# Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell Newsletter

<u>Please don't forget – Thorpeness Beach and Village Clean – Good Friday from 10 am from The Dolphin</u>



Website: www.aldringham.onesuffolk.net

March 2024

# Planning approved!



On March 5<sup>th</sup>, East Suffolk District Council approved plans for the new development on the Ogilvie Sports Ground. Chairman of the Trustees Eric Atkinson said it was the culmination of years of work and he was 'delighted'. Next steps will be the preparation of structural and engineering drawings for Building Control inspectors, before the job goes out to tender. It is likely to be two years until the new hall is ready for use.

# Parish Council Update March 2024

It is so lovely to see the daffodil bulbs, which we planted on the banks and green areas along Old Homes Road, now suddenly showing their yellow heads for all of us to enjoy. The bulbs were donated by East Suffolk Council and shared between Aldringham and Thorpeness. A big thank you goes to my husband Chris who on a dull morning in October turned out to help me plant these. Unfortunately, the pansies which we planted in the black tubs have not been so successful. Those on the triangle opposite the Dolphin are now blooming and showing their blue and yellow faces, but the tubs down Old Homes Road and in front of the Pavilion have been battered by the weather and eaten by deer. So, the lesson learnt for the future is - plant more daffodil bulbs!

# **News and Future Projects – Thorpeness**

# SIDS

The PC has recently purchased more Speed Indicator Devices and one will be placed coming into Thorpeness from Aldeburgh on the opposite side of the road from Haven House. This will remind drivers to reduce their speed to 30mph, we hope.

#### **Flower Tubs**

The various black tubs around the village will be planted with colourful geraniums once the weather becomes warmer. These should produce a colourful display once again and help make the village bright and cheerful. Once drier weather arrives, areas of grass will be cut and tidied up.

If you have any news, or events of interest to the local community, please email details to the editor: Pippa McLardy plmclardy@hotmail.com

#### **Coastal Erosion**

Unfortunately, the winter months have seen areas of the cliff disappear again along the North End of Thorpeness. The gabions and existing Geo Bags have been damaged rather badly and are looking very sad and untidy. Members from the Parish Council, East Suffolk Council and the Coastal Partnership are hoping to hold an on-site meeting shortly to discuss the issues. Hopefully, the beach can be tidied up for the future.

Please remember to avoid walking along the beach in front of the North End houses or in front of the cliff area in the future; take the path inland.

#### **Yellow Lines**

After several reminders, SCC Highways have at long last repainted the yellow lines for the two bus stops outside the Thorpeness Almshouses and in front of The Whinlands and The Haven after they faded away in several places. Also a section of the pavement has been repaired opposite the Dolphin on The Almshouses side. Thank you SCC Highways for listening to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council are still working on The Neighbourhood Plan, still attending Meetings regarding Sizewell C, and all Energy projects.

# **Shortage of Parish Councillors**

We now have five Parish Councillors and still need at least another four. If you are interested in the community and wish to participate with helping regarding Parish Matters, please contact our Parish Clerk Clerk Shirley Tilbrook at <a href="Mailto:PC@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk">PC@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk</a>

#### Energy

Councillor William Seale keeps us updated on all energy matters and you can read his report further on. Thanks to Councillor Seale for all his work on this.

# Rubbish

We have several rubbish bins and dog bins around the village which help to keep areas looking clean. Unfortunately, somebody has left a defunct brown bin (as used some years ago for garden waste) beside the ESC owned bins on the driveway at the back of the Thorpeness Car Park facing the beach. This bin has been incorrectly used for household rubbish, and has attracted several other items around it, making this area extremely untidy. These items have now been placed in the correct bins. The brown bin is still full of household rubbish which ESC is not obliged to remove. Could the owner of this bin or anybody who knows the owner please remove it and place it back where it belongs. If it is not claimed soon, the bin will be removed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Maureen Jones

Chair

#### **News and Future Projects from Aldringham**

# **Christmas Carols on the Green**

The annual gathering for Carols and Readings around the tree was held, as is tradition, on Aldringham Green and was a great success. So much so, there were long queues to get into the 'Outside-Inn' for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, and a severe shortage of the latter. Estimates reckoned a crowd of over 100 (plus two sheep), who all enjoyed the programme put together by Jill Hubbard and Christine Laschet, as ever, and musical arrangements by the Pilgrims group. The weather was clear and not too cold to dampen the event. Much thanks to Chris Theobald and his team at the Parrot, who expertly managed the throng, which, in the view of long standing carollers, was the largest ever.

#### Flooding on Aldringham Lane

It seems to be the case that Global Warming is affecting this corner of East Anglia with persistently heavy rainfall in late autumn which is saturating the ground. This year it was reflected in the worst and prolonged flooding on Aldringham Lane. The stretch of road from the end of West View to the bench half way was under water of varying depths from the beginning of November through to around the 10<sup>th</sup> December, when it abated enough for Suffolk Highways to clear the silt washed down from the adjacent fields from their road gullies. The Council has had a meeting with Highways, who are pursuing a solution to this, as it is becoming an annual nuisance, though it does raise the village's profile with daily mentions of road warnings on Radio Suffolk.

# **Bulb Planting by the Village sign**

Aldringham's share of the gift of 500 daffodil bulbs from the new East Suffolk District Council have been planted around the village sign at the crossroads opposite the Parrot. At the time of writing this, these are just coming into flower, as we hope they will do long into the future. Many thanks to our Parish Clerk, Shirley Tilbrook and her husband, Chris, and my wife, Venetia, who planted them on a very rainy October day.

