

= East Worldham =

East Worldham is a village in the East Hampshire district of Hampshire, England. It is 1 @. @ 9 miles (3 @. @ 1 km) east of Alton ; and 1 @. @ 9 miles (3 @. @ 1 km) south @- @ west of Wyck . Hartley Mauditt and West Worldham are nearby , which , along with East Worldham , form the Parish of Worldham . The village is just east of the A31 road and contains St Mary 's Church and the Three Horse Shoes pub , amongst other buildings . Worldham Golf Course located just to west and Dean Farm Golf Course just to the east . For centuries the village and surrounding parish were owned by Winchester College .

= = History = =

Archaeological findings in the fields between West and East Worldham reveal that the area has been visited and inhabited since at least the Palaeolithic era . An Iron Age Hillfort , dated to around 100 BC , lay on the summit of King John 's Hill , to the east of East Worldham . The Romans built a road from Chichester to Silchester which passed below the hill over what is now Green Street and Pookles Lane .

The village is believed to have been part of " Werildeham " , mentioned in the Domesday Book . There have been multiple spellings of the name , including Werildeham ; Wardham , 11th century ; Wirldham , 12th century ; Verildham , 13th century ; Verilham and YV 'erlham , 14th century ; and Wardelham , 16th century .

For several centuries , the manor of East Worldham was held by the Venuz (or Venuiz) family , associated with marshall service , a sergeantry connected with the custody of the forests of Woolmer and Alice Holt . According to Samuel Tymms , " Robert de Venuz held the manors of East Worldham , in Hants , and Draycote , in Wilts , by the sergeantry of performing the office of Marshal . These manors , by the Domesday Survey , are said to be held by Geoffrey le Marshal . From the proximity of the period there appears little doubt but that this Geffrey left two daughters and coheiresses , married to Robert de Venuz and Gilbert le Marshal , which latter seems to have acquired the office indicated by his name , not however without a dispute from his co @- @ inheritor , whose lands being held by virtue of serving the office , would entitle their holder to fill it . " A dispute arose concerning the inheritance of the manor in the early part of the 14th century . The Patent Rolls noted that , as the result of a trial in 1329 , it passed , on the death of Margery , widow of John Venuiz , to the Burghersh family . There is also a recorded release by Thomas , son and heir of John de Venuz , to Sir John de Burghersh , knight , of all his right in East Worldham manor . Thomas Chaucer married Matilda , daughter and coheiress of Sir John Burghersh , nephew of Henry Burghersh , Bishop of Lincoln , becoming the owner of the manor .

Documents indicate the Gurdons or Gordons occupied the village from at least the 13th century when Sir Adam de Gurdon held property . In 1472 the Gurdon holding was purchased by Winchester College who would increasingly grow to dominate the parish over the next 500 years . The Sandals holding later merged with the Gurdons and documents exist indicating the existence of the Sandals in 1255 and another in 1329 , witnessed by a John de Sandale . For centuries , village life centred on the old farm holdings of the Manor ; the Shelleys , Freres , Sandals and Gurdons (now merged into Old House Farm) , and the Heathers , Clays , Porters , Park , Smiths and some descendants of these families continue to live in the village today and many old farm buildings still exist . The naturalist and ornithologist Gilbert White immortalised the localities of the region , including East Worldham , in his *The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne* (1789) .

By at least the mid @- @ 19th century , East Worldham and most of the parish of Worldham was owned by both Winchester College and the Dutton Estate . From the early 1860s when Dr. Fell became vicar in the village , East Worldham underwent dramatic change , which the renovation of the church and additions of hop kilns to the local farms and the building of new cottages , most of which form the urban landscape of the village today . In 1892 Mr Hall of Alton , financed the " lowering of the gradients of Worldham Hill by smoothing out four sections " , a steep hill which had caused many problems to the local inhabitants as it lay along the main road to the village . The first

Parish Council meeting took place in 1894 in the schoolroom .

In May 1944 , a Junkers JU188 was shot down by a Mosquito nearby and its debris was scattered across the nearby village of West Worldham , including the church wall . Later , the inhabitants had to be evacuated when a bomb fell into the field opposite Manor Farm , and had to be defused and removed by the Royal Engineers . In 1962 , the Dutton Estate holdings were sold to seven tenant farmers who retained the land they farmed but sold the remaining woodlands and properties .

