

FOCUS

EVENTS AND NEWS FROM WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

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Nov/Dec 2023

Report from the Chairman, Philip 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 has 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 steps 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 us 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 lighting with LED and install new ceiling tiles is scheduled for November (another £12,000). The replacement ceiling tiles 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 this expenditure.

The Warm Room is back for another season!!

The weekly **Warm Welcome Room** will be open every Wednesday afternoon during the Winter months from 25th October 2023 to 13th March 2024, with a short break over the Christmas period. The opening hours are 2pm to 4.30pm in the Kennedy Room.

The format will be similar, wi fi access, board games, information on local support providers, lots of chat, plus tea, coffee, biscuits & cake. There is no charge and everyone is invited!!

Contact: janet.elliott@btinternet.com or cathysept@gmail.com

Waldringfield Gardeners AGM

Wednesday, 22nd November in the Village Hall 7.30 pm - followed by mince pies, mulled cider, seed swap, slide show of Open Gardens, scarecrows, Pumpkin Party.

GREENER WALDRINGFIELD

Thursday, 23rd November: Celebration Party - Greener Waldringfield and Waldringfield Gardeners and Waldringfield Wildlife Group. Come and share all we have done and bring your ideas for what else we could be doing. Wine and nibbles. 7.30pm

Waldringfield History Group had a very interesting meeting in October following their AGM. They 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.

They hope to investigate the Churches of the Village during their next talk and are busy gathering material on that, and some information on Hemley Church and a possible Wartime spy.

They next meet on Thursday 9th November & 14th December, 2pm to 5pm in the Kennedy Room. Everyone is welcome. Subscriptions are £10.00 a year.

Everyone has their own interests which may range from the village houses, farms, military history & local service, family history, Roman finds & archaeology so are able to help or add to each other's research or ideas others

For more information contact the Secretary Margaret Lake: Mgtlake@aol.com

WALDRINGFIELD WILDLIFE GROUP (WWG)

Saturday, 16th December 11am: Illustrated talk by Duncan Sweeting, Principal Ecologist, DCS Ecology

Duncan will be talking about animal tracking & signs. The talk will be followed by **members** bring & share Christmas lunch.

For further details contact: Linda Wilkins 736044/ 07788286482 or email linda.thequay@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL WINTER TALKS: 7.30 pm, £4 including refreshments

Friday 3rd November: *Andy Beharrell Smuggling on the East Coast*

Friday 8th December: *Geoffrey Mayhew Agriculture Today My Journey in the Farming Business*

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday

Post Office Van 11am-12.45pm *by the large oak tree in the car park - please always leave that space free as otherwise electronic transactions may be hindered.*

Tuesday

Pilates 9.30am *Tone Pilates* 07964 325783 www.tonepilates.co.uk

Parish Council Meetings *Parish Clerk* 01394 736475

Karate Leonie Kersey Tel: 07868139743 Email:info@evolutionkarate.co.uk

Wednesday

Post Office Van 11am-12.45pm *by the large oak tree in the car park - please always leave that space free as otherwise electronic transactions may be hindered.*

Warm Welcome Room 2pm-4.30pm (until 13th March 2024)

The Seasons Art Classes. More information: Jenny McEvoy 01394 248434

<https://www.facebook.com/seasonsartipswichwoodbridge>

Come Dancing 6pm robfisher05@gmail.com 01473 613428

Thursday

Coffee morning (monthly) 10am

Art Group 1.30pm-4.30pm *Kit Clark* 736670 joeandkit@icloud.com

History Group 2pm-5pm (monthly) 01304 283347 mgtlake@aol.com

Wine Club (monthly) David Eaton 01473 736754 danteaton@btinternet.com

Woodbridge Table Tennis Club Clive French 07487 399794 eightbitmosaic@gmail.com

Friday

Post Office Van 11am-12.00pm *by the large oak tree in the car park - please always leave that space free as otherwise electronic transactions may be hindered.*

Stretch & Tone 1-2pm *Di Taylor* 07748 611730 didee33@hotmail.com

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd November

10am Coffee morning

7.30pm Wine Club

Friday 3rd November

7.30pm Winter Talk: Smuggling on the East Coast

Thursday 9th November

2pm History Group

Tuesday 14th November

Woodbridge Arts Society- Special interest day *please note the car park and the road will be very busy, particularly around 4pm!*

Thursday 16th November

HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR 4 DAYS DUE TO MAINTENANCE

Friday 15th November

Stretch and Tone will hopefully be able to still go ahead

Wednesday 22nd November

7.30pm Waldringfield Gardeners AGM

Thursday 23rd November

7.30pm Greener Waldringfield/Gardeners and WWG Celebration

Friday 24th November

Fun Quiz

Saturday 25th November

10am Winter greenery workshop: Christmas Wreath and Christmas Cracker Making (Contact Marian on 736126)

Thursday 7th December

10am Coffee morning

Friday 8th December

7.30pm Winter Talk: My Journey in the Farming Business

Thursday 14th December

2pm History Group