



No.86—Winter 2024



Photo—P. Maddison—Waldringfield Resident



Waldringfield Sailing Club

Established 1921

In September we had the annual Cartoon Meeting Weekend, with ninety-three boats taking part – the majority were Club members but we also welcomed several visitors including a contingent from Dublin who had come to participate with the Dragonflies who were celebrating their 75th Anniversary. Five races for each of the eight classes of boats were sailed over the two days.



Photo —Alexis Smith



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The last major event of the year was the Cadet Open Meeting in early November. There were 26 entries, with all sailors under the age of 18. A few weeks previously the clubhouse was packed for a talk by one of our ex-Cadet sailors who learned to sail here and whose further interest in sailing took her to sail round the world on the yacht Maiden – the first yacht with an all women crew to win the Ocean Globe Race.

The Club's organised sailing activities have now finished with the completion of the Freezer Series in November. There is still sailing on the river for a few, with others sailing elsewhere over the winter months, until racing resumes next spring. During the winter there will be some maintenance of the Club infrastructure and occasional social activities. As ever, further details about the Club can be found on the website, www.waldringfieldsc.com

William Sudell, Club President



Photo —Alexis Smith

Waldringfield Gardeners

Well, I'm sure you'll agree - it's been wet and very mild in the garden! Will we still have so many flowers blooming in December? While writing, there are colder temperatures looming for the last weekend in November, and perhaps that will bring the end to our roses, petunias, marigolds, fuchsias, and nasturtiums (I'm sure you can name more), that still remind us of Summer. They have certainly brought joy to the gloom!

The Waldringfield Gardeners **WhatsApp group** has been actively recruiting volunteers to help with pruning and tidying verges ready for some new plants and bulbs for a good show next year. We focused on the lower Cliff Road border before Deben Lane, where there are often problems with visibility when pulling out. Donations of low growing species will be curated to give it the wow factor for that end of the village. We have certainly had a positive response to our efforts to cheer up "The Triangle", with its mixture of specimen plants and wild flowers earlier in the year, so do get in touch if you fancy tackling another area that's getting a bit scruffy!



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Jackie and David Beaton** for their kind donations of plants from their mini nursery for our village projects.



The highlight of the season has been **the Pumpkin Parade!** What a wonderful sight to see the children in procession carrying their carefully crafted vegetable boats along the route down to the river where, as has become customary, The Witch of Waldy saves the day when Pirate Pete and the Evil Kelpie River Sprite fought a battle of wills to save the river. The delighted audience was mesmerised and some of the comments included "Isn't this village just so magical?" "We are so lucky to live in a place with talented people, where special events happen on a regular basis!"

We just had our lovely Wreath Making Workshop on the 30th of November to get ourselves into the spirit of the festive season just days before this is published. We hope you all enjoyed it!

Seasons Greetings to all !

Sue Quick for Waldringfield Gardeners.



Update on Brightwell Lakes November 2024

Here are some of the main headlines.

The first residents are expected to move in during December 2024/January 2025.

We wish the new residents every happiness in their new homes. They are within the parcel of land known as E1 which sits between the main access road off Ipswich Rd and the valley/corridor area of the SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space).

Two planning applications currently with the District Council, ESC.

As previously reported, the Brightwell Lakes development has “outline planning consent” for up to 2000 homes plus the extensive infrastructure associated with a site of this scale. Before each of the parcels of land within the site can be developed, a very detailed “Reserved Matters Application” must be submitted and consent given by the District Council.

One such application, DC/24/2975/ARM has recently been submitted. This is for the parcel of land known as W6. It is located to the west of the SANG valley/corridor and will contain 96 dwellings of relatively low density. This application includes the “Western Ipswich Rd” access route. We are extremely disappointed that SCC Highways have refused to “adopt” the measures previously approved by ESC in order to reduce traffic using this as a main access. The design of this road will no longer include a number of single file build-outs, just a couple of raised table top “traffic calming features”.

The second current application is a variation of condition, DC/24/2810/VOC, which seeks to reduce the provision of “affordable housing”, particularly 1 and/or 2 bedroom flats, within the W1 parcel of land. The reason put forward is that Housing Associations (HAs) are reluctant to take on this type of housing. This appears to be a nationwide problem as many HAs are directing their financial resources to retrofitting existing properties to comply with the current fire & safety regulations. The total “affordable housing” provision across the entire B Lakes will equate to 25%.

