



## No.89 — Autumn 2025



*Photo—Alexis Smith—Waldringfield Resident*



## Waldringfield Gardeners

A reminder that we have for loan **an apple press, a dehydrator and a steriliser** for bottling fruit in bulk. The apple rings I did in the dehydrator two years ago are still delicious! As is fruit bottled four years ago!

Waldringfield Gardeners also have for loan a long handled pruning saw and support, and some excellent high level loppers, as well as a general pruning saw - though probably for summer pruning of apples and pears all you need is secateurs. There is still just time to prune plum trees which should not be done in the winter - or keep these useful tools in mind for your winter pruning.

### **A reminder of our programme of events!**

***The Pumpkin Parade*** - The Autumn half term brings us **the Pumpkin Parade on Saturday 25 October 2025**, with the little veg boats floating down the river and a scary story at sundown on the beach. This is an amazing village tradition which has been active for over 15 years now!

***Annual AGM*** - We have our Annual AGM with mulled cider and a talk on the evening of **19th November 2025**.

***Christmas Greenery and Wreath Workshop***— Cheer up your home for Christmas with a seasonal greenery workshop **Sat Nov 29<sup>th</sup>** at the Village Hall Details from Alexis:  
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# Photo Gallery

*Flower, Vegetable, Produce and Craft Show*

**16 August 2025**



*All photos—Caroline Hughes-Lewis*

# *Warm Welcome Afternoons for Winter 2025/26*



The parish council is delighted to announce that the weekly Warm Welcome sessions will be resumed this winter in the Kennedy Room at the Village Hall.

I am writing this in the middle of the 4<sup>th</sup> “Heatwave” of this year. What better time to be planning the Warm Welcome Afternoons for this winter ??!!

This will be the fourth season of this weekly get-together. The format continues to evolve, driven by the volunteers and our guests. The focus is very much on creating an informal and welcoming space where residents can enjoy meeting friends, old and new, and having a good old chat over tea & cakes and occasional “entertainment”.

We look forward to seeing again our regular guests and also welcoming residents who may have more recently moved to the village.

We will be open from 2pm to 4.30pm every Wednesday afternoon during the winter months from late October 2025 to mid March 2026, with a short break over the Christmas period.

***There is no charge and everyone is invited.***

The Parish Council will continue to organise the scheme but, as before, its success depends on a rota of volunteer hosts. Some have already volunteered, (thank you very much) but we would like more please so that each volunteer commits to just 3 or 4 very enjoyable sessions over the period. So,

***Volunteers Needed Please***

*If you are able to spare an occasional few hours or would like more information please contact Janet Elliot via [janet.elliott@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.elliott@btinternet.com)*

Thank you very much for your support.



## Waldringfield Sailing Club

Established 1921

The Club has had a successful summer with many activities enjoyed on and off the water. There has been plenty of racing along with training for adults and children, as well as cruising and social activities. The highlight of the summer was the Regatta in June; the sun shone and approximately sixty boats in various classes enjoyed sailing in varied wind conditions over a long weekend. As ever the most challenging part of the event was ensuring impartiality for the judging of the sandcastle and fancy-dress competitions on the Saturday morning. The event culminated on Sunday in the Yachtsman's Service with the vicar conducting the service from afloat, with support from the Woodbridge Excelsior Band in front of the clubhouse.



Some members have been away in the summer yacht cruising in places as diverse as Scotland and Holland. Dinghy sailors have been away at various regattas at home and abroad, including the Cadet National Championships in Devon where Club members Alex Enkel and Jude Baldock were crowned champions.

Wednesday evening sailing has been popular throughout the summer, the last date this year being 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The Cartoon Trophy Weekend in the autumn is the final major event of the Club, and regular Saturday class racing continues until 15<sup>th</sup> November.



If you would like to have more information about the Club or would like to try sailing please come to the Club for a chat when it is open (mainly Saturdays this time of year), contact the secretary at [secretary@waldringfieldsc.com](mailto:secretary@waldringfieldsc.com), or consult the website [www.waldringfieldsc.com](http://www.waldringfieldsc.com).

