

FOCUS

January/February 2013

IT'S BACK!!

Following the great success of last year's event, and in response to huge demand, we are delighted to confirm the return of...

..WALDRINGFIELD'S GOT TALENT!

on **Saturday 2nd March 2013**

Have you got what it takes??

We need 12 acts, 6 in each category.

Whether you're aged 18 months or 88 years, here's your chance to show off your talents and entertain us.

Will the two winners of the under 18 and under 80 categories return to defend their titles??



Please contact Mark 'Cowell' Wooton on 736716 from the second week of January if you'd like to perform at this fun event
Tickets from Pat Nunn on 736427

Waldringfield, Newbourne and Hemley

SCATTERED ORCHARD

invite you to their first
Pruning and Fruit Tree Maintenance Workshop
with commercial grower Marina O'Connell

Saturday 26th January 10am-1pm

Tickets are £5 or £2 for WALGA members
Please contact Mariah Skellorn on 07709 485979
or mariahskellorn@hotmail.com

Refreshments provided.
Please bring good secateurs and tree saws!

BRIDGE AFTERNOON **IN AID OF PARKINSONS UK** **Tuesday 19th March 1.45 - 5p.m.**

- Tombola
 - Tea/coffee and home-made cakes
 - Prizes for winners
- All bridge players welcome!*
£6.50 inc. refreshments.
All proceeds to Parkinsons U.K.
Host player available.

For tickets, contact Christine on 01473 659967
Please book early to avoid disappointment

Waldringfield Winter Talks

Thurs 3rd January

Jonathan Ruffle, radio producer and journalist, tells us the top ten things he didn't know about the Great War - until recently, that is.

Thurs 7th February

Eva Loeffler OBE, daughter of the founder of the Paralympic Games and Mayor of the Paralympic Village 2012, will describe *Three Weeks in Stratford – a Paralympic Experience*. The admission fee is still only £3, so we hope our audience will donate generously to Wheelpower, Eva's Paralympic charity.

Thurs 14th March (please note date)

Graham Speke, former Head of History and Deputy Head of Kesgrave High, takes a wry look at modern education in his talk *Please Sir Dear Miss*.

All talks start at 7.30pm and cost £3, including refreshments

WILDLIFE AT THE RIVER DEBEN

Saturday 9th February

Don't miss what should be a fascinating talk about the River Deben by Nick Mason, Suffolk Wildlife Group voluntary warden for Sutton and Hollesley Commons.

Entry fee: £2 for non-members, donations for members of Waldringfield Wildlife Group.

Includes tea and refreshments

Looking to try something new this year?

There are many fun, interesting and sociable groups which meet at your Village Hall. Why not try...

Bridge There are two bridge groups in Waldringfield. The evening group meet on Wednesdays (contact Norman Rea on 736577). An afternoon group also meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 2pm (contact Freddie Davies on 07799 890300). Now's the time to join if you'd like some practise before the charity event on 19th March!

The History Group Waldringfield History Group is currently working on its next presentation, 'Post-War Waldringfield', a view of the village between 1945 and 1963. If you're interested in getting involved with the group (or have recollections of that period), contact Stan Baston on 736509

Greener Waldringfield GW aims to make Waldringfield a greener place to live. For example, the group organised a cycle safety workshop and guided ride to Newbourne to encourage villagers to get on their bikes. Their next big project is a Green Day in the spring with talks and advice. If you'd like to be involved, contact Besty Reid on 736506

Liz's Art Class Art classes take place on Wednesday mornings at the Village Hall from 10-12.30.

The new term lasts 10 weeks and starts on January 23rd. Places fill up quickly, so call Liz now on 736637

Pilates Last year's Pilates sessions proved hugely popular. If you've never tried it, this could be the year to give it a go. Age and fitness are no barrier – you can do this from the seated position on one of the Village Hall's smart new chairs! Sessions are on Friday afternoons and start again on the 11th Jan. For more information, contact Kat Hesse on 01738 638604

Thursday Afternoon Art Class This popular group, which meets on Thursday afternoons at 1.30, is currently full. But if you'd like to join the waiting list or find out more, call Kit Clark on 736670

Social Evenings From bowls to badminton, why not come along to these friendly, fun social evenings on Tuesdays from 6pm. Find out more from John Nayler on 736228

Wine Club The wine club meets every couple of months, on the last Thursday of the month.

If you're interested in coming along to the next meeting on 31st Jan, contact David Eaton on 736754

Waldringfield Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association You don't need an allotment to join this group - WALGA grow for pleasure or production, with several talks and workshops throughout the year. Contact Betsy Reid on 736506

Wildlife Group The Wildlife Group exists to conserve, enhance and record local wildlife. If you have a love of wildlife, look out for the talks in 2013. For more info or to join, contact Linda Wilkins on 736044

Yoga If you're in need of de-stressing and stretching after the festive period, you might like to try yoga, Wednesdays at 7pm. To find out more, call Di Taylor on 07748 611730

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Sunday 10th March

The Sudbourne Ensemble will be playing works by Mozart, Britten and Beethoven.

For more details contact Liz Kennedy on 736637

LIZ'S CAKE STALL

We're delighted that Liz's Cake Stall will return at the beginning of 2013. Exact date to be confirmed, so look out for notices round the village and a posting on the Waldringfielders website.

VILLAGE HALL SERVICES

Sadly, the Groceries Van has ceased trading from the Waldringfield Village Hall Car Park. BUT the POST OFFICE will still be there on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11am to 1pm.

Don't let's lose this valuable service!

HAVE YOUR SAY

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS are open to all and happen on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Ian Kay - 736384

For enquiries to the Village Hall Committee, please contact Secretary Trisha Eaton on 736754

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 rd Jan	Jonathan Ruffle talk
26 th Jan	Pruning Day
7 th Feb	Eva Loeffler talk
9 th Feb	River Deben talk
2 nd March	Waldringfield's Got Talent
14 th March	Graham Speke talk
19 th March	Bridge Afternoon
4 th April	History Group talk on Post-War Waldringfield – details next edition
13 th April	Wildlife Group talk on the ants of Suffolk and Norfolk – details next edition

P.S... THANK YOU to supporters of December's Winter Quiz. The Village Hall Committee is pleased to report a profit of £595.05.

Special thanks go to everyone who donated a raffle prize, to Roy Lord for selling the tickets and to Pat Nunn for doing the washing up!

DID WE MISS SOMETHING?

If you'd like to start up your own club, or hire the hall for a private event or party, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Donna Morgan, on 736724

To feature an event in the next edition of Focus (to cover March and April), please contact Focus Editor Libby Ruffle on 736523