



**No.74—Winter 2021**



*Photo—Laura Meadows, Waldringfield resident*

## Hedge Planting Dates: Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th December

If you love digging, planting trees, looking after the wildlife in your village or all of the above, then hedge planting is for you!

If you would like to join us in planting more hedges in the village this winter, please meet at 9.30am on Monday 6th and or Wednesday 8th December, at the far end of the wooded walk way that stretches from the path next to the school towards Newbourne, please see the map.



All you need is a spade and suitable clothing for the weather on the day. We usually get the job done by lunchtime, at which point you can go and collapse in a heap feeling satisfied that you've done something good with your morning.

Please let me know if you plan to come and which day.

Mariah Ballam  
07709485979



## Waldringfield Sailing Club - 1921-2021- Centenary year.



*Photo courtesy of Alexis Smith.*

2021 has seen the club gradually return to nearly normal function following the COVID restrictions early on. This return of normality has been very welcome, allowing our sailors to enjoy exercise, social interaction and friendly competition in the open air. Considering where we all were at the beginning of this year we have had a wonderful Centenary Year with a full range of successful racing and social events.

Aside from the centenary celebrations, there has been some vital maintenance work conducted by our Tuesday morning volunteer team, who have been working most weeks to repair and protect the sea wall that protects the foundations of the footpath. We are hoping that the new wooden boards, which have been installed in front of the worst affected older boards, will last for a decade or so before they need to be revisited. We are very grateful to Waldringfield Parish Council and East Suffolk Council who have helped us with some contributions to the cost of the materials for this project, which is helping protect this public right of way used by villagers, the general public and Club members.



Every season comes to an end and as you read this all the boats should hopefully be packed up, moved out of the dinghy park and into winter storage either at home or in our car park storage

areas. We will also have had a closing down working party (end of November) to pack up the Club.

Opening up working parties are planned for the end of February next year.

We will not be alone in wishing that by next Spring the impact of the pandemic will have diminished further.

Peter Mills— Commodore WSC



# New Equipment for Waldringfield Children's Playing Field

Aware of the wish for a wider range of equipment on the playing field, the Parish Council consulted with villagers, asking via the newsletter for initial ideas, conducting an online survey (with 99 responses) and holding two focus groups on the field with children and parents. There was in particular a call for more items suitable for older children and especially a significant climbing challenge. As a result three pieces of equipment were identified : a basket swing, an inclusive roundabout and a climbing net. Quotations were sought and a supplier identified in addition to seeking funding support from community partners.

The Parish Council has now assembled the necessary funds through generous grants and support from the local community and our government partners.

Some of the funding comes from a share of the Community Infrastructure Levy on buildings erected on fresh sites in the parish . The **Outdoor Playing Space Scheme** has also supported this project. These funds are administered by the East Suffolk Council. We are also grateful to our district councillors - **Cllrs Richard Kerry and Mick Richardson** for supporting further contributions from ESC via the **Felixstowe Community Partnership** (which brings together the town and parish councils on our peninsula) and the Enabling Communities budgets that they control; and our **Suffolk County Councillor Patti Mulcahy** has supported a grant from her locality budget. Last and certainly not least we received a generous donation from a villager.

The equipment should be installed early in the new year. In the meantime volunteers continue to maintain the existing and mostly ageing installations, several of which will need replacement in the coming years.





Aerial view showing Waldringfield Playing Field with School Rd on the left and Cliff Rd at the bottom. The black landing surfaces of existing equipment are shown in the upper right. The red circle shows the site of the planned roundabout, the red rectangle the site of the planned basket swing and the red square the site of the planned space net. It is immediately opposite the school in Cliff Lane and is well shielded by trees.



*A similar basket swing which can accommodate more than one child – or even a child and an adult!*

*A similar climbing net installed on another site. At Waldringfield it is planned to be green in colour.*



*A similar inclusive roundabout with infant seats and space for a wheelchair*





## Waldringfield Gardeners

In September eleven of us visited RHS Hyde Hall and had a very good guided tour of the gardens, ending up at the Dry Garden, which conveniently surrounds the restaurant, so we could look at it both before and after our lunch. Several of us were especially interested that the gravel mulch was mostly only one stone thick, but the stones were quite big, so less likely than pea shingle to get clogged with earth. And some were specially wowed by the World

Food garden where the sunflowers dwarfed even the best Waldringfield achieved and many exotic crops flourished. We will be arranging another visit in a different season - well worth the journey.

