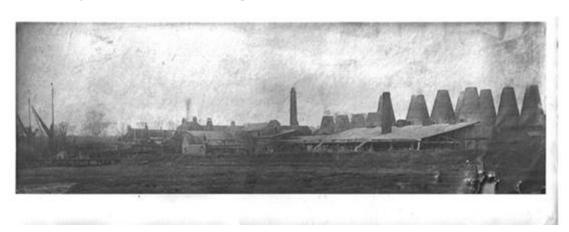
Waldringfield parish newsletter

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Days of Waldringfield Past (and Present)





Recent contact with the Parish Clerk led to a dialogue between Mr Adrian Bird (grandson of A.W. Stollery, a born and bred resident of Waldringfield) and Commodore David Copp of the Waldringfield Sailing Club.

Mr Bird wrote that he had come across the Waldringfield website and wondered if someone would be interested in an old photograph of Masons Cement Works, Waldringfield.

"My grandfather, A. W. Stollery was born in Waldringfield", Adrian said, "and was instrumental in establishing the sailing club. I spent much of my childhood in Waldringfield and love the place."



This message was forwarded by the Clerk to David Copp, who replied "I am the current Commodore of the Sailing Club, and the Club Honours Board lists your grandfather A.W. Stollery as one of my illustrious predecessors, he having been Commodore from 1930 to 1948. Nowadays, the Commodore changes every two years."

David then went on to say that the photo of the cement works would be forwarded to Bob Crawley at the Waldringfield History Group, to add to their already significant collection.

David then reciprocated Adrian Bird's thoughtful gesture by sending him a recent photo of the Sailing Club, saying "As you will see, the Club continues to be very active. If you are visiting Waldringfield, do please come and make yourself known at the Club."

Closer study of the sailing boat/cement works photograph reveals that it was taken in 1897.

With thanks to the Waldringfield History Group





Waldringfield Sailing Club

We are approaching the busiest part of the sailing season. The Club has been racing on the river since early March, and there has been lots happening on the Deben, including a very windy race a few weekends ago when the course was set downriver to Felixstowe which resulted in three broken masts and a broken rudder.

Coming up soon, we have the Regatta (July 5 & 6) and participation is not limited to sailing club members. In particular, we welcome children from Waldringfield to come and take part in the Shore Events on Saturday 5 July.

The Schools Sailing Day, a very enjoyable day for us as well as for the children, will take place on Tuesday 8 July. There will be a Sail Taster Day on Sunday 13 July for anybody who would like to experience dinghy sailing on the Deben. No experience needed, lifejackets provided.

Sunday 20 July is the date for the Yachtsman's Service. Father Sam Leeder will lead the service from Jesus, opposite the Clubhouse. And then the ever popular and very busy Cadet Week will run from Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August. The Cadets have a full schedule this year as the World Championships are being held in the UK and several Waldringfield boats have qualified to take part. We wish them well.

Dr Thérèse COFFEY MP

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BADMINTON

The Village Hall supports what has become an adult badminton group on Tuesday nights and this open to all the village.

Opposite this article, there is an offer of financial support for extending the group to target younger people in the range of 13 to 16 years old.

To apply for this, I need to know <u>very quickly</u> if there is any interest in restarting a session aimed at younger people. Please can anyone interested in playing badminton contact me on:

johnnayler@btinternet.com or 01473 736228



Get SmashUp! in your area this summer! Exclusive offer to Village Halls or Community Centres

SmashUp! is a high energy mix of big hitting badminton challenges and engaging court activity where the focus is on fun, friends and the social side of sport.

We want to get SmashUp! in your local area this summer and think your village hall or community centre is the perfect place to do this! Some of the benefits SmashUp! can offer are:

All inclusive appeal for young people of all age (specific focus 13-16 years old), gender and ability

Opportunity to generate new income

Marketing material to promote your sessions,

We hope that the fantastic offer outlined below will make SmashUp! even more appealing.

The offer:

BADMINTON England will provide a **FREE** SmashUp! kit bag including Adidas rackets and shuttles worth over £400!!