# Bus Shelter at the Ogilvie Homes' Almhouses on Aldeburgh Road

Following the installation of a bright red bus shelter at Aldringham Court, requests were made that it would be beneficial to put a matching one at the bus stop outside the Almshouses. It is a stop that is used, not only by the residents but by those who use Belle Coaches' many excursions and holidays. It is agreed by the Council and hopefully will be installed in late April/ early May and welcomed by all.

# Replacement Bench for Aldringham Green

You might have seen the 'Wanted Poster' for the whereabouts of our lovely wrought iron bench, which adorned the village green for the past five years. Unfortunately, some rogue or rogues, were able to 'have it away', leaving a gap where you used to sit and enjoy the view. No culprit or bench has been found so the Parish Council have replaced it with a recycled plastic one, in a vivid green colour. Thankfully there is no scrap value in recycled milk bottles, so perhaps it will remain there.

# **Energy Updates**

# Sizewell C

It must be evident to all our parishioners that there has been a significant increase in construction activity with regard to this, the largest of all of our Energy Projects. The DCO ( Development Consent Order) was triggered on January 15<sup>th</sup> of this year for the Construction Phase to begin. You only have to drive down King George's Avenue in Leiston and you will notice a massive 'temporary office block' of Portacabins that have risen at the Sizewell end of the road. The structure is in place and now is being fitted out and a large car park, fit for a £35 billion project, is emerging. In Lovers Lane the construction site entrance and access road is well underway as well as major Environmental works across the road as part of the Project's enabling works. There has been a definite increase in traffic throughout the Parish and you will spot Sizewell C traffic signs on the A12 with attendant speed monitoring devices. Things are definitely on the move construction-wise.

Whether the same can be said of the financing is another matter. At the time of writing the Government is the only investor in the Project. EDF are not willing, or perhaps able, to fund the building, so £1.7 billion of public money has been allocated, with a possible 20% stake envisaged. The United Arab Emirates have been mentioned, as well as Centrica, who might also contribute. This situation will probably change now the green light has been given - we shall see.

# <u>Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) EA1N and EA2</u>. There has been work undertaken and planned under

various DoR (Discharge of Requirements) which involve Archaeology, Ecology and Geology. These are works need to be done and approved before the actual construction works begin. SPR are committed to hold public engagements with the affected communities before they start the ground works involved. EA3- Again are in the DoR works process and when discharged, they will commence the cabling works. National Grid Ventures (NGV) - Nautilus and LionLink LionLink is planning to issue their Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Consultation in the next few months, so Public Events may be envisaged. LionLink proposals have been refined by National grid Ventures and the options scoped for landfall at Aldeburgh and Dunwich are not now included. However, do not get too excited, as Sealink are still firmly committed to their landfall between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness and there are potentially now two open landfall points available to

# <u>National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)-</u> <u>Sealink</u>

other Energy Projects, if now required.

There have been ongoing meetings between East Suffolk Council and Sealink involving issues, such as noise, air quality, socio-economics and tourism and arboriculture. It is understood that the DCO application could be submitted at the end of the year.

There are four other projects that are less threatening to our Parish at the moment. They are:

<u>North Falls</u> – Looking for a DCO application in the third quarter of the year.

**Five Estuaries**- A DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in the first half of this year **Bramford to Twinstead** - The examination of project is ongoing

Norwich to Tilbury – Public consultation is expected this vear.

There is also an East Anglian study to assess the nature of the transfer of electricity from windfarms and interconnectors off the coast of our areas to its final destinations. In other words, Pylons versus Undersea

versus excavation- a moot point in beautiful unspoilt Suffolk.

Look at <a href="mailto:eastangliastudy@nationalgrideso.com">eastangliastudy@nationalgrideso.com</a> for more information and also view Naomi Goold, East Suffolk Council's Energy Manager's monthly update on the Council's website Aldringham.onesuffolk.net.

Bill Seale Parish Council Vice Chairman

#### **Planning**

Since the December Newsletter, the Parish Council has been consulted upon 8 planning applications, 1 in Aldringham and 7 in Thorpeness. The applications comprise: -

Erection of New Community Hall	1
Erection of a replacement dwelling	1
Building alteration and/or extension	4
Tree felling/surgery	2

The Parish Council registered objection to one, supported one and registered no objections to the remainder.

East Suffolk District Council have so far permitted four of the applications, the remainder being under consideration.

# **Speed Indicator Devices**

The Parish Council has purchased three additional solar powered Speed Indicator Devices. One has been installed in Aldringham by the Vicarage on Aldeburgh Road and initial data indicates it is having a significant benefit encouraging northbound drivers to moderate their speed.

A second device will be installed shortly at the northern end of the village near Aldringham Park and, subject to the installation of a suitable post by Suffolk County Council, the third is to be positioned in Thorpeness near the southern entry point from Aldeburgh.

Whilst the indicators only present drivers with their speed from one direction, each of the new devices including the one installed on Thorpe Road in Summer 2023 have the benefit of recording vehicle speeds and volumes in both directions. It is intended the devices will remain in situ and thus enable more consistent future monitoring of data.

Tony Wheeler

Parish Councillor

# **District Council Report**

#### **Our Direction 2028**

The Strategic Plan – Our Direction 2028 - has been set by East Suffolk's GLI (Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent) Group and presents the Council's key ambitions and priorities for the next four years. Our aim is to promote a bright, green, open, free, and fair future for all East Suffolk, and our priorities are:-Environmental Impact; Sustainable Housing; Tackling Inequalities; Thriving Economy.