Although only a small number of people visited the displays of produce and flowers at our September Produce Show, mainly because of C19 concerns, there was an exceptionally large number of entries in the many classes. We couldn't enter baked goods etc. this year, again C19, but what did happen was good with 157 entries from 27 exhibitors (several new to the village too!) and in spite of a very difficult year with rain, cold, drought and chilly north easterly winds there were some good entries – especially enjoyed were the yard long gourd and Liz Lord's flowers!

This year's Pumpkin Party and Lantern Parade attracted most of the village children with associated adults - and several adults on their own. It was much briefer than before, starting from the Village Hall at 5.00 - so not dark enough for lanterns or spooky things through Church Field but these came into their own down at the river: carved pumpkins lining the edge of the wall by the sailing club. Two families carved so many they had to bring them down in trolleys. It was still just light enough to appreciate the ingenuity of the little veg boats as they launched onto the river - marrow boats, squash, turnip, aubergine and even two little orange coracles - just halved peppers. The little beeswax candles (so nothing non-organic into the river) burned steady and clear until too distant to see. And then attention turned the other way to a witch telling a ghost story - ghostly pirate gnashing and slashing obligingly, in attendance. Gradually the adults shuffled forward to listen too before he led the way to his treasure (chocolate dubbloons.)



And more from Waldringfield Gardeners:

AGM was held Wednesday 17th November 2021

Christmas Greenery event was held Saturday 27th November at the Village Hall.

## **FOR PATIENTS OF MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY**

The late summer warmth meant we were able to hold a second meeting in my garden in September with the benefits of social distancing and plenty of fresh air. It's the first time all members of our group had been together since the start of the pandemic. Rachel and Julie updated us on practice news including some staffing changes. I'm reporting as many as were confirmed at the time of writing (mid October).

Many of you will have met or spoken to Dr Albarzagni and Dr Miah who joined Dr Tobias's team during the past year as locum GP's. They were joined in May by Lucy, Advance Nurse Practitioner, who specialises in skin complaints. They will all continue to work at the practice, but sadly, in November, Drs Leljiveld, James and Ravichandran will all be retiring, although Dr Ravichandran will continue to provide his services as a locum.

The number of clinical appointments available has increased overall because we also have two ECP's (Emergency Care Practitioners), Phil and Kieron, who cover the week between them, conducting home visits as well as seeing patients at the surgery for minor injuries and ailments. Louisa, a physiotherapist joined us recently to conduct physio assessments and referrals and we will soon meet Melanie, a Physician Associate, who is due to start in November.

Since September, for the first time, the practice has been involved with the teaching of medical students from the UEA in Norwich. Dr Miah is the tutor for this new venture and he will be teaching the year 2 and 4 students two days per week, during term time.

The PPG would like to put on record our thanks to those who are leaving for all their care and continued service, especially throughout the pandemic in the most difficult circumstances. We wish them a long and relaxing retirement. We also thank and are grateful to those who continue to provide health care for patients in our community.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the Saturday flu clinics. If you haven't yet had your flu shot, please do get one. The Covid booster shots have started to be delivered, but as before, this is all being managed by The Grove practice in Felixstowe. Please don't call the Martlesham Heath surgery about this because they are not involved in the organisation of who gets invited and when.

We hope to continue meeting over the winter months and will bring you news when we have it. All of our newsletters are on the website at [mhdoctors.co.uk](http://mhdoctors.co.uk). – look for Practice and Patient group and scroll down for PPG news. You can contact the PPG via the link under Contact Us on the home page.

***Prue - Chair, Martlesham Heath PPG***

## A Tree Warden Writes

Autumn is the best time to plant hedges and trees when they will have time to establish before any dry spells we might get next spring. The dry spells last year early in the year unfortunately led to the death of some of our hedging plants. The answer is to get them in early and before Christmas if at all possible.

