

Owl nestbox – residents welcome

The Waldringfield Church Field Trust arranged for a barn owl nesting box to be installed on a pole at the field in September, as many will have seen, so it will be available for owls to inspect during the winter, hopefully deciding to nest there in the spring.

Please let us know if you see any activity, owl or otherwise, going on around the box. The trained owl ringers in the village will keep an eye on it and inspect at the right time to check for nesting activity. The box was installed by Carillion the street lighting people. There are now several owl boxes in the village and it is hoped the barn owls are taking note.

The comments book which used to be kept at the Post Office is now in the school reception where the secretary has kindly agreed to keep charge of it. Any comments e.g. wildlife sightings or suggestions regarding facilities on the field are welcome but please sign your name. Children may also make comments of course and the book is especially handy for you.

The trees and shrubs on the field appeared healthy all through the summer in spite of the lack of rain.

An advantage of the low rainfall was that the grass did not need cutting so often.

The Fun Day was held on 20 June and enjoyed by about 50 people during the afternoon, with a barbecue and games.

Please come along to the meeting and find out more about your field. For further information contact **Christine Fisher Kay on 736384.**

Laptop Projector

The Village Hall has now bought its own projector which will be kept at the Hall for the benefit of Village Hall hirers. It appears happy to 'speak' to various makes of laptop. There is a fixed screen in the Kennedy Room and portable screens for the big room.

In addition, laptops can be connected to the main Hall's amplification and speaker system.

Can you use it away from the Hall? The answer is 'No' but the Parish Council has another projector which is available to villagers for a charge of £10. The projector is kept by Parish Councillor **Colin Archer who can be contacted on 736747.**

Eastern Angles production of THE LONG WAY HOME

is coming to Waldringfield Village Hall on the evening of Tuesday 23 March 2010 at 7.30 pm

Tickets: Adults £7.50, Concessions £6.50, Students £5.00 available from **Colin Reid 01473 736506**

Save Energy = £££s in your purse

Heating and cooking bills are rising with the inevitable hikes in the price of oil and gas.

Come to talk about this and see some energy saving means and methods.

Special offers on insulation; bulk buys on solar hot water; a meter in your kitchen showing pence per minute you are paying for electricity; low energy bulbs for you to try at home; how to assess your energy consumption compared to UK averages.

Several Suffolk villages like Fram and Wenhaston have begun this!

**Sat 16 Jan: 10.30–1.00 at Greener Waldringfield Village Hall
Tel Neil 736423 and Betsy 736506**



Help the Parish Council to help you

A lot has happened in the few short weeks since the last newsletter. I have moved house and my new address can be found below.

New play equipment for the younger residents has been installed on the playing field. Just the new five-a-side football nets to come now. Further to the questionnaire completed by many of you regarding a shelter for the pupils waiting on Waldringfield Heath for the school bus, we are glad to report that this should become a reality next Spring. All the road signs in Waldringfield have all been cleaned and hedging around them trimmed.

Do make use of the monthly visit of the Mobile Police Station (dates and times on back page). You can get advice on crime prevention, get your mobile phone or bicycle post coded for free. They have a speed indicator device on board for those of you with concerns regarding speeding through the village (the Parish Council has reported this to the Police already, but a back up is always useful). Much work has and is taking place regarding the Local Development Framework and BT Consultations. Please back up your councillors by doing your bit. All the PC's responses can be found on our web site.

Unfortunately David Dale has had to resign from the Parish Council for personal reasons. We are sad to lose him as a councillor and member of the planning group and wish him well. If you would like to help the Parish Council to reflect the views of residents please get in touch with me or any Parish Councillor.

Meanwhile Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. **Jean Potter – Parish Clerk**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 7.30 pm in the Village Hall
Tuesdays 8 December 2009, and 12 January, 9 February and 9 March 2010

ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and there is an opportunity at these meetings for residents to put information to the Council and ask questions. If anyone wishes to see planning applications, report problems etc., please phone the clerk to arrange

Contacting the Council:

In writing to: The Clerk, Waldringfield Parish Council
21A Claverton Way, Rushmere St Andrew, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 5XE

By telephone: 01473 723409 Email pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk
or via any Councillor

As well as meeting dates, other information about the Council can be found by following the 'Parish Council' link at the Waldringfield web site at:
<http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/WaldringfieldPC/>

WALDRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL Jean Potter, Clerk & RFO
Your Parish Councillors:

Ian Kay (Chairman)	Alyson Videlo (Deputy)	Colin Archer
Frances Matheson	Harriet Earle	Clive Underdown
Serena Gold	Bridget Rayner	

Waldringfield School

The children and staff at Waldringfield Primary School would like to invite local residents to our dress rehearsal of 'The Wise Man who Missed Christmas'. Our nativity play involves all of the pupils and is a bright and colourful way to begin your festive celebrations. The rehearsal will be in the village hall on Monday 14 December at 2.00 pm. Refreshments will be provided after the performance.

