Waldringfield

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How do you feel about notice boards?

We don't have any village notice boards as such; instead, we have notices being put up on lots of individual trees and posts all over the village which not only looks rather untidy, but does not help to distribute the news or promote events very efficiently.

Notices are often left on display long after the event has finished, a lot of effort goes into in putting them up and pieces of paper, plastic, tacks,

pins and nails are usually left behind, which find their way into the soil and from there, eventually, into the river and sea.



Greener Waldringfield have made up a couple of prototype notice boards as a trial, for people to use instead of random trees and posts. The first two boards have been made entirely from reclaimed or recycled materials which we had available. Future models could be more professionally built once we can see there is a demand and people are actually using them. Please note that "Blue-Tack" or glue should be used rather than pins or staples and there is now no need for laminate any individual notices.

The first notice board is located in Mill Road opposite the small entrance to Church Field, while the second board will find a "temporary – experimental" site somewhere in the village very soon. Please drop by, take a look and post any comments or ideas you have (good or bad) on the village website forum.

If the notice board idea is agreeable, then perhaps three or four such notice boards could be set up in other locations around the village in the future. If you have any suggestions as to where these should be placed, then please let us know via the forum, speak to one of the Greener Waldringfield Team, or even pop a note on the notice board in Mill Road.



And finally, congratulations to the Village Hall for bettering courtesy of mrsddoshialgebra.wikispaces.com their notice board system too. The existing notice boards, on the left inside the main doors are now reserved for Waldringfield village events and activities, and the new one opposite (very smart!) is intended for other items of interest in and around the local area.

Greener Waldringfield Team.



The **Waldringfield Village Hall Winter Talks** kick off again on Thursday November 2nd at 7.30 pm - it will be dark but will it be wet? **Jim Bacon**, the well-known **weatherman from Weatherquest** might be able to tell us ! He has agreed to talk to us in return for a healthy contribution to **EAST**. By betting (unofficially) against the weather since first inviting Jim to talk, I have £30 in the kitty so far. There will be a collection on the night as well as the usual small entrance fee which, of course, includes refreshments - the best bargain in the East!! Lets have a good turn-out

and help the local children's hospices (EAST) at the same time.

On Thursday December 7th **David Phelan, a local historian,** will talk on **"St Audry's, Work-house to Asylum"**. Now a fashionable housing development in Melton, St Audry's was once a place to try and avoid. This illustrated talk covers the history of St Audry's from 1765 when it was opened as a Workhouse, through the 19th century when it was an 'asylum for pauper lunatics', albeit with a reputation of having a 'progressive regime', and through the 20th century to 1993 when it was closed in favour of Care in the Community. David's talk includes an examination of the Victorian attitude to poverty and the effectiveness of various regimes involved in the management of mental ill-health.

Gareth Thomas





The Annual Yachtsmans' Service, led by Andrew Dotchin, Rural Dean (photographs by Alexis Smith)



The Suffolk Churches Bike Ride and Stride

takes place on



Saturday 9th September, 9 am to 5pm.

Details and sponsor forms and list of the Churches open, with a booklet of walks between our eight Churches available from. Margaret Quantrill, Four Seasons, School Rd Phone 736522 or email mrguant@btopenworld.com.

There will be refreshments in each of the Churches plus a special tea in Waldringfield Church Room (with a Pilgrimage cake!) from 4 pm, followed by a service in our Church at 5. 15. to end the day - this will be taken by our Vicar, Rev. Ian Wilson.

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All Saints Church

<u>The Annual Yachtsmen's Service</u> took place in early July. We were disappointed that the date did not coincide with our vicar, Ian Wilson, being available to preach due to a holiday commitment.

This would have been a fitting tribute to the flying start which Ian has made in his successful work in the new benefice. Andrew Dotchin, Rural Dean, was the preacher.



The last few months have been very busy in the life of our church. In early May, our insurers carried out a revaluation of both the church and church hall. Increased valuations led inevitably to increased premiums, but Ecclesiastical Insurers have given an undertaking that whilst increased cover is assured, premiums will not increase until next renewal in April 2018. The surveyor was most helpful and considerate, but several matters arose which must be addressed, as follows:

<u>Full electrical inspection of both premises</u> – due every five years and now due. These were carried out by Robert and Joyce Forsdike's company on August 10th and reports awaited. We anticipate there will be work to be done.

