



Waldringfield

parish newsletter

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May blossoms at Church Field—Photo—C Fisher Kay —Waldringfield Resident

Update on Brightwell Lakes and local planning matters

No news to report on Brightwell Lakes as the scheduled meeting of the Community Forum (BLCF) in April has been postponed and no new Reserved Matters planning applications have been submitted. The level of activity across the site is clearly visible including the extensive ground works. Please contact myself or Cllr Kay if you have any queries regarding the development.

Update on other planning matters

ESC's Call for sites

Following on from the report in the previous newsletter, 500+ sites across East Suffolk district have been submitted to the District Council. It must be remembered that these are highly speculative submissions at this stage (not planning applications) and include sites for commercial and leisure use as well as housing.

These are being assessed for their sustainability in terms of deliverability as well as Economic, Social and Environmental impact. ESC will carry out an analysis from which the preferred sites will be identified - this "shortlist" will then be open to public consultation later this year.

A number of the sites in our area, particularly the large ones, are in the vicinity of the A12. Four sites have been submitted within Waldringfield Parish boundary, but outside the village settlement boundary. Of these, three are within the AONB/National Landscape.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, ESC's Local Plan is considered to be "out of date" as a result of an 80% increase to its housing target. Whilst this increases the district council's vulnerability to speculative developments, the existing planning policies do still carry weight, particularly when the sites are within the protected area of the AONB/National Landscape.

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 has now decided on the "unitary authority" option for Suffolk. It has chosen 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. Waldringfield is included in "**Ipswich & Southern Suffolk**" - based around Ipswich, covering the town and parts of Babergh, Mid Suffolk, and East Suffolk. (Woodbridge would be in **Central and Eastern Suffolk**)

Waldringfield will continue to be in the Orwell & Villages Ward but in future there will be just one councillor representing us on the new unitary authority/council.

Details can be found at <https://www.suffolklgrhub.gov.uk/find-your-council>

Elections for the new council will take place in May 2027. The elected councillors will form a 'shadow authority'. They'll work alongside existing councils, overseeing preparations for the new unitary councils.

On April 1st 2028 (unfortunate choice of date) the new unitary councils officially come into existence, and county, district and borough councils in Suffolk are formally abolished. From this date East and Central Suffolk Council, Ipswich and South Suffolk Council, and West Suffolk Council will take full responsibility for delivering services in their area.

Cllr. Janet Elliot



Waldringfield Sailing Club

Established 1921



All Photo—Alexis Smith

The Club is now getting busier as the season goes on. There were about eighty boats in differing classes which took part in the Easter Egg Open Meeting in early April, including many visiting sailors. The ILCA Class (previously known as Laser) held an open meeting in early May with 27 entries. Weekend and Wednesday evening racing is being enjoyed by many, along with social activities in the clubhouse. Two Cadet helm and crew pairings have qualified to be part of the British Team for the World Championships in Lake Garda later in the summer.

As well as racing there are many other on water activities including introductory sessions for adults and juniors, along with sailing tuition and race training for those who are interested. There is also cruising for yachts, and we have organised dinghy cruises in company up and down the river.

The Adult Go Sailing sessions at Waldringfield Sailing Club are a series of informal taster sessions aimed at anyone over 18 who is interested in learning to sail, or those returning to sailing following an absence from the sport. The sessions start from 0945 hrs until around midday. Safety boat cover is provided during the session. There is no cost. Non-members are welcome to attend a few sessions before joining the club, to see if they like sailing here (who wouldn't!)

Alternatively, if you have children who want a taste of sailing why not give our Junior sailing programme a go. Junior Sailing gives children the opportunity to experience the joy of sailing while discovering the fun they can have on the beautiful River Deben. Junior Sailing will take place on Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 12pm, with sessions approximately every two weeks until the club's Regatta in July. Our focus is on relaxed sailing sessions to encourage children to enjoy the river in a more confident and safe way. In practice, children will probably spend half the time sailing and half the time playing sailing-related games on the beach. Children may also try swimming on and around kayaks and paddleboards when the water gets warmer (Junior sailing is extremely popular and due to demand a place cannot be guaranteed).

