

Get involved in Waldringfield . . . be a councillor

Although the Parish Council didn't meet in April it has still been busy dealing with various parish issues. There was an Annual Parish Meeting in April attended by 45 people.

The Parish Council is still short of councillors after the resignation of three councillors over the last year for various reasons. If you feel you would like to be more involved in looking after your local community at this interesting time the Parish Council would be delighted to hear from you. Just approach a councillor or contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

The Local Development Framework policy adoption continues on its course, promoted by Suffolk Coastal District Council. The Parish Council has been keeping a close eye on developments, although the District Council seems keen on pushing it through as soon as

possible, despite all the objections.

The BT Development plans should be looked at shortly by SCDC planners and are now to be judged against the new Local Development Framework.

Objection to caravans plan for Foxborrow Farm

Foxborrow Farm, Brightwell has had a new application for development of part of the site as storage for 200 caravans, which the Parish Council has objected against and they are also still awaiting the outcome of the investigation into the illegal tree lopping carried out over a year ago here. Other local Parish Councils have now been informed where they were originally omitted from the consultation. It would seem the pressure to develop any land to the east of the A12 is increasing all the time, now the principle would appear to have approval.

On less important issues some new grit bins have been provided (and more are on order), to replace the ageing wooden bins and the remaining ones have been cleaned out ready for the new season. Hopefully they won't need to be so well used next winter.

The fort on the playing field has undergone necessary repairs, the new goalposts are in place and the mole catcher has been in action to try and keep the field safer for children to play on.

The Road Safety Group has met with Suffolk County Council Highways to discuss some ideas for improving safety on the road into the village and School Road and improvements to the Fishpond Road junction. More data is going to be collected in the next few months to get an idea of the exact extent of the problems.

The bus shelter idea at the crossroads has had to be abandoned as costs were spiralling, partly due to the necessary legal costs of acquiring the land required.

It was felt by Suffolk County Council that this couldn't be warranted for use by five children or less, particularly as numbers will be decreasing due to current high school intake policies.

Thinking about going green catch a bus – if you can!

To access the bus times to and from Waldringfield go to First Ipswich bus times on Suffolk County Council web site at www.suffolkonboard.com/timetables_leaflets/area_bus_timetable_leaflets_1 and click on Woodbridge and the surrounding area.

The bus service number is 179

Waldringfield to Ipswich picks up at the Golf Club and Cliff Road opposite Mill Road 7.25 am, 9.20 am, 12.20 pm. Ipswich stops are St Augustines Church, Felixstowe Road, The Railway PH in Foxhall Road, Majors Corner, Old Cattle Market.

Ipswich to Waldringfield from Majors Corner 8.13 am, from Old Cattle Market 1.10 pm, 3.20 pm, 5.20 pm stops at the Golf Club and Cliff Road opposite Mill Road

Waldringfield to Woodbridge picks up at Cliff Road opposite Mill Road and The Golf Club 9.04 am, 1.51 pm, 4.06 pm, 6.06 pm. Woodbridge stops are The Seal Public House on Ipswich Road and Hamblin Road Turban Centre.

Woodbridge to Waldringfield from Turban Centre or The Seal Ipswich Road 9.10 am, 12.10 pm

Support the Village Grocer

Damien Payton approached the Village Hall Committee through the Parish Clerk Jean Potter. He will come to the village regularly if there are sufficient customers. At the moment his van parks alongside the Post Office on Wednesdays 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Come along and see him. He might even be able to come more often if the demand is there.

One resident who found him by chance says, 'What an amazing shop. He sells everything from tea bags to bin bags, dog and cat food, toiletries, eggs, bacon, sausages, tinned goods, fruit and veg. and household items. Please support this enterprising shopkeeper.'

Thanks and delays – but we press on

As I am typing this we do at last seem to be enjoying some lovely warm weather and I am hoping I can put my winter coat away.

The Parish Council would like to record its thanks to Harriet Earle, Clive Underdown and David Dale who have all resigned for various reasons from the PC within the last six months.

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting in April a vote of thanks was given to our Chairman Ian Kay, who has spent more hours than I care to think about over the last twelve months or more, pulling together the facts and figures for various consultation responses and attending meetings, regarding the PC's objection to the BT Planning Application and the processes involved in the Local Development Framework. This is tough, detailed, painstaking work and it is not over yet!

