



# No. 50 December 2015

## LAST CHANCE — ANNUAL WINTER QUIZ

The ANNUAL WINTER QUIZ in aid of our Village Hall will take place on **SATURDAY 5th OF DECEMBER** at the Village Hall, with a prompt start at 7.30 pm.

**BOOK NOW** - See Page 8 for more details



## VILLAGE HALL WINTER TALKS SERIES



Sixty to seventy people braved the rain to get an impressive practical insight into the brave new world of micro-electronics, courtesy of Makerspace and **Tim Elliot**, on November 5th. Here, villagers have a close look at how a 3D printer works:

This month, on **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7.30 **Tim Voelcker**, a well-known naval historian from Bucklesham will tell us the tale of '**Sailors Three**' – Admiral Vernon of Orwell Park, Nacton, Rear Admiral Sir Philip Bowes Broke of Broke Hall, Nacton and Admiral Sir James Saumarez. Whilst this is important and intriguing national history, it is also very local to those of us living on the southern Suffolk peninsular.

On **Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30 **Professor Mark Bailey**, now resident of Waldringfield, High Master of St Paul's School, London and professor of Later Medieval History in the University of East Anglia (not to mention his sporting prowess) will kick off our New Year with '**The Black Death in Suffolk and Waldringfield**'

On **Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>**, again at 7.30, **Roy Tricker**, well known to many of you through his knowledge of Suffolk Churches and his ability to entertain (even in sermons), will do just that with '**One hundred not out**' (and it won't be about cricket). We hope to see you there. The entrance fee remains at £3 and covers your half-time tea or coffee and biscuits. There's no better value for money!

**Gareth Thomas**

## Waldringfield School Association

Thank you to those of you who supported our Pamper Night in September. All agreed it was a great evening and we raised a fantastic £310.36.

The money will help to pay for extras for the children such as the whole school trip to the Wolsey's Christmas panto.

A further £32 was raised by those who donated unwanted clothes for the Bag2School scheme. We will be doing this again in the New Year - dates to follow..



Our next big event is the Christmas Fair. Like last year, it is being held on a Friday afternoon at the school, this time on **11<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm to 5pm.** Father Christmas will be attending and there will be various

stalls and festive refreshments as well as a raffle. All villagers are most welcome!

## ROY LORD

At its recent meeting, the Parish Council noted, with great sadness, the passing away of Roy Lord in early November.

Roy worked diligently as the Village Handyman for many years and was responsible, amongst many other things, for ensuring the safety of the village play area and for the maintenance of the roses on the side of the road abutting the play area.

The Parish Council extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs Lord and all Roy's family for their sad bereavement.



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## Village Playing Field

### Consultation on new equipment

The Parish Council is considering an upgrade of the play equipment in the village playing field over the next twelve months or so.

Some of the current equipment is approaching the end of its useful life, or is a little out-dated and, perhaps, even little used.

Before doing so, we would like to receive the views of our younger residents

Naturally, there is a limit on what money is available to repair or replace the current play area equipment.

However, your views will help guide us in getting the best value for money, so please go to Page 6 to find out how to do so.

## Waldringfield Parish Plan 2015

By the time you are reading this, the Parish Plan will have been published and available to view online on the village website. Go to <http://waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/2015-parish-plan/>

From that page, you will be able to access the Plan itself, as well as all the associated documents and publications.

A paper copy of the Plan will be delivered shortly to every household in the Parish.

As well as identifying some of the challenges and opportunities for the parish, the Parish Plan also includes an Action Plan. Many of these proposed actions rely on members of the community to take them forward.

A number of people have already volunteered to help across a range of actions and if you feel that you would like to add your name to the list, please let me have your contact details. You can phone me on 736736 or email me on [janet@buttermans.com](mailto:janet@buttermans.com) or drop a note to me at Mill Cottage Mill Rd.



After Christmas, I will send a group email to each of the action groups, so that volunteers will then be able to contact each other. If you do not want to share your email address with others in the

individual groups, please let me know before the end of December 2015.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Plan through the background research, the survey and the subsequent consultations.

**Janet Elliot** on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Group

## STONE AND STRETCH CLASSES

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## Waldringfield Wildlife Group

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*What is the Ringing scheme? How are birds trapped for ringing?*

*by Steve Abbott*

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 am**

Kennedy Room, Waldringfield Village Hall

Admission: Non-members & Visitors £2

Members - £1

Preceded by a Members meeting at 10.00 am prompt start.

