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War and Prayer for Peace

The conflict in Ukraine cannot be far from our minds at the present time. The images of the destruction there and the displaced people are hard to watch and particularly as I find it hard to believe that Russia's borders were really under any threat at all. All this devastation because one person felt threatened!

Within the Christian Church our focus at this time of the year is on another occasion when something similar happened. Jesus in his ministry told people that there was only one God and encouraged people to worship the one true God. The leaders of the Roman empire did not like this as it undermined their authority. Indeed, the Caesars, the ultimate Romans leaders, proclaimed themselves as gods and expected people to worship them! The leaders of God's people, the Pharisees and the teachers of the Jewish law, were not happy either. They felt that their positions as the people who dictated how God's law was to be interpreted and lived out by the Jewish people were being undermined by this new teaching that Jesus was proclaiming. He was showing people through his actions and his words that God's ways were, and still are, of love and justice and peace.

As we approach Holy Week and Good Friday where God's Son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross because those in positions of power and authority felt challenged and threatened by him as he spoke of God's ways, I ask that we all pray that God will turn the hearts of the leaders of those countries

who wage war against others that they will pursue His ways of love and justice and peace. And using the words of Jesus from the cross, I pray "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". Will you pray also?



Rev'd David Everett, Vicar

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Bird Talk

Two small but significant events, to me at least, occurred in our garden in the last two months. I have commented recently that we haven't seen a single once common chaffinch in our garden for years but in early February,



All Saints Church Services

Sunday 6 th April	11:00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Group Service</i>)
Thursday 14 th April	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday 15 th April	2:00 pm	Good Friday (St. Mary's, Barton Mills)
Sunday 17 th April	11:00 am	Easter Day Holy Communion
Sunday 1 st May	10:45 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 ^h May	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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without any fanfare, a male and a female appeared. They may have been there for a while before I picked them out pecking on the ground under the feeders and they have been with us ever since. This was good but better was to come – on 20th March a pair of green finches also appeared and we haven't seen them for even longer than the chaffinches.

Both species have suffered dreadfully from the ghastly trichomoniasis disease and are now on the red list of endangered species. The male greenfinch was on the church wall right outside the kitchen window and looked in pristine condition. I do hope that this heralds a permanent return to Church Lane and the start of a general recovery.

More garden news – a robin has now joined the black birds and the magpies as a regular partaker of meal worms. It doesn't eat much but is not phased by the bigger birds. This particular robin goes on the fat balls as well and I haven't noticed a robin doing this before. Another interesting thing I have noticed recently is that gold finches stay on the feeder for much longer than any of the other small birds. They only go on the nyger seed feeder but the tits and sparrows on the other feeders come and go many times during a gold finch's single visit. They are chunkier than the others but I doubt if that gives them much protection against a sparrowhawk. Has anyone else noticed this?

In early March Miles Davis saw two goosander ducks on the Lark near the Hythe. They are striking birds having a long serrated bill with a slight hook at the end enabling them to hold onto the fish they catch. They are members of the sawbill family with the red-breasted merganser being a close cousin. I am not a great lister



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or recorder but I did note in my Collins Bird Guide that I saw two back in 2009 in the same place.

In late February I went to the mere at Isleham but it was a bitter sweet visit. The sweet bit was that there was a clear blue sky with bright winter sun and over a hundred teal. Teal are a medium sized duck with the males being attractive and the females dull, which is often the case. The male teal has a lovely brown head with a large bright green patch outlined in bright yellow lines. The breast is yellowish and there is a brilliant yellow flash near the tail, all of which showed spectacularly in the sunshine. A friend who lives in Isleham tells me he has seen up to four hundred teal on the mere which must be some sight.

Another sweet bit was my first sighting of common snipe in the open and moving about. They have wonderful camouflage which makes them difficult to pick out from the reeds and scrub round the water. But this time the water was low leaving much exposed mud so I was delighted to see one walking about near the edge poking its long bill into the mud for food. Apparently this is not unusual for snipe it is just that I had never witnessed it before so I was thrilled when three others joined it and watched them until I got cold.

The bitter part was that other than a few black headed gulls that was all I saw. Usually there are loads of mallards, coot, water hens and some redshanks but not that day so I hope this is not the start of a species decline there.

Encouraged by our success with swifts, St Mary's Church Tuddenham have installed swift boxes in their tower and are excitedly waiting for their arrival in the first week of May, as are we in Worlington. There are already swifts in the village and they will be broadcasting calls so there is a chance they will get some nesters in their first year, although that doesn't often happen.

A few weeks ago they had an interesting open evening which I attended. There is a new housing development where the old school used to be in which all the houses have swift bricks which is splendid news. If only all builders were so enlightened. But we can all do our own bit in this regard by putting up swift boxes as some people in Worlington have already done. For advice on how to do this just look up Action For Swifts on Mr Google or contact me (01638 713710).

And there is now another way we can help; if you have swifts nesting in/on your house or near you, you can register this at suffolkbis.org.uk/swifts - BIS stands for Biological Information Service. They will pass on your registration to the Planning Authority who will insist that any new build in the near vicinity will have to have swift bricks to get planning permission. We are moving in the right direction but still too slowly.

