

Planning for the Deben Estuary

The Deben Estuary Partnership, Suffolk Coasts and Heaths and the Environment Agency would like to invite residents who know, value and love to use the River Deben for all sorts of recreation, to a meeting on 12 March 7.00 pm (6.45 pm for coffee) at Waldringfield Village Hall, as a pre-consultation evening about the Deben Estuary Plan. Residents of Martlesham, Kirton, Hemley, Newbourne and Falkenham have been invited as well.

The Deben Estuary Partnership, with support from the other two organisations is developing a plan that will incorporate flood risk management into a broader, community based, estuary management approach.

Your involvement will be key to this plan, as the Environment Agency would like to start to discuss the future management of flood defences within the Deben, as well as seeking views on the work done to date.

Free NHS Health Checks

The NHS is working in conjunction with Health Smart to provide a free health check service in the community. They will shortly be in Suffolk and if there is sufficient interest they will be in Waldringfield in March. The aim is to identify people at risk of developing cardio vascular diseases, diabetes, kidney disease etc., and provide tailored lifestyle and dietary advice to help prevention, or, if necessary, refer the individual for further consultation. The Health Check takes approximately 20 minutes, is carried out by a health professional and is completely free of charge. To justify the mobile unit coming to the village we need to have an expression of interest from at least 10 people. If you think this is something you might want to take advantage of please email Janet Elliot at janet@buttermans.com or phone on 736736. If enough people

respond I will arrange a definite date.

You are eligible for a free check if:

- You are between 40 – 74 years old
- You are a resident in Suffolk or registered with a Suffolk GP
- You have not had a full NHS Health Check within the last five years
- You have not already been diagnosed and taking medication for Heart Disease or Heart Failure, Stroke or TIA (mini stroke), High Blood Pressure, Atrial Fibrillation, High Cholesterol, Kidney Disease, Heart Attack, Arterial Disease, Diabetes.

LDF - this is the most important consultation of all

I appreciate that many people will be feeling 'consultation fatigue', having put considerable effort into their responses to earlier consultations. However, in many ways this is the most important of them all.

Previous consultation responses could be (and have been) ignored by Suffolk Coastal District Council, but this time our responses will go to an independent Planning Inspector who will (hopefully) read them all and assess the points made on their merits in an open-minded and unbiased way.

This consultation is also different because it is not about whether you agree or disagree with the Core Strategy and its policies, it is about whether you think SCDC arrived at its decisions in a sound and legal way.

Guidance notes have been prepared by

NANT and can be found on the NANT website at <http://noadastralnewtown.com> SCDC's information and all the LDF documents can be found at the SCDC website at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/corestrategy/presubmission/default.htm>

The Pre-Submission Core Strategy consultation period runs from Wednesday 25 January to 5.15pm on 7 March 2012.

Completed forms can be emailed to development.policy@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or posted to:

Development & Policy
Suffolk Coastal District Council
Melton Hill,
Woodbridge
Suffolk IP12 1AU

Ian Kay

Afternoon Concert

Sunday 25 March 3.00 pm
Waldringfield Village Hall

Classical Concert

Brought to your door

**The Ward String Trio with
Anna Noakes Flute**

Works by Mozart, Rossini,
Schubert and Volkmar Andreae

Tickets £10 on door
(school children free)

Please come and bring your friends

Liz Kennedy 01473 736637

Fun and changes to come . . .

The Parish Council was pleased to support two projects for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the first being the Scattered Orchard, a wonderful initiative which will have lasting benefits for all three villages. The second proposal is to have a party afternoon on the Playing Field on 5 June, along the lines of the Royal Wedding Party last year. More details later, but grateful thanks to those involved. A third project for children in the village and school is under way.

The coming months will see an increase of work for the Parish Council and Clerk as the Localism Bill changes start to take effect. This will be another sharp learning curve for all concerned. More responsibility will devolved to Parish Councils and your input and support will be welcomed. The revision of the Parish Plan is already underway, but it will also be necessary to have a Neighbourhood Plan to deal with planning issues only. Both will be required to feed into District Council's plans for the future.

