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Big Spring Clean 2021



Greener Waldringfield did our Big Spring Clean a bit ahead of the national ones so that we could still see the drinks containers among the burgeoning nettles in the verges – less to pick than before, but we know several people who have made it a habit to keep things spruce in the interims: what a pity there is still so much!

You can see from the pictures that we did a massive clear up of redundant tree guards as well – the pink ones are from the bluebell wood up near the café at Sheepdrift Corner (and watch for a more forgiving mowing regime on that verge following a good conversation with the café owner) and the smaller ones (there are lots packed inside each other) are from the field to the south west of the Heath Crossroads. We were given permission by the owner of Rattlerow Farms to do this – and he even supplied us with four litter pickers. There's still a lot of guards to remove – feel free to start a new pile! FREE THE TREES!



Photo showing tree guards from the Heath Crossroads, and on the road to Mayhew's farm at Sheepdrift Corner.



Waldringfield Gardeners

Open Gardens

Open Gardens will happen! Six generous gardeners have volunteered to open their gardens on **Sunday 20th June from 2.00pm to 5.30pm**. It's Father's Day so a good excuse for a treat – though cream teas in the Village Hall remain in doubt. There will be ice cream, though!

As usual we are doing this in association with the St Elizabeth Hospice, which will get about two-thirds of what we generate.

Anyone else wanting to open up, please get in touch.

The Scarecrow competition will run for the three weeks leading up the Open Gardens, so time right now to get creative. The theme this year is 'River and Sea' – as usual please demonstrate ingenious use of recycled stuff. We hope the scarecrows will be around from 29th May until 20th June.

Other WG Matters

The WhatsApp group continues to keep us in touch with each other, both sharing delight and solving problems. Only a fiver to join WG which gets you on to the group, able to borrow the apple press, join our trips etc.

Next Events

Monday 24th May: Visit to Wakelyns Agroforestry (will be over by publication, but watch for the follow-up)

Monday 5th July, 2.30pm-4.00pm: Visit to Oak Tree Low Carbon Farm

Monday 16th August (t.b.c.): Visit to Hyde Hall

Saturday 4th September: Produce Show



Betsy Reid, Secretary of Waldringfield Gardeners, 01473 736506

Waldringfield Parish Council

For over a year, Waldringfield Parish Council has been conducting its meetings remotely, by Zoom. However, after 6th May Government regulations have prevented us from conducting our meetings in this way. All future meetings will be held in the Village Hall, with all the appropriate social distancing and other precautions. We are allowed to have 'hybrid' meetings, though, which means that although there will be a face-to-face meeting, people can attend remotely if they feel more comfortable with that, or if they can't attend physically.

Details of both the physical meeting and a link to the Zoom remote meeting will be given in the normal notice, i.e. on Waldringfielders and the Parish Council noticeboards (please note: they won't necessarily be on the usual second Tuesday in the month, depending on availability of the Village Hall). The meetings are open to everyone, all are welcome, whether you wish to contribute or not.

Ian Kay, Chair of Waldringfield Parish Council

Waldringfield Parish Council is seeking to recruit a Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO).

Part-time permanent post

**Average hours 46 per month (working remotely and attendance at monthly
Parish Council meetings)**

Full time equivalent initial salary £19,698–£20,493, depending on experience.

The Clerk plays a vital management role in the council and has the legal status of the Proper Officer of the Council. In addition to ensuring that the council acts within its legal powers, the combined role of Clerk/RFO has a broad range of responsibilities including: setting meeting agendas, recording minutes, data protection compliance, dealing with correspondence, preparing annual financial statements, budget preparation and monitoring, keeping financial records and reconciliation. Also, uploading information on to the Council's website and organising the council's day-to-day administration.

The successful candidate will be able to show they have good interpersonal, organisational, communication, IT and numeracy skills. An understanding of basic accounting would be desirable but not essential. Previous experience as a Clerk/RFO is not necessary as you will be offered lots of support and the Parish Council will fund appropriate training as required.

The role can be occasionally challenging and always stimulating and rewarding. It offers the opportunity to play an important part within our friendly, energetic and active community.

For further information or an informal discussion, please contact the Council Chairman on 01473 736384 or email ian.kay1@btinternet.com

Applications in the form of a covering letter and a short CV should be submitted by 7th June 2021 or as soon as possible thereafter to the Chairman via email as above.

