

Planning ahead for the future of the parish

The current Parish Plan was published in 2004. It is full of information regarding the history of the village, the local facilities and the views and aspirations of the residents.

It was a major undertaking and involved a team of 19 volunteers to carry out the research, compile the data and produce the book.

Much of the information is now, of course, somewhat out of date. In addition, with the move towards Localism we will soon be obliged to produce an updated and expanded version of the plan. Someone has likened it to the Local

Development Framework for the Parish. Given what is currently happening at Suffolk Coastal this may sound a little daunting, but I think this description is helpful when considering the significance and importance of the new Parish Plan.

As a result of District and County Council cutbacks, the village will suffer some reductions in services. We will need to take this into account and define where there is scope for more Community led actions.

The first step is to form a Parish Plan Team of volunteers from the village who will work together to define the key areas of research such as housing, transport, environment,

leisure etc. The team will then formulate the best method of gathering resident's views and translating them to meaningful and deliverable objectives.

So . . . can we have some volunteers please. It would be wonderful to have a cross-section of ages, people who have lived in the village for many years and those who have recently moved here.

We are not looking for any particular skills but enthusiasm would be good and a reasonable amount of commitment – all would be very welcome to take part.

For more information, please contact Cllr Janet Elliot tel 01473 736736 or email janet@buttermans.com

Life in the verges

Did you notice the gorgeous snowdrops in the village verges last February?

And daffodils by the playing field later on? These were planted by the Waldringfield Wildlife Group, with the help of a grant from the Parish Council. Or you might have noticed the barn owl boxes put up by the WWG as part of the Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project. We are also interested in honey bees, hedgehogs and wild food, to judge from talks scheduled for the coming year.

The WWG produces What's About, a bi-monthly report of wildlife sightings in the Waldringfield area. If you would like to receive an email copy, contact Peter Maddison pmaddison@yahoo.co.uk.

We also campaign to protect our precious local wildlife habitats, for example taking part in the recent consultation on the Local Development Framework.

If you would like to find out more about local insects, flowers, trees, nature reserves, in fact anything about the natural world locally, become one of us! We meet every two months on Saturday mornings at the village hall. The details are advertised in Focus, on the Parish Council website and on posters in School Road and Cliff Road. Our next meeting is at 10 am on 9 April.

Come along any time for a free taster session, or contact Sally Redfern on 736683 (sally.redfern@zen.co.uk) or Angela Mace on 736677 (damace@btinternet.com).



One of Waldringfield's own Barn Owl fledglings

Census and elections

Firstly a big thank you to all the volunteers who delivered the last newsletter in such cold and difficult conditions. It is very much appreciated.

27 March is an important date on the calendar this year. You are asked to complete your Census questionnaire. The census is compulsory and if you don't take part you could be fined up to £1,000. For the first time you will also be able to complete your form online if you wish. Look out for a purple envelope in the post. More details can be found at www.census.gov.uk

The second important date is 5 May. As well as voting for your District Councillors and possibly the AV referendum, it is also parish councils' polling day. Under legislation currently going through Parliament, parish and town councils will have more say in what happens locally in future. This is therefore an important election. If you would like more information, details and/or a nomination form please contact me or one of the current councillors. Forms can also be obtained direct from Suffolk Coastal offices in Woodbridge.

Last but not least the Annual Parish Meeting this year is on Tuesday 12 April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, which gives everyone a chance to hear what has and will be going on in and around the village, and what your Parish Council has been doing to support you.

Please note these dates in your diaries. Jean Potter – Parish Clerk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES Tuesdays 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, 8 March, 12 April – Annual Parish Meeting, 10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November, 13 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
Mark Wootton	Janet Elliot	Paul Wright

Waldringfield Sailing club

Those who enjoy walking along the beach will no doubt have noticed the new wall (the contractors called it a revetment) which replaces the old iron railings. The railings were dangerous through the corrosion which had taken place, and they did nothing to hinder the toe of the bank/cliff from being washed away. The new wall should help to prevent that scour taking place at high tides and hopefully the wall is a visual improvement on the railings. Over time, the earth behind the wall should accumulate vegetation to further improve the appearance. The cost of this work was shared equally by the Club and Adnams.

