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## Pirates at the Village Hall



The pantomime season has started early this year. Ipswich Town football Club has joined in the fun with some knockabout performances. "He's behind you!" Well, it must be someone called Marcus, but he never shows his face.

Our village players are not quite so shy with their latest performance of "Pirates of the CariDeben" at the Village Hall. Well, they did show their faces, but some were difficult to recognise with the heavy slap.

Jackie Brinsley had a luxuriant moustache as Captain Hook, Mary Tucker's teeth made every dentist want to reach for the pliers, but cross-dresser Neil Cawthorn did not fool everybody as Stinkerbelle the Fairy. One very young lad exclaimed "It's a man!" Well spotted, my boy, it was not that obvious!

Jules Raines thought to himself that, as he had the legs, he might as well show them off and demanded that he

appear as Peter Pan. As for Gerald Tucker, he just likes dressing up and will never ever look quite so smart without his crocodile outfit.

Other cast included David Eaton, Joyce Forsdike, Tom Griffiths, Catherine Hughes, Jackie & John Nayler, Alyson & Ian Videlo, all aided by a cutting script by Andrew James and excellent direction by Annie Cawthorn. The reputation of our thespians ensured we had a sell-out Village Hall, all the village kids loved dressing up as pirates and it left the audience looking forward to next year.

But what's this I hear? Annie and Neil Cawthorn say it is their last production. No it can't be, they are surely having us on? We shall sorely need our autumn tonic if Town continue going in the same direction. In the meantime, let's do a deal with Neil - someone else can dress up as the fairy.

**Stan Baston**

## Governor Wanted

Waldringfield Primary School is looking for a new be interested, but would like to find out more either Sarah Wood, Headteacher (01473 736276) or



Community Governor. If you are local and think you might about what becoming a governor entails, please contact Richard Eaton, Chair of Governors (01473 736566).



## WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL WINTER TALKS – 25<sup>th</sup> series

The talks take place usually on the first Thursday of each month (November to April) at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Following a successful virtual tour of old maritime Harwich, there will be further historic revelations in the December and January talks.

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Paddy Heazell has a particular interest in military history. He is a volunteer warden for the National Trust on Orford Ness. His illustrated talk - *MOST SECRET: THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF ORFORD NESS* - will confirm just how amazing Orford Ness research station was, and how intriguing facts and photos are still coming to light.

**Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Radio drama producer **Jonathan Ruffle** is working on a series of plays to mark the centenary of WWI. He proposes to share with us '*HIDDEN STORIES of THE FIRST WORLD WAR*' which he has discovered in the course of the project so far. The title suggests some exciting surprises.

### AND coming up in 2013

**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Eva Loeffler OBE** is a household name, particularly to those who followed the Paralympics and who believe in their legacy. Her father, Dr Ludwig Guttman, founded the Paralympic games in the UK in 1948. Since then Eva has worked tirelessly to promote the Paralympic movement. This year she was the proud Mayor of the Paralympic Village. Who better to give an illustrated talk on '*THREE WEEKS in STRATFORD - A PARALYMPIC EXPERIENCE*'.

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** (NB – the second Thursday)

Once the Deputy Head of Kesgrave High School, **Graham Speke** is now Director for Engineering for a large Community College in Oxfordshire. There he advises on the future direction of secondary and adult education. He, at least, might understand where education is going and, armed with a dry wit, he will attempt to enlighten us with '*PLEASE SIR, DEAR MISS*'.



## REVISED BUS SERVICES IN SUFFOLK

Please note that several bus services will change during November and December 2012.

Downloadable PDF timetables for these services can be found on the website by clicking on the appropriate month at [http://www.suffolkonboard.com/timetables\\_leaflets/passenger\\_transport\\_service\\_changes](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/timetables_leaflets/passenger_transport_service_changes) or by contacting us on 0845 606 6171.

Please note that these pages are frequently being updated to include new timetables and service change summaries, so we would advise that you check this page regularly.