<u>A full inventory of both premises with photographic record.</u> Although not essential, the surveyor said that, in cases of damage or loss, the company could guarantee first class replacements by skilled craftsmen, should such records be available. Libby Ruffle and Stan Baston kindly responded to a request for photographic expertise. Comprehensive inventories were made and a magnificent photographic record, numbered and annotated, is nearing completion. Sincere thanks are due to both Libby and Stan for freely giving of time and expertise. The photographs, as well as being a valuable and interesting record, have focussed us on how precious our historic church and its contents are.

Secure storage for brass furnishings is now a requirement. A secure steel storage cabinet for the vestry is on order, and brass will need to be stored here when not in use.

Implementation & annual review of a policy for safeguarding vulnerable persons (to include the Church Hall) Relevant documentation has been obtained and a policy will be adopted at the next PCC meeting when a representative will be appointed.

<u>Fire Prevention and Response. (To include Church Hall)</u> We must have in place a policy for prevention and action in event of fire which will be adopted at the next meeting.

<u>"Smartwater" notices</u> (to include church Hall) Signs have been renewed, indicating that all metals are protected by this device. Insurers will not now meet any claim arising from metal thefts or damage caused by such thefts unless the approved Smartwater has been certificated and applied.

<u>Asbestos checks leading to woodworm survey(including Church Hall)</u> revealed no presence of asbestos. In the wooden box housing the organ motor, however, evidence of active

woodworm was discovered. Old worm holes have been evident for some time in pews. A survey was carried out by a reputable local firm, which commenced the two days' necessary work on August 15th. There was considerable cleaning and treatment needed in the tower staircase and all wood, including furnishings and fittings within the church, will be treated. Certain other items will be given preventative treatment. No evidence found in Church Hall.



The surveyor advised removal and burning of the 24 heavily infested modern wooden padded chairs in the belfry area, which has been carried out by a licensed waste carrier. Some of these chairs had memorial plaques paid for by families. The plaques have been retrieved and will ultimately be displayed on a wooden board. Total cost for woodworm treatment is £1,407.60.

We now plan a thorough professional cleaning of the church, largely because of the height of the building and inaccessibility for our dedicated tiny band of cleaning volunteers. This should be completed by the quinquennial inspection due later this year. Mandatory inspection by the diocese will inevitably lead to further works, inside and out, being needed. We are faced with a big spending year to maintain our most historic building in the village. Please contact a member of the PCC should you have any helpful advice or practical help to offer in connection with any of the above points.



<u>Rock Evening at Rivers Hall – August 5th</u> a very positive note on which to end! A truly lovely evening was enjoyed by very diverse groups of happy picnickers. Great band, wonderful gardens to enjoy in beautiful evening sunshine, good wine and cocktails on offer, and children having a whale of a time. You may already know the net result was a marvellous £2,300.72.

Waldringfield Parochial Church Council

Chairman-The Very Reverend Ian Wilson

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WPC update on the Adastral Park Planning Application (as of August 18th)



Since our update in the Summer Newsletter the Outline Planning Application has been amended slightly and the revised documents have been the subject of a public consultation ending in July.

Some of the positive amendments have been in response to the Parish Council's previous consultation response and the subsequent meeting with the developer.

These amendments include:

Access points on the Ipswich Road

The Parish Council (WPC) questioned the need for two access points on Ipswich Rd and suggested that the "western access point" be removed, or at least downgraded to a non-vehicular route.

The developer has now made a firm commitment to "design the western Ipswich Road access to minimise its use by motor vehicles and to discuss at reserved matters stage with WPC, SCDC and SCC the options to design appropriate traffic calming and traffic prevention measures to be incorporated into the scheme in this location"

Access point at the new A12 T junction

The initial plan showed that the only access points during the early construction phases were those on the Ipswich Rd which was of particular concern to WPC. We **s**uggested that the plan should be amended so that the proposed direct access onto the A12 was operational before the construction on the development begins, thereby reducing the volume of traffic on the Ipswich Rd.

The developer has now stated that it will bring forward the A12 access and "include in the phasing programme to be secured through condition or planning obligation, the delivery of the A12 access and boulevard to the school site in phase 1 of the development."

Offsite transport mitigation

WPC had expressed concern that the proposed measures to try to "mitigate" the large increase in traffic from the development on the existing road network would not be sufficient. Of particular local concern was the proposed treatment of Foxhall Roundabout.

The amended application shows small changes to the previous proposals for Foxhall Rd roundabout, but WPC accepts that the new traffic-lighted 'T' junction on the A12, now to be delivered in Phase 1, will interrupt the flow of traffic entering the

roundabout from the north, thus making it easier for traffic from the Ipswich Rd to enter the roundabout. This goes some way towards alleviating the problem, although we still anticipate congestion here, and elsewhere on the A12, getting worse.

