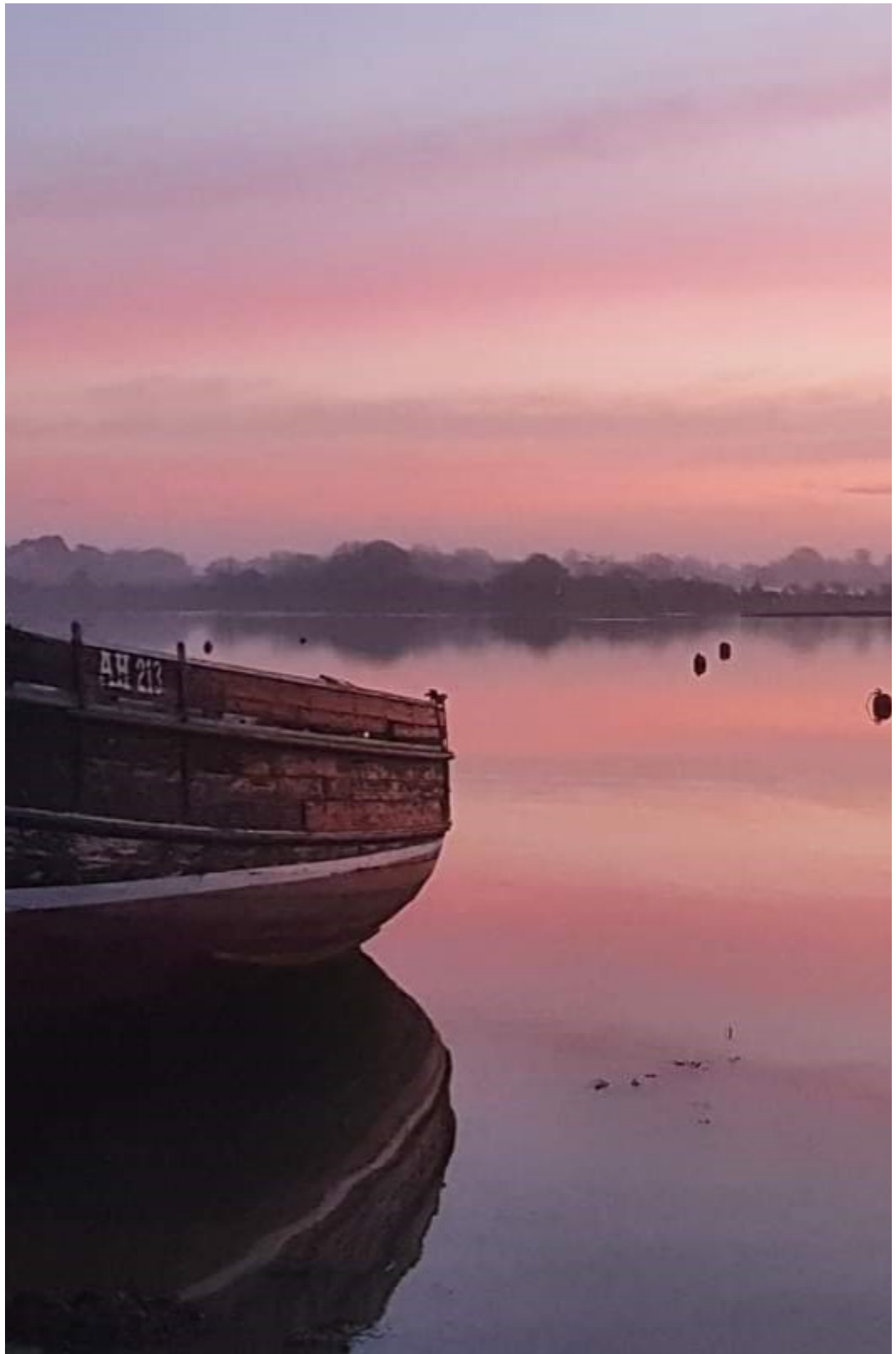




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*Photo—William Ogden, Waldringfield resident*



# Platinum Jubilee Picnic

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and with the help of volunteers, Waldringfield Parish Council is organising an event on the children's playing field on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 from 2-5pm.**

This will take the form of a village picnic (bring your own picnic). There will be fun and games for the young and not so young, a fancy dress competition, ice-creams, a tombola, and more.

It is anticipated that 3 new items of play equipment will have been installed by then, and this event will also provide an opportunity to showcase these.

We do hope you'll join us on the day.

We have a core group of volunteers, but if you would like to help in any way, please contact me.

