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PARLIAMENTARY, DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

NO CHANGE

There were no surprises in the Parliamentary, the District and the Parish Council elections in Waldringfield, in contrast to many other parts of the country.

The sitting MP, Therese Coffey, retained her seat with over 50% of the votes cast. On returning to Westminster, Dr Coffey was invited by the Prime Minister, David Cameron, to become Deputy Leader of the House, a role she was more than pleased to accept, saying.....

"I am absolutely delighted to have been asked by the Prime Minister to become Deputy Leader of the House of Commons – helping the Leader of the House, Chris Grayling, implement the Government's manifesto by getting legislation through the House of Commons. It's a role I'm hugely looking forward to. Rest assured I will still be batting for Suffolk - lobbying other Ministers on behalf of constituents and on constituency issues."

At the District Council, the new boundary changes (reducing the number of wards) found Susan Harvey as the new District Councillor for the Kirton Ward, which incorporates Waldringfield. Susan succeeded Veronica Falconer, who decided not to stand after many years of dedicated service to the ward. This long-standing service by Veronica was noted with gratitude by the Parish Council at its most recent meeting, along with a warm welcome and congratulations given to Susan on her electoral success.

Also receiving the Council's thanks was Patricia O'Brien, who stepped down after many years as a District Councillor to concentrate on her duties at Suffolk County Council.

Eight out of the nine sitting Parish councillors put their names forward once more for election and, in the absence of other candidates, were elected unopposed. The ninth, Bridget Rayner, similarly decided to call it a day after serving many years as a Parish Councillor. Ian Kay, the Parish Council Chairman, spoke warmly of Bridget's steadfast support for the local community over the years and registered the Parish Council's great appreciation to her for all her endeavours.

VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

As a result of Bridget Rayner's retirement from public service, a vacancy now exists on the Parish Council. Meetings are held once a month for a maximum of three hours, with any preparatory work ahead of meetings (reading reports, etc.) likely to take no more than an hour. For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk at:.....
pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com or on **01255 678888**.



Dr Therese Coffey MP



Cllr Susan Harvey

WALDRINGFIELD SCHOOL NEWS

Many thanks to all those who supported the Easter Coffee morning - we had a great time, and with your help raised in excess of £300 to go towards school projects and activities.

The school will be hosting the **SUMMER FAYRE on SAT 6 JUNE**. The Fayre will be opened at 2pm with the Suffolk Samba Band leading the children and visitors in. The children will demonstrate some Maypole dancing, and we plan to have all the usual stalls such as refreshments, cake stall, tombola, raffle, white elephant, plants, games, gifts and activities, bouncy castle, bar and BBQ. Please come and join us for an afternoon of sun (we hope!) and fun!

The dress rehearsal for the SCHOOL PLAY, "Aladdin Trouble" will be held on WED 15 JUL at 2pm, and all members of the community are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments available to purchase prior to the start of the play.

Waldringfield Wildlife Group - Nightingale Walk

On the morning of the 5th May 2014, fourteen members of the WWG rose early to walk to Newbourne Springs to listen to the nightingales sing. The weather forecast predicted 90% chance of heavy rainfall at 5.00am and 100% chance by 6.00am. The forecast proved correct, but we were well prepared to enjoy the wonderful dawn chorus that greeted us.

On route, we heard the cuckoo across the river valley, having arrived with a break in the wind direction from the cold north easterlies to the warmer south westerly winds. Guided by Peter

Maddison we heard the song of three nightingales in three different locations in the Springs and Peter also helped us to identify the different songs of many other birds.



We heard and saw the following: 3 nightingales, blue tit, long tailed tit, great tit, chaff, blackcap, whitethroat, green woodpecker, blackbird, song thrush, chaffinch, jay, magpie, crow, swallow, heron, woodpeckers, pheasant, robin, greylag geese, wren, wood pigeon, collared dove and dunnock. It was a good morning, despite the weather.

For the botanists there was also much to admire with signs of spring unfolding in the vegetation.