Other news

- The anticipated completion date for all 2000 homes has been brought forward to 2039.
- Parcel W5, 69 homes, has been sold to Denbury Homes (previously Hopkins & Moore)
- Metal fencing has been erected to delineate “Safe walking routes” during construction.
- Earthworks taking place from Feb. - Sept. 2025 will enable the infrastructure for the school, local centre, sports pitches, SANG, housing parcels E2 & E3

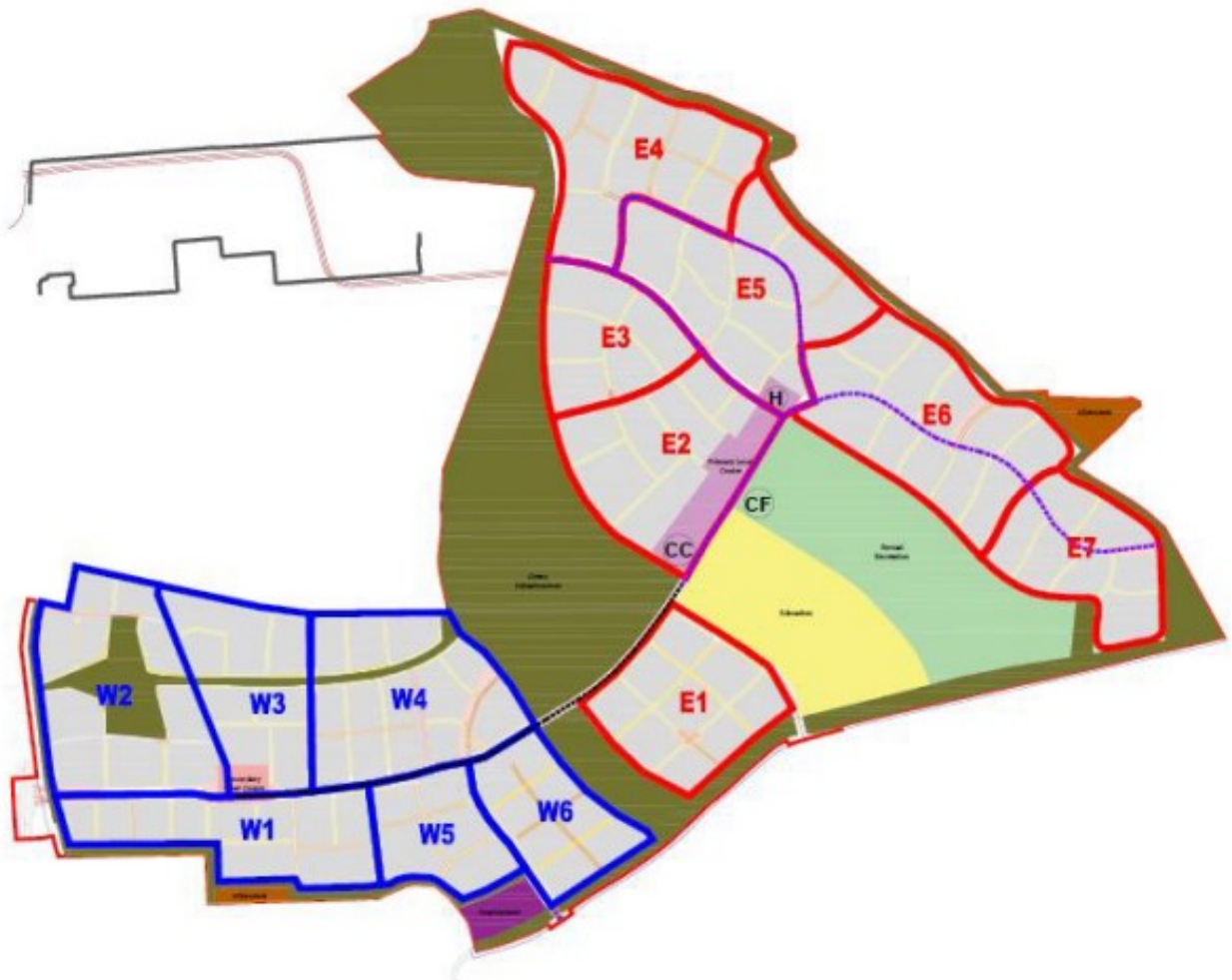
Myself and Ian Kay continue to attend the Brightwell Lakes Community Forum meetings as representatives of the Waldringfield Parish Council. Please contact us if you would like us to raise a particular issue or concern that you might have regarding the development.

