

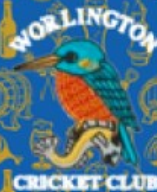


Worlington Pump

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Vicar's Words

One of the programmes I enjoy watching on television is "Who do you think you are?" The last one I saw featured Ralph Little, who stars in the detective series set in the Caribbean, "Death in Paradise". I find it interesting learning about the backgrounds of people we know from film and television.

As human beings we are all either open or closed about who we really are. When we are closed we try to protect ourselves and by hiding who we really are by wearing masks, playing games or roles and deny what is truly going on behind that facade. Conversely, when we are open, we are willing to learn, open ourselves up and truly experience what is happening by being vulnerable. So why do we choose to be open or closed? Maybe it has something to do with this quote from John Powell, "*I am afraid to tell you who I am because, if I let you see the real me, you may not like who I am, and it is all that I have.*" John Powell was a Jesuit priest and associate professor of theology and psychology. He is the author of a number of books including one called, "*Why am I afraid to tell you who I am?*" In it he says this: *I am not what I think I am; I am not what you think I am; I am what I think you think I am.*

The problem is that so many people aren't really sure who they are. That may sound silly but it is a serious point. We all know who we are well enough when it comes to knowing our names and our personal information but do you know who you really are in Christ? It is a tremendously freeing thing to know who you are and where your identity as a person actually comes from. Christians believe our identity comes from God. He states who you are when he calls you by name. Then you become a member of His family, you are a son or a daughter of the King.

It's a tremendously uplifting and freeing thing to know who we are in Christ; an identity that doesn't come from any of our achievements or successes. When our identity rests only on what we can do or achieve in life, we stand on very unstable ground indeed. We can only feel secure as people when we are achieving. We can only feel good about ourselves when we are receiving praise. If, for whatever reason, that disappears it's like a 1000 foot drop and we are easily crushed.

However, when our identity is determined, not by what we do, but by who we are then we are secure. When we know who we are in Christ. When we know that we are loved and appreciated by our heavenly Father solely because we matter to Him and because he loves us then we have a security nothing else in life can ever equal and an identity nothing can take from us. God says through the prophet Isaiah, "*Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name; you are mine.*"

Rev'd Gordon Anderson

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

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 7 th August	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st August	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4 th September	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 ^h September	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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Bird Talk

I hope that you have been enjoying the swifts zooming spectacularly round the church tower these past few weeks – see Pat Gates's photo below. There are more of them than in the last couple of years and the sky above the village has been full of them. There is also much more good news about our swifts this year.

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On 14th July the ever busy Simon Evans did his mid season survey of the tower without which we wouldn't know exactly what is going on. He ringed 37 chicks from 16 boxes with 29 of the 43 boxes showing signs of activity which is 67% occupancy compared with 47% last year. This improvement is reflected elsewhere in the village. Simon also checked the four boxes in the late Judith Wakelam's old house and they all had chicks as have Miles Davis's three boxes. Ken Lucas's boxes also have swifts in them rather than sparrows which is pleasing for him; all of which is disappointing for Gill Anderson who has had specially made boxes and swift call speakers for three years but no swifts despite them flying over her house in numbers daily. She is partly consoled by sparrows rearing a brood in one of the boxes and tits using the others.

Now here is a heart warming story. On a Sunday in June a couple who had been to one of our swift evenings came to look at the tower and found a swift on the grass in the church yard with its whole tail missing. Simon noticed a male kestrel chasing swifts into their boxes so this one probably got caught. In the last Pump I gave details of a colleague of Judith's who lives in Feltwell (Claire Scarff 07773 226936 face book Wildlife Lounge) so my wife & I took the bird to her. She gave it antibiotics, hand fed it for weeks and on 18th July it flew! Its feathers had not grown back but Claire thought they probably would at the next moult. I am sure Judith will have a smile about this remarkable success.

A few words about Claire. She is a remarkable lady who cares for not only swifts but all sorts of birds and animals assisted by her long suffering husband who also pays for it all. Just one example, she took in and cared for a tiny muntjac which had been separated from its parents by dogs. She reared it but being an introduced species it could not legally be released back to the wild so she has kept as a pet. It is fully domesticated and lives in the house.