## WINTER QUIZ

### Book by December 1st

The Winter Quiz will be held on Saturday 8th of December at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The cost is £10pp to include a Fish and Chip Supper.

Now is the time to enter your team of 6 to ensure a place on the night as the number of possible teams is limited. I shall be delivering an application form to the Captains of last year's teams very shortly. All proceeds from the Quiz are for Village Hall funds. We shall be holding a Raffle on the night and so prizes for this would be welcomed, particularly if you are unable to take part.



**Max Pemberton (01473 736300)**

## Planning Inspector Examines Suffolk Coastal's Core Strategy

Part of the process towards adoption of Suffolk Coastal's Local Development Framework Core Strategy is the Examination in Public. This is being conducted by an independent planning inspector, Mr Mike Moore, who was appointed by the Government's Planning Inspectorate.

At the time of writing (10<sup>th</sup> November) there have been 6 hearings, with another 5 to go. Waldringfield Parish Council has had representatives speaking at all the hearings so far, but won't be involved in the remaining ones, which are of less direct concern to Waldringfield.

The format of the hearings is a 'structured discussion', in which the participants discuss various questions that the Inspector has asked. Suffolk Coastal representatives are at all the hearings, to defend their strategy. The other participants have varied from hearing to hearing, but have included people from NANT, STAG, SFC, Waldringfield, Martlesham, Trimley St Martin and Kirton Parish Councils, District Councillors (from Nacton and Martlesham wards), Church Field Trust, various developers, David Lock (for BT), SCC, Natural England, Deben Estuary Partnership and a number of individuals.

Michael Robson, of Cerda Planning, represented Waldringfield Parish Council for 4 of the hearings (spatial strategy, housing, the local economy and the Eastern Ipswich area), I spoke for WPC for one hearing (infrastructure) and the barrister Justine Thornton spoke for WPC for one (biodiversity and the environment).

The sessions have been very well conducted. The Inspector has gone to great efforts to ensure that everyone has been

able to say their piece, and the debates were never allowed to degenerate into chaos or pointless repetition. He is very inscrutable, so I have no idea what impression our arguments have made on his thinking. However it was very refreshing to be given the opportunity to make our points before someone who was actually listening, and to be able to challenge Suffolk Coastal to provide answers to our questions, some of which we have been asking for up to 4 years without receiving a proper response.

The last hearing is on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, when the Inspector will announce when he plans to publish his report, which we expect to be around late December or January. If he finds Suffolk Coastal's Core Strategy unsound, he will recommend changes that will, in his opinion, make it sound. We are of course hoping this is what he will do, and that the changes he requires will include a re-assessment of the policy (SP20) to place 2,000 houses at Adastral Park. However, he could find it unsound but require less fundamental changes, or changes to some other part of the strategy, or he could find it sound.

If no changes are required to SP20, it is almost certain that Suffolk Coastal will determine BT's planning application as soon as they are able, and we will be embroiled in another battle. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

More information about the process, details of the hearings and statements from interested parties (including Waldringfield PC) can be found on SCDC's website at:

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/> .

Click on 'LDF Core Strategy'.

Ian Kay  
(Chairman, Waldringfield Parish Council)

## WALGA - A Green Christmas Concoction



Join WALGA members to concoct a festive decoration for Christmas - bring lots of greenery and your own containers.

**Saturday December 1st 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.**

**Scattered Orchard** - fruit tree pruning and maintenance course by Marina O'Connell of the Apricot Centre and funded by Suffolk Acre. Provisional date (tbc) - 29th Jan for half a day, details to be widely advertised.

**Waldringfield Community Composting:** The first twelve special "Hotbin" composters that will cope with all food waste arrived in November and Tony Callaghan, the inventor, helped us set them up on the 20th. These Hotbins (see hotbin.com) will enable householders safely and easily to turn all their food waste (including meat, fish, dairy and plate waste) into rich compost with no heavy turning and no smells. This start-up of the scheme has been helped by grants from the Suffolk Foundation and the AONB, as well as some local fund-raising.

