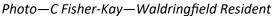


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Update on Brightwell Lakes May 2024

The activity on the Brightwell Lakes site continues at pace. Here are some of the main headlines.

The SANGs (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space).

Some of the final details for the SANG areas which include the former fishing lake are yet to be agreed. ROSPA has agreed all the safety measures required with regards to the play areas, the beach around the lake etc. Discussions are still ongoing with the PROW team, particularly in regards to the PROW around the southern border. Planting/seeding and hedge laying has started in the SANG corridor area and will start in the main SANG area by the end of this year (earthworks are still being carried out in this area at the moment.) See drawing of the Masterplan on the next page.

New plans for the next parcel of land

This parcel is designated as W6 and is currently in the pre - application discussion stage. It is located to the west of the SANG corridor and will contain 96 dwellings of relatively low density.

General ongoing planning matters

Innumerable applications, some awaiting decisions, to discharge or the vary conditions applied by ESC. These include a revised lighting plan to avoid "back spill", amended parking arrangements, changes in the provision of "affordable" dwellings on parcel W1 (in response to Housing Association requirement to reduce the number of flats and increase the number of houses in this category)

Update on the school provision

Suffolk County Council plan to open the school in 2026/27 but it has yet to present a planning application. ESC should be the "planning authority" but this is not entirely clear as "SCC also has responsibility for approving the school"!

Some matters of concern

- 1. SCC Highways appear to have changed the design (approved by ESC) of the Western Ipswich Rd access route. In particular the measures designed to deter too many drivers from using this as a main point of access. The planners at ESC intend to pursue this matter as do we!
- 2. The initial access to parcel E1 will be restricted to via the Eastern Ipswich Rd as although the entrance from the A12 will be in place the Boulevard will not have been extended as far as E1. This means that driving habits will have formed before the boulevard will be accessible. This is contrary to previous discussions.
- 3. There is still no agreement with the appropriate NHS providers regarding medical services coverage for the new residents.
- 4. Water disposal Surface water will be dealt with via a network of SUDs (Sustainable drainage systems) which provide an alternative to the direct channeling of surface water through pipes and sewers to nearby watercourses. The foul water/sewage will be pumped via a separate drainage network, ending up at the Anglian Water treatment plant at Martlesham Creek. "Taylor Wimpey pay an infrastructure charge to Anglian Water to enable any necessary upgrades to ensure there is sufficient capacity to accept the development". At the time of writing we have not been made aware that Anglian Water is planning any such upgrades. We will pursue this further.

Myself and Ian Kay continue to attend the Brightwell Lakes Community Forum meetings as representatives of the Waldringfield Parish Council. Please contact us if you would like us to raise a particular issue or concern that you might have regarding the development.

Cllr Janet Elliot

Brightwell Lakes—SANG Masterplan



Waldringfield Open Gardens

Sunday 9th June—2pm - 5.30pm



Please do join us for a wonderful village event—We have 9 gardens open this year

Adults £5, accompanied children free

Cream teas £5

Morris Dancers, Scarecrows, hedge poems. Entry tickets and maps from the Village Hall and Rivers Hall.

Cream teas, disabled parking and Katies plant stall at the Village Hall (cash only)

Ticket sale funds to St Elizabeth Hospice

Tea funds after expenses to Waldringfield Gardeners

Waldringfield Gardeners



Visit to an inspirational garden rescheduled - too wet on the day we chose so we will arrange a group visit to Green Island Gardens some time in June. Join us for conviviality!

Invasive species eradication

We have all but eliminated three cornered leek (Allium triquetrum) from Cliff Road where it has been drifting down hill - but there will be bulbs left and flowers setting their abundant seed. It is on Schedule 9 of the Countryside and Wildlife Act - don't let it spread into the wild. And be careful what you wish for if you have it at home: it overtakes!

Some Hemley residents have done stalwart work curtailing the spread of Alexanders on Mill Road corner by Church Farm and several other locations - either digging the plants

out if early enough or at least cutting off the seed heads and rotting them in water if they are mature. It smothers so much of the early growth and even now in summer where there is Alexanders there is not cow parsley and which would you rather have? In Waldringfield it has mostly gone from Cliff and School Roads, and been reduced on the road down into the village.



