



Waldringfield

parish newsletter

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Photo—Al Gurr, Waldringfield resident

Update on Brightwell Lakes and other local planning matters September 2026

Brightwell Lakes

The Brightwell Lakes development continues to grow as new parcels of land are being developed across the site. Several Reserved Matters applications, primarily dealing with infrastructure, have been submitted since the last newsletter. These include **DC/26/2325/ARM** - Approval of Reserved Matters for a Primary Substation to provide electricity for phase 2 of the B. Lakes development. The proposed site is in a prominent position at the corner of Western access road to the site and Ipswich Rd. The Primary Substation (PSS) and its related structures are inevitably industrial/brutal in design and are surrounded by high security fencing. The application includes a detailed planting scheme to help screen the substation from Ipswich Rd and the Western Access Rd which is vital in this location. **DC/26/2326/ARM** - This application relates to the extension of the main boulevard – Auster Way, providing access to the school, primary local centre and the adjacent residential units.

At the time of writing we are still waiting for a meeting of the Community Forum (BLCF). We are pressing for this to be arranged. In the meantime, please contact myself or Cllr Kay if you have any queries regarding the development.

Other planning matters

ESC's Call for Sites for development

As you know, 500+ sites across East Suffolk district have been submitted to the District Council. These are highly speculative submissions at this stage (not planning applications). ESC are assessing these for their “sustainability” in terms of deliverability as well as Economic, Social and Environmental impact. A shortlist of ESC's preferred sites is being prepared and will be published for Public Consultation in October. It is important that as many people as possible take part in the consultation and express their views so please look out for the publicity regarding the launch of the consultation and have your say!!

More information, including a map of the sites can be found at <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-local-plans/new-local-plan>

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The government's decision to authorise the “Three Councils for Suffolk” proposal which divides the county into 3 areas, each a unitary authority combining what are now county and district responsibilities, is being challenged by Suffolk County Council via Judicial Review. (Suffolk County Council had proposed a single unitary authority across the whole county) A decision by the court, expected in September, will determine whether the JR can proceed.

Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The final revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has been delayed past its anticipated summer release and is now expected to be published in the autumn of 2026, following the recent change in government and cabinet reshuffles.

Cllr. Janet Elliot



Waldringfield Sailing Club

Established 1921

All Photo—Alexis Smith

The sailing club has been busy on and off the water during the summer months. We had the traditional shore events at the onset of the Regatta in early July, with many familiar faces taking part. There was racing over 3 days for nine different classes of boat, held in glorious sunshine. The largest number of entries was in the Cadet fleet; since then

several boats travelled to the Cadet World Championships in Lake Garda, Italy where both junior sailors and their adult companions (and paymasters!) had a lot of fun. Other sailors have travelled to places such as Cornwall, Scotland and overseas – wherever people travel to, nothing beats returning to sailing at Waldringfield and the beautiful River Deben.



During the season there has been increasing interest in dinghy cruising up and down the river, and a good number of people enjoying both adult and junior sailing activities. Most of these have been open to non-members, and villagers are very welcome to join us and see what sailing has to offer. The Galley and Bar have been hubs of activity, with evening meals served on Wednesday evenings alongside racing on the river.

Wednesday evening sailing finishes on 2nd September, and with the days getting shorter the sailing season continues until 14th November, culminating with the AGM to be held in the Village Hall on 28th November. For further information about the sailing club please either visit whilst the Club is open (mainly Saturdays until the end of the season) or consult the website

www.waldringfieldsc.com

William Sudell





Waldringfield Gardeners

Our **AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 18th November** in The Kennedy Room of the Village Hall. Annual Subscription £5 Nov – Oct New members welcome.

Our **Christmas greenery & wreath workshop** is on **Sat Nov 28th** in the Village Hall. Details from Alexis: g1dik@btinternet.com



Community fruit pressing equipment is available to hire. Free to members, contact Betsy Reid: betsyr@talk21.com

Thank you— Waldringfield Gardeners



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But there's much more to the app! It's your handy guide to all 8 Deben Inns pubs, helping you discover a new local favourite. You can browse menus, make bookings, purchase gift vouchers, find inspiration for local walks and explore plenty more.

Prefer to enjoy your Maybush favourites at home? Takeaways are available, or grab a coffee to take away before heading off on a riverside walk.



