

# FOCUS

EVENTS AND NEWS FROM WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Mar/Apr 2020

## **MOBILE GROCERY VAN**

"The mobile grocery van which has been visiting the village for the last three years has unfortunately, for family circumstances, stopped its round. When this news broke, the regular customers were devastated. Non-drivers, "oldies", people with health problems and others had come to rely on this friendly and almost life-saving facility. We thank Sonya and her mother for their wonderful help and wish them both well for the future. They will be missed" A grateful customer

With the upsetting news that the mobile grocery van will no longer be coming to the village, the school would like to canvas village opinion and hold a **FOCUS GROUP** in *the school hall* to discuss the possibility of opening a community shop at the school.

Please feel welcome to come along on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm** for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a discussion with school staff and some children regarding the possibility of having a community shop. The idea would be that it would be part of a social and an educational project, hosted at the school by the children (supported by staff). Please contact the school 736276 or email me, [headteacher@waldringfield.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@waldringfield.suffolk.sch.uk), if you plan to attend or if you have any views/ ideas.

## **WINTER TALKS**



**Thursday 5th March 7.30 pm**

Adults £4 Under 18s Free

Richard Morris will talk about his forthcoming biography of **Basil Brown**, the amateur archaeologist who in 1939 found the Anglo Saxon ship treasure at Sutton Hoo. The discovery of the grave is currently being made into a Netflix film starring Ralph Fiennes.

**Bookings:** [waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/our-village/village-hall/](http://waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/our-village/village-hall/)

'Focus' [headteacher@waldringfield.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@waldringfield.suffolk.sch.uk)



TRIANON MUSIC GROUP

## **An Evening of Light Music.**

**Performed by members of the Trianon Music Group  
Strings and Singers**

Held at our Village Hall on Saturday March 7th starting at  
7.30pm, Tickets £10

Tickets are available from 6<sup>th</sup> January

For further information contact Nigel King - 01473 736060  
or [wvht.tickets@btinternet.com](mailto:wvht.tickets@btinternet.com)

**If you are interested in model railways you may like our latest attraction - Ipswich RC (radio-controlled) Truckers Ipswich & District RC Truckers their next meeting is on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9 am until 4 pm at Waldringfield Village Hall.**

Come along and meet them, they are very friendly club for all ages and if you are interested in radio controlled trucks or vehicles of any kind then it should be of great interest to you and all the family. Refreshments and snacks will be available at reasonable prices!

If you have a radio controlled car, truck, digger then bring it along and have a drive on their road layout for £6 or spectate for £2 which includes a tea or coffee.

### Waldringfield Wildlife Group:

All meetings in the Village Hall Kennedy Room starting at 10.00

Talks start at 11.00 unless otherwise specified. Visitors welcome.

Admission charge: £3.00 for visitors and non-members.

Members – No charge. New members welcome: Annual Membership £10

Field Trips: – Contact Linda 07788 286482 Or Jill 736125



Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March Wakelyns Agroforestry Farm –arrive 1.30pm to 3.30pm £5 pp. Car share please.

Wakelyns is the premier agroforestry enterprise in the East of England, running for well over twenty years. It's not only the low carbon method allowing and promoting biodiversity that should be much more general, but also the place where a revolutionary population of wheat has been developed. Contact Betsy Reid, 01473 736506 to confirm your place.

Saturday, 11th April Tasty Crafty Aliens - Making the best of a bad situation...

Abby Stancliffe-Vaughan (AKA abby crayfish) has been researching control methods for non-native signal crayfish since 2004, and more recently has become really interested in Reeves muntjac deer. Conversations about ethics, conservation and human behaviour prompted her to start an enterprise focusing on the use of non-native species that are in need of controlling or management. She is an advocate of pragmatic solutions to environmental problems and feels we are on the cusp of some radical re-thinking of what we do and how we do it!

**Coffee Mornings first Thursday in the month 10am** Please support these popular mornings:

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

ADVANCE NOTICE: The May coffee morning will take place on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May** to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.



### Waldringfield Gardeners

Invite you to their **SPRING FLORAL CREATION WORKSHOP** on **Saturday, 18th APRIL** in the VILLAGE HALL 10.00am - 1.00pm

Bring flowers & greenery from your garden or your neighbours!

A vase, basket or ANY type of container, ribbons, bows, fruits, nuts, anything you fancy!

Watch and learn, then make your own. Professional help & advice given.

All welcome - no experience needed.

£15.00 Includes oasis, wire, tape and refreshments.

