

# Working Groups for the future

## Parish Plan

All parishes are expected to have a Parish Plan. It is an important document as it provides a definitive statement of the wishes of the villagers, and therefore adds weight to arguments used by villagers and the Parish Council in defence of the village and its way of life. It also acts as a useful source of information about the village and its residents. The current plan can be found at the village web site at

<http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/WaldringfieldPC>  
Click on 'Topical Information' then 'Parish Plan'.

It is recommended that Parish Plans are updated every 5 years. Waldringfield's current plan was published in October 2004, which means that it is due to be updated. The Parish Council is organising a Working Group to tackle the job, and invites anyone living in the Parish to join it. The task involves deciding on the structure of the plan, writing survey questions, distributing the survey questionnaire, collecting and analysing results and putting together the document (and probably more tasks I haven't thought of). A team of 19 volunteers produced the 2004 plan, and it is hoped we can

get a similar sized group, preferably from as wide a cross section of the village population as possible.

If anyone wishes to volunteer to be on the Working Group, or wants more information, please contact Ian Kay on 01473 736384 or e-mail [Ian.Kay1@btinternet.com](mailto:Ian.Kay1@btinternet.com)

## Traffic Calming

Although we have speed bumps in Cliff Road, many villagers feel we need some kind of traffic calming measures in School Road as well. Previous efforts to make this happen failed, mainly because it wasn't clear which system people preferred. So the Parish Council has decided to try to move this forward again, and the first step is to produce a survey questionnaire, distribute it, and collect and analyse the results. The Parish Council is organising a Working Group and invites anyone living in the Parish, who is interested in this issue, to join it (this will be a much smaller group than the one doing the Parish Plan).

If anyone wishes to be on this Working Group, would they please contact Ian Kay, details as above.

## The Parish Council – working for YOU

### BT Planning Application

The responses from the consultation are still being analysed by Suffolk Coastal District Council. So far (as of 13/2/09) of the 129 responses analysed, 5 have been in favour and 124 against. No date has been given for the decision. Many thanks to everyone who helped with handing out leaflets at the two exhibitions in December - the exercise was very useful and everyone we talked to supported our position. It is still not too late to send SCDC your views, details can be found on the SCDC web site (<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/devcontrol/adastralpark/default.htm>). Waldringfield Parish Council's response can be found on the village web site.

### Local Development Framework

The consultation period for the two LDF documents (Core Strategy – Preferred Options and Site Specific Allocations – Issues and Options) ended on 20 February. Both these documents will profoundly affect the future of Waldringfield and the

wider area. Waldringfield Parish Council's response can be found on the village web site.

### Making a Safer Neighbourhood

The Parish Council is sending a representative to the District Safer Neighbourhood Tasking Meeting in March. If you have any concerns or ideas about local policing or about how to make the area safer generally, please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Jean Potter, on 01473 723409 or e-mail her at [pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk)

### Fire in Waldringfield

Since the recent devastating fire in January, there have been many questions regarding access to water supplies for extinguishing this and any future fires. Also questions regarding accessibility for fire engines and bowsers down narrow lanes, locations of water hydrants and servicing, as well as Fire Service input into new planning applications.

Our Clerk, Jean Potter approached the Fire Service with all these points. They were very co-operative and answered many of the questions raised. In order that the replies

to these and other concerns reach a wider audience, one of their Divisional Officers offered to come to the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall on 28 April 7.30 pm to give a short talk, advice and answer questions from councillors and public.

### Closure of Public Conveniences

Please be assured that the Parish Council is still vigorously pursuing this issue. New government guidelines on the maintenance of this type of local facility were issued just before Christmas and we await details from Suffolk Coastal District Council. Hopefully we will have more news for you in the next newsletter.

