

Walkers before wheels and cyclists ahoy

Your views please on the desirability (or otherwise) of a trial designating the Waldringfield to Martlesham, Woodbridge Bye-Road, Fishpond Road and Sandy Lane as 'Quiet Lanes'.

Recent increases in fast vehicle and cycle traffic along rural lanes are threatening or even dangerous to walkers, riders and those emerging from their driveways. Also since the Deben river wall has been breached below Howe's Farm, walkers must divert to the Woodbridge and Fishpond roads. But several people whom I have asked say they are afraid to walk those lanes because of cars, vans and even bicycles apparently assuming right-of-way and expecting pedestrians to get onto the verge or even up a bank.

Quiet Lanes, as piloted in Norfolk, Kent and Jersey, are now authorised with appropriate signs by the Department of Transport.



The concept of quiet lanes

The aim is not simply traffic calming or reduction; rather it is to encourage more considerate and safe roadway sharing plus conservation of rural tranquillity. Although Suffolk led with the automatic 30 mph limit in most villages, our County is said to have been 'timid' over Quiet Lanes but initial indications are that our local authorities, Suffolk Coast and Heaths' AONB Unit and others may welcome a trial with a possible view to a wider network if there is good evidence of community consensus and benefits.

Three websites about Quiet Lanes (links below) emphasise the aim of establishing networks of '...designated minor rural roads intended to pay special attention to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and the mobility impaired. They are designed to enable users to enjoy country lanes in greater safety and encourage car drivers to respect more vulnerable road users'.

Internet Links:

Department of Transport, Traffic Advisory Leaflet;
<http://assets.dft.gov.uk/publications/tal-3-04/tal-3-04.pdf>

Norfolk County Council report with several photos;
<http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/view/NCC043749>

Council for Preservation of Rural England guide to quiet lanes;

<http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/transport/roads/item/1867-cpres-guide-to-quiet-lanes>

A Waldringfield Initiative

Having already consulted all the individual property owners beside those three particular lanes, Waldringfield Parish Council now needs to know if this initiative for a trial will have broad community support.

Over 80% of initial responders welcomed the proposal while stressing the fewer signs the better. Some seek a 20 mph speed limit or 'sleeping policemen' but the SCC East Area Highways Manager advises neither is likely.

Obviously persuading drivers and cyclists to expect and respect pedestrians is going to be a real challenge. Setting a good example – Step 1 of leadership! – depends on our individual needs and alternatives:

Woodbridge Bye-road

The distance via Waldringfield Heath cross roads and then Newbourne Road past the Moon & Sixpence to the T-junction beside Walk Wood is 3.5 Kms compared to 3 Kms on the Bye-road.

Since an average of over 35 mph is usually safe compared to less than 25 mph on the Bye road, the slightly longer route is quicker and most probably saves fuel; but difficult to sign that. Several villagers say they prefer to return from Woodbridge via the prettier Bye Road; if one has time to pause to enjoy the view that will discourage speedsters behind.

Fishpond Road/Sandy Lane

These are already signed 'Access only', and School Road/Cliff Roads are the quicker, safer and proper route.

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Cyclists

The Tour de France and Team GB's successes are already inspiring an increase in bicycling that most Britons will welcome. And The Times newspaper has clearly 'hit the spot' with its 'Cities Safe for Cycling' campaign. So what about our three lanes as they are already signed as Suffolk Coastal Cycle Route 41, and are clearly a preferred route to avoid motor traffic? Regrettably several local residents, especially the elderly and those with poor hearing, have told me of their alarm from the fast and silent passage of a few pedal cyclists.

There is little point in asking cyclists to ring their bells as most remove them as defunct or bad for speed. So we are asking the Ipswich and other local cycle clubs and also Sustrans what they could recommend. Some cyclists are loathe to call out aloud as they feel that is impolite but I for one would much prefer a recognisable shout from about 30 metres off such as 'Cyclist Ahoy!' or 'Wiggins Beware!'

Costs and Results

Each Quiet Lane sign on a finger post will cost about £100 to install and 'our' three lanes will need six or seven. If they, our 'example setting', peer pressure and as much good publicity as we can obtain can be shown to reduce fear of walking or riding (horses and pedal cycles) in these lanes, then SCC may well adopt more Quiet Lanes around the AONB and perhaps beyond. Obviously the more widely they are recognised, the more effective they are likely to be.