Asian Hornet



Hovers like hawks to catch honey bees as they emerge from the hive - but not only those: also a wide variety other native insects. It's been sighted this season and is notifiable - you can report a sighting by email (including a picture if you can) to <u>alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk</u>

They are quite easy to identify: they are smaller than our native hornet with an orange face, yellow legs and a black thorax with just one orange segment, the fourth. Don't try to deal with them - they can be very aggressive.

The Gardeners are busy publicly too! We have for some years looked after the Triangle by the village hall - this year it has more long term interest added, as well as the meadow type plants. We have also taken over the verge outside Japonica Cottage - anyone who would like to help please get in touch!



No Mow May - Plantlife (and WG) plead that you leave some of your grass long as long as possible: mowing some paths through it and giving it crisp edges make it look intentional if the rankness bothers you. It will supply not only flowers for nectar, but also coolth for the insects that multiply there and nourish those acrobatic aerial feeders the swifts (we have more than 70 boxes in the village - so nest sites and with food!) In addition the temperature in longer grass is nearly ten degrees cooler than in short grass - and that air moves into the surroundings: will come a time in the summer when we all relish it.



Dance for worms! The Soil Association is inviting citizen scientists to count the worms – an easy indicator of soil health – at home and away and log the results before the end of May – to create the first 'worm map' of Britain. Look out for the results! We will circle dance them to the surface led by Dance Caller Sue Curd – first in Dormers garden and then in Church Field. If the dancing is fun we might do it again in June.

Giant Sunflowers

We have a supply of giant sunflower seeds. Limit three per family-still just time to plant to see whose is tallest!





Our Christmas Wreath making /
Greenery workshop is on Saturday 30th November 2024 in the village hall. Enquiries Alexis Smith
E: g1dik@btinternet.com



COMMUNITY FLOWER, VEGETABLE & CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY 10th AUGUST 2024 WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

This show is open to ALL Home Growers, Bakers & Makers who are residents of Waldringfield, Hemley & Newbourne and their Grandchildren who come to stay with them.

> ENTRIES ARRIVE 11AM-12:45PM

JUDGING 1.00PM–(Closed to the public)

OPEN TO PUBLIC AT 4.00PM / AUCTION OF PRODUCE AT 5.15PM FREE ADMISSION - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

"The People's Choice" - Vote for your favourite entry in the show.

For Entry Forms and full details, please contact Alexis-AlexisSmith-g1dik@btinternet.com

Calling all Tennis Players! Waldringfield Tennis Club - Chairperson Wanted



Colin Archer did excellent work as Chairman of the Tennis Club for many years, but he has left the village, so a replacement is needed. I have been acting as caretaker Chairman, but I don't have the time to do the job justice.

The tennis court is a wonderful asset to the village, but it is in need of re-surfacing and other improvements. If you are interested in taking on this important and rewarding role, please contact me. Thanks you.

Ian Kay (Acting Chairman, Waldringfield Tennis Club) - ian.kay1@btinternet.com

Warm Welcome afternoons during the summer

I am very sorry to report that due to the relatively low take-up we are **not** able to go ahead with the Warm Welcome trial sessions this Summer.

However we are already putting in place the funds and the resources to relaunch the weekly sessions this Autumn through to Spring 2025.

More information to follow.

Cllr Janet Elliot





Waldringfield Sailing Club

Established 1921

The racing season got under way in March and now is in full swing with weekend and Wednesday evening races. Over the Friday and Saturday of the Easter weekend we held the traditional Easter Egg Open Meeting, for which there were 55 boats entered. Unfortunately the weather proved difficult with high winds limiting sailing on the first day, and very little wind resulting in the abandoning of racing on the second day.



photo —Alexis Smith

We are hoping for better conditions for the Regatta Weekend on 13 and 14 July. The

scheduled for the Saturday and the event culminates on the Sunday evening with the Yachtsmen's Service attended by sailors and

villagers on the beach, and afloat.