To deliver your sessions you will then need to either:

- 1) Identify a volunteer/staff member to attend Activator training* and deliver SmashUp! in your venue
- 2) Pay one of our qualified Activators to deliver in your venue**



AUCTION OF PROMISES

(in aid of John and All Saints Church)

The latest figure for money raised, still not final, is an astonishing.£5,100.

This is an incredible result and will be an enormous help in maintaining the Church over the coming year.

The Fund Raising Group for this event would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who so generously and enthusiastically helped by way of donations, promises and actually buying the lots on offer.

Also for making it such a thoroughly enjoyable evening!

Anne Parkinson, Serena Gold, Rolls Barclay, Margaret Quantrill, Bridget Dearlove, Harriet Earle, and Katie and Adrian Catchpole.

Garden open to the public in Waldringfield



A two acre garden in Waldringfield will be open to the public in June in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

This garden was completely remodelled 30 years ago and is continually changing. It features an interesting sunken garden, box hedging, a blue and white garden, a small orchard, formal centred garden, croquet lawn and a small vegetable garden.

The garden, located at Rivers Hall, Waldringfield, IP12 4QX, will be open Sunday 29th June from 2pm to 6pm. Entry is £5.

All funds raised will go towards helping provide local Hospice care for local people in East Suffolk and South Norfolk.

St Elizabeth Hospice costs £9.1million a year to run and relies on donations, fundraising events and the income generated from its shops to meet the majority of these costs.

For more information, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or call 01473 723600.

Martlesham Heath Surgery Patient Representative Group

Thank you to all those who completed the recent patient survey. Over the last few weeks, the results have been studied and analysed. A report on the outcome will be published on the surgery website (www.mhdoctors.co.uk) and in the waiting room. GP surgeries are now subject to inspections (like schools) so the results of the survey will also be used to share information about patients' views with inspectors.

In recent months we have lost a number of our patient group members so we are looking for new members to join us. We would especially like to hear from patients with young families. If you don't have time to attend regular meetings, you could participate by email or, if you would prefer just to attend one of our meetings to give us some feedback, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact the surgery manager Mrs Lynne Marsh.

The group would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Andrew Schurr for his many years of dedicated service and to say how much we've enjoyed working with him in the pursuit of improving communication between the surgery and its patients. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Thomas O'Brien - Chairman

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- 283 Norwich Road, **Ipswich 01473 232837**
- 64 New Street, Woodbridge 01394 385456





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ROCK PARTY

at Rivers Hall in aid of All Saints Church, Waldringfield.

August 9th: SAVE THE DATE! (more details to come via Waldringfielders)





There are 400 children aged 12 or over in care, can you help just one of them?

If you are looking for a new challenge, have the patience flexibility and desire to support young people in care and would like the opportunity to receive a weekly allowance of between £390 and £1,096 then **Suffolk Fostering Service** would like to hear from you.

CONTACT US NOW OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TO FIND OUT MORE:

0800 328 2148 WWW.SUFFOLKFOSTERING.COM

Everyone who works for, or with Suffolk's Fostering Service is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We need and welcome foster carers of all backgrounds and ethnicities who will share this commitment



TONE AND STRETCH CLASSES

Every Wednesday in the Village Hall
7pm - 8pm
All levels welcome



Come along and have an hour for yourself to Tone, Stretch and Relax Bring a Mat. £6 per session For any further information, contact Di Taylor (BSYA) 07748611730



TOUCHING THE TIDE

Please note that there has been a change of speaker and topic for the next illustrated talk of the Waldringfield Wildlife Group on Saturday June 14th 2014, as the original speaker Trazar Astley-Reid is taking up a new position and leaving Suffolk Coast & Heath's AONB.

