



No.82—Winter 2023



Photo—Christine Fisher-Kay—Church Field Trust

(Even briefer) Update on Brightwell Lakes

November 2023

We are very disappointed to report that the meeting of the Brightwell Lakes Forum scheduled for September was postponed at short notice by Taylor Wimpey. After a certain amount of pressure Taylor Wimpey are now trying to arrange a meeting in December.

In the meantime they have been very busy on-site, the roads of the first phases have been mapped out and the utilities laid. The access off the A12 has been completed but is not yet joined up to the main boulevard. The main access to the site is currently the Eastern Ipswich Road (the old entrance to the quarry) which leads to the first show homes. These are now open and can be viewed by making an appointment via the Brightwell Lakes website.

www.brightwelllakes.co.uk

There is very “distinctive” signage at the entrance so it’s impossible to miss them! We are not aware of any planning consent for this signage and will be checking this out further.

Our next update will be in the Spring Parish Newsletter but we will post any news on Waldringfielders in the interim.

Cllr Janet Elliot



Waldringfield Church Field Trust

Mower Appeal

The fantastic residents of Waldringfield & the wider community of Waldringfielders have really come up trumps - again!!!

In just two weeks your donations have not only met our target of £1500 but have exceeded it.

So an enormous ***Thank You*** from the Trustees.

The money raised will be ring-fenced to cover the purchase of the machine and the balance will be held to cover costs of its maintenance in the future. More updates to follow.





Waldringfield Sailing Club

Established 1921

Racing activities for the year are now over – boats used for safety, support and race management have now been laid up for the winter and will be undergoing maintenance during the winter period. Likewise the Clubhouse will be only lightly used over the winter, although some social activities are planned.

In September we held the annual Cartoon Trophy Weekend with approximately 80 boats from near and far taking part – the weather was quite reasonable for the event, with each class of boats sailing six races over the weekend. We also inaugurated a new Club RIB, Egret, at the event – in the absence of Helen of Troy our Commodore gave the traditional address. Sailing has continued into the Autumn and Freezer series, with racing coming to an end in mid November.



Cartoon Trophy photos —Alexis Smith

The RNLI inshore lifeboat from Harwich visited at the end of September – unfortunately they had two call outs to Bawdsey on the day so sadly made no more than a fleeting appearance.

However the pop up shop in the Clubhouse raised a total of £780 in sales and donations for RNLI funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this most worthwhile cause, which is especially relevant for those of us who live near to, or go on, the water. Next year is the 200th anniversary of the RNLI and we hope that the inshore lifeboat will be able to visit us again then, possibly when the Club holds its annual RNLI Trophy Race, which is provisionally scheduled for April.



Photo—Alexis Smith

During the closed season we will be doing some essential maintenance on the Club's premises, as happens every year. Many members will be laying up their boats for the winter and sprucing them up before the start of next season, with racing resuming in March. Some will continue sailing in yachts on the river, or at other venues such as Alton Water.

Information about the Club is available on the website – www.waldringfieldsc.com. If you want any other information whilst the Club is closed please email secretary@waldringfieldsc.com in the first instance.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

William Sudell
Club President



Waldringfield Gardeners

A proper report on the AGM held on 22nd November will be in the next issue.

Meanwhile with all the hard work of Open Gardens and the Produce Show behind us, we have focused on fun in recent months. Some of us had a lovely expedition to Beth Chatto, and many more came to the Pumpkin Party!

The pumpkin parade was a feast for the eyes and ears. A wonderful gathering of children floated vegetable boats out into a turquoise Deben while the pink sky above gradually turned to dusk. The white witch of Waldy and pirate Pete then told a tale of woe that crescendoed with a giant Kraken puppet, Barbie and Ken. Most wonderful Halloween fun was had by all



Photos—Nell Sully and Tracy Dickerson

"The wreath making event took place on Nov 30 with 14 eager participants making wonderful creations. Some were new to this event but others had been coming for a number of years, enjoying the like minded companionship & learning new skills with us. Next years event will be on Nov 30th 2024

Waldringfield Gardeners take over the Triangle!