The steps down to the beach have also been modified at the request of some of the older Club members. The height of the treads is now approximately even all the way up so the steps should be easier to navigate.

The full race programme starts on 12 March. Hopefully we will see visitors at the Easter Open Meeting and again join in the events of the Deben Regatta weekend 8 – 10 July. The annual Yachtsmans' service (preceded by the Adnams trophy races) is on 24 July. Village members will see quite an extensive training programme on the Club calendar.

Most people will probably be aware that the Fairway Committee recently informed the Club that it does not object the Club approaching directly the Crown Estate with regard to the outline proposal for the pontoon, provided that the Club go on to apply for planning permission. Following that information, the Club is submitting the necessary applications both to the Crown Estate and to SCDC.

The Club is also in the early planning stages of a proposal to extend the changing rooms, which have long been uncomfortably overcrowded. The proposed extension will follow the present clubhouse roof line parallel to the river and the building will extend behind the hut immediately adjacent to the Club, on the upriver side. If this proposal goes ahead, the plan is for the building work to be done over the coming winter months.

But these two projects are ancillary to the sailing which we hope to enjoy to the full throughout the coming season.

David Copp, Rear Commodore

EASTERN ANGLES are bringing their new production to Waldringfield

In a small town on Suffolk's eroding coastline, life goes on pretty much as usual until Carrie arrives investigating a 30-year-old lifeboat tragedy. As lost lives and loves are dredged to the surface the past becomes clearer and locals learn to face up to the future.

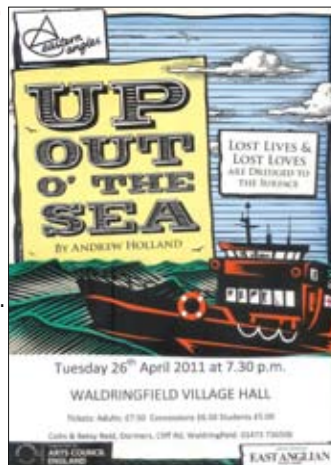
Andrew Holland has written plays for radio and stage. 'Waiting to Fly' was broadcast on Radio 4 and 'Ever Your Loving Son' was based on the letters of two of the Fison family, written from the Western Front to their mother who lived in a small Suffolk village. It's the village Andrew lives in now, with his wife and two daughters.

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL Tuesday 26 April at 7.30 p.m.

Adults £7.50 Seniors/Concessions £6.50 Students £5.00

Tickets from Colin and Betsy Reid, Dormers, Cliff Rd, Waldringfield IP12 4QL

Tel: 01473 736506 Email colin_reid1@btinternet.com



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

News from the Village Hall

The Committee works hard to make revenue from bookings and events to provide for on-going maintenance and improving facilities.

Piano – Our upright piano has given years of service but has been increasingly difficult to keep in tune. There are still some honest folk in this world and it was our professional piano tuner, Ron Vaughan, who suggested that we replace with a digital as they do not need tuning. Ron plays professionally and we felt relaxed about following his recommendation.

We have already received some donations towards the new Roland Digital piano, and if you are minded to contribute, we would be most grateful.

We are told that the combination of brick walls and wooden flooring, leads to an excellent sound quality and we are keen to encourage further concerts. The Ipswich Orchestra currently use our hall as a rehearsal venue

Seating – We have ordered 45 new, more comfortable, upholstered chairs to replace the plastic chairs in the Kennedy Room.

Display Boards – The History Group have recently purchased six large display boards, and have generously donated them to the Village Hall. This is high quality equipment and should make the Hall an attractive proposition for exhibitions and presentations.

Events – The following events are taking place at the Village Hall, do come along, and bring your friends!
Music and Theatre: Ruby + her Horses, Fri 25 Feb, 7:30pm
History Group Exhibition, Sat 26 Feb 10:30am - 3pm
Classical Concert, Sun 27 Feb, 3pm
Eastern Angles Show, Tues 26 April
Spring Fair, Sat 30 April

Sally Hopper 01473 736723

Report from Waldringfield Church Field Trust

There continues to be organized activity every Saturday morning from 10-12 for children over eight years old: usually football and more children are welcome to come along. Contact Duncan Andrews.