### Boundary Commission

The Government announced on 9 February that it was giving the Boundary Committee for England until 15 July to come up with its final recommendations for the future shape of local government in Suffolk. More information can be found at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/future/default.htm>

# Caring for our beach

Waldringfield Beach is a uniquely beautiful resource for residents and visitors to enjoy. Whilst everyone is welcome we would like to remind users of the beach that dogs need to be kept under control and their owners are asked to clear up after their pets. Exuberant dogs can intimidate children and we all dislike finding dog mess on our shoes, or worse, on our bare feet.

Bins are available, one by the Maybush, one at the bottom of the steps and one by the gate from the Sailing Club Car Park. For those owners who forget a bag we are taking the initiative to provide a roll of bags by each bin. There is no excuse.

You could be prosecuted by Suffolk Coastal District Council – there is a fine of £1,000 for not clearing up your dog mess.

## Pulling together

Let us all pull together – boat users, dog owners, pleasure seekers – this is our responsibility, to use a natural resource wisely and considerately. Leave no litter of any kind and we can avoid yet more notices and dictates.

The response will be monitored.

**Councillors Matheson and Gold**  
on behalf of Waldringfield Parish Council

## A new year and signs of spring

This is my first chance to wish you all a Happy New Year! Although the weather has been cold and frosty with snow at times, there are signs that Spring is not far away. With this thought in mind may I urge everyone to remember the grass verges have been planted with bulbs and wild flowers by the Wildlife Group, supported with a Parish Council grant. More planting this year, so please help to keep verges clear of cars.

I am still learning more about the village and my responsibilities as Clerk. I have met and spoken to many more people, including some who know me from a 'former life'. The Parish Councillors are working extremely hard to keep on top of new legislation and consultations to ensure they represent your views. Please continue to give them your support.

**Jean Potter – Parish Clerk**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES** 7.30 pm in the Village Hall  
Tuesdays 10 March, 28 April – Annual Parish Meeting, 12 May – Annual Parish Council Meeting, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November and 8 December 2009

**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  
64 Chilton Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 8NZ

By telephone: 01473 723409 Email [pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto: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	David Dale

# Encouraging wildlife on the Church Field

Don't forget the field is available for snow related activities. Those who came to the AGM will know that the Trust has decided to have an owl box erected for barn owls to nest in at the southern end of the field.

This will be mounted on a telegraph pole as there are no large old trees on the field. Owls readily use these and the Barn Owl Trust will be putting up the box and monitoring it so all will be done properly. Other birds may use

the box such as kestrels or the increasingly rare stock dove but hopefully we will see owls appearing and feasting on the vole population which live in the long grass areas maintained specially for them and other wildlife.

Talking of which, may we remind dog owners that dogs should at all times be on leads. Many dog owners use the field and the accumulated effect of their romping

through the long grass is extremely likely to discourage the skylarks, partridges and others we would like to see nesting there. Also it is not possible to know what your dog is up to when off the lead and we are sorry to have observed owners obliviously walking on while their dogs leave their calling cards in their wake. This of course is unpleasant for all as well as unhygienic and a danger to children from the toxicaemia disease. It also clogs up the mowers. So, PLEASE go along with the wishes of the vast majority of village residents, and keep dogs on the lead AND clear up after them.

On a more jolly note, we would like to have a kite flying event a la Mary Poppins and have decided on Sunday 5 April after lunch for this, weather permitting. If there is no wind or too much we will postpone it but hopefully on the top high area there should be enough and not so much as at the barbeque when the marquee very nearly made it to the Deben. If you wish to come dressed as a Poppins or a Chimney Sweep no one will object I'm sure. The usual picnic will be happening in the summer and we have booked Saturday 20 June for this, when glorious sunshine is expected.

**Christine Fisher (Chair of the Trustees)**  
February 2009



*Copydate for next newsletter Friday 15 May. Send to Parish Clerk – details above in panel*

# Keeping you up to date with the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

I would like to introduce myself as your new Police Safer Neighbourhood Team officer as from 13 October 2008.

