



**No.79—Spring 2023**



*Photo—Jennifer Shone-Tribley, Waldringfield resident*

## Update on Brightwell Lakes February 2023

### General update

The earth works continue across the site to create the required contours and drainage. Now that the trees have been removed at the new “Ipswich Rd Western Access” (near the Stables cafe) it is possible to appreciate more fully the extent and size of the development. This new entrance has become the access point for most of the construction traffic during the build out of the western areas of the site. Once construction work is completed in these areas, this Western access will be become a “secondary” route with built-in width restrictions etc. in an attempt to reduce its use as a main access route.

### **A reminder of some of the imminent delivery dates.**

### Lane closures on the A12

By the time you are reading this the vegetation removal works around the new A12 junction at Brightwell Lakes will have been completed. However, the subsequent work on the A12 to create the new signalled junction at the primary entrance/main boulevard (running from west to east through the development) will follow on immediately. This work will necessitate further lane closures on the A12 but only during the night. This work is expected to be completed in 6 months.



### The initial building plan

The building plan for the first parcels of land (317 dwellings) is due to start shortly with completion of this first phase in approximately 4 years time.

### Utilities on site

Utilities from the A12 junction to the show homes will be in by end August 2023.

The Parish Council will monitor and respond to all “reserved matters” applications related to the site as they come forward. We will also continue to maintain regular contact with the developer and ESC Planners and we will of course keep residents updated regularly throughout the process.

***Cllr Janet Elliot***



## Waldringfield Gardeners

A group for all who grow for pleasure, to share enthusiasm and expertise. We are a part of the Greener Waldringfield community, encouraging local resilience, wildlife, biodiversity and co-operation in caring for our environment.

Whats App Group, Apple Press and bottle sterilizer, Scattered Orchard, Community Composting

### GARDENERS CALENDAR 2023

#### MARCH

- 06th—**Invasive Species Attack!** - Start from Dormers, Cliff Road (10am—11.30am)
- 11th—**Propagating Workshop and plant share**—venue tbd—(10am—12.30pm)
- 25th—**Composting Workshop**—Dormers, Cliff Road (10am—12.30pm) donations welcome

#### APRIL

- 18th—**Two Fields group visit**— Debenham IP14 6BJ—shared transport (10.30am—12.30pm)

#### MAY

- Scarecrow display: Garden friends or foes? And Love your Hedge poem**—display both from beginning of May
- 28th—**Open Gardens:** 2pm—5.30pm - Tickets £5 from Rivers Hall or Village Hall. A number of gardens will be open as part of the St Elizabeth Hospice Great Garden Trail—teas in the Village Hall until 5pm (cash only).

#### JUNE

- 7th—**Kentwell Hall**—Long Melford CO10 9BA—12.30pm—4pm—shared transport

#### AUGUST

- 12th—**Produce Show**—Village Hall—11am –12.45pm—open for viewing with tea and cake from 4pm—Auction of produce—from 5.15pm

#### SEPTEMBER

- 19th—**Beth Chatto Gardens**—Elmstead Market CO7 7DB—10.30am—12.30pm—shared transport

#### OCTOBER

- 28th—**Pumpkin Party and Lantern Parade**—meet at Village Hall 5.00pm—Parade to the beach via Church Field. Spooky stories and apparitions, veg boats with beeswax candles sailing into the dusk.

#### NOVEMBER

- 22nd—**AGM**—Kennedy Room, Village Hall—membership renewals due. Followed by mince pies, seed swap and other excitements
- 23rd—**Celebration of activities including Green Veining**— with Greener Waldringfield and the Wildlife Group –Village Hall—7pm
- 25th—**Winter Greenery Workshop**—10am—1pm

***New members welcome! Contact Secretary—Betsy Reid—01473 736506***

## MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY – PPG NEWS

The Martlesham Heath Surgery Practice and Patient Group (PPG) recently met for our first meeting of 2023.

We were joined by the new Practice Manager, Richard Hartwell for both Martlesham Heath Surgery and The Birches (Kesgrave). Richard explained to us how his role will fit in with managing both practices. Since July 2022 Martlesham Heath Surgery and The Birches have shared joint partners and joint management along with staffing, whilst remaining as 2 separate practices.