Photo—Alexis Smith

Whilst some Club members are keen on racing others prefer more leisurely enjoyment of the river, or go cruising in their boats elsewhere. Saturday mornings can be busy with sail training and introductions to sailing, with junior sailing being a popular activity. The junior sailing mornings are open to children who are not members of the Club. If you have a child who might be interested in trying out sailing do get in touch and we will do our best to accommodate them.



Photo-William Sudell

As ever, if you would like more information about our activities please visit the website www.waldringfieldsc.com, or come and visit when the Club is open (Wednesday evenings and Saturdays through the summer, and some other times). Emails can be sent to secretary@waldringfieldsc.com.

William Sudell Club President



Photo—Alexis Smith



Traffic Analysis on School Road

You will probably have noticed that there has been a Speed Indicator Device (SID) on School Road from time to time. This does not record licence plates, it simply timestamps vehicles and clocks their speed. This article describes the results from

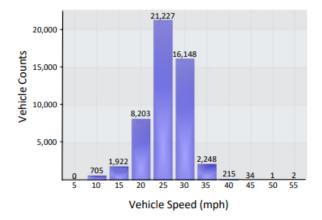
when the SID was located on School Rd, near The Bays, pointing north, so it was recording incoming traffic only. It covers the period from 16/10/2023 to 07/03/2024 (though not continuously – there was a gap over Christmas and New Year). It recorded 50,755 vehicles.

The main conclusions are:

Most drivers stick to the speed limit (30 mph), and of those that exceed it, most do so by only a few mph:

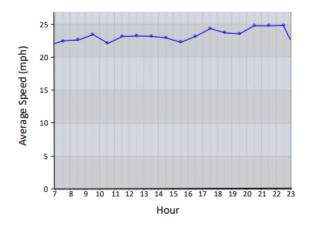
- The average speed was **23.2** mph
- The 85th percentile speed was **28.4** mph (this is the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles travel. It is widely used in determining speed limits)
- 4.9% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit
- The average speed of vehicles that were over the limit was **33.1** mph

The maximum speed was **55.0** mph on 26/12/2023 at 13:05, but this was an outlier. The speed distribution clearly shows this:



The speed doesn't change much by time of day, but is slightly higher in the evenings:

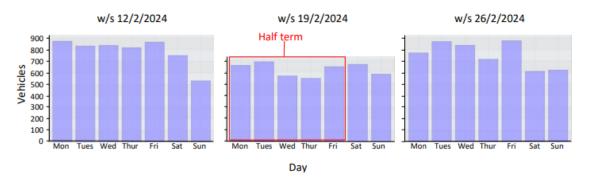
For example, for the w/s 26/2/2024 (I have omitted the hours before 7am because there was too little traffic to provide meaningful averages):



This picture is roughly the same in the school half term holidays, so school traffic isn't going any faster than non-school traffic.

In weekdays, nearly a quarter of the traffic is school related:

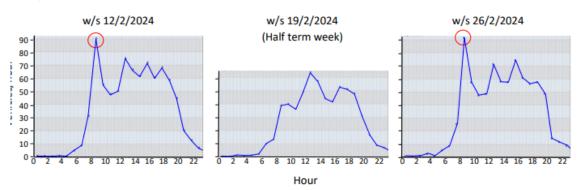
Weekday traffic volumes are 23% higher in term time than during the half term weeks. During half term the weekday traffic volumes are roughly similar to the weekend volumes:



This pattern was repeated in the October half term.

In term time, the peak traffic volume is around 8:30am

This peak is absent in half term weeks:



The SID must be re-located every four weeks. Other locations are Newbourne Rd, Mill Rd and School Rd pointing towards the school (there are certain restrictions on where it can be located). In addition to gathering traffic data there is evidence that SIDs are useful in encouraging drivers to keep within the speed limit.

If you have any questions about the SID feel free to contact either myself or Cllr Colin Reid.

Ian Kay (Chair, Waldringfield Parish Council)
ian.kay1@btinternet.com

Waldringfield Parish Council Councillor Vacancies

We need members of the community to join us!