Waldringfield school continues to use the field as part of their cross country training. It is good that there is usually someone up there enjoying a jog or a wander round in the fresh air. On the subject of dogs, we will shortly be renewing notices reminding dog owners to be responsible, clear up after dogs and keep them under control on leads. With so much use of the field by young people for sports, it is very important not to have the grass fouled by dogs and it clogs up the mower. There is also a hefty fine of course.

Arrangements have been made to sort out the drainage problem at the entrance to the car parking area. The basketball net and backboard will shortly be replaced with an undamaged one as it was bent by persons unknown. We are looking into replacing the whole setup with a stronger more vandal resistant alternative as this seems to be a continuing problem.

Coming up soon:

Work party on 5 March 2-4pm

Please come along if you would like to help with a bit of pruning hedges and trees, weeding and re-seeding the old goal mouth areas. Gardening gloves are recommended and bring secateurs if you can, plus some refreshment.

Kite flying 10 April 1.30-4pm

Another mass kite flying afternoon is planned so brush off your kite ready.

Summer barbecue, date to be confirmed.

Stag beetle castle: it is hoped to involve children and families in the construction of a stag beetle habitat involving digging activities and dead wood. Date to be confirmed but offers of dead wood welcome.

A comments book is still kept by the school secretary in reception and wildlife sightings and other comments or suggestions welcome in school hours at convenient times – no comments last year so please lets have some.

Please contact Christine Fisher Kay on 736384 or Tim Burslem to offer help with mowing or other maintenance aspects, or any problems.

Have you got the balls?

Even the best golfers sometimes hit a shot they'd rather forget.

If this shot is down the second Fairway at Waldringfield Golf Club, it could well land on the main road into the village.

This last year there were unfortunately many instances of golf balls hitting and damaging cars.

The Manager of the Golf Club, Pat Whitham, has reminded all Golf Club members, in writing, that the Club insurance does not cover them, and has pointed out that liability for any associated repair costs and personal injury claims are the responsibility of the

person hitting the ball.

In the unlikely event that you or your vehicle is hit by a golf ball, then the club recommends that you take the ball directly to the club, and tell them the exact time of the incident.

The golfer will almost certainly still have 16 holes left to play and will still be on the course.

The club logs all tee-times, and will be able to identify who struck the ball, and ensure that liability is accepted for any damage and/or injury.

While this may seem like common

sense, there have been incidents that have only been reported hours later by phone. This has made it very difficult for the Golf Club to identify who is liable.

The Waldringfield Golf Club wish to be a responsible and caring part of our community, and are doing their best to ensure that everyone is kept as safe as possible.

Pat Whitham can be contacted directly on 01473 736768, and Waldringfield Golf Club can be also be emailed on enquiries@WaldringfieldGC.co.uk

Cllr Paul Wright email paul@theyacht.com tel 01473 736222

Waldringfield Neighbourhood Watch

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.

If you see anything suspicious please always report it directly to the Police first.

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.

Cllr Allyson Videlo

'Don't be a loser' advice to assist you

"Don't be a loser' is the latest campaign being launched by Felixstowe and District Safer Neighbourhood Team. The team will be working in partnership with Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership, Local Councillors and Community Groups.

The event will see your local officers and staff getting out into the community to deliver practical crime reduction advice and to assist you to mark and protect your property.

Although crime in our town and surrounding villages remains low we are still seeing thefts occurring from insecure cars and homes. I am calling on you all to do your bit to help prevent crime.

It amazes and frustrates me that some people still leave their vehicles and homes insecure and property on open display, they make it far too easy for would be thieves.

Another frustration for us is that when we do retrieve what we believe to be stolen property we struggle to identify its rightful owner. If only people would mark it with their postcode or note the serial numbers we would be able to get it back to them.

The team will be out and about over the next few weeks knocking on doors, introducing themselves and giving practical help. I hope that if

they call at your home you will spare the time to listen and act on the information they offer.

Clearly we can't get around every household so we are targeting areas where we know thieves have been operating. However if anyone would like to arrange a visit they only have to contact the team.