New members welcome (Membership £5)

Followed by the Members 'bring & share' Christmas lunch.

Enquiries: Linda 736044

## Waldringfield Church Field Trust

Visitors to the field may have noticed the new all - weather information board which now stands near the entrance at the lower end by the car park. This was financed by Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB Community and Conservation Fund. The board was made with the help of designer Chris Saunders and Ipswich firm Signs for You. It gives information about the field and different wildlife you may see there.



Plenty of people have been out making use of the field over the last few months and the wildlife group enjoyed their summer picnic there. There seem to always be skylarks singing - even now in November - and the kestrel is often about.

Unfortunately, a large amount of firework debris appeared following the 11th November including bits of fireworks, rockets and sticks scattered over the games area, plus an enormous dumped box of commercial firework remains. Anyone with information about where this came from is asked to get in touch. We are concerned that no permission was requested and trustees had to clear up the mess.

The AGM is planned for November 30th at 7.30 in the Kennedy Room with mince pies and mulled wine. This should have happened when you read this! Anyone wishing to help with occasional work on the field is invited to get in touch. There will be a work party (weather permitting) on 2nd February when a number of volunteers who regularly help out within the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB will be coming to our village to help with some tasks at Church Field and also other spots in the village. More details will be published on waldringfielders and on the noticeboards at the field, nearer the time.

**Christine Fisher Kay 736384**



### Waldringfield, Newbourne & Hemley **Scattered Orchard**

#### **Fruit Tree Pruning Course with Organic Fruit Farmer Marina O'Connell**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 Newbourne Village Hall 10am – 1pm  
£15 per person - refreshments included

(learn how to prune fruit trees, both young or old and neglected)

#### **Followed by Fruit Tree Grafting Course with Betsy Reid 2pm – 4pm**

Learn how to graft your own fruit trees—£10 per person

You may bring prunings from your own trees or use the varieties that we have collected  
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## Suffolk County Council

For the coming year, dare I say years, politics, both national and local, will be a challenge. All will be aware of the difficulties we are facing in trying to trim budgets and make efficiency savings that will have the least impact on services.

Inevitably services will change. Technology has altered the landscape and enabled some areas to become more efficient, but, less personal.

Suffolk County Council is determined to maintain the level of our two most vital services, Adult Social Care and Children's Services; areas that involve the most vulnerable in society. Other services will be altered and savings made.

However, there is a glimmer of light. I believe that we need to become a more responsible society. Society can learn from communities such as this, that do so much good and help themselves, for that will be the future.

As your County Councillor, I attend all parish meetings and give a monthly report that contains information about SCC and my activities. I chair the Police and Crime Panel whose remit is to both challenge and support the Police & Crime Commissioner. Over the past 3 years I have built up a relationship with Tim Passmore and our informal meetings are frank, robust and good-humoured.

I have recently been appointed to the Health Scrutiny Committee and, as we are all well aware, the Health Service needs a huge injection of funding. However, like many other organisations, they are looking at partnerships to reduce overlap and gain more efficiency.

**SCC Councillor Patricia O'Brien**



## Suffolk Coastal District Council

### **BROWN BINS**

Suffolk Coastal does not want to charge for brown bins. This is a complicated issue but we are in the top 10% when it comes to recycling so we have a very good record which we do not want to lose. Suffolk County have had to reduce their subsidy, which has a knock-on affect on the Districts. SCDC is trying to absorb this extra cost and at present is not expecting to charge.

### **PLANNING**

The preferred Options document was out for consultation, closing on Friday 30th November. Decisions made after consultation will govern how we accommodate our contribution towards housing in our district.

### **FELIXSTOWE PORT HEALTH**

I visited this new facility. I think we should be reassured that products coming in through Felixstowe go through very thorough testing. On going through a radioactive sensor in a minibus during our tour of the port, this was sensitive enough to pick up radioactivity in a Councillor who had had treatment 4 weeks ago. Figs were being tested whilst I was there. A whole container was unloaded manually, several samples from random boxes were removed for testing elsewhere. The container was then repacked. There are currently 30 trains going in to the port and 30 trains leaving every day.

### **DEVOLUTION**

This is still rumbling along awaiting results of meetings in late November. Providing that all parties can work effectively together this might be achievable.

**SCDC Councillor Susan Harvey**



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### *Plan your own play area!*

Please give us your ideas of how to improve the play area in the Waldringfield playing fields at the junction of School and Cliff Roads.

