

The December Flood



Looking north from the footpath across the flooded meadow. The river can be seen on the right.

I'm sure you are all aware of the flooding in December, caused by the worst tidal surge in 60 years. The river wall to the north of the village was overtopped, causing flooding of the meadow behind it. The boatyard and about 10 residences on the Quay were also flooded, as well as several beach huts and land to the south of the village.

The Environment Agency issued flood warnings to those on its register from 6am on 5th December, and their prediction of the height of the surge was very close to the actual value. As a result, most people were well prepared. The village's Flood Warden, John Smith, a previous Flood Warden, Ged Morgan, the boatyard owner, Mark Barton, and others alerted at-risk property owners and helped with sandbags, etc. The Maybush remained open and Colin Reid made the village hall available, but, in the end, this wasn't needed. The police gave evacuation advice, although most residents chose to stay in their properties. There was one casualty, who was taken to hospital by ambulance. The fire service attended to a fire around 1.30am, which was caused by the flood water shorting the electric gates of a property on the Quay. A heating oil tank and a gas tank floated off their stands, but, fortunately, remained attached to their feed pipes and the fire service was ready in case either of these caused a fire or pollution.

The river wall was badly damaged in places, and we were fortunate it wasn't breached – if it had been, some of the properties along the Quay may well have been permanently flooded. As it was, the waters eventually receded, although this was slowed down by one of the sluices malfunctioning.

Looking to the future, the Parish Council is working with the Environment Agency, the Deben Estuary Partnership and the District Council to explore the possibilities for strengthening the river wall to safeguard against a breach in the event of a similar tidal surge. Also, a group of residents on the Quay is working with these same organisations on proposals for a front and counter-wall to protect the properties on the Quay.

Finally (and I'm sure I'm speaking for everyone in the village here), I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped on the night, and express my sympathies for all those who were flooded, and hope their properties are returned to normal as soon as possible.

Ian Kay (Chairman of Waldringfield Parish Council)



Waldringfield

Winter Party

15th March

Tickets for the Winter Party are available from the Post Office van .

The van is in the Village Hall Car Park on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 11am and 1pm.

If you can't get there between those times, tickets are also available from Trisha Eaton 736754

More information inside

Scottish Dancing Classes in the Village Hall

The new course of Scottish Dancing classes is due to start on Thursday 13th March, continuing for 6 weeks until 24th April (no class on 3rd April). It is a very sociable and enjoyable of keeping fit, with or without a partner. The classes are suitable for absolute beginners as well as improvers and will suit all levels of fitness.

The funding from the Fit Village initiative has now been used and so we have to have a sufficient number of participants to cover the cost of the teacher and the hire of the hall.

This is what is proposed - those who wish to attend will book in advance for the course of 6 classes, payable in full at the first class. The charge will be £18 for 6 classes. In order to book the teacher, we need to know that we will have at least 12 people who are happy to make this commitment in advance.

So, if you want the classes to continue and would like to put your name down for the course starting on March 13th, please email me as soon as possible on janet@buttermans.com or phone on 736736.

If you have previously said that you would be interested, I would still like you to confirm now that we are getting nearer to the start date. Many thanks

Janet Elliot



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NEWS FROM WALDRINGFIELD SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre: Another tremendous effort from the school and village community enabled us to raise £740 through the Christmas Fayre. These funds really support the school and the children's experience - for instance, they all thoroughly enjoyed their pre-Christmas trip (subsidised by the School Association) to the Rock n' Roll pantomime in December!

Bags2School: The latest collection raised a staggering £180 for school funds (360kg of recycling collected!) The next collection will be Fri 9th May at 9 am. Once again, if you are able to gather together unwanted clothing, bedding (not pillows or duvets), curtains, bags, shoes (tied in pairs) or soft toys, please bag them up and bring them to school on Wed 7 or Thu 8 May. Please contact Jenny on 736343 if you need items collecting.

Play Equipment: The school has been able to install some fantastic new wooden playground equipment, with the bulk of the funding being provided through the Yorkshire Building Society Community Fund, so many thanks to Marisa and the team there for putting us forward for funding. The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing on it and it really has supported their learning through creative and imaginary play.



Waldringfield Winter Talks

We have explored old postcards and newspapers, the Himalayas and Peking to Paris. Now, nearer to home, on

March 6th 2014 at 7.30 in Waldringfield Village Hall, we will learn from Keith Norgan and Mike Claxton of the activities of

The National Coastwatch Institution and its work, both nationally and at Felixstowe.