Kind regards,

Chris Lyon – on behalf of Waldringfield Parish Council

01473 736291

*P.S -More publicity will follow nearer the time.*





## Waldringfield Gardeners

Your Waldringfield Gardeners programme for the year can be found on the Greener Waldringfield website. For each month there is a small scale friendly practical activity and either a visit or a talk.

For **January** we listed Scattered Orchard pruning and maintenance – this has slipped but can happen any time between now and bud-burst so wait for your invitation to be involved – a good chance to learn more about fruit tree pruning and to contribute to this lovely

project, now registering its first decade.

The Hedgelaying course for **February** is reported on elsewhere – and you can see the inspirational evidence in a stroll along Mill Road.

In **March** we have a visit to Two Fields in Debenham, a small holding with agroforestry, a veg box scheme and pig and egg clubs run by local groups – also, a recent addition, a Mens' Shed, where chaps (not confined to one sex) can make and mend. . Two Fields shows another alternative way of farming – WG has paid two visits to Wakelyns Agroforestry over the last five years and one to the Oak Tree Low Carbon Farm and some of us keyed into the Greenprint Forum on-line event called Farming Today, fit for Tomorrow – which featured Maple Farm and Farmer George as well. There is much in the ether about the need to produce our food in a different way.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 - 12.00** – shared cars please. Let us know if you plan to come.

In **April** we have our second visit to Hyde Hall – it was so lovely last year! This year we have booked at the beginning rather than the end of the season – again shared cars please. Let us know if you plan to come: arrive at 10.00 in time for coffee – the tour, specializing in their Dry Garden (£3 each) starts at 11.00 and lasts about an hour.

And the communal event for that month is Crazy Steel Supports for plants – bend the rods around a tree, or even yourself, or into zanier shapes – some one or ones might make jigs for more exciting shapes.

**May:** this is the Open Gardens month – as usual St Elizabeth Hospice will get at least two thirds of the takings – it's part of their Great Garden Trail. So far we have six gardens – we need another four. We also need lots of help in the Village Hall with providing cream teas for more than 150 visitors if previous years numbers are anything to go by.

The Village will be interesting throughout the month with the usual Scarecrows present – the previous organizer has stepped down so is anyone up for organizing this? And we will be focusing on what your front garden can do to mitigate (or, alas, exacerbate) Climate Change – focusing in particular on hedges. The Hedge Heroes have planted hedges or regenerated them by gapping up, in the farm land – they are just as vital in our village environment – so we invite you to write a love letter to your hedge (what it does for me and the world?) and hang it in your hedge throughout the month!

Join Waldringfield Gardeners for just £5 per annum – subs were due in November, but we welcome new members any time.

<https://greenerwaldringfield.org>

## FROM THE DESK OF ...



Hello everyone!

I've been asked to place a few words in the local magazine - so it seems a good idea to take the opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is **Mick Richardson**, and last August, I was elected as the East Suffolk District councillor for the Orwell & Villages ward - so that covers the twin Trimley villages and then stretches out to Kirton & Falkenham / Bucklesham / Newbourne / Levington / Nacton and of course Walderingfield.

I'm a local lad - born in Felixstowe back in '59 and I have either lived in Felixstowe or the Trimley villages ever since.

Work wise, since leaving school in '76, I worked at a local supermarket and then Felixstowe Port before joining Suffolk Constabulary in 1987 - where I worked until the end of 2016 when I retired with the rank of Sgt.

Prior to retirement, I started up a company to fly drones on a commercial basis, and since then I have found myself teaching / training and assessing others who want to fly commercially.

Between March and October, you can also find me working at the Homebase Garden centre attached to Next in Martlesham. .... And I thought I was retiring was to take things easy!

So, since being elected to ESC, I have found that without exception, all the parish councils and their councillors have offered a warm welcome - and whilst there are quite a few meetings to attend, I have to say that I very much enjoy it all.

East Suffolk District councillors have an annual pot of money to allocate out to deserving causes (subject to certain conditions), and I'm really pleased to be able to say that I've spent my entire pot for the period 21/22 - and this has included some monies (together with my colleague Richard Kerry) to support the purchase of recreational equipment for the public space in Walderingfield.

Hopefully, that pot of money will be replenished in April so I can assist people and communities in the Ward in the coming year.