All this has meant delay in some other things, such as Allotments and review of the Parish Plan, but we shall press on. Enjoy the summer. **Jean Potter, Parish Clerk**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Monday 14 June (note change of date), and Tuesdays 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 December

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

As well as meeting dates, other information about the Council can be found by following the 'Parish Council' link at the Waldringfield web site at:

<http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/WaldringfieldPC/>

WALDRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL Jean Potter, Clerk & RFO

Your Parish Councillors:

Ian Kay (Chairman)	Alyson Videlo (Deputy)	Serena Gold
Frances Matheson	Colin Archer	Bridget Rayner

Flowery start to summer

How lovely to see all those cowslips flowering cheerfully in the verges by Sullivan Place this year. These were grown and planted out by members of the wildlife group as were other wildflowers yet to appear – ox eye daisies, red campion, corn marigolds, fragrant lady's bedstraw and corn chamomile. Since the first crocuses appeared and then the daffodils, all will be supplying nectar to bees and butterflies.

However just as important to wildlife as the flowers is the long grass in which they are growing. It is like the rain forest with layers of different species finding a niche to live in at different heights in the canopy. Insects of all shapes and sizes will spend some or all stages of their development in it. Snails which hide in it are food for the song thrush and it is a shady hiding place for frogs, toads and newts which can move around safely looking for food and shelter without being exposed to the drying sun and to predators. At night hedgehogs will hunt through it for insects and slugs. All those song birds which migrate here in the summer – the blackcaps, whitethroats, chaff and nightingales – are insect eaters and our long grass patches will help to beef up the amount of insects we can offer them and make sure they keep coming to Waldringfield and are able to feed their nestlings and raise chicks successfully.

While the flowers will provide nectar and pollen for bees and butterflies and brighten the village up from our human point of view, the grasses and other plants are also foodplants on which the larvae of many butterflies and moths depend. The seedheads then provide a natural food source for birds such as goldfinches and linnets later in the year. In spite of the dreadful winter and the cold spring we have had, there continues to be a splendid variety of birds and insects in Waldringfield. And as somebody once said, every little helps.

The County Council have therefore been asked to leave certain parts of the verges long as before, being the verge around the corner of School Road and Cliff Road, and either side of the entrance to Sullivan Place. They are still cutting the front parts so they can be walked on easily and keeping the overall effect one of deliberate management of the long grassy wildflower areas and not just an inability to keep up with the mowing timetable! In the later part of the summer the whole area will be cut but hopefully not until the birds have had a chance to have a go at the seeds.

It would be really useful if long areas could be included in corners of all gardens, edges of school grounds and playing fields throughout the country. Thousands of acres of more wildlife friendly habitat would be created. So put away the strimmer and have a closer look at what is creeping about in the quiet, wild corners of your garden.

Christine Fisher Kay, on behalf of the Waldringfield Wildlife Group



WALGA Open Gardens Sunday 30 May

Passport in advance from Vicky Marsh (vickymarsh73@yahoo.co.uk 01473 736324) or on the day from Waldringfield Primary School. A selection of village gardens, large and small, open from 2.00 - 5.00 pm with Cream Teas at Dormers, Cliff Road from 3.00 - 5.30 pm. Passports will need to be shown at all gardens and cost £4.00 adult, £3.50 concessions and 50p children

All proceeds to WALGA funds

Copydate for next newsletter Friday 13 August. Send to Parish Clerk – details above in panel

The varied working history of the village

'Waldringfield at Work' was presented to a full house at the Village Hall and concentrated on five aspects. Tim Elliot linked it up and also covered domestic service.

Somebody asked about the photograph of the elegant lady who went off to work in London. This was Elsie Spall and Stella James told me more about her mother. She was born in 1906 and she lived in one of the Cement Cottages. At the age of 12, the children sat a school test; if they passed, they could start work; otherwise they stayed on to 14. Now, I can't understand the story because Elsie was a very bright girl and she stayed onto she was 14, possibly because of ill-health. Kit Clark knew her and tells me that in today's world she would have eventually gone to university, but in 1920 she went off to Regents Park in London to work as a parlour maid for the daughter of Walter Delamare, the noted poet, although her real ambition was to become a nurse. She earned 26 shillings per year (not per week) and still managed to send money home. Elsie became Mrs. Jones in 1930 and moved to Liverpool as her new husband was in the merchant navy.