Below is a list of 7 pieces of play equipment that could be provided. Give each one a priority from 1 to 7, using one number only once, in the box below the item.

For example, if you like swings the most, give it a score of 7. If you like slides next, score it as 6. And if you like sandpits the least, give it a score of 1. There are three spaces to put your own choice of play equipment that you might have seen somewhere else



**Your name:**

**Your age (if under 12):**

Swings	Slides	Roundabouts	Sandpits	Seesaws
Climbing frames	Log Train			



**Please cut out this survey and put it in the Village Hall post box  
before December 31st**

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



The on-going support of donors is greatly valued, and we thank all of you. Two new donors have joined our Planned Giving scheme recently.

We, of whatever persuasion, are all custodians of this historic, beautiful and innately peaceful place which we all hold in trust. All Saints is not only a place of worship....but a tiny oasis of calm for peaceful reflection in an increasingly busy world which impinges even on Waldringfield.

There are those who work in various ways, practically and monetarily, to ensure upkeep, but the church and its grounds are there for all to visit, for whatever reason, and to offer a quiet personal space.

Benefice Re-organisation appears to have stalled due to the fact that no response has been received to the advertisement for a rector for the proposed benefice parishes. We understand that re-advertising is to take place.

The Reverend Christine Nunn continues to serve this parish. Chris has unstintingly offered support to the various families in the village who have suffered bereavement this year, and continues to do so. We are greatly indebted to her and her generosity of spirit.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust annual cycle ride took place on September 13<sup>th</sup>, supported by its stalwarts, both in cycling and sponsorship. We have currently received our share of £642 and usually a little more filters through. Thanks to all participants and sponsors, and to Frances Matheson for organising at a local level.

Remembrance Service. By publication time, we will have held our Remembrance Service, including acknowledgement of those from Waldringfield who lost their lives. Those are inscribed on a large plaque in the church, and a new wreath of poppies will be placed. Following our recent pattern, the collection will be donated to the Woodbridge branch of the Royal British Legion.

Churchyard Maintenance continues to be a hefty task. The time had come to invest in a new motor mower and the PCC was fortunate that the small Woodbridge company, Gilman-Earle Design, obtained a new top brand machine from its suppliers at cost only to us.

### Special Services for December:

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** (Advent 2)

10.30 Family Service

**Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>**

18.30 Carol Service

**Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup>**

23.30 Midnight Communion

**Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Happy Half Hour

**Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>**

09.30 Holy Communion

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£12 per head - includes a Fish and Chip Supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Innovations this year will include a Picture Round, and one or more Quick-Fire Rounds.

Entries are required by **Monday 30th of November**, to include a cheque for the fees, the name of the team, the name and contact details of the team leader

**REPLY NOW TO:**

Tim Elliot on 736736 or  
[tc\\_elliott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tc_elliott@yahoo.co.uk)

## Waldringfield Sailing Club



### *Gritted teeth for late season sailing*

The 2015 sailing season draws to a close with the last races in the Freezer Series being held on Saturday 14 November. The few remaining yachts still on their moorings are beginning to look lonely and soon the river will be returned to its beautiful winter emptiness.

But it has been a good season at the Sailing Club. We have had some excellent events, especially the Regatta in June, which was topped off by the Yachtsman's Service and then a very busy Cadet Week in August. And our members won National Championships in both the Lark class and the Cadet class.

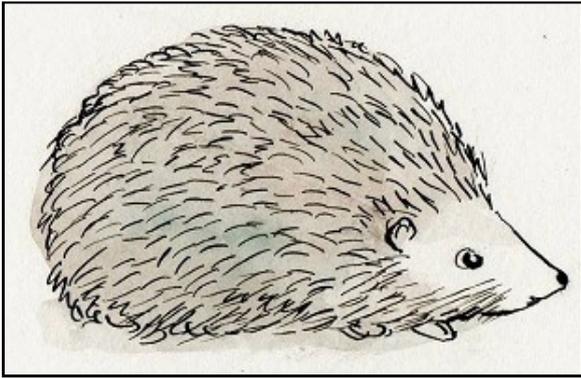
The yachting fraternity, as opposed to the dinghy sailors, have ventured far and wide with cruising logs having been submitted about cruises to the Norwegian Fjords, to the Western Isles of Scotland, to the Channel Islands and to Northern France. None of these without incident, but that is sailing for you!