One of my pet subjects is 'what can we do to help in the fight against climate change?' As they say, "every little helps", and so in Felixstowe, I Chair the Town Council's Climate Emergency Working Group' - and the group have implemented a number of changes to the way Felixstowe Town Council impacts their climate footprint (in the positive of course), and I'm now championing as best I can for the use of electric vehicles and public EV charging points. I drive an EV myself and my wife drives a hybrid car (which will be swapped out for a full EV in 2 years' time) - and I've promoted public EV charging points to all my parish councils so that the community who cannot perhaps have a home charger installed, can take advantage of a public charger. Time will tell how that little project goes - by the time you read this, Walderingfield Parish Council will have considered the topic at their February meeting - so keep an eye on the Minutes ...

If you want to contact me for any reason, please feel free to email me at [michael.richardson@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:michael.richardson@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

Very best wishes,  
Mick





## **FOR PATIENTS OF MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY**

This is to let you know about a new way of contacting your doctor or other clinician being introduced at Martlesham Heath surgery from 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022. It's called "askmyGP". The Birches practice in Kesgrave adopted this approach last year and it has proved to be popular with patients and staff, so the same system is to be introduced for our patients. Hopefully, it will avoid all those repeated attempts to get through when phone lines open each morning, often followed by waiting in a queue for a receptionist to become free.

The new system allows patients or their carers to send in a request for health advice via an online link, at any time of day or night, from 6am Monday to 6.30pm Friday. You might want to request advice about a medical condition (non-emergency), medication or your test results, for example. You can expect a prompt response during surgery working hours (8am – 6.30pm Mon-Fri).

It's important to say that patients who are unable to use this technology can continue to phone in as before. Receptionists will ask patients for the same information as via the online system, so everyone will be treated the same, whichever method they use to make their enquiries. Since the number of people phoning will be fewer than before, it should be much easier for callers to get through.

These are the steps for using askmyGP:

- ⇒ Using your computer, smart phone or tablet, click the askmyGP link for our practice – it will be on the website at [www.mhdoctors.co.uk](http://www.mhdoctors.co.uk). The first time you use it, you will need to register. After that, you'll log in using a password.
- ⇒ Once connected, you will see some straightforward questions where you can type in what you need help with e.g. your symptoms, how long you've had them, who you saw before for this condition, what outcome you are seeking and any other relevant information. You can even add photos if you want.
- ⇒ The information you send is via a secure link and confidential - only seen by staff at our own practice. They will respond by the means you requested, e.g. secure message or phone, providing clinical advice/information or offering you a phone or in-person appointment, usually the same day, when required.

Advantages are that it saves you time, no waiting to speak to a busy receptionist and no unnecessary trips to the surgery if you don't need to see someone in person. You can send your enquiry at a time which suits you. It saves the doctor time too, because they can read the information you've sent and check your medical history in advance of your appointment. They can tailor the length of consultation to suit your needs – some patients may need a quick call back, others may need a longer than normal appointment slot. The new system is more flexible and the PPG hopes we will all find it to be beneficial.

If you wish to feed back your experience of the new system, you can email me at [MartPPG@gmx.com](mailto:MartPPG@gmx.com). Please don't share any confidential medical information.

***Prue Denton, PPG Chair***

# A Tree Warden Writes

## Treebilee

### Invitation to take part in East Suffolk Council's Treebilee Project

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations East Suffolk is providing 200 English oak trees to parishes throughout Suffolk to plant to commemorate the 70 years the Queen has been on the throne. The national project was launched by Prince Charles and is called Treebilee. A tree will be coming to Waldringfield during February for us to plant in the village and a commemorative plaque will be provided. The Coronation oak in the village hall car park planted in 1952 gives an idea of how much it might grow in 70 years!

## Queen's Green Canopy

Meanwhile—everyone is encouraged to plant a tree or trees for the **Queen's Green Canopy** and locate it on an interactive map. More information about suitable trees etc will be available at the May Coffee Morning on the tree warden's stall. <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

## Veteran Trees

As well as planting new trees it would be good to look after some of our old veteran trees which are such a feature of the village. On old maps the large trees are shown individually at intervals around the farm hedges which are now enclosed in the village. Some of these are still in place. We need to look after them and put back more to replace the ones which have gone for future generations to enjoy and benefit from.



*An ancient oak in our village*

In May we hope to organise a 'walk in the woods and fields' around Waldringfield to find and admire some of the trees in our parish. If you think any particular tree is worth a visit please get in touch.

At the end of April the Wildlife Group has arranged a visit to Staverton Thicks to see the wonderful ancient trees there, guided by the very knowledgeable Gary Battell.

## Tree Nursery Update

In our village volunteers are currently growing trees for the Suffolk tree wardens tree nursery project, which includes new hedge planting woodland and re-wilding. Trees we have grown here have been planted on sites in the village and also gone to the Helmingham Estate, the River Gipping at Muntons and River Lark. The project is supported by the Woodland Trust and the Tree Council.