We want to work with and empower communities and individuals to conserve what we love about our district, improve services where we need to and adapt to our changing environment - ensuring the district is in the best place possible in 2028.

In delivering this plan, we recognise that solid foundations are critically important to any successful local authority. We will continue to provide excellent quality services for our residents and will always listen - engaging with you whenever possible.

Therefore, we will develop an action plan to measure exactly what we are doing and what we have achieved. It will be clear and transparent, reflecting our determination to make a genuine difference.

# **Spending Plans for 2024-25**

East Suffolk Council will spend nearly £100million in 2024/25 delivering critical services for its communities, and projects to improve the district, as part of an ambitious four-year-plan.

Around 40% of East Suffolk's critical services are funded by Council Tax and the total amount paid specifically to East Suffolk by each household will increase by 2.98%. However the Council only receives around 8.8% of each Council Tax bill, with the remainder going to Suffolk County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk, and Town & Parish Councils.

The Council has confirmed a balanced budget for the year and committed to a net spend of £46 million for services such as planning and coastal management, environmental services, leisure, waste collection and parking.

In addition, a further £50 million will be invested in assets, services, housing and infrastructure in 2024/25 as part of the General Fund and Housing Capital Programmes.

Leader Cllr Caroline Topping said:

"We are focusing on the inequalities that people face in East Suffolk, with a range of services dedicated to providing support for those most in need. We are raising funding for Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations, providing more money for Citizens Advice East Suffolk, and to Community Hubs which offer practical advice and support for a range of vulnerable residents". She also highlighted spending on improved housing, climate and environmental initiatives, and moving towards the Net Zero by 2030 commitment.

# <u>Local Council Leaders warn of 'catastrophic effect' of</u> Suffolk County Council Budget plans

The Leaders of Suffolk's district and borough councils, including Cllr Topping, have warned of "a catastrophic effect on hundreds of Suffolk's most vulnerable residents" should changes to Housing Related Support (HRS) contained within Suffolk County Council's Budget for 2024/25 be agreed.

They have written to SCC expressing their grave concern with the proposed changes and urging the Council to reverse their decision. The temporary housing scheme teaches people in the care of Suffolk's Social and Children's Services the skills needed to live independently prior to rehousing by district and borough councils, and is a vital part of the pathway to prevent or relieve homelessness. However SCC now intends to remove all funding, and decommission the scheme by March 2025, having signed a five-year contract with support providers only just over a year ago. The scheme provides 700 accommodation places to the most vulnerable in society, including 16 and 17 year-olds

without families, care leavers, asylum seekers, and others with health issues. District and Borough council leaders I

#### Free meals and holiday activities this Easter

Cooking, theatre, sport, film-making and outdoor adventure are just some of the free activities on offer during the school holidays across East Suffolk this Easter.

Funded by the Government, numerous organisations across the district are providing fun activities and food for children and young people over the coming weeks through The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. Targeted at those eligible for benefits-related free school meals, and other vulnerable children, or those with additional needs who would benefit, there are 38 programmes on offer with over 3,600 places available to be booked.

Each funded holiday activity also offers a free meal and places are redeemed by eligible families through the booking system Eequ. Families can select the programmes and dates they wish to attend, and which young people will be attending. The booking system will ask about HAF eligibility, and the booking will be reviewed and approved by the HAF Team at Suffolk County Council.

Our Customer Services team is available to support anyone needing help completing the online booking form.

The team can be called on 03330 162000. Sarah Whitelock, Tom Daly and Katie Graham East Suffolk District Councillors

# **Suffolk County Council**

The article below is a precis of parts of the March Monthly Report from Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf Full monthly reports can be read on the Aldringham cum Thorpe Website. Click on Info, and then go to Councillors and Authorities.

Energy issues continue to be at the forefront of many discussions as does our wet weather!

#### Roads.

Recently all town and parish councils were written to regarding debris washing down onto roads, with a reminder that :- "Calls on all Districts and Boroughs in Suffolk with responsibility under The Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 89(1) and (2) to ensure that all roads are swept at least four times a year to ensure that detritus is not carried into highway drainage systems, thereby restricting their capacity to manage flood water." The number of drainage and flooding issues have increased by a staggering 364% in the last five months when compared with the same period in 2022/23. Suffolk Highways has also responded to 2,117 emergency incidents in the same period, which represents a 64% increase on last year. Highways has completed 34% more repairs to potholes in 2023/24 when compared with the previous year, and have now acquired Dragon Patcher and Road Mender machines to speed up repairs, and increased manpower by 70%.

#### **Energy**

Suffolk County Council believes that the failure of two National Grid offshore projects to coordinate with each other will cause irreversible damage to important landscapes in the county.

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The council considers that the proposed LionLink and Sea Link projects could share infrastructure. Absence of coordination between the projects will, if they are consented, result in over 10 miles of some of the most sensitive and important landscapes in the UK being dug up to create more trenches for more cabling. On Sizewell C, TJ is always willing to put questions submitted by the public to the next available Forum.

