

Worlington Pump

April / May 2024

Cricket – Why not give it a Worly?

Soon the clocks go forward, the sun will (eventually) start to shine, and we remember that our little island does actually have a period of time called... Summer.

Now here is a quandary so many of us face over those summer months, how do we keep everyone in the house happy? The kids are getting fidgety, teenagers are climbing the walls with endless energy to burn, some parents



still think they can turn their arm and swing a bat with the best of them. But of course, some of the more tranquil easy-going parents are looking for a nice place to relax and forget about their worries. Well, we have got you all covered.

At Worlington (Worly) Cricket club we have a HUGE variety of cricket teams that cover all ages and abilities. We have a cosy little clubhouse with a wide selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, which has a great view of the pitch so you can watch all the action from the sidelines.



The club is an integral part of the local community and is actively involved in fundraising, promoting sports for

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children, and supporting countless local events that take place throughout the year.

If you are local to Worlington (you don't have to be by the way!) and would like to learn more about the club and/or maybe offer your support, then please do not hesitate to contact us. We also throw a pretty good Beer & Cider Festival on the August Bank Holiday each year, a major fundraiser for the club.

So if you are stumped for things to do, and have simply run out of ideas, why not allow us to bowl you over and join our cricket club, we will hit you for six.

Contact us at <https://worlingtoncricketclub.co.uk/contactUs> if you would like to find out more. *Matt Peachey*

Vicar's Words

As you read this Spring is upon us. Buds are breaking open on the trees, blossom is adding rich colour to the world around us and nature is bursting into new life.

It is around this time that Rita and I attend a conference at Butlins called Spring Harvest. Each day starts with a Bible Study talk led by a prominent leader in the church. One year it was led by a Baptist Minister called Andy Caldwell. One morning he told us how he had always wanted to be a fighter pilot and eventually join Military Intelligence. All was going well until he started his pre-Cranwell fitness course and failed miserably. Andy had asthma and for that reason he couldn't be in the air force. His misery deepened when, despite his protestations that he was willing to do any job in the air force, he was told he wasn't fit enough even to be a bandsman! Then, just when it seemed it couldn't get any worse, his girlfriend of some years dumped him - for a flying instructor!!

It was at this low point in his life that God intervened. He was walking in the woods and in his desperation shouted at the trees, "God, if you really do exist, where are you?" He heard a voice, not from outside himself, but a voice nevertheless, which told him to pick up an acorn lying on the ground beside him. God then said to him, "Just as you have picked up this acorn, I have picked you up and I hold you in my hand, you are mine." This was the beginning of a life-changing experience for Andy.

The difference in his life was not brought about by great success as a pilot, nor by clawing his way to the top as the world so often insists is the way to succeed. His life was changed by the presence of God in his life. Nature doesn't have to try to produce blossom, fruit or beautiful flowers. It is all the inevitable result of the power within that is part of creation.

The prophet Jeremiah reminds us of this truth in chapter 29 and verse 11: *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

Rev. Gordon Anderson

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 7 th April	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st April	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 th May	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th May	11:00 am	Morning Prayer

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Treasurer	Elizabeth Klingaman	01638 711642

New Appointment

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints Worlington are pleased to announce that at last we have been able to select a new vicar who was then approved by the Archbishop on the 7th March 2024. The Reverend Cannon Mark McCaghrey will be inducted at a Service in Barton Mills on the 19th June.

His role will mainly be to serve the needs of four parishes, Worlington, Barton Mill, West Row and Freckenham but he will also be part of the Forest Heath Benefice Team. The family will live at the Vicarage in Barton Mills.

This is just a preliminary breaking of our good news. More detail / everything else will follow in due time, and we continue to be grateful for the ministry of other clergy in the Team who have supported us through the interregnum.

All Saints Church PCC.

Paula Morgan

We were so saddened to hear of the sudden and unexpected passing of Paula Morgan in February.

Paula was a true friend and supporter of All Saints' and became one of our loyal group of 'Flower Ladies' providing beautiful displays year round in our lovely old church. She also took part in Flower Festivals bringing lots of imagination and help to everyone.

