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BRUSH UP ON YOUR FIRST AID !

As many readers will be aware from the recently published Parish Plan, some of the focus is on emergency planning and, in light of that, the Parish Council (in conjunction with St John Ambulance) is looking to organise an Essential First Aid course in the coming weeks.



The group session will probably take place in the Village Hall and will last for 3 ½ hours. It will include an introduction to the defibrillator equipment (AED) installed on the Maybush Inn wall.

The course will accommodate up to 14 people and we need a minimum of 10 to make it viable. It is open to all residents and we also invite the various village organisations and businesses to sponsor one or two people to participate in this course. This also has the benefit of someone with first aid skills being at hand during their own gatherings or onsite during business hours

Inevitably, there is a cost to providing such a vital set of skills and this is expected to be no more than £30 a head. Please contact the Clerk to participate in this scheme or for further information (see Page 13)

New this edition: 'Greener Waldringfield'

Greener Waldringfield is an informal community of groups and individuals who share an interest in learning about and protecting our local environment and wildlife

Why Greener Waldringfield?

Waldringfield lies in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The River Deben Estuary has been designated a Special Protection Area.

However, there are challenges from climate change, the use of pesticides, especially neonicotinoids, on the agricultural land surrounding the village and increased urbanisation and visitor numbers.

See inside for more information.



PARISH PLAN

Road Safety Group

Also in the copy of the Parish Plan sent to you late last year, you will have seen that one of the key issues raised was road safety and, to this end, Toby Harraway is organising a steering group to help implement some, if not all of the recommendations in the Plan.

Toby is looking for members of the community to help him. Please contact him at

waldringfieldroadsafety@gmail.com

Wanted -Village Handyman

The Parish Council has a vacancy for the post of Handyman, the prime responsibility for which is the weekly inspection of the play area to ensure that everything is safe and in good working order.



Other light duties include tidying up the recreation field (as and when the situation demands), tending to the plants and bushes on the perimeter of the field and other small tasks elsewhere in the parish that may arise from time to time.

This post, as an employee of the Council, is for one hour a week and will be subject to the usual benefits of employment. The current rate of pay is £8.24 an hour, paid in arrears on production of a periodical time sheet. Extra hours of work will be paid at the same rate.

Whilst no experience is necessary, informal training will be provided where required. In the first instance, all enquiries should be addressed to the Clerk, contact details for whom are found on Page 13

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COFFEE MORNINGS

The monthly Coffee Mornings in the village hall (on the first Thursday of each month), are increasingly well attended, and are enjoyed by all. The dates for the next two, are **Thursday 3rd March**, and **Thursday 7th April**, from 10am-12pm.

If you would like to attend but are anxious because you don't know anyone, do come along. The coffee morning team will be pleased to introduce you, and make you welcome.

There will be no Coffee Morning in May, because of elections, but on Tuesday 10th May, there will be a cream tea in the



village hall from 2-4pm. This will be provided in conjunction with the Rural Coffee Caravan, as part of this year's celebrations of the Queen's 90th Birthday.

We would like to know numbers to enable us to cater accordingly, so if you would like to attend the cream tea, please give your name to Mrs Marion Sharpe 01473 736467.

Look out for leaflets and posters around the village, which will give you more information.

Chris Lyon

On behalf of the Coffee Morning Team.

Winter Talks at the Village Hall

We are enjoying another successful season with just two more until the Spring and Summer recess. Two of next season's speakers are booked already so keep your first Thursday evenings free from November 2016.



Meanwhile, on Thursday **March 3rd** at 7.30 **Dr. Patrick J Thompson** will talk on **'Catering the Royal Way (part 1)'**. If I tell you that, many moons ago, this extraordinary man was snatched from Lyons' Corner House in the early stages of his career there by no less than the Royal Household, you may get some idea of what is in store, or what is in the Royal larder maybe.

Thursday April 7th (again at 7.30 pm) is the first week after Easter when audience numbers get a little unpredictable— in order not to disappoint a visiting speaker and in order to improve the village hall coffers by a little, those of you who are free may choose to listen to me, **Gareth Thomas**. The title? **'Say Tray Bong'** (or 'where, what and why is this place they call France?') Don't ask what it's about altogether - only time will tell.

Hope to see you there on both occasions— it's still only £3 to get in and you get a cup of tea or coffee AND a biscuit AND it still raises money for the Village Hall and other charities.