Cllr Janet Elliot

Taylor Wimpey delivery schedule

SITE	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	Total plot numbers
E1	36	54	32													122
W1		37	65	66	2											170
W5			8	34	27											69
W6			33	60												93
W2					63	63	54									180
W3					50	60	23									123
E2				5	65	65	5									140
W4							11	65	65	65	6					212
E3							60	60								120
E5								5	65	65	65	10				210
E6												55	65	65	43	228
E7 (LD3)												65	58			123
E4											59	65	65	21		210
Total in year	36	91	138	165	207	178	153	130	130	130	130	195	188	86	43	
Total	36	127	265	430	637	815	968	1098	1228	1358	1488	1683	1871	1957	2000	

Extract from Taylor Wimpey figures - full chart available from Cllr Elliot





Warm Welcome afternoons 2024-25

Winter's Warm Welcome afternoons have got off to a roaring start – so much so that we've increased the number of weekly volunteer hosts (and the numbers of tables & chairs, so plenty of room for everyone)!! Stay for the afternoon, or pop in for a quick cuppa.

We are open every **Wednesday afternoon**
between 2pm to 4.30pm in the Kennedy Room.

NB. Last date in 2024 is December 11th, re-opening in 2025 on January 8th

The format is simple. an informal and welcoming space where residents can enjoy meeting friends, old and new, and having a good old chat (sometimes quite lively) over tea & cakes. Plus, 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

VILLAGE HALL WINTER TALKS

Friday 6th December 7.30pm

£5 (under 18s foc) with refreshments

Helene Burningham: Measuring (and making sense of) coastal change

Helene Burningham is Professor of Physical Geography at University College London. She is an expert in coastal system dynamics and the drivers of shoreline change. Much of her research focuses on coastal behaviour in southeast England, where she has investigated the movement of offshore banks, nearshore shoals, and shoreline beaches over the last few centuries. With Simon Read she will be leading a workshop on the estuary landscape and memory in the Sailing Club on Saturday **7th December**.



Next talks:

Friday 3rd January: Professor Mark Bailey: The Catastrophic Fourteenth Century

Friday 7th February: Emma Birchley: Reporting the News on Television

Friday 28th February: Bruce Chapman : Mountaineering:the highest peaks in five continents.



Greener Waldringfield

Green Spaces

As a village we are not endowed with a village green but we do have two cul-de-sacs and many village verges that present their diverse flora and fauna throughout the year to make our street scene interesting and varied.

Sullivan Place provides a leafy welcome as you come into the village with its variety of trees, grasses and wild flowers. At Village Way we have part of The Scattered Orchard project, that extends across our village and as far as Newbourne, with a variety of espaliered fruit trees and some pretty flowering cherry, recently replaced by Flagship Housing, forming an avenue, that are a delight with their blossom in Spring above the grassy verge. .

Our roads and lanes, of tarmac, sand and gravel, are flanked by verdant plantings of natural and planted species that provide a constantly changing display of leaf and flower throughout the year.

Of all the things that are constant, it is our hedgerows that stand out as the defining feature of our streetscape. There are privet and hawthorn, blackthorn and blackberry, holly and ivy, beech and yew, field maple and myrobalan plum, elder and elm, hazel and dogwood, often mingling with strands of Old Man's Beard and honeysuckle, all providing a wondrously lush scene all along any route around the village.

Imagine the difference in the feel if our boundaries were walls or fences instead? These native species provide food and homes for birds, butterflies and other insects that have adapted to live here too. Imagine the ambience, the change in the temperature, the texture, the smells, the colour! How perfect that they are *not* hard edges but GREEN!

Greener Waldringfield and our 3 Tree Wardens can provide support, contacts, advice, and help with funding, for green projects. We have a good record of working as community groups to make things happen. We are working with 5 local parish councils as the West Deben Green Cluster to plan and manage training and practical actions for green corridors across Suffolk. Check out our new website for this and lots more information at greenerwaldringfield.org or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



Verge at Cliff Rd and Deben Lane



Verge on Church Way

Photos - Sue Quick



Greener Waldringfield cont

How lucky we are to have Waldringfielders!