Christine Fisher Kay helped us to identify the following: Butterbur; Lady's Smock, Wild Arum (Lords and Ladies); lots of primroses and ground ivy and native bluebells.

We rewarded ourselves with an alfresco breakfast including bacon butties and freshly brewed coffee, after which some of us extended our walk to explore the interesting geological formation of the Red Crag cliff which is sited opposite the Newbourne Springs car park where we sighted layers of small shells bedded into the Red Crag which would be many millions of years old.



Programme for the Summer and Autumn:

June 13th starting at 11.00am: Leonie Washington from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust will give an illustrated talk **Hedgehogs and Gardening** at Waldringfield Village Hall.

July/August – **Summer Picnic;**

22nd July arrive 10.30a.m. Our next outing is a visit to the private **Priors Oak Gardens** which the owner Trudy Willis will open especially for WWG members and residents of Waldringfield. This is a specialist butterfly and wildlife garden located opposite North Warren RSPB Aldeburgh. The cost is £7 donated by Trudy to a different charity each year and includes refreshments of tea/coffee and a selection of homemade cakes. Open to non-members.

October 5th depart 11.00am from Waldringfield Boat yard – Birdwatching on the The River Deben on board M/V Jahan with Peter Maddison; open to non-members but priority given to members;

For further information, contact Linda Wilkins by email at linda.thequay@btinternet.com

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Waldringfield Church Field Trust

The Trustees trust that you are making use of your field and enjoying the development of spring flowers and multitude of birds to be seen up there. The skylarks have been singing loudly for some weeks now and we suspect there are at least two pairs with nests on the field.

The swallows, housemartins and swifts are back from Africa and are often to be seen swooping around catching insects. There was a brave display of dandelions for St George's Day which then turned to seed heads making a feast for linnets, which also like the gorse for nesting so there are lots of them about.



Masses of ox eye daisies will be in flower any minute now. The bluebells planted by children from Waldringfield school are actually developing into small pools of blue now after several years. Badgers are known to visit the field as seen from their excavations of ant mounds and other diggings.

No hedgehogs have been seen for a couple of years however. Anyone who has seen any interesting wildlife is invited to let us know by ringing the number below.

Many thanks for keeping dogs on leads and clearing up after them. This creates less disturbance for ground nesting birds such as the skylarks. It also makes life pleasanter for walkers and joggers, and the school cross country runners.

Don't forget to take your kite/basketball/football/frisbee with you when you visit the field.

The new information board mentioned in the Spring newsletter will be appearing before long, with grant aid from the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB.

Christine Fisher 736384



Waldringfield Flood Defence Group

www.waldringfieldflooddefencegroup.onesuffolk.net

What's New?

Members of the Flood Defence Group have continued to meet fortnightly with the Pretzman-Waller trustees and the Internal Drainage Board to plan and monitor progress of works on the new river wall and on the Dairy Farm Marsh nature reserve. The initial plan was to raise the wall (from Swan's Nest to Turner's Bench) to a uniform height of 3.4m AOD, but in the Turner's Bench area as a form of future-proofing the workers of the IDB have achieved an extra 0.2m (3.6m AOD).

Our ecologists have confirmed the presence on the site of water-voles and common lizards, which need to be relocated. The grass of the alternative habitat for the water-voles has not grown sufficiently because of the cold dry spring, so it is not yet possible to translocate them. We have therefore stopped work on site for 4-6 weeks (end April to mid-June), by which time the new habitat should be ready. Works will then recommence for a month, finishing by mid-July.

A timeline, cross-sections and photos are displayed in the boatyard window. The website as always has a full record of progress and is updated regularly by Donna Morgan. She recently uploaded the ecologists' report, which is fascinating.



In April, the WFDG was delighted to win the Climate Adaptation category at the Suffolk Greenest County Awards at Snape, members receiving the award from the Springwatch presenter Chris Packham. In the same week, the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB also very generously awarded the group £4,000 towards restoring the saltmarsh, which will help to protect the newly raised river wall. More details of this work to come in the next newsletter!



Janette Brown



The creation of two new islands and a scrape, already attracting wildlife.