This article gives me a great opportunity to make you aware of news from the SNT and what we can do for you. I would like to draw your attention to the two following schemes.

Firstly, Police Direct which is a high tech messaging service provided by Suffolk Constabulary, designed to bring you up to date information about crime and policing issues in your area.

We can send you information by email to your computer, by text to your mobile phone, or by telephone to your landline.

The service will give you, latest information on local crime, warnings about bogus callers, crime reduction advice and updates from your Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Unfortunately there is a relatively high number of crimes committed in the Felixstowe area where boats, outboard engines etc are targeted. Police Direct includes a 'Marine Watch' alert, which I would highly recommend.

If you would like to register with 'Police Direct' you can contact them directly on 01473 613997, Monday to Friday, between 9am to 5pm.

The second scheme is called 'The Virtual Policing Community' which gives you the opportunity to express your views about policing on a regular basis.

The Virtual Policing Community uses the Internet as a convenient way to ask you about the issues that affect your community.

To join visit [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) fill out a short survey, include your email address and the rest is done for you.

I look forward to working in partnership with the local community and agencies for the Felixstowe rural area.

I am based at Felixstowe Police Station and can be contacted on 01473 613500 or by email at [michael.crisp@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:michael.crisp@suffolk.pnn.police.uk) and I look forward to hearing from you.

**PC 41 Mike Crisp**

## Singing for Parkinson's Society

Anna Power, whom many of you will know, is running in this year's London Marathon for The Parkinson's Society.

She is putting on a charity recital entitled 'Music for a While . . .' with her brother, Ross, at St Mary's Church in Woodbridge on Saturday 7 March, at 7.30 pm, to help her towards her sponsorship target of £2000 for the society.

They look forward to entertaining you with a programme of favourites which includes well-known vocal works by Purcell, Mozart, Barber and Debussy.

Anna is currently based in London and sings for a couple of high profile London choirs, including 'Canticum', and Ross is a full time professional musician – so it should be a great event for anyone who is into vocal works.

Tickets are priced £8/£6 concessions (unreserved seating).

Advance tickets are available at St Mary's Woodbridge Church Shop, Market Hill on 01394 383000, or Woodbridge Violins, Market Hill on 01394 383150, or please call 01473 736264 for more information.

They'd be really pleased if anyone would like to come, or otherwise to donate something towards her target through the sponsorship forms Tim and Sue Power have, or directly through her 'justgiving' site [www.justgiving.com/anna-power](http://www.justgiving.com/anna-power)

## Sailing club getting ready for new racing season

Since the last Parish Newsletter the Clubhouse has been more or less closed except for providing the venue of an eighteenth birthday party, a place where the 'Boxing Day Dippers' could warm up, charity walkers received refreshments, and club members enjoyed a full English breakfast in support of research into Alzheimer's Disease.

Also the Club hosted an RYA organised training weekend for selected Cadet (junior) helms and crews. Sadly the last weekend in January was particularly hostile so more time was spent in the Clubhouse than planned! Although there is no sailing the various committees continue to meet and those involved with the administration of the Club and maintenance of support

craft and the Clubhouse itself are particularly busy. The full race programme commences on 14 March but before then there will be three 'working parties' when members come with paintbrushes, buckets, spades and yellow marigolds! Good fun is had by all!

Many villagers will have heard that at the Club's AGM in November it was agreed that a Proposal for a Pontoon, stretching out across the beach 5 metres from the Harbour Master's Hut, be taken forward initially for consideration by the Parish Council and secondly to the Waldringfield Fairway Committee. The latter after discussion voted against the presented proposal.

2009 is the 60th Anniversary year of the 'old ladies' of the Club – the Dragonfly dinghy. The class is starting

a celebratory week at the Club's Regatta weekend 24–26 July when the annual shore events and Yachtmen's service will also take place. Let's hope for lots of sunshine and a steady breeze!