# **Public Transport**

Suffolk County Council is to spend £3.6 million of Government funding over the next two years on strengthening and expanding Suffolk's bus network. This will include enhancements of the 521 service connecting Halesworth, Saxmundham and Aldeburgh. There is still time to give feedback on the fourth version of the SCC Suffolk Local Transport plan, This will cover the period until 2040 and respond to long-term transport opportunities and challenges facing Suffolk and the UK as a whole. A link to the survey can be found at https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/ltp4. The consultation runs until 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### Schooling

This year parents and carers of 98% of children were offered a place on National Offer Day at one of their three preferred schools and 93% were offered a place at their first preference school.

Parents can now opt-in for Suffolk County Council funded (SCC) school travel for the 2024/2025 school year. Parents with children already receiving SCC funded school travel must opt-in by 31 May 2024 to continue to receive it.

#### The Suffolk Walking Festival

Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, this kicks off on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, taking place over two weeks and offering 55 different walks to suit all ages and backgrounds. These include the very popular ramble on Orford Ness. See the festival website for details and tickets.

#### **Proposed Devolution**

A 10 week public consultation on Suffolk County Council's proposed devolution deal starts on 18th March running through until 26th May. The consultation will be in two main parts – an open survey any residents can complete , hosted by SCC, and a sample survey of 1000 Suffolk residents conducted independently by Ipsos Mori. See the website <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution">www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution</a> for details.

# **Loft Insulation**

Suffolk Public Sector Leaders in conjunction with Travis Perkins building supplies are offering 50% (up to £200) off Loft Insulation to local residents on a first come first served basis. Visit www.greensuffolk.org/at-home/grants/ to apply.

# Aldeburgh and Blyth Community (ABC) Radio

Local residents can submit details of events for coverage once the station is up and running. The service was supported with a grant from TJ..

In conclusion, TJ wishes everyone a Very Happy Easter.

# **Community Emergency Planning**

#### Why is Community Emergency Planning Important?

Our emergency services will always have to prioritise people in greatest need during an emergency, especially where life is in danger. Individuals and communities may need to rely on their own resources to ensure they are able to cope and to minimise the impact of an emergency. Experience has shown that those who have spent time planning and preparing for this are better able to cope, and recover more quickly.

Community emergency planning enables individuals and groups to provide more effective support. It also provides information to responding agencies (emergency services, local authority etc.) in coordinating the response on a wider scale.

# How have we developed our community emergency plan

- 1. By identifying our community.
- This is pretty simple because we know the extent of our community. It is determined by the Parish boundary. However, it is worth considering other communities close by as we may need to work together and help each other in an emergency.
- 2. Identifying existing local relationships. We have looked at what already exists in Aldringham cum Thorpe and how we can work together before, during and after an incident. These groups include existing local community networks and groups such as Neighbourhood Watch and Good Neighbours.
- 3. Community emergency groups and co-ordinators There are people in our community who want to take part and are prepared to play a role in the recovery of our community. We have an Emergency Officer (that's me!) and an emergency management structure which is populated by Parish Councillors and other volunteers.
- 4. Identifying the most vulnerable in an emergency We have identified as many vulnerable groups as possible but will also rely on neighbours to look out for each other. Organisations such as Red Cross or Royal Voluntary Service volunteers have resources to help, but require local knowledge to ensure that the help goes in the right direction.
- 5. Identifying and preparing for risks
  It is important to be aware of the risks that could affect
  our community, and understand how we could be
  affected by them. As part of our Community Emergency
  Plan we have incorporated a Risk Register and this is
  reviewed each year, identifying local hazards and threats
  and their potential impact.
- 6. Other areas and issues that are included in the plan include:
  - Tools and machinery might be needed in an emergency such as generators and chain saws.
  - Supplies such as food and water.
  - Alternative accommodation if evacuated (Rest Centres).
  - Transport and pick up points.

- Emergency contact lists and check lists for those first on the scene.
- Insurance and health & safety of those responding to an emergency.

I will be reviewing and updating our Community Emergency Plan later this month and ensuring our equipment and information is up to date and ready for use.

Finally, take care and don't forget to look out for your neighbours.

Roger Brown / email: roger.brown72@btinternet.com

# **Uppen About – some Parish tales**

**Uppen**: to mention, disclose or reveal - (a word 'much used around Aldbro' according to Edward Moor's dictionary of Suffolk Dialect published in 1823)

# KBO, Beach Baggers! (Keep Baggering On - apologies to Sir Winston)

Once again, Good Friday will see the Annual Beach and Village clean depart from The Dolphin in Thorpeness, organised for the third year running by Pete Holmes. This year, the event is also part of the Great British Spring Clean organised by the Keep Britain Tidy campaign.

Beach (and village) Baggers should gather at 10am at The Dolphin for a cup of coffee, a talk on safety from Richard Bodek, and allocation to one of four areas marked on a map. Pete has rubbish bags and has borrowed a limited number of litter pickers and pairs of gloves. If you have your own, please bring them. Also, please return equipment after use – last year several litter pickers went AWOL.

The clean-up finishes at around noon, when participants can return to the Dolphin for a hot dog (courtesy of David and his team at The Dolphin), and the telling of imaginative tales about items found. Prizes for the best tall stories!