As there was foreseen to be a shortage of young trees and hedging to plant due to high demand, the tree wardens started up back garden nurseries all over Suffolk. Some of us have hundreds of trees now growing in our gardens in pots and trays! If you want to have a go, using big seeds such as acorns and chestnuts, try floating them first in water. If they float they are probably not going to grow. If they sink you can plant them perhaps 3 or 4 in a pot of compost and leave outdoors protected from mice until they start to grow in Spring. Sometimes it takes two seasons.



For more information about growing different trees from seed see

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/seed-gathering-season/growing-trees-from-seed/>

The Tree Council and the Woodland Trust supply every year (via the tree warden) quantities of hedging and trees free of charge and only requiring the labour to plant them. Anyone interested in planting a hedge or trees on their land is encouraged to get in touch. I do have my allocation for this year tied up but we can look forward to next year.

Other work I have been involved with includes commenting on local planning applications.

I have just found out that the Suffolk Tree Warden Network has won the Greenest Community award from Suffolk County Council for its work across Suffolk.

If you would like to help with hedge planting or join in with growing trees for planting around the parish, and further afield, you can call me on the number below.

***Christine Fisher Kay, Tree Warden—01473 736384***



# Update on the Aadastral Park/Brightwell Lakes Development

## Submission of the Reserved Matters Applications (ARMs)

DC/21/4002/ARM relates to plot W1, off A12 access road  
DC/21/4003/ARM relates to plot W1a, show homes off A12 access road  
DC/21/4004/ARM relates to plot E1, off Ipswich Rd East access road  
DC/21/4005/ARM relates to plot E1a, show homes off Ipswich Road East access road

In late August the anticipated reserved matters applications were submitted by Taylor Wimpey. These covered the first phases of the development and set out how the conditions applied in the outline consent by East Suffolk Council (ESC) were to be met. The ARMs were subject to public consultation - details were posted on the community email group Waldringfielders.

As previously reported the first phases include the provision of the Ipswich Rd East access road (current access to the quarry) followed by a new on-site infrastructure road and the new access road off the A12. Work on these roads are planned to start in Autumn 2022.

The first houses, mainly 2 storey, will be built off the Ipswich Rd East access road, plots E1 & E1a (ARMs 4004 & 4005), a total of 120 dwellings including 34 affordable distributed across the plot.

The other plots within these first phases are W1 & W1a (ARMs 4002 & 4003). These are off the A12 access and will provide a total of 195 dwellings including 80 affordable distributed across the plot. A variety of 2 and 3 storey building heights will be provided within Phase W1. The 3 storey buildings will be located mainly along the Central Boulevard Spine Road. Dwellings which are 2 storey in height will be on the southern edge of the parcel to reflect the character of the existing tree belt and areas of green infrastructure.



Housebuilding is due to start in late summer 2023 with the first houses being available in early 2024.

Members of the Parish Council had a number of meetings (via zoom) with Taylor Wimpey and ESC where a number of queries, anomalies and omissions in the applications were identified and some progress was made.

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was then held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to which the public was invited to discuss the applications. The Parish Council's formal response can be viewed on the Waldringfield Parish Council's planning pages of the village website or via the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/WPC-ARMs-response>

Plus a comprehensive report from the Waldringfield Tree Warden, available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/WPC-tree-warden-ARMs-response>

Currently, we are waiting to be told the date that the applications will be discussed at an ESC meeting for determination. We will continue to monitor the progress of the development and provide updates as appropriate.

Cllr Janet Elliot

# Waldringfield Community Beekeepers Co-operative

An invitation!

Does bee-keeping cause environmental damage? It's a good question at this time when we are asked to reduce our consumption of animal products to help the climate heal. And yes – it does - or it can, because managed honey bees compete with the 25 species of bumble bee and the 270 species of semi-social or solitary bees (not to mention countless other kinds of insect) for both honey and nectar.

Or is the problem at least as much a lack of flowering plants? There can be no group with a stronger advocacy of flowers than beekeepers – so perhaps we do as much for other insects as anyone.

Bee-keeping is not going to vanish, any more than cows or pigs are – the answer for both reduced meat and dairy and reduced beekeeping is surely fewer and better. So please let me share my beekeeping with you! I have forty years of increasing passion and knowledge, all the relevant equipment (including protective clothing and – inevitably – a lot of books) and the time flexibility to fit in with your schedules.