Meanwhile Spring is just around the corner – enjoy. **Jean Potter, Parish Clerk**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES Tuesdays 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Kennedy Room - 13 March, 17 April Annual Parish Meeting in the main hall, 8 May Annual Parish Council Meeting, 12 June, 10 July, 14 August, 11 September, 16 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:

In writing to: The Clerk, Waldringfield Parish Council
21A Claverton Way, Rushmere St Andrew,
Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 5XE

By telephone: 01473 723409 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 Jean Potter, 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

Friends of Waldringfield School

At the recent 'Help Shape the Future of Waldringfield' meeting, one of the five issues that was a priority for the village was 'Supporting and strengthening our School'.

At the meeting a group gathered and discussed how this could be achieved and several ideas were put forward.

One of them was to start a 'Friends of Waldringfield School'. This group would be for anyone from the community to register with the school with a list of talents, skills, experience or time that they would be willing to share with the school. The school would then contact the friend when needed.

Friends would receive a termly newsletter from the school and updates published in the parish newsletter.

If interested please contact Anna Carter (Governor) on carteras@tiscali.co.uk or by phone 01473 736241.

There are now working parties every month to address some of the maintenance and gardening that needs to be done. These run from 10 am – 12.30 pm on the last Saturday of the month, 25 February, 31 March, 28 April, 26 May, 30 June, 28 July.

You would be very welcome and your help gratefully received

Lift sharing googlegroup trial in the village

Greener Waldringfield is trialing a new googlegroup on which people can offer or accept local lifts.

Members need an address and phone number within the parish; as it would be a group just for lift-sharing it would likely

remain quite small and face-to-face. Perhaps the security concerns that some people felt when we experimented with just using Waldringfielders would be reduced this way.

If you are interested – or have other

helpful suggestions about 'greener' transport please contact Alexis_g1dik@btinternet.com or Libby_libby@aptranslations.co.uk. (And more 'Get Going with your Bike' coming shortly as soon as the weather improves!)

WALGA planning ahead for the year

Once again Emma Saunders Gilbert came and gave the WALGA group an inspiring morning in December to produce some Christmas decorations using mainly greenery from our own gardens.

Future Events

Thursday 29 March 7.45 pm Waldringfield village hall Kennedy Room 'A spring posy' with Emma Saunders Gilbert.

Sunday 29 April Open Gardens with a spring feel – 2.00 - 5.00 pm, passport from Jo Garrard or from the school on the day.

17 May 7.45 pm Julie Foster on the Folklore of garden and hedgerow herbs.



Copydate for next newsletter Friday 11 May 2012. Send to Parish Clerk – details above in panel

NANT Update

Local MP Dr Therese Coffey agrees with NANT (No Adastral New Town)

Constituents were delighted to hear that Dr Coffey is against SCDC concentrating the housing allocation into only two main areas -- BT at Martlesham and the Trimleys near Felixstowe.

On 13 February Dr Coffey spent the day making visits to several villages in the area to the East of Ipswich. At Waldringfield she was met by a group of her constituents, including members of NANT, who were keen to hear Dr Coffey's views on SCDC's planned allocation of 2000 houses at the BT site at Martlesham.

The group expressed the view that a development of this scale on a site adjacent to the AONB would have an irretrievable negative impact on the internationally protected Deben Estuary. In addition, such a concentrated development would cause gridlock on

the already congested A14.

Constituents were concerned that prior to her election as an MP Dr Coffey stated that she was against building on Greenfield sites but since her election she has not made any public statement on this very important matter.

Dr Coffey confirmed that she was against such large developments as that planned for the BT site and that she has made her views known to the leader of SCDC.

Nonetheless she appeared very reluctant to make her view more public. The group asked her to take her lead from the neighbouring MP, Ben Gummer, and actively support her constituents.

Pre Submission Consultation

The current consultation ends on 7 March. This is the final opportunity to raise any issues you have on SCDC's LDF/Core strategy that allocates 2000 houses at the BT site. NANT will shortly be emailing guidance notes on how to submit your comments and you can also visit

www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/corestrategy/presubmission/default.htm



A staunch supporter seen on Church Field, but when the going gets tough, can he stand the heat?

