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WALDRINGFIELD OPEN GARDENS 2016

Thank you to all those who opened their gardens on Sunday 9th May - particular thanks to them, but also to all who came and helped swell the very considerable numbers. As a result of such high attendance (a combination of beautiful weather, a plug on Gardeners' Question-time from Bury the previous week, a double page spread in the EADT on the Thursday before and even a mention of the interesting scarecrows on Suffolk Radio on the Sunday morning!), we were able to give £756.85 to St Elizabeth's Hospice and keep a bit less than that for Waldringfield Gardeners' funds. And thanks to the tea team who were run off their feet and out of scones!



We had 19 scarecrows this year - as creative and divergent as last year: many thanks to all who joined in the spirit of merriment with those too.

We'd welcome feedback on any aspects of the organisation to help us in planning for next year. And if you think you might open your garden next year, please get in touch as soon as possible.

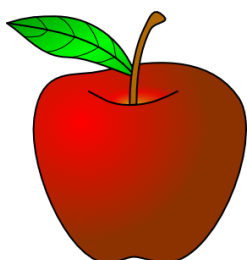
Betsy Reid, Waldringfield Gardeners Chairman

WALDRINGFIELD GARDENERS

are holding their
**PRODUCE, FLOWER &
CRAFT SHOW**

on Saturday 20th August
in the Village Hall.

Please go to Page 6 for the schedule
of classes and the show rules
Any queries, please contact Alexis
via email or on 736257



Suffolk's Year of Walking

is a campaign celebrating walking in Suffolk.

It provides a platform to promote walking events and activities, as well as provide inspiration and opportunities to encourage people to walk more often.

Suffolk's Year of Walking website is now live at

www.suffolkyearofwalking.co.uk.

The website lists walking events across the whole of Suffolk including everything from wild-life walks and dog walks, to ghost walks and 26 mile 'Challenge Walks'. There is something for all ages and all abilities!



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

New Benefice . Many people will, by now, know that a rector has been appointed to the new benefice of eight parishes, including Waldringfield. The Reverend Ian Wilson will take up duties in September and will live in the Rectory at Nacton.



All Saints' Church Hall.

Since the beginning of 2014, we have been in a state of limbo concerning the future of the Church Hall. The "new" hall was largely funded in 1997 through the benevolence of Miss Connie Wright of Waldringfield in a legacy for this purpose. This hall, and the one which it replaced, was erected on church land, which meant that the title was held by the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Following the death of John Pretymann-Waller in December 2013 it has been the diocesan intention to sell the New Rectory, and there was a very real possibility that the land on which the Hall stands would be included in any sale and that Waldringfield Parochial Church Council would be required to dismantle and remove the Hall at its own cost.

After representation and discussion lasting almost a year, during which the Diocese has been most sympathetic to our position, we are delighted to report that the Diocese has offered to transfer the deed/title to the land to the PCC., free of charge and encumbrance.

This will be effective at point of sale at auction of the New Rectory and will include the land on which the Hall stands and its immediate surrounds in long-standing and current use by the church. Draft legal documents have been drawn and approved by the PCC., which has agreed that right of access over its land to the newly defined boundary of the Rectory will be allowed to purchaser(s) of the New Rectory on a use and user basis.

This result is one for which we had so much hoped, but barely thought possible. We extend our thanks to the Diocese---which has been dragging its feet in the disposal of the New Rectory, but has certainly come up trumps in this respect!

In our new-found security we are able to make plans for improvements both outside and inside the Hall. The PCC has already employed a contractor to demolish and remove the ancient shed and disintegrating railway carriage from behind the Hall. Further work will be carried out shortly.

We plan a new secure shed in which to store the machinery for maintaining the churchyard - presently stored in the Rectory garage. GTS contractors have done excellent work and even took "before and after" photographs for us. They said that about twenty people called in to see what they were doing so we know that a good few people have already seen what is afoot!

The PCC has decided to keep the small parcel of land which it owns opposite the church and next to the Old Rectory on which there is a covenant that it should be used for ecclesiastical purposes.

All Saints Church (continued)

Annual Yachtsmen's Service will take place at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday August 7th. Details to follow.

Auction of Promises will have been held on May 20th and a report will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

As always, we remind all parishioners that the church and its peaceful grounds are always open and accessible to all.

Waldringfield Parochial Church Council

Waldringfield
Sailing Club



Social Sailing now open!

You may be aware that the Sailing Club is opening its doors to adults and children to take part in some informal social sailing.

Our first session was held on Saturday 7th May and was a great success, attended by over 40 people approximately half of which were non-members, with a further 20 volunteers facilitating the session.

Social Sailing (incorporating "Junior Sailing" and "Friendly Fridays") will run on Saturday mornings or Friday evenings almost every other week between May and September 2016. It's an opportunity for all ages and abilities to get on the water in a non-competitive way.