Waldringfield Parish Council has 2 vacancies for the role of Councillor, for which all members of the community are welcome to apply. When vacancies arise, Parish Councils may fill the vacancy through the process called Co-option. We are seeking to fill our vacancies through this process.

Parish Councillors are first and foremost members of the local community. We have a wonderful and vibrant village and look to have representation from all areas of the community. The role is varied and enables local people to use their skills and experience to enhance the work undertaken by the Council for the benefit of the community. We do lots of things – so there are lots of opportunities to contribute!

Some of the things the Council does in Waldringfield:

- We provide amenities, such as benches, the village sign and grit bins
- We manage the playing fields and its equipment
- We organise community events, such as fetes and the Warm Welcome coffee afternoons
- We produce a quarterly newsletter
- We organise litter picks
- We represent the community to other levels of government on issues such as planning and highways

In terms of time commitment, Councillors are expected to attend the monthly meetings of Council (on the second Tuesday of the month) and some work outside of the meetings.

The Council wishes to invite interested people to contact the Clerk for an information pack, which details eligibility and application requirements. We also encourage applicants to visit www.beacouncillor.org.uk for more information.

Additional Note: Successful candidates if co-opted, would serve until the next elections in 2028.

The Council is committed to achieving a balanced composition of Councillors that reflects the Waldringfield community.

If you are interested – please contact the Clerk:

Jennifer Shone-Tribley - Clerk

Post: Low Farm, Ipswich Road, Waldringfield, Woodbridge IP12 4QU **e-mail** – <u>pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com</u> **phone**: 01473 736475

aaaaaaaaaaaaaa Coffee Mornings

The monthly coffee mornings held in the village hall from 10am-noon on the first Thursday of each month, continue to provide a popular social for villagers and visitors alike. They are a good place for newcomers to the village to get to know people, and you can be sure of a warm welcome.



All cakes and savouries are homemade and are accompanied by freshly brewed tea and coffee.

The next dates are:

6th June 1st August

Of note - The Coffee Morning Team has decided that instead of raising money for Macmillan this year, funds will be raised for the Alzheimer's Society. This "special" coffee morning will be held on Thursday 5th September. If anyone would like to donate cakes or raffle prizes for this event, these will be much appreciated. More details to follow.

Kind regards, Chris Lyon - on behalf of The Coffee Morning Team 01473 736291



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Waldringfield Village Hall

Friday 29th November 2024

More details to follow!

Chris Lyon - 01473 736291

Greener Waldringfield

Many Waldringfield residents and our village groups have biodiversity values at heart: the Wildlife Group, the Gardeners Group, Church Field Trust and Greener Waldringfield are the focal point for knowledge sharing, via talks, WhatsApp and practical events. These help our village in supporting its natural biodiversity as best we can and thinking ahead to build climate change resilience. The scattered orchard, the tree and hedgerow planting, the village verges bursting with late spring flowers and the recent "triangle" planting all looking really good this year! But, is it enough?

Many of you have contributed in your own gardens to increase the quantity of native tree and hedgerow planting and "wildlife patches". All of this is being encouraged nationally to support our indigenous species, which have sadly been depleted through habitat loss and land use change all across the country. We have five Tree Wardens in these groups and access to a whole network of expertise between us, as well as free plants! Do get in touch if you want to help or get involved in the action, either in your own garden or around the village!

Following our big Green Infrastructure event last year, local clusters of parish councils are now taking their ideas forward, supporting each other and sharing ideas. This includes working towards an interparish Biodiversity Action Plan - we are reviewing and extending the existing policies - green corridor mapping and sharing ideas for future events.

Greener Waldringfield with the Parish Council have been working with our representatives from Martlesham, Brightwell Foxhall and Purdis Farm, Hemley and Newbourne, all



Rowan no longer surviving in Waldringfield—Photo S Quick

together as a Parish Cluster. Greener Waldringfield is coordinating a follow up Green Infrastructure event for all the stakeholders of the 2023 workshop event - this will be in September 2024 in Ufford.