WFDG

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New grassland water-vole habitat on the right bank of the new ditch.



Newly raised river wall looking north from Swan's Nest

**WALDRINGFIELD GARDENERS
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SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST 2015
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736506

**Dates for your
diaries:**

Village Hall Winter
(yes, winter) Talks are
being arranged for
the first Thursday of
each month from
November 2015 to
April 2016 at 7.30pm.



Support your Village Hall by keeping those dates free
and coming along.

There will be 'Wind in the Pillows' at the Harvest
Supper on October 10th

Anybody interested in this 'simple entertainment'
should contact either

Gareth Thomas (811745) or David Eaton (736754)



Oyster-catchers

Spring Wildlife on Dairy Farm Marsh

In early Spring, Mill House Ecology, commissioned by the Internal Drainage Board, confirmed the presence of water-voles and common lizards at the Swan's Nest end of the old borrow-dyke. At least six common lizards were seen. The ecologists also spotted the spraints and tracks of otters in the ditches. A mink clay tray has been placed in the old ditch (mink are predators of water-vole). The tray is being checked every few days by Ged Morgan but, as of mid-May, no mink have been recorded.

The following species were recorded on the Marsh by Waldringfield residents between March and May:

Two brown hares were seen on the marsh. Two oystercatchers were seen foraging on the top of one of the newly created clay banks. A short-eared owl and two barn owls were regularly seen hunting on the marsh.

The new island and scrape hosted two pairs of shelduck, later boosted to four pairs. (The shelduck nest in hollow trees, so were merely visiting the site.) A Canada goose, two redshanks and a black-headed gull were also spotted on the scrape.

A mallard pair were seen in a ditch. A nightingale was singing regularly in the copse behind Turner's bench from mid-April and a cuckoo was heard from early April calling across the marsh from the Novocastria area. The cuckoo and the nightingale were still in full song towards mid-May.

Thanks to Donna Morgan, Linda Wilkins and Peter Maddison for additional sightings.

Janette Brown, Secretary, Waldringfield Flood Defence Group



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Just a note to say thank you to all those who opened their gardens for the Waldringfield Open Gardens event on May 17th.



Thank you too, to all those villagers (and others) who visited on the day, and who bought plants, made donations, and enjoyed the cream teas.

The weather was good, and 102 people visited the diverse gardens.

£688.50 profit was made.

£308.25 is for Waldringfield Gardeners (WALGA) funds, and £380.25 is to be donated to East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH).

What a great result!

A special thank you to all the helpers who manned the hall, and who worked hard to help things run smoothly on the day.

Chris Lyon - On behalf of WALGA

Calling all volunteers to help create colourful fun!

The count down has begun to the East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) Ipswich Colour Dash and organisers calling for any willing volunteers to help on the day.

The EACH Colour Dash will be held on **Sunday 7th June**, in Christchurch Park, Ipswich. Colour dashes are the newest craze to hit the UK and see participants race around a 5km course as they are showered with clouds of coloured powder – creating truly impressive multi-coloured results!

Event organisers are asking anyone who doesn't feel energetic enough to take part but would still like to be involved in the colourful fun to consider volunteering as a marshal on the day.

Patsy Johnson-Cisse, EACH Fundraiser, explained: "We're all really excited to be hosting the EACH Colour Dash in Ipswich for the second year running. We're on the look out for marshals for the event, to be dotted around the course, cheering on our runners and steering them in the right direction.

"The event is so colourful and great to watch, the atmosphere on the day makes it so worth while to be involved in – so if you're interested in finding out more we'd love to hear from you."

More than 500 places have been sold so far for the colour dash but spaces are still available.

Patsy continued: "We've had pallets full of paint powder lots of colours delivered last week and a mountain of white t-shirts and medals so we're nearly all set for a fun day! Places for the day are selling really well, so if you do want to take part I'd encourage you to book now to avoid disappointment."

The Samboomba Band will be coming along on the day to keep participants and well wishers entertained.



The event had kindly been sponsored by Pure Resourcing Solutions (Pure) in Ipswich.