There's lots of reasons to join in ... get some practice, build your experience, get to know other people, find out what sailing at Waldringfield is like, or simply have a bit of fun.

Whether you are a complete novice or just haven't been in a boat for a while, do come along and see what you have been missing! You will be very welcome.

If you would like to attend, it would be helpful if you could let us know in advance so that we can cater for the right numbers.

Contact details and further information, including a link to the schedule, can be found at

<http://waldringfieldsc.com/sailing-activities/social-sailing/>





ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

& Community Group
Marketplace

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on April 12th. After a series of short reports from elected representatives, community groups had a chance to show off their 'wares' in an marketplace setting.

Full details can be found on the Parish Council section of the website, along with further reports from a number of village organisations.

[www.waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/
parish-council/annual-parish-meeting](http://www.waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/annual-parish-meeting)

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Wildlife Group

WWG are hosting a talk by Darren Tansley who is the Water for Wildlife Officer with the Essex Wildlife Trust. Darren has been featured on Countryfile for his work with Water Voles. He has also written a book, copies of which will be for sale. Most of you will be aware of the thriving water vole population

on Dairy Farm Marsh which were carefully protected during the



recent flood defence works. We have also had recent Otter sightings both up and downstream of Waldringfield, so this talk will be especially relevant to all of us.

The talk is on **Saturday 11th June 2016** starting at 11 a.m in The Kennedy Rooms. Waldringfield Village Hall.

Doors open at 10.45am. Members meeting starts at 10.00am.

All new members welcome.

Visitors and non members - £3 admission

Members - donation £1

Annual membership - £5

We hope to see you there

Linda Wilkins
Coordinator WWG



Waldringfield School

Summer Fun

We're already half way through the final term of the academic year and preparations are well underway for the Waldringfield School Association's Summer Fair.

It will be held on Saturday 25th June from 12.30 to 2.30pm. There will be all sorts of activities like a bouncy castle, crockery smash and penalty shoot-out game as well as plants, cakes and other treats to buy. Raffle tickets will be on sale with some great prizes to win and we will also be putting on a barbecue, so why not come along for lunch?

Another one for the diary, if you have young children or grandchildren, is a fantastic afternoon of magic on Tuesday 19th July, featuring a number of different acts. It will be from 5pm to 7pm at the village hall and include a party tea. Tickets at £3.50 will be available in advance from the beginning of July from the school office. (Sorry..... no tickets on the door.)

Finally, big thanks to those of you who came along to the school's Easter Coffee Morning which raised £198. Thanks too to Barbara Kennedy for her magnificent judging skills in the "Decorate an egg" competition... never an easy task!

It was lovely to see some villagers at the WSA's second pamper night too, where we raised £246 to put towards the children's new outdoor play equipment.

Your support is very much appreciated and we hope to see some of you at the fair!

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

The sun has shone – things can only get better! Well, up to a point. As I have reported, change, in how the county council operates and interacts with other organisations, is likely to continue for some time.



We all know that change is not easy. People resist doing things differently especially when taken out of their comfort zone. But it has to happen, grants and staffing levels are reduced and efficiencies have to be made if all public bodies are to continue providing services.

Personally, I feel that there is room for a 'help yourself attitude' to be encouraged, whereby towns, villages can be encouraged to do doable things for themselves. This is happening already in parts of the county and there is a measure of pride in so doing.

My chief engagement, apart from my parishes, is chairing the Police & Crime Panel; challenging and supporting the Police Commissioner, now the re-elected Tim Passmore.

This is interesting work, especially when focusing on the changing nature of policing, its visibility and community engagement.

I continue to object to the application to site 2,000 houses at Adastral Park.

I wish you all a sunny summer.

Patricia O'Brien, County Councillor

www.suffolk.gov.uk



WALDRINGFIELD GARDENERS PRODUCE, FLOWER & CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 2016

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

ENTRIES TO ARRIVE BETWEEN

11.00am – 1.00pm

ENTRY FEE FOR EXHIBITORS: 25p per class

1 entry per person per class

To be displayed on **YOUR OWN** white plates

ALL classes open to ALL AGES

(except children's classes: 12 yrs & under)

JUDGING from 1.00pm

(Closed to the public)

OPEN TO PUBLIC from 3.30pm

FREE ADMISSION - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

"The People's Choice"

Come along and vote for your favourite entry in the show.

AUCTION OF PRODUCE 4.30pm

WALGA COMMUNITY COMPOSTING &
COMMUNITY FRUIT PRESSING EQUIPMENT

Enquiries:

Alexis Smith: 736257 - Jane Spall: 736751 - Betsy Reid: 736506

RULES

Classes are open to Waldringfield, Newbourne & Hemley (residents) home growers and their 'grandchildren' who come to stay with them in the 3 villages.

Veg / fruit / cakes: To be displayed on your OWN white plates, china or cardboard.

ALL FOOD to be covered with plastic wrap / cling film etc.