For those who would like to know more about the Club we still have copies of our Centenary book available, which gives information linking with the village in many ways. If you are interested in a copy, or want to know more about the Club please come down to the beach when we are open (Saturdays, Wednesday evenings, and more) or have a look at the website

www.waldringfieldsc.com

William Sudell





Waldringfield Gardeners

Our Annual **Flower, Vegetable, Produce & Craft Show** is being held at the Village Hall on Saturday 8 August! Please see details next page.

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



LOW FARM
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Do you have guests coming to visit?

Low Farm Cottages are open all year-round - In Waldringfield!

We have **five** 1 and 2 bed cottages located at the entrance to the village!

01473 902652—www.stayatlowfarm.com

We offer a 10% discount to Waldringfield residents!

Visit our website for photos, availability and
booking information



WALDRINGFIELD GARDENERS FLOWER, VEGETABLE, PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST 2026

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

This show is open to ALL Home Growers, Bakers & Makers who are residents of Waldringfield, Hemley & Newbourne and their Grandchildren who come to stay with them.

ENTRIES TO ARRIVE

10AM–11:45PM

JUDGING

12.00PM–(Closed to the public)

OPEN TO PUBLIC AT 3.00PM / AUCTION OF PRODUCE AT 5.00PM

FREE ADMISSION - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

"The People's Choice" - Vote for your favourite entry in the show.

RULES

- Please put AGE only of child on back of entries
- Please use a separate 'entry form' for each person.
- Veg / fruit: To be displayed on your OWN WHITE plates, china or cardboard. (Except for the longest runner bean & rhubarb)
- Please label or mark your china plates, bread boards and vases on the underneath with your phone number. (In case of loss)
- DO NOT put your name visibly on any item.
- ALL FOOD to be COVERED with a plastic box, wrap, cling film etc.
- * Recipe for 7" Victoria sponge*: 6oz flour / sugar / butter, 3 eggs, red jam only - no cream.
- Only a light dusting of caster sugar on top, no decorations.
- Fruit Cake: NO nuts.
- Bread to be displayed on your own breadboard.
- Photos: Must be on photographic paper with class number on back.
- Previously exhibited items NOT to be entered.

ENTRY FEE FOR EXHIBITORS: 25p per class. CASH ONLY

Children's classes 85-88 Free

Only 1 entry per person, per class

Children & Grandchildren may enter all the classes

If you do not wish your items to go into the auction please put 'N' on your entry form beside the class number.

For class category details and entry forms, please contact Alexis: g1dik@btinternet.com

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DEBEN INNS

App

MAKE THE MOST OF THE DEBEN INNS APP: BOOK A TABLE, ORDER ONLINE, EXPLORE OUR MENUS, AND ENJOY EXCLUSIVE PERKS LIKE WINE WEDNESDAY (BUY TWO LARGE GLASSES, GET THE THIRD FREE), A COMPLIMENTARY BIRTHDAY PROSECCO, AND OUR LOYALTY REWARDS. PLUS, DISCOVER LOCAL DOG WALKS AND STAY UP TO DATE WITH NEARBY EVENTS, ALL IN ONE PLACE.



The New Waldringfield Community Directory 2026

There is something faintly heroic about a small English village deciding, quietly and without fuss, to become greener. Not greener in the grandstanding, conference-lanyard sense of the word, but greener in the practical, almost old-fashioned way villages once managed naturally before modern convenience arrived wrapped in plastic.

That spirit lies behind this updated directory for Waldringfield, which I have volunteered to write. The original edition, written by Colin and Betsy Reid and Libby Ruffle, was never intended to be merely a list of useful numbers and local organisations. It was designed as a companion to local life, combining practical information with shared reflections on the small exchanges and mutual support that sustain a village.

Villages have always understood sustainability instinctively, long before the word became fashionable. Sharing surplus vegetables from the garden, borrowing tools from next door and repairing something instead of replacing it are not radical innovations, they are traditions that modern life briefly persuaded us to overlook.