**William Sudell, Club President**

*All Photo—Alexis Smith*



**Waldringfield Parish Council**  
**Councillor Vacancies**  
**We need members of the  
community to join us!**



Waldringfield Parish Council has **2 vacancies** for the role of Councillor, for which all members of the community are welcome to apply. When vacancies arise, Parish Councils may fill the vacancy through the process called Co-option. We are seeking to fill our vacancies through this process.

Parish Councillors are first and foremost members of the local community. We have a wonderful and vibrant village and look to have representation from all areas of the community. The role is varied and enables local people to use their skills and experience to enhance the work undertaken by the Council for the benefit of the community. We do lots of things – so there are lots of opportunities to contribute!

Some of the things the Council does in Waldringfield:

- We provide amenities, such as benches, the village sign and grit bins
- We manage the playing field and its equipment
- We organise community events, such as fetes and the Warm Welcome coffee afternoons
- We produce a quarterly newsletter
- We organise litter picks
- We represent the community to other levels of government on issues such as planning and highways

In terms of time commitment, Councillors are expected to attend the monthly meetings of Council (on the second Tuesday of the month) and some work outside of the meetings.

The Council wishes to invite interested people to contact the Clerk for an information pack, which details eligibility and application requirements. We also encourage applicants to visit [www.beacouncillor.org.uk](http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk) for more information.

**Additional Note:** Successful candidates if co-opted, would serve until the next elections in 2028.

The Council is committed to achieving a balanced composition of Councillors that reflects the Waldringfield community.

If you are interested – please contact the Clerk:

**Jennifer Shone-Tribley - Clerk**

**Post:** Low Farm, Ipswich Road, Waldringfield, Woodbridge IP12 4QU

**e-mail** – [pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com](mailto:pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com) **phone:** 01473 736475

## Your Parish Councillors:



Ian Kay (Chair)  
Janet Elliot (Vice Chair)  
Serena Gold  
Colin Reid  
Sue Quick  
Jonathan Ramsay  
Robert Forsdike

*To contact the Clerk:*

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**ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** and held on the second Tuesday of the month, in the Kennedy Room at the Village Hall—starting at 7:30pm unless otherwise notified.

**Next meetings: 09 September, 14 October and 11 November 2025**

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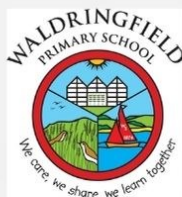
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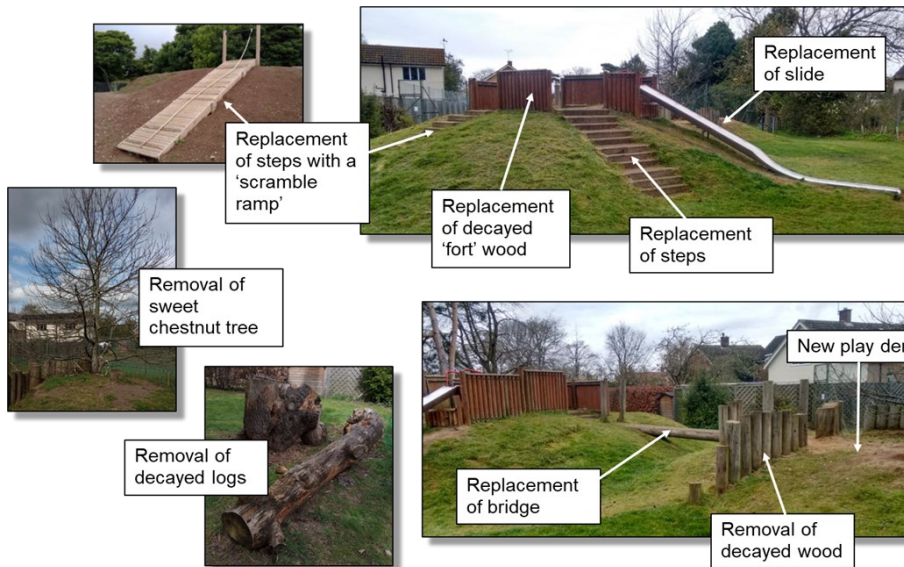
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# Replacement of the 'Fort' on the Playing field