# **Recorder Needed for Parish Events**

Suffolk Local History Council is looking for a volunteer in this Parish to record local events and collect circulating newsletters, leaflets, newspaper cuttings etc to ensure the 'present' is adequately covered for the 'future'. A Local Recorder submits a short summary of activities (and the collected writings) once a year to the Suffolk Record Office. In return they receive a regular newsletter and an invitation to an annual conference. If you would be interested in compiling this valuable record, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk

# Carols on Aldringham Green

On December 14<sup>th</sup> more people than ever gathered beneath the lovely Christmas tree on Mill Green kindly donated and erected by Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council, to sing carols and celebrate the coming of Christmas. As usual Uta and her two magnificent sheep, Maurice and his friend, were there – a real magnet for the children, of which there were many this year, which was

fabulous. The service was led by our lovely Rev Mary to whom we were very thankful for her contribution. As usual we sang a popular selection of Carols, chosen to go with the readings and extracts. We welcomed many new readers and parishioners new to the area. We ended as usual with a rousing chorus of 'We wish you a merry Christmas' and wished one another A Happy Christmas. Then we made our way down to the Parrot, accompanied by our resident piper Scott, with a selection of Carols on the pipes, which sounded magical in the cold air. The Outside Inn was beautifully lit and decorated and our generous host Chris Theobald gave us all a glass of hot mulled wine. The home made mince pies donated by friends were quickly devoured and perhaps next year more people will be kind enough to donate some to swell the feast! Our thanks go out to Stephen and Gail Southgate for making the whole thing possible by providing the backup music, without which we would be lost!

And after much chatter, laughter and catching up, a convivial and happy, family evening came to a close. *Christine Laschet and Jill Hubbard.* 



Carollers on Aldringham Green

# **Life Savers**

A frightening incident occurred in Thorpeness recently when Emergency Call Handlers asked for a defibrillator to await the arrival of the ambulance, but the nearest was found to be in a locked box with no code available. Although people looking after the defibs need to know the code, the only reliable way to gain entry to the boxes in an emergency is to dial 999 and ask for the Ambulance Service. They have access to all the codes. Currently, we have four defibrillators in this parish. Three are public property and are located at:- The Meare Boathouse (wall near public WCs), outside The Ogilvie Pavilion (where the entrance gate is sometimes locked), and on an outside wall at The Parrot. These are all in LOCKED cabinets. There is a fourth privately-owned defibrillator at the Golf Club Hotel. This is usually kept in reception, which is manned 24 hours a day. The Hotel Folk have kindly said this would be lent in the event of an emergency, but should be returned ASAP. Once you have the defibrillator, modern ones speak instructions for use when the lid is opened. Our local Aldeburgh Parish Nurse Ali Cherry will be offering some First Aid training sessions at Aldeburgh

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Church Hall on: Tuesday 23rd April 1.30pm – 3.30pm and Friday 10th May 1.30pm – 3.30pm and a drop-in session at Thorpeness Pavilion on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

# Mike is Moving and will be Much Missed



The Parish will miss Mike Trapp (above right) when he moves soon to live near his family. He's pictured here with Frazer Hale at a Longshop Museum Schools Apprentice Day

Mike Trapp moved to Thorpeness with his beloved late wife Brenda in 1999, and during the last 25 years has become a well-known resident .Now, however, at the age of 90, he has decided to move close to his elder son in Sevenoaks, Kent, so will have his family around him.

Working as a civil engineer, Mike travelled widely with Brenda not just all over the UK, but also abroad. In the USA he was involved in designing roads for the interstate system. In Saudi Arabia he was in charge of the design and construction of roads in the city of Jeddah. Latterly, he ran his own business in Essex for about 20 years.

While living in Thorpeness he has been involved in many projects in the local community. For many years he was secretary of the friends of Aldeburgh Church; he is a member of Aldeburgh yacht club; he was a trustee for the Ogilvie Trust when the Ogilvie Hall was converted to a residential building, and part of the group who drew up the parish plan in 2002.

Deteriorating eyesight has not curtailed his activities; he is now a member of the Mens' Shed, plays croquet at the Thorpeness sports pavilion, and is a volunteer at the Heritage Centre and Longshop Museum. Here, he is not only a guide, but a member of the education group involved in schools visits. He has recently participated in an audio drama "It's war again, "playing an old soldier who participated in the Boer War. He is a member of Pilgrims and Good Neighbours, participating in coffee mornings and community lunches. Mike will be missed by all who know him, but this is only an au revoir for he will be returning for the play's performance in June and I'm sure he will make other visits to us in the future.

Au revoir! Bonne chance, Mike - from all your many friends here!

Jill Hubbard

# **Keep Recycling!**

The Campaign to recycle Medication Blister Packs continues at a pace, and what a pace! I rarely return home from the groups I attend without a carrier bag full of used packs! And the dedicated black dustbin in my garden continues to be filled.

Currently I have three black bin liners to take to the friendly and accommodating recycling yard in Needham Market.

If you currently do not save your used packs why not start now saving them and either passing them on to me at any one of the groups I attend which include:-Pilgrims Together, Aldeburgh Baptist Church (including The Thursday lunch), Alde Country Dance Group, Friday Nighters at the Dolphin, Thorpeness Heritage Group Alternatively, I have a dedicated Black Plastic Dustbin. In my garden at 8 The Uplands, Uplands Road, Thorpeness IP16 4NQ. Happy Collecting!

David Jenkins. email 01728 452959 david1936jenkins@gmail.com

# Spring Fair

Saturday 13th April 2024 11am to 3pm
Outside Inn, The Parrot,
Aldringham
Craft Stalls, Novelty Stalls,
Draw, Hamper, Cake Stall and
Refreshments
Several stalls will be donating
money to Local Charities
Please come and Visit
Car Parking Available

# **Local Groups**

# St Andrew's Church



Although she seems very much part of the Alde Sandlings Benefice already, the Revd Sarah du Boulay was officially installed as Rector at a service held in St Andrew's on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Her Institution was performed on behalf of the Bishop by the Archdeacon of Suffolk, the Venerable Rich Henderson, who followed up with the Induction and Installation on his own behalf. Afterwards the congregation celebrated in a marquee in the churchyard.