Looking forward to seeing you. If you need any further information please ring the headteacher, Sarah Rogers on 736276.

Waldringfield School will be holding its popular Christmas Fair is on Saturday 5 December 2.00-4.00 pm. Fun for all the family with plenty of stalls and activities to keep you entertained. Raffle, hamper draw, refreshments, stalls and games and of course Father Christmas has been invited for the whole afternoon. Perhaps you might like to sample a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine to get you in the Christmas spirit. Please come and join us.

More Music at the Village Hall

After the highly successful concert in November by the Solaris Quartet, the second concert of the season will be on Saturday afternoon 2 January at 3.00 pm. This will be given by The Ward Quartet:

- Nick Ward Violin
- Caroline Ball Violin
- Wendy Poulston Viola
- Harriet Bennett Cello

The programme will include Haydn 'The Frog' Quartet and Beethoven 'The Harp' Quartet.

Tickets £10 on the door with free entry for School Age and Students.

Liz Kennedy 01473 736637

60th anniversary year for the dragonflies

As the clocks alter so the sailing season at Waldringfield draws to a close. Having enjoyed an extended summer, more members have enjoyed dinghy racing or yacht cruising. Some hardy souls will be off to Alton Water for the Sunday morning racing but most will pack their yachts and dinghies away until the spring fitting out.

The sailing club has enjoyed another busy season. The Regatta Weekend was again a very successful event on and off the water. It was also the weekend when the Dragonfly class celebrated it's 60th anniversary.

A fleet of 12 clinker built boats raced during the weekend and were photographed lined up, 'dressed overall' on the fore shore. A lovely sight.

After the Regatta the Dragonflies again joined up with some Shrimper yachts for a week of racing up and down the Deben with

socials and a very engaging treasure hunt!

The juniors, the Cadets again had a very successful week. Not only was there very competitive racing between home and visiting dinghies but also a water raft making competition. There were some very ingenious designs!

Some of the Cadets have been travelling but this year as the squad is quite young there have been more on the start line which is great to see.

Many Cadets progress to race a Lark dinghy. This continues to be a popular, hotly competitive fleet with 6 of the top 10 at the National Championships in July. Waldringfield regularly win the team prize and have retained the top spot.

The Club has hosted two visiting class nationals and regatta. The Comets and Tideways travelled to Waldringfield to enjoy

the lovely venue and hospitality. The Club has also hosted the regular open meetings such as Easter and Cartoons where we see a few visitors and the annual very popular 'Bottle Boat' championship.

As an RYA registered training establishment Waldringfield Sailing Club continues to run a successful junior course during August, First Aid and safety boat handling courses as well as providing dinghies for prospective members to try.

Lastly, away from the water 114 members congregated in the Village Hall on 3 October 2009 to hear proposals for and objections to a pontoon on the beach midway between the Clubhouse and the dinghy park. The result of a secret ballot (including postal votes) was a small majority of votes for the proposal.

Cathy Fish, Past Commodore

Copydate for next newsletter Friday 12 February. Send to Parish Clerk – details above in panel

News from the Village Hall

WINTER TALK SERIES

The first talk 'A day in the life of a Phantom Pilot' got off to a flying start to a packed audience in the Kennedy Room. Mike Bettell told us that when he 20 years old he was flying Lightning jets at one and half times the speed of sound, which makes Jensen Button's efforts seem rather tame. We enjoyed plenty of anecdotes and great videos of refuelling hiccups. At the end, questions ranged from 'Did you experience fear?' to 'the toilet arrangements on a two seater fighter?' Personally, I thought the two questions were linked.

So what's the next Talk?

It's on **Wednesday 2 December**, so it might be gone by the time you read this Newsletter. Anyway, it's Mike Durrant who will be presenting 'Intro to Family History'.

Wednesday 6 January 'Legends of Felixstowe Ferry'

Nobody knows more about the Ferry than the Harbour Master, John White. His father was a fisherman and he is married to Ann Brinkley. Now, the Brinkley family is a talk on its own. Learn how old Charlie lost his arm and all about the other characters who lived at the Ferry, where they used to drink and acts of heroism. John is in demand for his talks and if you have a boat, it is worthwhile just coming along to get to know him. You never know, you might need him one day.

