

Worlington Pump

June / July 2024

80th Anniversary of D-Day
June 6th



8:30pm Wreath laying at the war memorial

9:15pm Lighting of remembrance beacon
on the recreation ground

Followed by hotdogs & hot drinks at the
village hall

Gill's Reflections

As I write this I can hear the screeching arrival of the swifts and by the time you read this article I am hoping to have a 'returner' and at least half of my nest boxes occupied with 'newbies'! (we had several investigating last year).

I never cease to delight in the changing seasons as they follow year on year and whilst some may be taken for granted, there are for me certain markers which announce that they are on their way.

Personally, I love the season of spring and my garden is well-planted with colour that starts to bloom from late January and continues until the summer flowers take over in June. Add to that the increased activity of birds in the garden and the arrival of swifts and you can be sure that another summer beckons with all its promise!

Yet how easy it is to take all this for granted!

I wonder, if like me, it has been a while since you looked properly at a flower – really looked? - noticing every individual part and pattern rather than briefly appreciating the effect the colour has in the garden or a pot! Or have you recently checked out the steady progress of a trail of ants, watched butterflies searching for nectar, or listened to the humming of bees or the trickle of a stream?

In this busy world we live in it can be difficult to stop and stare as the famous poem by William H Davies ran: 'what is this life if full of care and we have no time to stand and stare'. Remembering our Creator God and his purposes (Genesis 1:1-31 God saw all he had made and it was very good) can encourage us to see afresh all that we have been given. Think how much wonder can be missed when we fail to look, fail to consider the life growing around us and fail to appreciate all we have been given.

Of course, I am aware that at times our vision is obscured by anxiety when we are perplexed or worried and I know from experience that sometimes it is hard to see the good when faced with the 'not good'. Yet the 'good' is always there in the hands of the Creator, waiting for us to notice and be encouraged by the new life that springs from what was perceived as lost - producing new shoots to colour and enrich our lives.

Before the end of the day allow some time to 'stop and stare' at the life around you and don't be surprised if you swell with praise for all God has given.

'O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand hath made,' Stuart K Hine

Revd Gill

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 2 nd June	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th June	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th June	11:00 am	Group Service (St. Peter's, West Row) <i>followed by a BBQ to meet the new vicar</i>
Sunday 7 th July	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st July	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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Seed Farm

On Saturday, 6th April, after a year in the making, we opened the doors of our new venture Seed Farm Shop. We were thrilled to welcome customers from far and wide to explore the new retail space filled with treats at Rectory Farm in Isleham Road. Luckily the weather was glorious (if a little windy!) and customers spent lots of time relaxing in the south facing courtyard enjoying coffee, tea, cold drinks and cake in the sun. Frank's plants proved immensely popular, and his hanging baskets and bedding plants are ready for sale.

We have been particularly passionate about showcasing produce from East Anglia, and have sourced a broad range of food and drink from across the region. The Friendly Loaf from Nowton deliver our wonderful bread and pastries three times a week, while Bury St Edmunds coffee roasters Butterworth and Son supply us with coffee beans for brewing coffee. Isleham baker Serena's Bakes produce delicious cakes sold by the slice to enjoy with a hot drink and there are tables inside if the weather isn't playing ball! Seed sells a large range of frozen meals By Ruby as well as individual frozen sweet and savoury goodies you can bake at home from Fieldfare which have been a big customer favourite. The shop also has locally produced crisps and chocolate, ales and cider alongside everyday essentials such as bread, flour, sugar, milk and cheese.

We would like to thank everyone who came to visit us over the opening weekend and we hope to see you regularly!

Please see <http://www.seedfarmshop.co.uk> for opening times.

Seed Farm Shop, Rectory Farm, Isleham Road, Worlington, IP28 8SW

Best wishes, The Summers Family.

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MEETING DATES: First Thursday of the month at 7.30pm

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

Parish News

On June 6th we commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The Allied forces came together on June 6th 1944 to successfully invade the beaches of Normandy. D-Day marks the beginning of the liberation of France and Western Europe from the Nazi Forces. Over one hundred thousand servicemen, some as young as eighteen, risked their lives to secure the beaches that day, their united aim to secure a free Europe for future generations. Every person, uniformed or civilian, who played a part in the D-Day operations gave us the opportunity to live in the democratic world that we know today; for that we should honour their memory and sacrifice.

On June 6th at 8.30pm we will join to lay a wreath of remembrance at the village war memorial and pause in a moment of silence to remember these heroic people.

After the laying of the wreath we will be lighting a small beacon, on the recreation ground, as part of the National Remembrance of D-Day. The beacon will be lit at 9.15pm to coincide with all the remembrance beacons across the country.

Please join us at the beacon lighting, there will be hotdogs and hot drinks in the village hall to keep us warm as we spend a little time together on this special evening.