Paula enjoyed baking and as well as being part of the 'teas' team, made a wonderful array of pastries – her signature sausage rolls were delicious and her meringues were legendary! We send our sincere condolences to husband Martin and family.

All Saints Church PCC.

Bird Talk

I am bereft! In mid January about half the sparrows disappeared from Ann Thornally's "sparrow hedge" opposite our kitchen window. Not only that but the remaining ones no longer whirr their way in groups between the hedge, the Russian vine on our garage and the feeders in the back garden. They gave no warning and I have no idea where they have gone or what caused the exodus.

I used to count fifty plus birds daily but now there are no more than twenty five. Fortunately the remainers still fly across the lane to the feeders in the church yard to boost my spirits but they also remind me of the decline although I am gradually managing to blank that out. I only hope that some other garden or gardens have benefited from a number of new arrivals.

Towards the end of February there appeared some partial compensation for the disaster in the form of a male blackbird. We have called him Noir and most early mornings and evenings it sits atop the power line pole by our front gate and sings deliciously as only a blackbird can. The particularly high elevation seems to add more volume to its song or perhaps as this is the highest perch in the area it thinks it is the king of the biggest castle and so sings louder.

There has been a single male in the garden all winter but whether it is Noir or not we can not tell. As we all know blackbirds are very territorial and also wary of predators but I only recently read about just how territorial and careful they are. I thought that swifts were the only birds that close down half their brain while they sleep but blackbirds can do it as well – they are called unihemispheric.

Unlike swifts blackies don't fly while asleep but they can keep one eye open and sing some of the time as well to let any potential night time interloper know that this garden is his territory. It amazes me just how intricate the background can be to something so apparently simple as a bird singing; which is part of what makes birding such an enthralling pastime.

A grand daughter gave us a lovely Christmas present of a fat ball feeder stuffed full of alpaca hair. The idea, which I had never come across, is that the birds use it to build nests near by. I have used some of the hair to put in the nest boxes in the garden and I mentioned this to David and Karen Goodman who, it turned out, have been doing this for years but with dog hair! Their long haired German pointer, Pippa, is groomed every day and they put the soft silky hair out for the birds. Having now mentioned it to a number of people I find that this splendid practice is quite wide spread and I commend it to dog owners.

Joan Mortlock has seen a red kite around the Lark Close area a number of times while about half a dozen other people have see one in different parts of the village, particularly the cricket field. I am not aware of anyone seeing two kites at the same time but it seems possible that kites might join the buzzards who nest in this area. If

they are nesting here it is not a good idea to encourage them into your garden as they can become a nuisance and difficult to get rid of as has been found in the West Country where they are prolific. I was startled to read the other day that red kites have increased 2,104% since 1994. This is due to them being reintroduced in many areas including Northamptonshire which I think is the nearest to us.

On the 19th of January I noticed a starling investigating a putlock (hole left in a wall by medieval scaffolding) in the church tower. I have mentioned before that they have nested in them for years, perhaps even centuries, and I think it is a nice example of humans and birds living in harmony neither doing any harm to the other.

But there is a minor irritation in that for the nesting period they come to the fat balls in the church yard. Being big and aggressive they shoo away the sparrows and other smaller birds and attack the fat balls with particles flying all over the place – they are not dainty eaters. The result is that I am having to, literally, put out twice as many fat balls.

I finish on a positive note; for three weeks in February/March I have seen a single female chaffinch in the church yard. I can't recall when last I saw one but it is a long time. They suffered terribly from the ghastly trichomonas disease which affected other birds as well but the chaffies were wiped out in some areas. It is pleasing to hear that they are doing well in other parts of the village.

Don MacBean

The Bell, Worlington

The Bell Pub in Worlington closed in 1969, around the end of Beatle Mania. We used to go in the tap room to play bar billiards. Lesley Baker and Gordon Phillips were the barmen and Annie Lawry Jeffries the landlady. She sat in her lounge just off the bar from there she could talk to the customers sitting at the bar

The pub had a quoits team and played in a league, George Thornalley told me, as a boy, he used to watch them playing in the field next to the pub where the houses now are.