I'm also keen to start up Waldringfield Young Beekeepers again – eight or so primary age children. Or I would welcome parent and child units learning together.

Please get in touch so we can talk through how Waldringfield Community Beekeeping Co-op might operate after Christmas and evolve over the next few years as I fade out.

Betsy Reid

## WALDRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Your Parish Councillors:

Ian Kay (Chair)

Janet Elliot (Vice Chair)

Serena Gold—Colin Reid

Colin Archer—Chris Lyon

Sue Quick—Joanne Doyle

Paul Beaumont

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**Next meeting: 14 December 2021**

**ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC**

## COFFEE MORNINGS

Dear all,

It has been lovely to get together again with friends and neighbours at the coffee mornings over the last 3 months, and to welcome some of the new residents of the village.

Our next coffee morning will be on the  
SECOND THURSDAY of DECEMBER  
9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, from 10am-12noon.

There will be a free glass of mulled wine  
and a mince pie for each person attending  
(as long as stocks last!).



We are hoping to hold our popular “Christmas hamper raffle”, and would appreciate donations of any items suitable for a hamper. These can be delivered to either of the following by 4<sup>th</sup> December:

Jane Spall – 16 Village Way – Tel: 01473 736751

Chris Lyon – Woodlands – School Road – Tel: 01473 736291

Or we will be happy to collect.



The January coffee morning will  
be held on **THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**JANUARY 2022.**

We will continue to ventilate the  
hall well during our events, so do  
wrap up warmly.

We look forward to seeing you  
there.

Kind regards,

Chris Lyon –on behalf of The Coffee Morning Team

## Waldringfield History Group



After the difficulties of launching our book in 2020, this year has been marginally quieter but, following Caroline & John Ogden's exhibition of the WWI stories of all the local inhabitants in 2018 to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of end of that war, it was always the intention to follow up with a similar exhibition to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII in 2020.

This proved impossible with Covid restrictions and so it was re-scheduled for 2021. The Village Hall kindly allowed this research to be exhibited in the Kennedy Room at the November Coffee morning and also allowed it to be kept up until Armistice Day so that the school children and as many people as possible could have the chance to see it.

It included research into the wartime experiences and lives after the war of well over 100 individuals with strong connections to the village, and was complemented by storyboards borrowed from the Suffolk Regiment museum relating the experience of their Prisoners of War in the Far East in memory of the village's milkmen, Monty and Stan Fellgett, who lost their lives in forced labour working on the 'Death Railway' beside the River Kwai, Thailand in August 1943.



Waldringfield History Group will be meeting on **Thursday 9th December at 2.30pm**. New members are always welcome so please contact the Hon. Secretary Margaret Lake by email on [waldringfieldhg@gmail.com](mailto:waldringfieldhg@gmail.com) for more information.

## Waldringfield Church Field Trust

By the time you read this we will have had our AGM at the end of November so hope you were there for a presentation of photos of the seasonal changes of the field through the year with mulled wine and mince pie in hand.

If you are on Waldringfielders, you will perhaps have read that the raffle which we held during the November coffee morning was very successful resulting in £295 being raised for the field. We are very grateful to all who bought tickets and to the coffee morning team for enabling this.

As it turns colder we are seeing autumn tints arriving and the Church Field is looking very beautiful on misty mornings and evenings. The fruits provide a feast for autumn visitors like migrating blackbirds and thrushes such as redwings and fieldfares. There are plenty of sloes this year and the blackberries were good earlier on.



*Guelder Rose berries seen after the dark red leaves fall*

There will be another work party on **11<sup>th</sup> January** which will be attended by volunteers from the AONB group. This group is organised by Neil Lister of the AONB and carries out work on suitable sites throughout the AONB. Our own volunteers will also be there and all are welcome to come along and join in. They generally spend all day from 10 until about 4 pm. There is usually some cutting back of brambles and gorse to do and some scything of long grass areas.

In February there will be a hedge laying course working on part of the hedge along Mill Road. This is I believe now full but there will probably be others. Mariah Ballam has organised it with the hope of some of us getting skilled up to carry out this work in future.