A final swift story about a Church Lane resident who has swifts nesting under the house tiles. The top of the bedroom window was open one day and a swift in a hurry (perhaps being chased by a kestrel?) flew into the room to the astonishment of the occupant. Fortunately a bit of shooing with a towel got the bird out safely. The same house also has many greenfinches in the garden while we are just up the road and have none.

There has been little of special interest happening in our garden but we continue to get much pleasure from the birds especially the hordes of sparrows. The starlings have completed rearing their young in the tower putlocks so the blackbirds have the mealworms to themselves. A young one, born I am sure in the garden, now appears whenever I go to the garage door. The highlight of the kitchen window watching was a song thrush on the church wall on 13th June but that was the only sighting.

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The late Clem Tompset was a far sighted man. About 40 years ago, at significant cost, he created two reservoirs at Willow Farm near Isleham. They have not only successfully provided piped irrigation for four decades they have also become peaceful centres for all sorts of wildlife. Oyster catchers had been spotted on one of them so on a hot June day Mary Tompset kindly drove me to have a look. On the way we passed four adult Egyptian geese with nine young all in a bunch.

The situation was idyllic. The reservoir is situated roughly in the middle of the cross country horse jumping course where they organise high class charity events throughout the summer. No formal tree planting was done but a lovely mix of trees and bushes has grown up round the water which was a bit low. The heat had brought out the smell of the creosote (now banned) from the stout wooden fence reminding me of similar summer days in my youth.

There was one oyster catcher asleep on one leg in the shade but no sign of the others. The many greylag geese had plenty of young and there were grebes, little grebes, tufted duck and a heron. Not a huge variety but it was the setting and the tranquillity that made this such an enjoyable visit.

There were a number of carcasses around which we assumed to be the work of foxes but all animals have to eat and that was nature as it is.

Don MacBean

Shirley Reeder retires as Churchwarden of All Saints' Church

A huge vote of gratitude goes to our retiring Churchwarden, Shirley Reeder who has stepped down from the role after twenty-two years of dedicated service. At a church service on Sunday 3rd July, the members of All Saints' Church, joined by members of Shirley's family, presented her with a beautiful Olivia Rose Austin rose tree, named after David Austin's (the famous rose grower) granddaughter.

We raised a toast to Shirley after the service with a celebratory glass of sparkling wine and some delicious fruit cake.

Shirley has worked tirelessly over the past twenty-two years to keep our church in good order, both on the fabric side of things, taking care of our beautiful 13th century building, and arranging each of the services, as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Over decades she has regularly and gamely scaled the narrow vertical ladder up into the tower, to make sure all is well up there in a way that most of us wouldn't dare! She will be a hard act to follow but we earnestly hope someone will kindly take on the much valued role into the future.

On behalf of Worlington PCC

Peter Merrick

Died 19th May 2022, Aged 89

Peter and Julie moved to Worlington 39 years ago and two weeks later, their son Oliver was born.

After early retirement from the pig industry, Peter threw himself into village life. He joined the Parish Council and help spearhead refurbishment of the village hall (now revamped again) and was keen that it be used as much as possible which it was for Mildenhall Museum fundraisers, Conservative Party cheese & wine evenings, and various other charity fundraising events. As Chairman of the PC, he was anxious that a children's play area be established and was much involved in its funding and design.