The Triangle by the School and Village Hall was guerrilla gardened for a few years with seeds from Flowerscape (google *Sussex Nature Flowerscapes* on the web) more than a decade ago Then refreshed annually by the Badgers Class at the primary school – and latterly erratically tended by one self-appointed guardian – who thanks all helpers! This has now been taken over by Waldringfield Gardeners who have seized their chance and re-thought (and redone) the planting on a much more permanent basis: it should now be bright and colourful year round.

It attracted the attention of the co-ordinator of the AONB voluntary work party that helps a couple of days a year with Church Field – and the AONB rolled out the idea in 2015 – providing seed packs and other support for 'Pollinator Patches' - some of these still flourish. So in the beginning it was sort of allied to the Village Verges project – and it can now be regarded as part of the newest Greener Waldringfield project of Green Veining. It's good to join the dots!

Coffee Morning Cake!

We've established that Waldringfield Gardeners will provide a cake at the Coffee Morning - one that features fruit or veg, locally grown. Expect more than carrot cake - though the first offering was easy-peasy apple.

Betsy Reid, Sec Waldringfield Gardeners.

Warm Room / Warm Welcome is back for another season!!



Thanks to the generosity of East Suffolk District Council and our great team of volunteer hosts the weekly "Waldringfield Warm Welcome Room" is back.

We will be open on **Wednesday afternoons between 2pm to 4.30pm** in the Kennedy Room.

There will be a short break from December 20th resuming on January 10th through to March 13th.

The format is simple. Good company, lots of chat, plus tea, coffee, biscuits & cake.

Wi fi access, board games, information on local support providers.



There is no charge and everyone is invited!!

For more information contact:
janet.elliott@btinternet.com or
cathysept@gmail.com

Cllrs Janet Elliot and Cathy Couchman

Waldringfield Parish Council

Councillor Vacancy

We need members of the community to join us!



Who we are...

Waldringfield Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government for the parish. We operate at a level below district and borough councils. As members of the community, we understand the Parish community and can help make grass-roots decisions to help the village, and advocate for Waldringfield at all levels of government.

Why we need community representation...

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 so we can make the best decisions for everyone.

More about what we do...

Waldringfield Parish Council has 9 Councillors – although we are only 8 at the moment and looking for the 9th to join us!

Our council does a lot of different things – so it appeals to a variety of people as there will surely be something you're interested in!



The photopost

We provide practical local amenities – such as:

- ◆ Public benches on the beach
- ◆ The rubbish bins, dog bins and the grit bins
- ◆ Signage for the waterfront and playing fields
- ◆ The Photopost
- ◆ Our Village sign

We own and manage the play area and play equipment:

In 2021/22 – the Council undertook to provide better, newer and more inclusive play equipment. The Council consulted with parents and young people on what we could provide to make it a great experience for the children of the village.

In 2022 we opened the new equipment to rave reviews! We are about to start a new project to renew some of our older pieces as well.





Photo – Stan Baston

We organise community events:

The Council, on occasion, organises community events – such as the Jubilee and Coronation fetes. Games, entertainment and much fun had by all at these events!

The Warm Room provision is on-going with the generosity of East Suffolk Council. The dedicated volunteers make this a much-loved event in the colder months.

We produce and distribute a community newsletter:

All your local news and events are distributed to every household 4 times a year.



The Council provides community grants to help local organisations.

Waldringfield has a vibrant community of organisations that contribute to the great Parish we have. We have provided grants to the Waldringfield Wildlife Group to plant bulbs in the verges for Spring, we support the Village Hall and the church in maintain their grounds, and we support the Church Field Trust in their efforts to provide a fantastic green space for villagers.



Churchyard photo S. Baston

The Council represents the community to other levels of government:



The Council is a statutory consultee on village Planning applications, and we take a keen interest in responding to these. This is evident in our strong and on-going involvement in the Brightwell Lakes development. .