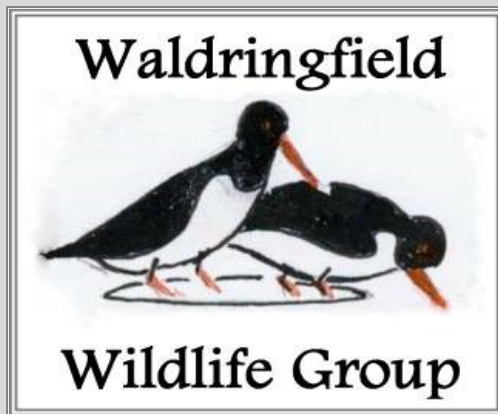
John Nunn has sorted out the car park removing the plastic mesh which was no longer serving a useful purpose and spreading free draining granular material. The small car park gets a lot of use and not always connected with Church Field, so it needs to be fairly robust. The days of nice green grass re-enforced with plastic mesh are over as it does not stand up to heavy use.

We have been very lucky to have Martin Spall cutting the grass this year and Paul Barrell maintaining the venerable old mower.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy year in 2022

***Christine Fisher Kay***

**01473 736384**



Waldringfield Wildlife Group exists to conserve, enhance and record the local wildlife; to protect wildlife habitats and encourage biodiversity; to encourage wildlife-friendly management of land, gardens and public spaces and to encourage a greater interest in the knowledge

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**Treasurer:** Geoff Robinson mob: 07956464236  
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**Meetings & Talks are in the Deben Hall at the Village Hall.**

Members meetings start at 10.00am which precede the talks.

Refreshment break 10.45am.

**Talks start at 11.00am** unless otherwise stated.

Visitors welcome!

Members: No charge ; admission charge: £3.00 for visitors and non-members.

**Field Trips:** Please inform Linda Wilkins or Jill Winter if you are joining any of the field trips/guided tours

*Note: Priority to paid up members for all field trips.*

New members welcome:

**Annual Membership £10**

<https://greenerwaldringfield.org>

## Waldringfield



### Wildlife Group

## PROGRAMME FOR 2022

<b>February 12th</b>	A Double Bill. An illustrated talk by Abigail Stancliffe on 'Non Native Species, Conservation and the UK Xenophobic approach' and Paul Stancliffe BTO 'Make your Garden Count:Garden Bird Watch'
<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	An illustrated presentation by Val and Alan Bourne of RSPB Minsmere: Developments, the history, interviews with wardens, with new video footage - a reflection of what's happening on the reserve.
<b>April 26th</b>	A guided walk and talk with Gary Battell at Staverton Park and Thicks 10.00am to 1pm .
<b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Nightingale Walk led by Peter Maddison, followed by alfresco breakfast in Andrea's garden, Newbourne. Meet at 6.45am in the Newbourne Springs Reserve, Car Park
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup> (tbc)</b>	Local bird spotting walk with Chris Baldry
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	2 evening riverside walks to identify and listen to the nightingales at Dairy Farm Marsh . Meet at the slip way, by the Maybush 6pm.
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Illustrated talk by Hawk Honey 'Wasps : Malicious or Misunderstood?'
<b>June/July (tbc)</b>	Waldringfield Swift Scout talk and walk with SOS Eddie Bathgate
<b>July/Aug (tbc)</b>	Summer Picnic
<b>July/Aug (tbc)</b>	Joining with the Suffolk Branch of Butterfly Conservation at The Priors Oak Butterfly Garden, Aldeburgh.
<b>October 8<sup>th</sup></b>	An illustrated talk by Cathy Smith of Suffolk Wildlife Trust on 'Gardening for Wildlife and Pond Creation and Restoration'
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Professor Peter Hobson, Writtle College: A presentation on Reclaiming the Lost Natural Environment - wildlife corridors, responding to climate warming and biodiversity loss ,followed by our members bring & share Christmas lunch

More event details to follow: Guided tours of nearby Suffolk Wildlife Reserves:  
Identifying moths in our gardens and scouting for glow worms !

Statement Covid safety : Please do not attend if you or a member of your household test positive or are feeling unwell. Use the hand sanitiser at the door. Chairs will be spaced out in this larger venue and will be ventilated, wear warmer clothes. As you will be aware, this virus has not gone away and there is still a risk of passing on infection. So we would ask everyone to act in a way which protects the safety of others, particularly those who still feel vulnerable. For example, we should avoid having too many people close together indoors, and maintain some level of distancing.