If you would like to join in by growing some native trees from seed please get in touch. It is fun, and the compost and pots etc are provided. We have been collecting seed from suitable trees around the place.

## More free hedging and trees

Does your land border the countryside? Anyone looking to plant a hedge next autumn is invited to get in touch with Christine to discuss if we can arrange for you to receive free hedging and trees under the Tree Council allocation.

Dense prickly hedges give shelter to many birds which they are just not going to find around a fence. Bare fences also create turbulence. Hedges of hawthorn, wild rose, crab apple, hazel and elderberry all help wildlife.

**Christine Fisher Kay, Tree Warden—01473 736384**

# Waldringfield History Group

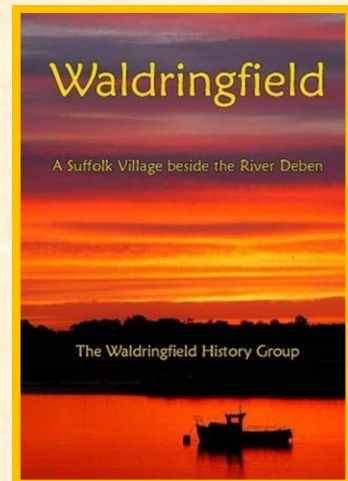


Although the Group seems to be quiet at the moment, work is continuing. We are researching village businesses, village groups such as the Cricket Team, Church choir, the W.I, and more. Can the release of the 1921 census add to our knowledge? Little (or even) large titbits of information regularly come in and either completes a story or sets someone off on a new research.

## Waldringfield—A Suffolk Village beside the River

### Deben

We have now sold out of our copies of our book 'Waldringfield , A Suffolk Village Beside the River Deben ' but they can still be found online at Golden Duck or via most good bookshops.



Anyone interested in joining the group, we meet from September to March in the Kennedy Room at the Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2.30p.m. The Subscription is £10 per year & we occasionally have a speaker.

New members are always welcome so please contact the Hon. Secretary Margaret Lake by email on [waldringfieldhg@gmail.com](mailto:waldringfieldhg@gmail.com) for more information.

The Waldringfield History Group's next meeting is on **10 March 2022**.



# Waldringfield Church Field Trust

## Waldringfield Church Field

The field has been given its winter trim by Mr Parken and is ready to start growing again all the huge variety of flowers and grasses that now appear. We have been raking off the cuttings to reduce fertility. The gorse is starting to flower again and trees will soon be leafing up. It has however been a mild winter so far and birds seem to be nesting very early.

In January we had a work party with volunteers from the AONB volunteer group as well as our village volunteers. We are lucky to have AONB people once a year, this time to do some bramble clearing and tree pruning in areas difficult to reach. They bring a huge array of tools with them. They also reopened a couple of paths that had got overgrown which will make it easier to walk round some parts of the field this year.

In winter there was a Christmas wreath making workshop on the field in the open air which was a bonus during the Covid restrictions. Recently at the beginning of February a hedge laying workshop/training day took place on part of the Mill Road elm hedge. This was organised by Mariah Ballam and looked very effective. The hedge should now grow for three years without being cut.

Don't forget to take a turn round the field now and again, it helps to keep the paths open! Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the winter maintenance, be sure to come and enjoy the field during the lovely summer we are expecting.



*Christine Fisher for the Church Field Trust*

## Update on Brightwell Lakes

February 2022

### **Plots E1 & E1a – located to the west of the former quarry entrance.**

In our previous update we spoke about the submission of 4 Reserved Matters Applications (ARMs) submitted by Taylor Wimpey. These covered the first phases of the development and set out how the conditions applied in the outline consent by East Suffolk Council (ESC) were to be met.

During the extended consultation period, Waldringfield Parish Council (WPC) submitted our comments and these can be viewed on the WPC's planning pages of the village website or via the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/WPC-ARMs-response>

Taylor Wimpey has subsequently submitted a further raft of documents relating to the land designated as plots E1 & E1a. This land sits immediately to the west of what will be the new access off Ipswich Road (the existing quarry entrance) and will be the first area to be developed. The plan shows 120, mainly 2 storey, dwellings of which 34 will be in the broad based "affordable" category.

The new documents include the new "External Lighting Strategy" and the "Arboricultural Impact Assessment". The new document, "Part 2: Environmental Action Plan" includes the "Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP)" which commits to produce targets and associated drawings (location and box design) for nest boxes for swifts, starlings and house sparrows and roosting boxes for bats (to include two pill boxes for bat roosts).