While as a body, the Council has limited power to make decisions in terms of other levels of government, our opinions carry weight in those discussions. We have engaged with Highways, Planning, and Norse for services to ensure that the parish voice is heard on issues that matter to us.

We also work well with our District and County councillors, who often attend our meetings, and continue to advocate for change and resolving issues where they arise.

What you can expect...

Councillors are expected to attend meetings of Council. We meet 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 representing the Council on various district groups, investigating projects and ideas, and planning events. There are also special project working groups when there is a bigger project. Participation is on a voluntary basis. Essentially - aside from meetings, the time commitment for Councillors is up to them.

Am I eligible? The legal bit....

To become 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 (or date of Co-option)

Additionally, you have to be one of the following:

- A local government elector in Waldringfield Parish **OR**
- Have, during the whole 12 months preceding election or Co-option, occupied, as owner or tenant, any land or other premises in Waldringfield or within 3 miles of it. **OR**
- Have, during the same period, had your principal or only place of work in Waldringfield or within 3 miles of it.

You cannot stand to be a Parish Councillor if you:

- Hold any paid office or employment with Waldringfield Parish Council
- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order.
- Have, within the five years before the day of the election or co-option, been convicted in the UK of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of at least three months without the option of a fine.
- Have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices, or was responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure and the court has ordered your disqualification

Interested?

For more information, please contact Jennifer Shone-Tribley, Clerk at pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com or by phone 01473 736475.

Waldringfield Parish Council

I am pleased to welcome our new Parish Councillor, **Bob Forsdike**. This takes us to eight councillors out of a possible nine, so there is still one vacancy. If anyone is interested in becoming a councillor could they please contact our clerk, Jennifer Shone-Tribley, at the email address provided below.

Bob has kindly agreed to take responsibility for the playing field, which involves carrying out regular safety checks on the equipment, and doing minor maintenance tasks. Also, we are considering providing some new play equipment, so if you have any suggestions or ideas for enhancing the play area, please send them to Jennifer, thank you.

Finally, The Parish Council wishes to send their sincere thanks to those volunteers who deliver this newsletter to you!

Margaret, Jenny, Anne, Vicki, Nigel and Bunny, Liz, Helga, Janette, Dave, Sue, Alexis, Kit, Peter and Jenny.

Wishing you all a safe and happy festive holiday season!

Ian Kay (Chair, Waldringfield Parish Council)



Your Parish Councillors:

Ian Kay (Chair) - Janet Elliot (Vice Chair)

Serena Gold—Colin Reid

Nigel Shore—Sue Quick

Cathy Couchman—Robert Forsdike

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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: 12 December 2023

Greener Waldringfield

Litter Walk—18th October

Ten of us turned up: we cleared Newbourne Road up to the Moon and Sixpence, Woodbridge Road down to the beginning of Newbourne and Ipswich Road up to the turning into Brightwell Lakes – and also the lay-by by the turning to Newbourne; Mill Road up to Church Farm as well.

Seventeen bags of stuff – and 65 cans redirected to recycling together with a number of bottles. Interestingly there were far fewer fast food containers than usual. The prize item was a can of air freshener! A couple of us also removed about thirty redundant and degrading tree guards from hedges – prompting a concerned motorist to stop and ask if we were bum-up deep in the hedge due to heart attack!

Also a good haul was revealed (and retrieved) when people had taken their dinghies home. Again many thanks to all helpers on the day and through the year.



Dinghy park collection



Painfully removed tree guards

Repair Café -21st October

Our latest event was again thinly attended – but very well staffed thanks to three expert repairers from the Martlesham Repair Hub, who augmented three of our usual faithfuls. Many thanks to all of them.

Some ingenious repairs were carried out – in particular to a tiny leather photo frame with a picture of a very young volunteer in the first world war. A couple of items were taken to the Marlesham Repair shed for longer repairs, plus some one very young woman brought not just one but two bikes to be put into better order.