The EACH Ipswich Colour Dash will be held on Sunday 7th June, in Christchurch Park, Ipswich. Tickets are available now - adult (£20) child (£10) Team (£175) Family (£45).

For more information on the Ipswich Colour Dash, and to book your place, visit www.each.org.uk/colouredash.

To offer your support as a volunteer marshal on the day please contact the Suffolk Fundraising Team on 01473 276196.

Waldringfield Sailing Club – May 2015

Summer is upon us and there is lots planned down by the river.

Sunday June 21 sees the Club BBQ at The Rocks. This was a very successful event last year and we hope the weather will be as kind again this year. Members arrive at The Rocks in their dinghies, canoes and yachts and there will also be a launch service for those who would prefer to make the trip down river in that way, so there's no excuse for missing that event.

The Sail Taster Day takes place a fortnight later on Sunday July 5. We welcome all comers to turn up for a sail around the river at Waldringfield - absolutely no experience necessary. Lifejackets will be provided and you will have a choice of different styles of boats to experience.

On that same day, the River Deben Association is holding a Parade of Sail culminating in a BBQ at the Club so there will be lots happening that Sunday.

Then the next weekend (July 11/12) will be the Waldringfield Regatta., with racing on the water and the traditional Fancy Dress and Shore Events for all ages on the beach, preceded by the children's fancy dress parade, the categories for which are yet to be announced.

The Regatta events, especially the Shore Events are open to all, not just Sailing Club members, so do come and take part.

The weekend will be nicely rounded off by the Yachtsman's Service on the evening of July 12 and there will be more details of that nearer the time.

The young Cadet sailors from the Club have been training hard with the aim of qualifying for the World Championships which this year take place in Italy, on Lake Garda. There is every chance that Waldringfield sailors will be selected for the GBR team which will be exciting.

So let's hope we have lots of days like this one!



