

# FOCUS

EVENTS AND NEWS FROM WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

March/April 2015

## Waldringfield Winter Party 2015 'Knowing Me, Knowing You' Abba's take on the classic Mr & Mrs

For all ages and members of the family

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm for a prompt 7pm start  
Meal included - please bring your own drinks and glasses

£10 adults ~ £5 children (12 and under) ~ £25 family ticket (2 adults & 2 children)

Tickets from the Post Office Van (parked at the Village Hall Mon, Weds, Fri 11am-1pm) or Trisha Eaton 736754



The Coffee Mornings continue to run on the first Thursday of every month. April's Coffee Morning on 2<sup>nd</sup> April will have an Easter theme.



### Wildlife Group Talks

April 11<sup>th</sup> Wildlife of Costa Rica - a brief tour of four different biomes by local resident Peter Maddison

April 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> tbc 6am Nightingale Walk followed by breakfast. A guided tour with local resident Peter Maddison

Meetings start at 10am. Talks at 11am.  
Visitors welcome. Admission charge: £2 for visitors and non-members. Members: £1  
New members welcome. Membership £5  
Linda Wilkins 736044



### SEWING WORKSHOP, A NEW VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITY

A monthly sewing session, from 7pm to 9.30pm, covering a range of skills and making a product in one evening.

The March group will be piped cushions. All equipment and fabric is supplied, but you are welcome to bring your own machine and fabric. All abilities welcome, to learn something new or to sew in company!  
The dates are... Tuesday 17 March, Tuesday 21 April, Thursday 14 May, Tuesday 23 June, Tuesday 7th July.

Book in advance please, in order to plan the resources. Each session £15, or £5 if your own fabric is supplied  
Contact Debbie Green 736596  
or debcgreen@gmail.com

### VILLAGE HALL WINTER TALKS SERIES

Make sure that the last two talks are in your diary now. There will be an illustrated talk by A.A. 'Gus' Jones on Thurs March 5<sup>th</sup> and a History Group presentation on Thurs April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Please note change from information in previous Focus.) Talks start at 7.30pm.

A.A 'Gus' Jones, an author and a frequent visitor to Waldringfield, will take us around the world when he tells us about *Scott's forgotten surgeon*, Dr Koettlitz, who was not only a doctor but an accomplished photographer, geologist and explorer. Gus will be using some of Dr Koettlitz's own images. Gus comes highly recommended and promises to keep up the exceptionally high standard of this Season's talks. **Don't miss it.**

No season is complete without a presentation by the **Waldringfield History Group**. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> they will be asking, among other questions, '*Who do we think they were?*' as they examine local wills and documents now in the safe care of the Suffolk Records Office but dating back to the times of Edward IV, Elizabeth I and Charles II, (even King Edwy, the Fair) Who knows? - they could be discussing your ancestors. Start the Easter weekend with some searching questions.

## Oysters

7.30 pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Oysters** is written and directed by Eastern Angles' Artistic Director Ivan Cutting. Combining local fact and contemporary storytelling, this new play captures the soul of an East Anglian industry, celebrating and preserving the past by putting it on stage.



Focusing on the restoration of an Essex Oyster Smack, incorporates oral history accounts of boatbuilding and oyster cultivation with the fictional story of an Essex boat builder and his intriguing family back-story.

Tickets from Colin and Betsy Reid, Dormers, Cliff Rd 736506 or colin\_reid1@btinternet.com  
**iEarly Bird offer: £7.00 up to 30<sup>th</sup> April!**  
Adults: £8.00 No separate reduction for seniors this year. Under 18: £5.00

**Fridays (during school term only):  
Pilates 1-2pm  
Tel Kat 01728 638 604.**

### WALDRINGFIELD GARDENERS invite you to join us at our SPRING FLORAL ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 1pm  
in the Kennedy Room

A creative opportunity to make your own Spring Posy.  
Professional help and advice given.

Bring some flowers & greenery - from your garden or your neighbour's! - a vase, basket or any type of container, ribbons, bows, fruits, nuts, fir cones... and anything else which takes your fancy!

We will provide the oasis. No bought flowers, please - swap your greenery with others at the event.

Watch and learn, then have a go yourself to make your own creations.

All welcome - refreshments included.

Visitors & non-members £7.50

Members £5

Please book your place with Alexis Smith 736257  
g1dik@btinternet.com

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March: Coffee Morning

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March: Winter Talk - A.A 'Gus' Jones

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March: Winter Party - 'Knowing Me, Knowing You'

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March: Flower Arranging

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Easter Coffee Morning

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Winter Talk - History Group

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April: Wildlife Group Talk - Wildlife of Costa Rica

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May: Strawberry Fayre - details next time

For Village Hall bookings, contact the Bookings Secretary, Chris Lyon, between 9am and 6pm on 736291 or anthonylyon888@btinternet.com  
To publicise an event, contact Focus Editor Libby Ruffle on 736523 or libby@aptranslations.co.uk

#### A regular lunch in the village hall?

Alas, no - or not yet! A small group nearly got off the ground running a three month pilot (January, February, March) to see how popular this might be. We've had to cancel as we have not quite enough volunteers to run it.

We might try again in the autumn - if you think you might like to help (cook or help set up, or serve, or help wash up and clear away) please get in touch.

It would be helpful, too, to know to if this is something you would like - once a month about a fortnight from the Coffee Morning - soup and a roll, tea or coffee and fruit or tray-bake for a fiver with all the companionship of the Coffee Mornings.

*Betsy Reid, Dormers, Cliff Road*



The Village Hall now has two bookshelves for you to browse. Please feel free to borrow books any time the Village Hall is open. Thanks to Rosa Waller for her donation of the new shelves.

#### REGULAR EVENTS

**Monday** Post Office Van 11am-1pm  
Eurochat (fortnightly) *Libby Ruffle 736523*

**Tuesday** Social Club *John Nayler 736228*  
Sewing Workshop (monthly) *Debbie Green 736596*  
Parish Council Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month)

**Wednesday** Post Office Van 11am-1pm  
Art Group *Liz Kennedy 73663*  
Bridge *Norman Rea 736577*  
Yoga *Di Taylor 07748 61173*

**Thursday** Art Group *Kit Clark 736670*  
Wine Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of the month) *David Eaton 736577*

**Friday** Post Office Van 11am-1pm  
History Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Fri of the month) *Joe Clark 736670*  
Pilates *Kat Hesse 01728 638604*