A Tree Warden Writes

Last Autumn, tree wardens around Suffolk collected a lot of seeds of different trees and started them off to grow new trees and hedges for the future. In Waldringfield, several of us have been tending our collections and some have got very good germination while some species are still biding their time under the soil. It looks as though we will have a lot of Alder, Hawthorn, Field Maple and other hedging plants but it is early days yet in tree terms and there should be more as the season progresses.

The recent rain has helped the new hedges planted in winter, which were suffering a bit with the drought, and at present things are growing pretty well. Anyone who would like a hedge of native species planted – especially by a field or on the edge of the village where it is next to agricultural land – is invited to get in touch. I expect to be able to source mixed hedging and trees from the Tree Council as in earlier years. I also have a collection of trees in pots including some suitable for gardens, so do get in touch for free trees if you are interested.

Hedges provide a refuge for wildlife, foraging for insects, food for birds and bats, shelter for hedgehogs and links for them all to move between safe spots as they try to carry on their lives in the dangerous world they inhabit.

Christine Fisher Kay, Tree Warden, 01473 736384



*Rowan seedlings grown from collected seed by
Jill Winter*

Waldringfield Sailing Club

Waldringfield Sailing Club started the celebrations of its centenary year in the Arctic temperatures of early April with its annual Easter Egg trophy races. Appropriately, around 100 hardy sailors and support crew took to the icy waters of the Deben over the Easter weekend to open our 100th season. At close of play, a giant anniversary cake baked by Cathy Fish was put under the knife by the Centenary Commodore, Peter Mills, and past Commodore, Anthony Mason.

Following the months of lockdown, club members have been eager to get out on the water as the rules have allowed, despite the continuing cold weather, and the moorings have been filling up as gradually boats have been launched. There has been racing every Saturday except one, but we have not been able to have the Clubhouse open because of the Covid restrictions; however, we are looking forward to these gradually being lifted.

The next main centenary celebration will be the Regatta from 25th-27th June, which will include a 100-boat procession at around 3.30pm on Sunday 27th, followed by the traditional Yachtsman's Service at 6.00pm which will be conducted from on board the past Commodore's yacht by the Reverend Canon Ian Wilson, and ably accompanied as always by Woodbridge Excelsior Band. Village residents are of course extremely welcome at these events.

Richard Atkins, Rear Commodore WSC



RS 200s racing in the Easter Egg Trophy event.



Racing at Waldringfield on a cold April Saturday afternoon. Photo copyright Alexis Smith.

Waldringfield History Group



Project 2020 Vision and Book Orders

You may already be aware of Waldringfield History Group's project to create a record of life in the village in 2020. If you have not yet returned your 2020 questionnaire and family photo, there is still time. Please return all questionnaires to Deben House, Cliff Road, or return electronically to waldringfield2020@gmail.com

If you have mislaid your questionnaire and would like another copy, please contact our Group at waldringfield2020@gmail.com

Waldringfield History Group still has a few copies of its book 'Waldringfield, A Suffolk Village beside the River Deben' available for sale. If you would like a copy of the book or further details, please contact the Group via our email address, waldringfieldhg@gmail.com

Meetings and Events

Like many village groups and societies, Waldringfield History Group has been unable to meet in person this season. Despite this, a series of interesting monthly meetings were held by 'Zoom' between November and March. Our February meeting included a presentation of research relating to the Waldringfield World War Two Rolls of Service. An exhibition of WW2 research is planned in the Village Hall as soon as circumstances permit. In March, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to hear a fascinating talk presented by Professor Mark Bailey concerning the transformation of the coastline between Orford Ness and Kirton Creek 1100 to 1600.

Our Group meets again on **Thursday 9th September**. New members are always welcome. For more information about membership, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Jane Hall, at waldringfieldhg@gmail.com

Waldringfield Church Field Trust

Church Field has been a useful place to take the air during the past difficult year. There is always something to see. Recently there were lots of linnets – on a sunny day, there were at least a dozen at the top end and another dozen at the bottom (unless they all moved down with me!). They chirp prettily in the gorse bushes where they have their nests. So, if you want to see linnets, wander along to Church Field. The males have pinkish breasts and they all have grey heads.

By the end of May I will be taking part in the 'No Mow May' project of counting the flowers in a metre square of unmown grass. This project is run by Plantlife as a nationwide survey of lawns and other maintained grassy spaces. It should help pollinators which need the flowers to survive – bees and many other insects. Anyone can do this at Church Field, in the playing field and in our own gardens. While counting flowers, watch out for butterflies, as the Big Butterfly Count will be coming along next!