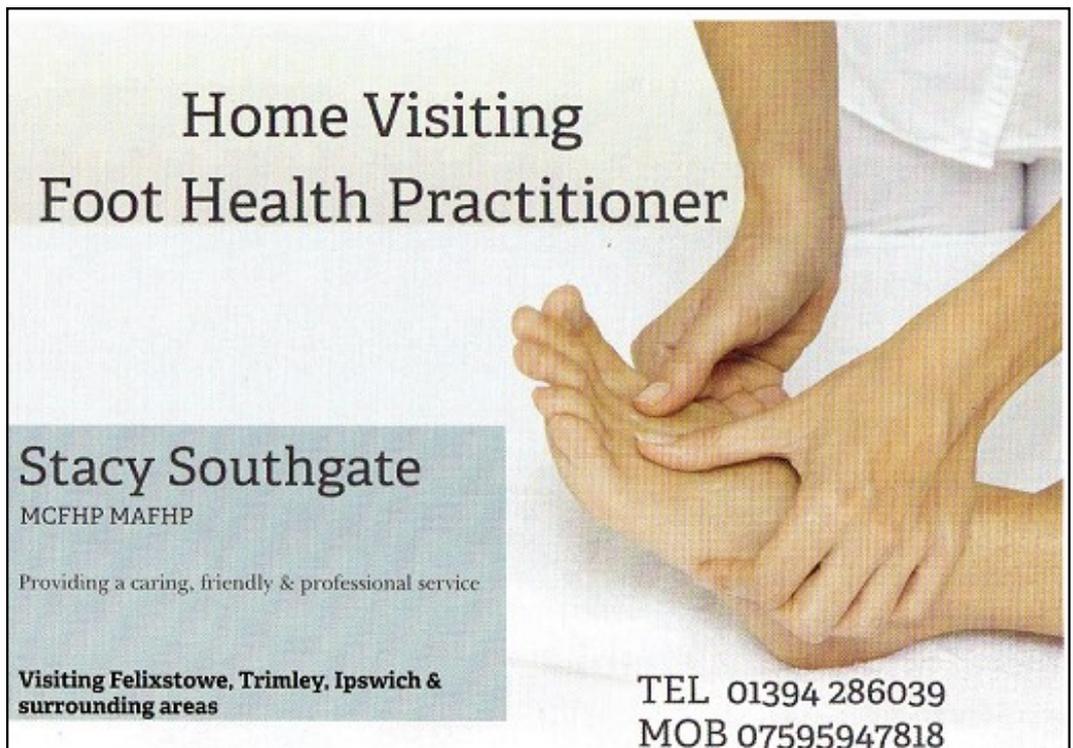
David Copp



My final cheque went off to the guide dogs yesterday, bringing the total raised to £385.50. Once again my very special thanks to a very special team of helpers and to all those who attended or/and donated.

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Jackie and John Nayler



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Proposed Benefice Reorganisation continues to be the subject of much debate, various "resolutions" having been mooted for some considerable time. Substantial change is inevitable for Waldringfield and our two sister parishes. It appears that we may now be included in a new benefice of nine parishes:~ Waldringfield/Hemley/Newbourne/Kirton/Falkenham/Levington/Nacton/Bucklesham/Brightwell. We will continue to have the support of our Assistant Rural Dean, Robin Spittle, of Kesgrave, but whoever takes on this mammoth task will be well supported by those working hard in voluntary capacities.

Essential Fabric Repairs to All Saints £4,773.12 was expended on exterior remedial work on damage by rainwater, plus preventative measures to obviate further damage. Work was carried out on the flagpole, north timber louvres and the tower. Interior work included inspection of damp, some paintwork and careful professional work on our very fine 16th century octagonal font. A Community Enablement Grant of £500 was obtained from SCDC., designated on application to partly fund this work.

Churchyard maintenance. Once again, we successfully applied for a grant from Waldringfield Parish Council and the £500 is designated for costs in maintaining/cutting grass, trees, hedges, machinery/fuel costs etc. This currently covers just about half the cost of annual maintenance, if anyone is willing to help voluntarily between May and October, even on an ad hoc basis, please contact Ron Payne. An opportunity for working in a green oasis away from worldly cares and with time for reflection!

Work in Waldringfield Churchyard is being carried out in an effort to open it up and make for easier maintenance. The PCC is looking at surveying/recording gravestones, memorial tablets etc to institute proper records. Work on some old memorials has been carried out by a young local stonemason at cost to the PCC.

Annual Yachstmen's Service JULY 12th at 6.30 pm – YACHTSMAN'S SERVICE – on the beach. We do hope there will be lots of support for this wonderful Service.

This year is rather special as we have the Dean of St. Edmundsbury, the Very Reverend Frances Ward, preaching from the water. With the marvellous Woodbridge Excelsior Band playing it is a very special and moving experience.

DO PLEASE COME, either in a boat if you have one, or like most of us to stand on the beach.

Pray for good weather!

Services we have been fortunate in the consistent support of Robin Spittle enabling us to hold a service most Sundays. Visiting clergy/preachers have said how much they enjoy coming to Waldringfield, and we are particularly pleased to enjoy the regular and joyful visits of Christine Nunn, a non-stipendiary vicar from Kesgrave.

Waldringfield Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

Remaining meetings in 2015:

June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

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.

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VE Day was commemorated on Sunday May 10th by a well-attended special evensong with Chris, the church decorated with flowers and various flags, and refreshments served in the Church Room.

June 7th Trinity 1 1030 Family Service

Waldringfield Village Hall Lottery



Here is the result of the May draw

Tickets sold £217

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Waldringfield Music Ensemble

From left: Jackie Naylor (viola); Christine Fisher-Kay (cello); Cynthia James (piano); Liz Kennedy (leader, double bass); Janette Brown (violin).

The music ensemble in Waldringfield has been in existence for 39 years. It began in 1976 when Cynthia James and Katharine Waller started to play piano and violin together and continued in 1977 with Liz Kennedy and more members. Numbers have fluctuated over the years, but with new arrivals we've always managed to keep going, playing classical music weekly from October to April. At present our six-strong group consists of string players, piano and an out-of-catchment flute (Joe Masters from Melton).

Liz Kennedy and Cynthia James



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