We were also joined by Dr Miah one of the two partners, Dr Miah explained in more detail what it meant for both surgeries to be training practices. The surgeries will be training GPs meaning patients will have access to more clinical staff and a surgery that has the latest understanding of current teaching and training. This will improve the quality of the surgeries in time hopefully lead to improved recruitment of GPs. Some patients have already been asked to attend training sessions with the trainee GPs.

The PPG also discussed changing the days & times we meet to enable a wider cross section of patients to be involved. Currently the meetings are held in the afternoon during the working week, moving forward we plan to begin holding meetings during the day & early evening on an alternating basis.

If you are interested in finding out more about the PPG please either email me at [MartPPG@gmx.com](mailto:MartPPG@gmx.com) or drop a note (with your name & contact details) into the surgery reception in an envelope marked for my attention (Tony Willmott, PPG Chair).

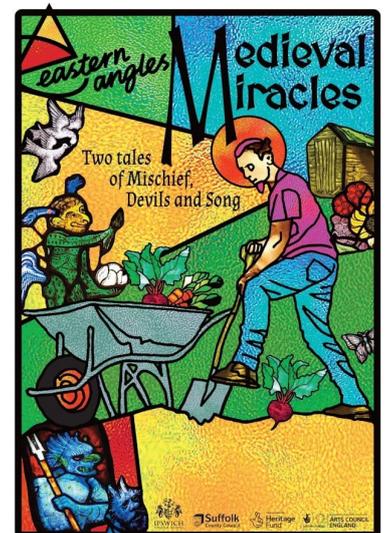
**Tony Willmott - Chair, Martlesham Heath Surgery PPG**

**EASTERN ANGLES** returns to the Waldringfield on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** with *Medieval Miracles*, thrilling modern versions of *The Trials of Mary and Joseph*—Heaven is empty and Hell is full - what is God to do? Lower the bar? The answer comes in a series of mystery plays telling the Nativity story - but not as you know it.

and *Mankind*, England's most popular comedy of the 90's (that's the 1490's) retold as a boisterous story of a climate conscious young man caught between the temptations of three mischievous devils and the need to be a good person

This double bill combines music, clowning, storytelling and a cloak of invisibility to create a magical experience.

### BOOKING SLIP



To Colin Reid, Dormers, Cliff Rd, Waldringfield, IP12 4QL ( email colinreid2@btinternet.com or leave message on 01473 736506 or 07801427297) Please provide tickets for Medieval Miracles at 7.30pm in Waldringfield Village Hall:

..... Adults (£12.50 each – or £11.00 for early booking paid for by 1st March)

..... Under 18 (£8.00 each)

I enclose a cheque to the value of ..... payable to "Waldringfield Village Hall Trust"

Name ..... Address..... Phone .....



# CORONATION COFFEE MORNING

Waldringfield Village Hall

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

10.00-12.30

Freshly brewed tea/coffee and home-made cake only £3 per person

King for the morning (Nigel King!)

A "Right Royal" raffle

Games (optional) - weather permitting

Commemorative cake - courtesy of

Waldringfield Parish Council

"Royal" photographer Stan Boston

Do join us in celebrating the upcoming Coronation of  
King Charles III



# Waldringfield Sailing Club

Established 1921

At this time of year many Club members are beginning to think about preparing their craft for the forthcoming sailing season. Several volunteers also work on the premises and support boats throughout the winter, and in February and March we will have some working parties to prepare the Clubhouse for the start of racing, which commences on Saturday 18 March. Our first larger event of the season will be the Easter Egg Regatta on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April when we expect many Club sailors and visitors to take part.



*Photo—Alexis Smith*

At the AGM of the Club in December we elected a new Commodore for a two year term, and we now have Anne Spalding at the helm. Another one of our lady members, Margaret Lake, was presented at the end of last year with a Royal Yachting Association Lifetime Commitment Award from the Princess Royal for all the time she has spent over many years in support of the Club and local sailing activities. Only a few of these are awarded each year for the whole country, so congratulations to Margaret for well deserved recognition of her hard work.

Over the Christmas break several younger members travelled to Melbourne, Australia to take part in the Cadet Class World Championships. We have a strong group of Cadet sailors, and are very proud to report that the new World Champions hail from Waldringfield Sailing Club, Toby Bush and Kemmel Thorogood – congratulations to them, and well done to all the other young sailors and supporting family members who enjoyed the Antipodean summer.