At the back of The Bell was a wheel wright and a carpenters workshop they used for making coffins. When the pub was sold the workshop was pulled down, John Powell obtained the four roof trusses and when I built the tractor shed for the cricket club I used them for the roof great days.

Ken Lucas

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

Parish News

The Secretary of State has set 11th April 2024 as the new deadline for a decision on the Sunnica Energy Farm proposal,

The election for The Police and Crime Commissioner takes place at Worlington Village Hall on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

The Parish Council meeting in May will be on Thursday 9th May not the 2nd.

Please contact Nick on 07495 764609 or email: el_fozzo69@hotmail.com.

Paula Morgan - A Tribute

It's with a deeply broken heart I find myself writing this tribute to my darling wife Paula Morgan who sadly suddenly passed away at our Worlington home in February this year.

My Paula was such a beautiful human being, always caring, considerate, spending time supporting others, never thinking of things being a chore, but always considering what pleasure Paula's action would bring. Always giving people time, listening and showing an interest and then reflecting on how Paula could make a difference to peoples lives,

If only Paula knew how many hearts Paula touched, modestly undervaluing the contribution Paula made to others.

We moved to Worlington over 17 years ago to enable Paula to look after our granddaughter Scarlett from the age of 6 months whilst Scarlett's mother returned to work.

Paula saw this as a great honour and relished this opportunity taking Scarlett shopping and to various toddler activity clubs, baking was also a favourite, then 4 years later doing the same for Scarlett's brother Blake, there was an immense bond between Paula and our grandchildren.

Paula was brought up to be considerate, compassionate, and to have pride, always putting others first, Paula fulfilled these principles in abundance. Paula wouldn't consider herself dressed without make up, which would be immaculately applied even if only going out in the garden.

Paula had a massive heart of gold, spending many years carrying out voluntary working for Wood Green Animal Centre.

After waiting over 12 years since losing our last German shepherd, Paula agreed to us having another rescue dog, Barney our red fox labrador cross arrived which absolutely melted our hearts, Pauls absolutely doted on Barney, I would frequently walk Barney with red lipstick on his head from one of Barney's cuddles with Paula.

Paula's passions were our grandchildren, animals, gardening, baking and shopping, additionally having a flare for home building.

We would like to thank all friends from Worlington for their cards, letters with kind words, and for the prayers said in Worlington Church on Sundays. We would also like to thank those who were able to attend Paula's funeral at Chrishall.

Paula has left a massive void in our lives which is terribly difficult to come to terms with.

Martin, Scarlett, Blake and Barney

Tuesday Coffee Morning

All Saints' Church, Worlington

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

Tuesday 28th May, 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!

Barton Mills Car Boot Sales

Barton Mills Playing Field

Easter Monday 1st April, 7:00 am - 12:00 noon

May Day Monday 6th May, 7:00 am - 12:00 noon

Single Pitch £7, Double Pitch £12 - *To raise funds for local Groups*

No need to book. Free parking for customers.

Refreshments in the Village Hall

Mildenhall Museum Society

Mildenhall and District Museum

Thursday 4th April, 7:30 pm

Constellations – The Myths and Legends

A talk by Lloyd Hughes

Members £2.00. Non Members £4.00

Refreshments available



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.

Tuesday 2nd April, Coffee Caravan, 2-4pm. East View Carpark.

Friday 5th April, Film Night, A Haunting in Venice, 7pm. Set in eerie, post-World War II Venice on All Hallows' Eve and is a terrifying mystery featuring the return of the celebrated sleuth, Hercule Poirot (Kenneth Branagh). £7 a person free popcorn. Film starts 7.30pm.

Saturday 6th April, The Pocket Choral Society!, 7pm. Creative Arts East supported event, Bill Bailey meets The Archers! An evening of laughter and entertainment. Tickets £10 pre-book on VH mobile or email to avoid disappointment & how many chairs to put out!. Raffle. Performance starts 7.30pm.

Friday 12th April, Cash Quiz Night, 7pm. with professional quiz master, booking is advised on VH mobile or Facebook message. £3 per person, max. team of 6. Can each team bring a raffle prize. Quiz starts 7.30pm.