Waldringfielders has become an excellent example of village life at its best, with people regularly swapping furniture, plants, household items and tools, neighbours still share ideas and bits of practical wisdom with one another.

The intention of the directory's tips is not to lecture anyone about sustainability. Villages have little patience for sermons unless attached to hymns. Instead, the directory will gather practical suggestions that fit naturally into everyday life.

One idea already suggested is shareable vegetable boxes, allowing neighbours to exchange surplus courgettes before they achieve the dimensions of naval weaponry. Talking about a modern solution to wastefulness, the Too Good To Go app helps people buy unsold food from cafés, restaurants and shops at reduced prices.

East Suffolk Council's new food waste bins, which first appeared three months ago and finally spring into action in June, have spent longer waiting to begin their duties than some members of the House of Lords, although the genuinely virtuous bin is probably the one that fills slowly because less food has been wasted in the first place.

If you run a business, no matter how small, please do contact me about inclusion in the updated directory.

Email: richard@richardmorris.org

Your Parish Councillors:



Ian Kay (Chair)
Janet Elliot (Vice Chair)
Serena Gold
Colin Reid
Sue Quick
Andrew Ratcliffe
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 June, 14 July and 11 August

Update on Damage to Play Equipment

The play equipment ('fort', tunnel, slide, etc.) that the Parish Council installed last year has been very popular, and we're please this is a welcome addition to the equipment provided on the field.

You may be aware of my communication on Waldringfielders regarding the damage incurred and areas being roped off for safety reasons. This is because of extensive damage caused by children digging out the soil beneath the foundation structure of the 'fort', undermining it and causing a safety problem.

The Parish Council is working with partners to undertake the repairs, with a special thanks to generous local resident who donated the soil required limiting the expense of the repairs. We are hopeful to have repairs completed in the very near future.

We continue to ask all parents, and other adults visiting the playing field, to intervene where necessary and help to ensure that all children using the equipment do so responsibly, so that these facilities are available to be enjoyed by all.

Thank You.

Ian Kay (Chair, Waldringfield Parish Council)



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 or

People's Emergency Briefing

Community Screening

Friday June 26th 7.30 pm

Waldringfield Village Hall

YOU ARE INVITED TO

FILM NIGHT



Community groups throughout the region are now hosting screenings of this film which is a follow up to the event in Westmister Hall, in November 2025, helping spark conversations and encourage grassroots action on climate and community preparedness.

This 45-minute documentary and community project was launched in April and explores how climate change is already affecting food, health, infrastructure, and national security across the UK. Bringing together leading experts and hosted by Chris Packham, the film aims to make these issues clear, relatable, and urgent for everyday audiences. It is about more than just watching a film. Each screening is followed by a discussion with an expert panel, giving people the chance to come together, share ideas, and talk about practical local action. The events are designed to help communities build resilience, strengthen local connections, and explore solutions that work in their area.

If you miss this one, find another! S.Quick



COFFEE MORNINGS

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

The coffee mornings, which are usually held in the village hall from 10am-noon on the first Thursday of each month, provide a valuable social hub.

Villagers and visitors are always made welcome, and there is always the hum of chatter and laughter. It is so good to see such a cross-section of people - from newborns to nonagenarians!

Parents will be pleased to know there are new baby changing facilities in the disabled toilet. All our cakes are homemade, and hopefully, we are able to cater for most people. A big thank you to all our bakers and helpers.

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.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

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

Look out For Waldringfield Swifts returning in May



Photo—Suffolk Bird Group

The first of our Swifts have started to arrive, the bulk of our breeding Swifts are usually back during May with non-breeding younger two and three year old Swifts arriving in waves soon afterwards.

Now is the time to start playing Swifts calls, Swifts react strongly to their sounds and are very inquisitive. They'll respond by flying lower to come in to investigate, we know this helps new nest boxes get found. We can email calls on request.

The adult Swifts normally go back to where they've bred previously, but some will have been blocked out of their nesting sites by renovation works over the winter. By playing calls now you are aiming to attract in these displaced adults who are desperate to nest. Later you will be trying to attract in the younger Swifts which are looking for a first place to nest.