COFFEE MORNINGS

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

The monthly coffee mornings held in the village hall from 10am-noon on the first Thursday of each month provide a valuable social hub. There are attendees across the age range and from both inside and outside the village.

All cakes and savouries are homemade, and we can usually cater for a range of dietary needs, including vegan, gluten-free, and dairy free.

Sometimes, stallholders attend, selling a variety of items.

The Salvation Army collection box is available for your donations.

This is a good place to advertise upcoming events, bring along unwanted items to sell or donate, or just come along and enjoy socializing.

You can be assured of a warm welcome! If you live in the village and would like to attend but have difficulty with transport, please let us know as we may be able to help.

Kind regards,

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



FUN Quiz NIGHT

The next fun quiz night will be held in the village hall on:

Friday 27th November

7pm for 7.30pm start

Teams of 6

£5 Per person (cash on the night)

Raffle

Proceeds for Waldringfield Village Hall.

To book a table, please contact Chris Lyon 01473 736291 or christinelyon58@btinternet.com
I have a couple of tables booked already, so do get on the list if you're interested. 14 tables max.
I look forward to seeing you there!

VILLAGE HALL WINTER TALKS

All talks at the Waldringfield Village Hall - —£5 (under 18s foc) with refreshments

Friday 6th November 7.30pm

James Crispe—THE GLOBAL HORSE RACING INDUSTRY AND SUFFOLK'S PART IN IT

James Crispe has worked for the International Racing Bureau in Newmarket ever since he left Cambridge University in 1990 with a history degree. He has represented the company at many major race meetings around the world and is also a regular pundit on racing TV. In the winter, he is a course commentator for point-to-point racing locally and argues its worth saving.



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Friday 4th December 7.30pm

Nick Rogers —HOW AND WHY THE EARTH IS DIFFERENT

The Earth is the only planet in our solar system with an active hydrosphere and biosphere. It also differs in having continents and oceans, in exhibiting plate tectonics and a strong magnetic field. In this talk, Nick Rogers will explore how these features interlink to create an environment suitable for the evolution of complex life.

Nick Rogers is a geochemist and Emeritus Professor of Earth Sciences at the Open University where among his responsibilities he became Science Programme Director and Head of Department. He also was Editor in Chief of the Journal of the Geological Society of London and finally President from 2018-2020.



He says “Scientifically my interests are in the origins and evolution of volcanic rocks, focusing on the African Rift System. I was lucky enough to be an undergraduate at the time of the development of plate tectonics and my whole career has been about understanding how the Earth works on a planetary scale”

Concert

**John Ward Trio and Quaynotes playing at
the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd October.**



John has achieved an excellent reputation as a writer of powerful, thought-provoking and witty songs that draw upon his life in a Suffolk port town. Together with wife Lynne, and band mate, Les Woodley they regularly perform across the UK and beyond, delivering powerful 3-part harmonies, with guitar, bodhran, harmonica, double bass, mandolin, and accordion, bringing a rich sound to John's excellent songs.

Quaynotes based locally, play a gentle mix of traditional and contemporary folk music, delivered with rich harmonies and good humour. Sea songs feature heavily in their mix as they love the sea.

Tickets can be purchased from Simon Couchman 07515385550 or online: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-waldringfield-sessions-presents-the-john-ward-trio-and-quaynotes-tickets-1996367593212>



Your Parish Councillors:

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

To contact the Clerk:

Jennifer Shone-Tribley

Low Farm, Ipswich Road, Waldringfield, IP12 4QU

Telephone: 01473 902652

E-mail: clerk@waldringfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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: 08 September, 13 October and 10 November 2026

Waldringfield Parish Council Councillor Vacancy

We need members of the community to join us!



Waldringfield Parish Council has a vacancy 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 for more information.

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 – clerk@waldringfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk **phone:** 01473 902652



Waldringfield Wildlife Group

Understanding & Celebrating
Wildlife In Our Community

Annual Membership £10
New Members Welcome!

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.

All Visitors welcome.

Admission: Members - No charge. Non-members -£5

Talks are preceded by Members meetings which start at 10 am with a Refreshment break at 10.45 am.

Programme of Events 2026.