'SAVE THE DATE'

Friday 20th May

IMPORTANT

AUCTION OF PROMISES!

In Aid of our Church, All Saints

In the Village Hall.

7 pm – 9pm, light refreshments,
plenty of wine.

The more young that come, the
better – a good fun evening.

Please start thinking of some really
interesting promises

See you then!



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213 High Street, Walton
Felixstowe **01394 670100**



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eastofengland.coop/funerals

The East of England Co-op has been your local funeral service for 90 years.
We are **not part** of the national Co-operative Funeralcare chain based in Manchester.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



Benefice Reorganisation We had hoped to have been able to report appointment of a rector for the new benefice of eight parishes, but nothing has, as yet, been resolved.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The final sum of £896 has been received as our share of the September 2015 Annual Cycle Ride. Watch out later in the year for details of this year's Ride and for the various ways in which you can take part.

Churchyard Maintenance. Before we know where we are, it will be time to think about work in the churchyard, although minimal work has still been carried out. We are always grateful to anyone who feels that they could offer some help, either as a one-off, periodically or more regularly. **

The churchyard is a' bloom with snowdrops, and daffodils will be along very soon. Previous gifts of bulbs and help with planting are showing lovely results, which wonderfully enhance the rural nature and tranquillity of the churchyard. There is lots more space...if you would like to contribute in this way next autumn, please contact as shown below. **

Annual Insurance of both the church and the church hall is looming once more. This usually amounts jointly to just under £1,000. Insurance companies are becoming very cautious after the severe outbreak of metal theft, and will only consider a claim if the 'Smartwater' device has been installed. Fortunately, we did this a few years ago, but remain vigilant and ask that if you witness anything untoward when walking, cycling, driving past or simply enjoying the quiet space, please report it quickly. The church has always been open, and we wish to keep it that way.

Services

Sunday March 6 th	1030.	Family Service. Mothering Sunday + posies for mothers
Sunday March 13 th	1830	Evensong
Sunday March 20 th	0800	Holy Communion
Friday March 25 th	1400	Good Friday service
Sunday March 27 th	0930	Holy Communion- Easter Day

** please contact Margaret Quantrill or Harriet Earle



Waldringfield Community Composting



Waldringfield Community Composting

The aim of Waldringfield Community Composting is that the village handles all its own food and garden waste, so there is no more fortnightly brown bin run – to help cut fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions.

WCC was set up in May 2012. Following a household survey and a series of composting workshops, funding and trials were put in place for three food digester systems: HotBins, Bokashi and wormeries.

These are now working successfully, and have reduced brown bin waste, in several houses, the school and at the Village Hall.

Suffolk Coastal is one of few councils in the county not to have introduced a charge for organic waste collection. But this will be reviewed at the end of the year and there is every chance that a fee of up to £50 a year per household could be instated. Handling our own waste could save a lot of money!

If you'd like to know more about how it all works, please email info@waldringfield.org



Are you celebrating Earth Hour this year?

Every year, millions of people switch off their lights for an hour to celebrate Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is organised by the World Wildlife Fund with the aim of making us think about how we can protect our planet and create a sustainable world.

We hope that as many villagers as possible will join us in switching off their lights on Saturday 19th March, between 8.30 and 9.30pm.

We also welcome Earth Hour inspired contributions to the Greener Waldringfield website: poems, fiction or non-fiction (up to 500 words) which reflect a wildlife or environmental theme. We'd love to share your thoughts on Earth Hour and whether it's inspired you to action.

Please send your pieces to

info@greenerwaldringfield.org

or c/o The Cottage, Fishpond Road
www.greenerwaldringfield.org



AONB volunteers working with Betsy Reid and Linda Wilkins in February, helping to clear the Triangle by the village hall and to prepare it for the school children to sow wild flower seeds in March.

The AONB volunteers also helped clear vegetation from the hedgerows in Church Field, mulch and manure the Scattered Orchard Fruit Trees in the village.

Waldringfield Church Field Trust

The AGM was enjoyable with lots of mulled wine and numerous mince pies. Your village representative Trust members are now Helga Balham, Betsy Reid and Christine Fisher Kay. The parish councillors are Janet Elliot and Serena Gold, and Rosa Waller kindly agreed to be minutes secretary. We thanked all those who have helped by volunteering their labour through the year one way or another.