Christine Fisher Kay



Waldringfield



Wildlife Group

Waldringfield Wildlife Group

Waldringfield Swift Update

Swifts have arrived over Waldringfield. The first reported sighting was by John Ogden on 6th May circling over Greenaway; the next day John saw a pair swooping low in front of where one of the known nest sites exists in lower Waldringfield. On the same day, swifts were seen over Deben Lane and The Quay and there are now consistent sightings over School Lane. On 9th May a swift was seen going into its usual nesting spot in Deben Lane and 15 swifts were seen over Fishpond Road.

This year, Waldringfield residents were ready to help these threatened birds by providing 'bed and breakfast', giving them the home and food they need. When arriving back in the UK in Spring, after a marathon journey from their wintering grounds in Africa, they need two things: a safe place to nest and plenty of invertebrates to eat. But these two things are sadly increasingly difficult to find. Without the food and nest sites they need to successfully raise chicks, swifts are likely to keep declining. So, over the past few months, Waldringfield residents, the Primary School and the Village Hall put up 45 swift boxes and made their gardens more wildlife-friendly to encourage more of the insects that swifts depend on. They are unlike many of the other birds we help by putting up bird feeders which encourage them to flock in, as swifts feed high up on the wing.

We now have swift boxes in the following locations: The Quay, Cliff Road, Deben Lane, School Lane, School Road, Fishpond Road and Woodbridge Road. Two more are to go up in Sandy Lane. Most of the swift box owners are playing the swift call sound to help the swifts locate the potential nest sites.

Swift boxes are not easy to install as they need to be at a height of about 5 metres, so there are significant health and safety issues. We needed skilled tradespeople to help us. Fortunately, Lewis Culf and his team heard our plea and stepped up to help protect our swifts by installing the boxes over two separate days, including over May Bank Holiday. Many thanks to Lewis and his team.

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BUILDING CONTRACTORS

The Primary School were delighted to have six swift boxes installed with an integrated swift call sound system by six helpful dads on a Saturday morning, who then went on to install two boxes at the Village Hall. Special thanks to resident Andy Porter who voluntarily made many of our swift boxes, recycling wood from his wood store, and to AONB who provided the swift boxes and call sound for the Primary School and the Village Hall.



What More Can We Do?

- *Plan to put up a nest box, if not for this year for next.
- *Install a swift brick if you are embarking on a major house renovation or building a new house.
- *Grow some wildflowers and have areas to allow your grass to grow longer.
- *Create a pond, whether it's a mini one or a more substantial one – it's one of the best ways to support insects and the wildlife that depends on them.
- *Report swift sightings of nesting and low-flying swifts on either Swift Mapper www.swiftmapper.org.uk or www.suffolkbis.org.uk. For Waldringfield swifts, please also let Linda Wilkins or Peter Maddison know via lindathequay@btinternet.com.

Linda Wilkins – Coordinator of Waldringfield Wildlife Group





Greener Waldringfield

An update for you on what we at GW have been doing to make a Greener Waldringfield and, in turn, a greener planet!

We have been working in pilot groups of enthusiasts – people who have specific ideas and interests, or who are already running a range of initiatives to support a sustainable way of living, in order to retain or improve the well-being of ourselves, our community and our environment. If successful,

the groups will share and advise on how to roll out ideas more widely, to get friends and neighbours enthusiastic too. Below are the initial pilot groups. A website is under construction and will be coming soon for more information.

- *Knowledge Group
- *Website Group
- *Energy Group (with aims to provide alternative energy expertise & advice)
- *Transport Group (with a focus on linking footpaths & promoting routes suitable for cyclists, as well as aiming for an increase in the use of electric vehicles)
- *Biodiversity Group (interested in rewilding & establishing wildlife corridors)
- *Phonebox Group (with an ambition to utilise a redundant local phone box for a community & visitor facility)
- *Community Food Composting & Waste (researching & promoting sustainable food production & composting)
- *Information Networking Group (liaising with other community groups to ensure GW's work fits with wider climate action initiatives)
- *Health Group (working to support & improve mental & physical health)
- *Church Group
- *Repair Café



The next Greener Waldringfield meeting will be at **7pm on Thursday 17th June** at Dormers, Cliff Road, Waldringfield. Join us to find out more!

Sue Quick, Chair

Betsy Reid, Secretary, 01473 736506

Repair Café Saturday 18th September, Waldringfield Village Hall 10.30am-2.30pm

Love your stuff and make it last – keep it going (or up- or down-cycle it) as long as possible! Entrance £1.00, children free. Refreshments available.