Following on from recent events in Waldringfield and the surrounding area a few more people have requested to register for our Neighbourhood Watch scheme. If you wish to join you will need an email address with which to receive updates. Email me at waldringfieldnw@yahoo.co.uk and you should receive an email confirmation shortly afterwards. If you do not have access to email please ask around your neighbours and ask them pass on any important information. You should be able to find someone very close by.

There has been a spate of Heating Oil Thefts in the area recently. Advice about how to help protect yourselves against this crime and many others is available on the Waldringfield Village Website/Neighbourhood Watch page <http://waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/about-us/neighbourhood-watch>

If you see anything suspicious please always report it directly to the Police. If you need immediate assistance always dial 999. You should dial 999 when life is threatened or people are injured, or if there is a crime in progress or an immediate police response is necessary. Please also be aware that 112 (International number) and 911 (American number) also work as emergency numbers in the UK, and will be answered by English speaking operatives. 999, 911 and 112 will work from landlines, and mobile phones, whether there is signal or not and they will also work from mobile phones that appear to have no battery life left .

I will then be pleased to receive relevant details to pass on to other residents in the scheme. 'Forewarned is forearmed.'

I have been asked by the Police to highlight a very useful



service which they offer free of charge:

Police Direct

Police Direct is a high tech messaging service provided by Suffolk Constabulary, which is designed to bring you up to date information about crime and policing issues in your area.

Information can be sent by email to your computer, by text to your mobile phone, and by telephone to your landline.

The service will give you:

- Latest information on local crime
- Warnings about bogus callers
- Crime reduction advice
- Updates from your Safer Neighbourhood Team
- Latest details on major traffic disruptions

It's free to join Police Direct and you choose how you want to receive the alerts, via email, text or phone or any combination of these.

You can register up to three postcodes, which could include where you live, where you work and maybe where a relative lives.

You can join Police Direct by:

Visiting <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/Services/Police+Direct/> and following the links for Police Direct (for messages in any format.)

Text POLICE followed by a space and then your postcode to 88588 (for text service only).

Contact Police Direct on 01473 613997

Church Field – dogs on leads please!

Judging from the large number of footprints in the snow, many people have been walking in the field during the cold snap, and did I see tracks of cross country skis? Other footprints were of rabbits, fox and muntjac. There was also a splendid snowman.

The footballers continue, conditions permitting, but we are told they always

have to clear the pitch of dog mess before starting. There really is no excuse is there. I am about to put up more notices – the old ones having disappeared, but does anyone need a notice to tell them to clear up after their dog? And yet this is an everyday occurrence in our village.

People might query why we ask for

dogs to be put on leads on the field. There are two reasons. Firstly and most obviously if the dog is on the lead, the owner can plainly see what it is doing re the above. Quite often a dog or several are seen romping around the field while the owner marches on in front, quite oblivious to what is going on behind them. Secondly it continues to be a priority of the Church Field Trust to promote wildlife habitat on the field so far as possible.

The unimproved grassland which has now developed, is a priority habitat and should support ground nesting birds such as skylark and grey partridge. Others that might nest if disturbance were minimal include curlew, lapwing, snipe and redshank. Hares like to lie up in long grass and are occasionally seen on the field. Bear in mind that many people with dogs visit every day and this could lead to disturbance every 10-20 minutes.

We decided not to hold a kite flying event this year due to lack of support the previous two years. Anyone can of course fly a kite if they like at their own convenience! I will always remember Noel Edgar flying one from his buggy, and the amazing acrobatics of some of the fancy kites belonging to former teenage residents. We hope that many of you will be getting out to take advantage of windy days or just to enjoy the field as it develops through the seasons.

Christine Fisher, chairperson of the Church Field Trust

All Saints' Church

Annual Carol Service Our lovely church was filled with many happy voices and a number of people joined our usual readers in the lessons. Floral decorations were arranged by ladies of the church and we were pleased to have a new volunteer to help. Refreshments were enjoyed by many of the congregation in the Church Room after the service.