On 2nd February the work party involving members of the AONB volunteers was successful in clearing a large amount of evergreen honeysuckle from the hedge where it was swamping the hazels, blackthorns, dog roses and everything else - this will have to be kept at bay in future. Several other tasks were completed and a good time was had by all on a very pleasant bright day.

Now that the skylarks nesting season is beginning it would be nice if people kept to the required behaviour of keeping dogs on leads as **over 82 dogs** visit the field regularly (information from the Parish Plan survey). Also, obviously, clean up after the dogs and make use of the dog bin. It is not sufficient to 'kick it into the long grass' - it should be a place safe for children to play and explore in.

As we are maintaining a low input grassland, the effect of all that unwanted fertiliser on the field would be quite significantly detrimental.

On a brighter note, a song thrush is singing up there regularly and the gorse is flowering brilliantly at the moment, so do get up there and enjoy it.

Christine Fisher Kay

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AONB volunteers work alongside village residents to help clear vegetation from Church Field hedgerows - Feb 2016



Mariah Skelhorn, lead for the Scattered Orchard Project, working alongside an AONB volunteer to mulch and manure the Scattered Orchard fruit trees in the village playground - Feb 2016



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 and love of wildlife in general.

Contacts:

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Secretary: Angela Mace 736677 damace@btinternet.com

Treasurer: Anthony Mason 736740

anthonymason_uk@yahoo.co.uk



All meetings in the Village Hall Kennedy Room starting at 10.00. Talks at 11.00 unless otherwise specified. Visitors welcome. Admission charge: £3 for visitors and non-members. Members: £1 New members welcome: Membership £5

- February 13th** Shore Birds of The River Deben: Emphasis on identification and call song by David Healey.
- April 9th** Paradise Lost: The Wildlife of Waldringfield 3.5 Million years ago by Bob Markham, Geologist from Geo Suffolk.
- May 4th** Nightingale Walk at Newbourne Springs Reserve: *car park 6.00a.m* with Peter Maddison, followed by alfresco breakfast.
- April 29th** A guided tour of Arger Fen and Spouse Vale, Suffolk Wildlife Trust Reserve, Assington: Ancient woodland, fen meadows and regenerating woodland. *Arrive 10.30a.m.*
- June 11th** Water Voles and Otters by David Tansley,
Water for Wildlife Officer, Essex Wildlife Trust.
- August** Bring & Share Summer Picnic. *Location & date tbc.*
- September 12th** Guided Bat Walk with Duncan Sweeting of the Suffolk Bat Group using bat detectors *location tbc. Arrive 6.45pm*
- October 3rd** Morning visit to Landguard Reserve & Bird Observatory to observe ringing of migratory birds with specialist Nigel Odin. *Meet 8am, car park opposite Landguard fort.*
- October 8^h** **AGM** followed by Suffolk Spiders by Alan Thornhill, retired entomologist and keen arachnologist, member of the British Arachnological Society.
- November 29th** Guided Tour of Lackford Lakes 2 – 4pm with Mike Andrews. Winter roosting birds, gull and starling pre roost murmuration.
- December 10th** Saltmarsh by Karen Thomas Internal Drainage Board followed by Members bring & share Christmas Lunch.

Waldringfield Flood Defence Group

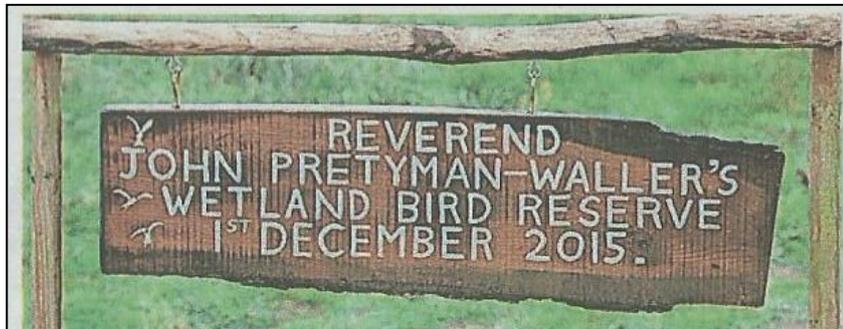
Subject to receipt of a licence from the MMO (Marine Management Organisation), the WFDG are planning to implement the final stage of saltmarsh restoration works in order to protect the new raised and strengthened river footpath. This work is being funded mostly by a substantial grant from the Coastal Communities Fund. Waldringfield Parish Council, ex local councillor Veronica Falconer (through SCDC Community Enabling funds) and WFDG have contributed smaller amounts. The initial 200m of work on the saltmarsh was partly funded by the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Beauty unit. This is especially visible at low tide towards the Turner's Bench end of the footpath and a further 1000m of protection over a wider area is now required to prevent the saltmarsh from further erosion and fragmentation. This work will take place over the summer, but will not cause any disruption to walkers on the footpath.