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| October 10th | Relocation Projects of White-Tailed Eagles and Ospreys: Do the birds have a future in Suffolk? by Peter Merchant
Suffolk Bird Group. Preceded by AGM. |
| October/November | Guided bird sighting walk with Chris Baldry tbc for sightings of early winter migrants and maybe the Osprey. |
| December 12th | "Life Underground: What's Living in Our Soils and Why Does it Matter so much?" by Helen Bynum
Farm Wildlife Advisor, Farm Wildlife,
part of the Wilder Landscape Team, Suffolk Wildlife Trust. |
| Followed by members bring and share Christmas lunch. | |



Waldringfield Wildlife Group

www.greenerwaldringfield.org

All enquiries: Linda Wilkins 07788286482 email: linda.thequay@btinternet.com

News from All Saints Church Waldringfield

The Yachtmen's Service was well attended this year, resulting in us collecting £404 on the day.

After paying the expenses of the Excelsior band and printing costs we will be donating £100 to the East Anglian Sailing Trust.

Well done to everyone involved in organising such a lovely evening. Let's hope there will be many more to come in the future.



Church Room

We have recently received a donation of 10 litres of Crown paint from Wickes DIY to help us with our plans to 'freshen up' the interior Décor. We hope to also test clean a patch of the carpet to see if that too could be revitalised with some industrial level vacuuming. Hopefully, we'll be able to make a start on the redecorating later this autumn.



Music evenings at the church?

We think it would be a nice to have some informal live music events at the Church. Starting late autumn, during the coming winter months, and maybe beyond. If you know of any musicians or singers who would like to play in such an intimate setting, please do ask them to get in touch. Soloist's, Duets, Trios, Quartets, Choirs, bands and poets, all will be considered at this stage. Email me - Simoncouchman@hotmail.com with your thoughts and recommendations.

Church Services

Prayer Services

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

Holy Communion

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

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

Waldringfield Village Hall Focus

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday	Post Office Van 11.30am-1pm
Tuesday	Pilates 9.30am Joanne Powley 07823 382272 Parish Council Meetings <i>Parish Clerk 01473 736475 (2nd Tuesday of each month)</i> Karate Leonie Kersey 07868 139743 Email: info@evolutionkarate.co.uk Brightwell Ukulele Group 2-4pm (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month) John Nayler 01473 736228
Wednesday	The Seasons Art Classes more information Jenny McEvoy 01394 248434 www.seasonsartclass.com
Thursday	Coffee morning 10am (first Thursday of each month) 1.30pm-4pm Art Group Kit Clark 736670 <i>2-4pm History Group resumes monthly on 10th September</i> Margaret Lake 01394 283347 mgtlake@aol.com <i>Wine Club resumes monthly on 29th October</i> David Eaton 01473 736754 danteaton@btinternet.com Woodbridge Table Tennis Club Clive French 07487 399794 eightbitmosaic@gmail.com
Friday	Back 2 Balance 9.30am Laura Lopez 07763 59387 Post Office Van 11.30am-1pm Stretch and Tone 1-2pm <i>Emma Khangaroot 07583 653579</i>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3rd September	Coffee Morning 10.00am
Friday 11th September	7.30pm Film: The People's Emergency Briefing
Thursday 1st October	Coffee Morning 10.00am
Saturday 3rd October	7pm Waldringfield Sessions present John Ward Trio For tickets contact Simon Couchman 07515 385550
Saturday 17th October	Citizen Science Workshop- Greener Waldringfield
Saturday 31st and Sunday 1st November	Waldringfield Village Hall 25th Anniversary
Thursday 5th November	Coffee Morning 10.00am
Saturday 14th November	Phoenix Brass Concert
Wednesday 18th November	Waldringfield Gardeners AGM
Friday 27th November	Fun Quiz
Saturday 28th November	Wreath Making



Waldringfield Wildlife Group
Talk Series Understanding Wildlife In Our Community

11am
Saturday
10th Oct

Relocation Projects of the White Tailed Eagles & Ospreys

Do the birds have a future in Suffolk?



Guest Speaker: Peter Merchant, Suffolk Bird Group.

Peter has been working in a volunteer capacity with Zoe Smith from the Roy Dennis Foundation Trust on the White Tailed Eagle Release Project in Somerset (Exmoor) and the Osprey Relocation Project in Southern Island for the National Parks and Wildlife Service. He will be reporting on past programmes, his recent experiences and on the success of these innovative projects.

Saturday 10th October 2026, Waldringfield Village Hall, 11am (doors open 10:45am)

Admission: £5 for non members (No charge for members)

This talk is preceded by the WWG AGM at 10am followed by refreshments at 10.45am.