## Pastures New



The resurfacing of the river wall path from just above Swan's Nest sluice for 300m is virtually complete, thanks to Serena Gold's work in getting funding from Bretts (£1,300 in kind), the River Deben Association (£750) and Waldringfield Parish Council (£500) to 'unlock' matching funding from Suffolk County Council for the full £4,550.

And now the Environment Agency has announced that, as part of its flood defences work, it plans to maintain the whole river wall from the Waldringfield Boatyard to the junction with the path down from Manor House; and also the short stretch south either side to Church Farm sluice.

It was pleasing to see that SCC and EA knew about each other's plans so neither work would be damaged by the other. However, they must do this work outside birds' breeding times etc. and when relatively few walkers will be inconvenienced. All being well, any damage will be 'made good'.

Probably more contentious will be the EA's warning that it may need to remove trees, scrub & bushes and to cut grass to about 6 inches height in order to check for weaknesses and to reduce the chances of overtopping by surge tides that could erode the wall sufficiently to cause a breach. NB. The breaches up and down river from Waldringfield occurred in 1937 and 1933 respectively, so it would be imprudent to assume that any new breach would be mended before it widened excessively.

I attended the forum on behalf of Waldringfield Parish Council and felt that it was the best justification I have yet heard as to why we need to accept this despoliation for a relatively short while to avoid probable long-term salt water inundation of arable and grass-land or a reed bed.

Finally, we were told that grazing by sheep in the previous centuries not only kept the grass on the walls short enough to maintain their engineering strength, but also that salt-marsh feed mutton is especially tasty.

Any volunteer shepherds for a Waldringfield flock?

**Neil Winship**

## Waldringfield Sailing Club

**Did you know that Waldringfield plays host to one of the most popular and successful sailing clubs in the Eastern region?**



Regular dinghy racing remains the primary activity, and the Club is proud to provide competition at the highest standard (we have a number of national champions). We have dinghy classes to suit all ages and abilities. The club also has a large yachting/cruising section (our membership is roughly split 50:50 dinghy sailors and yacht sailors)

We host a variety of sailing related training courses for both juniors and seniors. In the summer, we have Junior Sailing sessions on Saturday mornings which are open to non-members, so please don't be afraid to pop down if you want to find out more about the club.

We are now winding down for our winter break, but we are keen to encourage local residents to join us. Now is a great time to contact us if you are thinking about getting out on the water next year. Please give me a ring if you are interested - I'll be happy to tell you more about the club.

**Bob Whitehouse (Rear Commodore)**  
**01394 670644**

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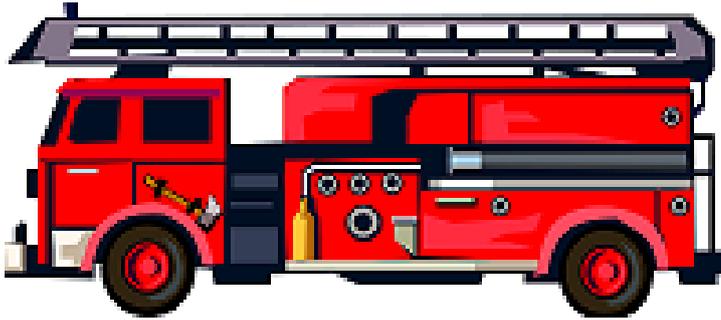
## Urge to get active - Suffolk County Council

Suffolk residents will be inspired to 'Get Active' as part of a county-wide response to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic legacy.

To support the campaign, a dedicated website [www.suffolkgetactive.org.uk](http://www.suffolkgetactive.org.uk) has been created with a searchable database of sports and activities and with discount vouchers and free passes available to download which have been donated by sports and leisure providers around the county.

Offers available include complementary swimming, free gym trials and discounted dance classes.

## Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service – a consultation



Your attention is drawn a three-month consultation which asks residents to have their say on a proposed merger between Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service. This follows a decision by the County Council's Cabinet earlier this month to continue to consider the proposal to merge the two fire services if this option looks like it will generate significant financial savings and other organisational benefits.