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



We are lucky enough to have had regular Services in spite of all the problems.

We are now singing too – thanks to Liz!

Our congregations have been small but not surprising considering Covid etc.

Although, the wonderful Harvest Festival was a 'sell-out'!

We are incredibly careful about cleaning and mask wearing. So the Church goes on!

The Suffolk Historic Trust 'Ride and Stride' event made an amazing £1,368 this year.

Congratulations to all the Striders and Riders and all the Sponsors.

### **Churchyard Restoration:**

We are embarking on a project, to start next year.

It will include some tree surgery to make safe old branches, clearing some of the nettles and very rough areas to perhaps expose some of the beautiful old graves and give a more open picture. Not removing wildlife habitat though.

We will be fundraising for this and would appreciate any donations.

The churchyard is valued by many as a quiet place for peace and reflection

### **Christmas is coming!**

Our Carol Service is on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm with Roy Tricker.

Holy Communion with the Rev. Ian Wilson on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm.

There will be not Midnight Service so we hope that you will all come at 6.30 this year.



We will have a Christmas Tree stunningly decorated by the children of Waldringfield School.

They will hold their Christingle Services on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December.

We hope that our Historically interesting and Steadfast Church will remain dear To all our hearts and that we will do our best to keep it in good order and important to the Village.



# Greener Waldringfield



**Repair Café:** We held our second Repair Café on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. It was a beautiful sunny so attendance was somewhat down on our first Repair Café – both fewer repairers and fewer punters with stuff to be fixed, but enough to be viable – at least as good as or even better than other Repair Cafes we have visited locally. Tool sharpening and electronic repairs were especially in demand.

There were also stalls – how to keep healthy and promoting a seated exercise class (in the Village Hall on Monday afternoons – take up has been good and it is much enjoyed); Waldringfield Community Composting offers of further subsidised composting systems; hedges and tree seed planting; the Groundwork Carbon Footprint survey; and, by far the most stimulating, a table set out with products with visitors challenged to identify those without palm oil as an ingredient. Very few people who took the survey realised how few products are free of it (only 3 out of the 20 in this case) or how extensive the negative impacts of palm oil plantations.

The two excellent talks deserved better attendance and in future we will separate these from the Repair Café, so there is no conflict. These were on the problems of palm oil by a Greenpeace volunteer, and a most useful and comprehensive talk on how to understand COP 26 by Ian Kay (the slides for which can be found at <https://we.tl/t-Euz5F5PPGM> - or on our web site—[www.greenerwaldringfield.org](http://www.greenerwaldringfield.org) ).

**Future Repair Cafes:** Put the date in your diary! Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> will be the next Waldringfield Repair Café.

We will hold these two or three times a year – perhaps working in association with the Martlesham Repair Hub that has just started (second Saturday of every month in St Michael's church). And as above stalls but not talks.

## **Groundwork Carbon Footprint Survey**

Waldringfield, Martlesham and Kesgrave are the three communities in our area that applied for Groundwork to do this survey – asking people what they already do and what they might be prepared to do to reduce their carbon generation. Every house was visited by Groundwork volunteers and a post card left if householders were out. The advice on various actions can be found at [www.greenerwaldringfield.org](http://www.greenerwaldringfield.org) . By the finish date for the survey Waldringfield had a 28% response – Hollesley (the pilot for this scheme) managed 15% and other visited communities also 15%. So we did pretty well!

**Future plans:** We have continued to meet monthly and future meetings are planned to be on the fourth Thursday of the month, 7.30 – venue varies. Everyone is welcome – there is no subscription: just come!

And please put forward ideas for how our village can become more resilient and sustainable!





Waldringfield Community Composting

## WALDRINGFIELD COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

### Food waste composting HUBS – volunteers wanted!

35 or so Waldringfielders already compost all their food waste through Hotbins – and two of them take in neighbours' food waste too.

**We are now offering an additional four food waste home composting systems for you to try: Green Johanna, Green Cone, Subpod and Bokashi.**

**Why now?** From 1<sup>st</sup> September you can no longer put food waste into your brown garden waste bin. (By the way: only 120 out of our 280 households currently use this service.) Food waste must now go into the black bin – it then goes to *EfW – Energy from Waste* – at Great Blakenham: but as food has very little calorific value this is a lost opportunity – the nutrients would be better kept in our village.

