

Worlington Pump

Winter 2023/24

Special Christmas Services

Christingle Service

*Sunday December 17th
11:00 am*

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

Carol Service

followed by

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

*Friday December 22nd
7:30 pm*

*Join us for this lovely service of
Christmas readings and carols*

Midnight Mass

*Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24th
11:30 pm*

Christmas Day Services

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

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

Reflection from Rev'd Gill

What a year it has been! First I had to clear my mothers' flat as she moved into residential care and then I had to help my sister to empty and store the contents of her garage in preparation for building work! On top of that we have items from my nephew stored together with a growing mountain of goods from my children who do not seem to have the room (or inclination!) to sort it for themselves!

It made me wonder why we hang on to so much 'stuff' – and don't get me wrong, my long-suffering husband will tell you I can be the worst offender!

Of course, some things hold precious memories and need to be kept but as I check my overflowing garage I can see so much is just 'clutter'. Goodness knows how much money is represented in the mountains of discarded goods currently decaying in the garage. But we are making a positive start and are now on first name terms with the Charity shops in Newmarket!!

At a time when so many are making adjustments to their spending habits I, along with others, have reflected on what it is we 'need', as opposed to what we 'want' – not least in the frantic preparation for Christmas. As a result I have encouraged my family to consider buying all their 'adult' presents from charity shops this year! – (promising to provide a box on Christmas Day for all those things not wanted so that they can be returned to whence they came!!!) This arrangement has met with some derision but all have agreed that essentially it's quite a good idea. (I've already found some great bargains – you can ask me after Christmas what I received from my son who is not enjoying the challenge).

Should this be what Christmas is about? Anxious present buying and spending more than is comfortable - all to be over in a few hours and packed away in the garage to join last years excess!

Of course I am generalizing but can we please stop for a moment and think about what Christmas means to us? Can we put aside the anxiety about buying the perfect gift and dwell instead on the only gift we should ever desire and be thankful for, God made flesh and born amongst us, showing his love for us all and offering companionship and guidance into eternity.

Now that's some gift!

But a gift that must be received and treasured and given the honour it deserves, not packed away and left languishing in a dusty corner of our lives.

This Christmas think about what is really important to you, and what is really important to God.

I pray you find it the perfect match! Alleluia

Rev'd Gill

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 3 rd December	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th December	11:00 am	Christingle Service
Friday 22 nd December	7:30 pm	Carol Service, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
Sunday 24 th December	11:30 pm	Midnight Mass
Monday 25 th December	9:30 am	Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Freckenham
	10:00 am	Christmas Worship, St. Mary's, Barton Mills
Sunday 7 th January	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st January	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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Badlingham Lane (Green Lane) - 50s & 60s

Down the lane on the left hand side there was two buildings, prefabs, where people lived, and on the right as you go down the lane was what they called the Worlington Pit. This was where the Mildenhall Council used to take household rubbish and at the back of this ground was the Cambridge to Mildenhall railway line. The fence is still there, it is overgrown with trees now.

Where the track was near the road was a pathway down to the line they called Worlington Halt. The train turned around at Mildenhall. I remember going to Cambridge on the train, golfers used to use the train to get to the golf club from Cambridge.

We used to play in the pit and see the trains go by and on the bridge (filled in now). Originally there were steam trains before they changed to diesel.

Sometimes a piece of coal used to fall out of the steam trains and set light to the grass in the pit, to our excitement when the fire engine turned up. Great Days.

Ken Lucas

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MEETING DATES: First Thursday of the month at 7.30pm

**** Please Note the January meeting will be held on 11th January ****

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

Thank You

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and for a successful New Year to come.

May I also say Thank you for the help and support you have shown me over the last difficult twelve months

Janet Pollard



Collections as normal from Monday 8 January 2024

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Worlington Parish News

Faulty Street Lights

If you notice any street lights that are not working these can be reported to the parish clerk on the email address above. Likewise, if you see anything else damaged/broken then please follow the same procedure.

Sunnica

The decision about Sunnica's DCO application will be made by the secretary of state on 7th December.

Village Hall

The village hall is a fantastic venue for any occasion, competitively priced with a discount for village residents. We are also a registered charity so by using us for your party or special occasion you are helping to keep a valuable village asset open for all to use and enjoy. For more information on hire costs etc. please visit the village website.

Bingo

We are holding a Cash Bingo on Friday 19th January to raise money for the hall. It is guaranteed to be a fun evening. For more information please contact Nick Foster on the details above.

***If you are a user of social media you can keep up to date with Village events and goings on by joining the 'Worlington News' group on Facebook*

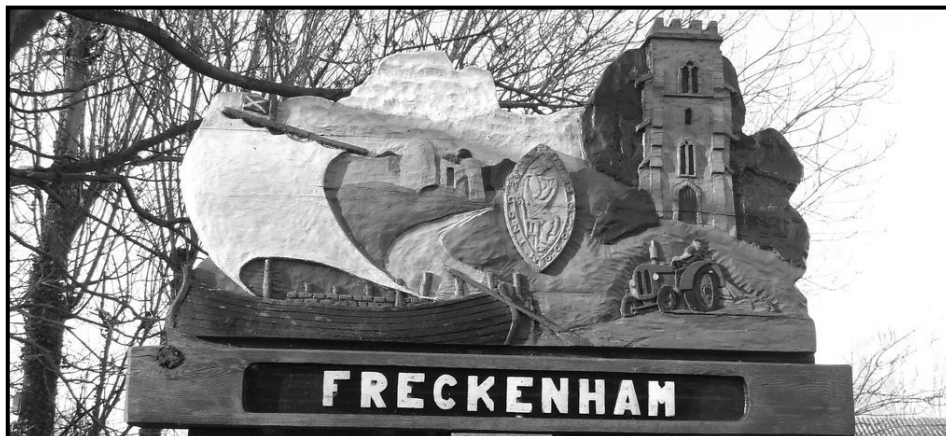
Advance Notice

Next year marks the 90th anniversary of the Great Mildenhall to Melbourne Air Race and the commissioning of RAF Mildenhall in Oct 1934.