As a group, GW with the Parish Council, are also members of The Deben Estuary Partnership whose formal consultation process is in progress for their plan to guide future management of the river in the coming decades. Developments such as Brightwell Lakes and the new Coastal Path, which will increase footfall to our village amenities and natural environment, are obviously on the agenda.

We particularly welcome any input to these planning processes from our wider community of experts, citizen scientists, local groups or businesses, or anyone who has a stakeholder interest in our area of outstanding natural beauty.

Sue Quick

Chairman Greener Waldringfield / Waldringfield Parish Council Biodiversity Coordinator *01473 736630*



Waldringfield Wildlife Goup

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.

Members: No charge. Visitors welcome: Admission charge: £3.00 for visitors and non-members.

Field Trips: Please inform Linda Wilkins or Jill Winter 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 more information contact:

The Coordinator: Linda Wilkins ;P: 01473736044; M: 07788286482, E: linda.thequay@btinternet.com

Secretary: Jill Winter P: 01473 736125 E: jillwinter2@gmail.com
Treasurer: Alexis Smith P: 01473 736257 E: g1dlik@btinternet.com

PROGRAMME FOR 2024

June 8th Illustrated talk by Colin Hawes. Recorder and lead partner in conservation

of stag beetles in Suffolk: Survey of Stag Beetles.

June 27th Guided wildlife walk with Nick Mason. Meet 10.00am

Upper Hollesley Common.

July tbc Opening of moth trap tbc

July 23rd Butterfly count 11.30 and Summer Picnic 12.30 at Church Field.

Our Wild about Wildlife event on 28th May is fully Booked!!

We hope to hold a second event for Waldringfield children and families in August date to be confirmed!

Contact for these events:

Linda Wilkins

P: 01473736044; M: 07788286482,

E: linda.thequay@btinternet.com



MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY - PPG NEWS

The Patient and Practice Group (PPG) recently met, the hot topic of discussion was the new Anima system used for booking appointments. Most PPG members gave their own personal feedback plus that from other patients.

It is very evident that the Anima system is not working as had been intended and as expected. As a result the surgery team has been completing their own review of the system and looking at other similar systems.

One issue is the surgery is expected to have an online tool for booking appointments by NHS England, BUT the funding to cover these systems is not fully in place as yet until an approved supplier list is issued. Therefore the surgery does not wish to enter a multi-year contract, with a supplier not on the list.

The PPG members have begun testing an alternative system in collaboration with the surgery to provide feedback on the patient experience of using the system. This is in addition to some further information some PPG members have of systems other practices are using.

The surgery fully understands the impact that having a poor system can have on patients trying to access its services. To this end the PPG and the Practice are working together very closely.

If you have comments to make on the Anima system, you are welcome to contact the PPG. Any feedback you make will be shared anonymously with the Practice, however we ask that you provide your contact details so the PPG can contact you to clarify any points raised. Your details will not be shared with the Practice. You can contact the PPG by either email MartPPG@gmx.com or drop a note (with contact details) into the surgery reception in an envelope marked for my attention (Tony Willmott, PPG Chair).

The PPG also discussed a number of other items, including the projects that they plan to work on this year.

If you are interested in finding out more about the PPG please either email me at 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

Waldringfield Church Field Trust

May is probably the best month to be outdoors and walking round Church Field is especially lovely at the moment with the hedges and trees in their new fresh green leaves. Skylarks are often seen and heard singing overhead, and they may be nesting in the grass.

Church field which was given to the village by the late Dr Tom Waller back in 2003 is an area of just over 5 acres. If you don't know it, it can be accessed from Mill Road and from the public



Photo- C. Fisher-Kay



Gorse in flower where linnets and other small birds have their nests—Photo- C. Fisher-Kay

footpath from the sailing club car park. Activities pursued on Church Field range from ball games to bird watching, kite flying to jogging, dog walking, meeting friends, observing nature and quiet contemplation.

There is open meadow grassland and short mown grass for games. Many different types of trees were planted including Scots Pine, Oak, Larch, Chestnut and Hornbeam, and these now bear fruit and flowers in season. More have arisen self sown and there is lots of gorse and broom scrub which is popular with linnets and sparrows. A barn owl is often seen crossing the field in the evening.