Highways England has expressed its concerns and we understand that all of the transport mitigation proposals are currently being scrutinised by SCC Highways and Highways England.

Green buffer requirements

WPC had expressed concerns that the proposed green buffers to the southeast of the site and along Ipswich Rd were inadequate given the buffer will provide separation between the development and the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty lying to the east of the site.



We have been assured that the reserved matters will include a Detailed Landscape Scheme to be planted in phase 1 of the development and that any permission for the outline application should carry this condition. We trust that SCDC will impose this condition.

Deben SPA mitigation (off-site)

The developer has given an assurance that the £300,000 secured through the section 106 agreement will be ring-fenced for mitigation measures and will not be dependent on the yet to be adopted Recreation Avoidance Strategy (RAMS)

WPC is pleased that the funds will be ring-fenced, but still seek assurance that the funds generated by the Adastral Park s106 will be allocated towards protecting the Deben Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA), given that this extremely large development (the largest by far in the District) is adjacent to the Deben Estuary SPA.

We are still extremely worried that the impact of an extra 4,600+ people in the area will be immense. We remain unconvinced that the mitigation proposed will be able to nullify the potentially catastrophic effect on the existing local communities and the Deben Estuary SPA.

At the very least, we wish to see details of when and how the Deben Estuary SPA visitor survey, as required by SCDC's Appropriate Assessment (Nov 2011), will be delivered.

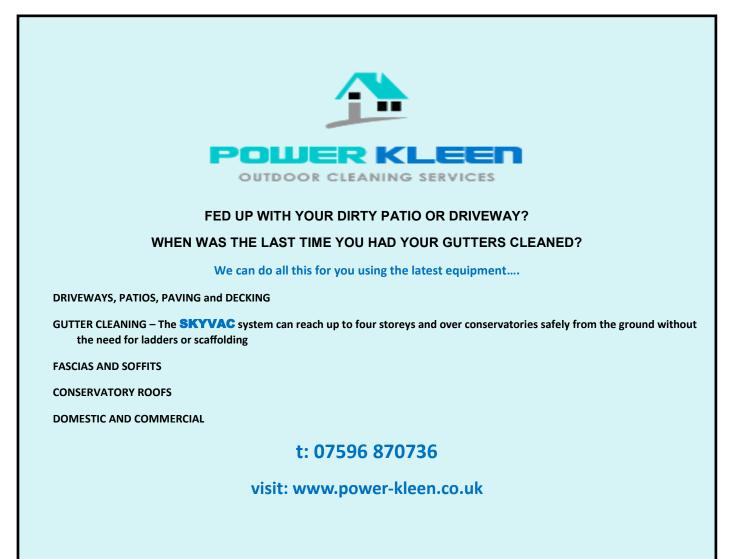
Janet Elliot



Waldringfield Sailing Club Regatta, held in July (photograph courtesy of Alexis Smith)



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WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Thank you to all of you who renewed their subscription to the Lottery when the Collectors came round in June. Sorry to see one or two go, perhaps we'll get you next year or at any time during the current year on a monthly pro-rata basis. To those of you who are convinced their numbers are not even in the bag for selection, try having more numbers and therefore increasing your chances, firstly, of being in the bag and, secondly, actually winning !!



My usual point - the more in the Lottery, the bigger the prizes can be and more profit for the Village Hall.

July and August winners in the draws, which will usually take place at the monthly Coffee Morning :

		July	August
1st	£ 46	147 Audrey Ruffle	59 Mrs V Bloom
2nd	£ 36	172 Alexis Smith	223 Mr K Fisher
3rd	£ 24	86 Frances Matheson	159 Mrs A Carter
4th	£ 11	60 Norman Rea	212 Ms A Sterry

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We had a lovely day for the Produce, Flower & Craft Show on August 12th.

It was great to see lots of new exhibitors taking part who did very well. We hope that you will come again next year.

We had some lovely veg & marvellous craft items, as well as Bea Quantrill's decorated cup cakes which were a work of art, especially as she is a Junior entrant.



Thank you very much all those who entered & donated their produce for the auction.

Ian Kay won the 'Challenge Cup' gaining the 'most points' with a marvellous entry of 22 different items.

Christine Lyon won the 'Judges Best in Show' award for her super Marmalade.

Lyn Dyson-Bruce won the 'Peoples Choice' for her marvellous Crochet Tunic.

If there are any 'classes' which we do not have & you would like them to be included for next year, please let me know.

What about a fruit pie? or a best decorated pie?