DECORATED CAKES may be displayed in a clear / see through plastic container with a lift off lid.

Recipe for Victoria sponge: 6oz flour / sugar / butter, 3 eggs. Red jam only - no cream. Only a light dusting of castor or sieved icing sugar on top - no decorations.

Bread to be displayed on your own breadboard.

Please label or mark your china plates on the underneath with your name or phone number.

DO NOT put your name visibly on any produce / item.

If you do not wish your produce/items etc., to be put into the auction please put a 'N' on your entry form.

Vegetables

1 cabbage
1 cucumber
1 lettuce
1 marrow
1 squash
1 sweet corn
3 beans french
3 beans runner
3 beetroot
3 carrots
3 chillies
3 courgettes
3 leaves of kale
3 onions
3 parsnips
3 peppers
3 potatoes - white
3 potatoes - red
3 tomatoes with calyx on
3 tomatoes cherry with calyx on
Bunch of 5 herbs
Bunch of 10 herbs
Plate of 5 vegetables
Tray of 10 vegetables

Fruit

3 apples cooking
3 apples eating
3 plums
3 pears
1 bunch of grapes
Plate of 5 fruits

Eggs

3 brown
3 white
3 varieties/colours/mixed

Produce

Jar of chutney
Jar of honey
Jar of jam
Jar of jelly
Jar of lemon curd
Jar of marmalade
Jar of piccalilli

Food to be covered with plastic wrap/cling film etc.

Decorated cake: decoration only to be judged

Fruit cake
Novelty cake : any shape
Victoria sponge cake: to given recipe
3 decorated cup cakes
3 cheese scones
3 fruit scones
3 sausage rolls
5 biscuits
A sugar or gluten-free item
2 Bread rolls
Bread plait
Hand-made brown loaf
Hand-made white loaf
Machine-made brown loaf
Machine-made white loaf

Home-brew

Beer
Cider
From the hedgerow
Fruit juice
Wine

Novelty

Longest runner bean
Heaviest potato
Funniest shaped vegetable

Children & Grandchildren

Fruit or vegetable animal
2 Decorated gingerbread men
Drawing or painting of your pet
Drawing or painting of your garden

Flowers from your garden

Flower arrangement in a vase
Flower arrangement in a container with oasis
Pot plant in your care (for at least 6 months)
Single flowering stem in a vase
Single rose in a vase
Vase of cut flowers

Handicraft made by you

Baby's matinée coat / set
Crocheted item
Knitted item
Needlework item
Painted picture
Soft toy
Wooden item
Your other handmade item

Photo (max size A4)

Activity on the river
Your garden
Your pet
View in the village
View of the river
Wildlife in the village

RULES

Waldringfield Church Field Trust

The Church Field is looking wonderful at the moment with masses of daisies and the May blossom coming out. There is always something to see - house martins and swallows are now around, linnets are in the gorse and skylarks usually singing overhead. Please keep dogs on leads to avoid disturbance of these ground nesting birds. Bluebells have been flowering for some time, the English ones near the car park and the Spanish ones up at the top end.



Butterflies and bees are flitting and buzzing. Don't forget there is a basketball practice area to use, and these windy days must be good for kite flying.

We are informed that bagged dog waste can be put in the ordinary bins, one at each end of the field, in addition to the special red one on the public footpath route.

Christine Fisher Kay (Chairperson) 736384



Compost at Home beginner's workshop

Ever thought about making your own compost to use in your garden?

Meet a Master Composter at one of our **free 2-hour workshops** to find out how easy it is - and receive a free home compost bin delivered to your door!

Workshops are designed for those completely new to composting, or those who've tried before but need a little help.

So as long as you have a small space in your garden, come along to find out more.

For more info and to sign up
 www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk
 03456 066 067
 Suffolk Master Composter Volunteers

**Join us at:
Woodbridge Community Hall, Thurs 30 June
7-9pm *booking required**






The Deben offers fun to sailors of all ages and breeds



Our Village Verges

Verge planting in the village expands into summer! There have been many appreciative comments about the spring bulbs (with lots of grape hyacinths new this year - but the Wildlife Group's efforts to make a summer splash have not been so obvious: for those with eagle eyes there is plenty and some doing really well, especially the stitchwort on Cliff Road and School Road and oxeye daisies and buttercup multiplying in the Sullivan Place strips. This year, following a little 'guerrilla garden' trial last year the triangle by the school / village hall should be full of bright flowers for pollinators - not many of which will be wild native plants, but all with simple flowers that provide plenty of nectar and pollen from a mix developed by the bee research unit at Southampton University. The apple trees on Village Way will be similarly under planted and all by children at the primary school.