Waldringfield Wildlife Group

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Warm Welcome Afternoons for Winter 2026/27

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.

This will be the fifth 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 2026 to mid March 2027, 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 great volunteer hosts. So,

Volunteers Needed Please

If you have volunteered with us before or if you would like to give it a try and are able to spare an occasional few hours please contact me via

Cllr.Elliot@waldringfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you very much for your support.—*Janet Elliot*



THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING

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11 SEPTEMBER 2026



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The briefing set out the implications of
climate and nature breakdown for health,
food systems, national security and the economy.

Our Food, Our Security, Our Future

What could climate and nature breakdown mean for the things we depend on every day, our food, health, security and economy? That's the question at the heart of the People's Emergency Briefing, coming to Waldringfield Village Hall on Friday 11 September at 7.30pm.

The evening starts with a 50-minute public information film bringing together leading experts to explain what is happening, why it matters and what we can do. It looks beyond climate change as simply an environmental issue to explore its implications for food, health, national security and the economy.

After the film, three speakers will discuss these issues and take questions from the audience.

David Anderson KC (Lord Anderson of Ipswich) is a barrister, crossbench peer and leading authority on national security. He spent six years as the UK's Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation and has conducted major government reviews on security and counter-terrorism. He brings a valuable perspective on how climate change could affect the country's security and resilience:

"Climate change is not only an environmental challenge; it raises fundamental questions about our future security, resilience and ability to respond to disruption."

Ann Pettifor is an international political economist, author and Director of PRIME (Policy Research in Macroeconomics). She led the Jubilee 2000 campaign, which helped secure the cancellation of around \$100 billion of debt owed by some of the world's poorest countries. Her books include *The Case for the Green New Deal* and *The Global Casino* (2026). She argues that our economic system is central to tackling the climate crisis:

"Mainstream economic theory has proved of almost no relevance to the chronic failure of the global economy and the gravest threat facing us all: climate change."

Tom McVeigh took over his family farm at Kenton Hall in 2022 and is transforming the way it produces food. He is introducing strip farming, agroforestry and minimum tillage while reducing pesticides, fungicides and fertilisers. His experience shows what changing farming practices can look like on the ground:

"We need to produce good food while rebuilding our soils and working with nature, making farms more resilient for the generations that follow us."

Afterwards, the conversation opens up to everyone, with plenty of time to ask questions, share views and explore what these challenges could mean locally.

The event is hosted by Greener Waldringfield and admission free. Places should be pre-booked using the QR code below or on posters around the village.

Richard Morris



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Landscape & Biodiversity Notes



I don't think any of us could have guessed quite what this summer had in store...

For those of us who remember the extraordinary summer of 1976, there have certainly been echoes of it this year. According to the Met Office by the middle of July, the UK had already recorded more days above 30°C than during the whole of 1976. That famous summer still stands out for its long drought and relentless daytime heat, but fifty years on it is sobering to find ourselves making the comparison again.

Suffolk, along with much of eastern and southern England, has experienced prolonged spells of intense heat and very little rain. Our People's Emergency Briefing film, due to be shown in the Village Hall in June, had to be postponed when temperatures that day were forecast to reach 38°C. Little did we know then that the heat and dry weather would become such a feature of the summer. Perhaps the moment it really came home to many of us was the fire at Dunwich Heath. Here in the village we could smell the smoke on the air and see its haze eerily hanging in the evening gloom across the river.

Our East Suffolk Cabinet Member for the Environment, Sally Noble, successfully campaigned against single-use disposable barbecues and deserves great credit for her determination in highlighting such an unnecessary fire risk. Being vigilant should not need highlighting really.

Other good news is that our Suffolk Coastal MP, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, has been appointed Minister for Nature and Rural Communities. There are also growing calls for the Government to place town and parish councils at the heart of environmental action. After all, communities just like ours are already getting on with the job of restoring nature, planting trees, improving biodiversity and supporting local food schemes.

Meanwhile, despite the heat, there has still been plenty to notice and reflect on. Down on the Deben the green weed growth has been particularly noticeable this summer, giving the tideline a green skirt and affecting those using the water. During saltmarsh monitoring we noticed how it was blanketing much of the marsh but now in mid August it is sun dried and dying back, leaving the water much clearer and access to the water a delight. The place to be on a hot day!

Walking around the fields I notice how early the blackberries are ripening this year, a bonus of the hot weather as well as all the stone fruits that are in abundance to fill our larders with jars of sweet treats!