### So what is our deal?

**We are offering one each of Green Cone, Green Johanna and Subpod.**

The three lucky first volunteers will get them at two thirds of the cost price BUT....

- You must agree to enlist a neighbour or two to help feed the bin to capacity if you don't do so yourself
- You must keep in touch with WCC - we are hoping to make progress towards the village not needing a food waste collection service at all when this is nationally rolled out some time after 2023 – thus conserving nutrients where they are generated and avoiding lots of carbon costs
- If the system is not working for you, it must come back to us, and, if in usable condition you get your money back less 20%

You can find out about the four systems at:

- Green cone: <https://greatgreensystems.com>
- SubPod: <https://www.subpod.co.uk>
- Green Johanna: <https://greatgreensystems.com>
- Bokashi: <https://evergreener.com>

And here is another possibility:

### Composting your dog poo?

For those who would like to trial home composting of pet waste:

Doggie Dooley: <https://www.doggiedooley.com>

Pet Waste Wizard Biobin: <https://www.biomaster.com.au>

And get back to: Betsy pp Waldringfield Community Composting on [betsyr@talk21.com](mailto:betsyr@talk21.com)

And PS! Suffolk County Council offer several different kinds of composter at discounted prices <https://www.getcomposting.com>

## Village Hall News

First of all may I take this opportunity to thank the 'Coffee Team' for all their hard work in re-establishing the monthly coffee mornings. These events were sadly missed during the various 'lockdowns' and are a welcome focus for village life. I am very conscious of all the hard work that goes into making these a success, and new volunteers are needed to join the existing team to ensure that they continue.

The November coffee morning hosted a stand organised by The Church Field Trustees who ran an extremely successful raffle. There was also an informative display in the Kennedy Room concerning the World War Two Rolls of Service for Hemley, Newbourne and Waldringfield, along with information about the Suffolk Regiment's experience after the fall of Singapore on the 'Death Railway'. The display continued in the Kennedy Room until Thursday 11th November. Caroline and John Ogden are to be congratulated for having created a very interesting and well attended piece of research.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Christmas Coffee Morning and Hamper Raffle on the **9<sup>th</sup> December** – always a popular event!

A good audience in the Deben Room was entertained on Halloween by the Kingfisher Ensemble. Thanks go to Liz Kennedy and Celia Mason for having organised it and to all their helpers. Thanks also go to Chris Lyon for organising the Fun Quiz Night on 26<sup>th</sup> November and to all who have contributed raffle prizes. The funds go to help with the upkeep of the Village Hall and are much appreciated.

The Winter Talks are due to resume under the expert guidance of Colin Reid. We also look forward to a series of interesting talks starting in February by the Wildlife Group. We all need to do what we can to help in the Climate Emergency and the Village Hall is delighted to be able to host the server for the website of the three environmental organisations in the village, namely WALGA (Waldringfield Allotment and Gardeners Association), Waldringfield Wildlife Group and A Greener Waldringfield.

Village Hall events are much loved and appreciated but do not organise themselves. They rely upon a dedicated band of volunteers and their partners. There is a danger that some will cease to happen if more people do not come forward to offer their help. So please, if you can contribute the odd hour, it will be very much appreciated – and we will try to make it fun for you. Please contact me on 07872375784 if you can help.

**For a full list of forthcoming village hall events please visit the Village Hall calendar on [waldringfield.onesuffolk.net](http://waldringfield.onesuffolk.net)**

**For more information please contact Marian Bradley, Bookings Secretary, on 01473 736126 or [villagehall.bookings@btinternet.com](mailto:villagehall.bookings@btinternet.com)**

**Philip Hall**, Chair, Waldringfield Village Hall



Woodbridge Choral Society

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excerpts

Sumei Bao-Smith *Soprano*

Nina Vinther *Alto*

Daniel Atkinson *Tenor*

Florian Störtz *Bass*

Harrison Cole *Organ*

Conducted by Andrew Leach

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm

St Mary's Church

Woodbridge

[woodbridgechoralsociety.org](http://woodbridgechoralsociety.org)

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