The annual Regatta, including the ever-popular shore events, is scheduled for the weekend of 24 – 25 June. We look forward to seeing many locals and visitors participating with the activities on and off the water. Further details about this and other aspects of the Club can be found on the website [www.waldringfieldsc.com](http://www.waldringfieldsc.com), or by calling by when the Clubhouse is open, mainly on Saturdays or Wednesday evenings (from 19 April).

William Sudell, President



*Photo—Alexis Smith*

## ***School Governors***

Suffolk County Council are looking for people to join the governing body of the Hollesley and Waldringfield Primary School Partnership.

Governors have 3 key priorities:

- ◆ To set the strategic direction of the school
- ◆ To hold senior leaders to account
- ◆ To be accountable for the finance of the school

The role of a school governor is a voluntary position. No specific qualifications are needed, and training opportunities would be available on appointment. Suffolk County Council is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and we are keen to celebrate diversity in our schools, inclusive of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability and age. We welcome applications from all.

Hollesley and Waldringfield are two inclusive community schools which formed their partnership in September 2021, and we are now looking for a new governor who can contribute their skills and experience as we move forward. The working style is very much based on collaboration with other governors and the headteacher. The amount of time required per month varies, but on average might be one or two governing body meetings per term, potentially plus one or two committee meetings.

If you would like to learn more about the role and how to apply please contact Nicola Dawson, Executive School Business Manager 01473 736276



## **Waldringfield Village Hall Winter Talks**

### **LIFE ON MONTSERRAT**



**NICOLA WALLACE**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 7.30 pm**

**Adults £4 including refreshments Under 18s Free**

The Caribbean island of Montserrat was devastated by a volcanic eruption in 1995 and more than half the population left. It is still a British Overseas Territory and Nicola Wallace of Suffolk Police recently spent a year there on secondment. She will talk about life on the island as it seeks to recover.

## A Tree Warden Writes



### Tree Wardening

This winter more hedging was planted and more trees supplied to landowners to plant themselves.

Along the footpath by Mill Road Cottage more gaps were infilled with trees from the tree council plus some grown locally from local seed.

Along Newbourne Road a gap of about 20m was filled in by a work party.

Many thanks to all the helpers who made this possible.

The mixed native hedges we are planting will supply fruit and seeds for many kinds of animals to eat and flowers to help bees and other pollinating insects. They are also wildlife corridors enabling small mammals and birds to move safely around the countryside and our gardens .

Trees from the tree council were supplied to land owners along with stakes and tree tube protection, for planting a small area of woodland in Newbourne and adding to woodland in Waldringfield.

Some of us tree wardens have many seedling trees potted up in our gardens to be grown on through the summer. If anyone is interested in free small trees or hedging please get in touch as we may be able to help.



*Autumn colours of spindle and hazel leaves – copied in the photocopier.*

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

*The three tree wardens in Waldringfield are Betsy Reid, Mariah Ballam and Christine Fisher Kay*



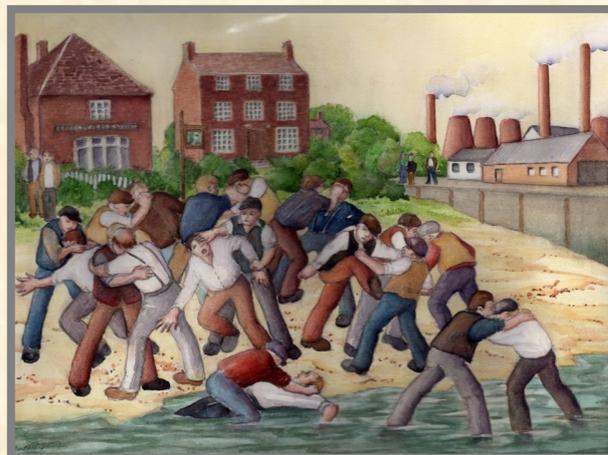
## Waldringfield History Group

Members of the History Group have spent the winter researching their projects. Julia Jones is researching HMS Beehive. John & Caroline are completing their monumental Waldringfield Service Records project, Alyson is adding to the Village Family Tree. but all have contributed to group projects on various subjects including some notorious and many famous 'names' Some very interesting facts have surfaced....watch this space .....