Wednesday 3 February 'The Felixstowe Floods of 1953'

Historian Phil Hadwen will make us shudder as we look back on the ferocity of the North Sea. Could it happen again?

Wednesday 3 March 'I had a Beeb job'

This is a new booking. Chris Carne was a sound engineer at BBC Television in the formative 1960's. He worked on all the classics such as Steptoe, Doctor Who, TWTWTW, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, Z Cars as well as the very first TV appearance of The Beatles on Top of the Pops. You will hear how they overcome various crises as well as working with the stars. You will see lots of familiar video clips.

A Celebration of Christmas Music Monday 14 December 7.00 pm

This didn't take place last year and Martin Lloyd and Liz Kennedy have brought it together again.

Musical contributions from a number of Village organisations. Come to the Village Hall and sing along with Village Madrigal Group, Village String Ensemble, Woodbridge Excelsior Band – all topped off with our own Primary School

No admission will be charged though a retiring collection will be available to boost the Band's funds and to cover the evening's costs. We would ask members of the audience to bring along a plate of finger food to share after the music.

Event contact Martyn Lloyd 01394 283589

No Adastral New Town



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It could be 3500 dwellings at Adastral Park by 2031 !!

Very many thanks to everyone who came to the meeting on 3 November and for all the help we have received since. (Apologies if you didn't know about this meeting – it was arranged at very short notice and we didn't have the means to communicate with everyone in time.) The level of support at the meeting and subsequently was fantastic – we do now really have the momentum to try and stop the council's plans to let BT overdevelop the Adastral site (2000+ dwellings by 2024, and now we hear they are suggesting they could accommodate up to 3500 dwellings by 2031 !!).

The next key date is the Council's Cabinet meeting, where they will be debating whether to accept their planning policy:

Cabinet meeting to discuss the Local Development Framework 7.00 pm, Monday 14 December 2009, Trinity Park Conference Centre

Members of the public can attend this meeting to observe, but we will probably not be allowed to speak during the meeting. Of course, it will be possible to speak to councillors before or after the meeting and our local councillors should be able to address the Cabinet, so feel free to let them know your views.

We don't seriously expect the Cabinet to change their plans at this stage, but we hope they might reflect on the appalling legacy their policies would leave behind.

We'll be able to see democracy in action and they'll be able to see the level of opposition from their voters and council tax payers!

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

What happens next?

The Council's plans will have to be reviewed and approved by an independent Inspector.

This will occur in late 2010 and our intention is to make representation at that review.

We will also be undertaking fundraising during 2010 – more on that later.

We will do our best to keep you informed by

email (for those who have registered their email address for this purpose) and/or by publications in your local magazines (like this one). For more information about the issues and to keep up to date, please visit the NANT website at www.noadastralnewtown.com/

Thank you again for your support

Don't be a retiring little mouse

The Waldringfield Wildlife Group produces 'What's About', a bi-monthly newsletter recording wildlife sightings and observations in the locality. If you would like to receive an emailed copy contact Peter Maddison – prmaddison@yahoo.co.uk

Waldringfield Wildlife Group Invite you to

The Secret Life of the Harvest Mouse

A talk by Martha Cowell of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Waldringfield Village Hall, Saturday 12 December at 11.00am

Admission free – donations welcomed

Alexis Smith, Waldringfield Wildlife Group

Annual Village Carol Singing on Monday 21 December. Meet 6.15 pm at The Maybush. Finishing at Lilacs, Fishpond Road for Soup and Sustenance. Do join us.

What's On Directory

EVENT	DETAILS	CONTACT
Mothers Union	Twice monthly	Secretary 736522
Craft Club in the School	Thursdays twice monthly	Shirley Fisher 736336
Parish Council Meetings	2nd Tuesday in month	Clerk 723409
Social Evenings	Tuesday 6.30pm	John Nayler 736228
Improvers Bridge (waiting list)	Wednesday 7.00pm	Jill Stredwick 736216
Art Classes	Wednesday mornings	Liz Kennedy 736637
Yoga	Wednesday 7.00pm	Jackie Brinsley 736618
Womens Institue	2nd Wednesday in month 2.30 - 4.30 pm	Gill Rea 736577
Parent and Toddler Group	Thursdays (term-time) 10.30am-12.00noon School Hall	Jenny Firth 736343
Winter Talks	1st Wednesday of the month	Sandy Wells