Calls should be played throughout June until the end of July. We think 7-9am then 6-9:30pm are the optimal times but the more the merrier during fine weather without upsetting anyone. Half volume is fine if disturbance is an issue, but do play. This is very important.

Swifts need insects. No mow areas, water features and leaving ivy and deadwood are all easy to do to help the bottom of the food chain. Some of you are fortunate to have open land, keeping a clay mud splat wet during dry weather helps Swallows and House Martins too.

Watch nest boxes towards dusk for Swifts going in to roost. Playing a short burst of calls then listening for a response also helps know whether a nest box is being used. SOSSwifts do have a telescopic fibre-optic camera available to lend out for if you wish to survey locally, please do ask. Please log all nest boxes and sightings on the easy [SwiftMapper.org.uk](https://www.swiftmapper.org.uk) app/website.

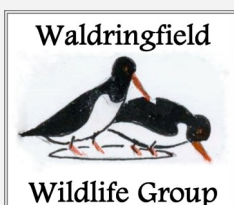
If you are fortunate to be able to monitor a Swift nest then please do take part in the BTO nest monitoring scheme <https://www.bto.org/get-involved/volunteer/projects/nrs/taking-part>, this is valuable data.

SOSSwifts have nest boxes available to donate to locations where Swifts nest, or to where they have recently been lost from. Adding nesting space is the easiest way to boost their local populations.

We also have free Swift Community Sets available to donate for suitable prominent elevations of public buildings; schools, shops, pubs, destinations etc. Locations must be able to install and be keen to play the calls, this is very important.

SOSSwifts can also fund the materials and provide a call system for any church belfry projects with permissions, we know these can be very successful over time.

Suffolk Bird Group do have funding and bursaries available for if anyone wishes to target other species or habitats around the county.



Linda Wilkins, Waldringfield Wildlife Group



New members welcome:
Annual Membership
only £10.



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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.

Talks 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.



For further details contact:

The Coordinator: Linda Wilkins 01473736044

mob:07788286482

linda.thequay@btinternet.com

Secretary: Jill Winter 01473 736125 jillwinter2@gmail.com

Treasurer: Alexis Smith 01473 736257 gldik@btinternet.com

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2026

February 7th	Grasshopper and Crickets: Identification and Conservation in a Changing Climate by Dr Tim Gardiner, Essex County Recorder for Grasshoppers and Crickets (Orthoptera).
April 11th	Suffolk Swifts: Why Swifts need our help, what can we do and are we making a difference? By Eddie Bathgate, Save Our Swifts (SOS) Suffolk Bird Group.
April 27th	Guided bird sighting walk with local resident Chris Baldry: Nightingales and Warblers along the northern river wall, Waldringfield. Starts 10.00 am at the corner of Sandy Lane and Fishpond Road.
May 5th	Nightingale Walk at Newbourne Springs guided by Peter Maddison. Meet at NS car park 6.30am followed by alfresco breakfast.
June 13th	A full introduction to Lichens followed by a Lichen Walk by Anthony Specca, County Lichen Recorder for Suffolk.
June 24th tbc	Visit to the Wildflower Meadows of Landseer Park, Ipswich for Butterflies with Peter Maddison 10.30am – 12.00.
July tbc	Moth Trap Opening at Julia's Garden with Sandra and Tony Fox.
July 21st	Big Butterfly Count at Church Fields with Peter Maddison 11.30 am followed by Members bring and share Picnic Lunch at 12.30 pm.
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.



News from All Saints Church Waldringfield

2025 was a busy year for the church with a few fund-raising events to help pay for the upkeep of our wonderful ancient church.



We launched a “Care & Repair Appeal” early in 2025 to ask for volunteers, help and donations for the upkeep of the church fabric. We had a fantastic response and raised in excess of £6,500, with more to come in 2026 from Gift Aid. An Auction of Promises was held in May 2025 (postponed from 2024) and generated over £4,000, net of costs. The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust “Ride & Stride” event was held in September which generated nearly £1,000 and a Brass Band Concert in November, organised and conducted by Richard Atkins, raised a further £1000+. We also introduced a Potato Growing Competition began in April, raising £145, which we hope will be an annual event. A huge heart-felt thanks go out to everyone who contributed either monetarily and / or with their time.

