



Worlington Pump

June 2016

*An Invitation from
All Saints Church, Worlington
to a*

***Celebration Evening Service
for the Queen's 90th Birthday
Sunday 12th June***

*We shall be serving Afternoon Tea
in the Churchyard from 5pm
(weather permitting)*

The service will follow at 6:30pm

*A very warm welcome to join us
in celebrating this joyful occasion.
There will be well known favourite hymns
and readings*

Queen Elizabeth II

Dear Friends

This month we celebrate the official 90th birthday of the longest reigning monarch in British history. Even those who are not particularly ardent royalists will surely admit that her steadfast dedication throughout her reign has been impressive. At 90 years old she still works a 40 hour week, and keeps up a schedule that would intimidate many half her age.

The nearest I ever came to meeting the Queen was some 15 years ago as a vicar in County Durham. She came to unveil a monument in our village and, much to my annoyance at the time, was introduced only to the Roman Catholic priest, and not to my Methodist colleague or myself. We lesser mortals did get a place on the front row, however, and I was able to observe her closely as she did the unveiling and talked to the artist and various local dignitaries.

The first thing I noticed was how diplomatic she was, showing almost nothing in her facial expression when, tugging aside the silken covering, she unveiled possibly the most uninspiring piece of art ever to call itself art: even its mother would have to admit it looked like a concrete traffic bollard. I'm sure in her place, I would have found it impossible to keep some expression of, 'Is that it?!' from showing on my face, but with the barest flicker of consternation she talked politely and kindly with the artist. My admiration grew.

Then I noticed how her feet looked swollen and uncomfortable, and although back then she was a mere stripling of 75, I felt someone should have offered her an armchair and a nice cup of tea. Later I found out that on that one day, she and Prince Philip between them visited 5 different communities before lunch, each with 2 or 3 unveilings, displays and walkabouts, and the same again in the afternoon. At the end of the day they flew to another part of the country and did it all over again. It was a punishing schedule, and of course not at all unusual.

Service and duty are not fashionable concepts, not very 'sexy' as they say. But as we celebrate the long life of Elizabeth II we also celebrate the fact that she has served both her people and her God with an amazing steadfastness since taking the throne before I was even born. If we all took a leaf out of her book we would be the better for it. God bless her.

Sandie x

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All Saints Church Services June 2016

Sunday 5 th	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th	11:00 am	Queen's Messy Church (Worlington Village Hall)
	from 5:00 pm	Afternoon Tea in the Churchyard
	6:30 pm	Celebration Evening Service
Sunday 19 th	8:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	11:00 am	Family Service

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Sunday 5 th	Mrs L. Osborn
Sunday 12 th	Mrs L. Osborn
Sunday 19 th	Mrs J. Barry
Sunday 26 th	Mrs J. Barry

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A Thank You to Worlington Villagers & Surrounding Area

To all the supporters of the Worlie cafe over the past winter/spring months. A very big thank you for your support and company for making the Worlie cafe a great success for our villagers.

It's lovely that we've attracted visitors from the surrounding villages and areas. This makes the efforts by all the helpers and food suppliers over the past months worth while, without everyone's input the whole effort would not work.

A big thank you once again, have a good summer, see you in October 2016, best wishes the team @ Worlie cafe

Worlington Cricket Club Update

The cricket season at Worlington is now in full swing with the weekend sides, midweek and youth teams having completed several matches.

The 1st XI currently occupy a spot in the bottom half of Division One although thus far have encountered some of the division's stronger opposition so they will be hoping to string together victories to help their push up the league table.

After gaining promotion to Division Five, the 2nd XI are finding it tough in the higher league as they find themselves towards the bottom of the table and they too will be working hard to deliver some improved performances as the season progresses.

Worlington's Sunday Academy side have lost a selection of players this season and so 2016 looks to be a year of transition as younger players from the youth program are introduced to make the step up to senior cricket.

The National Village Cup campaign came to an end at home to Belhus CC recently, in a nail-biting finish. With the scores tied after 80 overs of cricket and both teams having lost the same number of wickets, the umpires had to refer to the competition rules to determine the outcome. Belhus were deemed the victors by virtue of a better run rate after their respective opening 20 overs. The competition organisers themselves stated that it had been a very long time since that competition rule had been employed!

It was a cruel way for Worlington to exit the competition but they'll no doubt be back in 2017. On behalf of Worlington CC, we wish Belhus all the very best for the rest of the tournament and also thank you to everyone that supported the team on the day.

Youth training as always continues to be popular and the young sides have been plying their trade in matches in local leagues and cup competitions. Training for juniors takes place on Tuesday evenings (U7, U9 and U11) and Friday evenings (U13 and U15). New members are more than welcome so please look online for details on how to get involved.