Volunteer repairers will be there – and are invited to get in touch to help! – for electronic and electrical items, bikes, woodwork, textiles, jewellery, china, etc. There will also be a clothes swap, Stuffbuddies website, Cupboard Love plastic-free shopping van and stalls, plus a talk by Ian Kay on the run up to COP 26. The Kennedy Room was packed to the gunwales for his talk at the first Repair Café in February 2020.

More details in later postings but save the date! And start stockpiling your items for repair – you sit by the repairer to see how it's done and perhaps learn more about how to keep your item alive for longer.

Waldringfield Village Hall Trust Lottery

What an unusual year for the Lottery it has been. With the loss of the Coffee Mornings because of the pandemic regulations – therefore no forum to have a live draw – we have had to resort to a monthly virtual draw. Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help achieve this. Congratulations to all the monthly winners and, of course, commiseration to those who have never had a win – I can only say better luck in the future! Only the June draw is left to go in the current Lottery year, with the new year beginning on 1st July.



This Lottery provides a useful contribution to the finances of your Village Hall and it is well worth the effort to expand and keeping it going. For the benefit of new residents in the village, I should simply explain that there is a monthly draw for five prizes currently valued at:

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| First Prize | £46 |
| Second Prize | £36 |
| Third Prize | £25 |
| Fourth Prize | £14 |
| Fifth Prize | £10 |

There is a complicated formula for working out the prize values but importantly, in round figures, there is a 50/50% split of the total monthly value of the number of £1.00 tickets sold between the Hall and prizes. Players can have as many numbers as they wish.

Collectors will be knocking on doors during May/June to extract £12 for each number you may have (12 x £1 monthly draws), so please be ready ! There will also be a letter to each house giving full details of how to take part. In the meantime, here are the ways to make payment:

Standing Order
BACS
Cheque payable to W.V.H.T.
Cash

I have put the methods of payment in preferred order. Those of you who already pay by Standing Order, thank you, you have nothing else to do. Please contact me if you would like a Standing Order form. For those of you who wish to pay by BACS, my letter will include the WVHT bank details for your payment. In view of any uncertainty you may have about having someone knocking on your door, cheques and cash can be put through my letterbox at Killick or the Village Hall letterbox. Please mark the envelope 'Lottery' and make sure your name and address appear somewhere! If you are able to help in this way, it will also save the collectors from making unwanted visits! So, look out for my letter...if you haven't already got it! If you have any questions, please do contact me.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Waldringfield Village Hall Trust, thank you to all existing players for your support – it is much valued. I look forward to hearing from old and new residents should you wish to take part. As I always say – you have to be in it to win it!

See you at a Coffee Morning when they can start again...

Stay safe and best regards,

Nigel King – Promoter, W.V.H.T. Lottery
'Killick', Cliff Road
ngking@btinternet.com 01473 736060



Woodbridge Choral Society

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Messiah & Annelies

Taster Rehearsal

**Tuesday 7th September
7.15 - 8.45 pm**

Kyson School, Woodbridge IP12 4HX

Interested in singing?

Even if you have not sung for years, you are welcome to
join us at our first rehearsal of

Handel: *Messiah* & James Whitbourn: *Annelies*.

Annelies is a moving work that brings to life the diary written
by Annelies Marie Frank from 1942 to 1944.

Following the rehearsal, you will be able to find out more about
the choir and have a chance to chat over drinks and nibbles.

*Performances will be at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge
on 6th November (Annelies) and 11th December (Messiah)*

**For further details, please contact Jane Hall
(assistantvicechairman@woodbridgechoralsociety.org)
or woodbridgechoralsociety.org**

Village Hall News

Adult exercise classes can re-start as from 17th May.

Pilates

At last, I'm re-starting Pilates at Waldringfield Village Hall on Tuesdays at 9:30am for at least 10 weeks up until the Summer holidays! Please let me know if you'd like to come, and please tell your friends! You'll need to bring your own mats, I'll be providing other small props, suitably sanitized. It's £10 per class, cash or transferred to my account. Alternatively, you can book and pay online on my website: www.tonepilates.co.uk Contact Tony Boardman 07964 325783.

Karate

Classes for all ages on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please contact Leonie:
<https://www.evolutionkarate.co.uk/> Email: info@evolutionkarate.co.uk 07868139743

Art Group

Thursday afternoons 1pm to 4.30pm – contact Kit Clark 01473 736670.

Stretch and Tone

Fridays 1pm to 2pm – bring your mat. Contact Di Taylor didee33@hotmail.com Dust down your workout gear and yoga mat in preparation for your return to some normality and routine. Feel free to wear a mask if you wish. If you are still not ready for re-entry to social situations I quite understand and hope to see you in the not-too-distant future. The cost of the class is still £8 per session.