Alexis 736257 for Waldringfield Gardeners

Waldringfield Church Field Trust

I hope all are enjoying visiting Church Field during the blackberry season. It was also a good spot to do the butterfly count for Butterfly Conservation - we saw 10 Gatekeepers, 7 Common Blues, 2 Meadow Browns, 1 Comma and 1 Small Copper



along the hedge in the 15 minutes. There is still time to do it if you want to download the chart from butterflyconservation.org. There were also some pretty spectacular dragonflies.

Arrangements are in place to replace the field gate which was unfortunately smashed by a careless driver . The delay is due to sorting this out with the insurance but the work should be done by the end of August or thereabouts.

Thanks to all those who keep their dogs on leads especially following an alarming incident in an adjoining garden. The policy at Church Field has always been that dogs should be on leads.

The wildflowers have been spectacular and it is always fun to see the swallows, house martins and swifts swooping around, catching insects.

Christine Fisher Kay

Enjoy our AONB?

Widespread use of "enjoy", as an invitation or exhortation, clearly means "get pleasure from" – in this case - the natural beauty of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths; but what is natural beauty?

The manager of this and the Dedham Vale & Stour Valley AONBs, recently addressed the National Association's annual conference on the concept of natural beauty; it must have been a challenge.

'Beauty is in the eye of the beholder' is none too helpful a cliché while an academic proposal assessing subjects' pleasure from particular vistas, would surely need to take account of weather, individuals' clothing, their mood and some other factors including their senses. For most of us, the view would predominate but smells such as cut grass or manure and noises ranging from bird-song to the emergency services' sirens also influence.





An individual's mood in a *pleasure – displeasure* range is also likely to be affected by the presence of other people. The noise from a crowd of intoxicated guys or dolls disturbs mightily but '*Ooos' & 'Ahas'* from fellow viewers of a night sky can enthuse one. An oafish expletive can destroy peace while a friendly sigh may 'speak louder than words' with less chance of misunderstanding. Clearly the presence of other people sharing one's senses of delight, gratitude and wonder can enhance pleasure, while discordance destroys tranquility.

Between 'Enjoy' and 'AONB' above lies the wee word 'our' but 'we' do not possess the

AONB exclusively. Most of the land is privately owned with numerous public rights of way entitling ALL the Queen's Subjects – *citizen' being a French revolutionary term*! - to access and thereby enjoy its natural beauty.

Since nearly a fifth of a million people live within ten miles of the Maybush, the conservation of tranquility is a challenge, but I venture it is the over-use of some cars that is our true enemy. **Realistic ideas on how to reduce both their and our vehicle traffic will be most welcome**, but my focus is on public transport, feet and bikes!



Neil Winship

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Council

Your Parish Councillors:

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesdays. 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Kennedy Room

Remaining Meeting Dates in 2017:

September, 12, October 10, November 14, December 12

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:

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Waldringfield Gardeners (WALGA)

WG's two most regular annual events fell quite close to each other this year with the Open Gardens on May 21st and the Produce Show on August 12th. Both were the best ever! **Open Gardens** had ideal weather to show off the ten glorious

gardens. None were too crowded and all were well visited – particular thanks to those who marshalled the traffic, both human and motorised, and to Rivers Hall for parking in the



paddock. There were lots of happy chats about plants and layout between proud gardeners and informed visitors.

The tea team in the village hall were kept very busy. The scarecrow display provided added entertainment, especially the two half people – one emerging from the ground, the other head-first burrowing in, and the scarecrow quiz was fun.

As last year we donated half – more than half, as we made so much! – to St Elizabeth's Hospice, who have a five year programme of Open Gardens in local villages. (St Elizabeth's got £1,500). They were very helpful with posters, signage and general publicity and we look forward to working with them for the next three years. We also promoted the new River Wall and Nature Reserve: the two scheduled talks each had interested listeners.

We have yet to confirm a date for next year's Open Gardens – likely to be late spring or early summer: if you would like to have a go at opening your garden please get in touch – it's good to have a variety of sizes and styles of gardening, and several of the long term exhibitors might like a chance to be punters.

The **Produce Show** team put on a flawlessly organised event (long practice, but thank you to the new helpers as well). There were xx entries to xx of the potential xx classes and the standard was well, interesting: so don't be deterred next year because your produce is not 'show perfect'. It's all about having a go and sharing pleasure and expertise rather than winning – though Ian Kay takes justifiable pride in winning the cup.