The new re-conditioned mower purchased with donations from the village has been put to good use by Martin Spall, who has cut the shorter playing area at least twice already as quite a lot of rain has led to plenty of new growth. Martin is doing a great job of keeping the playing area and paths easy to use. Also in late winter the longer rough grass areas and hedge were cut by Allan Parkin, keeping brambles in check. Many thanks to both of them for their continuing help, and to all the others who help to maintain the field at work parties. If you would like to help please get in touch.

Christine Fisher Kay, 736384.



Grass cut short for games still has lots of very short daisies and Hawkweed in flower for pollinators.—Photo—C Fisher-Kay



Cherry Plum flowering earlier in the year with Peacock butterfly—Photo C Fisher-Kay

A Tree Warden Writes

May 6th was the start of national hedgerow week. The importance of hedgerows was made clear in a number of webinars from the Tree Council. Hedges in the countryside are important for many reasons including preventing run – off where topsoil is washed off the fields by excessive rain; reducing wind speeds generally over the landscape, providing shelter for livestock and wildlife as well as providing food resources for birds, insects and all the other animals now under severe threat in our countryside. They provide foraging opportunities for people too!

During the last year the government carried out a survey on the attitudes to hedges of landowners, farmers and other stake holders such as tree wardens and others working in the countryside. Many of us tree wardens filled in the survey about whether the existing regulations should be retained (after Brexit) or changed to be made more or less

stringent.

It was encouraging to hear that most people favour looking after hedgerows better, retaining the regulations and even extending some of the conditions of compliance, which are carried out by farmers in receipt of the countryside stewardship payments or other similar schemes.

There is now a proposal to extend certain regulations to cover all farmers whether or not they are in an agreement. This has yet to go through parliament but if it does, it will be a requirement for



A hawthorn hedge in flower. The old hedge trees are gradually dying out and need new recruits coming through! - **Photon C Fisher-Kay**

2m either side of a central line of the hedge to be left uncultivated and free of weedkiller or fertiliser application. It is encouraging that a large majority of landowners and farmers were in favour of the approach which would be of great benefit to our depleted wildlife.



Many hedge trees are ash which are likely to die of ash disease

A Tree Warden Writes cont

Another area where the results were positive was the retention of and extension of hedge tree planting. Recent survey work has shown that of our remaining hedge trees (nationwide) most of the existing hedge trees are old and will soon be in decline if not already and there are not enough new ones coming on to replace them. The survey showed that the greater proportion of farmers and other stakeholders were in favour of planting more hedge trees. Old maps often show hedge trees every 8 or 10 metres along the hedges.

Follow the link from here to see a short video about hedge management in different ways and funding available:

https://hedgelink.org.uk/news/new-hedgerow-management-film-from-fwag-east-hedge-your-best/



Old oaks hanging on in there. The hedge on the right is cut very short so limited fruit and flower can appear in the current year

In the winter the tree wardens were busy with gapping up existing hedges and planting new ones. A dead hedge is also being constructed alongside the new hedge in Sandy Lane to increase shelter for the new hedge. The generous rainfall this year so far has resulted in both the newly planted hedges and the older ones putting on a lot of growth and looking quite lively. Hopefully there will not be another drought in the summer.

It is very important to remove plastic guards from hedge plantings as they result in the long term in a 'bare legged' hedge and eventually the side branches grow through the plastic leading to them becoming impossible to remove. If you use any please remove them after 2 years by which time the plants should be able to withstand most nibbling. A wire mesh fence is probably best if deer are a problem.

The network of Suffolk tree wardens continue to grow many native trees from seed and cuttings. Please get in touch if you are likely to want to plant hedges, hedge trees and native trees anywhere as we may be able to supply them. They would become available in the autumn.

Christine Fisher Kay—Tree Warden

Your tree wardens are Betsy Reid, Mariah Ballam and Christine Fisher

Kay (contact 736384)

Waldringfield Public Bus Services

You may be aware of the cancellation of 79 and 74 bus service in Waldringfield. These services ceased on 14 April 2024.