One final job for the footpath however is the application of a top dressing, once the path has dried out and stabilised sufficiently. This is planned for May, and the footpath will need to be closed for a couple of days. Further information will be available nearer the time.

Janette Brown jbrownmace@btinternet.com



John Pretyman Waller's Wetland Reserve Update



■ Rev John Pretyman-Waller, who served as rector of Waldringfield, Newbourne and Hemley for 39 years

The work on the river wall is coming to a conclusion this year, but there is still a little more to do on the Wetland Bird reserve in memory of John Pretyman Waller. There has been a rumour that a bird hide was to go onto the platform half way along the wall—however, this is untrue.

The Trustees have said the intention is to place a memorial bench to John surrounded by some low bench height reed screens to allow people to sit and watch the wildlife in more comfort. Hopefully, this will tie in with the top dressing of the path to ease access.

The work on the woods will also be continued, as some new trees are to be planted to replace those removed whilst the work on the wall was carried out, and some spaces will be cleared of undergrowth to encourage wildflowers to recolonise. All this is being done under professional guidance.

Any queries can be addressed to Dorne Pretyman Waller on email dorne.butcher@gmail.com

Waldringfield, Newbourne and Hemley Scattered Orchard - Four Years On

It's been four years since we first gathered together the idea of having an orchard of sorts across our three favourite villages. Thanks to a great deal of enthusiasm funds were raised, trees were sourced and volunteers came forward to help with all aspects of the project. We hit the ground running early in 2012 and planted over 40 trees. Our target was to plant 60 mixed fruit trees to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee year, as many as possible being traditional East Anglian varieties. We have now reached our target and have only had a few trees fail so far.



This winter we ran our fourth annual fruit tree pruning and grafting courses. This time we held them in Newbourne where we were grateful to be allowed to prune some very old apple trees in John Sommerville of Newbourne Hall's orchard. Fruit expert Marina O'Connell led the course with her usual abundance of knowledge and practical advice. Betsy Reid and Mariah Ballam ran the grafting course, for which an astounding array of graft wood was gathered from far and wide. If you

missed the courses and wish to attend, we will be running them again in January 2017.

Early in February, we were very lucky to receive some free trees, as well as help planting them from Suffolk Coasts and Heaths. The AONB team have been inspired by our Scattered Orchard and are funding a project to provide 5 free trees for every parish in Suffolk. If you know of a parish wishing to take part, do contact Neil Lister at Neil.Lister@suffolk.gov.uk. As well as replacing some plums which died, we mulched around many of the trees with straw and manure.

As for fruit, we have had quite few apples and pears on the Village Way trees in Autumn of 2015. If you are new to the village and wondering whether the fruit is up for grabs, it very much is. Please help yourself to ripe fruit as you find it and that goes for all of the fruit trees on publically accessible sites around the villages.

We plan to do another work party to mulch around the remaining trees to keep them well fed and weed free. If you would like to get involved in any of our activities, please email Mariah at mariahskellorn@hotmail.com.

Waldringfield Wildlife Group —Swift Report January 2016

Jenny James (author of the Woodbridge Swift Survey in 2015) reported on a survey by the Woodbridge RSPB Group, of swift numbers visiting the local area (James 2015). Her survey, which included records from Woodbridge, Melton and surrounding villages including Waldringfield, suggests that numbers of swifts visiting the area have declined over recent summers. A likely reason for the decline, she says, is the modern building practice of blocking up under-eaves nest holes. She urges householders and building developers to incorporate nest holes and nest boxes in the eaves when roof repairs are made and in new buildings. It seems that nesting success is enhanced when nest boxes are installed together with a CD of swift calls played every day during the daytime in the nesting season. Jenny James is organising a 2016 swift survey and would welcome reports of swift activity and nest sites from us all



Email woodbridge-swifts2015@outlook.com). Further information on the RSPB Woodbridge swift survey is available from their website, www.rspb.org.uk/groups/woodbridge.