Our Church Room is looking most welcoming with the advent of a lovely new fitted carpet funded by the Craft Group which meets on alternate Monday afternoons. This member-led industrious group held its annual December open day in aid the St Elizabeth Hospice and the sum of £300 was donated to hospice funds. New members are welcome. Contact Sheila Payne or Margaret Quantrill.

A St Valentine's Celebration of Love and Commitment was held on Sunday 12 February. Thankyou to those who brought flowers to the church, and to Katie Catchpole for her original idea and donation of the appropriate venue licence. We met at the Church Room for sparkling wine and glorious 'wedding cake' made and generously donated by our super cake-maker, Jean Haste, who had iced it beautifully and decorated it with hearts and flowers. Needless to say very little was left! Everyone enjoyed looking at the collection of wedding photographs of different vintages and 'compliments' were flying when lots of familiar faces were spotted! Greatly enjoyed by all who came, this was not a fund-raising evening but a chance to meet and chat. We followed this by going to Evensong which followed the themes of love and commitment. We thank all who contributed and all those who came along to enjoy a lovely evening.

Waldringfield Parochial Church Council

WALDRINGFIELD FAIRWAY COMMITTEE

Notification of Annual General Meeting 2012

The open to the public Annual General Meeting of the Waldringfield Fairway Committee will be held on Thursday 26 April 2012 at 7:30pm in Waldringfield Church Hall.

AGENDA

- Chairman's Welcome and Introductions
- Apologies for absence
- To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- Chairman's report
- Financial report
- Election of Officers for 2012 to 2013:
Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Auditor
- Open Meeting:
When the public can express their views and question members of WFC about matters of mutual interest.

NB. The AGM will be preceded by a closed, not open to the public, Committee Meeting of WFC. Hence you are respectfully requested to time your arrival to as close to 7.30 pm as possible and to remain in the entrance lobby area, until such time as the AGM commences when you can come through to get seated. This is to allow the usual business of the committee to be concluded. Thank you for your cooperation.

EASTERN ANGLES

is coming to

Waldringfield Village Hall
7.30 pm Tuesday 27 March

with their new production entitled

**Private
Resistance**

Tickets Adults £8.00, Concessions
£7.00, Students £6.00 from Colin
and Betsy Reid 01473 736506

Private Resistance is written by Eastern Angles's artistic director Ivan Cutting and directed by Naomi Jones (who recently directed Long Way Home)

Set in 1940 it's a thrilling tale of the so-called Auxiliary Units, Churchill's secret guerrilla army primed to go underground to fight behind the lines – a story of the bonds created and destroyed by wartime

Scattered Orchard project growing in the villages



Progress Report: Waldringfield, Newbourne and Hemley Scattered Orchard

Late in October 2011 I attended a fascinating talk at Waldringfield Village Hall by Paul Read of the Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group. The talk was about the wonderful tradition of fruit varieties from Suffolk.

By the end of the talk Paul had convinced us all of the importance of re-instating traditional fruit trees, and in particular the rare yet delicious Suffolk varieties. And the seed of the idea to plant a 'Scattered Orchard' was sown.

Over the following months a small group of villagers began to investigate the possibility of planting groups of fruit trees on publicly accessible land around the three villages.

We spoke to parish councils, village hall committees and the churches who all welcomed the project to the extent of agreeing to plant some fruit trees on their sites.

Once we knew the plan could be viable we put out a call to all villagers interested in being part of the project which, thankfully, was warmly received with great interest.

We finally met with all those wanting to take part in late January. We now have some donated trees from Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group as well as some funding from Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Networking Nature fund and Transition Woodbridge in order to buy more trees and the materials to support the trees.

Our initial plan is to plant 60 trees in 2012 spread over the three villages to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. We have even found a plum variety

called 'Queens Crown' and we hope to put one of these in each village.

This project is an investment in the future of our villages. Future generations of foragers and wildlife will reap the rewards of helping to enrich our bio-diverse and fruitful environment. What better way to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee than a community project which brings together members of all three villages.