Her colleague Bill Jenman, Project Manager, Suffolk Coast & Heath's AONB has volunteered to talk about the Touching the Tide project for which he is responsible. Touching the Tide is a 3 year Heritage Lottery Funded Landscape Partnership Scheme along the Suffolk Coast,



Contact: Linda Wilkins 736044

aiming to increase understanding of coastal change and to celebrate and conserve our coastal heritage. His talk will particularly look at how an understanding of landscape history can help to inform us about present challenges as well as illustrate in more detail some of TtT's work helping to conserve and restore saltmarsh, reed bed and shingle habitats and the scheme's work with RSPB to save Suffolk's breeding Little Terns.

For more information, log onto the website http://www.touchingthetide.org.uk/

Venue: Waldringfield Village Hall Date/Time: 11.00am Saturday 14th June 2014

Members: donations only. Non-members/visitors most welcome. £2.00 admission.

£5.00 annual membership subscription.



We would like to know when you last saw a hedgehog or signs of hedgehog activity, such as hedgehog droppings, in your garden or in the Waldringfield area.

Because hedgehogs are fast disappearing from our towns and countryside, The Suffolk Wildlife Trust is trying to track them down so that they can take steps to save them from disappearing even more. Waldringfield Wildlife Group has decided to give their support to this project by promoting the campaign and by providing a few tips to Waldringfield residents of the different actions that can be taken to help hedgehogs survive. At this time of year check carefully before cutting/strimming any rough or long grass areas as hedgehogs may be lurking there and their breeding nests

may be disturbed.

If you:

Spot a hedgehog in 2014, have seen a hedgehog in the past two years, see a dead hedgehog or have found no recent



evidence of hedgehogs, please log onto the Suffolk Wildlife Trust on-line survey at:

www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/hedgehogs

Please also inform us of your past or current hedgehog sightings by contacting Pam Crawley pam.crawley@gmail.com or telephone 01473 736636 so we can keep track of our local hedgehogs.

Please help us to stand up for hedgehogs before it's too late.

Linda Wilkins

Coordinator of The Waldringfield Wildlife Group.



Waldringfield Flood Defence Group

It was good to see such a healthy turnout from the village at our joint WFDG/Environment Agency briefing on 15th May. Many thanks for your support.

Jon Wilkins (WFDG Chairman) presented the draft design proposals, aided by Karen Thomas and Peter Roberts of the Environment Agency. The design is now being finalised, and we are planning another drop-in session with the EA at the Boatyard in the coming weeks. As well as protecting the properties on and immediately behind the Quay, plus local businesses and jobs, we are aiming to preserve the river wall, footpath and associated wildlife. We have embarked on a major fundraising push in order to jointly fund this project with the EA.

If you would like to receive updates on our progress, please send your email details (or, if preferred, your name and address) to the WFDG Secretary Janette Brown at jbrownmace@btinternet.com

(Debenair, The Quay, IP12 4QZ – tel. 01473 736614).

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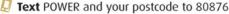
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During a power cut we understand that some people may need extra support and offer priority assistance for our vulnerable customers. If we know where you are, we can help. We hold a list – called Priority Services Register – of thousands of customers who would feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut and we provide them with extra support if needed.

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Customers who are dependent on medical equipment; customers who are chronically sick or have a disability; customers who are blind, visually impaired or deaf; customers with young babies; nursing or residential homes and elderly customers.

We will consider other cases too if you think you would feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut.

How to apply

Please help us spread the word about the Priority Service Register so we can reach more people who need us in power cuts.

If you or someone you know, meets our criteria above and lives in London, the South East of England or the East of England then please apply by either:

Emailing psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk or

Writing to Customer Relations team, UK Power Networks, Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, IP3 8AA

Applying online here: www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority

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FASTER COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who joined in with the school coffee morning before the Easter break. There were some amazing hats on display (many thanks to Liz Kennedy for agreeing to take on the thankless task of judge) and the children performed some lovely seasonal songs. Thanks to all those who supported the event either by supplying or manning stalls (thanks for donation of raffle prizes, cake stall items and to Katie's Garden for supplying plants) or simply being there and joining in. We made an amazing £240 during the morning.