And we have our very own unwanted alien! Alexanders is a plant introduced by the Romans to be eaten (try if you like – but you need to catch the celery like stems very young) so is strictly an 'endemic' - not native but here for so long that it deserves that status. In recent decades it has begun to misbehave and take over roadside verges. It comes into growth very early and rapidly shades everything else out. It seeds early and prolifically and the clumps also increase vegetatively. The AONB dig it out - a little working group has been doing the same for the verge opposite the school. If you see it please pull it up, or at the least cut the flowers off. Perhaps we can keep it out of the village and our verges various and pretty! Join the debate on unwanted alien plants on the Greener Waldringfield website!

Betsy Reid

Waldringfield Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

Remaining Meetings in 2016: 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,
43 Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea ,
Essex CO13 9DY**

Telephone: **01255 678 888** (with voicemail)

E-Mail : pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com

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

**An enlarged version of this newsletter is
available on the website**

Waldringfield Wildlife Group - Nightingale Walk

SWT Newbourne Springs, 4th May 2016

At 6.00am, a Nightingale was calling just 30 yards away from the car park at the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Newbourne Springs Reserve. This was an excellent start for the 16 people who had assembled for the WWG 'Nightingale Walk' there.

Although it was a clear, still morning, and there was warmth in the early morning sun, the shaded valley was noticeably a degree or two cooler than the open heathland area.



Dunnocks, Chiffchaffs, Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Robins and Wrens were calling in the woodland alongside the stream and it was good to see flowering Butterbur, Kingcups and Primroses. Bluebells were flowering along the path side on the drier land and the woody parts of the heath. It was here that another Nightingale was located and then a third bird burst into song near the northern entrance to the reserve. This one performed superbly and we spent several minutes entranced by the range of rich notes, made quite perfect in the still air.

Continuing our circuit of the reserve a Tawny Owl was spotted perched in ivy-covered scrub. Eyes closed, it didn't seem to realise that numerous pairs of binoculars were trained upon it!

Back at the cars our alfresco, 'gourmet' breakfast of bacon rolls, quails' eggs, frittata, croissants, fruit and more, was enjoyed by all.

It was agreed that we had had excellent weather conditions for the walk, the Nightingales had performed on cue and, not unsurprisingly, breakfast had been a great success.



Species list - Nightingale, Dunnock, Wren, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Green Woodpecker, Magpie, Jackdaw, Crow, Greylag Goose, Blackcap, Whitethroat Blue Tit, Great Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Cuckoo, Wood Pigeon, Tawny Owl, Green Woodpecker (heard)

Badger, Muntjac - seen by two or three people who strolled into a sunny part of the reserve after breakfast.

Peter Maddison, 8 May 2016



Bumblebee survey

Members of Waldringfield Wildlife Group are taking part in a nationwide survey to try and understand why bumblebee numbers are in decline.

The BeeWalk is a national scheme run by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to monitor bumblebees across the country. Volunteers regularly walk a set route between March and October, identifying and counting the number of bumblebees. Waldringfield residents have committed to monitoring a transect towards Newbourne every month.

All the information will help the Trust detect early warning signs of population decline because of changes in land-use and climate change.

If you'd like to join in, the next walk will be on Thursday 9th June.

Email betsyr@talk21.com to find out more.

Greener Waldringfield

On April 22nd, 165 countries signed a deal in Paris to tackle climate change. But 55 countries still need to ratify the agreement before it comes into force, and many scientists are concerned that the agreement doesn't go far enough.

Waldringfielders have done a lot to make the village more sustainable, community minded and wildlife friendly – we have wildlife, gardening and composting groups, and residents volunteer at coffee mornings, the school and Village Hall events, among other things.

At the last Parish Council meeting, in response to our proposal for a pesticide-free Waldringfield, it was agreed to contact the Parish Council's contractors to confirm no use of pesticides on council-managed land, and to ask the County Council to do the same

If you're interested in ways to build on our strengths and work towards making Waldringfield fossil fuel free and resilient, please email us at

info@greenerwaldringfield.org

Pesticide Campaign

Every year, toxic pesticides are used in streets, parks and open spaces. For example, Glyphosate, an ingredient in one of the most common weed killers, has been linked to cancer and birth defects and is harmful to wildlife. **Neonicotinoids**, a class of insecticide, have been linked to the decline in bees.

But there are alternatives, and cities like Paris and Copenhagen have already stopped using pesticides in public spaces. In France, 900 towns and cities have gone pesticide-free. There are safer systems like foam or hot water and, best of all, hand weeding or hoeing.

A group of local residents want Waldringfield to follow their example. Could we persuade local contractors not to use dangerous chemicals and encourage all residents not to use toxic chemicals in their gardens?

If you'd like to help research and take action on how Waldringfield could be a pesticide-free village, please get in touch via

info@greenerwaldringfield.org



Competition time on the Deben

With thanks to
Alexis Smith for
the excellent
photographs of
the Deben
throughout the
newsletter

Suffolk Fire Ride 2016

The Suffolk Fire Ride is an annual event supported by Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service and organised by Suffolk Fire personnel who love to share in this sport that continues to grow in popularity every year.