In all, we raised £12,000 last year, a great achievement.

So where are these funds going? They do not go towards the ministry activities but are entirely directed to the upkeep of the church. Our ancient church obviously has none of the benefits of modern building techniques and therefore suffers from being cold, drafty and, more problematically, damp. With only two church services a month, it is a job to keep the building even partially aired – despite the church always being open for visits and quiet contemplation 24/7.

Every five years an ecclesiastical architect inspects the building, describing its general condition and listing all remedial work required. We are working through this list but, as you may imagine, it seems never-ending. Painting of the Forth Bridge springs to mind. Work undertaken in 2025 was highlighted in the autumn newsletter and overall, cost us more than £8,000. Being a listed building, any work to our church needs careful planning, rigorous approval and the use of sympathetic materials. This of course just adds to the cost of already expensive building works and materials.

Some of the major future works will need to include a programme of masonry repairs to the chancel, East gable and nave buttresses, refurbishment of the severely worn tower staircase and repainting the interior. On the further horizon would be the retiling of the chancel/nave roof and the repair/replacing of the pew floor platforms.

Grants will of course be sought wherever possible and future fundraising events will be held but any donation, large or small, would be very gratefully received to:

Waldringfield Parochial Church Council,

Sort code: 20-98-07,

Account No: 90909823.

Thank you.

Become a member of the Parochial Church Council

We welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to become a member of the council. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the church property, buildings, and the churchyard, the financial affairs of the church parish, and promoting the mission of the Church within the local community. If you'd like to know more please contact the Church Warden, Anne Parkinson on 01473 736697.

Events coming later this year

The **Yachtman's Service** is currently planned to take place on **Sunday 12th July** this year. Keep an eye out for the posters posted up around the village a little nearer the time of the event.

The 2026 Sponsored **Ride+Stride for Churches** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 12, from 9 am to 5 pm**. This annual, national event involves participants being sponsored to walk, cycle, or ride between historic churches and chapels to raise funds for repairs and improvements, with proceeds often split 50/50 between the participant's chosen church and the local historic churches trust. Many of the churches participating will have a variety of refreshments available for visitors on the day.

So, if you like to travel, meeting new, interesting people, and eating a few homemade cakes, this could be the fundraising event for you. For more information, visit the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust website. Sponsorship forms will be available locally nearer the time of the event.

Church Services

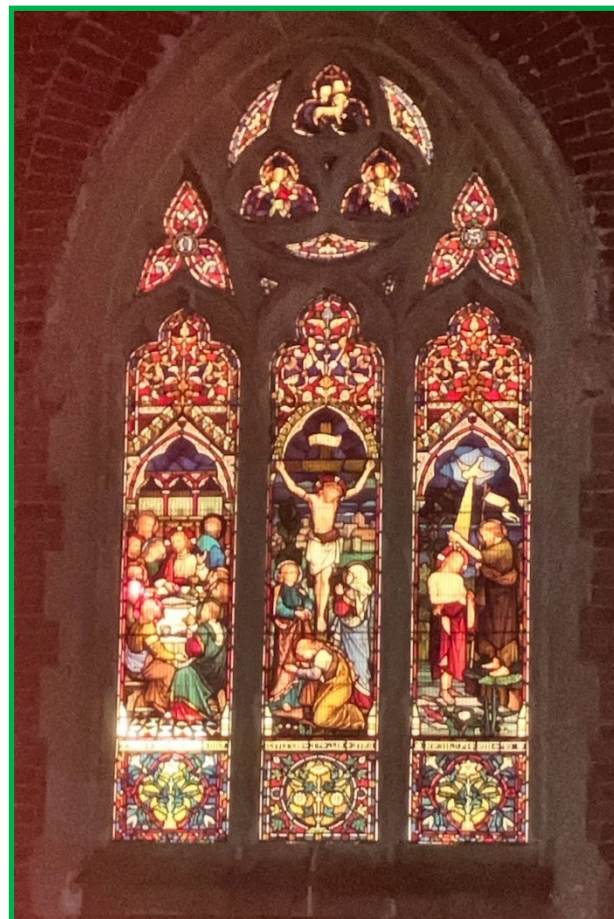
Prayer Services

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/>



The East window illuminated at night.

