

FOCUS

JAN/FEB 2011 the extra long one, with the amazing February weekend! HAPPY NEW YEAR!



WINTER PARTY

All are welcome to the winter party, slap-up nosh and excellent entertainment!

Saturday 5th February 2011, 7 for 7:30pm

Musicology Vocal Group will sing a selection of songs from musicals.
Please see separate flyer.



THE WINTER TALK SERIES

Wednesday 5th January, "When motoring was fun" Tom Tyler

In those far off days you had to dress up for driving out, journeys could be very adventurous, bits could fall off cars and motoring in comfort was still to come. Tom Tyler is a man of many parts and a retired clergyman; he knows how to address an audience.

Wednesday 2nd February, "Leeches and Cream- life after penicillin" Gareth Thomas

I have no idea what this is about, but anyone who has seen Gareth perform in the History Group will know that he will entertain.

Wednesday 2nd March "Life in Sweden" Tim Elliot

You may be surprised to know that Tim did have a life before NANT and erecting protest signs all over the village. So, what do I know about Sweden? Well, there is Abba and the Vikings used to wear funny hats and there is the sex thing. There must be some more. Tim lived in Sweden for many years and will tell us all.

The cost is £3 and you get a cuppa and biscuit at half time. Talks start at 7:30pm.

Stan Baston – 01473 736509 (see also pg 4)

Afternoon Concert

Sunday 27th February, 2011, 3pm

The Ward Quartet:

Nick Ward, Caroline Bell - Violin

Wendy Poulston – Viola Harriet Bennett – Cello

Cliff Wybrow - Clarinet



Playing:

Shostakovitch – Quartet No. 4

Weber – Clarinet Quintet opus 34 in B flat

Schubert – Quartet in D Minor 'Death and the Maiden'

Bring your friends, tickets on the door £10,

School-age students free Refreshments during the interval

SCDC Planning Dept, Public Enquiry

25th to 27th January 2011

Starting at 10am

Foxburrow Farm Caravan Park application

Planning Application C10 / 0941

Anyone wishing to speak must arrive at 10am

25th Jan.

NANT Open Meeting

We are holding 2 open meetings in January. These will be a good opportunity to get fully up to date with the progress of the campaign, share your views and ideas and get more information on the LDF consultation process and possible responses.

The meeting in Waldringfield Village Hall is Monday 10th January at 7.30pm.

The alternative date is Wednesday 12th January at 7.30pm at St Michael's Church Hall, Martlesham Heath.

Please join us on whichever date is most convenient



WALGA Composting big and small

Thursday 3rd February, 7:30pm

Find out what happens to your brown bin waste: Neil Winship – Director Alpheco Bio-wastes and the benefits of composting on your own patch: Betsy Reid – Master Composter.

Contact Vicky Marsh, 736324 or Betsy Reid 736506

Yoga Club

A reminder that all are welcome at the weekly Yoga class, **Wednesday's 7-8pm**. Class suits all ages and abilities.

Any skill level welcome.
More info from Di Taylor:
07748 611730



WWLG Meeting

Illustrated talk on **Saturday 12 February at 11am**

'Evolution on your doorstep:
banded snails and natural selection'

by Robert Cameron

In the Kennedy Room, Waldringfield Village Hall
Everyone is welcome Admission - donations please
Enquiries: Sally Redfern 736683



Play: RUBY and her HORSES

Friday 25th February, 7:30pm

An authentic retelling of Ruby Alleston's life and love of horses during the 1920s and 30s. Accompanied by ten songs related to the tales, and 'button-accordion' music tunes of the period. (Final year of this touring production).

'An excellent show full of touching stories, humour and local songs in Andrew's excellent Suffolk voice and 2 squeeze boxes... magnificent photos on big screen presentation – a special evening, delightful' West Suffolk Newspapers

'If you get a chance to see these entertainers grab it with both hands' EADT

Tickets from Colin and Betsy Reid, Dormers, Cliff Rd., Waldringfield. 01473 736506, colin_reid1@btinternet.com
Adults £7.50, seniors £6.50, children £5.00

WALDRINGFIELD HISTORY GROUP

Exhibition 26th February 2011, 10.30am

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

Plea for help: can anyone loan us some display boards for the day, please? Joe Clark 736670, Stan Baston 736509

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Call 01473 736 534 to leave an enquiry about a booking.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Winter Talks Wed 5th Jan, 2nd Feb, 7:30pm
NANT Open Mtg Mon 10th Jan, 7:30pm
Classical Concert Sun 28th Nov, 3pm
Church Field Trust Mon 29th Nov, 7:30pm
WALGA Thurs 3rd Feb, 7:30pm
Winter Party with Sat. 5th Feb 2010
Musicology Vocal Group
Wildlife Group Sat. 12th Feb, 11am

WHAT a WEEKEND !:

Theatre Ruby + her Horses, Fri 25th Feb, 7:30pm
History Group Exhibition Sat 26th Feb
Classical Concert Sun 27th Feb, 3pm

Eastern Angles Tues 26th April

Regular Events:

- Parish Council Meetings: 7:30pm on 2nd Tuesdays - Ian Kay 736384 or Jean Potter on 01473 723409
- Tuesday Social Evenings - Contact John 736228, Vicky 736324
- Doctors Surgery - Tuesday at 2:15pm, please telephone the surgery first: 01394 615500
- Chiropodist - Catherine Taylor - Foot Health Professional. Tel. 01473 690155 for details.
- History Group - contact Joe Clark 736670
- Wildlife Group - Contact Sally Redfern 736683
- WALGA – Betsy Reid 736506
- Yoga – Di Taylor 07748 611730
- Wine Club – David Eaton 736754
- POST OFFICE – MON, WED & FRI 11.00-1.00, Mobile van in Village Hall car park.
- Village Shop - Mobile van in Village Hall car park, Wed 11.00-1.00

Waldringfield Village Quiz 2010

I tuned into Radio Suffolk and heard that almost every organisation was cancelling events because of heavy snowfall. Quick phone calls soon told me that all the local teams were up for it and we went ahead, with just three outlying teams dropping out. Anyway, what would we have done with all those fish and chips? Eleven teams made it to the hall and I read out the rules. There was much derision when I said that my decision was final. I feared a rough ride, but the tables were well supplied with refreshments and mixed sounds of delight and disappointment were heard as answers were checked.

I am never accused of making the questions too easy and this year I added a new category “Science & Technology”. Four of the teams elected to use this as their Joker, which gave double points, and scored quite well, although the question “What is measured by the Guy-Lussac scale?” caused a few headaches, particularly with the Wine Club team who go under the name The Bacchanalians. Where do they get this name? I am told that it is a posh word for the worshippers of the God of Wine. Nothing to do with the Church team, then? By the way, the answer is *the alcoholic content of liquid*.

There were 9 rounds with one round scoring double, giving a possible maximum of 100 points the scores were quite close this year:

1 st	The History Boys	87
2 nd	Church	80
3 rd	The Wildlifers	78
4 th Joint	Bacchanalians	74
4 th Joint	Cat's Whiskers	74
4 th Joint	Odd Balls	74

Congratulations to team “Bringing up the Rear” who were once again faithful to their name but not very far off having to change their name?

Thank you to everybody for making the evening so enjoyable and a special word of thanks to Roy Lord who ran the raffle and spent most of the evening screwing up raffle tickets, and not forgetting the helpers in the kitchen who served the supper in record time.

After the cost of food, and including the raffle, we made just over £450 – not bad when nearly every other show was cried off.

Max Pemberton, Chairman

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Wednesday Talks

We had a record attendance for the John White talk on “The Legends of Felixstowe Ferry”. I enjoyed the war time story of his father who shot some curlew on the river and sold them as “marsh pheasant”. He said they sold better when they sawed off the beaks. (With apologies to Waldringfield Wildlife Group, but times was tough in the war).

The December talk went ahead despite the weather. It took more than a few inches of snow to stop our regulars from getting to the Hall. I bet they never missed school for health and safety. They were well rewarded for their efforts: Mary Moore gave fascinating insights into one of the foremost blacksmith’s forges in East Anglia. Her husband did the traditional forge work and she gained a national reputation for design work now held in such high places as Worcester Cathedral and Westminster College, Missouri, USA.

Waldringfield History Group

The Group presented two repeat performances of “Waldringfield at Work”.

At the Sailing Club, Mike Nunn spoke affectionately about the old boatyard, its strengths (boat building) and its weaknesses (not sending out bills). Alan Matheson ended his talk with the perils of playing a piano on the lawn of the Maybush.

Next, up to the School! We know about schools from reading the newspapers - allegedly anarchy rules, there is no respect for the teachers and the kids are totally uninterested.

Welcome to the real world of Waldringfield Primary School, where they are studying Victorian Britain. It was a real eye opener to see the natural discipline that has developed between teachers and pupils.

Audrey Ruffles asked if they knew what Coprolite was. All the hands went up: “it was poo!”

Tim Elliot, Gareth Thomas and Alyson Videlo completed the presentations and there were plenty of questions.

We received some charming letters from the pupils, some of the comments:

“I thought it was absolutely ridiculous that maids only earned 28 shillings, equal to £1.40 per year”

“I’m going to dig in my garden and find some coprolite”

“I would love to learn more about our school history”

“My favourite part was the mudders because one piece was on the shovel, one in the air and one landing”

Thank you Waldringfield School for being the perfect audience.

The History Group will present:

Waldringfield at Leisure, 6th April

Do you have any stories and photographs about social and sporting activities in the village?

May we use them in the presentation?

How far back are we looking?

...Well, not that far.

... Maybe going backwards from the 1970’s.

We can usually restore old photos.

Contact Joe Clark 736670 or Stan Baston 736509

YUM, YUM, didn’t we do well !

Liz’s Cake Stall (once the semi-riotous queue was organised) raised £196 towards Village Hall funds.

A magnificent effort! Thank you to all who baked, bought and spent time chatting over a cup of coffee.

Liz Kennedy

The Village Hall Piano!

The Village Hall Committee is aware that the hall piano is not in good health. It has had to be tuned twice this year. We would like to have a ‘new’ piano. We can consider upright or electric.

If there anyone in the village who knows of a suitable instrument, or who would be willing to help with purchase or collection, please could they contact Trisha Eaton 01473 736754. Many thanks!

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