WALDRINGFIELD SCHOOL FAYRE

Please come and join us at the school Fayre on Saturday 12th July, 2-4pm. There will be the normal array of stalls and some delicious refreshments available. If you are able to help out by donating items for the tombola, prizes for the raffle or cakes and preserves for the cake stall, it would be very much appreciated! And as always, stalls are difficult to man, so if you think you may have a spare hour in the afternoon and would be able to help out on a stall, please call Jenny on 736343.





Getting the right healthcare advice and treatment

If you feel unwell, here's some advice which we hope will help you choose the right route to fast treatment and get well soon!

For good **self- care**, keep your medicine cabinet well-stocked with the items you and your family need.

For minor illnesses, advice on medications and colds, coughs, minor burns, strains and sprains - or if you need emergency repeat prescriptions - contact a pharmacist.

Your **surgery** is great for advice on health problems, and examinations and treatments. All main surgeries are open between 8am and 6.30pm Monday to Friday. On the day, appointments are available if your need is urgent.

If you need help when your surgery is closed **call 111.** You will be asked for information to direct you to the correct service, or to arrange for an ambulance where appropriate.

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Proposed Installation of Community Public Access Defibrillator site (CPAD)

The recent tragic death on the river front has prompted a discussion about the need for a Defibrillator for use in the village. The equipment would be fixed to an outside wall and would be accessible to everyone at all times of day and night. Basic training on using the equipment would also be available. More information is included in the extract from the East of England Ambulance Service notice below and on the next page.

The Parish Council wishes to promote this initiative and is seeking funding to come in part from donations from residents as well as from community organisations and local businesses.

The cost of purchase and installation of a CPAD is £2000. If you support this initiative and would like to make a donation or for more information, please contact the Parish Clerk on:

01255 678888 or pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com.



East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Please find below information that will assist you in setting up a Community Public Access Defibrillator site (CPAD site).

Q: What is a CPAD Site?

A: A CPAD site is a **C**ommunity **P**ublic **A**ccessible **D**efibrillator that can be sited anywhere within any location that is easily accessible 24 hours a day. We recommend that the cabinet that houses the defibrillator is fitted with a key coded door that ensures the defibrillator is safe from theft and vandalism. The cabinet will require a mains power supply for the heater that helps to protect the defibrillator from the frost and cold as well as the supply of a light.

Q: Do we need a CPAD site in our village?

A: Sudden cardiac arrest claims around 150,000- 200,000 lives each year in the United Kingdom, with survival rates being around 5% - 10% outside of a hospital setting. If a person's heart has stopped due to an accident or heart attack and is in a rhythm called ventricular fibrillation, the only way to get the heart into a more regular sustaining beat is to pass an electrical charge through the heart muscle. The first three to four minutes are the most vital for the collapsed person and, if FIRST AID and a DEFIBRILLATOR are on hand, then the chance of survival will increase considerably.

Q: Where can a CPAD site be fitted?

A: The cabinet can be fitted to the external wall of any building such as a Public House, shop, village hall, community centre etc.

The only point that needs to be considered is that it is easily accessible, well illuminated and that there is room to park safely in the event that a person has to drive to collect the defibrillator.

Q: How does a CPAD site work?

A: In the event of a person collapsing you will still need to dial 999 to call for the ambulance. The ambulance service will direct the caller to where the CPAD site is and will give the caller the key code for the cabinet.

The ambulance service will have all addresses logged within the town/village location so will be able to direct the caller to the exact location of where the CPAD site is.

Q: Do I need training in how to use a defibrillator?

A: The UK resuscitation council guidelines state that there is no requirement to be trained in the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and that in the event of a person collapsing the non-trained person should still use the AED as the step by step voice prompts that are part of the AED talks the user through the process of what to do.

However, training should be encouraged for those who would be interested in learning how to do Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an AED. Training courses are readily available from a number of different training companies. You can access training through the ambulance service commercial training department.

Q: Is there any risk in the use of an AED?

A: If someone is having a cardiac arrest, using an AED and undertaking CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) will improve the chances of survival. Automated External Defibrillator's (AED's) are really safe to use. There have never been any reports of an AED harming the patient, user or bystander. In addition there have been no reports of an AED delivering any inappropriate shocks.