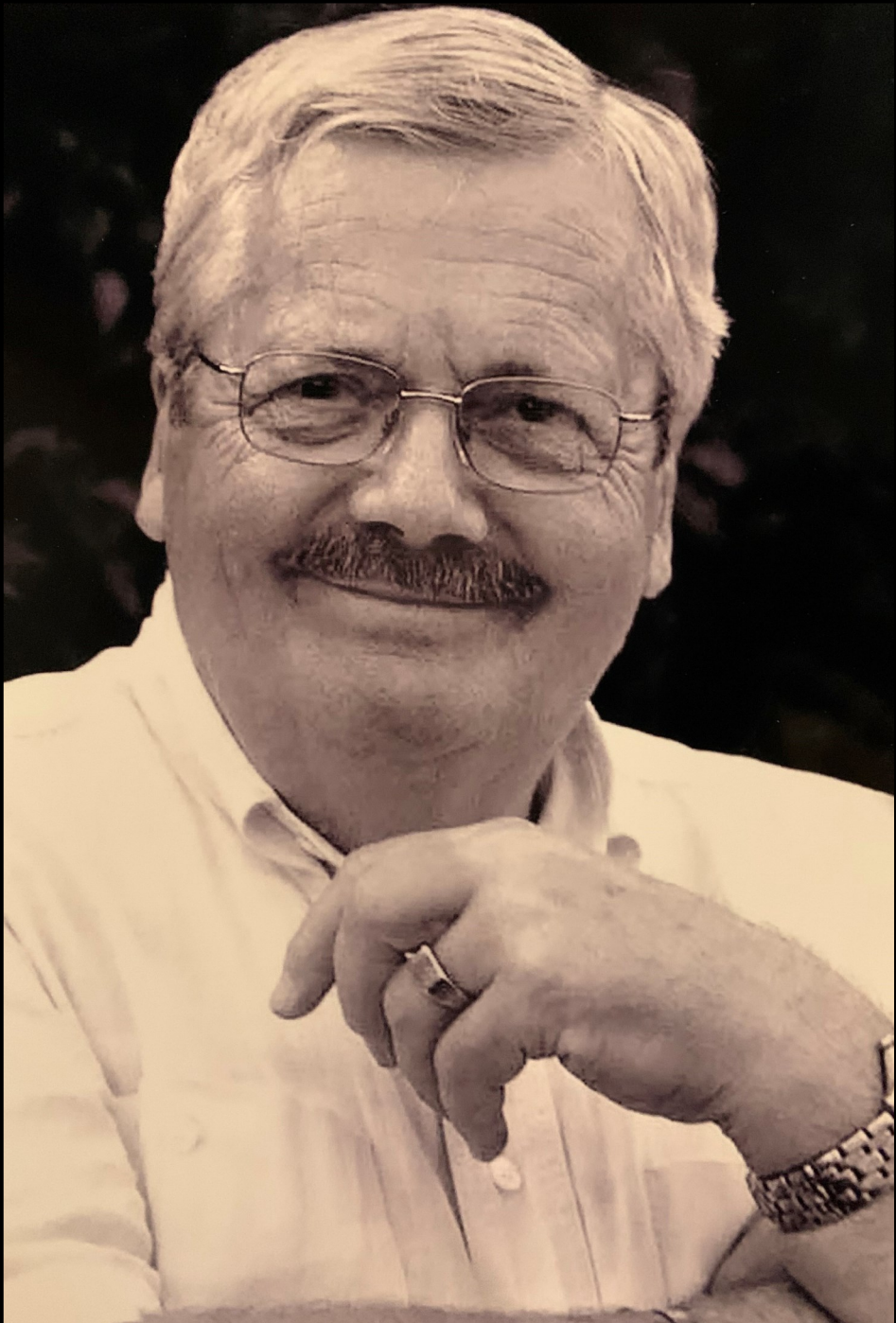
For 25 years, he was unpaid Spares Registrar for the Lagonda Club and housed thousands of pounds worth of classic car spares above his garage where they were posted all over the world to other Rapier and Lagonda car enthusiasts. He and Julie also held numerous lunches and strawberry & "fizz" evenings at their home and at other "borrowed" local gardens (raising money for charity) and his big-hearted guffaws would be heard by all. In retirement he was also involved in Rotary, Probus, became a Befriender and worked tirelessly raising money for various charities. He loved entertaining and meeting people and was responsible for many new villagers getting to know one another and then becoming happily established in Worlington.

Peter was Chairman of Mildenhall Museum for many years and achieved a substantial Lottery grant which enabled the museum to modernise and acquire copies of the famous Mildenhall Treasure.

Just under half Peter's life was spent here and although Dorset born and bred, he loved Worlington and never wanted to move. In June, our ancient church was the venue for his funeral attended by over 130 friends. A real "people person" with a heart of gold and a kind word and quip for everyone, he will be much missed – as will his hearty laughter.