Thank you to Peter James of Cliff Field who set it up and to Steve, his son, who ran it for some years and now to Nigel Shore, who is the current administrator. How often do we read the many thank-yous and various adjectives like “Amazing” and “Marvellous” said about our wonderful community?

Other communities have to go to all sorts of bother to set up Libraries of Things – I know of a virtual one in Leeds and a wonderful actual shop in Letchworth. But all we need to do in Waldringfield is ask and we get ten offers, within two minutes, of a sledgehammer, a dehumidifier or a long handled apple picker!

I've read that the average use of an electric drill is only twelve minutes per year! So what's the point in us all having one? We don't need to have another extra thing in the garage – when we need it we can borrow.



In this year's **Design For Planet Festival**, the Design Council's sustainability summit, some of the highlights included “Thoughtful Consumption”, “Engaging The Public in Sustainable Change” and “Waste is a Design Flaw”.. which is heartening! There is a trade off between the jobs provided by designing and manufacturing new products and the associated innovation in redesign, and the systemic overproduction necessitated by built-in obsolescence – currently skewed in favour of more and more and more stuff, often hardly used.

By using optimally what we, as a community, own through sharing, we are making a contribution to reducing both energy and materials consumption – and thus reducing carbon emissions and stress on living systems, all doing a small bit towards net zero AND saving our pockets too.

The aims of Repair Cafés in Waldringfield, Woodbridge and Martlesham, are in line with the original movement to ‘keep things out of landfill’ for longer. The ‘Right to Repair’ law introduced in July 2021 mandates manufacturers of electrical and electronic goods to guarantee a ten-year life, to take back at end of use and to make spare parts available. Part of the Repair Café ethos is re-skilling owners in repair of their stuff – sitting convivially along side an expert.

Of course Waldringfielders does many other things – publicising events, sharing joy in their success, asking for and immediately getting advice on services: every time I read of a need or a whim so easily satisfied within our own community my heart lifts!

Betsy Reid



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Waldringfield History Group

The work of Waldringfield History Group continues. I spoke in April of being contacted by a descendant of the Cavell family. Since then we have been able to connect another descendant with the Australian lady and they have both managed to grow their family trees.

This year's focus is on houses and farms of the village. We have already covered much of Waldringfield Riverside and now we are venturing further inland. We would love to include all the houses, even if they are new, because we can include the previous house. Work is going on apace but if anyone has any information which could help us please contact either myself or Alyson Videlo on Waldringfieldhg@gmail.com.



We are also interested in hearing your information about changes on the river on behalf of the River Deben Association project led by Simon Read. Stories, pictures and anecdotes' you may be willing to share, concerning use of the river, changes to the beach and river banks, mud on the beach, floods, wildlife changes, uses of the river and its banks etc. There will be a meeting at the Sailing Club on 7th December at 2 pm if you are interested & have information to share.

We 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. and our next meeting will be on Thursday 14th November at 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm in the Kennedy Room.

A lot of information is to be found on our website www.Waldringfieldia.com, though some of it is available to members only but our annual subscription is only £12.00

For more information please contact Hon Sec: Margaret Lake or Chair: Alyson Videlo waldringfieldhg@gmail.com

Waldringfield Church Field Trust



The Church Field was a gift to the village from the late Dr Tom Waller in 2003. A Trust was set up to develop it which has now been in place for 21 years. Originally an arable field it now has small woods and open grass areas for games, hedges and trees, a network of grass paths to explore, a basketball practice area and a football practice goal, and hundreds of different species of plants which arrived on their own without being sown by anyone.

Vigorous growth this year throughout the field

The second children's activity day this year was sponsored by Waldringfield Wildlife Group in August. Nineteen children attended each with an adult and had a great time with mud, plants and insects – although the consensus seemed to be that there were not so many insects as expected. Given that the plants at Church Field should form a great habitat for many different species of insect this a bit of a surprise. Suffolk Wildlife Trust Charlie Zakss ran the event with imaginative and fun activities for the children learning about nature.



Photo—S. Griffiths

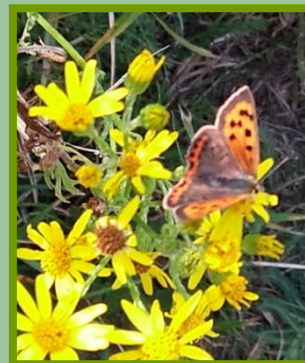


Photo—C. Zakss



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By the time you read this the Church Field Trust Annual General meeting will probably have been held, planned for **4th December** in the Kennedy Room. Hopefully you attended and enjoyed the usual mince pie, mulled wine and report on the field through the past year. The next thing to look forward to is a work party on January 21st with the National Landscapes volunteers (formerly Suffolk and Essex Coasts and Heaths AONB).