Q: If I set up a CPAD Site what equipment will I get?

A: Depending upon supplier, we recommend you purchase (dependent upon location) a heated mild steel or stainless steel cabinet that should be vandal resistant and IP65 rated. It should have a thermostatically controlled heater as well as lighting and indicator lamp. The purpose of having a heated cabinet is to ensure the AED pads do not become frozen when the temperature drops below freezing.

The cabinet will need to be fitted and installed by a suitably qualified electrician.

Please note the defibrillator does not require a power supply as they are normally supplied with a lithium battery that does not require charging.

Dependent on your choice of AED, your supplier will give you product information regarding frequency of battery and AED pad replacement.

We recommend that the defibrillator is supplied with a spare set of AED pads, as well as a towel, razor, pocket mask, scissors and a pair of disposable gloves.

Q: Where can I get a CPAD site from and how much do they cost?

A: There are a number of companies that will supply you with a cabinet and AED.

We strongly recommend that you research this area before you make your final decision.

Below a few suppliers of cabinets and defibrillators

www.communityheartbeat.org.uk

www.aedcabinets.co.uk

www.aedlocator.org

www.spservices.co.uk/

Community Partnership Team November 2012



East Anglia THREE



Consultation Events

In September 2013, East Anglia THREE Limited (subsidiary of East Anglia Offshore Wind Limited and 50/50 joint venture between Scottish Power Renewables and Vattenfall) published a Statement of Community Consultation, outlining how we would consult with local communities and businesses throughout our development of the proposed East Anglia THREE Offshore Windfarm.

We will shortly be publishing the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, presenting further detail on our proposal.

In June we will be hosting consultation drop-in events, in line with Section 42 and Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, giving you the opportunity to meet the project team, review the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and ask any questions you may have. We welcome everyone to attend.

16th June, Woodbridge Library, New Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1DT (2pm – 7pm)

17th June, council event at Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX (10am – 12am) Please note, this is not open to the public

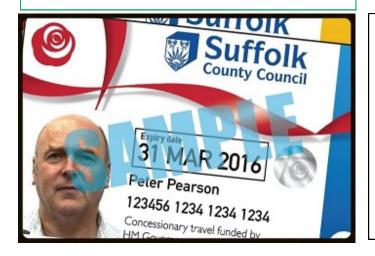
17th June, Bawdsey Village Hall, The Street, Bawdsey, IP12 3AH (2pm – 7pm)

18th June, Burstall Village Hall, The Street, Church Hill, Burstall, IP8 3DR (2pm – 7pm)

Further information about the project, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and our Statement of Community Consultation is available on www.eastangliawind.com

For more information please email

eastangliathree@eastangliawind.com



Waldringfield Neighbourhood Watch



Waldringfield has recently fallen victim to a spate of thefts. Several properties were visited by intruders during the evening of 20th May and several articles taken including garden equipment and a Sat Nav.

Now the weather has warmed up it is easier to forget that windows have been left open and doors unsecured which makes properties more vulnerable. Last month, Newbourne was targeted and previously it was sheds in Felixstowe. The Police suspect the perpetrators come out of Ipswich to the surrounding villages looking for anything easy to take and resell.

In this latest instance, they were spotted and the Police informed. One Police unit was dispatched to try and intercept them as they left the village on their most likely route. A description was given and a possible registration number of a suspicious vehicle and the Police are making further enquires.

The 2 other units in the area were dispatched to another break in which was reported at the same time, but in Otley. The suspects in that case had been seen breaking in to a property, rather than just lurking, so they received slightly higher priority.

The Police would like to point out that they are really keen that all suspicious activities are reported to them immediately and they will endeavour to respond as soon as possible. There is also a retired Police Officer who may be able to respond if available and informed appropriately. Call 101 to be directed to local police.

If you wish to receive the email bulletins from Waldringfield Neighbourhood Watch please email waldringfieldnw@yahoo.co.uk and let me know.

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Our river attracts visitors from all over the world!