All my staff will be in uniform and they will carry identification – if you have any doubt about the identity of any caller to your home – don't let them in, ask for ID and check them out. You will never offend the genuine caller by doing so.

Inspector Steve Gallant

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team
PC 430 Paul Smith,
PCSO 3101 Andi Hillman
PCSO 3021 Amy Clarke

can be contacted by
Calling us on 01473 613500
Emailing us at felixstowe.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Writing or visiting us at
Felixstowe Police Station
32 High Road West, Felixstowe
Suffolk IP11 9JE

If you would like to sign up for the police direct notification scheme please visit www.suffolk.police.uk to register for free or alternitavely dial 01473 613997.

Mobile Police Station is scheduled to be in Waldringfield on Monday 7 March from 3.15 to 4.00 pm on the Village Hall Car Park. Do take time to visit them as all sorts of advice is available to help you protect your belongings. Details of visits later in the year will be found on the Suffolk Police web site under Mobile Police Station.

No Adastral New Town – NANT Update

The consultation period on SCDC's proposed planning framework for the district ended on 23 January. Based on the Council's own statistics, 1880 representations were received. Of these, only 66, less than 4%, expressed support for the Council's plans to allocate 2000 houses at Adastral Park.

NANT has identified that the planning department do not have a robust process to handle categorising the responses when uploading them on to the computer. We discovered that many individual 'objections' had been mislabelled as neutral 'comments'. The result is an inaccurate weighting of public opinion in the report that is presented to Councillors. (Even so, there were 1018 registered 'objections'). Some individuals have been able to change this mislabelling by contacting the planning department but there are still many 'comments' that quite clearly were written as 'objections'. This is being challenged through our solicitor. You can view your response on Suffolk Coastal's website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk If you feel that it has been mislabelled please contact one of the NANT steering group or email us via our website www.noadastralnewtown.com.

The next stage of the process is a meeting of the Cabinet on 17 February followed by a Special Full Council Meeting, to be held on Thursday 9 March, more details below.

In the meantime we need to continue to try and persuade the Council to vote against this housing allocation. With the help of our local councillors we are actively lobbying all the Councillors from across the District.

Our solicitor has advised us that the District Council does not appear to have followed the appropriate procedures leading up to the adoption of the Core Strategy in respect of its duties under the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive



and the Habitats Directive. This opinion formed part of the NANT response. We will be pursuing this argument with the councillors along with our other major concerns regarding gridlock on the Orwell Bridge, the housing 'need' and the lack of local community engagement by the Council.

If you wish to keep in touch with the campaign, donate to the fighting fund or volunteer your expertise, please contact us via our website www.noadastralnewtown.com

Janet Elliot

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NANT
SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING
9 MARCH 9.30am at TRINITY PARK**

**THE COUNCILLORS WILL
BE DECIDING WHETHER TO
APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF
2000 HOMES NEXT TO BT**

If you don't mind becoming an urban extension of Ipswich, stay at home

**IF YOU WANT TO STOP THE NEW
TOWN AT BT COME TO THE MEETING**

Local Development Framework response

The Parish Council sent its LDF Core Strategy consultation response to SCDC, and this can be seen on the PC website at <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/WaldringfieldPC/> The LDF will be debated by the SCDC full council on 9 March, 9.30am at Trinity Park. Members of the public cannot speak, but it would be great to see a good turnout to show councillors that we care. There is a good chance that the Council will resolve to 'adopt' the policies in the LDF Core Strategy as 'interim planning policy' so they can be used to determine planning applications. We have no problem with them doing this for run-of-the-mill small scale applications, but are totally opposed to using these policies (which haven't been through the full process of independent examination) being used to determine large scale controversial planning applications such as BT's. We don't know when the BT plans will be determined. At the moment (as of 11/2/11) SCDC have not set

a date, and do not have a planning officer assigned to it, as the previous officer, Paul Coffey, has retired. The Parish Council will fully publicise any information we get on the subject.

Over three days in January a planning inspector heard the appeal by Kingsacre Ltd (owned by Peter Brown) against SCDC's decision to refuse planning permission for the storage of 200 caravans at Foxburrow Farm,

the other side of the road from Brett's quarry. Waldringfield PC supported SCDC's refusal. It was very interesting to see SCDC's planning policies being dissected in minute detail, and several issues arose that could have a bearing on the BT application. Many thanks to everyone from Waldringfield who attended. The inspector will deliver his judgement by 21 March.

