



**The Sailing Club Fleet at Waldringfield
on a very cold Good Friday**





WANTED: CLEANER/CARETAKER

The Village Hall is a busy, high quality venue much value by the community and by hirers from elsewhere who make a contribution to its finances. The Village Hall Committee is looking for a responsible person with high standards to play a key role in helping to keep it in first class condition.

We shall pay for a regular two hours a week and occasional additional hours when needed and mutually agreed.

If you are interested, please contact Trisha Eaton (736754 or dandt.eaton@btinternet.com) , Donna Morgan (donna.morgan@quaysidecottage.com) or Colin Reid (736506 or colin_reid1@btinternet.com)

Waldringfield School

The Easter Coffee Morning raised almost **£250** for the school, so a big "thank you" to all those who baked and bought cakes, donated raffle prizes, and to Katie's Garden who stocked our plant stall for us.

Sponsorship for the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race, raising money for Gracie's Wheelchair has now shot up to £160 from generous donors in the village (nearly £190 once we add gift aid) – if you were one of those who didn't receive a gift aid envelope during the recent mail drop, and would like one, please contact Jenny on 736343.

Recycling – The school have recently sent off their first collection of textiles (clean good quality clothes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, handbags and shoes – tied in their pairs) to raise money for the school – 50p for each kilogram collected. On this first collection, we gathered 160kg of textiles, raising **£80** for the school! The next collection is 8 October, so please bag up any suitable items that you may wish to donate. The school will be able to accept items on 7th October but not before, due to storage issues.

Print Cartridges and Batteries can also now be recycled through the school, raising much needed funds. Please put any such items for recycling in an envelope and pop through the school letter box.

Jenny Firth



Waldringfield Church Field Trust are pleased to announce that the enlarged basketball practice area with court markings is now complete, for your delectation and delight.

Thanks to contractors Booth Tarmacadam and sub-contractors GB Roadart Ltd., and to SCDC Sportspace for funding it.

Christine Kay-Fisher

The **Waldringfield Wildlife Group** will be hosting another of its talks on **Saturday 8th June 2013** at 11.00am start at Waldringfield Village Hall in The Kennedy Room.

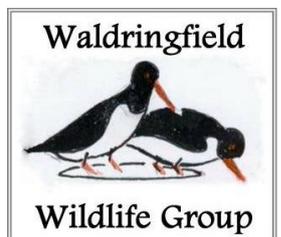
The Speaker is Peter Olliff, who is the Chair of Woodbridge Horticultural Society.

Peter will be describing the development of a Wildflower Meadow in Woodbridge, which overlooks Freston Playing and Recreation area.

Visitors are most welcome. £2.00 entrance fee for non members

Linda Wilkins

Co-ordinator of the WWG



Cold Winter?

If you thought the current winter was cold, take a look at these two photographs taken in the winter of 1963.



The Deben froze over and David Parken had to use a pneumatic drill to dig up the carrots

Stan Baston



All Saints' Church



Our annual Auction of Promises was held on Friday, May 10th. An enjoyable evening was well supported, and the magnificent sum of £2,729.14 was raised.

The Rector and the Parochial Church Council sends heartfelt thanks to all those who supported this vital fund-raising event, and all those who gave so freely of their time to make this evening such a success.

Our Rector's health continues to deteriorate, but we continue to give thanks for his dedication. John is apologetic that he can only manage to hold one service in each of the three parishes on Sundays now. The church 'family', however, is so grateful for his resilience and determination. For those who wish, we ask you to remember John in your prayers.

Services

- June 2nd 10.30 Family Service
June 9th 18.30 Evensong
June 23rd 0930 Holy communion
June 30th 1100 Matins
July 14th 1830 Annual Yachtsmen's Service

Harriet Earle

Honorary Treasurer, Waldringfield PCC

Waldringfield Open Gardens

is on **Sunday 2nd June**

from 2.00 - 5.00 with cream teas at Dormers from 3.00.

Plants and produce for sale in some gardens.



REVISED bus Services in Suffolk.

These services will change/commence by the end of May and into June 2013. Downloadable PDF timetables for these services can be found on the website by clicking on the appropriate month at <http://www.suffolkonboard.com/timetables-and-leaflets/passenger-transport-service-changes> or by contacting 0845 606 6171. Please note that these pages are frequently being updated to include new timetables and service change summaries so we would advise that you check this page regularly.