So: mission accomplished in a way – conviviality and cake – and several items rescued at least for the time being from becoming rubbish in an incinerator or landfill.

If you have any thoughts about how our Village Repair Cafes can attract greater numbers or be organised in a more tempting way please do get in touch.





Greener Waldringfield *cont...*

The Adaptive Action Planning for Climate Change and Nature Recovery Workshop on August 30: useful feedback from this has been received, collated and circulated. The Deben Climate Action Centre (formerly Woodbridge Climate Action Centre) is planning further workshops in Suffolk along similar lines - initially with the Upper Deben Farm Cluster round Framlingham. Our own local action is progressing with meetings of groups of Parish Councils within the nine that took part to refine plans and projects.

GW's most recent meeting was brief because we all then went on to the Deben Estuary Partnership talk given by Lord Deben in Woodbridge. He is always interesting and authoritative and frequently puts his audience on the spot. This time he began his talk by asking how many had made an appointment with their MP - none in that audience. It's a relevant question, even though she is no longer Minister for the Environment - if our MPs don't know directly of our concerns they are hardly likely to raise them in Parliament.

More parochially GW will be compiling its programme for next year over the next couple of months: if there are talks, events, outings projects you would like to suggest please do!

And finally we will need to confirm a new Treasurer at our AGM early next year - it is not an arduous job - if you have the skill and the time we would be relieved to hear from you!

Betsy Reid—Greener Waldringfield

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Christmas is coming and the Church will be sparkling!

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Christmas Services:

5th and 6th December – The School will hold their delightful Christingle Services.

17th December at 6.30pm - Our Carol Service – joyous singing!

Christmas Day Service 25th Dec at 10.30am – after opening the stockings!!

The next excitement is the Rev Nick Williams' first Service in Waldringfield which will be on **31st Dec at 10.30 am**.



Waldringfield History Group

Waldringfield History Group had a very interesting meeting in October following their AGM. We delved into the family of Bloomfields following an enquiry, but coincidentally a new member attended who may now live in the house lived in by the Bloomfields in 1900.

Waldringfield History Group's main aim is to research & record the history of the Village, which includes present day changes & tell the village of their findings

We hope to investigate the Churches of the Village for our next talk and are busy gathering material on that, and some information on Hemley Church and a possible Wartime spy and including archaeological finds and other miscellaneous facts. In fact new information about the villages Churches is coming in every day.

We are arranging a "Behind the Scenes" trip to The Hold in Ipswich for next year. This should help some of us to try and get to grips with the inner workings of this wonderful new facility. More details shortly.

We next meet on **Thursday 14th December between 2pm to 5pm in the Kennedy Room**. Everyone is welcome. Subscriptions have been held at £10.00 for the year. Everyone has their own interests which may range from the village houses, farms, military history & local services, family History, Roman finds & Archaeology, so are able to help or add to each other's research or ideas.

We normally meet from September to March in the Kennedy Room at the Village Hall usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2.00 p.m. For more information please contact Hon Sec Margaret Lake 01394 283347 or waldringfieldhg@gmail.com
Please come along if you would like to join us or find out more or contact Margaret Lake on Mgtlake@aol.com

Spring Panto

Saturday 16th March 2024

Waldringfield Village Hall

Save the date for the annual Waldringfield Panto! This year, as ever, we promise an evening filled with laughter, prizes and a world-class pantomime, right here in Waldringfield Village Hall. It's a special night not just for the entertainment, but also for bringing the whole village together as a community and to raise funds for our beloved Village Hall.

There'll be a raffle, lucky ticket draw, with fabulous prizes up for grabs. And of course, being the village pantomime, you'll also enjoy a wonderful supper too. All you need to do is put the day in your diary, look out for ticket information nearer the time, and decide what drinks you're going to bring.

Spread the word, bring your friends and family, and let's make this pantomime night a resounding success. We can't wait to see the hall filled with familiar faces, new friends, and the wonderful community spirit that makes our village so special.

MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY – PPG NEWS

The Martlesham Heath Surgery Practice and Patient Group (PPG) has had a busy year, with a full return to regular face to face meetings.

As is customary as the year draws to a close and the dawn of a new year approaches it is time to look both back and forward.

2023 Highlights

- We have had five new PPG members join over the last year, unfortunately we are losing one long term PPG member who is moving away from the area shortly. Thank you Elaine for all your efforts over the years!
- Martlesham Heath Surgery is a member of the new Wolsey Primary Care Network (PCN), which will see the surgery more in control of its direction and funding.
- Both Flu and Covid vaccines were offered at the surgery.
- The concept of alternating between afternoon & early evening PPG meetings is working.

2024 Looking Forward

- The PPG have begun looking at potential ideas for work in 2024, including looking at a project to work on throughout the year.
- The PPG is keen to continue to grow the membership, particularly to improve the diversity of the PPG. Ideally the PPG would like some male members, some minority ethnic members along with members who have young families. If you are interested in finding out more please see below.

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



Do you have guests coming to visit this season?

Low Farm Cottages are open all year-round - In Waldringfield!

We have **five** cosy cottages located at the entrance to the village! We're also pet friendly from October – March.



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WALDRINGFIELD COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

Where next? And other seasonal thoughts....

Really it's all joined up! WCC began in 2012 and a number of households in the village have Hotbins at a very reduced price as a result. A couple even have wormeries to which they are very devoted – no one took on bokashi. The gold standard really is home composting and most of us have gardens big enough to accommodate all our green 'waste', with a little effort and a few tweaks in how we think.

This – autumn – is when we are all tempted to do far too much tidying up, for every leaf and twig is home or dinner to tiny life that ultimately feeds the birds, the bees and us. Besides which all that carting stuff around from one place to another is what makes composting seem like work – lots of it can be minimally moved to be stuffed under a hedge. Why do housework, best defined as moving matter from one place to another, outside as well as in, where it is boring enough?



Resident's hotbin

And if you don't have a hedge why not grow one? They absorb pollution from cars, and from noise, baffle the wind, and cool the temperature as well as providing hotels and restaurants for other creatures. The Tree Nurses in the village can provide you with lots of small saplings that will be a hedge in just four or five years – yes, even notoriously slow yew. (And please don't plant laurel – nothing eats it, it's very maintenance heavy and the prunings are toxic)

Hedges (and all the rubbish under them) are an important part of Green Veining – bits of less maintained garden that link, providing corridors for shyer creatures: is your garden signed up? We know of about 30, so far – talk to your neighbours about where you can link. With the need to restore 30% of our land to wild by 2030 we all need to do what we can.

We can think vertically too – how about being part of Shady Ways? Planting trees (again the Tree Nurses can provide) along the south side of every road to shade it in the years of rising heat to come: tarmac absorbs and then reflects so much heat that it can be nearly 20 degrees hotter above the road than the ambient air.

But back to composting: WCC still has some funding and can provide compost cones even a bit cheaper than SCC, which subsidises them heavily. And expertise – but here's the appeal: we need more people to be a bit missionary about these things. They all start best as individual conversations, which ramble like brambles – but also root unexpectedly like brambles, and often deep – but those conversations take folks!

Are you one of those who care enough to join the Village Verges group, Waldringfield Community Composting, Church Field Trust or Greener Waldringfield? All are working towards caring for and protecting our natural assets – and all need more practical input!

Betsy Reid—Waldringfield Community Composting



Waldringfield Church Field Trust

The AGM will be held on Wednesday December 6th and all are welcome to come to the Kennedy Room for updates including reports from the Chair and Treasurer and some photos of the field through the year. Anyone interested in joining the committee of trustees should apply for a nomination form in advance of the meeting. There are three elected members on the committee, the remainder being appointed by the Parish Council, the Wildlife Group and other organisations.