Stripey caterpillars of Cinnabar Moth on Ragwort (L); Small Copper butterfly (R)

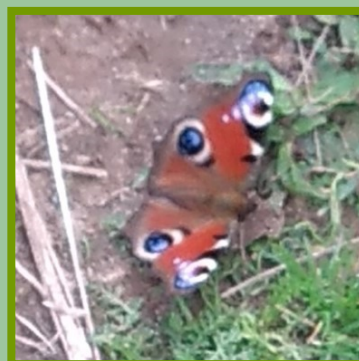
Waldringfield Church Field Trust cont...

There are always lots of things to do such as cutting back brambles and gorse to open up meadow areas, scything long grass if needed, pruning the hedgerow trees to form a good shape and transplanting small self sown trees to be used elsewhere in the field or around the village.

Anyone wishing to help with Church Field is invited to get in touch with a committee member and watch out for notice of work parties on waldringfielders. To all those who have helped, thank you again for your wonderful support.



Wild carrot (white flowers) with red poppies and purple mallow



Autumn colours of native Guelder Rose with its red berries (L); Peacock butterfly (R)

Christine Fisher Kay, Chair of the Church Field Trust—736384



Your Parish Councillors:

Ian Kay (Chair); Janet Elliot (Vice Chair)
Serena Gold—Colin Reid
Nigel Shore—Sue Quick
Robert Forsdike—Jonathan Ramsay

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The Village Hall

Planned Improvements

Following the successful installation of led lights last year, we now wish to embark on further improvements in the new year, subject to receiving a grant from the National Lottery. The Lottery in turn want to know that the community desire the improvements proposed. I talked briefly about the improvements at the November coffee morning and was pleased at the positive response. For those of you who were not at the coffee morning, the improvements proposed for 2025 include:-

- better sound insulation between the Deben Hall and the Kennedy Room, to enable meetings in the Kennedy Room to take place without being affected by noise from activities in the Deben Hall and vice-versa;
- a new kitchen hatch which is easy to use and doesn't rattle;
- enhanced disabled and baby-changing facilities;
- new blackout curtains for the Deben Hall. The existing curtains have done sterling service but are nearing the end of their useful life, and;
- better storage

If we are successful in obtaining grant aid, we will be reverting to you in the new year to seek your views on detailed design.

We would also like your feedback on other improvements which you would like to see, be they to the grounds, the kitchen, car parking, or whatever. They may be major or minor, it doesn't matter. We welcome your input. It is after all your village hall!

AGM

The AGM of the Village Hall Trust took place on the 15th October. The trustees/committee members for the forthcoming year are Philip Hall (Chair), Marian Bradley (Bookings Secretary), Louise Brearey, Joyce Forsdike (Vice-Chair), Nigel Shore (Parish Council Representative), Amanda Sims (Treasurer), Nigel King, Tony Lyon, John Nayler and Sarah Wood (Minutes Secretary). We would love to hear from you if you have a spare few hours to help. You don't have to join the committee to be a volunteer if you do not wish to. We have a particular need for more people to help stage community events.

Philip Hall, Chairman, Waldringfield Village Hall Trust

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Waldringfield Parish Council

Dark Skies



An extract from our National Landscapes Lighting Design Guide

1. Introduction

Both the Dedham Vale and Coast & Heaths National Landscapes are renowned for their tranquil landscapes and scenic beauty, but it is not just the daytime views which are an attraction. Visitors to the area can also enjoy the beauty of the night sky and a dark landscape. With few towns and areas of open and relatively uninhabited countryside the landscapes offer opportunities to see stars and experience nature in a way which is not possible in more brightly lit areas.

However, inappropriate lighting, bad design and incremental development increases light pollution and reduces our ability to appreciate and benefit from our dark skies. Lighting on rural roads, village streets, houses and other developments have the potential to increase light pollution. It also impacts on our experience of the landscape by altering the naturally changing light levels that occur at dusk and before dawn. Furthermore, artificial light can have a subtle, cumulative effect on the special character of rural landscapes, since brightly lit skies blur the distinction between urban and rural areas.