Finally an event for the future - we are looking to set up a carpet bowls club in the village. Could you be a master tactician of the carpet bowl strip or are you a smash and grab bowler who knocks the competition off target? Do you just want a couple of hours away from the TV and want to try something new? Contact Nick Foster 07495 764609 or el_fozzo69@hotmail.com if you are interested.

Easter Teas & Flowers

Our Easter Monday Teas and Flowers event was a delicious way to celebrate the weekend and added to this, an Easter Egg Hunt for children and, judging from all the happy faces, a big success!

The Church looked wonderful especially after the long season on Lent, All Saints' Church was a riot of colour, all the Spring flowers in the loveliest colours filled each windowsill and spare corner. We have such talented ladies who fill our church with the most beautiful arrangements.

A very big thank you to each and every one of you and to Mr John Thompson for keeping the brass so clean and shiny. Thank too to bakers of sweet delights and pastries for our afternoon teas. It was a delight to sit and enjoy an hour or two in friendly company. Thank you everyone who took part and those who came along to enjoy it all. *Ann and Val*

Parish Recorder

My name is Pam Dowson and I am your Local History Recorder. This is a voluntary role, overseen by the Suffolk Local History Council, who have Recorders in many Suffolk parishes. One of our tasks is to keep a record of day-to-day life and note changes in the parish. This will be available for future historians to understand what it was like to live in our villages during our life-time. Each year I write and submit an Annual Report, which is deposited in the Suffolk Archives.

Recorders are often people who are interested in local history and who appreciate how important old documents, records and photographs are for research purposes. If you have any Worlington related items, no matter how old or new, do get in touch. Old photographs would be particularly welcome as there seems to be very few. I can make copies and return the originals to you.

You can contact me at pmdwsn41@gmail.com.

Bird Talk

In the last Pump I mentioned the blackbird we have christened Noir who appeared in February & cheered up our winter months. Well he has stayed on and there are others near by as well who have given us a glorious spring with the loudest and most consistent blackbird song I have ever experienced. Not only that but when we have been to other parts of the country we have been struck by the volume of their wonderful song. I hope that the rest of the village has had a similarly uplifting song filled spring.

Staying in our own garden – we have a mirror on the outside of our garage door and occasionally a small bird, usually a blue tit, will perch on the sill and peck at its own image. For three weeks in April a blue tit did this repeatedly virtually every morning, and at random times throughout the day, for three weeks. It was fun to get up and look out the bedroom window to see if the bird was there. I got concerned that it would do itself some harm so started shouting at it but to no avail.

I saw two swifts around the church tower on 6th May – bang on time. A few more have arrived but entering the last week of May I haven't seen more than twelve at any one time which is disappointing but I have now seen three birds entering nest boxes on the south side. Miles Davis and Gill Anderson both have birds in their boxes so that is good news.

Not such good news is that a kestrel has already been perching above the window on the south face of the tower. Also disappointing is that our very old CCTV system has packed up so we will not now be able to watch the chicks in the boxes but our thanks to Dick Newell and Simon Evans for the splendid work they have done since they installed ten boxes back in 2009. This was done at the instigation of the late Judith Wakelam who comes to mind every May and at other times as well.

Moving away from Worlington, on a lovely morning in early May we took a delightful fifty minute boat trip on the river Alde from Snape Maltings near Aldeburgh. The Maltings are now more famous for the magnificent Benjamin Britten/Peter Piers concert hall but originally it was the quay that was the focal point. Difficult to imagine now that the large Thames Barges were able to navigate that far up the narrow and shallow river Alde with only the wind for power.

Of course we had an engine but despite all the modern aids we, and even the huge container ships, still had to wait for the tide which is quite reassuring in a way. The huge expanse of reeds were swaying gently and rhythmically in the light wind and appropriately the first bird we saw was a reed bunting. The river soon opened up and we cruised slowly round a wide expanse of water further down the estuary carefully avoiding the extensive mud flats and mud islands. From here there were lovely views over Suffolk farmland and woods and of the church at the hamlet of Iken.

As it was early May there were no young birds around yet and many adults were still on the nests but there were a few out feeding on the mud. I say a few because this reminded us of just how devastating the ghastly Asian Flu has been to waders and water birds. On this stretch of the river alone they lost fifty swans last year which was awful; in fact we saw only three swans on the outing. In addition



we saw some red shanks, some godwits, a few oyster catchers, four curlews, one lapwing and one egret. This was a bit disappointing but in part compensation we saw more shell ducks than I have ever seen before in one area, there were uncountable dozens of them; the excellent lady guide said there was invariably a lot of them so perhaps they just stood out to me because of the paucity of other species.