There are also a number of revised documents covering such matters as amended boundary treatments, parking plans and additional illustrations of "street scenes".

All of the new submissions can be found on ESC public access planning pages under planning application DC/21/4004/ARM or by using this link:

<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

WPC will be reviewing the new documents and responding accordingly.

**It is anticipated that ESC Planning Committee will be determining application DC/4004/ARM on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting is open to the public.**

Members of WPC recently attended (via zoom) a meeting with ESC & Taylor Wimpey where the plans for generating and conserving energy were outlined. These included EV charging points, triple-glazed windows, increased cavity space in walls, solar heat panels on roofs, and increased insulation throughout the buildings. Future homes will include air-source heat pumps but the exact timing will depend on when a new substation at Felixstowe goes live.

We will continue to monitor the progress of the development and provide regular updates.

Cllr Janet Elliot



# Tree and Hedging projects in Waldringfield

## Get involved in the Queen's Green Canopy Project

This year as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, she wants us all to plant a tree in our gardens to make up the 'Queen's Green Canopy'. In order to help village residents to do this I'm sourcing a grant to pay for a tree for any village resident. At the village Jubilee Party on Saturday 4th June 2022, I will have a stall where anyone can choose a tree that will then be delivered for planting in November 2022 for free. I can help with advice on suitable varieties big or small for your garden. Your tree will then be registered and plotted on the QGC map [queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/](https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/). If you already know that you'd like to take part in this, feel free to email me with details of your choice of tree.



## Village Hedges

In other news, this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> winter of restoring field hedges around Waldringfield, and thanks to many willing volunteers we have now planted over 500 meters of hedge, either in long stretches or in gaps between bits of mature hedge.

We have also revisited the 300m hedge that we planted on Mill Road in the winter of 2019/2020 to weed, mulch and replace dead saplings. Rather joyously we found that only 3% of the saplings had died so far. This is thanks to the excellent straw mulch provided and delivered to us by village thatcher, James Stock. This mulch keeps the weeds down and the moisture from evaporating so readily during droughts.

We are also growing our own hedging trees from seed in the village and this winter we planted out the first of these saplings into the hedges.

If you fancy growing some native trees from seed for our hedges or if you want to pot up any native self-seeded tree from your garden, we will gladly receive them.

We will be planting more field hedges next winter, so look out for an email on Waldringfielders if you'd like to join in.







## Hedge laying course

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 8 of Waldringfield's bravest and fittest residents gathered to learn to hedge lay. The course was kindly subsidised by East Suffolk's Nature First grant scheme. Our course leader was the wonderful Alison Huxley who has been a professional hedge layer for over 35 years. You can see our work half way down the Church Field on Mill Road.

This very old Elm hedge is the perfect example of why hedge laying is such a useful skill to rejuvenate dying hedges. It may look like a brutal practice, to cut almost all the way through trunks in order to bend them over into the layed position, but from these low cuts new growth will come in the spring. We found that many of the elms were rotten in the core, but luckily still living. This is usually what happens to Elm, and if you go along Mill Road past Church Farm Barn, you will see the dead standing trunks of what was once an Elm hedge.



Our work will give each hedge tree a much longer life than it would have had if it were left and flayed every year.

Now that we are trained, we plan to continue laying the Churchfield hedge over the next few winters. We will have another course led by Alison in November this year so that more villagers who are interested in joining us can learn. This will also be useful for those who attended this year as there is much more to learn.



## Why are hedges important and why bother restoring them?

So many reasons! Firstly, they are vital for wildlife as corridors to find food and shelter. Without hedgerow food, migrating birds would have nothing to feed on upon arrival. Secondly, they are a much-needed carbon sink, absorbing and locking away carbon in the trunks of each tree and also in the soil. Thirdly, January 2022 has been the driest January on record. When the month ended with 40 mph winds the sky above the freshly ploughed fields was thick with wind eroding soil. Hedges help to keep the soil and its nutrients in place, by reducing wind drift.

Get in touch if you are interested in any of the above [mariahskellorn@hotmail.com](mailto:mariahskellorn@hotmail.com)



Waldringfield Wildlife Group exists to conserve, enhance and record the local wildlife; to protect wildlife habitats and encourage biodiversity; to encourage wildlife-friendly management of land, gardens and public spaces and to encourage a

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**Treasurer:** Alexis Smith h: 736257 g1dik@btinternet.com

**Meetings & Talks are in the Deben Hall at the Village Hall.**

Members meetings start at 10.00am which precede the talks.

Refreshment break 10.45am.

**Talks start at 11.00am** unless otherwise stated.

Visitors welcome!