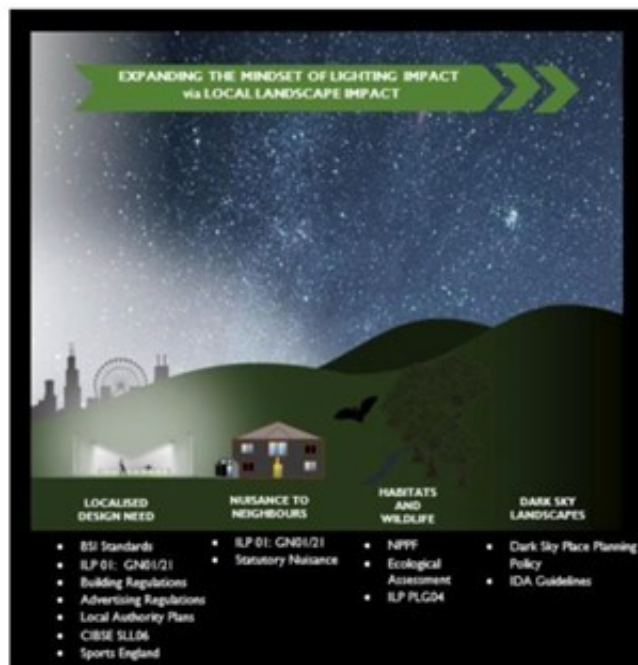
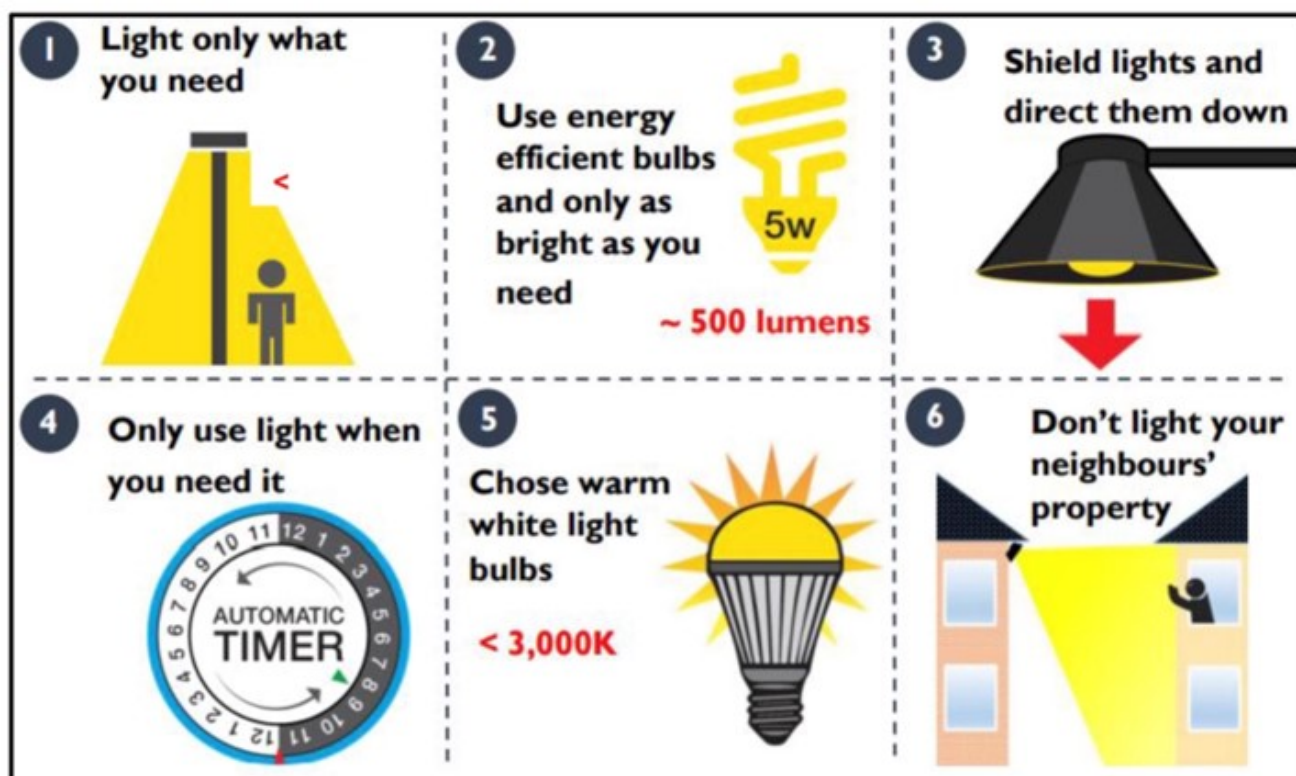


Figure 1 - The relation of standards and guidance to local and landscape needs. From Towards a Dark Sky Standard.