On a final note, we can confirm that after much interest, the Worlington CC Beer Festival shall return over the course of the August Bank Holiday weekend. This year, any funds raised from the event will be shared between the East Anglian Air Ambulance as well as the club's youth cricket section.

Bird Talk

In early April the following email arrived from Lindsay Osborn.

"We are so blessed living in Worlington! Rupert and I were sitting on the veranda yesterday in the sunshine watching all the birds through my wonderful new birthday

present of a pair of Swarovski binoculars. On the bird feeder were a pair of nuthatches, on the fat balls were many long tailed tits and in the tree was a tree creeper. There was the sound of mewing nearby from the buzzards and a sparrow hawk was flying around in the distance. A few minutes later when they had all dispersed, probably due to the sparrow hawk being around, several siskins joined us – what bliss.”

Bliss indeed; but also outrageously unfair that one viewing should present such a variety of birds! Actually it isn't really unfair, I am just jealous. Lindsay & Rupert have spent time and effort creating the habitat that attracts such a wide array so they deserve to enjoy the benefit from their intelligent labour.

Another smart Worlington garden was the scene of a springtime adventure for a young jackdaw in mid April. Paula and Martin Morgan noticed the young bird pecking around their feeders with other youngsters from the many bird boxes they have put up. They were worried that it had fallen out of its nest because it looked too vulnerable and immature to survive on its own and there was no sign of the parents.

The RSPB say that often we don't see the parents when they are keeping an eye on their offspring so the best thing to do is to leave such birds alone. To try to help can be counter productive but it is also frustrating because our natural inclination is to do something. The bird stayed around for a few days with Paula and Martin keeping a sharp eye out for cats because it spent most of the time on the ground. One morning it wasn't there and there was no pile of feathers in the garden so they were pretty sure a happy ending was the outcome – but it had been an anxious time as they had got quite fond of the young corvid.

In mid-May we got back from a three-week holiday to empty feeders and no birds in the garden. Before unloading the car I replenished supplies and waited for instant results. I know it will take a few days to attract them back but I am impatient and on this occasion I was rewarded with a great spotted woodpecker on the nuts within an hour – then nothing for three days.

Also frustrating were the leaves on the trees and bushes that were not there when we left. Yes, It is nice to have the greenery but, although the feeders are visible, the branches are not. This means I cannot watch the squabbling and queue jumping that goes on as they all jostle to get onto the feeders, which I find entertaining. But spring has gloriously sprung and this is a small quibble.

If you took part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (BGB) back in January you will have recently received the results. The two most seen birds were, as last year, the sparrow and the starling. No real surprise here but what shocked me was that since the BGB started thirty seven years ago the sparrow has declined by 52% and the starling by 80%. I know most of our species are declining but to see the actual figures brings the situation into stark focus. Our second most numerous BGB bird is now on the red list of conservation concern!

Don MacBean

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Friday 6th May - Mr Holmes, 7:30pm. BOND is back in Freckenham! Spectre (PG 2015) I am sure you all know the storyline by now! Bar, Pimms, popcorn & choc ices available. Doors & Bar open 7pm film starts 7:30pm. There will be an interval for this show.

We are having events to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday during June too! Coffee Caravan Memories Tea Party at the village hall, then a village event on 11th June at the village hall and a special church service on Sunday 12th June at 11am

Friday 24th June Kai Mackenzie in his Bubl  Tribute a few tickets left phone 07542 198 933 £10 bar 7.30pm for 8pm start.

Saturday 25th June Freckenham Farmers & Crafts Market 10 - 12 noon.. Refreshments of drinks, bacon rolls & cakes available. Free entry. There will then be a summer break and re-starts September 24th.

Village Hall Quiz

A big thanks to everyone who came to our quiz night on May 20th. A good time was had by all. We raised just over £250 for the Village Hall which is great. We also had a bingo 'taster' at the half time interval, with a £5 cash prize for the winner.

We look forward to seeing some more faces at the Bingo night on June 24th.

Worlington Village Hall Committee

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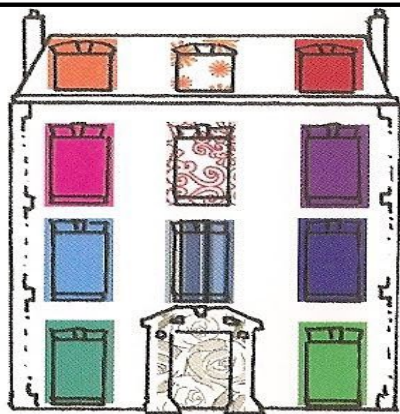
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