The museum together with the base, local councils, library, National Gallery and Mildenhall Register are hoping to have a series of events building up to October.

We hope you will be able to enjoy some of the activities and events that are organised.

Stephanie Palmer



What's on in Freckenham

Meet Up Monday at the Village Hall 2 – 3.30pm. Free event, not on Bank Holidays or 4th December as pre-booked meal at Golden Boar booked.

Film Night, Friday 1st December, Last Christmas (2019). £7 a person with free popcorn. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm. Free raffle as thanks for supporting film nights.

Cuppa & Chat Tuesday 5th December from 2.30pm donation appreciated

Coffee & Carols Monday 11th December from 2.30pm Free event donation appreciated.

Carol Service, St. Andrews Church, Sunday 17th December, 6pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion, St. Andrews Church, Monday 25th December, 9.30am

Film Night, Friday 5th January film to be advised.

Cuppa & Chat Tuesday 9th January from 2.30pm donation appreciated

Quiz 18th January, no more details yet but popular so pre-book, as a team or to join a team, on 07542 198933 or email freckenhamvh@outlook.com

Farmers Market, Saturday 27th January. 10 - 12 noon, regular stalls. Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls and homemade cakes.

We are hoping to start a new seated yoga class in January 2024 with Suzy (British Wheel of Yoga). Contact 07548 898775 to register your interest.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas & Healthy New Year from all us in Freckenham.

Weekly events check website if attending for first time or after a break, some take a summer break:

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

The Children's Society Family Christingle Service

All Saints' Church, Worlington

Sunday 17th December, 11:00 am

*All Saints' Church invites you to come and join us at
our Family Christingle Service*

*A chance to make your own Christingle to take home
and sing carols around the Christmas Tree*

Refreshments available

All proceeds go to The Children's Society

Tuesday Coffee Morning

All Saints' Church, Worlington

Tuesday 30th January 2024, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

We wish all our friends a very happy Christmas and New Year. Do
join us and meet your friends and neighbours.

Everyone welcome

***All Saints' Church
Fish & Chip Quiz Night***

Worlington Village Hall

Friday 26th January, 7:30 pm

Welcome to the return of our popular Quiz Night.



*A great quiz with delicious supper cooked
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Raffle

Please bring your own drinks

Please contact:

*Linda 01638 515068 or Val 01638 714336
before 23rd January so we can order enough food*

In aid of All Saints' Church

See you there!

Bird Talk

Walsham le Willows is not the sort of place you would expect to see a White Tailed Eagle but there was one there in October. Miles Davis heard about it from a birding friend and there are images of it on Google but no explanatory text that I could find.

This is an enormous bird with a wing span of 2.5 meters and a distinctive white tail so one is unlikely to mistake it for something else. I have only seen one once and that was at some distance in the north of Scotland and it was an awesome sight. There was a buzzard near it and the eagle made the buzzard look about the size of a crow. Five years ago a project to introduce White Tailed Eagles to the south coast of England was started by the Forestry Commission on the Isle of Wight. There was huge excitement this year when a young pair breed and successfully reared a chick. I don't know whether this bird was from that project or perhaps from the continent but keep looking up – you never know what you might see in the Suffolk sky.

One bird you are certainly going to see in large numbers on Church Lane is the once common Sparrow. It is my favourite bird and I mention it now because we have just returned from staying with a friend in the Cotswolds where I saw not a single sparrow. The garden just didn't seem right without a crowd of them whirring & chirping on the hedge or round the feeders. They are on the Red List so lets enjoy them while we can. I did enjoy the novelty of seeing many red kites but the locals pay them little heed because they are so common.

I wonder if anyone has bramblings in their garden during the winter? Do please let me know via the editor if you do. I seldom see one unless I go to the forest with someone who knows where to find them but it is certainly worth the effort as their colouring is complex and attractive. The answer to a query about bramblings in a bird magazine from a reader intrigued me. The lady had bramblings in her garden regularly in the winter and asked if they were birds returning from previous years or new birds.

By a combination of ringing, tracking and visual markings experts know that many migratory birds return to preferred feeding grounds; but how do they navigate to the right place? I knew the answer but it still amazes me to see it written down as scientific fact. Just like us they use a combination of physical features like rivers, roads and the stars but also they will use the earth's magnetic field. I have got used to marvelling how swifts and swallows and others do it but a small garden or forest bird like a brambling – it just doesn't seem possible but it is and it is just something else about the natural world for us to wonder at and encourage us to protect it.

In October we went on a cruise on the river Douro in Portugal. It is 900 kilometres long, rises in north central Spain and enters the Atlantic Ocean at Porto

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about half way up Portugal. It wasn't a birding trip but I expected to see some birds so I took my binoculars. On the river we saw a few grey herons plus some cormorants but nothing else - not a duck, a coot nor an egret. There is much more to see on the Lark.

Annoyingly we got Covid on the second day so were confined to our cabin but we did get on two excursions. It took me a few hours to put my finger on what was wrong – no birds! I don't mean there were just a few birds; there were none at all of any description. I was actively looking and I saw nothing which was quite disconcerting and much worse than the lack of sparrows in the Cotswolds. I know that other parts of Portugal are magnates for birders but not the lower reaches of the Douro.

To finish on a local note. The other day I saw a pure white pheasant in the field between the church and Church Farm – something to look out for when walking the dog.

Don MacBean



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