Audrey Ruffles told us all about coprolite mining in the village. The audience laughed at her story about the Lloyds Bank turd. No, this is nothing to do with the banking fat cats, but was a piece of coprolite discovered at the site of a bank in York. At the time, an expert said it was the equivalent in historical importance as the crown jewels.

After coprolite became uncompetitive, the village turned its hand to making cement. It was not a pretty sight, with its belching chimneys. Gareth Thomas showed a present



day Google Earth shot of the excavations on the saltings and these are still present as you can see from the photograph.

The usage of the waterfront site changed in the 1920's when Harry and, later, Ernie Nunn started building boats. Mike Nunn told us about the various classes and Waldringfield became nationally famous for the International Dragons built by Nunn Bros.

Finally, the talk ended when Alan Matheson gave us a detailed history of The Maybush Inn and all its characters. I am sure that everyone has seen the Giles cartoon in the Maybush. Alan identified some of the local characters, and I am sure there much more to explore. He did point out one mischievous

boy who was stuffing a crab down someone's trousers. Closer examination revealed that it was Lord Beaverbrook who was the owner of the Daily Express, which featured Giles as its main cartoonist. Roger Stollery later told us that the cartoon was centre stage at the 1953 Earls Court boat Show.

The History Group meets monthly through the winter on Friday afternoons at the Village Hall. Our next meeting is Friday 10th September at 2:30 pm and we will be having a featured presentation at every meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Stan Baston
01473 736509

Church Field getting well used

This year the annual Fun Day will be on the afternoon of Saturday 19 June. As usual, a barbecue will be lit around 1.30p.m. (weather permitting) for anyone to use, or bring a picnic. There will be games for the energetic or just come along and socialise.

The school have been making good use of Church Field for training for cross country, in which they are doing very well in competition with other much bigger schools.

They will also be taking part in the Tesco Great School Run in June when they will be raising money for CLIC Sargent which helps children with cancer, using Church Field as part of the 2 km course.

The football/cricket club for children over eight years old continues on Saturday mornings from 10 – 12 am run by Duncan Andrews. The goal post was replaced in the winter with an improved version.

Now that mowing has started again any potential volunteers are invited to contact Tim Burslem or me if they would like to help.

The annual report on Church Field was given to the Parish AGM in April and can be seen on the Parish Council website. Click on Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting to see all the reports.

Christine Fisher Kay, Chair of the Trustees, Tel: 736384

Mobile Library Times

2, 16, 30 June, 14, 28 July, 11, 25 August, 3.20 - 3.50 pm in Village Way.

The satellite connection allows you to order books, spoken word, CDs and DVDs on the mobile, or over your home internet connection, and collect and return them from the mobile library or any other branch library. The Librarians, Andrew and John can be contacted any time on 07809 594685

Hall needs more committee members

While Trica Eaton remains secretary of the Village Hall Trust, Sally Hopper has kindly taken over as booking secretary. She can be contacted on tel 736723

The Village Hall AGM is on Tuesday 1 June at 7.30 pm

The Committee is looking for new members. Max Pemberton (Chairman) and Stan Baston (Treasurer) have both indicated that they are willing to serve for just another 12 months, after which replacements need to be found. The Village Hall is an important part of village life and is run entirely by volunteers. If no one comes forward, the trustees have to hand the keys back to the Parish Council. It is your Village hall, please get involved if you want a Village Hall in our community.