Dancing at Waldringfield



At the time of going to press, we have had two very successful Line Dancing taster sessions where we strutted our stuff and learned, amongst other things, how to grapevine, twinkle, hitch, electric slide and cowboy reggae. All to a mixture of music including pop and Irish folk as well as some Country & Western tracks.

We have also held the first of two Scottish Dancing taster sessions with the second one on May 16th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The first session was a very enjoyable evening, very sociable and we learned several dances. Some of Chris' experienced colleagues came along and danced with us which was a huge benefit - they kept us, more or less, heading in the right direction!! The men wore their kilts and full regalia and the group gave a demonstration of a couple of the more complicated dances. The more experienced dancers are going to come again on the 16th and several said that they would be happy to carry on giving their support if we continue with the Waldringfield sessions.

After the 16th we shall decide if there is enough interest in the village to arrange regular classes in either, or perhaps even both, of the dancing options.

I don't have everyone's email address (the registration forms you completed are confidential and go straight to the teacher) and I know that not everyone is on Waldringfielders, so, if you have enjoyed the classes and wish either or both of them to continue please contact me either through email on janet@buttermans.com or by phone on 736736 to let me know. I can then keep in touch whilst liaising with Suffolk Sport and the teachers.

Janet Elliot

Waldringfield Church Field Trust Fun Teatime

Saturday 20th July

The summer fun event will be slightly different this year running from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and there will be a game of rounders plus other activities. Everyone is invited to join in or just bring a picnic and meet up - weather will be great as always! Best bring something to sit on and such items as kites, basketballs, frisbees etc may come in useful.

If anyone would like to sponsor or jointly sponsor the new picnic table please get in touch.

Christine Fisher Kay 736384



Waldringfield Community Composting

Composting Workshops

Waldringfield Community Composting is half way through its first year! So far we have 23 people using hotbins, six using wormeries and four using bokashi – that is through WCC – we know there are others who were using these systems before.

Two of the hotbins users are also dealing with the kitchen waste generated by the holiday rent properties and at least four others are dealing with neighbours' kitchen waste as well.

This makes nearly forty households coping with all their kitchen waste locally – a preliminary very small calculation indicates that each of these households is dealing with an average of 5kg of 'food' waste that might otherwise have gone to landfill or to the very carbon-intensive advanced composting facility at Parham.

That's about a fifth of Waldringfield so far involved in WCC – and we thank you for your interest and commitment and hope you will help us reach more people!

So what's next?.....

More of the same: we continue with our detailed house to house survey of composting habits to establish a really comprehensive and credible base-line.

Feed-back on the six bin audits we have carried out with the help of SCDC and the SCC Waste Officer. See below.

More Composting workshops: these will show the Hotbin, bokashi and wormeries in action and also more traditional 'dalek' and NewZealand (or in my case old pallet) square wooden boxes. Three of us are trained Master Composters. Now is the time when many people want to make their composting more efficient and rational as growth increases and there is just so much more of it! If these times don't suit you others can be negotiated. It's all quite sociable – tea, coffee and cake thrown in!

The first of several projected visits to Great Blakenham to see how the rest of our recycling is dealt with and to learn about the incinerator which will come into operation next year for the really hard-core waste. (July 11th – a separate email has gone out about this)

And WCC will be at the Suffolk Show as evidence that one small community working together can really make a difference in this area – don't forget to drop in to the Greenest County tent if you come to the Show.

Betsy, John S, John N, Linda and Lynn



Remaining Programme 2013

June 21st - Guided Tour of Priors Oak, Wildlife and Butterfly Gardens, Aldeburgh, with the owner, Trudy Willis (details tbc).

October 12th - Talk by Christine Fisher-Kay
and AGM *The Suffolk Hedgerow Survey*

December 7th - Talk by Adrian Hinchcliffe, Badger and Other Mammals Group— *About the Badger*
Followed by Members 'bring and share' Christmas Lunch

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WALDRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors:

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES—Tuesdays. 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Kennedy Room.

Remaining meetings in 2013:

11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December.

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

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www.waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk

Update on Waldringfield, Newbourne and Hemley Scattered Orchard May 2013



Thanks to the hard work of all the volunteers involved we have near enough reached our target of planting 60 fruit trees across the three villages. Having begun to plant at the end of February 2012 we completed further planting at the end of January 2013:

Four more trees were planted on the road side of Newbourne Village Hall, Scarlet Pimpernel and Lady Henniker apples and Monarch and Jubilee plums.

