble service. This theme was enlarged upon at the following service in the Church.

Millions of horses, mules and oxen were vital especially in the 1914-1918 conflict, a short, very old film was shown, which illustrated the wide range of animals used different theatres of war including elephants, pigeons and dogs. Millions of animals have died in terrible circumstances in the service of man, dragged into situations they cannot understand.

Don MacBean read the very moving poem "The Soldier's Kiss" by Henry Chappell which amply illustrates the fate of so many beasts. Both at the War Memorial and in the Church we are grateful to Julian Campbell for his technical support and expertise. *Ellen Clowes*

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 5 th December	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 17 th December	7:00 pm	Carol Service
Sunday 19 th December	11:00 am	Christingle Service
Friday 24 th December	11:30 pm	Midnight Communion
Saturday 25 th December	9:30 am	Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Freckenham
	10:00 am	Christmas Worship, St. Mary's, Barton Mills
Sunday 26 th December	11:00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Barton Mills
Sunday 2 nd January	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th January	11:00 am	Morning Prayer

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Worlington Bat Survey 9th July 2021



Having organized bat detector surveys for the Suffolk Bat Group all over Suffolk since 2004 I thought it would be interesting to do a village survey this year



instead of the usual large estate. I chose Worlington because there is a good variety of suitable habitats for bats and having grown up in the village I know these areas very well.

After an appeal in a previous edition of the Pump a group of keen volunteers assembled at Manor Farm on the evening of the 9th July. Each volunteer was issued with a bat detector and digital recorder and allocated a point at which to stand for ninety minutes from sunset. The echo-location call of every bat which flew past was recorded and later analysed using special computer software to identify each different bat species.

The results have shown that at least seven different species of bats were recorded on the night. Common Pipistrelle and Soprano Pipistrelle were the most frequent species recorded followed by Noctule, Barbastelle, Serotine, Daubenton's and Leisler's bats. I am certain that the Natterer's bat will be present in the woodland areas but as it is difficult to separate from the Daubenton's bat using a bat detector I have just recorded a Myotis species. The Brown Long-eared bat is also present as I have found a few droppings in barns in the village.

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The Barbastelle which was recorded at six points is a nationally rare bat species that relies very much on old trees for roosting sites, it can be found roosting in tree holes, behind lifting bark, in splits in branches and behind old ivy so it is very important that old trees are not tidied up. The Noctule and Leisler's bats are also very dependent on old trees, particularly old pine trees such as those along Badlingham Lane with woodpecker holes in them. The Serotine bat is only known to roost in buildings and will fly out along hedgerows and tree belts to feed over flower rich meadows such as those behind Manor Farm and the riding stables. I have discovered that a small number of serotines roost in the church for part of the year along with Pipistrelle bats but the main roosts for Serotines and both Pipistrelle species will be in buildings around the village. Daubenton's bats were recorded along the river at The Hythe where they pick insects off the water surface, they will also feed around trees and bushes away from the river so The Hythe will be a very important foraging area, the trees there could also be important as they will roost in cavities in the trunk.

The survey has shown that Worlington is a very important place for bats and has as many species as a lot of the large old estates in Suffolk, notably the Barbastelle. If anyone has a bat roost in their house or on their property I would be very happy to come over with a bat detector in the summer to try and identify the species. If anyone would like to read the full report I would be very happy to send it to them.

Thank you very much to the volunteers who came out to help with the survey and to Dick Mortlock for allowing us to meet at Manor Farm on the evening.

Arthur Rivett, Suffolk Bat Group, 01638 717854 arthurrivett057@btinternet.com

Bird Talk

With COP 26 rightly dominating the news it is with a feeling of some guilt that I have been enjoying the unseasonably warm and unusually wind free autumn weather. Incidentally, I looked up the acronym COP and find it stands for Conference Of the Parties which is hardly the most inspiring of titles for what has been billed by many as the most important meeting ever held – better to stick with COP.

The first one was in Berlin in 1995 but I can't recall hearing much about the other 25 which probably indicates that it has finally been recognised that we are now in the last chance saloon. For the sake of our children's children I hope that all the fine commitments can be turned into fine actions but I also wonder how all of us are going to be persuaded to change our over indulgent consuming behaviour built up over the generations.

But I am supposed to be writing about birds so how has the unusual weather affected them? The first thing I noticed was that, for the first time I can recall, there were no blackbirds in the garden. The British Trust for Ornithology's (BTO) news letter confirmed that I was not alone. The assumption was that there was so much natural food available in the country side that they didn't need to come to gardens.

I suppose this is good news but it just didn't seem right not having these familiar birds in the garden every day. Did any of you have a similar lack of black birds?

Happily the blackies are back now as are the usual pair of dunnocks who had deserted the garden together with our single robin who has also been absent for weeks. Moulting and ample natural food has reduced the activity of the other birds in the garden except the ever present and energetic sparrows who seem to have increased in number.

In the last Pump I mentioned that the great spotted woodpeckers had been with us much longer into the summer than ever before. They finally departed in early August but an adult female has returned in mid November and brightened up the nut feeders in the churchyard.

In the past I have commented on the drastic reduction of house martins in the village, in fact I did not see even one this year. But Theresa Peachy has some good news - from her back door she can see under the eaves of a house at the start of Church Lane and was able to watch two pairs of house martins build nests this summer. Even more encouraging three chicks fledged from each nest so I hope that might be the start of a recolonisation in the village.