The aim each year is to provide a great, friendly and affordable day out, cycling in the stunning and varied countryside that Suffolk offers. As a rural Brigade, Suffolk is lucky that it can choose from 35 Stations to provide great venues for this event.

This year we are delighted that Sudbury has put their station at the disposal of the Suffolk Fire Ride. If that isn't enough, our routes also take us into the beautiful Essex countryside, where Halstead Fire Station, part of Essex Fire & Rescue, will be welcoming all the riders to take a break and enjoy some refreshments.

Hosted by Sudbury Fire Station, Suffolk on **Sunday 26th June 2016**, the event offers three distances of 30, 60 and 100 miles.

Starting at [Sudbury Fire Station, Gregory Street, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 1AZ](#) the Suffolk Fire Ride is a friendly cycle sportive suitable for all levels of riders.

Join us and enjoy some spectacular Suffolk/Essex scenery and good grub on your return to the Fire Station.

Date: Sunday 26th June 2016

Venue: Sudbury Fire Station, Gregory Street, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 1AZ

Time: 8am, Registration opens 7.15am

Distances: 30 miles, 60 miles and 100 miles

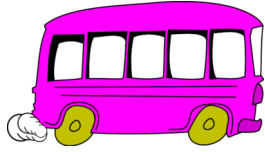
The entry fee for any distance is £15, all of which goes to the Fire Fighters Charity.



www.suffolkfireride.co.uk/suffolk-fire-ride-2016

Connecting Communities

Launch events have been organised to promote the new Connecting Communities transport services from Suffolk County Council.



Area launch events have been organised so local people can meet the service operator teams and find out more about how services will be provided in their area. They are open to councillors, stakeholders and the public. Details are as follows:

Suffolk Coastal District Council, Council Chamber, Melton Hill, Melton, IP12 1AU

Monday 6th June - Drop in between 10.30 & 11.30

Suffolk County Council will be raising awareness of the changes with the public and other stakeholders in a number of ways including:

- distributing posters and cards with the new phone numbers on
- existing operators will talk to existing users and hand out cards
- a 1 minute film illustrating how to access the new services on YouTube
- SuffolkonBoard website
- use of social media such as twitter @suffolkonboard and Streetlife
- distributing information at the Suffolk Show on 1- 2 June
- attending the next round of SALC area meetings

For more information, go to

www.suffolkonboard.com/news/connecting-communities-launch-events



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**CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK
(DETAILS ON PAGE 8)**

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APPENDIX 5

Waldringfield Parish Council PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2016

Local Audit And Accountability Act 2014
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

Waldringfield Parish Council's annual return needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. Any person interested has the right to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts and other documents relating to those records or documents.

These documents for Waldringfield Parish Council are to be made available on reasonable notice by application between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on working days (excluding public holidays).

Commencing on	<u>03 June 2016</u>
And	
Ending on	<u>14 July 2016</u>

If you wish to view them then please contact the named smaller authority representative:

Name	<u>DAVID LINES</u>
Position in Smaller Authority	<u>CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL</u>
Address	<u>43 FOURTH AVENUE</u>
	<u>FRINTON-ON-SEA</u>
	<u>ESSEX CO13 9DY</u>
Phone number	<u>01255 678888</u>

Local electors and their representatives have rights to question the auditor about the accounts and object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority. The auditor can be contacted at the address below for this purpose during the inspection period which commences on **03 June 2016** and ends on **14 July 2016**.

The smaller authority's annual return is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice.

The appointed auditor of Waldringfield Parish Council is:

BDO LLP, Arcadia House, Maritime Walk, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3TL
Telephone: 023 8088 1941

Extended weekend hours at Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres

From Wednesday 1 June 2016, the opening hours at Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will be changing to offer site users extended hours on Sundays, Bank Holidays, and on a Thursday evening during the summer months, reflecting the times when the sites are most used and needed by residents.

The busiest times of the week for these sites are the weekend and bank holidays. The quietest day of the week is consistently a Wednesday. As a result of this, all sites will be closed on a Wednesday.

The new opening times for Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres are as follows:

April - September

Monday	– 9am – 5pm
Tuesday	– 9am – 5pm
Wednesday	– Closed*
Thursday	– 9am – 5pm (late night opening until 7pm during May - August)*
Friday	– 9am – 5pm
Saturday	– 9am – 5pm
Sunday	– 9am – 5pm*

October - March

Monday	– 9am – 4pm
Tuesday	– 9am – 4pm
Wednesday	– Closed
Thursday	– 9am – 4pm
Friday	– 9am – 4pm
Saturday	– 9am – 4pm
Sunday	– 9am – 4pm

*From 1 June 2016



All sites are closed 25, 26 December and 1 January

Councillor Matthew Hicks, Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection at Suffolk County Council, said: "Feedback received from Recycling Centre users across Suffolk told us that people wanted to see the sites open for longer during the busiest periods. So from 1 June, all Household Waste Recycling Centres will be open for longer on Sundays, Bank Holidays and later on Thursday evenings during the summer months."

