

FOCUS

EVENTS AND NEWS FROM WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

January/February 2015

WALDRINGFIELD GARDENERS with **Waldringfield, Newbourne and Hemley Scattered Orchard** are offering a **Pruning and Grafting workshop** on **24th January**



The **pruning workshop** will be taken by organic fruit grower *Marina O'Connell* of the *Apricot Centre* - £10 - 10am at Waldringfield Village Hall. The afternoon will be shared skills, a **grafting propagation workshop** with *Betsy Reid* - 2pm at the Village Hall - £10 - Both courses £15 (root stocks £2 each)

Refreshments provided (but please bring your own lunch if doing both courses)

Waldringfield Gardeners (annual membership £5) have preferential rates - £3 each course, compared with a total of £15 for outsiders - so book early! We are also looking for two or three trees to use. If you have some old and out of condition fruit trees that you want to tidy up and revive, now's your chance to get it done free.....and a beloved tree you want to make copies of? A grafted length will give you a noticeable tree in three or four years.

Please book your place ASAP with Betsy Reid: betsyr@talk21.com or phone 736506
For membership, contact Alexis Smith: g1dik@btinternet.com or 736257

The **Coffee Morning** hostesses would like to thank everyone who came to the **Christmas Coffee Morning** in December, especially those who contributed to the hampers. Special thanks also go to **Waldringfield School** - we were delighted that the whole school was able to attend and entertain us with their singing.

We're pleased to say that the **Coffee Mornings** will continue on the first **Thursday** of every month during 2015. **Please note an exception in January, when it will be held on the second Thursday, Jan 8th.** We have kept the cost at £2 since we started, but from January there will be an increase to £2.50. We hope people will continue to support us and look forward to seeing you there.



Badminton starts on **Tuesday 6th January** at 8pm.

If anyone would like to use the badminton equipment, it's stored at the Village Hall - you only need to book the Hall. Rackets can also be provided.



Anyone wishing to try badminton, please contact me and we can have a session before 8pm on Tuesdays **John Naylor 736228**

Winter Talks

Many people keep dogs, some keep parrots, but *Jeff Hallett*, a recently retired orthopaedic surgeon, has, for years, kept and worked **Suffolk Punches**. On **Thursday 8th January** he will share his stories of the **Suffolk Punch** in '**Working horses. Working lives.**' *Jeff* is an excellent speaker, an authority on his subject and an active member of the **British Horse Society**.

On **Thursday 5th February**, **Bob Crawley**, the powerhouse behind the **Waldringfield History Group** but a reluctant front-line presenter, will bend to pressure from the group to share with a wider audience his well-researched and illustrated knowledge of the **Waldringfield Sailing Barge Fleet** of yester-year.

March sees two **Winter Talks** - the 5th and the 26th so please save the dates for **Gus Jones**, an authority on **Scott's expeditions** and author of '**Scott's Forgotten Surgeon**' on **Thursday 5th** and the **Waldringfield History Group** presentation '**Who do we think they were?**' on **Thursday 26th**.

Waldringfield Wildlife Group present
Hidden Treasures of our Secret Sea by **Rob Spray**

Rob is a photographer and diver who specialises in native marine wildlife. He runs the **Marine Conservation Society's Seasearch** project and his pictures have been used by **Wildlife Trusts**, **Natural England**, **The Marine Conservation Society**... and there are even finger puppets based on our favourite seaslug!

Saturday 14th February at 11am
- refreshments from 10.45

Ciao! *Eurochat*, a new language conversation club, starts on Monday 5th January, running fortnightly in Waldringfield Village Hall 7pm-8.30pm £2.50

No classes, no homework, just join an informal table of like-minded friends and see how much you can remember from school!

Play French Scrabble or Cleudo, chat with one of our tutors **or bring your own materials to share.**

If you are a 'false beginner' (you learnt some French for 'O' level or GCSE but haven't spoken it since)...
..a German/Spanish/other language 'A' level/degree level/native speaker.....**please come along and join us**



**For more info call Libby on 736523
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Beat the Winter blues... **DON'T MISS...!**

The Waldringfield Winter Party

on Saturday 7th March

Plans are underway for this event, so put the date in your diaries and watch out for more details...



SAVE THE DATE: We're delighted that **Eastern Angles** will be returning this Summer. This year's production, **Oysters**, has a nautical theme. Put the date in your diary now and watch out for more details in the Spring. **Thurs 4th June.** **Tickets available from March.** Contact colin_reid1@btinternet.com



PARISH MEETING 29TH JANUARY IN THE VILLAGE HALL TO DISCUSS THE PARISH PLAN SURVEY RESULTS

The Waldringfield Parish Plan Survey 2014 was circulated in June 2014 to all residential households in the parish. The Parish Plan Steering Group asked for your help by completing the survey and recording your experiences on a range of topics and also your comments and opinions. 147 completed surveys were returned, a very good response rate of 65%. The results have now been collated into an initial report which has been delivered to all residential households in the parish. No interpretation or analysis of the results has been applied at this stage. This initial report is simply a record of the collated data.

We are now asking for your comments on the information that has been collected.
The plan belongs to us all and we need your input to ensure that we are working to a common end.

Our next step will be a parish meeting at 7.30pm on January 29th in the Village Hall.

We hope you will come along and put your points of view. If you are unable to attend this meeting but have a question or wish to raise a point regarding the survey results, please do so beforehand by writing to Janet Elliot at Mill Cottage, Mill Road or email to janet@buttermans.com. Your comments will then be included in the discussions at the meeting.

Taking account of views expressed in writing and at the meeting the Parish Plan Steering Group will then prepare a document outlining the issues that have emerged and proposing actions to be taken whether by the local councils, by other local bodies or by voluntary groups within the village.

*Many thanks for your continuing support as we work together to achieve our goal
– the enhancement of our life in Waldringfield.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 5th Jan: Eurochat
Tues 6th Jan: Badminton
Thurs 8th Jan: Coffee Morning
Thurs 8th Jan: Winter Talk - Jeff Hallett
Tues 20th Jan: Lunch Club
Sat 24th Jan: Pruning & Grafting Workshop
Thurs 29th Jan: Parish Plan Meeting
Thurs 5th Feb: Coffee Morning
Thurs 5th Feb: Winter Talk - Bob Crawley
Sat 14th Feb: Wildlife Group Talk

.coming soon ..save the dates...

March 7th: Winter Party
March 5th & 26th: Winter Talks
June 4th: Eastern Angles *Oysters*

**Lunch Club
Tues 20th Jan tbc**
Sorry, details not available
at time of going to press.
Please look out for details
or contact Betsy on 736506

*For Village Hall bookings, contact the Bookings Secretary, Chris Lyon, between 9am and 6pm on 736291 or anthonylyon888@btinternet.com
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