CONTACT NAMES

Village Hall Bookings	Telephone	736534
Suffolk County and District Councillor	(call Clerk)	
Parish Council Clerk	Jean Potter	723409
Police	Police station	613500
	PC Paul Smith	613500
	PCSO Amy Clarke	613500

Waldringfield Baptist Church

We invite you to join us at our Sunday services and weekday meetings

Sunday	11.00am	Morning Service Including Sunday School/Bible Class for ages 4 – 18 and crèche facilities for babies and toddlers
Sunday	6.30pm	Evening Service followed by tea, coffee and chat in the Youth Hall
Monday	7.00pm	Yoyo's (ages 10+) during school term
Tuesday	2.30pm	Womens Fellowship (first Tuesday in month)
	7.30pm	Ladies New Start (second Tuesday in month)
Wednesday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Thursday	9.30am	Parents and Toddlers, during school term
	6.00pm	One Way Club (ages 5 – 10) during school term
	8.30 - 10.00 pm	Men's sports evening at Woodbridge School (once a month – contact Pastor Steve Wyncoll for dates)
Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast (second Saturday in month)

Forthcoming Special Services and Events

Friday 4 December	Friends and Neighbours Lunch 12.30pm (contact Pastor Steve if you would like to come along)
Sunday 13 December	Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm
Sunday 20 December	Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm
Friday 25 December	Christmas Day Service 10.15 – 11.00am

We will be singing carols around Waldringfield on Tuesday 15 December, during the early part of the evening. We do not collect money but just wish to spread some Christmas joy as we celebrate the birth of the Saviour at this time of year. If you have never been along to any of our services, why not make it a first time this Christmas?

If you would like to know more details about any of the meetings, or if you are in need of transport to the Church, please contact either:

Robin Percy (Church Secretary)	Tel 01473 612856 e-mail robinpercy@btinternet.com
or Pastor Steve Wyncoll, Hope Haven, Cliff Road, Waldringfield,	Tel 01473 736771 or 736285 e-mail steve.wyncoll@btopenworld.com
or Pastor Tim Mawson, Whitehaven, Main Road, Bucklesham, Tel 01473 659023	e-mail tim.mawson@btinternet.com

Website: www.waldringfieldbc.org.uk

Mobile Police Station is scheduled to be in Waldringfield on Mondays 14 December and 11 January 3.15 - 4.00 pm parked on Village Hall Car Park. Everything possible will be done to keep to these times, but operational requirements may necessitate changes

Waldringfield History Group

The Bears by Rupert Bear

Joe Clark has obtained a copy of a small book published for the Bear family who moved from Falkenham to Waldringfield in WW1. The book gives an interesting insight into life in the 1920s.

'But conditions were were difficult after the war and agricultural work was hard to obtain. The working class felt that the government did not appropriately recompense them for the sacrifices in the war. On many days, Will Bear would leave home to look for work, on at least one occasion walking as far as Leiston (a distance of 21 miles). Jessie Bear was required to obtain work to help ends meet. She became the cleaner at Waldringfield School, a position she retained well into her seventies'

'Will was able to feed the family by maintaining his large vegetable garden (from which he could also make a few pennies by selling vegetables in the village)'

'In 1933, Rosemary Betsy Bear was born. She only survived three months. Will and Jessie's new home in Sandy Lane was called 'Rosemary Cottage'

Will and Jessie had eight children one of whom was Leslie Bear (1911-2000).

'From school, Leslie went to the Gregg School of Shorthand/Typing. At the age of 16, he won top national prizes and was headhunted to work in London for the school. Shortly after, he went to work in Geneva to work at the League of Nations where consequently he met his two wives (his first wife died in childbirth). In 1936, he was offered a job as a reporter in the House of Commons (Hansard). He rose through the ranks, becoming the youngest editor in 1954. He retired in 1972.'

Leslie had two sons, one of which was Christopher Rupert Bear.

'Rupert qualified as a solicitor in 1964 and obtained work in Nottingham at Wells & Hind and later set up his own specialist divorce practice. He retired from practice in 1999 and is now a part-time Tribunal judge. He lives in Nottingham and Cyprus.'

The book gives lots of other interesting detail and no doubt the History Group will use in further research

Waldringfield at Work – This is our current project and we will be presenting our usual show in April.

Currently we have these separate projects:

- Barges • Boat yards • Cement Works
- Domestic Service • Farms
- The Maybush • Shops and Tea Rooms

If you have any photographs or information the History Group would like to hear from you.

Stan Baston 01473 736509