This year has been rather wet and as previously reported this coincided with the failure of the formerly trusty old mower donated by Martin Lloyd about 20 years ago. A fund raising effort was managed by our treasurer Janet Elliott and resulted in donations from many generous people in the community resulting in sufficient funds, we believe, to purchase a re-conditioned second hand mower. At the time of writing this is being followed through hopefully to enable us to keep mowing the paths and playing area next year more frequently. The paths have been mowed by volunteers using their own mowers in the meantime and we are very grateful to them for these efforts. The East Suffolk team of grounds maintenance workers have mowed the playing area twice and should be back before winter although apparently still limited by problems with covid.



Evening sun catching the silver birches



Areas left long for overwintering insects

At present the autumn colours are appearing in the trees and lots of yarrow is flowering giving a late nectar source to pollinating insects. The hips and haws, hollies, privet berries and sloes will help the birds through the winter



All photos and above –Christine Fisher-Kay

Christine Fisher-Kay, Church Field Trust

VILLAGE HALL WINTER TALKS

Adults £4 including tea & coffee Under 18s Free—7.30pm start

Friday 8th December 2023 — *Geoffrey Mayhew*

Agriculture Today My Journey in the Farming Business



Geoff Mayhew farms 2000 acres on the Shotley peninsula. He has participated in various land and crop management initiatives and gives occasional public tours of his farm. He says : “I am one of four boys born in Home Farm, Woolverstone, to Jimmy and Janice Mayhew. Thus farming has been in my blood since 1959.” He adds that he is a keen all round sportsman.

Friday 5th January 2024 - *Graham Murchie*

The Eyes of the Few



The talk covers a brief history of early radar and the establishment of the world’s first operational radar station at Bawdsey. It focuses on the people involved with a fairly brief mention of the technology. It concludes with a short summary of how Bawdsey was used during and after WWII including the impact on the Battle of Britain. Graham has been involved in radio, both professionally and as a licensed Radio Amateur, for over 50 years. He is the Chair of Bawdsey Radar which runs the Transmitter Block Museum.

Friday 2nd February 2024 - *Dylan Winter*

Boats, barges, bikes, broncs and boots - the art of slow travel



You have probably noticed white haired Dylan Winter beebling along the lanes around Waldringfield on his big green bike - or out on the estuary in his tubby green boat. Dylan has made bit of a living out of going nowhere fast and telling people what it was like getting there. Slow enough to stop and talk along the way. He has encountered more strange people than you can shake a stick at.

Used to giving talks in sailing clubs where people are eating snacks while drinking cheap alcohol, Dylan asks that you to bring comestibles and drink of your own choice. All seats will be within easy reach of a table and bottle opener.

A Tree Warden Writes

The planting season is upon us! I am able to get free trees for hedge and woodland planting plus I have quite a lot in the nursery grown from locally collected seed. Anyone interested in trees of any native species is invited to get in touch. There are small plants for hedge planting (hornbeam, privet, holly, hawthorn etc.) and young pot grown trees for planting out to grow into big trees- oak, field maple, silver birch, plus others too many to mention. Most of the trees are less than a metre high. It is better to plant small vigorous trees which will adapt to local climate and soil, and usually overtake the larger specimens which are more stressed by being transplanted at a larger size. However you do it, consider adding to the trees in your garden or woodland. They will give you shade in summer, when they also give off water by transpiration which cools the air around them. A dense hedge gives good shelter from the wind and will support our beleaguered wildlife. Trees and hedges fight the impacts of climate change as we keep being told so we must look after the ones we have and increase the stock with suitable planting wherever possible!

Your tree wardens and helpers supplied the Suffolk Tree Warden tree planting initiative with over 100 healthy and vigorous young trees for planting elsewhere in the county, at a gathering last week in Debenham. See below trees ready to go!



Waldringfield trees off to pastures new. 15 Scots pines in the front seat!