Like all public services, the Fire Service is facing increasing pressures to manage with less money and further significant budget cuts are expected beyond 2015. The priority is to protect people by safeguarding front line services as much as possible. By merging with another fire and rescue service, it could potentially allow further savings in management and support areas, without having to cut the front line.

No decision has been taken as yet and residents' comments are sought on the proposal, to inform Cabinet and Full Council's final decision in the New Year. Cambridgeshire residents will be invited to take part in a similar consultation over the same time period.

The full detail is available from the County Council website, using the following link:

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/your-council/decision-making/consultations/delivering-the-best-fire-service-to-you/>

This includes a consultation booklet, an online survey and other associated information. Paper copies of the consultation booklet are available on request, and will be circulated to the county's libraries and other public offices. Please contact SCC on 01473 260533 or email [fireconsultation@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:fireconsultation@suffolk.gov.uk) if you would like paper copies, or have any questions about this consultation.

### Waldringfield Church Field Trust

Work will start in December on replacing the small basketball surface with a larger area with markings, approaching the size of half a court. The pole will be replaced with a more robust version. We are grateful for a grant from Sportspace Fund (SCDC) for this. Hopefully, some of you Olympics-inspired potential basketball stars will make use of this facility.

Football on most Saturday mornings continues with Duncan Andrew and friends. This is for children aged 8 and above. Contact Duncan for more information on 07742390725.

One of the picnic tables was unfortunately damaged when someone left a lit barbecue on it. The damaged section is to be replaced and we are also planning on installing a third picnic table.

The two apple trees planted in spring as part of the Village Orchard Project are growing well and the hedges we planted in earlier years produced plenty of rose hips, sloes and hawthorn berries to help the birds through the winter.

Please come to the meeting on **3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 7.30 in the Village Hall Kennedy Room when we will have a slide show of the field through the year, along with the other business of the AGM, plus we are repeating last year's highly successful **mince pies and mulled wine** to finish with.

**Christine Fisher Kay 736384**

### To help you through these dark days - Spring is only just around the corner!



## Papworth Trust seeking local volunteers to serve the local community

Papworth Trust has a variety of volunteering roles within the Eastern region and we are keen to be able to offer these to local people in the area where our projects and centres are based.

At the moment, we are particularly keen to recruit volunteers in and around Bury St Edmonds, Ipswich and Lowestoft, but roles available and the locations recruiting change all the time. If you are interested, please contact us on 0800 952 500 or visit our website at:

[www.papworth.org.uk](http://www.papworth.org.uk)



## Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station — the consultation has begun

**Call 0800 197 6102**

### Frequently asked questions

#### **When will consultation on Sizewell C begin?**

The formal consultation on initial proposals and options began on 21 November 2012. You can have your say on the proposals via the dedicated website:

<http://sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info/have-your-say/>

#### **What happens after the first stage of consultation?**

After Stage 1 of consultation, EDF will consider the feedback received before creating its revised detailed proposals at Stage 2.

#### **When will stage 2 of consultation begin?**

EDF cannot pre-empt the outcome of its first stage of consultation, so the company cannot determine exactly when the Stage 2 consultation will begin – but the public will be given plenty of notice.

#### **What supporting development will be involved in the construction of Sizewell C?**

Some land may be needed for the accommodation and movement of people involved in construction, or to assist with the movement of construction materials. The initial proposals lay out the options for this potential development in more detail. Go to the website to read the consultation documents

#### **Where can I view the Statement of Community Consultation?**

EDF has now published the Statement of Community Consultation and it can also be viewed on the website

#### **How do I find out about consultation events near me?**

Details of all public exhibitions and other consultation events are detailed on the website, and EDF will be communicating through newsletters, local events, adverts, the website and its Twitter feed.

#### **How do I register for the local newsletter?**

Simply enter your details into the sign up form on the website homepage to be added to the list.