The Club holds its AGM in the Clubhouse on 21 November and this year marks a changeover amongst the Flag Officers when I come to the end of my two year term as Commodore, with Bob Whitehouse taking on the mantle. Bob's priority next year is to add to and enhance the "Social Sailing" activities at the Club and to help the less experienced to enjoy time on the water and to build their sailing confidence.

We will end the year with a prize-giving party and supper at the Woodbridge Community Hall on December 12.

*David Copp*

# Save our hedgehogs!



Hedgehogs, although scarcer than formerly, have been seen in the village this year on at least three occasions. It is very important to keep an eye open for them when strimming, clearing leaves and making any bonfires. Leaves are best rotted down to make leaf mould, of course. If you are lighting an autumn bonfire remember to build a new fire from your collection of wood and not set fire to piles which have been sitting there for some time and may be harbouring hedgehogs or other wildlife.

Waldringfield Wildlife Group supports the Suffolk Wildlife Trust hedgehog project. Lots of information about hedgehogs and how to help them is also to be found at [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org) and, on the RSPB website, there are instructions on how to build a hedgehog house for hibernation. They are declining at the same rate as tigers - 5% per year for reasons not yet clear. In autumn, slugs form a large part of their diet. However, they can be helped by feeding mealworms or cat or dog food - not milk which upsets their digestion, or bread which is a poor protein source.

If you have seen any hedgehogs dead or alive in Waldringfield please report to Pam Crawley ([pam.crawley@gmail.com](mailto:pam.crawley@gmail.com) / 01473 736636) , and also to the SWT website where they can be spotted on the interactive map.

## Brighter verges

Waldringfield Wildlife Group have again been planting bulbs in the verges to extend the pollen and nectar provision for bees, moths and butterflies and brighten things up!

The Squirrels class from Waldringfield School were out on a sunny afternoon in November planting 1000 wild daffodils



on the inside edges of the playing field and a good time was had by all. Other bulbs put in by the Wildlife Group include species delphiniums, alliums, fritillaries and grape hyacinth in different verges around the village.

Funding for the bulbs was provided by the Parish Council and by private donations.



## Waldringfield Parish Council

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

**Tuesdays. 7.30 pm in the Village Hall,  
Kennedy Room.**

**Meetings in 2015:** December 8.

**Meetings in 2016:** January 12, February 9,  
March 8, May 10 (**AGM**), June 14, July 12,  
August 9, September 13, October 11,  
November 8, December 13.

**ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC** and there is an opportunity  
at these meetings to put information to  
the Council and ask questions. If anyone  
wishes to see planning applications, report  
problems, etc., please contact the Clerk to  
arrange it.

#### **Contacting the Council:**

In writing to:

**The Clerk, Waldringfield Parish Council,  
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### **Your Parish Councillors:**

**Ian Kay (Chairman)**

**Alyson Videlo (Deputy) Frances Matheson**

**Serena Gold Janet Elliot Colin Archer**

**Neil Winship Colin Reid Toby Harraway**

#### **Website:**

**[www.waldringfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.waldringfield.onesuffolk.net)**

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## **Free Christmas car parking**

Suffolk Coastal will once again be offering  
free use of its car parks to support  
Christmas events in the district.

In Woodbridge, free  
car parking will be  
available at Suffolk  
Coastal District  
Council's offices at  
Melton Hill in the  
run up to Christmas.  
The car park will be  
free to use on

Sunday 6 December for the Woodbridge  
Christmas Street Fair and also Saturday 12  
December and Saturday 19 December from  
7:30am to 6:30pm.

Cllr Carol Poulter, Cabinet Member with  
responsibility for car parks, said: "I'm  
pleased that we are continuing to support  
our local towns by offering free use of our  
car parks in the run up to Christmas.

"We are very fortunate to live in an area  
which boasts very unique shopping  
opportunities and Christmas is an extra  
special time for our towns to promote the  
small and independent businesses on our  
doorsteps.

"I hope the boost of free parking will make  
these shopping days even more attractive to  
residents and visitors to the district."



## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

### **TUESDAY 12TH APRIL**

**In the Village Hall**

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## Give, receive and recycle this Christmas

With every Suffolk resident expected to throw away around 50 kilos of waste this Christmas, the Suffolk Waste Partnership is asking people to remember to recycle rather than giving to landfill.

This is the time of year when we produce the most amount of waste. Every January, Suffolk recycles an extra 600 tonnes of waste (equivalent to an extra 96,000 recycling bins) and sends an extra 1,250 tonnes to landfill (equivalent to 79,000 rubbish bins).