The Group will be presenting some of their findings on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April** at the Village Hall entitled "Waldringfielders in the Frame" & will include the 2020 Vision Project

Kitty Moss's painting "A Brawl at the Maybush" (as reported on in the Autumn Newsletter) has now been hung in the Kennedy Room.

A big thank you to the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to share it with the village.



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 2.00 p.m. The Subscription is £10 per year. For more information please contact Hon Sec Margaret Lake 01394 283347 or [waldringfieldhg@gmail.com](mailto:waldringfieldhg@gmail.com)

Our next meeting will be **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### **Your Parish Councillors:**

Ian Kay (Chair)

Janet Elliot (Vice Chair)

Serena Gold—Colin Reid

Colin Archer— Nigel Shore

Sue Quick—Cathy Couchman

*To contact the Clerk:*

**Jennifer Shone-Tribley**

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### **ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

and held on the second Tuesday of the month, in the Kennedy Room at the Village Hall—starting at 7:30pm unless otherwise notified.

**Next meeting: 14 March 2023**



# Local Elections 2023

## Waldringfield needs you!

### Be a Councillor!

#### What is a Parish Council

A Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government. It is a Local Authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people of the Parish. As the authority closest to the people of the village, we are often the first port of call for local people to go to with concerns or ideas. The Council plays a vital role in advocating for the village at all levels of government and for helping to improve and support the community.

#### Why become a Parish Councillor?

As a Parish Councillor, you will become someone our community will look to for help, guidance and support, a community leader with the ability to influence decisions that impact our parish, and participate in taking decisions to benefit the whole community. It is very meaningful to see the change that can be made and how it benefits our whole community.

#### How much time does it take up?

Councillors are elected for a 4 year term. The Council meets 11 times a year (Monthly with the exception of April) for about 2 hours on a Tuesday evening. Sometimes we have additional meetings, and Councillors also contribute in other ways such as represent the Council on various community groups (such as the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership and the Village Hall Trust). There are special project working groups that would benefit from councillor participation, which is a voluntary decision for each councillors. In a nutshell – it won't take over your life.

#### Am I eligible to be a Councillor?

You have to be:

- A British subject, or a citizen of a commonwealth or European Union country
- Over the age of 18 on election day

Additionally, you have to be one of the following:

- A local government elector in the council area you are seeking election in
- Have during the whole 12 months preceding the election occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area or within 3 miles of it.
- Have during the same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area or within 3 miles of it.

# Be a Councillor!

You cannot stand to be a Parish Councillor if you:

- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- Have, within the five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the UK of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- You work for the council you want to become a councillor in (but you can work for other council's or local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area)

## What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Probably one of the main issues the Council gets involved with is planning issues, as we are a statutory consultee in planning applications for the Parish. While we are not the decision-making body, the Council's views are sought on planning applications in and around the village allowing us to have a say in planning in the village.

The Council also owns and manages the playing fields and seeks to ensure this is an engaging place for our young people. The Council also seeks to support the community and its community organisations to improve the quality of life in Waldringfield.

While as a body, the Council has limited power to make big decisions, we do collaborate with our District and County councillors and advocate for change and resolving issues. Our opinions are sought and carry weight in those discussions.

## What are the Parish Council's duties?

Waldringfield Parish Council has 9 Councillors. Due to the variety of functions being a Councillor is a really interesting position to hold.

The Council is responsible to the residents of the Parish to make decisions wisely, with strong fiscal management and for the benefit of the community.

We organise events, maintain equipment, respond to residents who identify village issues or concerns, as well as the business of the Council - such as considering planning applications, audit, reviewing progress from working groups and hearing from our District and County councillors, who endeavour to attend.

## Have we convinced you yet?

The best way to find out whether you'd like to be a councillor is to come along to our meeting! See what we do, and have a chat to the sitting councillors. We are a friendly, approachable bunch, with experienced councillors there to support you should you decide to join us! Our next meeting is **14 March 2023** - at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Kennedy Room). Please feel free to join us!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Shone-Tribley, Clerk at [pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com](mailto:pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com) or by phone 01473 736475.



## WALDRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Maintenance work on Play Equipment

As part of the Parish Council's ongoing inspections of the play equipment on the playing field, the safety surface at the base of the seesaw was found to be in need of re-laying, as some of the tiles were coming adrift. The Parish Council engaged the local company, PlayQuip, (who had provided the new play equipment last summer) to fix the problem. The concrete foundation was found to be in excellent condition. The tiles were reattached using a polyurethane resin. Concrete (rather than the previous wood) was used to secure the perimeter. As a result, the seesaw should be safe to use for many years into the future.



*Gaps had appeared between the tiles*



*Re-laying the tiles*



*The completed work, the concrete perimeter is under a thin layer of earth*

## Warm Room & Pantry

**Every Wednesday in the Kennedy Room at the Village Hall.**

**Open from 1pm to 5pm—Soup & Roll served 1.30pm to 2.30pm**

Waldringfield Parish Council is delighted to report the successful launch of this regular village event supported by East Suffolk District Council's "Ease the Squeeze" initiative. We have now hosted several successful and very enjoyable sessions, with increasing numbers attending each week. In addition to the normal sessions, on 15<sup>th</sup> February East Suffolk Citizens Advice provided a special one-off outreach session, which was well attended.

Those who have attended have said they found it to be very welcoming, have stayed for several hours and returned. We are looking to extend the Pantry access to include a regular evening period to make it more accessible. The Parish Council would like to extend very special thanks to **The Maybush** for providing soup and other catering items, to **Councillors Janet Elliot and Cathy Couchman** for their hard work in organising these events, and to the **16 volunteers** who help make these events possible.

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

# Greener Waldringfield



Our first event for this year was one of two annual litter picks. We did not log every item, as *Source to Sea* would like us to do – but can record that we collected about ten black bin bags, mostly stuffed full, and some more recalcitrant items – a builder's bag, a large piece of work top – as well as lots of degrading plastic scraps and the usual large numbers of fast food containers, drinks bottles and cans (one of us observed that Ipswich Road has more discriminating drinkers than the road to Woodbridge). Also vapes, cigarette boxes, items of clothing and car parts and two balloons – only half a dozen masks and wet wipes, which has to be better.

Eleven of us were at it most of the morning, clearing every road into the village. There are also others in the village who regularly pick up litter in the Ipswich Rd and clear the narrow winding road into Waldringfield, dodging the traffic – so thanks to all for every time. Litter encourages people to be less fastidious, so less litter lying about must also have an effect!

Events coming up in the Village Hall are our fifth **Repair Café** (see below) and our first **Food Savvy Workshop** on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 0930-1100 for school parents and villagers: no need to book but if you have tips and tricks for saving energy, using ingredients more optimally, wasting less – please think about joining this and sharing what you have found out.



Two Fields near Debenham – you can join our visit on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April! - is an exemplar of Community Supported Agriculture with pig and chicken clubs, lots of growing on permaculture principles (so no agrichemical inputs), a Mend Shed for Repair Cafes and other more creative get-togethers, and even a compost loo. All showing how to live more lightly.

In May Greener Waldringfield along with Waldringfield Gardeners hopes to have not only scarecrows standing in driveways for three or four weeks before Open Gardens, but also hedges full of love letters or poems to celebrate hedges. Villagers are being invited to link the wildlife friendly bits of their gardens with their neighbours' in Green Veining, as already under way in Woodbridge and Felixstowe.

By June we hope to have firm plans for some Green Infrastructure workshops involving working together with our neighbouring parishes to link and consolidate our natural areas and the spaces between.

Betsy Reid (Greener Waldringfield Secretary) [betsyr@talk21.com](mailto:betsyr@talk21.com) 01473 736506

## REPAIR CAFÉ

**Saturday 4th March 2023—10am – 1230 pm, Waldringfield Village Hall**

Challenge our repairers at Waldringfield's fifth Repair Café.

Items regularly brought to Repair Cafés include furniture, portable household electrical appliances such as radios and vacuum cleaners (including Dysons), electronic gadgets and devices, toys, garden equipment, bicycles, clothing and other fabric items, jewellery and ceramics.

There is no charge for entry or repairs, but donations will be welcome. There will be a small charge for refreshments.



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 greater interest in the knowledge and love of wildlife in general.