The Parish Council are in the process of replacing the much-loved Fort and mound area, which has reached the end of its serviceable life. Last year we conducted a survey of all Waldringfield residents and the parents of Waldringfield Primary School pupils. The results showed a clear preference for a re-design of the fort with some new equipment, but keeping the grass mound. As a result, we produced a set of initial requirements, shown below:



The removal of the decayed logs, old wood from the fort and the sweet chestnut tree was carried out by Sam Webber and his team of volunteers, whom I would like to thank for generously giving up their time and carrying out the work extremely efficiently at no cost.

Following a tendering process we decided to award the contract to *Action Play and Leisure Ltd* of Norfolk. A schematic representation of their proposal is shown below.

Funding was generously provided by the **Local CIL Play fund**, our Neighbourhood CIL payments and an **SCC Locality Grant**, the remainder coming from PC reserves.

The contractor has advised us of an expected start date on or about **15<sup>th</sup> September** at the earliest. Works will be for a two week duration. The playing field will be closed to the public while the work is being done. We will post the exact dates on Waldringfielders when we know them.

**Ian Kay, Chair, Waldringfield Parish Council**





New members welcome:  
**Annual Membership**  
only £10.

# Waldringfield Wildlife Group

Waldringfield Wildlife Group exists to conserve, enhance and record the local wildlife; to protect wildlife habitats and encourage biodiversity; to encourage wildlife-friendly management of land, gardens and public spaces and to encourage a greater interest in the knowledge and love of wildlife in general.

## Meetings & Talks

**are in the Deben Hall at the Village Hall.**

All Talks start at 11.00am unless otherwise stated. They are preceded by Members meetings which start at 10.00am with a Refreshment break at 10.45am.

Admission: Members – No charge. Non-members – £5. Visitors welcome.

## Field Trips

Please inform Linda Wilkins or Jill Winter if you are joining any of the field trips/guided tours.

Note: Priority to paid up members for all field trips.

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## EVENTS FOR 2025

**October 11th**

Saltmarsh Conservation and Sea Grass Mapping  
by Dr Tim Gardiner, Biodiversity Officer, Environment Agency.

**December 13th**

AGM followed by Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and Biodiversity Strategies in Suffolk by Jen Burlingham, Norfolk & Suffolk Nature Recovery Partnership Manager, SCC. Followed by Members Bring and Share Christmas Lunch.



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For further details contact:

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[linda.thequay@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.thequay@btinternet.com)

Secretary: Jill Winter 01473 736125 [jillwinter2@gmail.com](mailto:jillwinter2@gmail.com)  
Treasurer: Alexis Smith 01473 736257 [gldik@btinternet.com](mailto:gldik@btinternet.com)

## Waldringfield Church Field Trust

Recently on 22<sup>nd</sup> July the Church Field hosted the annual Waldringfield Wildlife Group Big Butterfly Count and annual picnic. Peter Maddison identified the butterflies and reported as follows:

*WWG walk on Church Field for a Big Butterfly Count ID session.*

*Better weather than in 2024 and more species seen today, but sunny periods were elusive and it was only on the buddleias and the long grasses at the top end of the field that butterflies were seen. On the buddleias Large white, Red Admiral and Meadow Brown were seen. In the long grasses a superb male Common Blue was photographed by Sue Quick. Brown Argus, Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns were there in good numbers.*

*Totals: Large White 6, Red Admiral 3, Common Blue 1 male and 2 females, Brown Argus 2 or 3, Meadow Brown 30+, Gatekeeper about 50 [PM]*



*Butterfly photos: (L-R) Common Blue, Gatekeeper and Brown Argus by Sue Quick*



*Yarrow Photo—C Fisher-Kay*

After the walk there was a lovely picnic lunch.