Dance Classes

www.dilysdancestudio.co.uk For information and to book, contact Faye Meakin info.dilys@gmail.com

Wednesday mornings

9.30am Mini-Movers: parent and toddler class for children who love music and dancing! Meet other families and share wow moments with your toddler as they twirl, jump, sing and play! Trial sessions available. Booking is essential.

Ballet: 10.30am pre-school class, 11.15am adult class. Ballet improves your mobility, posture, control and balance whilst socialising in a friendly environment. We welcome beginners, or those who have danced previously. Phoebe is welcoming, encouraging and full of fun. Trial sessions available. Booking is essential.

Saturday mornings

Acro-Gymnastics: Acro is a mix of gymnastics, dance and acrobatics.

9am: Pre-School Tumbles & Tricks

9.45am: Acro Class 1

10.45: Acro Class 2

Mobile Post Office

As usual, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 12.30pm.

For more information, contact: Marian Bradley 01473 736126 or villagehall.bookings@btinternet.com

Disclaimer: I sincerely hope all the events mentioned above will still be able to go ahead...

Coffee Mornings

The monthly Coffee Mornings held in Waldringfield Village Hall have been great community events and have offered opportunities for people to get together with friends and neighbours, and to meet new people. Not only this, but they have provided a place for



information sharing, and a place where things can be bought and/or exchanged/donated. I'm sure many people can think of other things the Coffee Mornings provide too. Of

course, drinking freshly-brewed tea and coffee, and eating home-baked cakes and savouries, are also high on the agenda!



Many people have asked when the Coffee Mornings are likely to resume. After much deliberation, members of the current 'Coffee Morning Team' have decided to restart the Coffee Mornings on **Thursday 2nd September – from 10am-12noon**. We realise this is a few months away, and apologise for any disappointment this may cause, but feel this is the right thing to do.

We are always looking for people to bake cakes for the day, and we are happy to reimburse the cost of ingredients – do please ask. We would also like to expand our friendly team, to enable team members to perhaps do every other month. This would enable team members to attend coffee mornings themselves and join in the fun.

If you'd like to join the team, do let us know. All you need is a sense of humour, and a willingness to offer something to our lovely community. You may need to complete an on-line Food Hygiene qualification, but this is very simple and help is available if required.

We look forward to seeing you on 2nd September!

Kind regards,

Chris Lyon – on behalf of the Coffee Morning Team

01473 736291



All Saints' Church

The unique 'Yachtman's Service' will be held on the beach on

Sunday 27th June at 6pm

We were unable to hold this last year (for obvious reasons) so it will be very special. It was also coincide with the Centenary weekend of Waldringfield Sailing Club.

We very much hope that as many as possible will join us for this unusual service which brings joy and peace. It was started by the Rev. Canon Arthur Waller in 1936 and held on the beach from 1949!

We will be joined by some members of the Excelsior Band from Woodbridge. The service will be taken, from the water, by Rev. Canon Ian Wilson.





EASTERN ANGLES, East Anglia's professional touring theatre, comes again to the village with a new play. This production has been postponed from last year.

Waldringfield Village Hall, Friday 23rd July 2021 at 7.30 pm

Red Skies features two of Suffolk's most famous residents: George Orwell, who took his pen name from the Ipswich river, and Arthur Ransome, who was resident on it, and asks what would have happened if they had met? It starts in Southwold Harbour just before the outbreak of war where Orwell's father was dying and when Ransome, along with his wife Evgenia, was sailing out of Pin Mill. Orwell is about to write

Animal Farm and intrigued that Ransome is married to the former secretary of Russia's revolutionary leader, Trotsky. With Orwell's suspicion of spies and the Ransomes' inability to explain how they got out of Russia after the revolution, sparks could fly. The show follows their two stories over 20 years, when all three are in search of answers, political and personal.

Adults: £12.00 each Under 18s: £8.00 each

All bookings to be made via the Eastern Angles Website www.easternangles.co.uk or the Eastern Angles Box Office 01473 211498.

If you would like to come, we recommend booking early as there will be only 40 seats available so as to ensure social distancing. Following Covid regulations and guidance, Eastern Angles and Waldringfield Village Hall are committed to making arrangements for the audience to be safe and to feel safe at the event. Except if the advice changes, members of audience are asked to wear face-coverings (unless they are exempt under the Government's guidelines).

WALDRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors:

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Next meeting: 10th June

This will be at the Village Hall, with remote access available via Zoom.

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