What's On Directory

EVENT	DETAILS	CONTACT	
Mothers Union	Twice monthly	Secretary	736522
Craft Club in the School	Thursdays twice monthly	Shirley Fisher	736336
Parish Council Meetings	2nd Tuesday in month	Clerk	723409
Social Evenings	Tuesday 6.30pm	John Nayler	736228
Improvers Bridge (waiting list)	Wednesday 7.00pm	Jill Stredwick	736216
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 Wednesday of the month	Stan Baston	736509

CONTACT NAMES

Village Hall Bookings - Sally Hopper	Telephone	736723
Suffolk County and District Councillor	(call Clerk)	
Parish Council Clerk	Jean Potter	723409
Police	Police Station	613500
	PC Paul Smith	613500
	PCSO Amy Clarke	613500

Waldringfield Baptist Church

We invite you to join us at our Sunday services and weekday meetings

Sunday	11.00am	Morning Service Including Sunday School/Bible Class for ages 4 – 18 and crèche facilities for babies & toddlers 'One Way on a Sunday' second Sunday each month
Sunday	6.30pm	Evening Service followed by tea, coffee & chat in the Youth Hall
Monday	7.00pm	Yoyo's (ages 10+) during school term
Tuesday	2.30pm	Womens Fellowship (first Tuesday in month)
	7.30pm	Ladies New Start (second Tuesday in month)
Wednesday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Thursday	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers, during school term
	6.00pm	One Way Club (ages 4 – 10) during school term
	8.30 – 10.00 pm	Men's Sports Evening at Woodbridge School (once a month – contact Pastor Steve Wyncoll for dates)
Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast (second Saturday in month)

Forthcoming Special Services and Events

Sunday 13 June	Young People's Day – services at normal times. Barbecue lunch following morning service. Speaker for the day: David Rushbrook
24th – 27 August	Holiday Bible Club For children aged 4 – 11 from 10.00 – 12.00 each day (9.30 on Tuesday for registration)
Friday 27 August	Family barbecue, 6.00 – 8.00 pm
Sunday 29 August	Family service 11.00am

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 either:

Robin Percy (Church Secretary)	Tel 01473 612856 e-mail robinpercy@btinternet.com
or Pastor Steve Wyncoll, Hope Haven,	Cliff Road, Waldringfield, Tel 01473 736771 or 736285 e-mail steve.wyncoll@bopenworld.com
or Pastor Tim Mawson, Whitehaven, Main Road, Bucklesham,	Tel 01473 659023 e-mail tim.mawson@btinternet.com

Website: www.waldringfieldbc.org.uk

Mobile Police Station is not scheduled to be in Waldringfield for the foreseeable future. This is due to a number of factors such as show visits, servicing. You can keep up to date with its movements via the Suffolk police web site. Meanwhile our Safer Neighbourhood Team police can be contacted, please see our What's On directory above.

Sailing club encouraging more to sail

The Sailing Club continues to be very active despite the cool temperatures of early May and the long sharp winter delaying the 'closed season' preparations for the season ahead.

The Club's usually successful Easter Open Event has been and gone. Sadly there were fewer visiting dinghies to the event but for the village less traffic and fewer if any dinghies to block the bridgeway on the beach.

As the Club's Commodore reported at the Parish AGM the Club is increasing the amount and content of its training programme.

A legacy and funding from the Sport's council has enabled the Club to buy 3 new Wayfarers to encourage more children and adults to the sport.

Unfortunately the weather wasn't very good for the Club's 'taster session' over the past bank holiday but hopefully other opportunities will be available.

The Annual Deben Regatta weekend when there are shore events, dinghy races and socials is programmed for the weekend 9,10,11 July and the annual Yachtsmans Service is 2 weeks later 25 July commencing at 1830 hrs.

Whilst the younger members of the Club are participating in the sport, the more senior ones gather in the Clubhouse to watch activities, have a chat and eat delicious meals produced from our newly refurbished, super modern kitchen/galley.

Away from the water the Club is actively looking at the sea wall/fence between the beach/river and the Club and Maybush car parks. At the same time it is pursuing the pontoon project and monitoring the effect the car parking charges at the pub has on the usage of the Club car park.

Cathy Fish
Past Commodore

Fairways Committee new contact details

WFC has appointed Paul Beaumont as the new Secretary/Treasurer; replacing Richard Woolf. Should you have queries related to moorings, dinghys on the beach, etc then his contact details are as follows:-

Mobile: 07801-367876

Postal: WFC Secretary/Treasurer,
c/o The Maybush, Cliff Road, Waldringfield,
Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 4QL

Email: wfcsec@gmail.com