Follow these simple steps from the International Dark-Sky Association to ensure good neighbourly lighting that protects dark skies.



A Tree Warden Writes

Autumn is a very busy time for squirrels and tree wardens. Many trees are producing seed now which can be collected and sown to grow new trees. The Suffolk Tree Warden Nursery Project continues. Trees grown by many volunteers in the last two or three years are being distributed and planted out in their new locations in the countryside, in hedges and in gardens.



Acorns of the Turkey Oak.

The native oak had a less good year for acorns this year but the Turkey oaks were prolific. Acorns should not be allowed to dry out before sowing. They germinate fairly easily sending down a tap root while the shoot will appear in spring. If grown in a flower pot you can transplant them next autumn to where you would like them to grow.

The Tree Council have supplied enough hedging to plant 100m length for Waldringfield. This will fill in gaps with short lengths in different places, connecting up gaps in existing hedges.

It is all native hedging which will support our local wildlife: berries, nuts and other fruit to be scooped by birds and foliage which will be food for different caterpillars, to eventually pupate and turn into moths and butterflies. There has been a huge decline in numbers of these so all the help we can give is needed.

If anyone would like to know more about the available trees and hedges please get in touch with me. All supplied free.

It was unfortunate that a large cherry in the Playing Field had to be removed as it was considered dangerous by the Tree Officer. The remaining trees will have some pruning to keep a balanced crown.

Christine Fisher-Kay, Tree Warden

— Timmy's —

Garden Services

- **Stump Grinding**
- **Roots Removed**
- **Tree Felling**
- **Dangerous Trees**
- **Logs For Sale**
- **Wood Chipper**
- **Tree Pruning**
- **Hedge Trimming**
- **Grass Cut Monthly**
- **Turfing/Seeding**
- **Patios/Paving**
- **Garden Sheds Cleared**
- **Artificial Lawns**
- **Weeding Service**
- **Decking Service**
- **Fences/ Gates**

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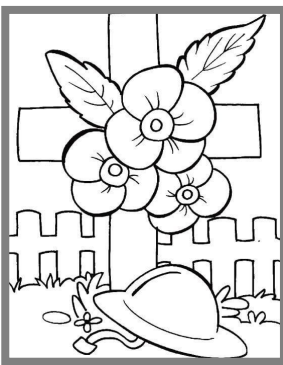
Timmy: 01376 326 163
07775 998628





News from All Saints Church Waldringfield

This mild, dampish weather has kept the grass growing ..And the moles tunnelling!



Sunday, 10th November – Remembrance Day Service. 25 simple crosses with poppies bordered the path to the Church. Each one named after a villager who gave their lives in either war.

A moving sight. 'Lest we forget'.

'For our tomorrow they gave their today.'

The December Services leading up to Christmas:

Sunday, 1st at 10am – Morning Prayer with Roy Tricker.

Sunday, 15th at 10.30am – Holy Communion with The Rev. Nick Williams

Sunday, 22nd – OUR CAROL SERVICE AT 6.00 pm (Not to be missed!) – Beautiful.

CHRISTMAS DAY – Family Service – 'Happy half hour' at 10.30 am – for the YOUNG and OLD!



Dates for the Diary:

CRAFT FAIR— **10th December at 10am until 12.00am** – in the Church Room with proceeds going to St. Elizabeth's Hospice.

AUCTION OF PROMISES – **3rd May, 2025**—6pm in our Village Hall

Standby for a REALLY FUN evening. Yes, ANOTHER Auction of Promises. Please start thinking!!! All your interesting Promises will help raise funds to keep our All Saints Church in a good state. Old buildings need endless upkeep!

New members welcome:
Annual Membership
only £10.



Waldringfield Wildlife Group

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.

All Talks start at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

Talks are preceded by Members meetings which start at 10.00am with a Refreshment break 10.45am.

Members: No charge. Visitors welcome.

Field Trips:

Please inform Linda Wilkins or Jill Winter if you are joining any of the field trips/guided tours.