The swifts have now left us for another year and are beginning their journey south to sub-Saharan Africa; that distance they travel I still find incredible. It was wonderful to see the local colonies grow this summer, and I was particularly delighted to have a nesting pair for the first time in my own swift box.

My species of the month has to be the Skylark. If you have been walking in Church Field you couldn't miss the sound of this special bird, that wonderful, seemingly endless song from high above our heads. These birds are very much part of the soundscape of the Suffolk countryside, but they have declined considerably over the decades and will not be helped by fires on heaths.

This brings me neatly back to our People's Emergency Briefing.

It will be a conversation about the issues facing us locally as well as globally, a chance to get together, ask questions and talk about what is happening to our climate and natural world and, most importantly, what positive things we can do. We have a fascinating panel joining us, including a prominent KC, a leading economist and a local farmer with ambitions to change with the times.

The new date is 11 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. You can get your free ticket using the QR code on posters around the village or in this month's parish magazine, or on eventbrite.co.uk

There will certainly be plenty to talk about!

Sue Quick
West Deben Cluster & Greener Waldringfield
info@greenerwaldringfield.org

Martlesham Heath PPG needs a Chairperson – can you help please?

The Patient Participation Group at Martlesham Heath surgery comprises a small group of friendly volunteers who meet once a quarter, committed to supporting our practice and improving services to patients. For example, recent discussions have been about the new waiting room for patients. The practice has taken on board our feedback and is actively considering options for the future.

Our current chair is in his 5th and final year of carrying out this role, so we are seeking a new volunteer to join us, with a view to taking over this role from the end of 2026. A key requirement is that you must be a patient of this practice.

For information about the PPG: <https://martleshamheathsurgery.nhs.uk/about-the-ppg>

To get in touch with the current chair, please email: MartPPG@gmx.com

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GREENER WALDRINGFIELD



Shade! The roads in some places have been so hot that the tarmac melts - but where they are shaded by trees they are still just walkable.

Please think about planting trees on the south, east and west of all roads – or let your hedges grow tall. We've started chatting with householders on Cliff Road recently – and some have committed to planting trees close to the road or to keeping their hedges tall. There is the offer of free trees from the Woodland Trust, which the Tree Wardens can arrange – and that's only a beginning!

The saplings will be small but will establish much more robustly than bigger plants, knowing from the start the conditions they will be growing in. Shade will also allow more places for butterflies to shelter from the swelter and lots of other creatures too. Indeed shade breathes coolness for several yards from where it ends. The same is true for hedges and even for grass, especially if it's left long enough to shade its own roots.

The District Councillors' Report last month quotes data for our Orwell & Villages Ward: *The summer tree canopy cover in the ward is currently 7.3% against a recommended level of 20%.*

Yes, there are many things to think about – what kinds of trees (perhaps we need to be planting varieties from further south, better adapted to heat, as well as the native species our wildlife are adapted to?) And also what services there might be near possible planting sites – eg overhead power lines and drains and cables underneath.

How wonderful if our generation could be the one our grandchildren look back on with gratitude - for tree lined shaded roads at least.....

Please get in touch to discuss!

Greener Waldringfield

Your Tree Wardens are Christine Fisher Kay and Betsy Reid

(any more volunteers?)