Earlier this year on 16<sup>th</sup> June a walk round with herbalist Rachel Bescoby of Lion Herba was arranged by Waldringfield Wildlife Group, talking about the different herbs we could see growing there. There are many which were used as medicinal remedies by apothecaries in bygone days such as Perforate St Johns Wort, Mugwort which was put in shoes to ease the pain of walking, as well as warding off evil spirits; and Tansy. Yarrow was used to staunch bleeding on the battlefield. Mugwort was also used to flavour ale and St John's Wort was a powerful medicinal herb. Some of these herbs can have unfortunate side effects and we at Church Field Trust do not recommend using anything gathered from Church Field!

At the moment (August) the white flowers of yarrow are all over the field. The dry weather means the meadow areas are less tall than usual. Martin Spall has been looking after the grass cutting with the 'new' re-conditioned mower and keeping things smart.

The next children's activity day 'Wild for Wildlife' will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> August. This is about making homes for wildlife such as bat and bird boxes and insect hotels.

**Christine Fisher Kay**



*Photo—C Fisher-Kay*

# News from Waldringfield All Saints Church

## Work underway on Church repairs

During this summer Nick Spall and Ric Amaral of NS Restoration, have been busy working their way through a long list of essential repairs and renovations on the church building. Here is a list of work completed so far:

- Repointing external tower parapets.
- Stabilise masonry External flag corner.
- Remove vegetation north tower buttress.
- New weather sill to south porch.
- Removal of moss & repair of north chancel slope.
- Repair of vestry gable abutment fillet (now with lead flashing).
- Remaking leaking gutter joints over south porch.
- Refixing chancel s/e downpipe.
- Vacuum ground gulleys.



Nick Spall working on the porch roof in July

- Overhaul of vestry door & weather sill/window.
- New knotted rope handrail & top mounting.
- Removal of moss & repair South chancel slope.
- Removal of moss & repair South porch ridge.
- Making good and repainting gutters and downpipes.
- Painting porch gates.
- Repair of tower gutter.
- Supply & fit masonry movement gauge on East wall.

There's still a lot more to do, but we'll keep you updated on progress in future Parish Newletters. Many thanks to Nick and Ric who have had to work in extreme heat on some days, and endure several attacks from a hive of angry bees.

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## Churchyard Update



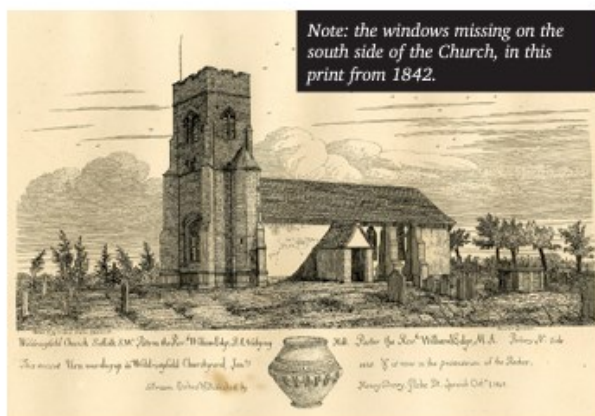
### New Memorial Garden Proposed

It has been suggested at a recent PCC meeting that we create an area specifically for the burial of Cremation Ashes. This proposal is at

the very early stage of consideration but we would value any constructive comments you may wish to contribute regarding this idea. The area currently 'earmarked' for the garden is to the northeast of the Church building.

### New tree to replace felled Oak

During the coming winter months a new tree will be planted, close to where the original tree stood.



Note: the windows missing on the south side of the Church, in this print from 1842.

© The Trustees of the British Museum.

Did you know an Anglo Saxon Burial Urn was discovered on Church grounds in 1841?



Such a find would indicate that the site was once a pagan burial ground. Probably it was taken over by early christians to build a new place of worship. So, it could well be the case that christians have been worshipping on this site for over 1000 years.

The story goes that the Church warden discovered the urn whilst digging a new grave and gave it to the Rev. William Edge. From there it became part of the Purnell Collection which was acquired by British Museum in 1872.

The Urn estimated to be 5th-6th century, is catalogued in the museum's collection, but unfortunately there is no photograph of it, and it is not currently on display. There are other Anglo Saxon finds catalogued in the museum collection that were discovered at Waldringfield. Another Cinery Urn, (which is on display), some tweezers, and a knife/razor.