On **April 3rd** - the last talk this season - again at 7.30 pm - Gareth Thomas will ask 'Was Caesar's mother too push to push?' and other medical and obstetric conundrums

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The WALGA programme can be obtained from Betsy Reid (Chairman) or Jo Garrard (Secretary) and is of course published on the village website.

Put the next two events in your diary:

Making a spring posy with Emma Saunders-Gilbert on Saturday April 26th from 10.00 to 12.30 in the Kennedy Room and Open Gardens on Sunday June 1st from 2.00 - 5.00 with Cream Teas available at Dormers. A variety of village gardens will be open - some large, some small; some meticulously

maintained, others a little loose; some mature, but newly laid out ones too.

When the rain stops and you are re-united with your garden, perhaps you too will want to share your vision and your hard work - we still need a couple more volunteers to open their gardens. This year, for the first time, we are donating half the profits to EACH - the East Anglian Children's Hospice which explicitly recognises the healing power of gardens for suffering children.

Open Gardens is being co-ordinated by Chris Lyon this year - all responses or queries to 01473 736291 or Email anthonylyon888@btinternet.com

And it's not too early to be thinking about what you might enter in the Produce Show - this year on Saturday 31st August. While we want it to be bigger and better, no-one should feel deterred: the standards are very attainable by home-growers - we're not looking for perfection! This year's show is being co-ordinated by Jo Garrard - all queries and suggestions (plenty of time to tailor it to what Waldringfielders would like) to garrard554@btinternet.com 01473 736729

STONE AND STRETCH CLASSES

Every Wednesday in the Village Hall 7pm - 8pm

All levels welcome



Come along and have an hour for yourself

to Tone, Stretch and Relax

Bring a Mat. £6 per session

For any further information, contact

Di Taylor (BSYA) 07748611730

Waldringfield Church Field Trust

In December last year, we had our 10th AGM which featured a sequence of slides showing the development of the field over the ten years since the early days of 2003. The three elected Trust members are now Helga Ballam, Chris Baldry and Joyce Fosdike and we welcome Joyce as a new Trustee, replacing Tim Burslem who has retired after many years of service and extreme grass cutting.

There have been two work parties and more will be advertised, weather permitting, to look after the trees, hedges and shrub planting. Anyone who would like to take a turn on the ride-on mower later on in the year is warmly invited to get in touch, as Tim will no longer be doing this.

Skylarks have started to sing over the field and start up from the long grass where they may be looking for nesting sites. A barn owl has been seen flying over the field several times, but so far not using the owl box.

Last year, we were able to see lots of animal footprints in the snow in March and if it snows again, you might like to go and see what tracks you can spot. Please let us know if you see anything interesting.

Football continues on Saturday mornings. Don't forget the enlarged basketball facility now available.

Many people have mentioned how much they enjoy visiting Church Field for a walk or jog and, hopefully, we will all be able to get out more and enjoy it as the spring advances and the rain, perhaps, stops eventually.

Christine Fisher Kay 736384

Not getting all local information and news in good time?

Do you hear about social events and important meetings far too late?

KEEP IN TOUCH !

Join the Waldringfielders Yahoo Group and receive local information regularly that often will be useful to you (at no cost)

To join the email group, contact:

waldringfielders@yahoo.com

Eastern Angles are returning to Waldringfield on Tuesday 22nd April.

The region's professional touring company are back on the road with their latest production, *Palm Wine & Stout* written by award winning Segun Lee-French and directed by Eastern Angles' founder and Artistic Director Ivan Cutting.

Palm Wine & Stout is a moving and magical story full of family secrets written by acclaimed poet, composer and playwright Segun Lee French. This funny and emotional play is based on the writer's own journey back to a small Nigerian village in search of his father. The story, which focuses on Taiye, a young British man on a quest to find out more about his African heritage, draws some fascinating parallels with English village life. Along the way Taiye meets up with his half-brother, Femi, and a challenging culture clash ensues incorporating music, dance and whole host of entertaining ancestors.



Palm Wine & Stout premiered in 2010 when it was very positively received by audiences and critics. Now Eastern Angles are touring the show to a wider audience. This play is said to strike a chord with those familiar with the amusing eccentricities and petty politics of village life.

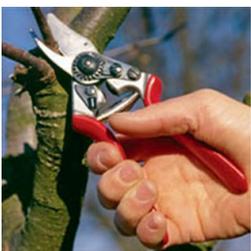
Tickets £8.00 each – Seniors/Concessions £7.00 – Students £5.00

Contact: Colin and Betsy Reid, Dormers, Cliff Rd, Waldringfield, Woodbridge, IP12 4QL

Tel: 01473 736506 Email: colin_reid1@btinternet.com or betsyr@talk21.com

Scattered Orchard Pruning and Grafting Courses at Waldringfield Village Hall

On the 25th of January, a keen group of fruit tree enthusiasts attended the fruit tree pruning and grafting courses organised by Mariah Ballam. The pruning course was led by the very experienced Marina O'Connel who runs an organic orchard in Lawford, Essex.