Don MacBean

Tuesday Coffee Morning

All Saints' Church, Worlington

Tuesday 26th April, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Tuesday 31st May, 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 meet on the last Tuesday of each month.

We would love to see you!

Tributes to John Chester

A long time Worlington resident who died aged 93

Friend and neighbour, Dick Mortlock, writes -

John, who has recently died at the good age of 93, came to Worlington in the early 1970s with his wife Sadie and young son, John (JC), when they bought Silverlea on the Freckenham Road.

He set up an engineering firm on the Mildenhall Industrial Estate - Redbourn Engineering - which made components for the motor industry and became a thriving business in the town. John and Sadie and young John were good friends and neighbours over many years and I have many happy memories of those days.

John and Sadie later built a house (The Chestnuts) on the Newmarket Road, where Sadie sadly died. As the years passed, John's health declined and his eyesight slowly worsened. His last year or so was very depressing for him, having finally to go into a home in Newmarket. Shortly after this, Covid stopped friends visiting.

But the last time I saw him he was still laughing, joking and reminiscing about past times in the village and beyond. He found the funny side of most things, even the care home staff not allowing him to eat the grapes we had taken him!

John was a very likeable man indeed and a good neighbour.

Friend and right hand man for many years, Alan Beazer, writes -

I worked for John for over 30 years. We designed and produced thousands of components each month for Ford and other companies. He was proud of his workers and respected them. John was a very good boss and a clever engineer.

Rest in Piece.

Date for copy for the next edition by: **Sunday 22nd May**. Please send articles to Rob Garry (01638 715611) pump@worlington.org.uk or Ellen Clowes (01638 712043) ellen.clowes@btinternet.com. Thanks.

Easter Flowers & Teas

Sunday April 17th

2:30 until 4:30pm

On Easter Sunday there will be afternoon teas in All Saints' Church. The Church will be decorated for the Easter celebration and looking its best. Home-made cakes and something for everyone – a choice of teatime favourites!

Do come along and enjoy the beautiful spring flowers, stay for a cup of tea – and cake of course!

Worlington Cricket Club

With the days now lengthening and the clocks going forward, spring is upon us which means the cricket season is just around the corner. On Saturday 26th March a group of willing volunteers dusted down the site screens and covers and prepared the pavilion ready for the season ahead.

This year we will be competing in Divisions one, four and nine of the Two Counties Championship on Saturdays and the Hunts County Bats Division 2 on a Sunday. We will also be competing in the Two Counties Ladies Development League West and the National Village Knock out cup. This year our cup run begins on 24th April away to the winners of South Weald and Ingatestone and Frynering.

The Club's youth set up is primed and ready to provide activity for boys and girls from Allstars aged 5 up to under 19s.

We are always looking for players of all levels and volunteers so if you are interested in joining then please feel free to head up the ground anytime throughout the season.

Lastly, it would be remiss of me not to mention that plans are afoot for the annual beer festival. We are again raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The event is always well support by the whole village. The event will be held from 26th to 28th August. If you are interested in getting involved then please get in touch at worlingtonbeerfestival@gmail.com or secretary@worlingtoncricketclub.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the season whether you want to get fit, try a new sport or just have a nice cold drink in the summer sunshine.

Matt Peachey

War Memorial

Many people have commented on the delightful display of tete a tete daffodils around the War Memorial – thanks to Ken Lucas.



What's on in Freckenham April & May 2022

Weekly classes are proving to be successful so please keep looking at the Freckenham website or phone V Hall mobile 07542 198933 to ask what's coming up! **Table Tennis** has started back in March 8pm Tuesday evenings £3 a person.

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

We are on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH.

Monthly Farmers Market with some Crafts are in full swing, dates are 23rd April, 28th May and 25th June. 10 – 12 noon with refreshments. All our regular food stalls and varied range of craft stalls. We have been having some cash bingo sessions after the market, saves getting the tables out twice.

Saturday 30th April Eastern Angles theatre spring tour makes a welcome return! **Doors and Bar open 7pm performance starts 7.30pm. Must pre-book tickets adults £15 14 – 25 year olds £12** on 07542 198933 or email Freckenhamvillagehall@btconnect.com

From over 20 interviews with people living on the Broads, *Booming Voices* is a new play that aims to capture the magic of this iconic landscape and explore its possible future. Fusing real voices, music and science this show will tell a new, unheard story of the Broads.

In the height of the pandemic, Jen, a young student, is isolating in her home on the edge of a watery haven, while her tutor in the US is exploring the impact of climate change. Together they explore the iconic wildlife and nature of the Broads, showing us just how vulnerable this seemingly timeless landscape is.

With the songs of acclaimed folk musician Jimmy Alridge, and insights from figures who helped discover the true nature of this wetland paradise (comparable to Ibiza, sang David Bowie), *Booming Voices* promises to be an evening that both prepares us and gives us hope.

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