They found a safe place to moor up 17/04/14 (Photograph courtesy of Alexis Smith)



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Meet with Police & Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore and Chief Constable, Douglas Paxton

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

Remaining meetings in 2014:

10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November and 9 December.

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)

Bridget Rayner Serena Gold Frances Matheson

Janet Elliot Colin Archer Neil Winship Colin Reid

Website:

www.waldringfield.onesuffolk.net

Have you heard about the Hotbin?

Waldringfield Community Composting, starting its work in December 2013, has now accounted for its major grant from the Big Lottery Fund – this means we have in store, waiting for homes a good supply of hotbins, bokashi bins and wormeries. These are all adjucts to home composting which make it easier, reduce the space needed and increase the amount of stuff you can deal with.

The object of all Community Composting projects is to reduce the amount of green waste going to landfill or away for other processing (fossil fuel use, wear on the roads, another vehicle on the roads etc) and keep that stuff on our own plots which will hold moisture and nutrients so much better with the increased SOM (soil organic matter to the uninitiated – yes, everything has its acronyms!) Did you know that the half-life of compost is only two years, so you need to keep adding it!

This article focuses on Hotbins: we offer these at £60 (cf.. nearly now £200 in the Harrods Horticultural catalogue, and £120 through SCC). The Hotbin is basically a fairly airtight box, feeding the heat generated by the composting process back into the matter so that optimum working temperatures of 40 – 60 degrees C are fairly easily reached and the whole process drastically speeded up, thereby taking up much less space than daleks or New Zealand bins. In addition, being well sealed you can pretty safely put in all your food waste, including fish, meat and dairy. A couple of dozen households in the village have them and at least three of those absorb matter from a neighbour or two as well, either regularly or just when they have food waste other than peelings that they don't want to put on a regular heap. But we have as many more available and are looking for homes for them!

A shining example is set by the school which composts of all their food waste – mostly sloppy horrid plate scrapings as the food is ready prepped and preparation waste is minimal. The children manage the system entirely on their own, feeding the lunch waste into the bins together with the necessary wood chip or paper and recording the quantities and temperatures onto a clip board.

The children of Waldringfield School think it is a good thing to compost their school lunch left-overs because "it helps the plants in our vegetable garden to grow." They like to watch how the waste material degrades and say that the Hotbin composts material more quickly than other methods of composting.



Hotbin users have to do a little task for Waldringfield Community Composting in return for the subsidised low price and the intensive support in using the kits – and that is recording what goes in so that we can use this data to try to persuade Suffolk County Council to pay us for what the village doesn't send away: some CC schemes have succeeded in earning tidy little sums for their Parish Councils, but as yet SCC does not do landfill tax credits. As we are the only CC scheme in the county so far, it's up to us to start convincing them to! You have a paper form to fill in with your weighed inputs which you can then transfer to a computerised system, built for us as his contribution to our scheme by Tim Elliot. Persuading people, both old and new users, to use it is our current focus – as well as getting more users! (There is a very helpful website if you want to look it up).

For the children in the school this data will be additionally relevant as it will give them live, real time data to do maths work with and enable, for instance, CO emissions to be quantified. The Eco-Team at the school (applying for its Eco-Schools Green Flag award at the end of this term) has been particularly concentrating on waste minimisation (one of the Eco-Schools targets) and has arranged a visit to the local Materials Recycling Facility at Great Blakenham in June, which one of the WCC steering group will be supporting. WCC also has funding to subsidise travel costs for other tours – get in touch if you want to go.

So now you have heard about the Hotbin (oh, and by the way ,it takes a mere twenty minutes to open it up, get out three or four buckets of compost and set it all going again: bliss compared with the sweat of chomping through a traditional heap) - Are <u>you</u> tempted?

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The next edition of this newsletter is due for publication on September 1st. Because of holiday commitments, the printers would like the edited copy to be with them a week earlier than usual. So the final copy date will be **Wednesday, 13th August**.

I shall send out email reminders nearer the time, but it will be helpful if you would make a note of that date in your diary to send all articles, advertisements, photographs and notices in good time, to avoid any disappointment.

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