Here is another bit of splendid news; on 8th October John and Audrey Thompson were walking along the footpath beside the Lark between Staunch Cottage and the gate to the Wamil Hall field when they saw an otter! It took them a couple of seconds to realise what they were looking at when another otter surfaced beside to original one. They didn't see them for very long but it is great to have confirmation that they are around.

In June of this year the Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) conducted a survey and wrote a report on the Hythe for the Parish Council which is a very interesting read. It is available on request from the Parish Council. The report points out that otters are a protected species and that care must be taken not to disturb otters or interfere with their breeding areas. I have passed on this sighting to the SWT.

If anyone else sees anything of interest please let me know so that it can be put it into the Pump – or even better, send it to the editor direct.

Don MacBean donmacbean@btinternet.com

Tuesday Coffee Morning

All Saints' Church, Worlington

Tuesday 25th January 2022, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Join us for coffee and homemade biscuits. If you haven't been before, do join us and meet your friends and neighbours. We would love to see you!

A very Happy Christmas to you all. *Anne & Val*

Bernard How

1924 - 2021

We gathered on the 23rd November to remember and celebrate the life of a man who for 70 years lived in the same house on the Freckenham Road, 65 of them with his beloved wife Hermione (Mary).

To most of us Bernard was known as Bun, and later to others as Bernie. He began his life in Freckenham at The Golden Boar where his father was the publican, and attended the village school. On leaving school he trained as a carpenter but by then the Second World War had started and in 1941 at 17 (he told them he was 18) Bun volunteered for the R.A.F.

Now we come to the period which he referred to as “Ordinary blokes in extraordinary times”, a story which only became fully revealed when about 8 years ago Nigel Morter and his wife bought the old Control tower at North Creake and started to convert it into a home. He through the Sterling Association tried to trace some of the men who had flown in bomber command and met Bun / Bernie for the first time. Standing on the roof of the old control tower memories came flooding back of an air crew volunteer who became a flight engineer with responsibility for keeping the mechanical aspects of the plane flying whilst the rest of the crew concentrated on the purpose of their mission.

In his Log Book Bun has a record of 43 operations, a remarkable record as only 25% of air crew survived to complete their first tour of 30 ops. In fact Bun nearly didn't get to 30 when on the 29th op. the aircraft hit something on take off, spun, lost the undercarriage and a wing, spilling fuel but the crew managed to escape unscathed. On 5th June 1944 Bun was part of a crew who helped the D-Day landings by providing a screen of interference to protect the ground troops.

On his final mission with the whole crew and pilot exhausted their plane took a wrong turn for the return run and they found themselves flying into the path of the next outward wave of bombers. Bun finished his time in the R.A.F. in Air Traffic Control in Scotland. Bun worked hard to attain a Bomber Command Memorial as a tribute to those who like himself had responded at a desperate time for this country. He made it to London for the dedication and earlier this year he cut the ribbon at the unveiling of memorial at North Creake.

So, Bun returned to Suffolk, married Mary, had two sons, Leslie and Brian, continued to support Ipswich Football Club and the village Cricket Team. He resumed work as a carpenter and kept a shed full of useful “bits” – I think there's one in the shed! was a phrase well known in the How family. Small of stature, big hearted, hard working, loyal and determined; a man of few words.

Bun, Rest in Peace.

From the eulogy delivered by the Reverend David Everett, Nigel Morter and Brian How.



Say No to Sunnica Community Action Group Update



Thank you to those who completed surveys in many villages and online, helping us to gather information on consultation and recreational use of the area. Also to those that have come to information events and meetings. We met so many people who had very little detail on the scheme.

WE CAN WIN!

This is a bad renewable energy scheme and will be shown to be so. The Government will not want to allow the largest solar scheme ever proposed in the UK to be a poor example

We must ALL, also write letters of objection to our District Councillors, County Councillors and our MP's:

West Suffolk.

District Councillor, Brian Harvey - brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk
 County Councillor, Lance Stanbury - lance.standbury@suffolk.gov.uk
 MP, Matt Hancock - matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk

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Objecting to the Proposal

To object to this solar /battery industrial proposal, going forwards, you will need to register as an **'INTERESTED PARTY'** *after* the application has been submitted by Sunnica to the Inspectorate.

Once registered you will be able to write in detail to the Public Enquiry and make your objections known. These can also be made in person should you wish to do so.

If you do not register within the limited time, your views cannot be heard at the Public Enquiry.

We will send out guidance nearer the time about how to do this and watch out on social media. You can join our direct e-mailing list on our website www.saynotosunnica.com



All Saints' Church, Worlington

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Friday 17th December 2021 at 7pm

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

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We are very lucky to have the ongoing support of a wonderful group who are always on hand to help change the look of our precious old building - Easter and Harvest this year have been no exception – and our thanks go out to them.

If anyone would like to join us, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We know you would enjoy working in these beautiful surroundings.

As we now look ahead to the Christmas season, don't forget that the church is open each day, so come and see for yourselves!

Anne & Val

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Post No 4 Mildenhall to Worlington Hotel										
25/11/2020	07/12/2020	46152	262	38539	6557	794	0	0	0	0
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