

# FOCUS

EVENTS AND NEWS FROM WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Jan/Feb 2017

The **Scattered Orchard** group is running a **Pruning and Grafting** course on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January**.

Places are filling up fast, so booking asap is essential if you would like to attend



**Fruit Tree Pruning with Marina O'Connell** 10am – 1pm

Learn how to prune fruit trees, both young or old and neglected

£15 per person - refreshments included.

Followed by **Fruit Tree Grafting** with Mariah Ballam and Betsy Reid 2pm – 4pm.

Learn how to graft your own apple or pear tree (you may bring prunings from your own trees or use the varieties that we have collected) £15 per person.

If you would like to book for either session please contact Mariah Ballam  
At mariahskellorn@hotmail.com or by phone 01473 736485 or 07709485979

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Scattered Orchard work party**

Please contact Mariah, details as above



## **Tone and Stretch**

The **Wednesday** evening class starts again on **4<sup>th</sup> January**  
The **Friday** class at 1pm till 2pm starts on **13<sup>th</sup> January**  
Di Taylor 07748 611730

**\*\*The next Coffee Mornings**  
will be on Thursday 5th January  
and Thursday 2nd February\*\*

The recent death of Jimmy Perry, co-author of Dad's Army, makes it particularly fitting that the first Winter Talk of 2017, on Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup> is entitled 'Dad's Army - the history of the TV series.'  
Dave Steward will bring along a tableful of home-guard memorabilia and enlighten us as to how this popular BBC series came about and how it survived to become an entertainment icon.

On Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Barton of Waldringfield Boatyard, ably assisted by his wife and business partner, Emma will tell the extraordinary tale of their Mid-life (crisis) gap year in the Eastern Mediterranean (known to many as the Middle East!!!) Who mentioned 'crisis?' Children out of school (but not out of schooling), finances, political unrest – it's all there.

Veterinary nurse, dog-breeder and animal lover, Jules Hamilton, a relatively new member of the community (but known to many) will describe how 'It's a dog's life' – not for her dogs it isn't, that's for sure – on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. She has a particular interest in the welfare of cross-breeds.

*For the uninitiated, all talks start at 7.30 pm. Remember, the entrance fee remains only £3 which includes your tea/coffee and a biscuit. Proceeds support your Village Hall*



Friday 24th March at 7.30pm - Eastern Angles present....

## *The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart*

*One wintry morning Prudencia Hart, an uptight academic, sets off to attend a conference in Kelso in the Scottish Borders. As the snow begins to fall, little does she know who or what awaits her there. Inspired by the Border Ballads - and delivered in a riotous romp of rhyming couplets, devilish encounters and wild karaoke - Prudencia's dream-like journey of self-discovery unfolds among and around the audience.*

Tickets: Adults £10 (or £9 if booked by 24th February) - under 18 £6  
available from Colin Reid at Dormers, Cliff Road 01473 736506 or [colin\\_reid1@btinternet.com](mailto:colin_reid1@btinternet.com)

**\*\* DON'T MISS...! SAVE THE DATE!! \*\***

This year's WINTER PARTY will be held on

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February...

Watch out more details nearer the time!



Talk from Waldringfield Wildlife Group

'Hares' by Roger Draycott from the Game Conservation Society on 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11am

Meeting at 10am - £3 for visitors and non-members - £1 for members

Linda Wilkins 736044 [linda.thequay@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.thequay@btinternet.com)



John Midwinter, Fellow of the Royal Society, will be speaking about



"The Science of Climate Change"

on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

[info@greenerwaldringfield.org](mailto:info@greenerwaldringfield.org) for more details

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Jan - Feb 2017

Jan 4<sup>th</sup>: Weds p.m. Tone & Stretch restarts

Jan 5<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Morning  
'Dad's Army' Winter Talk

Jan 13<sup>th</sup>: Fri afternoons  
Tone & Stretch restarts

Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: Pruning Workshop

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: Coffee Morning  
The Bartons' Winter Talk

Feb 11<sup>th</sup>: Wildlife Group 'Hares' Talk

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>: 'Climate Change' talk

Feb 24<sup>th</sup>: Eastern Angles early booking deadline

Feb 25<sup>th</sup>: Winter Party

### REGULAR EVENTS

**Mondays** Post Office Van 11am-1pm

**Tuesdays** Social Club John Nayler 736228  
Parish Council Meetings Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesdays** Post Office Van 11am-1pm  
Art Group Liz Kennedy 736637  
Bridge Norman Rea 736577  
Tone & Stretch Di Taylor 07748 611730

**Thursdays** Art Group Kit Clark 736670  
Wine Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of the month) David Eaton 736754

**Fridays** Post Office Van 11am-1pm  
History Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Fri of the month) Joe Clark 736670  
Tone & Stretch Di Taylor 07748 611730

*For Village Hall bookings, contact the Bookings Secretary, Michele Pierce on 07847 478354 or [michelepierce9999@gmail.com](mailto:michelepierce9999@gmail.com)*

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