# Deben Estuary Partnership –

## working with others to build a Deben Estuary Management Plan

The Deben Estuary stretches from above Woodbridge to Felixstowe Ferry and lies within the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Agriculture and marine related businesses, recreation and tourism are all closely linked to the Deben estuary. The estuary is protected by river walls but land is still vulnerable to tidal flooding from the North Sea.

Working together, the Deben Estuary Partnership, the Environment Agency, Coast and Heaths AONB Unit and the River Deben Association are drawing up an Estuary Management Plan for the Deben.



Flood risk and estuary defences are being planned taking into account the needs of communities, landowners, businesses, Parish Councils, tourism, wildlife and the environment.

### How far has the Estuary Management Plan got ?

Steady progress is being made. The background document '**Portrait of the Deben**', which highlights everything that people value about the estuary, has been finished and printed. This gives a description of the river as it is today and will provide the context for the Management Plan. **The Environment Agency** has been examining recent data about the height and condition of river walls, the value of the land and buildings that they protect. With **Natural England** they have been discussing the legal requirements to protect designated habitats, birds and other species within the estuary.

**Two Forums** have invited specialists to consider the estuary mouth and the special estuary environment. **The Deben Estuary Partnership** has held a series of consultation meetings with Parish Councils, landowners, riparian owners, river businesses and people who live and work by the river.

**The River Deben Association** has carried out a survey to ask for the views of their members. The views and opinions, needs and aspirations expressed throughout this stage of the Plan have been collated. Some clear themes are evident and these will now be set in the context of the flood defence and economic data drawn up by the EA, and Natural England's requirement to protect designated habitats.

### Why have you employed a specialist consultant?

Now the Deben Estuary Partnership have asked a specialist consultant, Andrew Hawes to provide a short assessment of each Flood Cell (or area of land protected by river walls) detailing the survivability of the existing defences. This will give an approximation of the cost required to make each Flood Cell survivable in 2050 in a 1: 100 year event.

📄 *To provide understanding of the Deben Estuary*

📄 *To identify risks to those living and working in the estuary over 10, 25, 50 and 100 year periods*

📄 *To identify different management options and set out choices*

# Deben Estuary Plan (continued)

- ☑ To identify preferred policies - compliant with overarching, strategic obligations
- ☑ To set out an Action Plan
- ☑ To look at Funding Options
- ☑ To set out a Planning Framework which integrates estuary policies with other planning and management policies

## What will happen next ?

The new Plan will focus on what can be delivered but Government funding will not be available to meet all the cost of the flood defence work that people would like to see - money will have to be found from other sources.

The Plan must balance a range of demands as well as complying with relevant



legislation - some proposals may conflict with others so a consensus will have to be reached about the way forward.

There will be choices and decisions to be made. Please come to the next round of meetings in the New Year when these issues will be debated.

Contact the DEP : Trazar Astley-Reid :  
[Trazar.Astley-Reid@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Trazar.Astley-Reid@suffolk.gov.uk)

## Seasonal Greetings to all our residents

This has been my first attempt at editing the Parish Newsletter— I hope you find it as interesting and informative as previous editions. Many thanks to all those that have contributed articles and photographs. I particularly give thanks to my predecessor, Jean Potter, for her help and guidance in this daunting task.

It has been a busy year for your Parish Council and there seems to be no let-up in sight. A glance through this newsletter gives you an indication of the task they face ahead—that and coping with a new parish clerk!

### David Lines - Parish Clerk

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES—Tuesdays.** 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Kennedy Room. 11 December 2012, 15 January, 12 February, 12 March, 9 April (Annual Parish Meeting in the Main Hall), 14 May (Annual Parish Council Meeting in the Main Hall) , 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December 2013

**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**

By telephone: **01255 678 888** (with voicemail) By E-Mail : [pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk)

**Website: [www.waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk)**

### Your Parish Councillors:

Ian Kay (Chairman)

Alyson Videlo (Deputy)

Serena Gold

Frances Matheson

Colin Archer

Bridget Rayner

Neil Winship

Janet Elliot

Colin Read