**Cathy Fish  
Past Commodore**

*A proposal of a pontoon across the beach was presented to the January Parish Council Meeting. Several letters have been received from residents objecting to the idea.*

*The Parish Council is unable to discuss this until such time as a firm planning application with details and plans is received from Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Department.*

**Jean Potter, Parish Clerk**

## The enclosed questionnaire

After receiving requests from parents, the Parish Council has requested Suffolk County Council to build a school bus shelter at Newbourne Road crossroads. Children have to wait at this very busy junction, on the road, in all weathers. There is no room for parents to park cars until the bus arrives, so the danger is very apparent.

If the shelter is built the Parish Council will have to make a contribution to the cost and maintain it thereafter. Suffolk County Council have asked for proof from the village that this is needed and required, so please do complete the enclosed form and return ASAP. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

# 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 Mike Crisp	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

Saturday 7th March	Quiz Evening (contact Robin Percy to enter a team – no charge, teams of up to 6 people)
Sunday 8th March	Family Service, 11.00am
Friday 10th April	Good Friday service 10.15 – 11.00 am, followed by refreshments, ramble, lunch & Easter egg hunt
Sunday 12th April	Easter Sunday

From 27 February until 8 March, we will be hosting a team of six international students from Capernwray Bible School, who will be working alongside us in our regular meetings. You may remember the team that were with us in 2007. Please look out for them in the village – they will be pleased to stop and chat with you.

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 <a href="mailto:robinpercy@btinternet.com">robinpercy@btinternet.com</a>
or Pastor Steve Wyncoll, Hope Haven, Cliff Road, Waldringfield, Tel 01473 736771 or 736285	e-mail <a href="mailto:steve.wyncoll@btopenworld.com">steve.wyncoll@btopenworld.com</a>
or Pastor Tim Mawson, Whitehaven, Main Road, Bucklesham, Tel 01473 659023	e-mail <a href="mailto:tim.mawson@btinternet.com">tim.mawson@btinternet.com</a>

Website: <http://www.waldringfieldbc.org.uk>

## MOBILE POLICE STATION

The Mobile Police Station is due to visit Waldringfield on Mondays 9 March and 6 April 3.15 to 4.00 pm and parks near the Village Hall. Every effort is made to keep to the advertised schedule but the station is an operational vehicle and may be deployed elsewhere at short notice. Contact on 01473 613500 or email [EasternArea.MobileStation@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EasternArea.MobileStation@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

# Post Office Outreach

The Post Office Outreach Service is now up and running at the Village Hall. The scheduled hours are at present 11.00 am – 1.00 pm Wednesday and Friday.

Thank you to those of you that have used the service – I hope that you are pleased with what we are trying to do.

I would like to stress that the hours are not set in stone – if we can show that there is a demand for the service, then we can ask Post Office Ltd for extra hours (preferably Monday mornings). Can I therefore ask you to please support this venture.

I hope to arrange an informal evening at the Village Hall for everyone to see the Post Office working and to see the full range of services we can offer.

Simon Cudworth, Sub Postmaster

# British Red Cross Home From Hospital Service

The British Red Cross is about to embark on an exciting new volunteer project called Home From Hospital.

The service, which is to be launched in April, will offer care and support to patients returning home from Ipswich Hospital as well as support to patients while they are in the accident and emergency department.

British Red Cross volunteers will be supporting patients by providing company and friendship while they recover from their hospital admission for a period of up to six weeks. Support may include shopping, collection of prescriptions or preparing a light meal once they have returned home.

We are looking for volunteers to participate with this project. We will offer a full induction into the British Red Cross and relevant training in child protection and the protection of vulnerable people, how to work with the emergency and community support services, health and safety and a certificate in basic first aid. We are able to supply posters and leaflets to explain more to prospective volunteers.

Anyone interested in learning more about our service and volunteering opportunities can contact the Home from Hospital team on 01473 219260.