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<http://worlington.onesuffolk.net/worlington-neighbourhood-plan/>

Thank you for your example of Christian love and hope

What an extraordinary time we have had over the last 10 days! Whilst we all new that at the age of 96 HM Queen Elizabeth II would die before too long, when it happens it is still a shock not least to her family. Much has been said of her life of duty and service to the nation and the commonwealth but there has also been a focus on her Christian faith and the impact that it has had on her whole life. She has spoken of her faith in many of her Christmas broadcasts.

It has been obvious, even to those of other faiths and none, how much that faith has influenced her whole life and we have seen this in her interactions with people from all walks of life, from presidents and prime ministers to the many thousands whose encounter with her has been at one of the palace garden parties, to the many staff who worked for her. Her care for people and the way she made them feel at ease has been something which will not be forgotten by those who met her.

In amongst all that has been said in these last few days one story I hadn't heard before is from the Queen's Coronation Service in 1953. In a service of such pomp and ceremony at which she would accept the role and burden of being the Queen of this nation and all the Commonwealth and be subjected to the expectations of all those people, before dedicating her life to this work she insisted on first going to kneel at the rail before the altar at Westminster Abbey and re-dedicating her life to God and his service. It was only then that she was ready to accept the role of Queen and all that that entailed.

We give thanks for the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II and particularly for her lifelong Christian witness of love and hope. May she rest in peace.

Rev'd David Everett

John Hubbard

I would like to express my thanks to those who attended John's burial on Thursday 11th August.

Members of my family were so pleased to see the number of people who braved the heat to show their respect.

We spoke to as many people as we could, and the many letters and cards we received were a joy to read despite the sadness.

A special thank you to the Rev. David Everett who took the service which was exactly what John would have wanted.

Thank you,

Doreen and all my family

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 2 nd October	11:00 am	Holy Communion (Harvest Service)
Sunday 16 th October	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th October	11:00 am	Group Service
Sunday 6 th November	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 ^h November	10:45 am	Service of Remembrance, <i>at the War Memorial</i>
Sunday 20 ^h November	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 ^h November	4:00 pm	Advent Choral Evensong

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Treasurer	Elizabeth Klingaman	01638 711642

My Garden Birds

Most days, I sit watching the birds in my garden after my dog walk. The variety and number of species in this area is amazing. We are so fortunate to live in the Brecks.

Recently, after the rains we have had, the grass has begun to recover and the blackbirds, starlings and thrushes can again begin pecking for grubs and worms. The great spotted woodpecker (known as Woody) is making a loud drumming as he is hammering his bill against the bird box to increase the hole size to nest in the future.

Our resident sparrow hawk can be heard with its repetitive kek-kek-kek before rushing in silently to take prey by surprise as they are feeding on the bird feeders. Such an agile hunter! The buzzards who reside in the meadow behind the house fly overhead and their beautiful mewing can be heard. Both the buzzards and the sparrow hawk are mobbed by the jackdaws who live in the house chimneys. Very occasionally a magnificent red kite flies over.

The smaller birds are so numerous, blue tits, great tits, goldfinches, nuthatch, dunnock, wrens, treecreeper, goldcrest, it is a joy to behold. Our summer visitors, swifts, swallows and martins are gathering together to migrate to Africa as Autumn draws near. Our delightful long tailed tits are still in abundance.

How privileged we are to live in this beautiful county of Suffolk where nature thrives. Our communities must treasure what we have in these strange times to protect nature which is all around us. *Lindsay Osborne*

Bird Talk

I really get excited when I see large numbers of any sort of bird be it 1,000s of golden plovers at Snetterton near Kings Lynn on the coast, geese darkening the sky on the island of Islay or rooks above a local rookery. These last couple of months I have got a similar but smaller thrill without having to move from our own garden.

This has been a fantastic breeding season for sparrows at the church end of Church Lane; it is impossible to count them but there must be literally hundreds. Most mornings there are well over fifty on the Russian vine on the garage roof and I can't see all of them because many are hidden in the foliage. At various times of the day there can be 25 or more pecking on the grass, buzzing around the feeders or sipping at the three drinking stations.

They never stay still for more than a few seconds on the feeders or at the water so the continual movement gives the impression of perpetual and purposeful activity, which of course it is, because they are feeding, watering and keeping safe. The young ones, who still look young and mischievous, are particularly attractive. I can't hear their chirping but when sitting in the garden reading I can hear the whirr, whirr of many small wings which add up to a calming background drone which does not disturb my concentration.