= = Geography = =

East Worldham is located in the eastern central part of Hampshire , in the south @-@ east of England , 1 @.@ 9 miles (3 @.@ 1 km) south @-@ east of Alton . It is situated at 500 feet (150 m) above sea level . The landscape is dominated by farmland and several woods such as Warner 's Wood , Pheasant Wood to the south and Furze field Copse , Rookery Copse , Great Wood , Tanner 's Copse , Pondfield Copse , Monk Wood and New Copse to the north are in the vicinity as is the small hamlet of Wyck . Situated on the edge of a rock terrace , the chalk of Alton is on the west . The village slopes down abruptly to the gault adjoining Kingsley on the east . Oakhanger Stream adjoins the River Wey from East Worldham to Kinglsey . Lodge Hill , or King John 's Hill , is the site of a hunting lodge of John , King of England ; it is situated on an isolated eminence to the south @-@ east of the parish by Woolmer Forest . Chloritic Marl , characterised as a narrow band at the base of the Chalk Marl , is seen in the lane leading from Alton to West and East Worldham , and also north @-@ west of Selbourne . Blanket Street connects the village to West Worldham a mile to the south @-@ west and Hartley Mauditt just beyond that . At East Worldham this road meets the B3004 road (Caker 's Lane / Green Street) near The Three Horseshoes and is the main road passing through the village from the A31 road , leading to the A325 road in the east . The nearest railway station is Alton , 2 @.@ 1 miles (3 @.@ 4 km) north @-@ west of the village .

= = Economy = =

In 2001 East Worldham contained roughly two @-@ thirds of the population of 336 people who lived in the whole Parish of Worldham . Most houses in the area date to the pre @-@ 20th century ; however in recent times numerous farm buildings have been converted to housing and for industrial purposes . According to the parish website , there are now " two significant industrial developments within the parish " . The local economy is based around agriculture , particularly cattle farming . Beef cattle , sheep , grain crops , and hops are the main sources of income , Farmers from the area Worldham traded in Southampton and Alton throughout its history . Most inhabitants are either retired or commute to nearby towns to work . Golf is also important to the local economy , with Worldham Golf Course located just to west and Dean Farm Golf Course just to the east . The Jalsa Salana , an annual convention held at Oaklands Farm nearby , attracts numerous people from surrounding areas . Red Bug Productions are based in the parish cottages along the main road .

= = Notable landmarks = =

East Worldham contains 10 Grade II listed buildings . St Mary 's Church is of Transitional Norman architecture and is a Grade II * listed building . Notable features include triple lancet windows , a small pointed tower , three bells , and stained glass by Hardman & Co . . The chancel was restored in 1864 , and in 1865 , the nave was rebuilt . During the late restoration , a stone monument , like a coffin , was found under the floor of the church , which contained the figure of a 13th @-@ century lady . Magdalen College , Oxford is patron of the vicarage . A church school was built in 1864 upon a site donated by James Dutton , 3rd Baron Sherborne .

East Worldham House , a Grade II listed building , dates to the late 18th and early 19th century . The two @-@ storey house is made with ashlar walls , flat arches and stone cills . The entrance is located on the west side and features a Tuscan porch in the centre , with 5 windows , one of them large . The interior of the house contains Regency features , with a staircase , panelled doors in

architraves , and several fireplaces . The coach house , 5 metres to the north of the house is also a listed building , dated to the early 19th century . It is made of malmstone ashlar , with the upper wall of the centre boarded with a hay loft door and has a hipped slate roof . Today this building functions as a garage and workshop .

The Old House Farmhouse on Shelleys Lane is believed by the parish authorities to have originally been the oldest building in the village , but the current building dates to only the 17th and early and late 19th century . The walls are made of coursed malmstone with brick dressings , rendered with a plinth . The roof is apparently unusual with the " northern half being of steeper pitch , both sections half @-@ hipped , with a slate roof above the wing . " It became a Grade II listed building on 1 May 1983 . The Manor Farmhouse building , also a Grade II listed building , dates to the early 17th century , with alterations in the mid @-@ 19th century , containing Victorian window sashes .

The Sandals farm contains three cottages dated to the 17th century . Heather Cottage is another 17th @-@ century cottage , with 20th @-@ century additions to the rear , on Worldham Hill , noted for its thatched roof . It is believed to be named after William Heather , a resident mentioned in the 1665 Hearth Tax returns . It became a listed building on 18 July 1986 . The Three Horseshoes Public House was first licensed in 1834 and is one of the main features of the village . It was rebuilt some 50 years later by Henry Newman . Also of note is the Rectory House on Wyck Lane , and the Oast House , just to the west of the rectory .

= = Notable people = =

Alexander Charles Garrett , curate of East Worldham

John Wallis , Arabic scholar and vicar of East Worldham