In Waldringfield, two pairs of swift nest boxes were installed under the eaves of two adjacent houses in 2012/13 (without CDs, unfortunately). James advises that, if it is too late to add a sound system of swift calls after installation of the nest box, a CD player on a nearby windowsill may be sufficient to attract the swifts.

So far, there have been no reports of swifts taking up residence but we remain hopeful. We do know that swifts prefer nesting communally and that they return to the same nest sites each year. Anyone interested in installing nest boxes is encouraged to visit the RSPB Woodbridge website for information www.rspb.org.uk/groups/woodbridge

or email woodbridge-swifts@outlook.com .

The following leaflets are available:

Leaflet 1 *Swift nest boxes at your home* **Leaflet 2** *Roof and gable repairs and re-roofing with swifts* **Leaflet 3** *Swift nest places in soffits & eaves, walls and gables* **Leaflet 4** *Swift nest bricks installation & suppliers*

ALSO - *How to attract swifts to your nest box / How to use the swift calls CD / Swifts call kits — purchase and set up details.*

Swift nest boxes are available for purchase from the RSPB Woodbridge Group at £20 per box including a nest cup and a copy of all the leaflets, or £25 for the CD of swift calls also. Also you can order a nest box direct by emailing the maker at j.stimpson@btopenworld.com.

We are grateful to Angela Jones, Community Advisor Network Nature, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and to both householders for funding the Waldringfield nest boxes and their installation.

Reference James, J (2015) Woodbridge swift survey 2015 – *where have all the swifts gone?* RSPB Woodbridge Local Group Magazine, Autumn 2015, p11-14

Sally Redfern, Waldringfield Wildlife Group

Photograph courtesy of Robert Freeman© and www.swift-conservation.org

Waldringfield Sailing Club

A significant new initiative for the Sailing Club this year is the growth in low-key social sailing which, we hope, will prove to be an attractive opportunity for village residents, whether members of the Sailing Club or not.

From May, through to the end of the Summer there will be "Friendly Friday" evenings and "Social Saturday" morning sessions where the emphasis will be on just getting afloat, having fun and enjoying the river Deben. A team of experienced sailors will be on hand to offer friendly advice, if required, and there will be safety cover to keep you safe.

After sailing on Fridays, we hope to have the bar open and food available so you can stay on and mix with the other participants. If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved in our social sailing initiative, then please contact Jules Rains on 736036 or email jules_rains@hotmail.com.

You may also know that the Sailing Club runs a successful junior sailing programme in the excellent Cadet class dinghy. There are currently a number of crew vacancies for the 2016 season. Cadet crews are generally aged from 7-12 years old - no sailing experience is necessary as there is an excellent training programme in place this Spring and throughout the season.

If you know someone who would like to get involved with the Cadets and would like more information, please contact:

Cadet Squadron Leader Andrew Nunn
(andrew@seamarknunn.com)

or visit the Club website

<http://waldringfieldsc.com/cadet-class/>

FIRST RACE OF THE SEASON—12TH MARCH



**Eastern Angles returns to Waldringfield
Village Hall with their new play on
Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm.**

Tickets are £8 each - or £7 each for early birds up to
29th February - from Colin and Betsy Reid at
Dormers, Cliff Rd, Waldringfield, Woodbridge IP12
4QL 01473 736506 and colin_reid1@btinternet.com

Somewhere in England is a new play
by Polly Wiseman

“I always thought I wanted to be with someone who
was the same as me. Then you came along. Make
my world bigger...please?”



Eastern Angles presents a
fascinating and moving new
theatre production telling
the wartime story of what
happened when thousands
of American GIs arrived in
rural East Anglia.

In May 1942, the first Eighth U.S. Army Air Force
aeroplanes arrived in East Anglia. With them came
thousands of black and white American GIs who, in
some places, outnumbered the local population by
50 to 1.

This unique moment in history, often referred to as
'the friendly invasion', had a huge impact on social
and cultural life in the Eastern region and it's a story
that's in danger of being forgotten.

Nylons, Hershey bars and jitterbugging to Swing
Bands in the local village hall all feature in Polly
Wiseman's new play, but there was another side to
this shared history – a tale of segregation and of
rural communities turned upside down. Kids being
forced to grow up before their time, friendships
forged and then blown apart, and outsiders learning
to live amongst the locals.

**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)**

0774 8611730

**ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING**

**Waldringfield Village
Hall**

**7.30 pm, Tuesday
April 12th**

**Nearer the time, see the
website and noticeboards
for further information**

An email recently received by the Parish Council

Dear Sir,

I read the history section of your village with interest. My great - great grandfather, Tayspill Rudkin, farmed there, and at Hemley nearby.