During the course, we learnt how to prune older neglected fruit trees, very young trees in need of formative pruning as well as trained espalier apple and pear trees. The weather held out for us and participants now have the confidence to tackle their own trees at home.

In the afternoon, Mariah Ballam and Betsy Reid ran a grafting course where participants were able to propagate many traditional East Anglian varieties of tree. The courses were much enjoyed and if you feel you missed out we will be running the same courses early in 2015.

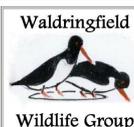


Strengthening the voice of your local community

Healthwatch Suffolk is here to listen to your views about health and social care services in the county. It has the power to use your views to improve, shape and influence services now and for the future. That is why it is calling for your views, which can be either good or bad, about NHS health services and publically funded social care services. The message is to share your views, even if you do not think that you have much to say

Look out for more information coming soon about how you can become involved with your local hub to make a difference to health and social care services in your community. In the meantime, keep Healthwatch Suffolk up-to-date with your views because they really can make a difference.

More information at www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk or by calling the Healthwatch Suffolk team on 01449 703949.



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| April 12th | The Potential Impacts & Benefits of Energy Generation Installations for Wildlife - Wind power, solar panel and nuclear. By James Meyer, Conservation Planner for Suffolk Wildlife Trust. |
| May 22nd | A Guided Tour of Wantisden Farm Estate (A LEAF demonstration farm) including Staverton Park and Staveton Thicks on a tractor and trailer. |
| June 14th | The proposed Marine Conservation Zones by Trazar Astley-Reid |
| June (tbc) | A Visit to the Margaret Grimwade Badger Hide. (Car share) |

WALDRINGFIELD WINTER PARTY 2014

THE GENERATION GAME

Saturday 15th March from 6.30pm to 10pm in the village hall



**A big Brucey
welcome to both
participants and
audience alike.
It will be nice to see
you, to see you.....
NICE!**

Participants needs a team of between 6 – 8 people with at least 2 from each generation (0 – 20, 20 – 50, 50+) Please pull together a team and let Anna Carter know on 736241. We need a big audience to help with the Conveyor belt game as well as to encourage our teams to complete their easy tasks !!!

Ticket price include supper and complimentary drink. Please do bring you own wine/beer and glasses.
Tickets available from both the Post Office from 17th Feb (Open Mon, Weds and Fri) as well as Trish Eaton on 736754.
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THE SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL 2014

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The Discover Suffolk Challenge Walk this year follows The Angles Way, which meanders for 90 miles along the Suffolk/Norfolk border, through the picturesque Waveney Valley and the sandy landscape of The Brecks. Do one day, two days or all six, the choice is yours, but as always, there will be treats and prizes for those completing the whole route.

Our themed, guided walks throughout the three week festival have some wonderful titles such as: 'Across the Marshes to the Castle', 'A Point to my Ramblings', 'Tiptoe Through the Heather' and 'Prickles' Story Walk'. You can Walk the Burma Road, learn about the Maritime Heritage of the Ipswich Waterfront, walk through Rolling Fields and a Cutting Garden and even try a free taster session of Nordic Walking.

Some include refreshments – a cream tea perhaps, or a glass of local wine and all of them are a fun and sociable way to learn about the lovely county of Suffolk. We will also be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Stour Valley Path with a series of walks covering the length of the path over six days, with the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project.

We invite you to make the most of what Suffolk has to offer in abundance: pretty countryside, lovely villages, warm hospitality and a fascinating history.

NANT Update

As many people know, NANT has been pursuing a legal challenge against SCDC's Core Strategy which earmarks the BT site at Adastral Park for the allocation of 2000 homes.

It is clear to many attending the relevant Council meetings that certain members of the Council appear determined in driving through a housing policy which exactly mirrors the BT planning application for 2000 houses first submitted in 2008.

From an early stage of the Core Strategy process, the Council had closed down all other options in the Ipswich Policy Area and chose a site that is not only the furthest from Ipswich, furthest from employment opportunities, furthest from public transport, but is also just a short walk away from the Special Protection Area of the Deben Estuary.

The Deben Estuary has **the highest level of nature conservation protection in Europe**. It is also a Ramsar site, which means that it is recognised as one of the **world's most important wetlands**.