## Winner of the Waldringfield Great Potato Growing Competition 2025

is Bridget Dearlove, whose potato crop weighed in at over 4lbs/1.8kg.



## Harvest Festival Service Sunday 5th October at 10.00am

All Saints Church is collecting for TWAM (Tools With A Mission), who want all your unwanted tools, so they can refurbish them and send them to Africa to help families overcome poverty.

Please deliver to the church, from Monday 29th September – Sunday 5th October.

A full list of what TWAM can accept is on TWAM's website:

<https://www.twam.uk/donatetools>



## Church Services

### Prayer Services

Occuring every first Sunday of the month at 10.00 a.m.

### Holy Communion

Occuring every third Sunday of the month at 10.30 a.m.

For further information go to: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2027/>

If you can't make it to one of our services, do remember that the Church is always left open for anyone who needs a quite space for contemplation and prayer.

## King Charles III Coastal Footpath

On 7 May 2024 the Secretary of State announced their decision to approve a stretch of the King Charles III England Coast Path in Suffolk between Felixstowe Ferry and Bawdsey. It is currently at Stage 5: Open, but not yet available for public use - work to establish the route is currently taking place. It is currently unclear when it will be open to the public. The Parish Council will provide more information on the expected opening when it becomes available. The Shotley Gate to Felixstowe Ferry section is already open. Below is the map of the main Waldringfield stretch. If you would like further information please contact the Clerk by email— [Pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com](mailto:Pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com) who has more detailed PDF maps.





## Waldringfield History Group

Many of the members of the History Group have been involved with the 'Memories of the Tideline Exhibition'. This exciting Exhibition has been organised by Sue Quick and a team of helpers & Gareth Thomas (ex chair of WHG) will be doing a History Walk, through Waldringfield and along the river referencing the walks in our book *Waldringfield, A Village beside the River Deben*.

Many exhibits have been loaned by local people to illustrate the changes of the river over time and many scientists and artists will be exhibiting their works. The History group will be displaying a slideshow of nearly 300 pictures showing the history of the river and its banks. There will also be films and videos to view.

We meet from September to March in the Kennedy Room at the Village Hall usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2.00 p.m. Our next meeting will be **11 September 2025**. Our Website [www.Waldringfieldia.com](http://www.Waldringfieldia.com), contains much of our research although some is only available to member. Come and join us for a meeting.

For more information please contact Hon Sec: Margaret Lake or

Chair: Alyson Videlo [waldringfieldhg@gmail.com](mailto:waldringfieldhg@gmail.com) "

## COFFEE MORNINGS

### WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

The coffee mornings held in the village hall on (usually) the first Thursday each month from 10am-noon, continue to provide an important social hub. All cakes and pastries are homemade, thanks to our regular team of volunteers and the generosity of others from both inside and outside the village. They include gluten free, dairy free, and vegan options, so there should be something for everyone.

Some events are themed, and sometimes stallholders attend, with a range of items for sale.

Regular items include the homemade card stall, the book stall, and local honey.

Greener Waldringfield displays are interesting and informative. Of course, the village lottery continues to be drawn here too.

If you live in the village and would like to attend, but have difficulties with transport, please let us know - we may be able to help.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