There will be hundreds of thousands of cards, electrical items, CDs, DVDs, cartons, glass bottles and textiles waiting to be recycled, not to mention all that leftover packaging and food.

### Help at hand to make room for your new Christmas jumpers

With Christmas jumpers flying off the shelves this year, help is also available to make room in the wardrobe. In addition to giving unwanted clothes to charity, all Suffolk residents can now bag up their unwanted textiles, tie them securely and pop the bag inside their recycling bin.

If you need more textiles bags, please email [textiles@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:textiles@suffolk.gov.uk), call **0345 603 9412** or collect them in person from any council office or library.

Councillor Andrew Nunn, chair of the Suffolk Waste Partnership, said "We are all so busy having fun at Christmas and can generate a lot more waste. A lot of this extra waste can be saved from landfill which is why it's important to make full use of your recycling bin."

"We hope people won't forget to recycle things like textiles too. It's easy to get hold of our special bags - just email, call us or collect a bag from any council office or library."

### Household Waste Recycling Centres

The Household Waste Recycling Centres provide a great service for residents over the Christmas period and only close on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. They will be open and ready to take excess Christmas recycling from the 27 to 31 December.

For a full list of materials accepted at Household Waste Recycling Centres, opening times and details of changes to bin and recycling collections over Christmas, visit [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk) in the second or third week of December.



## **ADVERTISE**

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**See Page 11 for contact information**

## Swifts in and around Woodbridge – RSPB Woodbridge Group Swift Survey 2015

A lot of people will share our feelings about swifts. The screams and shrieks of swifts as they turn and swirl in the evening sky are a precious part of summer. We want this to be more than just a nostalgic memory, as swifts are declining in numbers.

This summer in Woodbridge I heard some bad news, swifts had been vainly trying to find nest sites in a restored building by the harbour. It appears that the spaces under the eaves where they had nested had been blocked. I also heard some good news, SCDC had recommended swift nest boxes for the building on Whisstocks site by the harbour and the developers had agreed.



We felt we needed to do something. So, this summer we started our project with a survey asking for information about swifts. Thirty five observers in the Woodbridge, and the surrounding area responded. We now know about, at least 10 nesting sites, some in roofs and some in boxes.

Waldringfield should be a good place for swifts. They were observed flying in small groups over the village on a number of occasions through the summer. The supply of flying insects over the salt marsh and low lying ground should attract them. There should be nesting sites in the eaves and roof spaces of the older houses. We understand that a couple of houses in School Road have installed nest boxes.

We would like our project to move forward now in three ways. We need to work closely with home owners, builders and developers to remind them that swifts need access to roof spaces for nesting. Swifts are clean and non-intrusive guests. We also need to publicise nest boxes. They are a possible alternative. They can be 'swift bricks', built into the wall under the eaves during building work, or traditional nest boxes. They work best with a CD of swift calls. Finally we should work with SCDC to encourage planners to make provision for swifts. Many local authorities have such a policy.

If you have any information about swifts nesting in Waldringfield, please contact us by email [woodbridge-swifts2015@outlook.com](mailto:woodbridge-swifts2015@outlook.com), and for further information please visit our web site [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/woodbridge](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/woodbridge)

*Jenny James*



**YOUNG FAMILY ENJOYING THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE DEBEN**

Suffolk Association of Local Councils has a long-standing policy position that town and parish councils should have a right of appeal against planning decisions to mirror the right of developers. SALC presented this policy to the National Association of Local Councils and it was adopted, but pressure is growing from other quarters. The latest instance is a resident in Staffordshire who has initiated an online petition. If you are interested in signing the petition, please note the details below. With sufficient signatures, a parliamentary debate is triggered.

*I've started a petition to ask the government to give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions. Parish Councils will usually have a detailed understanding of an area and local needs. Most parish councils can be trusted to act in the best interests of their constituents and are usually run by responsible individuals who would be loath to bring frivolous appeals. However, in an era where more and more development is planned, a limited right of third party appeal would ensure that particularly contentious decisions can be reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate, and using the existing parish council infrastructure minimises legislative and operational cost and impact.*

If you agree, please sign the petition at this link: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110489> If we get 10,000 signatures, the government must publish an official response to the proposal. At 100,000 signatures, the proposal gets debated in Parliament.

## Summer Action on the Deben

Photographs courtesy of Alexis Smith



# WALDRINGFIELD GOLF CLUB



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