The produce is consolidated into veg boxes at the end of the afternoon and auctioned – the prices are ridiculously low, so do come along next year for a cup of tea and some cake and drive the bidding up. Better still find something to enter – there are classes for flowers, jam etc and crafts. To our surprise every year the alcohol classes attract almost no entries though we know there are a number of brewers in the village.

Provisional date for next year – 11th August – put it in your diary!

The Scattered Orchard: this is a wonderful year for fruit, both planted and incidental in the hedges. Several of our trees are now bearing – remember they are foragable, like the hedges are – 'fruit for free for all'. We will shortly be producing a leaflet with a map of the Scattered Orchard with ripeness times – try to avoid picking early to avoid disappointment and waste.

To extend your fruit season into the winter why not borrow the WG apple press, steriliser for bottled fruit or dehydrator? Yours for a day at a time (or longer by arrangement if no one else wants them) for no more than your £5 WG membership – payable from the AGM in November.

<u>Waldringfield Community Composting:</u> we still have some hotbins, wormeries and bokashi units in stock, together with skilled and practised help and advice in using them. (Four of our WCC group are Master Composters – trained by Garden Organic with SCC funding and ongoing support).

Forthcoming events:

November 4th – **Pumpkin Party:** tea and pumpkin competitions, lantern and vegetable boat making etc in the village hall; lantern procession to the beach where we launch



the veg boats with beeswax candles; soup and drinks from the Sailing Club and perhaps even a bonfire at the top of the Sailing Club car park. We need people to host and help the various bits of this – please volunteer – it should be fun for toddlers to grandparents.

Thursday 30th November – AGM with seed swap, mince pies and mulled wine in the village hall - 7.30 for the work, 8.00 for the party. More and fresh committee members welcome and needed!

Saturday 25th November: Christmas greenery creation with Emma again in the village hall. 10.00 – 1.00 – bring your own flowers and greenery.

Finally: WG has been rather quiet about looking for **allotments** over the last couple of years but there continues to be interest: if you are one of those who would like an allotment please let the Chairman (Betsy Reid) know, and also David Lines, the Parish Clerk. We need to be sure there is sufficient interest to give conviction to our search!

An alternative – or perhaps complementary - is **Garden-Share** (there's lots about various towns and villages that do it on the web) – this is well recognised as a way of people whose gardens have become too big for them still having them maintained (and getting a bit of company and some cucumbers) and people who need a bit of extra garden to that around their house getting use of some land perhaps conveniently close. WG is happy to put people in touch with each other!

Greener Waldringfield: meets monthly to chat over green things and perhaps make some plans an do something! Second Thursday of the month – next meeting 5.00 - 6.30 on Thursday 14^{th} . Let us know if you plan to come so that we can be sure we meet in a big enough venue.



Call for Community Volunteers

To volunteer or to obtain more information, contact Suffolk Police's Speedwatch Coordinator in our area, Sgt Peter Street

Peter.Street@suffolk.pnn.police.uk, or on 01473 613500

www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk

Blots on the Rural Landscape ?

Two topics have been exercising the Parish Council (and many residents) in recent meetings, both of which, unfortunately, run counter to the expectations of rural tranquillity that we all (wish to) enjoy. Initial conclusions are that we need to engage the whole community in helping to resolve either or (ideally) both of these problems.

The first tends to be seasonal, that of unleashed dogs on the foreshore during the busy summer months. Accepting that some of our canine friends may be visitors, there is a reasonable likelihood that others are from the local community. Whatever their origin, if they run free and spoil the enjoyment of the human visitors to the water-front through their bad behaviour, it, frankly, is anti-social behaviour on the part of their owners.

More troubling (and dangerous) is the excessive speed and use of unauthorised 'ratruns' seen in the village on, sadly, a toofrequent basis.

For example, the use of Fishpond Road and Sandy Lane is restricted by law to those needing to access them - i.e. residents and tradespeople serving those residents. Yet, just recently, a car, driven very fast, crashed and demolished the wall of a private residence in that area.

Without encouraging vigilantism, there is without doubt, something that all residents can do, whether it is the simple action of showing due care and consideration for others, or politely asking other to show that social consideration, or even playing a more active role in, for example, supporting the Community Speedwatch initiative.

Whatever the method chosen, when done by everyone, it can contribute to making Waldringfield an even more pleasant place to live.



We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in Waldringfield village hall on: Saturday 23rd September from 10am -12noon.

Do join us for tea/coffee, homemade cakes, and more!

If you would like to support us in any way - i.e. by making cakes, donating raffle prizes, or helping on the day, this will be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you. Don't forget to tell your friends!

Chris Lyon - On behalf of the Coffee Morning Team 01473 736291



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