**Chris Lyon - on behalf of The Coffee Morning Team - 01473 736291**



Waldringfield Wildlife Group

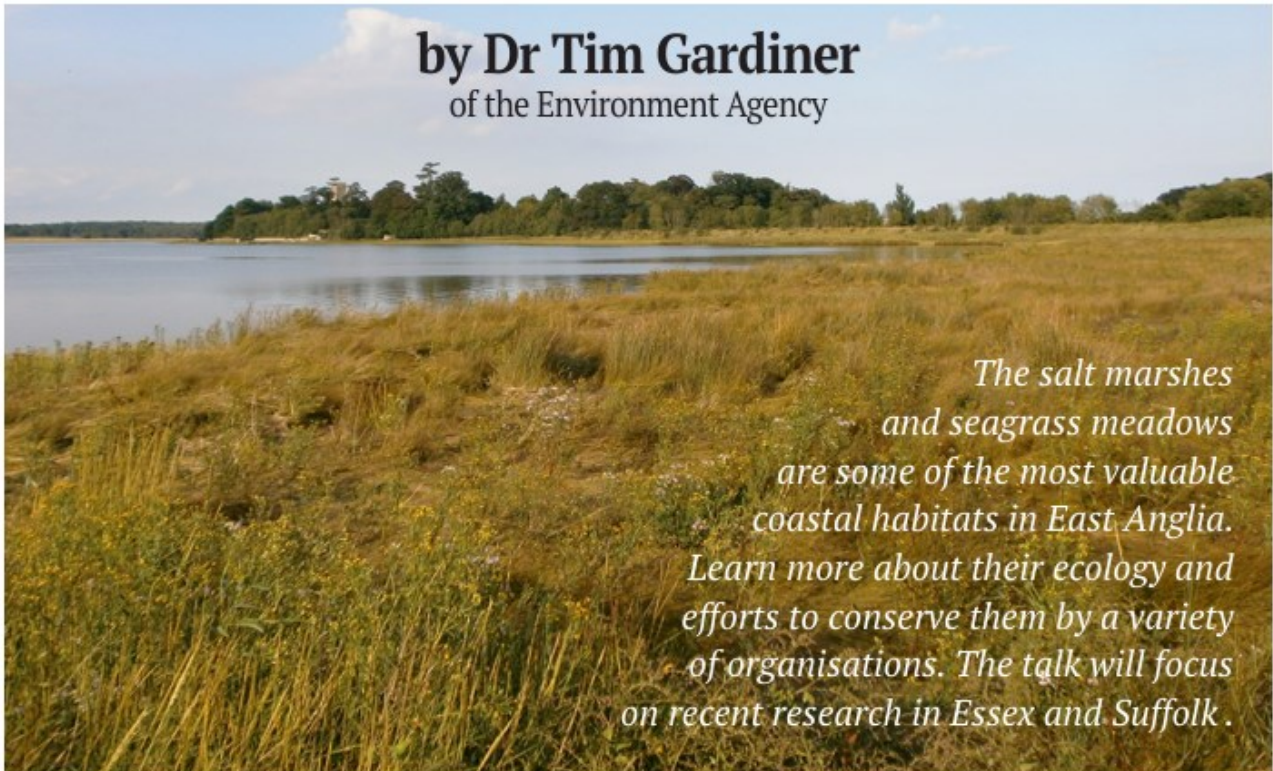
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An illustrated talk on



# Salt Marsh and Seagrass:

the conservation of our estuarine meadows

by **Dr Tim Gardiner**  
of the Environment Agency



*The salt marshes  
and seagrass meadows  
are some of the most valuable  
coastal habitats in East Anglia.  
Learn more about their ecology and  
efforts to conserve them by a variety  
of organisations. The talk will focus  
on recent research in Essex and Suffolk.*

**Saturday 11th October at 11.00 am**  
at Waldringfield Village Hall

Admission: Non-members and visitors – £5.00. Paid up members – No charge.



**Dr Tim Gardiner** is former conservation researcher at Writtle College (University of Essex) and ecology lecturer at Nottingham Trent University. Tim has worked for the Environment Agency since 2009 as a biodiversity officer. His work includes improving rivers and sea walls in East Anglia for a range of species and this culminated in the Sea Wall Biodiversity Handbook being published in 2015.

Preceded by a members meeting at 10.00am prompt

**New members welcome (Membership £10)**

Enquiries: [Linda.thequay@btinternet.com](mailto:Linda.thequay@btinternet.com) or [jillwinter2@gmail.com](mailto:jillwinter2@gmail.com)

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Call In For A Chat

# A Tree Warden Writes

The tree wardens are expecting to have free hedgerow saplings and trees available again for planting this autumn. If you have a field or garden where the hedge needs to be 'gapped up' or infilled with native species we may be able to supply the plants along with rabbit guards if needed. Please get in touch if you have a project where native trees can be used, even one!