Cllr Ian Kay

WALGA

**Thursday 7 April 7.30 pm
Spring floral arrangement**

bring a bunch of flowers from your garden and a vase, learn as Emma arranges hers then try to do as well!
First, second and third prizes.
Emma Saunders-Gilbert

**Sunday 29 May 2.00-5.00 p.m.
Open Gardens**

Some village gardens open to visitors
Cream teas at the last garden!
Passport from Vicky Marsh

WALDRINGFIELD HISTORY GROUP

Exhibition

26 February 2011, 10.30 am

We are putting on an exhibition at the Village Hall of all our finds and goodies

This will include Roman and Medieval finds, coins, the 1837 Tithe map and other maps

Projected display of photographs and postcards

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 (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 Councillors	(call Clerk)	
Parish Council Clerk	Jean Potter	723409
Police – PC Paul Smith	Felixstowe Police Station	613500
PCSO Andi Hillman		
PCSO Amy Clarke		

Waldringfield Baptist Church

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

Sunday	11.00 am	Morning Service Including Sunday School/Bible Class for ages 4-18 and crèche facilities for babies and toddlers
Sunday	6.30 pm	Evening Service followed by tea, coffee and chat in the Youth Hall
Monday	7.00 pm	Yoyo's (ages 10+) during school term
Tuesday	2.30 pm	Womens Fellowship (first Tuesday in month)
	7.30 pm	Ladies New Start (second Tuesday in month)
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Thursday	9.30 am	Parents and Toddlers, during school term
	6.00 pm	One Way Club (ages 5-10) 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	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast (second Saturday in month)

Forthcoming Special Services and Events

Friday 4 March	Friends and Neighbours Lunch 12.30pm
Saturday 5 March	Quiz Evening 7.00pm – teams of six, free of charge, contact Robin Percy to enter a team
Sunday 6 March	Family Service 11.00am
Saturday 9 April	Golf Day at Waldringfield Golf Club 12.30 – teams of four contact Pastor Steve Wyncoll for more details or to enter a team
Friday 22 April	Good Friday Service 10.15am followed by refreshments, ramble, lunch and Easter egg hunt for children
Sunday 24 April	Easter Sunday Services at 11.00am and 6.30pm

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@btopenworld.com

We have recently updated our website and it is now more interactive. Why not visit us at www.waldringfieldbc.org.uk and let us know what you think? It is also an easy way to get in touch with us.

The Wednesday Winter Talk Series

The January talk by Tom Tyler 'When motoring was fun', was something completely different. Let's just say that Tom was old enough to do National Service. He spoke faultlessly, without notes or slides and never had an err or a uhm. The audience empathized when he told us of the difficulties of starting up pre-war cars.

On the other hand, for the February show, Gareth Thomas used plenty of slides to illustrate his talk about his varied career in medicine which included a year in India at a leprosy hospital and a rather close brush with smallpox in London. I had a preview of the slides and I did wonder what a photograph of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin had to do with Gareth. You had to be there to understand the connection. It was revealing.

Wednesday 2 March 'Life in Sweden'

Tim Elliot lived in Sweden for 18 years and will tell us what it was like to live with a foreign language and a different culture. He will look back on his likes and dislikes. Expect to see plenty of good photographs, but he definitely says he won't be singing any Abba songs. Mind you, I have not asked Janet.

Wednesday 6 April Waldringfield History Group

This year's annual presentation will be 'Waldringfield at Leisure' in the main hall. As usual we introduce some new presenters who will be featuring:

- Huts and caravans
- The Women's Institute
- The Sailing Club
- Other Activities

All the talks start at 7:30 pm and there is an entrance charge of £3 which includes refreshments.

Stan Baston

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WALDRINGFIELD

The Rector and the Parochial Church Council would like to thank all those who made donations to the church during last year. We are particularly grateful to those who covenant regularly throughout the year, providing us with a modest regular income.

Harriet Earle, Honorary Treasurer on behalf of Waldringfield PCC.