If you would like to sponsor a tree and dedicate it to a family member you can do so for just £20 which will cover the cost of the tree and supporting materials.

The first planting party will take place at the end of February/beginning of March and if you would like to come along and help please contact Mariah Skellorn on mariahskellorn@hotmail.com or 07709485979. More planting will take place in November and December 2012.

Cut your Household bills!

If your pay has reduced you may be able to receive help towards your Council Tax Bill, or rent. If you have adapted your home to meet your needs, for example an extra bathroom or other room, or you use a wheel chair in your home, you may be entitled to a reduction in your Council Tax Bill.

What should I do next?

You should contact us straight away

Telephone : 01394 444838 if you live in Suffolk Coastal area or 01502 523535 if you live in Waveney area

Email : benefits@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or benefits@Waveney.gov.uk

Website : www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or www.waveney.gov.uk

Visit our local offices located at the Marina in Lowestoft or Melton Hill in Woodbridge.



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 Jenny Firth 736343
Winter Talks	1st Thursday of the month	Stan Baston 736509

CONTACT NAMES

Village Hall Bookings – Sally Hopper	Telephone	736723
Suffolk County and District Councillors	(call Clerk)	
Parish Council Clerk	Jean Potter	723409
Police – PC Paul Smith		101
PCSO Andi Hillman, PCSO Amy Clarke		

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

Forthcoming Special Services and Events

Friday 2 March	Friends and Neighbours Lunch 12.30 pm
Saturday 17 March	Quiz Evening, 7.00 pm. Free entry – teams of six, Refreshments included. Concludes with short Bible-based epilogue Contact Robin Percy to enter a team or for more information
Friday 6 April	Good Friday Service 10.15–11.00 am, followed by refreshments, ramble, lunch and Easter Egg Hunt for the children
Sunday 8 April	Easter Sunday
Saturday 14 April	Golf Day at Waldringfield Golf Club – contact Pastor Steve Wyncoll to enter a team (of four) or for more Information

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

Stimulating debate of Waldringfield issues

On Thursday 12 January 2012 parishioners attended Waldringfield's Village Review in the village hall.

It was a lively event with much stimulating debate on the issues raised. Everyone had the opportunity of highlighting whatever suggestions and concerns they had on their mind and then these were prioritised by all those attending.

The issues generating the greatest

interest included, the proposed 2000 houses at BT, traffic in the village, broadband speed and wi-fi availability, keeping the primary school, protecting the Deben Estuary from erosion, forming an energy group (in particular mains gas) and securing allotment land.

Some embryonic action groups were formed and action plans created.

The only disappointing aspect of the evening was that relatively few people attended in the under 40 age group.

Village Hall Winter Talks

The Bawdsey Ferry Men Thursday 1 March 7.30 p.m.

John White has come up with a brand new talk, featuring the Felixstowe to Bawdsey Ferry.

This has a fascinating history going back to rowing boats, the chain ferry and the RAF, but it is the story of the ferry men that brings it alive.

The eagle eyed amongst you might notice that we originally planned to present a talk about the buildings at the Ferry but we are going with this talk instead.

John is the Harbour Master at Felixstowe Ferry, and continues to be one of the most popular speakers on the local circuit with his 'Legends of Felixstowe Ferry' talk.

He recently presented a sell-out to the Felixstowe Society and folks had to be turned away. We shall be showing in the main hall, so there will be room for everyone.

Stan Baston Tel 01473 736509

Waldringfield History Group Presents

A Titanic double event

The Titanic Mystery

An illustrated talk by Malcolm Crawford and the group

Thursday 5 April at 7.30 pm
Admission £3

The Titanic exhibition

Featuring a large and unique local collection of documents, artefacts and memorabilia.

Good Friday 6 April
10.30 am to 4.30 pm Admission free

This was the first event to be held in connection with the current review and we would like to hold more to try and ensure everyone has their say.

So, if you are in this age group and you have ideas on how the village should move forward please come along to the next event or get in touch with any member of the Parish Plan Group to put your point of view forward.

Janet Elliot 01473 736736