Ideally I would like to see hedges with trees in every 10m or so, which would grow on to replace so many which are being lost. Hedges need to be continuous to provide wildlife corridors, shelter and reduce erosion and field hedgerows should be allowed 4m wide uncultivated rooting areas according to current guidance.

Do you remember the Queen's Green Canopy? Trees were planted to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Treebilee) and many were planted throughout the country. If you planted a tree, as part of the jubilee celebrations perhaps you'd like to get in touch and let us tree wardens know how it is faring. It would be interesting and useful to keep a record of these. We probably have needed to water more in recent summers than formerly especially newly established trees.

Meanwhile tree wardens in Waldringfield are identifying and surveying veteran trees in the Parish and putting them on the map. If anyone out there is interested in helping with this please get in touch.

**Christine Fisher Kay 01473-736384**



*Tree wardens visiting ancient oaks at Staverton Thicks—  
Photo C Fisher-Kay*

## Update from Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP

Over the past few months, I've been working with colleagues in Parliament to take a closer look at how national policy reflects life in rural areas. Too often, decisions made in Westminster are shaped by the needs of towns and cities, and don't always reflect the reality of living in places like Waldringfield, or other parts of Suffolk Coastal.

To help change that, I've helped to establish - and now chair - a new group in Parliament: the Labour Rural Research Group. This group brings together Labour MPs who represent rural or semi-rural areas, and aims to ensure rural communities are properly understood and reflected in national policy. As I said in my recent East Anglian Daily Times opinion piece, successive governments – of all political persuasions, and for many decades – have had a 'rural blind spot' and they've failed to grasp the realities of rural Britain, and the challenges of delivering public services or driving investment into our rural communities.

Our first report, *Understanding Rural Britain*, published in August and available on my website, draws on the views and experiences of over 1,400 people living in rural parts of England, Scotland and Wales. It highlighted some important concerns - including the lack of opportunities for young people, and the sense that many feel they have to move away from rural areas in order to get on and succeed in life.

As someone who grew up here and moved away, only to return in my late 30s, this resonates with me deeply. I know we need to do more to create (and sustain) opportunities for young people in places like Suffolk Coastal and Suffolk as a whole.

Our next area of work will explore rural poverty and how we best tackle it, and I'll be working with local and national partners to make sure our experiences here in Suffolk Coastal are properly heard and understood.

As ever, if you need support, get in touch via the details below.

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Telephone: 01394 330260

Website: [www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org](http://www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org)

## FUN **Quiz** NIGHT

**Waldringfield Village Hall**

**Friday 28th November.**

All the tables have been booked, but if anyone has any spaces on their team, do let me know so I can put you in touch with people who'd like to join you.

**Chris Lyon 01473 736291**

***Proceeds in aid of Waldringfield Village Hall Trust***

# VILLAGE HALL WINTER TALKS

All talks—£5 (under 18s foc) with refreshments

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm

**Jane Hayward - *GHOST CITIES* How did China's rapid urbanisation and property crisis arise and where do policymakers go from here?**

After research positions in New York, Oxford and Beijing, Jane is now a Lecturer in China and Global Affairs at Kings College, London. After her talk she is ready to answer questions about China more generally. She says "China is all over the news at the moment, with pundits and politicians across the social and political spectrum giving their views about what is going on. Meanwhile academics like me get criticised (sometimes rightly!) for spending all our time talking to other academics but staying out of public discussions. My website and short YouTube videos are for anyone who doesn't spend all of their time thinking and reading about China, but who is generally curious and would like to know more."



## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

**John Ogden - *FROM WARE TO ETERNITY: THE WORK OF THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION***

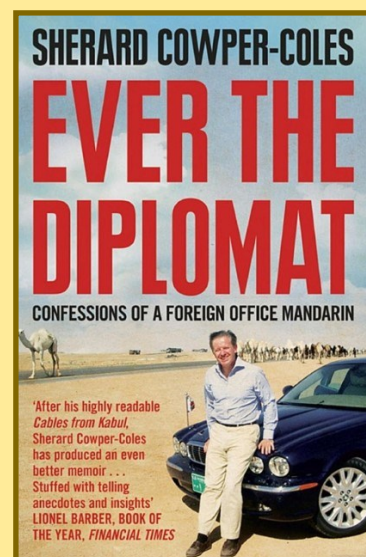


John Ogden of this parish read History at Durham and served in the Armed Forces for 34 years before becoming the Armed Forces Commissioner for Suffolk. Many will remember the detailed and powerfully moving exhibition about the local casualties of war mounted by John and his wife Caroline in the centenary year of the Armistice. This evening he will tell the story of how one man's vision in 1915 has developed into a global organisation responsible for the upkeep of over 1 million graves and 23,000 cemeteries, including their outstanding architecture and horticulture.