Waldringfield Church Field Trust

At Church Field there is about to be an explosion of ox-eye daisies. Some are out already but soon almost the whole field will be a sea of white flowers so do get up there and walk round for half an hour, it will raise your spirits! The combination of a little rain and not too much cold has meant that all the young trees and hedges are looking very perky in their fresh green. The May blossom is out as are crab apple blossom and broom in full swing. I saw a couple of swallows today and heard the whitethroat and chaffs singing, also a dunnoek and plenty of cuckooing from close by.



All photos—C Fisher-Kay

Areas of scrub provide a variety of nesting sites



This is the middle of the nesting season so we will not be having work parties until later in the year. We have asked that dogs be kept on a lead or close restraint so as not to disturb ground nesting birds such as Skylarks and partridges.

Martin Spall has been keeping the football area and grass paths trimmed and easy to get round. In more 'remote' areas the ground can be uneven and there are brambles so beware. The main paths and the games areas are well maintained. If anyone has any problems with any areas please contact me or another committee member. Also we would be interested to hear about any wildlife you see. We are intending to install a blackboard where people can note what they see when visiting Church Field.



Christine Fisher Kay Tel: 01473-736384

Waldringfield Village Hall Focus

REGULAR EVENTS

- Monday** Post Office Van 11.30am-1pm
- Tuesday** Pilates 9.30am Joanne Powley **07923382272**
Parish Council Meetings *Parish Clerk 01473 902652 or 07983353612 (2nd Tuesday of each month)*
Brightwell Ukulele Group 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
Wine Club (monthly) David Eaton 01473 736754 danteaton@btinternet.com (until 23/07)
History Group 2-4 resumes after summer on 10/09
- Friday** Back 2 Balance 9.30am Laura Lopez 07763 59387
Post Office Van 11.30am-1pm
Stretch and Tone 1-2pm Emma Khangaroot 07583 653579

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 4th June 10am Coffee Morning
- Saturday 6th June 2pm and 6.30pm FTG Pantomime "*Madnificent*"
(tickets from ticketsftg@gmail.com)
- Saturday 13th June 11 am WWG Talk *Lichens* by Dr Anthony Specca
- Friday 26th June Film *The People's Emergency Briefing* and discussion with panel
- Thursday 2 July 10am Coffee Morning
- Saturday 18th July Seasons Art Class Summer Exhibition
- Saturday 8th August WWG Flower and Produce Show
- Thursday 3 September 10am Coffee Morning

Discovering The Secret World Of Lichens

Guest Speaker

Dr Anthony Specia County Lichen Recorder for Suffolk & Founding Principal Aspen Ecology

Saturday 13th June, Waldringfield Village Hall, 11am (doors open 10:45am)

Admission

£5 (Includes Refreshments)

No Charge for WWG Members & SNS Members.



A guided lichen walk follows the talk after a short lunch break.

Contact Linda Wilkins to book your place. (Places limited and priority to WWG/SNS members.)



11:00-12:15 Talk & Questions
12:15-12:45 Lunch (Bring Own)
12:45-14:00 Lichen Walk

11am
Saturday
13th June

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

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

Biodiversity Action

News Release for Brightwell, Hemley, Martlesham, Newbourne & Waldringfield

The leaflet is finally here, enclosed in this newsletter, the culmination of our work over the last two years, coordinated with colleagues across local parishes and Suffolk nature recovery partnerships. The West Deben Biodiversity Action Plan leaflet is now being delivered to more than 4,000 households, inviting local residents to become part of a growing effort to better understand and protect the natural environment around us.

These places where we live at the edge of the Deben estuary are rich in wildlife, but they are also increasingly fragile. At the heart of the project is Citizen Science. It is a simple but powerful idea: through careful observation, all of us can help build a detailed picture of our changing world and, most importantly, take the action needed to restore what we might otherwise lose forever.