Caption: The Revd Sarah du Boulay and Archdeacon Rich with churchwardens behind them at her installation

On Mothering Sunday, David Gordon led a quietly reflective service on the theme of Mothering, and he read a sermon written by Reverend Mary which didn't limit the concept of "mothering" just to women. Nevertheless the posies, beautifully prepared by Rita and Sue, were distributed to the mothers in the church and were greatly admired.

Some of us were getting ready that day to get on a coach for a trip to the Cathedral at Bury St Edmunds. We were met at the entranceby Valerie who was our guide around the various areas within the Cathedral. Interspersed with some lovely music (which sounds so good in those

surroundings), we learned about King Edmund and the early days of the church at Bury all leading up to the recent completion of the tower and the east end. We then descended to the Treasury to admire and wonder at the collection of church plate before taking our places in the choir stalls for Choral Evensong, which was magnificent! And there was tea and cake afterwards! A splendid day out.

Lent lunches have been well attended, and now

Eastertide moves on towards Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) and Maundy Thursday (28<sup>th</sup>) when there is to be an evening service at Aldringham at 6.30 pm.

Easter Day promises to be special this year if you come to the sunrise service 6.00am on the beach (remember to adjust your clocks!). Sunrise on Easter morning at Thorpeness is timed for 6.29 am and we will hope for a cloudless morning.

David Copp Church warden

# Friends of St Andrew's Church

The Friends' Committee are now preparing for the Bridge Drive which is to be held at Aldeburgh Church Hall in April and the Coffee Morning which is to be held in St. Andrew's Church on the 1st June. We look forward to your continued support for the Friends of St. Andrews fundraising events. We raised £1,667 for the Church Fabric Fund in 2023. If you would like to join The Friends of St. Andrews, you will find membership forms in the church porch or contact me, Anne Norton. <a href="mailto:anneenorton@btinternet.com">anneenorton@btinternet.com</a> or 01728 830519.

# **Pilgrims Together**

Hello Everyone,

As the first green shoots appear from out of the sodden ground, and the sun starts to feel just that little bit warmer with the lengthening of days we can confidently look forward to the beginning of spring and hopefully a glorious summer. We all know the world is in a dreadful state presently with wars and famine making the newspaper headlines almost every day and those of us with faith, especially at Pilgrims Together are constantly praying that this suffering, especially of the weak and helpless, comes to an end. Nearer to home many families are struggling to put food on the table with the soaring prices of both food and fuel, again we at Pilgrims Together, in our weekly online worship, constantly pray for all those suffering any kind of hardship either locally or worldwide, this being the state of things it's all too easy at the moment to concentrate on the negative things that are happening around us.

To help people see that there is still some good and positive things occurring we hold our monthly Faith Cafe at the Parrot Inn pub, (third Saturday of the month). The numbers of people attending this event has been steadily rising and now around 20+ of us discuss 'acts of kindness' and other good things that we know have happened to ourselves and others. When we leave after enjoying croissants and a hot drink we feel our spirits have been lifted and our mood enhanced. All are welcome to this breakfast, it starts at 9.30 to 10.30am giving Chris and his staff time to set up for their lunchtime trade, and it is free to all. We also meet on the first Saturday of the month to have a breakfast bap with a hot

drink (for £7 pp) and then, weather permitting, go on a local walk. In recent months, due to the very wet and muddy conditions, we have had to keep to pavements more than we would have liked to but as, hopefully, the ground underfoot will now be dryer we will once again resume our walking on the more rural pathways. Our thanks as ever to Chris and his staff at the Parrot for giving us the opportunity to provide these two events each month.

We have also been visiting the staff and residents of Aldringham Court on every third Saturday morning (after our coffee/croissant breakfast) and we lead a short act of worship with plenty of singing which seems to go down well with all. We were very pleased to be asked to celebrate the homes' opening of their new cafe for the use of residents and guests when visiting. We have been attending the home regularly for over a year now and with thanks to all the staff, especially the coordinator Elaine, we all enjoy our time with the residents and have made quite a few new friends.

We will be attending the Sunrise Service on Easter Day on Thorpeness beach and providing music for the outside singing Once again we will provide a large cross decorated with daffodils to be erected on the green in front of the Meare after the service - a lovely witness to Easter and Christ's resurrection for all to see.

This summer, throughout July and August, we will be resuming our outdoor services near the pond by the Meare for all to join in. This will be our second full summer in this setting with increasing numbers of both visitors and many locals enjoying our acts of worship year on year. Dates and times for these summer services will be on posters put up around both villages and also on our Facebook page. Please remember to bring your own chair and, if you have time after the service, to buy yourself a drink and come and have a chat with us, it will be lovely to see you. Details of our forthcoming Pentecost Service will also be found on our facebook page nearer the time and once again it will be lovely if you can join us.

So, here's hoping we all have a lovely spring/summer, 2024 and please remember those suffering extreme hardship both locally and worldwide in your prayers and hearts, let's make a concerted effort to be kinder to each other, it will make our world a better and happier place to live in, Honestly!