Lindsay Osborne has written a lovely article about the birds in her garden where she has a much more exotic mix than I have, but I am sure we get an equal amount of pleasure from them; and she is absolutely right when she says we must treasure and preserve what nature has given us.

On 13th September I went with a group from the village on a conducted tour of the Ark which is the huge independent free church on the right going in to Isleham. It is a stunning building, particularly inside, so if you get the chance do go and have look at it; but I mention it here because of the house martins that are nesting there. Although there are a few nests on Church Lane I haven't seen a decent number of house martins in the village for years. It was therefore really heartening to see so many of the birds flying around the building. Of course they make a bit of a mess on the walls but church members cheerfully clear up after them. Putting up swift boxes is on their "to do" list so that is more good news.

For the last 25 years the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) have run a scheme called Re-trapping Adults for Survival or RAS. Recent data from RAS has shown that declines in martins and swallows are related to food sources on their wintering rather than poor conditions on their breeding grounds here and elsewhere. At least in this case the problem doesn't lie in the UK but it indicates the global nature of the problems facing our birds.

For years curlews have been declining although you can still occasionally hear their wistful call on Cavenham Heath. The BTO are now in the second year of an

imaginative programme that has had initial success. Curlews like breeding on the sort of scrub land that there is on RAF airfields in East Anglia. If birds get dragged into the intake of a jet the jet can be destroyed so the eggs on the airfield have been getting destroyed before they hatch.

Now the BTO are collecting these precious eggs and artificially incubating them. Once hatched the chicks are raised in specially designed pens until they are ready to be released. All the chicks are ringed and some have radio devices to help researchers understand more about where the birds fly to after release. At about four months old they are released at specially selected sites including Sandringham. Last year 106 eggs were retrieved, 87 hatched and 82 fledged and were released.

Given the number of swifts in the air round the church this summer the breeding results were disappointing. 37 young fledged from 18 boxes which was slightly better than last year. Interestingly Simon Evans found one bird that he had ringed in 2020. For some reason it hadn't bred but it is good to have proof that they do return to their birth place to try and breed.

Finally a fascinating cameo from Chris Hall. He was looking out of an upstairs bedroom window and noticed a squirrel crossing the paddock. A magpie, which had been sitting in a tree, took off and attacked the squirrel by dive bombing it repeatedly and hovering over it with claws extended.. The squirrel retaliated by jumping up and striking out at it. Chris was transfixed and watched this weird tableau for about 2 minutes until the bird flew off. Chris had never seen anything like this before and neither have I. Has anyone else seen anything similar?

This reminds me of an incident I saw with a bird group at the coast when a kestrel forced a barn owl to drop its prey. That also was fascinating but happens quite frequently and in this case the squirrel had nothing in its mouth or hands – do squirrels have hands?

Don MacBean

Church Wildflowers

The wildflowers have been disappointing this year. The exceptional heat plus lack of rain certainly didn't help but the main reason was an infestation of Common Plantain. This is a tough weed which grows close to the ground with a long stalk/flower that looks like a rat's tail. It is resistant to drought which might partly explain why it flared up.

The western end of the patch was decimated but we did get the weed cut before it seeded. Joan Mortlock is consulting with the seed suppliers about what to do and we hope for better results next year.

Don MacBean

Our special visit to Westminster Hall

Early evening on Thursday 15th September we travelled from Royston to London to pay our respects to our most lovely Queen.

It was a beautiful evening as we arrived at Southwark Park. Many people were bustling to get into “the queue.” We zig zagged up and down for quite some time , chatting to lots of interesting people. At this point it was quite exciting. Eventually we were out into the streets in areas of London we had not seen before. By now it was dark but there was a huge moon shining over us. We were now walking with six people we had met along the route and we stayed together for most of the walk. One lady was very knowledgeable about all the buildings in London which made it very interesting.

More excitement as we reached Tower Bridge we were given our bright pink wrist bands so now we could leave the queue and re-join it in the same place. We thought this is really happening now, we will see the Queens coffin.

The moon shone over the Houses of Parliament and their reflection in the Thames was amazing. All the bridges were tastefully lit in purple, as was the top of the Shard and the London Eye.

Suddenly at 2am the queue stopped moving. By this time it was freezing. We didn't move for one hour. (They clean Westminster Hall everyday). Finally a little after 3am we were off again. We reached Lambeth Bridge at 6.15 and all thought, “hooray we are here, not long now” but the lady at the end of the bridge said “well done all of you just one and half hours to go.” Into the zig zags we went, up and down , up and down. Finally at 7.30 we-reached security. Through that and off we go to the doors of Westminster Hall. There was silence and all the emotion I had felt on hearing of the Queens death came rushing back.