Five trees went in at Hemley Church Room Garden, Coe's Golden Drop Gage, Golden Russet and Arthur Turner apples, as well as two Cobnut seedlings.

At Waldringfield Village Hall Brown Turkey and Brunswick figs and a Moorpark apricot went in against the walls to the side and back of the building, these will be trained to the wall along wires.

In Waldringfield Churchyard our only failure of a cherry tree that died was replaced and this replacement is now in bloom! Four trees went in at the very back of the churchyard, Willingham Gage and Coe's Golden Drop plums and two Blenheim Orange apples.

Two pears were planted in Village Way which could now win awards for being the fruitiest cul-de-sac in Suffolk.

Maps of all trees will be framed and placed in each Village Hall/Church Room so that members of the public can locate them. There may not be much fruit on them this year but in a few years' time we should start to see our first significant harvests.

We also intend to label each tree to say what it is and what kind of fruit it produces and roughly when, however we need to wait until the trees are a bit bigger as the labels tend to fall off as the tree grows.

We have also held two fruit tree pruning courses this winter led by organic fruit farmer Marina O'Connell. Using trees volunteered by Waldringfield residents Marina taught us many techniques for improving the aesthetics, longevity and fruitfulness of our trees. We had a go at pruning both young and old trees, and I certainly learnt a lot. The courses have been so popular that we have decided to make them an annual event, so if you missed out look out for a course next winter.



Having attended a course organised by Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group a few of us learnt how to graft fruit trees on to root stock in January 2012. We decided that we needed to practice this skill and also teach a few others so we held a small gathering in February 2013 where we grafted several apples trees each. Hopefully these will survive and be planted next winter. We also intend to repeat this gathering next winter, and perhaps advertise it a bit more widely, so if you have a particularly delicious fruit tree and think that more should be propagated watch out for our course next winter and bring some cuttings along.



Assuming that we have a half-way decent harvest this year we will hold our annual fruit pressing event on Saturday 26th October at Waldringfield Village Hall, this event will also combine the pumpkin carving event followed by the pumpkin parade.

Once again I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved in the project so far, from planting volunteers, tree sponsors, donors of materials, givers of permission for planting, makers of plaques... the list goes on, and it would not have happened without you all. Hopefully you will soon enjoy some fruit from the project in return.

Mariah Skellorn

MANAGING SUFFOLK'S FLOOD RISK

Suffolk's Flood Risk Management Strategy is an important new tool to help everyone understand and manage flood risk within our county. The strategy summarises information on the risk of all types of flooding in Suffolk and ways to manage that risk.

The activities identified in this strategy can only manage flood risk. It would not be possible, even if there was unlimited money available, to protect all properties from any flood risk. Instead efforts need to be made by all involved, organisations and householders alike, to help reduce flood risk in practical ways.

Keep watercourses free from debris and unnecessary structures. Talk to Suffolk County Council if you want to put in a culvert or any other structure in a watercourse.

Avoid paving over your garden unless you use suitable permeable surfaces.

Help to keep rain water out of the drains by using water butts, green roofs, rain gardens, etc.

Don't wash cement, fats and oils down your drain as this can block them increasing the risk of flooding.

If you are building a property, talk to your local council about sustainable drainage at the earliest possible stage.

If you have flood defences on your land, consider whether you can help to maintain them. Speak to Suffolk County Council if you need help.

Be aware of the risk of flooding in your area. If you are at risk, sign up for flood warnings and keep a watch out for weather warnings. Prepare a plan of what you will do if a flood is forecast.



To find out more visit www.greensuffolk.org/floods, email floods@suffolk.gov.uk or telephone 01473 260929.

St Elizabeth Hospice

Appeal for furniture donations to shops

St Elizabeth Hospice is urgently appealing for donations of furniture to sell in its shops.

Donations of sofas, tables, chairs, wardrobes and cabinets are all welcome and will be resold in the Hospice's shops which stock furniture in Bury Street, Stowmarket, Foxhall Road, Ipswich, and Great Eastern Square, Felixstowe.

Jason Rudderham, Retail Area Manager at the Hospice, said: "Over the last year we have had nearly 1,400 donations of furniture, which is fantastic, but over the summer period donations tend to decline. We are appealing to supporters to donate any furniture they no longer need."