All relevant site signage is being updated ready for the new operating timetable which begins on 1 June. A new leaflet will be available at every site for people to take away, including a handy business card with the new opening times.

You can recycle a wide range of materials at the Recycling Centres; further details can be found here www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk

New flood widget

Changes to the Environment Agency flood widget

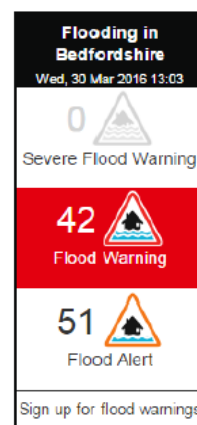
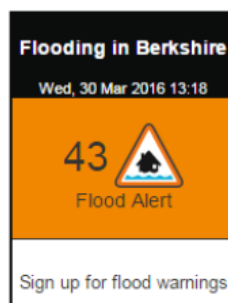
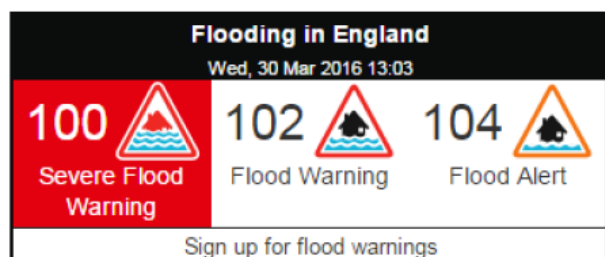
The Environment Agency has developed a new flood widget which can be placed on any website to show flood warnings. The new widget replaces the existing version that may feature on your website.

In April 2012 we developed and launched a flood widget. The flood widget is computer script or code that web developers can use and embed within any website. It provides live information displaying the number of Environment Agency flood alerts, flood warnings and severe flood warnings in force. The flood widget uses the Environment Agency's open data and provides the latest summary of flood alerts and warnings. The widget is designed to update every 15 minutes.

The Environment Agency is carrying out a large programme of work to review and improve our flood services. The flood widget is one of those services. The widget has proven popular since it was launched in 2012. We have reviewed the need for the widget and have made some improvements to how it looks.

The new flood widget

The new widget has been re-designed to provide either a national (England) view or a county-based view. You are able to download the new widget at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/flood-widgets>. We plan to launch the new widget on 8 April 2016. Both the old and new widget will be available for around 8 weeks before we turn-off the old flood widget.



Updating your website

If your website features the existing flood widget, you should replace it with the version which can be downloaded from <https://environment.data.gov.uk/flood-widgets>. You can choose which design and location you want to feature. The old widget will only continue to work till the end of May 2016. It is important that you update your website with the new widget before June if you want to continue to receive the service.

If your website visitors require flood warning information for Wales they will be unable to get this through the new widget. Natural Resource Wales (NRW) are responsible for the flood warning service in Wales and they don't currently plan to provide an alternative widget. If you want to direct your visitors to flood warning information for Wales you can instead provide a link to NRW website at <http://naturalresources.wales/flooding/check-flood-warnings/?lang=en> (English language) or <http://naturalresources.wales/flooding/check-flood-warnings/?lang=cy> (Welsh language).

Further information or feedback

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Do you or someone you know struggle to live without central heating?

Suffolk's *Warm Homes Healthy People* service (supported by all the District, Borough and County Councils in Suffolk) has secured funding from central government to help 270 households across Suffolk have fully-funded central heating. Terms and conditions apply.

To qualify, households *must meet one or more* of the following financial criteria: Have a household income of less than £17,000; *or* be in receipt of Pension Credit; *or* be in receipt of any other means tested benefit; *or* spend more than 10% of net household income on fuel; *or* be in substantial fuel debt (over £1,000). In all circumstances the property must be owned by you or be privately rented (i.e. not a council house or housing association property) and *must only have room heaters, open fires or storage heaters*. Personal saving must also not be in excess of £20,000.

In most circumstances the works will be carried out *at no charge to you* but if you rent privately your landlord may be expected to fund some of the costs. This will be determined as part of the assessment process.

Due to the limited funding more vulnerable residents will be given priority.

To find out more, contact Sue Hall at the *Warm Homes Healthy People* service by email at whhp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or call (local rate) 03456 037 686 and quote 'DECC Central Heating Fund 01'.

More information is available on Suffolk County Council's *Warm Homes Healthy People* service website: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/warm-homes-healthy-people>



The Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project

In 2015, the Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project (SCBOP) reached its 10th year, with over 1800 nest boxes installed throughout Suffolk. The project was set up with the aim of protecting and increasing the population of barn owls in Suffolk that were in serious decline. That decline has now been reversed, thanks in large part to the success of the Project under the leadership of Steve Piotrowski, SCBOP Project Director at Suffolk Wildlife Trust. This success was recognised in 2015, with the award to SCBOP of Suffolk County Council's Greenest County Award in the Landscape and Diversity Category. SCBOP's principal partners are Suffolk Ornithologists' Group, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the British Trust for Ornithology. Community involvement was a priority from the start and every parish in Suffolk has taken part.

The Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project in Waldringfield

The success of the SCBOP project is very good news but annual barn owl numbers fluctuate a great deal and they continue to need help. The Waldringfield Wildlife Group (WWG) joined SCBOP in 2008 with project launch led by Steve Piotrowski. Steve gave us an illustrated talk on barn owls and Malcolm Farrow, from the Suffolk Coasts & Heaths Unit, outlined the plans for managing the area to conserve wildlife habitats. Then followed a garden party feast and installation of a barn owl nest box in a member's garden by tree surgeon Paul Jackson. Over the autumn and winter, funds were raised, five nest boxes were installed in and around Waldringfield and two members of WWG were trained and registered as barn owl nest box monitors. A third registered monitor will join the team for the nesting season in 2016 (note that it is against the law to inspect a barn owl's nest without a licence). Inspection of our local boxes started during the nesting season of 2009 and has continued annually since then. In 2010, three more nest boxes were added, so eight were monitored each year. Since 2014, access to two of the boxes has been withdrawn due to change of land ownership, so the total number of accessible boxes monitored is currently six.



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Over the six years of our project's life, we have recorded a maximum of three boxes as occupied by barn owls at any one time, although broods were present in only two of these, the third apparently being used as a roost by an adult barn owl. Each year the same boxes tend to be occupied, indicating site fidelity. Stock doves are also attracted to the boxes and have often produced continuous broods, sometimes with new eggs laid before the second chick of the previous brood has fledged. Other occupants recorded have been squirrel, jackdaw, great tit and a hornets' nest.

The total number of barn owl chicks hatched since 2009 is 19, and 18 of these were fitted with leg rings by a licensed ringer. Fifteen of the 18 chicks fledged successfully but three did not survive. The main factor influencing survival is availability of sufficient food for the chicks, with breeding success following the fluctuating population of their favourite prey, the short-tailed vole.

Other small mammals and occasionally birds are also taken by barn owls. The storm surge and floods of winter 2013/14 also had a detrimental effect on survival; one of the main hunting grounds used by Waldringfield's barn owls was flooded, so any nests of the vole and other small mammals were destroyed.



Launch of the SCBOP in Waldringfield in 2008 with Steve Piotrowski, of SWT (front row, second from left) and Paul Jackson, tree surgeon (front row first left).

The fluctuating success of Waldringfield's local project has followed the same pattern as that in Suffolk as a whole. In 2015, brood sizes in SCBOP's nest boxes throughout Suffolk were small. This compares with a disastrous year in 2013, followed by bumper broods in 2014. The vole population followed a similar trend, being low in 2013, very high in 2014 and low again in 2015. It is wonderful to see barn owls hunting during the day but it usually means that their favourite food is in short supply so they have to hunt more frequently and for longer. In 2014, a record number of almost 1,000 barn owl chicks were ringed in Suffolk by the SCBOP group compared to an estimated 60% reduction in 2015. Only 305 chicks had been ringed by 10 August 2015 (although records for 49% of the nest boxes were still to be submitted).

Overall, however, SCBOP has had a positive effect on the population of Suffolk's barn owls. As Steve Piotrowski said in his 2015 report (p1), "This is a project of which all Suffolk people can call their own and we can be truly proud of our achievements".

Reference

Piotrowski S (2015) Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project (SCBOP) Update – as of 10 August 2015. Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Sally Redfern—Waldringfield Wildlife Group

Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Work Party Volunteers

The volunteers regularly undertake practical conservation work. If you would like to work outdoors in the beautiful Suffolk Coast & Heaths, help your local environment and meet some new people, then why not join us?