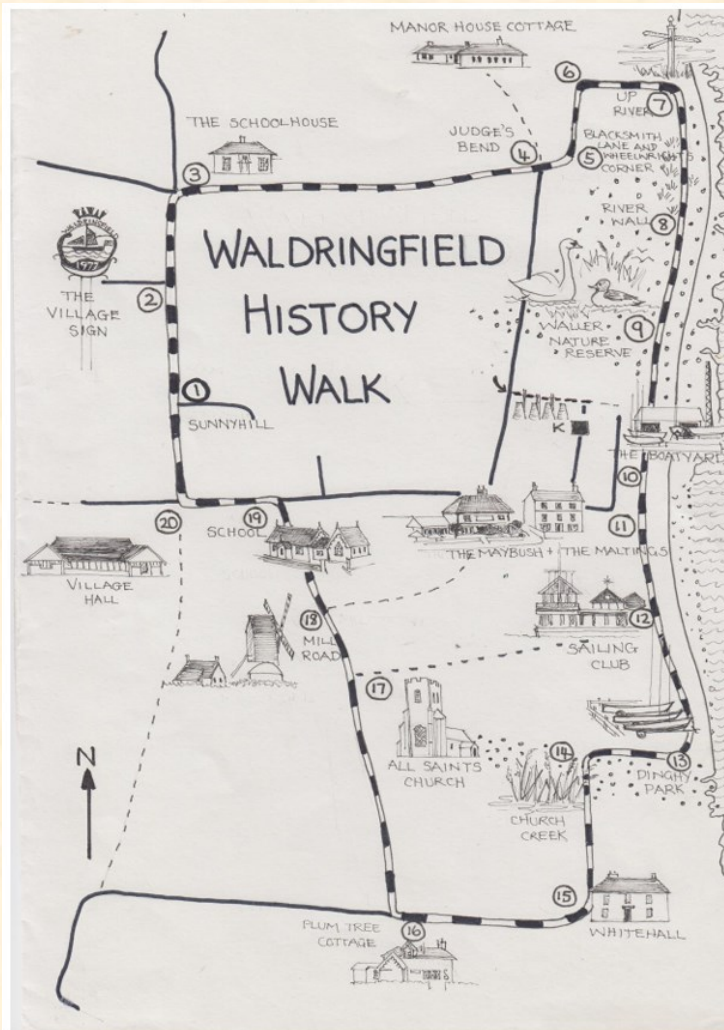


Waldringfield History Group

Our last talk in March "Have We Got News for You" appears to have gone down well judging from the comments made and the responses received via the internet.



Included in the talk was the news that Gareth's very popular History Walk is now available on our History Group's website Waldringfieldia either by using the following link <https://lib.waldringfieldia.com/uploads/2026/03/WALK-GUIDE.pdf> or there is a QR Code (above).



painted by Jackie Brinsley

It has directions for the walk with a commentary to read as you walk round the village.

We have had several requests for information about former village inhabitants from descendants, which in some cases has added to our knowledge.

We have had a large box of photographs bequeathed to the Group dating back to the 1950's & 60's, We will be going through them at our first meeting in September. We have already got copies of many of them kindly donated by the family but we now need to add any new ones into our collection.

We meet from September to March in the Kennedy Room at the Village Hall usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2.00 p.m. Our next meeting will be **10th September 2026**. Do come along and see what we do and discuss

The WHG Website Waldringfieldia.com, contains much of our research although some is only available to members, but becoming a member is very simple and costs only £12 per year. Come and join us for a meeting. We are very informal

For more information please contact Hon Sec: Margaret Lake or
Chair: Alyson Videlo waldringfieldhg@gmail.com



New Chair of the Village Hall sought - start October 2026

It is 6 years since I took over as Chair of the Village Hall and I feel that the time has come for someone new to take over at the helm. Village Halls may be bastions of tradition but they, like all organisations, benefit from the injection of new blood and new ideas on how to maintain and improve their appeal to the community. If you are interested and want a chat to learn more, please contact me on 0787 2375784 or email me at chair@waldringfieldvillagehall.co.uk.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the 'new' village hall. To help celebrate, there will be a special 'birthday' cake and exhibition at the November coffee morning. Please do come along – you may recognise the younger versions of some of Waldringfield's residents!

The photograph also shows a 25th anniversary, this time of the Women's Institute, in the 'old' Village Hall, in 1949.

The photograph was kindly provided by Mike Nunn and together with Kit Clark they have identified several Waldringfield stalwarts including Mrs Thompson, Miss Hunt, Mrs Swinger, Hilda Nunn, Miss Planten, Gwen Waller, Janet Waller, Miss Sanders and Lil Button. Perhaps you might recognise some others?



There was plenty of jam, but no Jerusalem at the recent produce show organised by Alexis Smith. Despite the lack of rain there was an abundance of splendid fruit, vegetables, cakes and artistic endeavours on display and a reminder of just what talent we have in Waldringfield. Speaking of which we can look forward this autumn and winter to another scintillating series of talks organised by Colin Reid and perhaps even a panto in the offing. All this of course is only possible if people are prepared to volunteer their time to help keep the Village Hall running.

Thank you to James Skellorn who has volunteered to become the new Bookings Manager for the Village Hall. He takes over from Marian Bradley who has done a sterling job and I would like to thank Marian for her dedication and commitment to the role.

Philip Hall, Chair, Village Hall Committee (until the AGM in October 2026)



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