We walked into the Hall, up the stairs, now looking down on this very sad but amazing site. I made sure I took in the crown, the orb and sceptre they sparkled in the lights, before reaching the stairs to go down to see the coffin. We slowly and silently walked down to stand in front of the Queens coffin, eyes filled with tears I bowed my head and thought of her wonderful words during covid and that beautiful smile. A Queen who had been part of our lives always.

Wow that ten hour queue was so worth it. How proud we are to be British and to of been part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. God bless her.

Teresa and David

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

Worlington Cricket Club

The season has come to a close. It has very much been a season of ups and downs for the club. The first team won their first three games but then struggled for a consistent side and finished the season just staying up by a whisker.

The second team had a tough season. Despite some promising performances from many of our under 19s they battled hard but in the end succumbed to relegation from Division 4. We hope that we fair much better in division 5 next season.

Our third team struggled for availability, but when we managed to put a team out it gave our younger players a chance to showcase their talent and test themselves in an adult league. In brighter news our ladies team won their last fixture by a single run and with it claimed the league title – great work ladies keep showing the boys how its done!

The club is also massively fortunate to have Craig Woollard leading a team of coaches and running our greatly successful youth section. This year we regularly saw over 100 children turn out on a Friday to hone their skills and most importantly have fun. A youth section is the life blood of any club and without the hard work of the coaches and volunteers there would be no future. This year we were also able to start a girls team that in the future will feed some players into our ladies team.

As a club we are proud of our inclusivity. Everyone is welcome no matter what ability you have, whether you are the next England superstar or just enjoy having a beer at the bar we look forward to seeing you soon! The curtain finally came down on the season on 17th September, where we hosted our end of season awards evening. Over 250 attended the evening to celebrate as a club the achievements of all from the Under 5s all the way to the first team. It was great to see everybody there.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who attended and volunteered at this years' beer festival. We were blessed with some lovely weather. We hope that you all had a great time – your support is important to us and seeing all the smiles makes it all worthwhile.

Get involved. We are always looking for volunteers and players. If you are a budding batsman, barman, band or morris dancer we would like to hear from you. Please contact us on secretary@worlingtoncricketclub.co.uk or worlingtonbeerfestival@gmail.com

We hope you all have a safe winter. We look forward to seeing you next season.

Thanks,

Matt

Harvest Teas & Flowers

From the porch, decorated beautifully with maize and swags of hops and seasonal vegetables inside to the font through to the altar, All Saints' Church was a riot of autumnal colour. Rich golds, oranges, reds and all shades of autumn filled the windows and adorned the church with glorious colour.

Our grateful thanks to all involved in this transformation for the Harvest season. Our Harvest Teas followed and scrumptious cakes and bakes were enjoyed with a cup of tea, raising over £200 for the All Saints' Church New Gates Appeal.

Our thanks to everyone who contributed so generously with non-perishable goods & toiletries to this appeal. Thanks also to Ken Lucas, who, with the help of John Thompson transported these goods, which filled his small van to the Food Bank in Mildenhall, where they were gratefully received.

Our thanks to bakers and flower arrangers who helped on the day.

We count ourselves very lucky to have so many generous and talented people who make this event possible – and most of all – to those who came along to spend the afternoon with us.

Val McClure, on behalf of All Saints PCC

Barton Mills AUTUMN FAIR

St Mary's Church, Barton Mills

Saturday, 29th October, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Charity, craft & Christmas stalls.

Refreshments

Free entry

Tuesday Coffee Morning

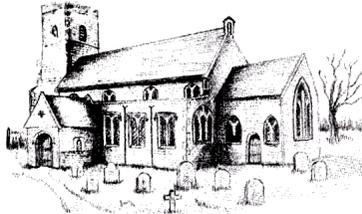
All Saints' Church, Worlington

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

Tuesday 29th November, 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!



A Service of Praise & Worship

St Mary's Church, Barton Mills

Sunday 6th November, 6 pm

A service of modern worship songs led by a music group,
prayer and bible study with a theme of Faith.

The service is open to all. Do come along and bring your friends with you!