Julie Merrick





Car Boot Sale

Barton Mills Playing Field

Next to the Village Hall - IP28 6BD

Monday 29th August, 7:00 am - 12:00 noon

Single pitch £6, Double pitch £10. No need to book.

Refreshments in the Village Hall.

Car Boots on the field: proceeds to Barton Mills Football Club.

Refreshments in the Village Hall and White Elephant Stall on the field:
proceeds to Barton Mills Parish Church.

What's on in Freckenham

Saturday 13th August – Quiz Night. Professional Quiz Master, teams up to 6 people – entry £3 per person – CASH PRIZES. Booking advised Facebook message or Text 07771 857399. Bar & Doors open 7pm quiz 7.30pm. All proceeds to support the village hall.

Saturday 24th September – Farmers Market. 10-12 noon, many of our regular foody stalls and then the ever-changing crafts stalls, with seasonal floral bouquets and plants.

Film Nights – we are hoping the volunteers who want to be involved with this will be up and running soon, keep an eye out for updates.

A weekly children's group has started Wednesday 10-11.30. During term time this will be an Under 5s group but during the holidays siblings may also come. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We have toys for the under 5s so older children may wish to bring something with them. We do have some craft facilities available. Charge will be nominal/donation to cover costs, drink included.

Weekly classes please keep looking at the Freckenham website, Facebook or phone V Hall mobile 07542 198933 to ask what's coming up! Some of our weekly events have a summer break so check with tutor before attending. Might have news on carpet bowls restarting.

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

We are on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH

Tuesday Coffee Morning

All Saints' Church, Worlington

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

Tuesday 27th September, 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.

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Next Parish Council Meeting Dates

Full Council Meeting - Thursday 1st September 2022 at 7:30pm, followed by the Village Hall Trustee meeting!

Agenda available on www.worlington.onesuffolk.net 5 days before the meeting. If residents have any items they wish to be added to the agenda, please contact the Clerk.

Greetings Cards and Used Stamps

I would like to thank the person who has been leaving greeting cards outside my house over a very long period. These have all been recycled and sold to raise funds initially for the Children's Society and later for St. Nicholas Hospice. A considerable amount has been raised over the past years for which you have been partly responsible. Now, however, the ladies who have been busy with the recycling are retiring and wish to add their appreciation to mine.

For general information please note that I do still collect used stamps which can be left outside my house, 30 The Street, immediately opposite the village hall, or in the Church.

Thank you, *Doreen Hubbard*

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CRICKET CLUB

We are now halfway through the season and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI have all been struggling in their respective leagues. There is now a large challenge ahead to try and avoid relegation for Division 1 and Division 4 by the 1st and 2nd XI.

In better news the Academy Sunday XI and Ladies XI are competing well in their respective leagues giving valuable playing experience to all new players across the clubs. The Ladies have also been providing valuable support playing for the 3rd XI, Academy and midweek sides.

The youth section are also having another strong season with over 100 members from under 7s all the way to under 15s turning up each week to practice. Both our Under 11 and Under 15 sides have won their league this season. Well done to all involved this is a great effort by the players and dedicated coaches.

We are now building up to the Beer Festival, our main fundraiser of the year in conjunction with the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The main sponsors this year are

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Pitstop Auto Factors and Central Garage Lakenheath. We hope to see you all there enjoying the sunshine and having fun raising money.

This year will follow a similar format to past years. Friday 26th we will have a Karaoke night where you can come and show off your singing talent. Saturday 27th we will have the Suffolk Motor Show 2022, several food stalls and live music. The trophies for this have been kindly sponsored by Cambridge Car Solutions. On Sunday 27th we have live music and Morris Dancing for you all to enjoy as well as several food stalls.

To keep up to date with what is going on please keep an eye on our social media pages. If you are able to offer sponsorship or volunteer to help during the event then please get in touch worlingtonbeerfestival@gmail.com

Matt Peachey

Worlington Parish Council

PARISH CLERK/RFO VACANCY

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A job description and details of the Clerk's role can be obtained from the Parish Council website www.worlington.onesuffolk.net.

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