Members: No charge ; admission charge: £3.00 for visitors and non-members.

**Field Trips:** Please inform Linda Wilkins or Jill Winter if you are joining any of the field trips/guided tours

*Note: Priority to paid up members for all field trips.*

New members welcome: **Annual Membership £10**



## WWG PROGRAM FOR 2022

<b>February 12th</b>	<b>A Double Bill.</b> An illustrated talk by Abigail Stancliffe on 'Non Native Species, Conservation and the UK Xenophobic approach' and Paul Stancliffe BTO 'Make your Garden Count: Garden Bird Watch'
<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	An illustrated presentation by Val and Alan Bourne of RSPB Minsmere: Developments, the history, interviews with wardens, with new video footage - a reflection of what's happening on the reserve.
<b>April 26th</b>	A guided walk and talk with Gary Battell at Staverton Park and Thicks 10.00am to 1pm .
<b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Nightingale Walk led by Peter Maddison, followed by alfresco breakfast in Andrea's garden, Newbourne. Meet at 6.45am in the Newbourne Springs Reserve, Car Park
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup> (tbc)</b>	Local bird spotting walk with Chris Baldry
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	2 evening riverside walks to identify and listen to the nightingales at Dairy Farm Marsh . Meet at the slip way, by the Maybush 6pm.
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Illustrated talk by Hawk Honey 'Wasps : Malicious or Misunderstood?'
<b>June/July (tbc)</b>	Waldringfield Swift Scout talk and walk with SOS Eddie Bathgate
<b>July 31st</b>	Joining with the Suffolk Branch of Butterfly Conservation at The Priors Oak Butterfly Garden, Aldeburgh. Come and go as you please. No entrance charge, donations welcomed. Refreshments available.
<b>July/Aug (tbc)</b>	Summer Picnic
<b>October 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AGM</b> —An illustrated talk by Cathy Smith of Suffolk Wildlife Trust on 'Gardening for Wildlife and Pond Creation and Restoration'
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Professor Peter Hobson, Writtle College: A presentation on Reclaiming the Lost Natural Environment - wildlife corridors, responding to climate warming and biodiversity loss ,followed by our members bring & share Christmas lunch

More event details to follow: Guided tours of nearby Suffolk Wildlife Reserves: Identifying moths in our gardens and scouting for glow worms !

Statement Covid safety : Please do not attend if you or a member of your household test positive or are feeling unwell. Use the hand sanitiser at the door. Chairs will be spaced out in this larger venue and will be ventilated, wear warmer clothes. As you will be aware, this virus has not gone away and there is still a risk of passing on infection. So we would ask everyone to act in a way which protects the safety of others, particularly those who still feel vulnerable. For example, we should avoid having too many people close together indoors, and maintain some level of distancing.

<https://greenerwaldringfield.org>



# Waldringfield Community Beekeepers Co-operative

An renewed invitation!

Does bee-keeping cause environmental damage? It's a good question at this time when we are asked to reduce our consumption of animal products to help the climate heal. And yes – it does - or it can, because managed honey bees compete with the 25 species of bumble bee and the 270 species of semi-social or solitary bees (not to mention countless other kinds of insect) for both honey and nectar.



Or is the problem at least as much a lack of flowering plants? There can be no group with a stronger advocacy of flowers than beekeepers – so perhaps we do as much for other insects as anyone.

Bee-keeping is not going to vanish, any more than cows or pigs are – the answer for both reduced meat and dairy and reduced beekeeping is surely fewer and better. So please let me share my beekeeping with you! I have forty years of increasing passion and knowledge, all the relevant equipment (including protective clothing and – inevitably – a lot of books) and the time flexibility to fit in with your schedules.

I'm also keen to start up Waldringfield Young Beekeepers again – eight or so primary age children. Or I would welcome parent and child units learning together.

Please get in touch so we can talk through how Waldringfield Community Beekeeping Co-op might operate and evolve over the next few years as I fade out.

**Betsy Reid**



## Mendelssohn ELIJAH

Woodbridge Choral Society  
Kingfisher Sinfonia

**Sarah Tynan** Soprano

**Michaela Parry** Alto

**Robert Gardiner** Tenor

**Philip Smith** Baritone

**Andrew Leach** Conductor



**Snape Maltings Concert Hall**  
**7.30pm, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

Tickets at £24, £20 and £17 available from Snape Maltings  
Box Office (01728 687110) or via our website

[woodbridgechoralsociety.org](http://woodbridgechoralsociety.org)

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Woodbridge Choral Society are delighted to present an epic account of Elijah's struggle against adversity: earthquake, wind, fire, drought and famine. Mendelssohn wrote, 'no work of mine was received with such enthusiasm by both musicians and audience.'