Firstly we need to gather evidence for before and after effectiveness. Simple vehicle counts and average speed measures might contribute but given the prime aim, what we need to gather is data on increased numbers of confident walkers and riders and reduced incidence of alarm.

Hence my hope that a good number of Waldringfielders will bother to keep a diary of their lane usage and let me have a quarterly report.

Request

So please either return the questionnaire (last page of this newsletter), drop me an e-mail or line, but preferably not a phone call as I am too forgetful!

**Neil Winship, on behalf of
Waldringfield Parish Council**

So long, farewell and thank you

As I am sitting here writing it seems that summer has at last arrived with a 30 degree heat. No wonder we Brits are always talking about the weather, it certainly has been changeable this year!

This is the last time I shall write this column. Many thanks to each and every one of you for allowing me into your lives for the last five years. I have learnt a lot and will take a host of memories with me. You may still see me around Waldringfield from time to time, as I am not far away, and it is such a beautiful spot.

David Lines your new Clerk/RFO from 1 October, comes with a host of experience and knowledge of local council work. Please give him a warm welcome as he starts to find out all about Waldringfield.

Goodbye and all the very best wishes – **Jean Potter, Parish Clerk**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES Tuesdays 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Kennedy Room – 11 September, 9 October, 13 November, 11 December 2012.

ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and there is an opportunity at these meetings for residents to put information to the Council and ask questions. If anyone wishes to see planning applications, report problems etc., please phone the clerk to arrange

Contacting the Council: (Until 30 September)

In writing to: The Clerk, Waldringfield Parish Council
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Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 5XE

By telephone: 01473 723409 Email pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk

From 1 October 43 Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex CO13 9DY

By telephone: 01255 678888 Email pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk
or via any Councillor.

Other information about the Council can be found by following the 'Parish Council' link at the Waldringfield web site at: <http://www.waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk>

WALDRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Until 30 September Jean Potter, Clerk and RFO

From 1 October David Lines, Clerk and RFO

Your Parish Councillors:

Ian Kay (Chairman)	Alyson Videlo (Deputy)	Serena Gold
Frances Matheson	Colin Archer	Bridget Rayner
Neil Winship	Janet Elliot	Colin Reid



Suffolk Coastal's Core Strategy — Latest Developments

Suffolk Coastal's Local Development Framework Core Strategy (CS) is entering its final stage – Examination in Public. An independent planning inspector, Mr Mike Moore, has been appointed by the Planning Inspectorate to test whether the CS is sound and legal. He held a 'pre-hearing' meeting in July, in which the process was explained, and this included an 'exploratory meeting' in which he investigated whether SCDC had adequately answered some 'concerns' he had about the CS. He decided they hadn't, so he gave them extra time to provide answers.

The Inspector required the following from SCDC:

- A paper showing the calculation behind the 7,590 new dwellings identified by the Council as the full and objectively assessed needs for the District
- A map showing sites of existing and potential alternative green space, where they are, their capacity, suitability and proximity to the development area to the south and east of Adastral Park.

SCDC provided these on 6 August. In fact SCDC didn't show the housing needs calculation required by the Inspector, because their figure of 7,590 houses (since increased to 7,900) is actually what they consider they can deliver – it is a supply figure, not a needs figure (as we have been arguing for years). Instead, they are now claiming the 'need' is for 11,000 houses, as identified in the Oxford Economics Study, which SCDC rejected in 2010. They did provide a map of mitigation sites (alternative green space), but no details of the capacity or suitability of these sites. Most of them had already been designated as being required to meet green space deficiencies that existed before the decision to allocate the extra 2,000 houses at Adastral Park.

Despite the inadequacies of the response, the Inspector has now accepted that the Examination in Public should go ahead. A provisional timetable for the hearings has been published. There will be several of them, and they are all in October and November. Up to date information can be found at SCDC's website: <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/> click on 'LDF Core Strategy'.

Ian Kay
Chairman, Waldringfield Parish Council

Birds and butterflies fluttering about

The Church Field is lovely at the moment with swallows and house martins swooping about, quite a lot of different butterflies and dragonflies around and some interesting wild plants. Look out for the furry clover called hare's foot clover which looks like tiny hare's feet!