Christine Fisher Kay—Tree Warden



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Since Yahoogroups stopped operating all NW notifications have been sent out via the Waldringfielders googlegroup. Any alerts or information that appear relevant to the very local area will be forwarded via this group asap. To join it please follow the instructions on the community groups page of the village website

(waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/our-village/community-groups/) or contact the administrator of that group.

You can still send information to the co-ordinator of NW by email and this address is still waldringfieldnw@yahoo.co.uk operational. **You cannot post direct to the NW group via this email.** Information received and deemed of interest or important to the village will be forwarded to the Waldringfielders googlegroup at the earliest opportunity.

Police in the east of Suffolk are urging homeowners and vehicle owners to ensure they keep property and vehicles secure after a recent spate of burglaries and thefts in the area. They have recommended

- *"Always lock your vehicle, even if you are away from it for only a short time, and keep your windows fully closed*
- *Secure anything that is on the outside of your car or van*
- *Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Take mobile phones, wallets, purses or cash with you*
- *Ensure that any electronic items, and their mountings, are hidden from view*
- *Vans are often targeted for any tools left inside. If you have to leave them overnight, do ensure they are clearly marked or, better still, kept in a lockable box or cabinet*
- *Try to avoid dimly lit areas. Park in busier and brighter areas if possible*

Catalytic converters are also a target for thieves so do park carefully, register and mark the converter and ask your car dealer for advice on locks that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer

Always dial 999 if you believe a crime is in progress.

I try to keep an eye on Police reports as I receive them and pass on the relevant ones. The system works quite differently to when I first became the NW co-ordinator many years ago, as it now nearly all online. If anyone feels they would like to take over this responsibility from me, please contact me on the NW email.

Felixstowe Safer Neighbourhood Team:

The contact details for this area are:

Telephone non emergencies- 101

Email -Felixstowe.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Visit the [Felixstowe SNT Website](http://suffolk.police.uk/contact-us) (suffolk.police.uk/contact-us) or Neighbourhood Watch Suffolk (suffolknwa.co.uk/) for more details on receiving local alerts from Suffolk Police. They tend to be far more targeted than they once were.

You can also sign up to your own alerts via the [Ourwatch](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/) website (www.ourwatch.org.uk/) This website also has much information regarding cybercrime, scams, antisocial behaviour and crime prevention.



WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

The AGM for the Village Hall Trust was held on 11th October. I was pleased to present the latest Annual Report and Accounts to the AGM on behalf of the Trustees. Geoff Robinson kindly examined the accounts for the Trust and they will now be submitted to the Charity Commission for uploading onto their website.

This was the last meeting before Celia Mason stepped down as a Trustee and as Treasurer. She has done a marvellous job for us over the years, particularly during Covid, when she was spectacularly successful in obtaining much needed grant aid. She leaves the Village Hall in robust financial health. Amanda Sims has kindly agreed to take on the role of Treasurer and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome her onto the committee.

So far this financial year we have spent around £5,000 upgrading the electrics to meet the latest regulations and work to replace the fluorescent lighting with LED should have taken place by the time you read this. Whilst this work is being carried out we are also taking the opportunity of replacing the ceiling tiles. The new ones should have better acoustics and so reduce the echo, particularly in the Deben Hall. I applied for a grant from the National Lottery and am delighted that they have awarded us the sum of £10,000 towards the £12,000 expenditure.

We have acquired a new projector screen for use in the Deben Hall. It is larger than the old one and a lot less heavy! Instructions for its assembly are in the bag with the component parts and will be stored in the office.

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*New screen in use Woodbridge Arts Society Special Interest
Day 14 October*

Waldringfield Wildlife Group

Invites you to
An Illustrated Talk

An insight to Native Animal Tracking and Signs



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Saturday 16th December at 11.00 am

Waldringfield Village Hall

Admission: Non-members & Visitors £3

Paid up Members no charge.

New members welcome (Membership £10)

Preceded by a Members meeting at 10.00 am prompt start.

"Members bring & share" Christmas lunch following the talk. (Kennedy Room)

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