Our soprano soloist will be **Sarah Tynan**, recently nominated as one of the most influential artists in the U.K ( Evening Standard). She is said to sing with a 'silvery purity of tone and an exquisite sense of line' ( Tim Ashley, The Guardian), and is well established as one of the most exciting and versatile singers of her generation.

[www.sarahtynan.com](http://www.sarahtynan.com)

This is a rare opportunity for Waldringfield residents to buy tickets to see Sarah performing alongside a local choir and some of our own residents!



# Greener Waldringfield



## Repair Café

We have a new format for the Repair Café for February 19th (which is after this has gone to press), where we are now focusing just on repairs and information stalls (so no talks), which we hope will prove a success. Our new collaboration with Martlesham Repair Hub, where we support each other's events, will continue to provide skilled expertise and useful help to ensure we can keep our valued possessions from becoming waste for as long as possible!

Our next Repair Café will be **Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00 - 12.30**, but do come along to Martlesham Heath if you need anything repaired in the meantime, the second Saturday of every month in St Michael's Church - you will find some familiar faces there.

## Groundwork Carbon Footprint Survey

Thank you to all those who completed the Waldringfield Energy Survey, the second part of which was due at the end of February. We had the highest participation (25%) of all the communities involved, so well done! The results will be processed and made available in due course. Should you want to ask any questions, or are looking for some advice, please contact Sarah Gill, the Groundworks organiser: M: 07720 098980 E: [sarah.gill@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:sarah.gill@groundwork.org.uk)

And the next question: What as a village should, or could, we be doing about energy?

## GW at Coffee Mornings

We now have a regular Greener Waldringfield stand at the monthly coffee morning in the village Hall. Do stop by for a browse or a chat, we are always glad of feedback or new ideas!

Look out for our upcoming information which we hope you will find of interest:

**March:** Palm Oil

**April:** Water Quality

**May:** Trees, Hedges and Front Gardens



## 8 Changes to the Highway Code

Great news for walkers, cyclists and horse riders! Since 29th January 2022 the rules for all road users have been updated in the Highway Code, giving priority to the safety of users other than cars. This is great news for our village and School Road users in particular. Spread the news so that we can be assured that the car drivers know that we have priority!! If you haven't read the detail, check out the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-January-2022>



GW meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month, 7.30pm at various venues that we post out the week before (see Waldringfielders). We welcome everyone that cares how our village can become more resilient and sustainable, we have no subscription, everyone most welcome!

# Village Hall News

It was a delight to be back in the Deben Hall on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February for the first Coffee Morning of 2022. A good turnout, good company and splendid fare. Our thanks, as always, go to the 'Coffee Team' for their culinary efforts and good humour and to Tony for setting out the tables and chairs. We raised £150 from the February Coffee Morning and £150 from the monthly Lottery draw. An excellent result!

The Coffee Morning is a good opportunity for those attending to swap books in the Village Hall 'library'. However, books can be collected or donated at any time the Village Hall is open, not just at Coffee Mornings. All residents are welcome to take books or swap them. To keep the stock fresh and interesting we also welcome new book donations.

The day following the Coffee Morning saw the first of this year's Winter Talks – the January one having been cancelled. Jo and Paul Masters talked lovingly about their boat Clytie – one of the oldest boats on the River Deben. Their log books are a fascinating piece of 20<sup>th</sup> century social history with the boating and family connections to Waldringfield, strong and enduring. Our thanks go to Jo and Paul for sharing their wonderful stories with us and to Colin Reid for organising the Winter Talks.



*Clytie*

We have installed a new wi-fi system at the Village Hall. Sadly this will not increase the wi-fi speed as this is limited in the village by the lack of FTTP (fibre to the premises), but the new system should improve overall coverage. There are two connections. One is a guest wi-fi which does not need a password. The other does, with the password located in the office. The former is aimed at casual visitors; the latter at regular hirers – and is the stronger of the two signals.

As we head towards Spring with daffodils already in evidence, we hope that 2022 will see a return to normality, whatever the new norm turns out to be. We look forward in particular to the celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, being held by the Parish Council on the Recreation Ground, with car parking and toilet facilities available at the Village Hall. Volunteers are needed on the day, so if you are able to help, please contact Chris Lyon.

**Philip Hall**, Chairman, Village Hall Committee

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



Our lovely Church is still standing!

The church is now surrounded by a new and refreshed graveyard. We have embarked on lightening up the whole area, giving new vistas.

There is some tree work still to be done and in particular, the sadly rotting oak tree.