Whitethroats and linnets are about as well as ground nesting skylarks, other warblers and grey partridge. Tim Burslem has been doing a great job of mowing the paths and play areas. It is good to see that most people are now keeping their dogs on the lead and the problem of dog mess seems to be lessened (but still present unfortunately).

We have carried out a temporary repair to the basketball hoop which was bent sometime in July. We hope this will keep it usable during school holidays as we hope to replace the whole pole with a stronger version and also extend the playing surface area to 9 x 11 metres (which is still less than half of an actual basketball court but gives more scope for games).

We are very pleased that funding from the SCDC Sportspace Fund has been approved for this work, subject to getting planning permission which we have applied for. If people have further ideas about what facilities might be provided please send in your suggestions.

Football on most Saturday mornings will continue with Duncan Andrew and friends. This is for children aged 8 and above. Contact Duncan for more information on 07742 390725.

Our AGM will be at the end of November as usual and posters will appear around the village and a notice on Waldringfielders. Please come along to hear more about the field. If anyone is interested in volunteering for work parties or in serving on the committee please get in touch.

Christine Fisher Kay (Chairperson) 736384

HOME GROWN PRODUCE SHOW AND TABLE TOP SALE

Entries are invited from all leisure gardeners in Waldringfield, Hemley and Newbourne

SUNDAY 16 SEPT 2012
WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL



ENTRY FEE FOR EXHIBITORS: 25p per class, 1 entry per class, per person, except the Children's and Photo classes. TABLE TOP STALL £3 per table

ENTRIES TO ARRIVE BETWEEN 12.30pm - 1.15pm to be displayed on village hall green plates – as supplied. JUDGING 1.30pm - 2.30pm OPEN TO PUBLIC 2.30pm - 4.30pm. AUCTION OF PRODUCE AT 4.00pm

Members free Non-members £1 Children Free

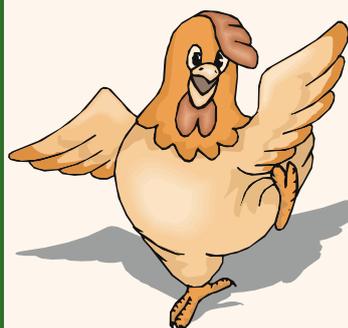
REFRESHMENTS • COMMUNITY COMPOSTING • COMMUNITY FRUIT PRESSING EQUIPMENT

Enquiries: Betsy Reid 01473 736506 Table top booking Alexis Smith 01473 736257

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Talk on Organic Control of Pests and Diseases on 18 October 7.30 pm
Waldringfield Apple Pressing Day on Saturday 20 October – 2.00 pm onwards.

Date for your diaries: WALGA AGM on 22 November 2012



BRITISH HEN WELFARE TRUST

Free Range Friday

You are invited to tea and cake at

Walk Farm, Martlesham IP12 4PE
1-4 pm Friday 7 September 2012

We really hope you can join us. Every penny we raise will help find new homes for hens who would otherwise face slaughter

RSVP to John and Jackie t: 01473 736228 e: jackienayler@btinternet.com

What's On Directory

EVENT	DETAILS	CONTACT
Mothers Union	Twice monthly	Secretary 736522
Parish Council Meetings	2nd Tuesday in month	Clerk 723409
Social Evenings	Tuesday 6.30pm	John Nayler 736228
Improvers Bridge	Wednesday 7.00pm	Norman Rea 736577
Art Classes	Wednesday mornings	Liz Kennedy 736637
Yoga	Wednesday 7.00pm	Jackie Brinsley 736618
Parent and Toddler Group	Thursdays (term-time) 10.30am-12.00noon School Hall Vicky Marsh 01473 736324 or 07715 383224	
Winter Talks	1st Thursday of the month	Stan Baston 736509
Pilates	Fridays 2-3pm or 3.15-4.15pm	01728 638604

CONTACT NAMES

Village Hall Bookings – Donna Morgan	Telephone	736724
Suffolk County and District Councillors	(call Clerk)	
Parish Council Clerk until 30 September	Jean Potter	723409
Parish Council Clerk from 1 October	David Lines	01255 678888
Police – PC Paul Smith, PCSO Andi Hillman		101

Waldringfield Baptist Church

We invite you to join us at our Sunday services and weekday meetings – details can be found on our web site www.waldringfieldbc.org.uk

If you would like to know more details about any of the meetings, or if you are in need of transport to the Church, please contact:

Robin Percy (Church Secretary) Tel 01473 612856 e-mail robinpercy@btinternet.com

Pastor Steve Wyncoll, Hope Haven, Cliff Road, Waldringfield, Tel 01473 736771

or 736285 e-mail steve.wyncoll@btopenworld.com

Pastor James Wilson (Assistant Pastor) 17 Levington Lane, Bucklesham

Tel 01473 659606

Waldringfield community composting

We have been busy on this scheme since May: we have called on nearly eighty households and held 6 composting workshops explaining the three kits that will help people to cope with their food waste. There are people lining up to test all of the kits - and we are keen not to let the momentum drop! We have been encouraged by the level of interest and touched by how often people have invited us in when we are doorstepping and shared their composting and gardening experiences with us.

To strengthen our grant-funding applications we need to earn some money up front. We are therefore hoping to earn 10% of the cost of the kits within the next three months: this is £480.

Our first effort is **Save yourself cooking time!** Come and share a meal in the village hall once a month. Home cooking with local produce.

Book by 6.00 pm. three days in advance – we need a minimum of fifteen people for a meal to be viable, so reserve the right to cancel. We're asking a minimum price of £6 each (barely two cups of coffee!) which will cover the costs of the food and village hall hire – pay what more than that you can afford. Main course and pudding only, with coffee or tea at 50p extra and bring your own other drinks. Children £4.

Friday 28 September 7.00 - 9.30, Monday 22 October 12.00 - 2.30, Thursday 15 November 7.00 - 9.30 . . . and there will be more if these go well!

You can see a full description of our project together with our costings on the Waldringfield web site.

Linda, Betsy, Lynn, John and John

**Next Classical Music Concert in Waldringfield Village Hall
Sunday 4 November 3.00 pm**

More details later. Please put the date in your diary Liz Kennedy

All Saints' Church

Our Annual Auction of Promises in May saw the Church Room filled with hopeful bidders for many diverse lots generously donated by not only village residents but by donors from further afield. Good wine was served and an enjoyable evening resulted in the magnificent sum of £3,026. Whilst raising much-needed funds, it was wonderful to see participants having such a lovely evening. Thanks to those who supported and those who helped. Sadly, our rector was too unwell to join us for the evening, but was with us in spirit.

The Annual Summer Fete is now in its 45th year since the beginning of John Pretymann-Waller's incumbency, and dates back much further. It is less about raising funds, but more about a traditional afternoon spent around the church. We were blessed with lovely weather, and thanks go to Noreen Cummings and her family for their wonderful efforts for the third year running. £815 was banked.

Summer Cream Teas was the great idea of Noreen Cummings and Daphne Glossop. They offered these on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from mid-July and will carry on throughout August, when individual home-made cream teas will be on offer. Don't know what they are charging – you will have to go and sample their wares to find out! In the first two weeks they raised £100 and have obviously had many happy customers.

Summer Barbecue at Rivers Hall by kind and generous invitation of Rolls and James Barclay will have taken place on 18 August and will be reported on in the next newsletter.

The 'Smartwater' device has been used on all metals in and around the church in attempt to deter metal theft which is rife from our ancient buildings around the county. Our insurers will no longer meet any costs incurred by metal theft or damage caused by metal thieves unless this device has been purchased and used.

Parish Council Annual Grant has again been received and we are grateful to WPC. This grant is used at the rector's discretion and goes towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Accounts are presented to the WPC to substantiate the designated use of the grant. We are thankful to David Earle for his conscientious work in keeping the churchyard tidy – no mean feat during late Spring, Summer and early Autumn.

Waldringfield Parochial Church Council

Quiet Lanes Survey: Phase 2

From HouseName

Please return this survey to Neil Winship, Sandcliff, School Road, IP12 4QR
or an email to neil@alpheco.co.uk

Objective Do you agree the prime aim is to reduce fear of walking or riding in these lanes?

YES / NO Comment

Cyclists How best do we persuade cyclists to warn walkers and then pass them considerately?

Outline

Signs Do you feel the finger post signs would be enough or must there also be road surface markings?

YES / NO Comment

Alternative Routes Would you encourage your local friends as well as delivery vans and others to use the alternatives? YES / NO

Monitoring Would YOU keep a diary of your use of the lanes (walking, car, bike) + any incidents, and then e-mail it to me quarterly? YES / NO

Any Other comments and suggestions

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