The 975 bus service is still running. This service takes you to Kesgrave High School – where connecting services to Ipswich can be met. The timetable for this services can be found here:

https:/bustimes.org/services/975-kesgrave-high-school-nacton-felixstowe.

This service runs term time only; Monday to Friday – once a day out, once a day in. The services connecting to this stop (Kesgrave High School) are the 800, 63 and 64/65 services.

<u>Connecting Communities</u> is a service in our area, that while it doesn't run on a Monday or Wednesday— does on all other days. This offers transport (by mini-van) from Waldringfield to Woodbridge (where you can connect to the train or bus services to Ipswich. Residents can call them and book a collection from Waldringfield. If you are a regular user of public transport, multiple journeys can be booked. Fares for this service are based on what a normal bus journey would cost.

Contact details for this service:

CATS (Coastal Accessible Transport Service)

phone: 01728 830516 or

email: community.transport@cats-paws.co.uk

I hope you find this information helpful.

Jennifer Shone-Tribley

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – WALDRINGFIELD

Our unique 'Yachtsman's Service' is coming round again!

It will be held on the beach on:

SUNDAY, 14th JULY at 6PM.

Please join us for this very special service of joy and peace.

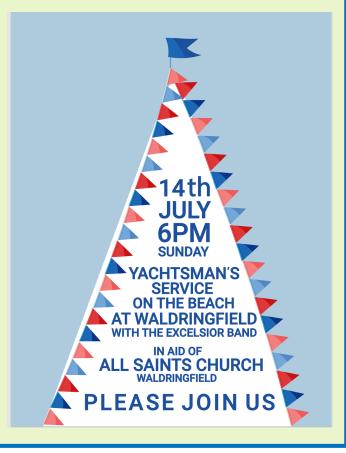
It was started by the Rev. Canon Arthur Waller in 1936 and held on the beach from 1949.

We shall sing much loved hymns to the strains of the Excelsior Band from Woodbridge.

The Service will be taken, from the water, by the Rev. Nick Williams, who doesn't get sea sick!!!!

We hope to see sandcastles built by lots of children and, of course, swimming dogs!!

Do please join us.





WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Over a seemingly endless and wet winter, we were fortunate indeed in Waldringfield, to enjoy a variety of events which showcased local talent. We have had an amazing Panto, two art exhibitions, Eastern Angles, a ukelele concert and one of the finest series of Winter Talks ever. I would like to give particular thanks to Colin Reid for arranging such a diverse and stimulating range of speakers to come to inform and entertain us. We even ran out of chairs on one evening!

With spring underway and summer on the horizon, everything in the garden is growing, especially the weeds. We are grateful to Simon Couchman for looking after the Village Hall grounds so well, not an easy undertaking. I would also like to thank Michelle, our long-term cleaner, for her service; we have now appointed Joanne Burch to replace her, particular thanks go to Chris and Tony Lyon for covering the interim period.

The room thermostats were not working efficiently so we made the decision to replace them. Hopefully the new ones are self-explanatory. Key to ensuring a comfortable room temperature is to ensure that all the radiators are left switched on, that no chairs are stacked in front of the radiators and any temperature adjustments are made on the room thermostats, not on the individual radiators.

This is the time to renew your Lottery membership. Don't delay. As they say, you've got to be in it to win it.

Philip Hall, Chairman
Waldringfield Village Hall Trust
chair@waldringfieldvillagehall.co.uk

Waldringfield Wildlife Group

Invites you to

An Illustrated Talk

Survey of Stag Beetles



By Colin Hawes

Recorder and lead partner in conservation of stag beetles in Suffolk.

Saturday 8th June at 11.00 am

Waldringfield Village Hall

Admission: Non-members & Visitors £3

Paid up Members no charge

Preceded by a Members meeting at 10.00 am prompt start.

New members welcome (Membership £10)

Enquiries:Linda linda.thequay@btinternet.com or Jill jillwinter2@gmail.com