Further similar services will be held on

8th January 2023 with the theme of Hope,

5th March 2023 with the theme of Love

Worlington Parish Council

Parish Council News

The Community Coffee Caravan will be visiting Worlington on the last Friday of every month. It will be parking up at the village hall and offering tea, coffee and a time to talk from 10am until 12noon. From 12noon until 1pm they will be offering hot soup and a roll as a light lunch so you will have plenty of time to catch up on all the news.

Meet up with your friends in the village hall for a natter and a coffee, stay for lunch, all free of charge.

The Friday Café in the village hall will be starting soon with two lovely ladies running the catering for us. We will be putting up notices for the first week as soon as we have confirmed menus and times. We hope that everyone that enjoyed the meals before will come and give the new service a try. You will be able to book a meal as you did before or just turn up for tea, coffee and a bit of cake. Please watch out for a flyer through your door or check the parish website.

Caretaker/cleaner position

Worlington Parish Council has a vacancy for the above position. Duties include: to manage bookings, open and lock the hall after use, maintain the upkeep of the hall and monitor stock, fire alarm and oil. You will report to the Parish Clerk for reimbursements and queries. Please contact Joanna Priestley at worlingtonparishcouncil@live.com for more information.

Notice of Election for Parish Councillor Vacancies

There is to be an election held at the Village Hall in Worlington to elect two new members of Worlington Parish Council. The date is to be confirmed and all information will be provided on the website and on the noticeboard outside the Village Hall in due course.

Report on Parish Council meeting 1st September

The monthly meeting was well attended and there was a full agenda of business.

In the light of the resignation of Nick Foster from the council Ken Lucas, chaired the meeting and his first duty was to thank both Nick and Steve Foster for their many years of service to the village through the parish council.

The new parish clerk, Joanna Priestley was introduced following the resignation of Vicky Bright through ill health. Her working hours will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am until 2.30pm. Joanna can be contacted by phone: 07706 086985 or email: worlingtonparishcouncil@live.com.

Both the District and County councillors were in attendance and provided reports which can be read in full on the village website. Traffic issues, including the proposed closures of the crossing places on the A11 at Golf-links road and Cherry Hill, as well as speeding issues in the village were very much the focus of the questions to the councillors.

Action against the Sunnica project continues with the councillors preparing a new statement for the ongoing investigations. The councillor in charge of this, Paula MacKenzie, has been working with the parish alliance group and their legal specialist to make sure that all the responses are clear and in line with other involved parishes.

The neighbourhood plan is moving into the first public consultation stage. It is hoped that the plan will be finalised and sent to Suffolk for approval by the end of the year.

The cricket club is looking to expand its current pavilion and we are hoping that plans will be available for viewing soon. There is also an option to move the pavilion site to the opposite side of the recreation ground which will be considered. Watch this space!

There were two planning permissions to discuss, one for Church Lane and one for Hall cottages. There were no objections to either proposed extension.

The appeal against the refused planning permission for a traveller site on the Isleham Road is still ongoing. This is also the case for the boundary change proposal.

It was announced that the Parish Council will be seeking a cleaner and caretaker for the village hall. Anyone interested should contact the clerk. It was agreed that an advert would be placed in The Pump.

It was proposed that Nick Foster should continue to lead the Hythe development project, reporting to the council at each meeting. This was unanimously agreed by the council.

The next meeting which will be focused on Sunnica and the Village Hall, will be at 7.30pm on 6th October in the Village Hall and the next parish council meeting will be at 7.30pm on 3rd November at the Village Hall.

Joanna Priestley

Clerk to Worlington Parish Council

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What's on in Freckenham

First Friday of the month Film Nights are back – We have new volunteers! 7th Oct - Downton Abbey - A New Era. £7 a person. Doors & Bar with sweet & savoury snacks available opens 7pm, film 7.30pm. Free popcorn at launch event.

Farmers Market with some Crafts 29th October. 10 – 12 noon, many of our regular foody stalls and then the ever-changing crafts stalls, there will be a RBL Poppy Appeal stall and Christmas things starting to appear. Free entry refreshments available.

Film Nights 4th November, film could be The Duke or West Side Story check website. £7 a person. Doors & Bar with snacks opens 7pm, film 7.30pm.

Christmas Farmers Market with some Crafts 26th November. 10 – 12 noon, many of our regular foody stalls and then the ever-changing crafts stalls, Christmas gifts & treats. Free entry refreshments available.

A weekly children's group. Wednesday 10-11.30.am 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. Donation of £3 per family group 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! Check with tutor before attending, especially table tennis as it is a small group. Still waiting on news on carpet bowls restarting!

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

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