



ALLOTMENTS IN THE VILLAGE?

Working towards an allotment site:

The 1908 Allotments Act states that if a minimum of six individual people registered as parliamentary electors write to the Parish Council formally requesting an allotment then the council must 'take such requests into consideration'. **If you want an allotment write to the Parish Council via the Parish Clerk:**

Jean Potter, 21A Claverton Way, Rushmere St Andrew, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 5XE
Email: pc.waldringfield@googlemail.com

The Parish Council is supportive of the Allotment Association but think the demand needs to be more clearly proven in order to act. They are keeping the situation under review.

Most new allotment sites are on leased or rented land. (There are many new sites nationwide and waiting lists for allotments are long – they are suddenly fashionable again!) Finding an appropriate site in Waldringfield Parish may take some time.

In the meantime we can encourage even more veg growing to reduce food miles and carbon emissions and have fun sharing pleasure and expertise with our more decorative growing too.

All members are automatically members of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Limited (NSALG www.nsalg.org.uk).

£2 of our £5 subscription is their capitation fee which entitles us to a quarterly magazine, specific allotment insurance, legal advice and access to a discounted seed scheme through EW King and Co.

Committee

Chair: Betsy Reid, Dormers, Cliff Road 736506 Betsyr@talk21.com

Secretary: Vicky Marsh, 12 Village Way 736324 vickymarsh73@yahoo.co.uk

Treasurer: Alexis Smith, Windy Ridge 01473 736257 g1dik@btinternet.com

Members: Jenny Firth, Neil and Sue Winship, Colin Reid, Jane Spall, Jo Garrard, Mariah Skellorn

Please ask any of them for further information.

(This leaflet valid January – December 2011)

Costs: all events unless otherwise stated: £1 members; £2 non-members; children free. Proceeds to WALGA funds.

Produce Show in September.
Here are the classes - if you are thinking of tailoring your growing to win!

Vegetables

3 onions
3 runner beans
3 carrots
3 beetroot
3 parsnips
1 cabbage
1 marrow
3 tomatoes
3 courgettes
Bunch of 5 herbs
Bunch of 10 herbs
1 cucumber
5 potatoes
1 squash
Plate of 5 vegetables
Plate of 10 vegetables
1 lettuce

Fruit

4 eating apples
4 cooking apples
1 bunch of grapes
4 plums
Plate of 5 fruits

Flowers

Flower arrangement
Vase of cut flowers

Novelty section

Longest runner bean
Heaviest marrow
Funnest shaped vegetable

Domestic

Jar of chutney
Jar of Jam
Jar of marmalade
Fruit cake
Sponge cake
Decorated cake
5 scones
10 biscuits
Fruit juice
Home-brew – beer
Home brew - wine
Children's section
Miniature garden in a tray (under 14)
Miniature garden in a tray (under 8)
Cress head
Picture of flowers or veg
Vegetable animal

Plus.....

Photo competition:

- **Your garden**
- **Wild-life in the village**
- **Individual flower**

PROGRAMME FOR 2011

Start now taking photos of your garden, wild-life in the village and an individual flower for the competition in September.

February: Thursday 3rd 7.30 p.m.

Composting – big and small scale: *What Suffolk Coastal does with your bio-wastes and why home composting is a good thing.* Neil Winship (Alpheco) and Betsy Reid (Master Composter)

April: Thursday April 7th 7.30 p.m.

Spring floral arrangement: *Bring a bunch of flowers from your garden and a vase, learn as Emma arranges hers then try to do as well! First, second and third prizes.* Emma Saunders-Gilbert

May: Sunday 29th 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

Open Gardens: *Some village gardens open to visitors. Cream teas at the last garden! Passport from Vicky Marsh or sold at the school on the day*

September: Sunday 11th 2.30 – 4.30

Produce Show

Photograph competition

Table Top Sale: *Details of classes for flowers, fruit, veg and produce see next page and from Vicky Marsh) Auction of produce 4.30*

October: Saturday 15th 12.00 onwards

Apple pressing: *Bring your fruit to turn it into juice or cider. Bring some lunch to share if you come early.*

Making Cider at Home talk by Michael Atkins 3.30 p.m.

November: Thursday 3rd 7.30 p.m.

Apples and Orchards: Talk by Paul Read (Suffolk Traditional Orchard Survey)

November: Thursday 17th 7.30 p.m.

AGM: *With mulled wine and nibbles Dormers 7.30 p.m. (8.p.m. if coming only for the refreshments and the jolly*

December: Saturday 3rd 10.30 a.m.

A Christmas floral concoction: *Bring green stuff from your garden and a container. Children especially welcome.* Emma Saunders Gilbert

WALGA also owns Community Fruit Preserving Equipment (thanks to a grant from the Suffolk Foundation) see www.miyoo.com for details of the equipment and the borrowing arrangements.



Are you just starting out in gardening and growing and would like help? Are you an old hand able to offer hints and hope?

WALGA is for people who are keen to share their enthusiasm and expertise in growing for production and pleasure. We encourage and inform home food growing for both health and economy, and treasure flowers and trees for their beauty and amenity.

WALGA, begun in July 2008, is working with the Parish Council to establish an allotment site in the village. Once we have land WALGA may be entrusted by the Parish to set out and run the allotments.

All meetings are at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall unless other-wise specified. Refreshments for sale.

Application Form

I would like to become a member of WALGA with affiliation to NSALG

Name

Address.....

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Postcode

Email

Telephone

Subscription: £5 p.a. (January to December 2011)

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Membership No

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