"Our shops are great for the environment as they allow goods to be reused and recycled and the funds raised enable St Elizabeth Hospice to continue to provide free local Hospice care for local people."

St Elizabeth Hospice costs £8.7m a year to run and relies on the income generated from its shops as well as from fundraising, events and donations. The Hospice's volunteer drivers collect suitable items for free from your home, Monday to Saturday.

To donate furniture please call 0845 259 0319.

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FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK

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Suffolk Coastal District Council - Update on the LDF/Core Strategy

SCDC held an extraordinary full council meeting on May 20th to "review" the public comments received on the Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal.

The meeting was very short. The report prepared by the Head of Planning stated that "Having seen all of the public comments made on the February 2013 SA, Members should be re-assured that nothing has been raised through the consultation which would suggest that their decision of 17th January 2013 should be amended. The CS, with proposed modifications, and accompanying SA are considered to be robust, and legally compliant".

The more detailed report states that the comments from the public have been rejected.

Some Councillors took the opportunity to highlight the important issues raised within the consultation and throughout the LDF process. A recorded vote was taken. Councillors voting in favour of the resolution included Cllrs Bryan Hall, Barry Slater, Christine Block, Diane Ball and Susan Harvey. Cllr Falconer abstained.

The resolution was passed and the matter is now in the hands of the Inspector. It is the Inspector's role to decide if, in his opinion, the Core Strategy is sound and legally compliant.

Waldringfield Parish Council continues to receive expert advice from its legal advisers on how to proceed.

The report below from your County Councillor and SCDC District Councillor, Patricia O'Brien, provides her view on the matter .

"Yesterday SCDC had an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council to consider the responses regarding the public consultation into the Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal. The Council agreed with the recommendation, that nothing was raised in the consultation which should suggest amendment. I disagreed with the recommendation and I attach my words "

Response to Consultation of Sustainability Appraisal

Members will not be surprised to hear that I cannot support the recommendations within this paper. Indeed, members reading the comments from the public consultation - particularly from Waldringfield Parish Council - that gives careful analysis in areas such as: distribution of housing, country park location, habitat of the Deben Estuary and the promise, that if the impact of visitors on the Deben Estuary has an adverse affect, then the level of houses will be reduced.

However, this carries no weight as this would only happen in 2015 when a review of Area Action Plans takes place. (That is after the BT application decision has been reached). Therefore, how can members fail to question and doubt the soundness of the recommendations?

The traffic problems that presently exist on the Seven Hills/Orwell Bridge section of the A14, that, incidentally, I have highlighted and focused on as my main objection to the Core Strategy for the past six years - those problems will increase.

Capacity on the Orwell Bridge, at peak times, was reached in 2004! The extra numbers of container traffic from an expanded Felixstowe Port, plus the increase in private vehicles from housing developments at Martlesham, Felixstowe

and Purdis Farm, will have an overwhelming impact of the Seven Hills to Copdock stretch of A14.

The holdups and accidents that presently plague the A14 Copdock to Seven Hills will be as nothing compared to what will inevitably occur with container traffic increases up to 2.5ml and the additional 4/5000 cars from housing developments.

I recently obtained figures, from SCC and the police, that 64 accidents, resulting in 100 casualties, occurred in the past 36months on the Copdock to Seven Hills section. That is almost two a month and these reported figures do not include holdups due to breakdown or minor incidents. The holdups have reached such a frequent rate that the East Anglian Daily Times is carrying out a survey to illustrate the effects of holdups on local businesses.

SCDC has failed to address this issue, an issue that is affecting the very lifeblood of business, particularly when Suffolk County Council is so keen on promoting new businesses.

The measures that SCDC believes to be adequate to address increased housing in Adastral Park amount to widening part of the A12 and traffic lights at Foxhall roundabout and Seven Hills. SCDC has not looked further than the confines of its boundaries.

I believe that, at the very beginning of the process, the Core Strategy should have sought a co-ordinated approach with IBC and the Highways Agency in seeking solutions to the Orwell Bridge with the knowledge of the anticipated increase in traffic volume. Six years later, the traffic problems are such that urgent solutions must be found so that sustainability can be assured.

Question: Therefore, how can Suffolk Coastal proceed with a Sustainability Appraisal that ignores this very real problem?