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm

**Sir Sherard Cowper Cole - *EVER THE DIPLOMAT: stories from a career in the foreign office and beyond***

Sherard Cowper Coles spent 30 years in the Foreign Office, working on Ireland, US and French politics; writing speeches for Margaret Thatcher (who scrawled an emphatic 'NO!' over his first effort); as his Private Secretary hiding an embarrassing bobble hat from Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook; heading the department responsible for returning Hong Kong to China; and ending up as Ambassador to, successively, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan (and writing "*Cables from Kabul*" about his years working in and on Afghanistan). Since leaving the Diplomatic Service, he has filled a similar external engagement role for the HSBC Group.



# Phone Landline Upgrade



The UK is moving away from the traditional analogue phone network (PSTN) to a digital system using Voice over IP (VoIP) technology, which relies on your internet connection.

The switch to digital voice is an industry-wide initiative that will affect most landline users by January 2027. There is no specific date for Waldringfield's Digital Voice upgrade, but all areas will be migrated by January 2027 at the latest, with providers like BT working towards this deadline after extending the original 2025 target due to concerns about vulnerable customers and telecare devices. Waldringfield Heath and some parts of the village have already been migrated to the new system.

You will be contacted with at least 4 weeks' notice before your specific area is switched over.

Unlike some traditional corded analogue phones, a digital phone will only work in a power cut if it has a battery back-up. If you are dependent on your landline phone – for example, if you don't have a mobile phone or don't have mobile signal at your home – your provider must offer you a solution to make sure you can contact the emergency services when a power cut occurs.

This solution should be provided free of charge to people who are dependent on their landline. If you are not eligible for a free resilience solution, you may be able to buy one from your provider or another retailer – talk to your provider about the options.

**Make sure your provider knows about your needs and circumstances.** When the time comes for your landline phone to be upgraded, you should talk to your provider about your circumstances and how the service will work for you. For example, if you need extra help to change your service over, if you are dependent on your landline phone to make calls in a power cut, or if you use equipment connected to your phone line such as a telecare or burglar alarm.



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For more detailed information see:

UK Government website:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-transition-from-analogue-to-digital-landlines>

Ofcom:

- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-and-broadband/landline-phones/future-of-landline-calls>
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### **Waldringfield Village Hall Trust**

Following receipt of a generous £10,000 grant from the National Lottery, improvement works are currently underway at the Village Hall.

New water heaters have been installed in the ladies, gents and assisted wc giving a better supply of instant hot water to users and hopefully saving on electricity.

By the time you read this, one of our two existing sheds should have been removed, the area cleared and a new shed erected. This additional storage will free up storage space in the former medical room. New shelving will also help to make more efficient use of the space and enable the History Group to provide more storage for their archives.

A new kitchen hatch is being made and should also be in place. This will be followed by improved sound insulation between the Deben Hall and the Kennedy Room. We will be consulting over new curtains for the Deben Hall at the September Coffee Morning.

Over recent months we have become increasingly aware of people walking off the street into the Village Hall to use the toilets and even, on occasion, the kitchen. Apart from being disconcerting to hirers, this activity also raises potential health and safety issues for users. We are therefore actively exploring changing the access arrangements to the Hall. The preferred solution is to install magnetic arms to the existing doors, with access to the Hall through the main door then being via key fob or key pad entry. Exit will be via a push button. This will be discussed at the September meeting of the Village Hall Committee on Wednesday the 17th September. We would welcome your views!

***Philip Hall, Chairman***

***Waldringfield Village Hall Trust***

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