Saturday 27th April, Farmers Market & Crafts, 10am-12. Regular stalls & some new ones. Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls and homemade cakes. We now have a new Fruit and Veg stall from Plantation Farm, West Row.

Friday 3rd May, Film Night, Doors Open 7pm. Film TBA. £7 a person with free popcorn. Film starts 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th May, Coffee Caravan, 2-4pm. East View Carpark.

Check out the website or join us on Facebook, FreckenhamVH, Freckenham Community Group or call the village hall mobile 07542 198933.

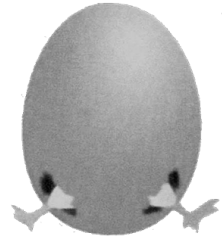
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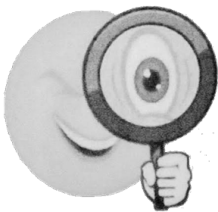
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William Singleton

William Singleton was rector of Worlington All Saints from 1852 to 1873. William was born in 1805 in the tiny village of Dendron in what is now Cumbria but at the time was Lancashire. William's father John was vicar of Dendron and they were not to be the only clergymen in the family.

William graduated with an MA from St John's College, Cambridge in 1833. He was Curate of New Shoreham Sussex from 1841-43, and it was here that he and his first wife Emma had their five children, three of whom died as infants, sadly not uncommon at the time. The family moved in 1843 when William became Principal of the short-lived Kingston College, Hull. Whilst in Hull, the Singletons had another child, a girl, Emma, but sadly this coincided with the death of her mother, leaving William a widower with three children to care for. The 1851 census, six years later, shows the children – Emma 6, John Joseph 13 and Henry 9 living, along with a governess, in a lodging house in Altrincham, Cheshire. This must have been a difficult time for William when he was bereaved and separated from his children. He left Hull in 1847 when the college closed and became Vicar of Tunstall in Lancashire where he stayed for four years before his move to All Saints.

Happier times were to come for William, as in 1853 when he was 48, he married again, in London, to Anne Caroline Huish, who joined him to live in Worlington Rectory. At this time congregations were large. The 1851 Ecclesiastical Census records that on one Sunday in March 107 people attended the morning service at All Saints, with 185 at the evening. By 1858 William and Anne had a daughter, Caroline, followed a year later by a son William Henry. William had lost two sons also called William, it not being unusual to re-use the names of deceased siblings at this time. By 1861 William was reunited with two of his older children – John Joseph, now a 'Scholar BA', and Emma, who were living at the Rectory. From living alone for so long, the Rectory was now full of life for William, with three servants also living in the house looking after the family.

William was to be Rector of Worlington until his death in 1873. He had been very well thought of, as is shown by the handsome eagle lectern in Mildenhall parish church which was bought from subscriptions, together with a bible, in his memory. Why this was put in Mildenhall rather than Worlington is unclear. It had originally been planned to erect a marble tablet in Worlington church, but this proved too expensive. After his death, William's widow lived at 4 St Mary's Square, Bury, with their daughter Caroline and two servants.

What of the other clerics in the Singleton family? William's son John Joseph became a clergyman, rising to the office of Canon at Southwell cathedral and married the daughter of a vicar. Williams' grandson, another William, also married the daughter of a clergyman. Perhaps the most interesting is William's brother Joseph who was vicar of Babraham for 50 years. When he died in 1889 Joseph left the equivalent of £1.8 million. Where he acquired such wealth is a mystery. *Pam Dowson.*

Easter bin collection changes

Usual collection	Revised collection	Change
Friday 29 March	Tuesday 2 April	4 days late
Saturday 30 March	No collection	
Sunday 31 March	No collection	
Monday 1 April	Wednesday 3 April	2 days late
Tuesday 2 April	Thursday 4 April	2 days late
Wednesday 3 April	Friday 5 April	2 days late
Thursday 4 April	Saturday 6 April	2 days late
Friday 5 April	Monday 8 April	3 days late
Monday 8 April	Tuesday 9 April	1 day late
Tuesday 9 April	Wednesday 10 April	1 day late
Wednesday 10 April	Thursday 11 April	1 day late
Thursday 11 April	Friday 12 April	1 day late
Friday 12 April	Saturday 13 April	1 day late



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