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.**

For further details contact:

**Coordinator:** Linda Wilkins h: 736044 mob: 07788286482  
[linda.thequay@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.thequay@btinternet.com)

**Secretary:** Jill Winter h: 736125 [jillwinter2@gmail.com](mailto:jillwinter2@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Alexis Smith h: 736257 [g1dik@btinternet.com](mailto:g1dik@btinternet.com)

**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



## WWG PROGRAMME FOR 2023

- April 15<sup>th</sup>** Illustrated talk by Simon Hooton : Getting the most for wildlife from ponds. An active conservationist and specialist in the integrated conservation management of land and water covering East Anglia.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>** Nightingale Walk led by Peter Maddison, followed by alfresco breakfast in Anthea's garden, Newbourne. Meet 6.45am @ Newbourne Springs.
- May 10<sup>th</sup>** Evening riverside walk to identify and listen to the nightingales at Dairy Farm Marsh. Meet at the slip way, by the Maybush 6pm.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** Guided tour Newbourne Springs 10.00 with Rachel Norman SWT warden.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>** Guided tour Trimley Marshes 10.00 with Joe Underwood Warden of South East Suffolk and Trimley Marshes.
- June 7<sup>th</sup>** Guided bird sighting walk with Chris Baldry along the River Deben 10.30am at the dinghy park
- June 10<sup>th</sup>** Illustrated talk by Scott Mayson, BTO : Bird Track and bird migration.
- June 29<sup>th</sup>** Bat detecting evening walk with Duncan Sweeting, DCS Ecology.
- June tbc** Opening of moth trap at Julia's, Plum Tree Cottage with Tony & Sandy Fox.
- July/Aug tbc.** Summer Picnic.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>** **AGM 10.00am.** Followed by an illustrated talk by Gi Greiko, Suffolk Bird Group : Bird sightings and locations in our locality
- December 16<sup>th</sup>** Illustrated talk by Duncan Sweeting, Principal Ecologist, DCS Ecology Animal tracking & Signs. Followed by **members** bring & share Christmas Lunch  
<https://greenerwaldringfield.org/>

### Big Garden Bird Watch

Bird numbers, much to our surprise, were up this year in 21 gardens in Waldringfield, Newbourne and Waldringfield Heath.

574 birds were counted across 27 different species. The top bird this year was the blue tit, followed by house sparrows, wood pigeons and blackbirds, all seen in large numbers. The cold weather brought in migrant blackbirds. A buzzard was filmed visiting one garden and there were many sightings of a kestrel and sparrowhawk flying overhead. A red legged partridge, jay and moorhen were also spotted for the first time during the count, but sadly no thrush this year.

On the downside there was a big decline in greenfinch and chaffinch numbers, reportedly due to an outbreak of Trichomonosis in the village this summer. This parasite infection is deadly and easily spread at feeders, so it is important to regularly clean them.

The average number of birds per garden was 27.5 slightly up on last year but lower than the previous 4 years.

This is a fascinating and illuminating citizen science study. Thank you to all who participated.



Photo—Alexis Smith



Since the formation of Citizens Advice East Suffolk our services have been reviewed to ensure they meet the needs of the people in our communities. Below is an update on our new contact details, offices and outreach service.

Citizens Advice helps people find a way forward. We provide free, confidential and independent advice to help people overcome their problems. We are a voice for our clients on the issues that matter to them. We value diversity, champion equality and challenge discrimination and harassment. We are here for everyone.

**For free, confidential and independent advice:**

Call us on 0808 278 7866. Our advice phonelines are open (Mon-Fri – 10am-2pm).

Or check out our website [www.caes.org.uk](http://www.caes.org.uk).

**Citizens Advice centres in East Suffolk**

**Main offices:**

Beccles: 12 New Market, Beccles, NR34 9HA. Monday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment.

Felixstowe: 2 – 6 Orwell Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7HD. Monday-Friday 10-1pm by appointment.

Leiston Office: 14 Colonial House, Leiston IP16 4JD. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday by appointment.

Lowestoft: St Margaret's House, Gordon Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1JQ. Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment.

**Outreach drop in centres:**

Aldeburgh and Alderton – by appointment.

