

FOCUS

EVENTS AND NEWS FROM WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Nov/Dec2021

As autumn turns to winter, Neil Edwards has been busy cutting the Hall's hedges and our new gardener Simon Couchman and John Nayler, busy clearing the bed under the oak tree. Unfortunately, when clearing the undergrowth, the bench was found to be beyond repair, however, it had lasted 46 years, so it served us well! It had been donated to the village hall by 'Waldringfield young wives' in 1975 and the plaque has been retained. If anyone has any old photos of the bench when it was placed there originally we would be delighted to see them. Hannah Stock has kindly prepared a new design for the bed and a replacement bench will be acquired for people to sit and enjoy the new plants whilst visiting the mobile shop or post office van. We aim to have the hard landscaping completed over the winter with the bed ready for planting in the spring.

We had an energy audit carried out over the summer and this will inform our decision making as we seek to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce maintenance costs. We shall be applying for grant aid for the replacement of lighting with led units and are investigating other energy saving measures. We also plan to improve the Kennedy Room and enhance the broadband coverage.

Events, which have been fewer due to Covid, have started to re-appear. In addition to the monthly coffee mornings, Liz Kennedy and Celia Mason arranged for us to enjoy the music of the Kingfisher Ensemble and we look forward to Chris Lyon's tantalising and sell-out quiz evening on 26th November. The Winter Talks are due to resume under the expert guidance of Colin Reid and we look forward to more social occasions in the forthcoming months – government regulations permitting! Village events are much loved and appreciated but do not organise themselves. They rely upon a dedicated band of volunteers and there is a danger that some will cease to happen if more people do not come forward to offer their help. So please, if you can contribute the odd hour, it will be very much appreciated – and we will try to make it fun for you. Please contact me on 07872 375784 if you can help.

Philip Hall, Chair

Badminton continues on a **Thursday** evening starting at 7.30 in the hall. Everyone is welcome. It is a social evening and you are not required to play, just come along.

The hall has two good table tennis tables and two mats used for short mat bowling. The short mat bowling is like indoor bowls, using the same bowls but with a modification to make it more interesting. It used to be very popular in the old hall but has not been used for a while in the new hall.

If anyone is interested, please contact John 736228 Johnnayler@btinternet.com

Coffee Mornings:

Thursday November 4th. Includes display by History Group - WW2 Rolls of Honour and also a raffle to raise much needed funds for the upkeep of Church Field

Our legendary December Coffee Morning will be held on 9th December. Please come join in the fun of a hamper raffle and mulled wine (donations for hamper appreciated beforehand, please contact Chris Lyon 736291) If you would like to join the coffee morning team just ask one of the team on the day!

WINTER TALKS are returning on Friday evenings

Commencing Friday 10th December at 7.30pm. Thank you to Colin Reid for organising these. Then continuing on the first Friday of the month - make a note on your 2022 calendars, last one will be April

Waldringfield Gardeners - Christmas Greenery workshop

Saturday November 27th morning Betsy Reid 736506

Wine Club - Thursday evenings in the Kennedy Room

18th November and 16th December at 7.30pm. David Eaton 736754

History Group

Next meetings: Thursday afternoons November 11th and December 9th 2pm to 5pm in the Kennedy Room
For more information contact the Secretary 01394283347

1pm Fridays: Stretch and Tone with Di Taylor

didee33@hotmail.com

07748 611730

11.45 am Monday Mornings. Seated exercises for falls prevention

£5 per session, for further information: Mary Beth Skellorn 01453 736306

Cupboard Love, the mobile "eco-refill" shop (Fridays 10.30am to 12.30pm):

November 5th, 19th, December 3rd and 17th.

Mel also sells items that would make eco-friendly gifts

Karate Sessions for all ages - Mondays and Tuesdays 5.45pm onwards

For further information: Leonie Kersey 07886423616 email: evolutionkarateacademy@hotmail.co.uk
Website: www.evolutionkarate.co.uk

9:30 am Tuesday Mornings. Easy Pilates

Classes are usually held for 55 minutes and equipment is provided, including Pilates magic circles, toning balls, head rests, blocks, small balls and flex bands. £10 per session but you can book a term in advance for £70
Contact Tony: www.tonepilates.co.uk email: tonepilates@btinternet.com 07964 325783

Ipswich RC Truckers - Sunday November 7th (all day)

Come and marvel at the wonderful layout and radio controlled model trucks. Find out more on their Facebook page or phone Tim and Janey Wincer on 01394 766786. You will be made very welcome.

Come Dancing Ballroom and Latin

Wednesday evenings – private tuition.

Contact Robert Fisher:

01473613428 robfisher05@gmail.com

REGULAR EVENTS

- Monday** Post Office Van 11am-12.30pm *by the large oak tree in the car park - please always leave that space free as otherwise electronic transactions may be hindered.*
Seated exercise classes 11.45am
Karate evolutionkarateacademy@hotmail.co.uk
- Tuesday** Pilates 9.30am *Tone Pilates* 07964 325783 www.tonepilates.co.uk
Parish Council Meetings *Parish Clerk* 01394 271551
Karate evolutionkarateacademy@hotmail.co.uk
- Wednesday** Post Office Van 11am-12.30pm *by the large oak tree in the car park - please always leave that space free as otherwise electronic transactions may be hindered.*
Bridge Club Norman Rea 736577
Come Dancing robfisher05@gmail.com
- Thursday** Art Group 1pm-4pm *Kit Clark* 736670
History Group 2pm-5pm
Wine Club David Eaton 736754
Social Club/Badminton *John Nayler* 736228
- Friday** Eco refill shop 10.30-12.30pm
Post Office Van 11am-12.30pm *by the large oak tree in the car park - please always leave that space free as otherwise electronic transactions may be hindered.*
Stretch & Tone 1-2pm *Di Taylor* 07748 611730

Dates for your diary

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| 4 th November | Coffee Morning |
| 5 th November | Eco Refill shop |
| 7 th November | RC Truckers |
| 11 th November | History Group |
| 18 th November | Wine Club |
| 19 th November | Eco Refill shop |
| 27 th November | Christmas Greenery Workshop |
| 3 rd December | Eco Refill shop |
| 9 th December | Coffee Morning |
| 9 th December | History Group |
| 10 th December | Winter Talk |
| 16 th December | Wine Club |
| 17 th December | Eco Refill shop |

Bookings: waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/our-village/village-hall/villagehall.bookings@btinternet.com

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