With our love to you all

Sue - on behalf of the Pilgrims Together team. link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimsTogether473">https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimsTogether473</a>
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# **Good Neighbours**

There has been quite a fallow period for Aldringham cum Thorpe Good Neighbours since Christmas, with very few requests for help to our phone line. However, trips to medical facilities, and most notably to Ipswich Hospital, continue to be in demand as always. Anyone wanting to make use of this should note that a donation of £25 is recommended for the driver to cover their costs. If you would have difficulty making this donation, please feel free to apply to the Steering Group, who may be able to recompense the driver on your behalf.

One community lunch has already taken place this year, courtesy of David at the Dolphin, and three more are planned, two at the Parrot (including a Christmas Meal on November 29<sup>th</sup>)and one more at the Dolphin.

Our AGM and Garden Tea Party will take place at the Pavilion on June 19<sup>th</sup>, starting with the business at 2pm and the tea from 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mike Trapp, who has been a volunteer with GN since the start in 2007/8. Thank you for all your help, Mike, remembering the many dog walks in particular.

We are always glad to welcome any new volunteers (even when tasks are thin on the ground). We need to replace those who are now getting rather long in the tooth with a younger cohort! Please contact me if you would like to join. Or, if you need assistance with a little task, please dial:-

# Helpline Phone Number

07521 047 843

Pippa McLardy

Hon Sec

#### Aldringham cum Thorpe Good Neighbours



You are invited to the

#### **Good Neighbours AGM**

Wednesday 19th June 2pm

# Followed by the Annual Garden Party from 3pm - 5pm

at

The Ogilvie Pavilion, Thorpeness Sports Field

You are very welcome to both events or just come to tea!

<u>RSVP</u> to the Good Neighbours phone ~ **07521 047843** or via email to Hon. Sec. Pippa McLardy ~ **plmclardy@hotmail.com** by <u>10<sup>th</sup> June</u> please

Transport can be arranged by calling the Good Neighbours number above

# Hamper raffle tickets will be available to purchase

# Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

As usual things have been quiet over the winter months with only our regular activities taking place. However, we are looking forward to busy year ahead. The first major event will be the annual heritage fun run which will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of May this is followed the next day, Bank Holiday Monday, by an open day at the pavilion which will be similar to that of the last two years. There will also be the normal fixture of cricket matches and a number of caravan rallies during the summer.

A major new event will be the hosting of The Alzheimer society's Trek26 on the first weekend in August which is one of their major fund-raising activities, if it goes well it could become an annual event.

You may have seen in the local press the great news that the planning application we submitted for the new build has been granted. It is now full steam ahead to prepare the structural and engineering drawings which we are required to submit to East Suffolk Building Control for their approval before we can go out to tender. To start off the process we have had a meeting with the local building inspector to get things under way.

If you would like to receive our regular newsletter, please contact Sara Paulley via the Pavilion's website to be included in the mailing

list. https://www.ogilviepavilion.org

Groups now making regular use of Ogilvie Sports Ground are The Croquet club on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (contact Gerald Lomax 07882 621102), Uke-N-Smile ukulele club on Wednesdays (contact iclampin@btinternet.com), the Cricket Club for nets practice on Sundays at 2pm (Contact Francis Byrne 07775 791441) and the monthly quiz (contact zenamassey08@btinternet.com).

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground Trustees

# **Cricket Club**

I'm trying to establish links with Alde Valley Academy so pupils have a chance to play cricket. If anyone can help in this regard, please get in touch.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Classic Vehicle Rally Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 4pm.

We've plans to increase the craft stall numbers. Mick Peirson (07833 157377) did such a great job last year organising.

Although the Pavilion and playing field were bequeathed to the community, the Classics Rally is one of the few occasions that local people can enjoy the space without being a member of one of the five small clubs who meet there.

If anyone would like to contribute a stall or, maybe, an activity side show,to make the event more than simply about classic cars, motorbikes and tractors, please get in touch.

Cricket fixtures so far: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June '24 Toft Monks Home Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June '24 Halesworth Pumas Away Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July Toft Monks Away Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July Halesworth Pumas Home Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July Easton Home Francis Byrne 07775791441

# All Aboard to celebrate Museum's Ruby Year

On April 7, The Longshop Museum in Leiston will reopen for the season with the annual 'steam up' of many of its mighty engines.

This is a very special year as it was 40 years ago on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1984 that the museum first opened, showcasing 200 years of the growth of the Garrett family engineering business.

The Garrett works was established in 1778. It was at its height during the war years,

when the firm was involved in the manufacture of shells, employing 1500 people. When the firm shut down in 1980, it employed just 300.

Discussions were already underway about the future of the site and historic buildings. On the 1st of July 1976, the County Archivist W R Sergeant called a meeting to discuss what was to be done, and in 1977, the local planning authorities set up a working party. It was agreed then to preserve them as a museum and the Longshop Project Trust was set up in 1977 with Lord Cranbrook and Michael Hilton as founding trustees. During this anniversary year, there will be many exciting events. From May Day celebrations to Steam Punk, and motorcycles to Morris cars . In June there is to be an audio drama about the workers during World War I. With the wide and varied programme on offer there will surely be something for everyone.

Please see the website for dates and times.

# **Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group**



Plans are well advanced for the Heritage Hut season, with Elizabeth Tipping, helped by Kathy Tappin, arranging the volunteers' rota. First opening of the Centre will be over Easter weekend, with a pre-season tidy up at the Centre planned for Tuesday March 26th at 2pm for anyone free to come along and help. The next open weekend will be May Day Bank Holiday, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The Annual General Meeting for all members will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at The Outside Inn at The Parrot in Aldringham at 6.30pm.