Bungay Town Council Offices, 1a Broad Street, Bungay, Suffolk NR35 1EE. Drop in every Tuesday 10am-12 noon. *This venue is due to change in spring 2023 – please check the website before coming in.*

Framlingham Library, The Old Court House, Bridge Street, Framlingham IP13 9BA. Drop in every Friday 10am-12noon.

Martlesham Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4PB - the third Tuesday of every month from 9am-12 noon.

Saxmundham Library, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham IP17 1AL. Drop in every Wednesday 10am-12 noon.

Wickham Market Resource Centre, Chapel Lane, Wickham Market IP13 0SB. Drop in every Tuesday 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Woodbridge Library New St, Woodbridge IP12 1DT. Drop in every Monday 10am-12 noon.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH



*Photo—Stan Baston*

The snowdrops are showing their pretty heads all over the churchyard – having given up hiding from the cold wind only to receive the frost!

The next job on our Church is to clean the gutters!!

Simon Couchman cleverly arranged for a drone to check out the tower to see if the seagull was thinking of nesting again! No sign as yet!



*Photo—Simon Couchman*

Easter will be our next joyous Service and you never know.....an egg hunt!?!?

9<sup>th</sup> April – time to be announced.

It is with great sadness and gratitude that we will be saying 'goodbye' to our Rector, Canon Ian Wilson and his wife, Trish. They are moving on to pastures new. We will miss them but wish them the VERY BEST. The last 'goodbye' service with Ian will be on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Time and detail to be announced.

Thank you, everyone, for supporting our dear Church. Hope to see you soon.

***The Parochial Church Council***

## Waldringfield Church Field Trust

A useful work party with the AONB volunteers was held in January, so many thanks to all who helped with that. Much of the long grass was cut using scythes and the cuttings piled up in habitat piles in secluded spots. Other areas were left long for overwintering larvae and pupae of moths and butterflies. Some of the gorse was removed where it was past its prime leaving bare areas to re-colonise with other plants perhaps. Bare soil is also very important for invertebrates such as some solitary bees so also good for helping a variety of creatures.

The field was looking very beautiful in the frosty mornings as many of you no doubt know from early morning dog walks. Now if ever is the time to keep dogs on leads as skylarks and other birds will be trying to establish nest sites in the grass. The gorse scrub provides home for linnets and sparrows. They are getting very noisy now as the breeding season approaches.



*Silver birch in December*



*A frosty February morning*

The policy at Church Field remains that dogs should be on leads. Lots of dogs are well behaved until they see something they want to chase, such as another dog.

An interesting mixture of herbaceous plants are appearing again after everything went brown and dead last year. Now it is very green and the rosettes of orchids have re-appeared along with tiny plants adapted to the exposed conditions. Another plant survey is needed and we hope to follow this up later in spring.



*January 2023*



*January 2023—Interesting range of plants growing*

**Christine Fisher-Kay**



## **The Village Hall**

### **WINTER PARTY**

As we emerge from winter like Mole in 'Wind in the Willows', why not pause the 'spring cleaning' and come and celebrate the end of winter at our convivial village supper with fun and entertainment

**7 for 7:30 pm**  
**Saturday 18th March 2023**  
**Waldringfield Village Hall**

£15 per ticket for a two-course meal (menu choices will be available on booking); plus the world premiere of our very own 'Garage Jam' band.

Dress Code: Colourful.

Group Bookings available by request for up to twelve friends.

Tickets will be available at our next Coffee Morning on Thursday 2nd March and subsequently from [tickets@waldringfieldhall.co.uk](mailto:tickets@waldringfieldhall.co.uk) or from Nigel King 01473 736060.

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE HALL**

As we continue the programme of improvements, the next item will be a new village hall website which Nigel Shore is kindly progressing. Subject to the availability of grant aid, we hope to follow this with an upgrade to the lighting system (replacing the fluorescent lights with led), installing new stage lighting, purchasing new cleaning machinery, and making improvements to the car park to prevent the build-up of dirt and the clogging up of the drains. Feedback is important to us. We welcome your views on whether you believe these are the right priorities. Any feedback you wish to give us is appreciated but should only be addressed to [chair@waldringfieldvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:chair@waldringfieldvillagehall.co.uk)

***Philip Hall***  
***Chairman, Waldringfield Village Hall Trust***

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