Finally back to Worlington where David Peachy has recently taken some lovely photographs beside our own river Lark. I hope that Rob will have been able to show one of swans with eggs and also a most unusual one of an elegant butterfly resting beside a four leafed clover which I hope will bring all readers luck throughout the summer. Neither David nor I were able to identify the butterfly but I am sure many of you will be able to, so could you please do so & send an email to the editor at pump@worlington.org.uk and the name will be published in the next Pump, thank you. *Don MacBean*



Tuesday Coffee Morning

All Saints' Church, Worlington

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

Tuesday 30th July, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Come along 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!

Watercolour Workshop

Worlington Village Hall

Friday 14th June, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Professionally-trained artist and textile designer Nicky Hunter will be holding a watercolour workshop with a light lunch and refreshments. Please bring your own watercolours, paper, brushes, etc.

Vicky will be offering "A summer landscape" as the topic for our picture. She is a very engaging and helpful teacher and this promises to be an extremely entertaining day of learning more about the beautiful medium of watercolour.

£60 will cover the tuition, lunch and refreshments. Please ring Julie Merrick 01638 716177 for more information and to make a booking

Line Dancing Fun

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Sunday 23rd June, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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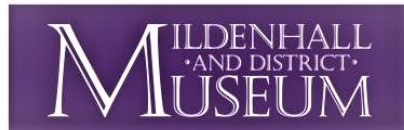
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Worlington Beer & Cider Festival - August Bank Holiday!

As the August Bank Holiday approaches, mark your calendars for a weekend of fun, flavour, and festivities at the highly anticipated Worlington Beer & Cider Festival! Taking place from Friday, August 23rd to Sunday, August 25th this year's festival promises to be an unforgettable celebration for all ages.

A Toast to Taste: Beer, Cider, and Gin Galore!

Beer enthusiasts and cider lovers, rejoice! Our festival boasts an impressive selection of the finest ales and ciders from local breweries and beyond. Whether you prefer a crisp, refreshing cider or a rich, full-bodied ale, our taps will be flowing with something to suit every palate. And for those who fancy something a bit different, our newly added gin bar offers a curated range of artisan gins, perfect for sipping and savouring.

Entertainment for Everyone

The Worlington Beer & Cider Festival is not just about great drinks, it's also packed with entertainment for the whole family! Kick off the weekend on Friday night with a lively karaoke session, where you can take the stage and showcase your singing talents. Throughout the weekend, enjoy live music from a variety of local bands and artists, setting the perfect backdrop for your festival experience.

Saturday Car Show Extravaganza

On Saturday, don't miss our ever-popular car show. Admire a stunning array of classic cars and modern marvels, with proud owners on hand to share stories and insights about their beloved vehicles. It's a must-see event for car enthusiasts of all ages.

Supporting Our Community

The Worlington Beer & Cider Festival is more than just a good time—it's a vital fundraiser for our local cricket club. By attending, you're not only treating yourself to a weekend of fun but also supporting a cornerstone of our community. The cricket club plays an essential role in fostering local talent and providing a space for sports and recreation, and your participation helps ensure its continued success.

Join Us!

Gather your friends and family, and join us at the Worlington Beer & Cider Festival for a weekend of great drinks, fantastic entertainment, and community spirit.

For more information and updates, follow us on social media or visit our website at worlingtonbeerfestival.co.uk.



What's on in Freckenham

Meet Up Monday, Village Hall 2 – 3.30pm. Free event but donation appreciated. We sometimes have a carpet bowls mat &/or table tennis table for people to try.

Friday 7th June, Film Night, The Holdovers, 7pm. This follows a curmudgeonly instructor (Paul Giamatti) at a New England prep school who is forced to remain on campus during Christmas break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. Eventually he forms an unlikely bond with one of them - a damaged, brainy troublemaker (newcomer Dominic Sessa) - and with the school's head cook, who has just lost a son in Vietnam (Da'Vine Joy Randolph). £7 a person free popcorn. Film starts 7.30pm.

Saturday 29th June, Farmers Market & Crafts, 10-12non. Fruit and Veg, TFM Meat, pies, along with our usual stalls and more stalls outside (weather permitting). Lots of local garden plants being sold for charity. Entry free. Hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls & homemade cakes available. Then a summer break till 28th September.

Friday 5th July, Film Night, What We Did On Our Holiday , 7pm. David Tennant, Rosamund Pike and Billy Connolly. £7 a person free popcorn. Film starts 7.30pm. Then a break until October.

Friday 26th July, Cash Bingo, 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm, £1 a game, £2 entry fee per person. Proceeds to Village Hall. Popular event best to book your table on 07542 198933.

For other activities, Yoga (& seated), Pilates, Karate, FitSteps, Circuits, Table Tennis & Dance Club etc., check out the website or join us on Facebook, FreckenhamVH, Freckenham Community Group or call the village hall mobile 07542 198933.

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

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