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



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2025

January 24-26th	RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch coordinated by Jill Winter group Secretary.
February 8th	BOSS: The Future of Barn Owls by Dave Pearsons, Barn Owl Support Suffolk, Suffolk Bird Group.
April 12th	A Brief (un) Natural History of Rivers by Darren Tansley, Wilder Rivers & Protected Species Manager, Essex Wildlife Trust.
May 2nd	Early Morning Nightingale Walk at SWT Newbourne Springs with Peter Maddison followed by alfresco breakfast in Anthea's garden. Meet at The Springs' car park at 6.30am.
May 15th	Early evening Nightingale Walk along the River Wall with Peter Maddison meet 6pm at the Maybush slip way tbc.
June 7th	'Winged Wonders.' Why are Insects Important and what can we do for them? By Dr Ross Piper. www.rosspiper.net ; AnimalEarth@Dr.RossPiper; Flickr Photostream.
May/June/July tbc	Herb Identification and Hedgerow Walk followed by herbal tea tasting with Rachel Bescoby, Herbalist with Lion Herba.
May/June tbc	SWT Snape Reserve guided walk with Rachel Norman, Warden, South East Suffolk Reserves.
June/July tbc	Moth trap opening in Anthea's garden , Newbourne with Sandra and Tony Fix.
July 2nd	RSPB Snape Nature Reserve guided walk with Dave Thurlow, Warden, South Suffolk Coast reserves. Meet at 10.00am.
July 22nd	Butterfly Count at Church Field with Peter Maddison 11.30am followed by Members 'bring and share' picnic at 12.30pm.
October 11th	AGM followed by Saltmarsh Conservation and Sea Grass Mapping by Dr Tim Gardiner, Biodiversity Officer, Environment Agency.
December 13th	Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and Biodiversity Strategies in Suffolk by Jen Burlingham, Norfolk & Suffolk Nature Recovery Partnership Manager, SCC. Followed by Members Bring and Share Christmas Lunch.

Waldringfield

BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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SUNDAY 15TH DEC @ 6PM

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 22ND DEC @ 10:30AM

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY FAMILY SERVICE

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CAROL SERVICE @ 6PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10:15-11AM

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CHRISTMAS

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THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER

10.00AM - NOON

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

CHRIS LYON - 01473 736291 OR MARION SHARPE – 01473 736467

Message from Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP

As Christmas approaches and 2024 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible privilege of being elected to serve as your Member of Parliament. It's been a remarkable year, and I've been truly moved by the spirit of community across our constituency.

This time of year reminds us of the importance of looking out for one another, and I'm especially grateful to our local charities and army of local volunteers whose dedication brings hope and light to so many lives. Since I was elected, I've had the privilege of visiting so many charities and organisations supporting our communities— and I'm both appreciative and inspired by your work and service to provide support to those in need.

I'm deeply thankful for the trust you've placed in me, and I look forward to working hard for you and representing Suffolk Coastal in the year ahead.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP.

Waldringfield Wildlife Group

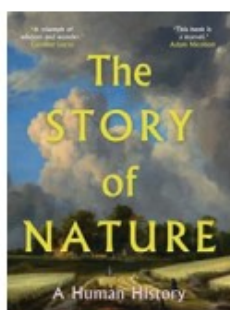
Wildlife in Shingle Street: past, present and future.

An illustrated talk by writer and naturalist Jeremy Mynott, describing the rich flora and fauna of Shingle Street and some plans by the residents to protect and enhance this special environment even further.



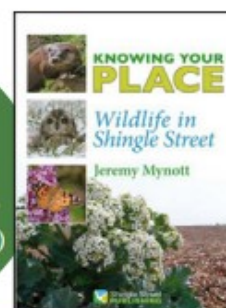
on Saturday 14th December at 11.00 am
at Waldringfield Village Hall

Admission: Non-members and visitors – £3.00 (cash payment preferred).
No charge for paid up members



Jeremy Mynott lives in Suffolk and is devoted to Shingle Street which he celebrated in the book *Knowing Your Place* (2016), and where he is currently working on a community wilding project. His latest book is *The Story of Nature: a Human History*.

The book
**Knowing
your Place**
will be available
for purchase (£5)
at the talk.



The talk is preceded by a members meeting at 10.00 am with refreshments available at 10.45 am and followed by the members Bring & Share Christmas lunch.



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