Programme for April - Sept 2016

Tuesday 5th April	Clearing and Shrub Planting	Stanny Farm, Iken	GR: TM 433544
Cut undergrowth at the Reservoir Copse and do some planting for berries for the birds.			
Tuesday 19th April	Putting up Bird Boxes & Shrub Planting	Stanny Farm, Iken	GR: TM 433544
Putting in place key site improvements at Low Carr.			
Tuesday 3rd May	Mulching/Guarding Planted Trees	SWT Captain's Wood Reserve	GR: TM 421531
Helping Suffolk Wildlife Trust with the management of this site.			
Wednesday 25th May	Public Footpath Improvements	Pin Mill	GR: TM 207380
We will join National Trust volunteers to put in place key access improvements.			
Tuesday 14th June	Stour & Orwell Walk Improvements	Shotley to Holbrook	GR: TBC
Putting in place the final key improvements identified during the recent volunteer survey.			
Tuesday 28th June	Suffolk Coast Path Improvements	Iken to Thorpeness	GR: TBC
Putting in place key improvements identified during the recent volunteer survey.			
Tuesday 5th July	Pond Conservation	Orwell Country Park	GR: TM 187408
Help us fence off and generally care for this important pond.			
Sunday 10th July	TBC	TBC	GR: TBC
Tues 19th July	Pond Conservation and Access Improvements	Orwell Country Park	GR: TM 187408
Help us complete the fence around the pond and improve access along the foreshore.			
Tuesday 9th August	Grassland Management	Trimley Marshes	GR: TM 256355
Annual cut & rake at this Wildlife Trust reserve to benefit vegetation & roosting waterfowl.			
Tuesday 16th August	Grassland Management	Levington Lagoon	GR: TM 239348
Annual cut & rake at this Wildlife Trust reserve to benefit vegetation & roosting waterfowl.			
Tues 6th Sept	Suffolk Coast Path Improvements	Thorpeness to Dunwich	GR: TBC
Putting in place key improvements identified during the recent volunteer survey.			
Tues 27th Sept	Work to Improve a Geological Site	TBC	GR: TBC



Tasks start at 9.30 am (unless advised otherwise) and finish at 3.00 pm latest.
You work for as long as you wish and at your own pace.

For further information contact
Neil Lister on (01394) 445225 or neil.lister@suffolk.gov.uk
Visit www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org



Headway Suffolk Events 2016

Saturday
23 April
9.00am



Over £30,000 raised
since 2009

Sponsored Cycle Ride

28 mile circular route around Ipswich, Bucklesham & Felixstowe area
Open to all and great team building for your company with Headway Trophy prize



Ideal for clients,
families & supporters



Wednesday
29 June
11.00am

Garden Party

Open to all and set in the stunning 10-acre gardens of 16th Century Otley Hall, near Ipswich
Headway stalls and sideshows with garden cafe available for lunch. £3 entry by the Hall.

Saturday
3 September
11.00am



60 walkers &
£3k raised in 2015

Sponsored Walk

Six mile route around Bury St Edmunds and Fornham villages area
Open to all and great team building for your company with participating pubs on route



2015 attained
nationwide publicity



Wednesday
5 October
10.30am

Neuro Conference

Our second annual Neuro Conference takes place at Adastral Park, Martlesham and Conference Centre, Kesgrave
Speakers: Prof Stephen Hawking, Prof John Pickard, Dr Trevor Powell & Dr Muhibbur Rahman Chowdhury

Saturday
12 November
6.30pm



Survivor stories
told in local media

Awards Ball

Our second Awards Ball takes place at Seckford Golf Club, near Woodbridge
The evening celebrates the achievements of brain injury survivors over a 4-course dinner

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Info: www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/events



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Tell us what you know about burglary in your community.
 Cash rewards of up to £1,000 are available.

If you have any information about people committing burglary or selling on stolen goods you can tell the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously. The next time it could be your valuables that are being stolen and sold on.

Crimestoppers is not part of the Police. We do not ask for your name or any personal details. Your call is not traced or recorded. You will not have to give a statement to the Police or go to court.

When you call Crimestoppers tell us if you are interested in a reward. We will give you a unique code so that you can claim a cash reward of up to £1000 if your information leads to an arrest and charge. Your identity will still be protected.

Call **0800 555 111** with information about burglary and handling stolen goods.

You can also give information anonymously online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Don't make your home an easy target for burglars

- Close and lock doors when out - even when you are in the garden.
- Prevent access at the back of your home. Don't leave items of value or tools out in your garden. Secure your shed.
- Make sure your home looks occupied when you are away - use a timer for lights and cancel your milk/newspapers. Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property.
- Keep your eyes open - if you see someone carrying an unboxed TV, games console or laptop computer call Police immediately on 999.
- Use Crimestoppers Property Protector available at www.crimestopperspropertyprotector.com

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Could you show some HumaniTea for people in crisis?

Who knew enjoying a cup of tea with friends could help save lives? HumaniTea is a fun and easy to organize tea party in aid of the British Red Cross.

You could hold a HumaniTea party in your home with your closest friends, at work with your colleagues, within a residential home, or even at a club or society you are part of.

Simply start by deciding you are going to hold your event and who to invite. On the day just make sure you have enough tea, coffee and scrumptious treats to keep everybody full and happy. And don't forget to ask your guests to kindly make a donation to join in the fun.

A good cause

Every week, Red Cross staff and volunteers visit hundreds of people in the UK who have recently been discharged from hospital. They help them regain their confidence to live independently once again. The everyday tasks they carry out from making cups of tea to collecting prescriptions may seem small- but they carry enormous significance for the people they're helping. The money you raise from your HumaniTea will help us to continue to supporting people in ways just like this.

Time for tea

You'll find everything you need to make your tea party a success in our HumaniTea fundraising pack. To request your pack, visit: www.redcross.org.uk/Humanitea or call your local fundraiser on 0300 456 1005.