Councillors were not fully informed of the Special Protection Status of the Deben Estuary at the early stages of the process. When the special protection status started to appear in the documents before the Council, the councillors were not made aware of the significance of these designations and the Council's statutory obligations to protect the Deben Estuary SPA.

We consistently have tried, without success, to engage with SCDC. The Council would have saved several years' argument and significant public expense if they had started again from scratch back in 2009 when they appreciated the particular environmental problems of the BT Adastral Park site. Instead, rather than correct their errors, they seemed to put all their energy into trying to justify their flawed decisions and paper over the cracks.

When the Council chose to adopt its Core Strategy, NANT was left with no other option than to pursue our challenge through the courts.

The case was heard in the High Court in January. In the Judgement, the judge, Mrs Justice Patterson, recognised that SCDC went badly wrong procedurally at the early stages of developing its core strategy. In addition, there is some further criticism of SCDC in its failure to consult over the 2000 houses at other sites when it decided to double the housing allocation at BT Adastral Park from 1000 to 2000. She did, however, find in favour of SCDC.

On the advice of our lawyer, a leading EU Environmental Law specialist, NANT has now made an application to appeal because we cannot see how a proper decision can have been made on such shaky foundations, both in the normal planning process and in the Council's compliance with its obligations to protect the Deben Estuary SPA.

No Adastral New Town



Suffolk Coastal residents: have your say on new ward boundaries

We are asking local people and organisations to comment on our draft recommendations for new council ward boundaries across Suffolk Coastal.

We have an open mind about further suggestions from local people to change and improve these recommendations. We will consider all the submissions we receive whoever they are from and whether your evidence applies to the whole district or just a part of it.

Please cut and paste the following link into your search engine.

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/1382/la=175>

On line, you can see our proposals for new ward boundaries. You can compare our proposals (in red) to the existing boundaries (in blue) and search across the whole district, even down to street level. You can also click on any ward to find out how many voters are included in it and how many councillors we propose should represent it.

You can submit comments to us or upload a document by clicking on the 'Make Comments' link at the top of the page. You can also draw your own boundaries and annotate the map by clicking on the 'Draw on map' button.

There is plenty of information to help you make a submission in the 'Useful links' section at the bottom right of the page.

This consultation closes on 28 April 2014.

Do you need to contact the Parish Council?

You can do so.....

In writing to:

[The Clerk, Waldringfield Parish Council,](#)
[43 Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea , Essex CO13 9DY](#)

By telephone on:

[01255 678 888](tel:01255678888) (with voicemail)

By e-mail at:

pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk



Waldringfield Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

Invitation for people to open their gardens.

We are now into a new year, and WALGA is planning another "Open Gardens" event. This has proven to be a successful event in the past, and we look forward to building on this.

We are doing things a little differently this year, in that we have chosen to donate half of the proceeds to EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice) – Ipswich. The remainder is for WALGA funds.

We would like to hear from anyone in the village who would like to open their garden for this event, which will be held on Sunday 1st June 2-5pm.

We are looking for approximately 11 gardens, of different sizes, and with different interests, which may suit a variety of tastes. They may contain for example - flowers and/or shrubs, colourful pots, wonderful views –i.e. of the river or countryside, wildlife friendly habitats, vegetables, sculptures etc. etc. Gardens can be large or small.

This is an opportunity to show off your hard work, and to share your garden with others, whilst helping to raise money for EACH and WALGA.

If you are interested in opening your garden for this event, or would like a little more information before making a decision, please contact either of the following, before 31st March 2014.

Chris Lyon 01473 736291

Email: anthonylyon888@btinternet.com

Or

Rosalind Erskine 01473 736676 or 02088839008

Email: erskine20@worldonline.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from gardeners who have opened their gardens in the past, and to any newcomers.

Waldringfield Sailing Club—February 2014

We are fast approaching the start of another season, and “Miss February” is smiling down on all our members who no doubt have put this pinup girl from the Club Calendar in pride of place in their homes.



The Club has its usual packed programme, with racing starting on 8 March and carrying on until November. Working Parties to open up the Club for the season will take place on 15 and 22 February and 1 March.

We are pleased that the Yachtsman’s Service will continue to be a feature of the Waldringfield Summer, as we are sure that John Waller would have wished. Father Sam Leeder will lead the service on 20 July.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesdays. 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Kennedy Room.

Remaining meetings in 2014:

11 March, 8 April, 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November and 9 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.

Contacting the Council:

In writing to:

**The Clerk, Waldringfield Parish Council,
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Telephone: **01255 678 888** (with voicemail)

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