He rented a farm "Rudlands" from the River's Hall estate. It was about 60 acres and was beside the river, I shall try to pinpoint its position because I am pretty sure the original farm no longer exists, but some of the buildings might.

I can let you know if I come across anything of interest. He sold up and moved to Burgh in 1833 and died in 1850.

Bernard Rudkin 3/01/16

HAVING BEEN PUT IN TOUCH WITH THE HISTORY GROUP, BERNARD DID SOME FURTHER RESEARCH AND CAME UP WITH THE NEWSPAPER CUTTING BELOW

ESTATE AT WALDRINGFIELD.

To be SOLD by AUCTION,
By KING and GARROD,
At the Coach and Horses Inn, Ipswich, on Saturday, the
15th day of June, 1893, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon,
Lot 1. A Desirable FARM, at WALDRINGFIELD, called
"RUDLANDS," now in the occupation
of Mr. Rudkin; containing 60A. OR. 23P. of Arable
Land, with dwelling-house, barn, stable, granary, &c.
ANNUAL OUTGOINGS
Quit-Rent to the Manor of River's Hall, £0 11 11
Lot 2. A most substantial Brick-built COTTAGE-
HOUSE, divided into Three Tenements, with gardens,
&c. situate at Hemley.
Quit-Rent, 2s.
Further particulars may be had of Mr. William Boby,
Walton; of Mr. Pearl Cross, Hemley; of Mr. Bunn, So-
licitor, and of the Auctioneers, County Press, Ipswich.

If any residents in Waldringfield can offer any information to aid Bernard with his research, he will be very pleased to receive it. In the meantime, Mr Rudkin plans to walk along the river to try to pinpoint the farm's location

Waldringfield Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

Remaining Meetings in 2016: March 15
(please note change of date), May 10
(AGM), June 14, July 12, August 9,
September 13, October 11, November 8,
December 13.

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

Telephone: **01255 678 888** (with voicemail)

E-Mail : pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com

Your Parish Councillors:

Ian Kay (Chairman)

Alyson Videlo (Deputy) Frances Matheson

Serena Gold Janet Elliot Colin Archer

Neil Winship Colin Reid Toby Harraway

Dog Poo Action Group

Our Parish Plan recommended as a high priority *“Provide ongoing publicity to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling. Seek to establish an action group of dog owners to recommend how to reduce the problem and consider the location and number of bins etc.”*

As your DPA councillor, I hereby invite both dog owners AND non-owners with nasty experience(s) from recent fouling to volunteer NOW for DPAG. Please let me know your name and e-mail address by Sunday 20 March so I can arrange an initial meeting.

Meantime, I certainly recognise that humans quite rightly sense *faecal aversion*; that is as if the *dog mess* was waving a red flag to signal ‘do not touch me or I will harm you!’ Poo on your shoe or hand and maybe later into your home is utterly foul. So can DPAG reduce the problem effectively and publicise how best to dispose of dog mess around Waldringfield?

“Bag it & Bin it” is the well-known rule but some owners fail to do so; why? *“Didn’t see it”* ~ if so please tell them.

“Didn’t have a bag” ~ Well get a responsible owner to give you one. *“No convenient poo-bin”* ~ well carry the bag it till you find one!



DPAG must decide if such responses are likely to be effective and consider:

- Does Waldringfield need **more bins** and if so where?
- Should we provide some **free bag disposers** like Levington?
- **Is anything worse than leaving t***s on paths and verges?**

.....Like hanging a filled bag on a branch for all to see?

.....or lobbing that bag to where it cannot be seen?

Neil Winship neilwinship@directsave.net

Have you called for an ambulance recently? Share your 999 story with Healthwatch Suffolk

Healthwatch Suffolk is working with Local Healthwatch across the East of England to find out what people think of local ambulance services. It is always interested to hear of your experiences but is seeking views now because it wants to inform an upcoming Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of the East of England Ambulance service.

The Care Quality Commission monitors regulates services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety. It has a legal duty to listen to the things Local Healthwatch say about services. As your local watchdog on health and social care services, Healthwatch Suffolk is best placed to inform the work of the CQC with the experiences of local people in Suffolk.

Whether you had a good or a bad experience, it is easy to share your story. Visit the Healthwatch Suffolk website where you can search for the service and leave a review.