The PCC welcomes everyone to the Church and churchyard but would request, politely, that people do not leave plastic gifts and decorations on the graves.

There is no longer a bin, or its overflowing contents in the middle of the graveyard so rubbish must be taken home or disposed of in the bins by the Church Room.

Many thanks and we look forward to welcoming as many as possible.

The Easter Services will be published when we have details.

The Parochial Church Council

### **WALDRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Your Parish Councillors:**

Ian Kay (Chair)  
Janet Elliot (Vice Chair)  
Serena Gold—Colin Reid  
Colin Archer—Chris Lyon  
Sue Quick—Joanne Doyle  
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**Next meeting: 08 March 2022**

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## Annual Parish Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Because of COVID it has now been two years since we had a face-to-face Annual Parish Meeting, so this year the Parish Council has decided to take advantage of the removal of restrictions and scheduled a proper physical meeting.

Although arranged by the Parish Council, this is not a Parish Council meeting – it is an opportunity for various groups that are active in the village to present information on their activities, and for people to meet, find out what is happening in the village and discuss any aspect of village life they choose. Refreshments will be served half way through.

If anyone wishes to give a presentation on behalf of a village group, would they please contact the Parish Clerk by email at [pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com](mailto:pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com). The Village Hall also has display boards that can be used to publicise information about groups.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an excellent way of keeping in touch with what is happening in the village. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you wish to contribute. A reminder will be posted on Waldringfielders nearer the date.

***Ian Kay (Chair, Waldringfield Parish Council)***



LOW FARM  
COTTAGES & CAMPING

### **CLEANER VACANCY - £11.50 hr**

Our lovely family campsite in Waldringfield is seeking a local cleaner on a self-employed basis for approximately 4hr a day (2 hr split shifts) from May to September 2022. Actual working hours are flexible.

Please call Jack on 01473 736475 or 07917 612621 for details.





## WALDRINGFIELD COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

### Food waste composting HUBS – volunteers wanted!

35 or so Waldringfielders already compost all their food waste through Hotbins – and two of them take in neighbours' food waste too.

**We can now offer a choice of food waste composting systems!**

#### Why now?

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 you can no longer put food waste into your brown garden waste bin. (By the way: only 120 out of our 280 households currently use this service.)

Food waste must now go into the black bin – it then goes to *EfW – Energy from Waste* – at Great Blakenham: but as food has very little calorific value this is a lost opportunity – the nutrients would be better kept in our village.

#### So what is our deal?

**We are offering a choice of food waste composting systems: Green Cone, Green Johanna and Subpod, Hotbin, hotbin wormery, bokashi bins and Worm City wormery ALL AT TWO THIRDS OF THE LIST PRICE!**

BUT....

- You must agree to enlist a neighbour or two to help feed the bin to capacity if you don't do so yourself
- You must keep in touch with WCC - we are hoping to make progress towards the village not needing a food waste collection service at all when this is nationally rolled out some time after 2023 – thus conserving nutrients where they are generated and avoiding lots of carbon costs
- If the system is not working for you, it must come back to us, and, if in usable condition you get your money back less 20%

You can find out about the various systems at:

**Green cone:** <https://greatgreensystems.com>

**Hotbin:** <https://www.hotbincomposting.com>

**SubPod:** <https://www.subpod.co.uk>

**Worm city:** <https://www.wormcity.co.uk>

**Green Johanna:** <https://greatgreensystems.com>

**Bokashi:** <https://vonhaus.com>

**Bokashi:** <https://evergreener.com>

And here is another possibility:

#### **Composting your dog poo?**

For those who would like to trial home composting of pet waste:

Doggie Dooley: <https://www.doggiedooley.com>

Pet Waste Wizard Biobin: <https://www.biomaster.com.au>

And get back to: Betsy pp Waldringfield Community Composting on [betsyr@talk21.com](mailto:betsyr@talk21.com)

And PS! Suffolk County Council offer several different kinds of composter at discounted prices <https://www.getcomposting.com>



## **Waldringfield Village Hall Winter Talks**



# **LORD DEBEN on CLIMATE CHANGE: It is the symptom, not the disease**

**Friday 4th March 2022 at 5pm**

**Adults: £4 Under 18s & students: Free**

It is three years since Lord Deben, former local [MP](#) and Environment Secretary, talked in Waldringfield. He played a prominent part in the recent COP 26 as Chair of the Committee on Climate Change, the independent statutory body which advises the UK Government on emissions targets and reports to Parliament on progress made in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate change. This is a great chance to hear Lord Deben's update and to question someone who is very much in the know.