Just as importantly, this work helps us record and cherish the landscapes, species and seasonal changes that make where we live so special. By noticing and documenting what is around us today, we create a living record for future generations and strengthen our collective understanding of the natural heritage we value so deeply.

Every sighting of a swift overhead, or bat witnessed on an evening stroll, or something captured on a wildlife camera or bird song app, every observation made within our five parishes area contributes to a wider understanding of the health of our environment and helps guide future conservation efforts.

If you would like to become involved, contribute your own observations, or find out more, scan this QR code to discover how you can take part.

Sue Quick
West Deben Cluster & Greener Waldringfield

West Deben Biodiversity Action Plan

"We should preserve every scrap of biodiversity as priceless while we learn to use it and come to understand what it means to humanity"

Quote from E.O. Wilson, Biologist and Entomologist, considered the 'father of biodiversity'

**Help to save nature in Brightwell,
Hemley, Martlesham, Newbourne &
Waldringfield.**





Waldringfield History Group

Our latest talk "Have we got News for you" was presented to the Village. It was an updated re-run of the very first talk given by Founder members Joe Clark & Stan Baston in 2007. It had been arranged to show Thomas Naunton Waller's Camera, presently in the care of Woodbridge Museum, as well as having a display from the Detectorist David Cummins, of articles he had found around the village and a lovely painting of a map of the village painted by Veronica Hicks. About 80 people attended. If you missed the talk or wish to walk the Walk with words and pictures here is the link to the page <https://waldringfieldia.com/31298-2/> and the QR code for the download.



This Walk came about as a result of the Tideline Exhibition. Gareth took on this walk which he guided, with commentary, during the Tideline Exhibition. The event was so popular that many of the exhibitors asked for a re-run as they were not able to go on it and there have been several requests since. So the idea for publishing the walk came naturally during preparing the TalkBy downloading & reading the commentary it gives real purpose to the walk.



During the course of rehearsals for the talk we think we have identified where the picture of the invalided Georgiana Waller in her donkey drawn bath chair was taken. It was almost certainly taken at The Rams-holt Arms. If this is correct, this, of course, poses more questions such as did Georgiana go out for a day trip from Waldringfield? It seems a long trip out with a lone donkey? Was she staying in the locality? Did she arrange a loan of the bath chair locally for the occasion? from wherever she was staying? Answers on a postcard please.

We got some very exciting leads from the Tideline Exhibition last August so looking forward to seeing how useful they all were.

Summer is the time for any ongoing research. Most of our members are working on their own pet project and we will all get updated on how those projects are going at our next meeting on September 11th. 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, followed by our short AGM on 8th October. Our Website www.Waldringfieldia.com, contains much of our research although some is only available to members.

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

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL TRUST LOTTERY

Many of you will have seen an email sent round to all subscribers of Waldringfielders but in case it has disappeared or got in the depths of your 'junk mail', please see below what I said. You will know that the Village Hall Lottery does make a useful contribution to your village hall funds and it goes without saying really, the more numbers bought, the greater the contribution !

In other words - we would always welcome new players and if you are an existing player, how about considering an extra number !!

When the email was sent round on May 11th it was only 10C which is why I said that I am not sure how hardy the Lottery Collectors are in this cold weather but they are working up the enthusiasm to come round and knock on doors to collect subs from existing supporters and hopefully get some new players as well from now on until the end of June. Thank you to those of you who have already paid and welcome to the new players that have already signed up.

The lottery is very simple :

The lottery year is July 1st to June 30th - one draw per month, usually at the monthly Coffee Morning in the Village Hall.

£1 per month for each number and we like to collect 12 months in advance in one go - so for one number, £12.00.

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- For bank transfers, please email me and I shall send you details.
- For setting up a Standing Order, email me and I shall send you details.

Thanks to all of you who have supported the lottery in the past year, it is much appreciated. I would also like to put on record my thanks to the Collectors whose help is invaluable. If you have any questions do please contact me.

To quote from somewhere else - "you've got to be in it to win it !

Nigel King, Promoter, WVHT Lottery

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