Please book your place with Alexis Smith email: [g1dik@btinternet.com](mailto:g1dik@btinternet.com)

Phone: 01473 736257 Waldringfield Gardeners annual membership £5

**EASTERN ANGLES** East Anglia's touring professional theatre comes again to the village hall on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**

**Red Skies** features two of Suffolk's most famous residents: George Orwell, who took his pen name from the Ipswich river, and Arthur Ransome, who was resident on it, and asks what would have happened if they had met? It starts in Southwold Harbour just before the outbreak of war where Orwell's father was dying and when Ransome, along with his wife Eugenia, were sailing out of Pin Mill. Orwell is about to write *Animal Farm* and intrigued that Ransome is married to the former secretary of Russia's revolutionary leader, Trotsky. With Orwell's suspicion of spies and the Ransome's inability to explain how they got out of Russia after the revolution, sparks could fly. The show follows their two stories over 20 years, when all three are in search of answers, political and personal.

**For tickets please contact Colin and Betsy Reid 01473 736506 (leave message or email [colinreid2@btinternet.com](mailto:colinreid2@btinternet.com))**

**Tickets: Adults £11.00 each – or £10.00 for early booking paid for by 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Under 18 (£7.00 each) The play is thought suitable for ages 12 and above.**

**Greener Waldringfield invite you to their initial, formal meeting on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, Kennedy Room at 7.30pm**

“We have been a changing group of people who have put on events or organised projects: the coffee morning grew out of GW discussions for instance. We have been operating on a ‘just do it’ basis – with no formal membership, constitution, bank account etc. Those currently involved propose formally setting it up so that it has greater accountability and transparency – and can apply for grants etc.” Betsy Reid

You would be very welcome to join them on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March both to do be involved in the setting up of a more formal Greener Waldringfield, and the more exciting work of ‘where do we go from here’.



**Waldringfield History Group** has certainly been firing on all cylinders since the New Year began.

The group is currently busy proof reading the final draft of ‘the book’ which it has been putting together for a number of years now. Photo permissions are being sought and copyright is being agreed. Watch this space for further news in the next few months!

Alongside our team of punctilious proof readers, another team, including members of the wider village community, has started collecting data for ‘2020 Vision’, our project to lay down a record of life in the village in 2020. Several representatives from the Wildlife Group, WALGA, Greener Waldringfield, the Fairway Committee, Sailing Club and others met in early February to discuss how they could contribute to the project. The launch will take place in the village hall on the evening of **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April after the Parish Council AGM on the same evening**. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

2020 also sees the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day (8-10 May 2020). Members of the History Group are busy carrying out research into all the World War 2 veterans from our village. There will be a display of this research at the village hall coffee morning on **Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>** so do come along to look at our work. If you have any information about WW2 veterans from Waldringfield, Hemley or Newbourne, or if you wish to contribute to the 2020 project, please contact us by email at:

[Waldringfieldhg@gmail.com](mailto:Waldringfieldhg@gmail.com)

Mobile Library will be visiting Village Way 3.15-3.50pm on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April

**SPRING CLEAN the VILLAGE HALL**

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12.30**

Refreshments will be provided, please come and volunteer to ensure our Village Hall is kept clean, tidy and a lovely place to come together and to show off our village.

**School Recycling Centre**

The school recycles:

- printer cartridges
- household batteries all kinds!
  - Crisp packets

Please feel free to drop your recycling, of these items, into the school office, or leave in labelled containers by the red school front door

## REGULAR EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Pilates 9.30am <i>Tone Pilates 07964 325783</i> Post Office Van 11am-12.30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Social Club/Badminton <i>John Nayler 736228</i> Parish Council Meetings <i>Parish Clerk 01394 271551</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Yoga 10-11am 07877 358163 Post Office Van 11am - 12.30 Art Group <i>Liz Kennedy 736637</i> Bridge <i>Norman Rea 736577</i> Come Dancing (Ballroom and Latin) <i>Amelia 07725 483685 amelia.gilardi@sky.com</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Group <i>Kit Clark 736670</i> History Group (Sep-March) <i>Gareth Thomas 811745</i> Wine Club (monthly, check dates) <i>David Eaton 736754</i>
<b>Friday</b>	Post Office Van 11am-12.30 Tone & Stretch 1-2pm <i>Di Taylor 07748 611730</i>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee Morning 10am Winter Talk 7.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> March	An Evening of Light Music 7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Ipswich & District RC Truckers 9am
16 <sup>th</sup> March	FOCUS group at the school to discuss community shop 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mobile Library Village Way 3.15-3.50pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Greener Waldringfield meeting 7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> March	WWG: Wakelyns Agroforestry Farm arrive 1.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> March	School Easter Coffee Morning 9am
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Coffee Morning 10am
11 <sup>th</sup> April	WWG: Tasty Crafty Aliens 11am
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Mobile Library Village Way 3.15-3.50pm
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Floral Creation Workshop 10am
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Eastern Angles 7.30pm