Suffolk County Council



The immediate aftermath of Christmas was quiet. However, by week two, SCC awoke and reports, emails, telephone calls and meetings started with a vengeance.

There are many service issues such as: the fire service, health care for the vulnerable, education and transport that are being reviewed.

Consultation is taking place on how best to make savings in the light of continuing reduction in government grant. SCC has identified £34.4m to be saved in 2016-17. SCC will be reporting on its plans at the Budget meeting at Full Council on 11th February.

I chair the Police & Crime Panel that both challenges and supports the Police Commissioner and, on 29th January, the Panel unanimously agreed to the raising of the precept for Suffolk Constabulary.

The 1.98% increase will enable 20 new officers and 3 PCSCs to join the force. The police, along with other public bodies, are making efficiencies and savings by changing work patterns and by working in partnership with councils, health and other partners, to cut duplication, stop unnecessary wastage and bureaucracy.

Change is happening; adapting to change together, with excellent communication, is key.

Patricia O'Brien, County Councillor.

Suffolk Coastal District Council



Emergency Planning

Every village should have an Emergency Plan. This includes having a list of vulnerable people in the event of a power cut. Locating a venue where people can go for warmth etc. Training and help can be given for this. So far, only Levington and Waldringfield Parish Councils have these in my Ward.

Rate Increase

Suffolk Coastal will be putting up the Council Tax by no more than 2% in April. It has not been put up for 5 years.

New Premises

The cost of the move to East Suffolk House, the new council offices will be completely paid for by the sale of Cedar House in Woodbridge and the present Offices at Melton Hill. The Melton Hill site is in the process of being sold for development - 70 dwellings, of which 33% will be affordable.

Affordable Houses

It is possible that SCDC will start to build their own stock of affordable houses in the future using £1.68million funding gained from 106 agreements. Specialist staff would be brought in to do this.

Eating Out

Before you eat out you could check the Eat Out Eat Well ratings which restaurants and cafes are adopting.

Community Speedwatch

Suffolk Police are very pleased to give support to this facility in our area. My fellow District Cllrs in adjoining parishes and I will contribute towards costs of the camera and training from our Community Enabling budgets. I am hoping I to involve the local primary schools in this initiative

SCDC Councillor Susan Harvey

WALDRINGFIELD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We are always hugely appreciative of the support we receive for our fundraising from parents and villagers and now we have a new goal! All our events in the coming months are gearing up to help pay for a fantastic new piece of play equipment for the school grounds.



It will also be helped along by the amazing £1100 raised at our Christmas Fair.

Our first event is a Fun Family Quiz at the village hall on Saturday March 5th at 5pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3.50 for children and are available from the school office. The price includes a dinner of sausages, jacket spud and beans. Teams of six will need to have at least one child in them... but don't worry, we can make up teams on the night.

And after the huge success of our Ladies' Pamper Night in September, we have a date in the diary for our next one... 7pm on Friday April 22nd at the village hall. Tickets are available from the school. They are £5, which includes a glass of fizz, nibbles and entry into a raffle to win a pamper hamper. We hope to see some of you there!

I ♥ Pilates

The pre-Easter term is a short one : just 4 weeks RESTARTING Friday the 26th February 1.00 - 2.00 This 4 week term will cost £28 for the whole term or - £10 drop-in per class.

Flaunt your flowers for the hospice

Green-fingered supporters are needed to open their gardens to the public from May to September, in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. For more information on open gardens or pop-up plant stalls, please call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

PATIENT GROUP FOR MARTLESHAM GP SURGERY

We are a small group of patients who meet regularly with the Practice Manager to discuss how to improve the experience for patients. For example, if you've visited recently, you may have noticed the nice new chairs in the waiting room. We had a tour of the premises at our last meeting and discussed further changes e.g. to improve hygiene in the clinical rooms.

We would really welcome new members, especially younger people who are working or have children who visit the surgery. We are happy to adjust the times of our meetings to make it easier for you to attend. Please contact Lynne Marsh, the Practice Manager if you would like to know more. You are also welcome to come to one of our meetings without commitment, to meet us and learn more about what we do.

All GP practices are undergoing a CQC (Care Quality Commission) inspection. Most GP surgeries in Suffolk have been inspected now and ours is coming up very soon. The surgery has been working hard to improve and is hoping for a good report. Further information about the CQC and its reports are published on its website.