Recent events have included the very well-attended Winter Warmer supper at the Dolphin, and thanks are due to Wendy Sturmey for taking the bookings, and Maureen Jones for organising a hamper draw. Future events will include a return to Sizewell Hall on Thursday 20th June when Victor Jacks will present "Restoring and Re-using Sizewell Hall from 1975 – the vision of a Christian Conference Centre and how that was achieved", and on Thursday 15th August, Tim Garner, archivist for Thorpeness Hotel and Golf Club, will be presenting on "The founding and early years of Thorpeness Golf Club as part of Thorpeness as a resort". This will take place at the Thorpeness Golf Club. Contact info@tahg.org.uk for details and bookings.

Elizabeth Tipping still has spaces on the rota for manning the Heritage Centre, and would be pleased to hear from anyone prepared to do a full or half shift. Please contact her on 01728 454165 or email - eatipping@talk21.com.

Chairman Richard Bodek can be reached on Richard.Bodek@btinternet.com

If you have any news, or events of interest to the local community, please email details to the editor: Pippa McLardy plmclardy@hotmail.com

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# Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Aldringham – Maria Chapman-Beer tribunegang@gmail.com

(Aldeburgh Rd and roads off except Aldringham Park, to borders with Leiston, Aldeburgh, and down Thorpe Rd towards Thorpeness)

<u>Thorpeness</u> – Evelyn Rumsby 07809 840924

# **Hospitals**

Aldeburgh & District Community Hospital

Park Road, Aldeburgh 01728 443850 Ipswich Hospital Heath Road 01473 712233

# **Doctors' Surgeries**

The Peninsular Practice

Church Farm, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh 01394 411641 The Surgery, Main Street, Leiston 01728 830526 The Surgery,

Lambsale Meadow, Saxmundham 01728 602022

**Non-emergency** health problems advice 111

**Power cut line** 0800 31 63 105 or simply call 105

#### **Dental Surgeons**

Aldeburgh Dental Practice
167 High Street, Aldeburgh
Saxmundham Dental Surgery
9 High Street, Saxmundham
Leiston Dental Care
01728 453333
01728 602537
01728 561873

#### **Pharmacies**

Aldeburgh Pharmacy
125 High Street, Aldeburgh
Leiston Pharmacy
East of England Coop Pharmacy
High Street, Saxmundham

01728 452763
01728 832231
01728 602051

# Veterinary Surgeons

Aldeburgh Vets Hall Farm Lane, Saxmundham Rd, Aldeburgh

contact@aldeburghvets.co.uk 01728 598111

Leiston Veterinary Clinic

1d Eastlands, Leiston 01728 833566

Fromus Veterinary Group Fromus House,

Street Farm Road, Saxmundham 01728 602599

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# WHAT'S ON - March 2024 - August 2024

Month	Place	Event
March		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Community Lunch
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> 7pm	Aldeburgh Church Hall	Alde Sandlings Benefice Quiz Night
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> 11am	St Andrew's Church	Palm Sunday Service
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Heritage Centre, Thorpeness	Pre-opening clean-up – volunteers welcome
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	County Wide	End of Spring Term
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	St Andrew's Church	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>		GOOD FRIDAY
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> – Mon April 1 <sup>st</sup> 11am	Heritage Centre open in	
_ 3pm	Thorpeness	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> from 10am	Starting at The Dolphin	Annual Beach and Village Clean
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	St Andrew's Church	The Hour Before the Cross
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>		EASTER SUNDAY
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> 6am	Thorpeness Beach	Sunrise service
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> 11am	St Andrew's Church	Easter Holy Communion
April		
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Longshop Museum Leiston	Museum reopens for 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary year with Steam Up
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	The Parrot Aldringham	Spring Fayre
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Annual Parish Meeting
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 3.30pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Defib and First Aid Drop-in Session with Nurse Cherry
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Outside Inn Aldringham	Heritage Group AGM
May		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	Open Day
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> 3pm	St Andrew's Church	Alde Sandlings AGM
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> 11am -3pm	Heritage Hut open in Thorpeness	
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> – Mon June 1 <sup>st</sup>	County Wide	Schools half term holiday
June		
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	St Andrew's Church	Coffee Morning
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	The Parrot Aldringham	Community Lunch
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	Good Neighbours AGM followed by:
3pm - 5pm	·	Good Neighbours Garden Party
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sizewell Hall	TAHG talk by Victor Jacks
July		
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	County Wide	Last day of summer term

Every Thursday morning at St Andrew's Church 9am– Morning Prayers with Revd Sarah du Boulay. Every Sunday – St Andrew's Church Services 11am Pilgrims Together:- Every Wednesday 6.30pm on Zoom –weekly worship followed by get-together. First Sat of the month Outside Inn (Parrot) breakfast bap and ramble. Third Sat, Outside Inn, Coffee and Croissant breakfast (not August).

Last Wednesday of every month - Community Coffee Morning at the Dolphin Thorpeness

Second Wednesday of every month – Community Coffee morning at The Parrot Aldringham

Fourth Wednesday of every month – Quiz at the Pavilion, Thorpeness Also at The Pavilion :- Croquet, Weds, Fri, Sat; Uke n Smile Weds; Cricket nets Sun 2pm Mobile Library Fridays 8/3. 5/4, 3/5, 31/5,28/6, 26/7 . Aldringham Ogilvie Homes 9.40am, Thorpe Almshouses 10.20, Aldringham Mill Hill 11.05