

# Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell

## Newsletter



**Website:** [www.aldringham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.aldringham.onesuffolk.net)

**August 2017**

*Don't miss Thorpeness Fete – Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> at The Dolphin from 12 noon - Guess the Weight of the Cake, Water or Wine, Tombola, Silent Auction, Cake Stall, Treasure Map, Raffle, Book Stall, Bouncy Castle, Music, Boules, plus loads more. Proceeds to Doctors Without Borders, Water Aid and East Anglian Children's Hospice*

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## Parish Council Update

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### Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

In a move to address the problem of providing affordable houses in areas of where property value are high, a concern raised by a number Neighbourhood Plans, the government have allocated £60m (see link - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/60-million-boost-for-communities-affected-by-second-homeownership>) to address this issue. SCDC has received £1.5m of this money. As a result, we and other East Suffolk coastal towns and parishes were approached by SCDC to see if we were interested in working with them to investigate the practicability of providing affordable housing within our parish, particularly in Thorpeness. Following this initial approach, we agreed to take part in a feasibility study on the assurance that it will not put any obligation on us to proceed with any plan if it does not align with our NP outcomes.

The study will start following an initial meeting with SCDC enabling us to understand how the study will be carried out and to outline our high-level expectations based on previous community consultations and discussions.

### Parish Matters

We still have two vacancies on the Parish Council and there is also an opportunity to get involved with the Neighbourhood Plan. If you feel you would like to contribute to the community in either of these roles please give me a call or talk to one of the other councillors or a member of the NP team. There is also an opportunity for someone in Aldringham to work on the Parish Emergency plan; are you interested?

We are still waiting with interest for the route of the around England coastal path to be published for consultation.

We would like to thank all who contribute to this newsletter and to the parish website, taking time to tell us about all the things that are happening in our parish which are many and varied, and a big thankyou to all of you who make those things happen.

### Planning

The parish council has dealt with 12 planning applications since the last newsletter two of which were not supported. Details of the current applications can be found via the Parish Website which links through to SCDC's website. Following on from the publication of SCDC's Site Allocation and Area Specific Policies, you may have seen that Site SSP4 - the area of land in Aldringham east of Aldeburgh Road and South of the driveway to Aldringham House is now up for sale, so we may see a planning application in the not too distant future.

Construction work has started on the land in Thorpeness west of Old Homes Road, and we have spoken to the developers about our concerns over the limited amount of long term residents' parking and, in particular, the flooding problem along the road and at the site entrance. We hope it will not be too long before we see proposals of how improvements can be made

SCDC have now started the review of the Local Plan and its supporting documentation with a view to issuing a new plan in 2019. Three of us attended a workshop held in Melton to launch the review, and had the opportunity to raise concerns and issues we would like to see addressed by the revised plan.

Thorpeness Almshouses: Due to the concerns and opposition expressed by residents and parishioners, the Trustees and Orwell Housing are reviewing their proposal to build additional accommodation behind the existing building.

### Traffic Matters

Suffolk Highways speed limit changes on the B1122 between Aldringham & Aldeburgh have now been implemented, with the limit now set at 40mph along the whole stretch of road between Aldringham and Aldeburgh.

Many of you will have seen that the long-awaited bus stops outside Aldringham Court have now materialized.

As always, anyone who does not have access to the internet, and would like to know more, please contact one of your councillors or call Shirley, our Clerk, and we will do our best to provide any information you need.

*Eric Atkinson - Chairman, AcT Parish Council*

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## **District Council Report**

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### **Financial year Outrun Report 2016/17**

Careful budget management has delivered savings and achieved additional income to offset spending pressures and the reduction in Government Grant. The General Fund balance increased by £74K to £4.194m, maintaining a prudent level of around 3% -5% of gross expenditure. Earmarked Reserves increased by £8.57m, £6.676m of this to the Business Rate Equalisation Reserve. This was due to rates income above the Government's baseline, and a one-off transfer of a surplus from a prior year reduction in appeals provision. The Capital Programme expenditure for 2016/17 was £4.096m funded from grants and contributions, capital receipts and capital reserve. There was no borrowing to finance capital expenditure. The audited Statement of Accounts will be submitted to the full Council in September.

### **Food hygiene reassessment fee**

The Food Standards Agency has decided to allow local authorities to charge for revisits to reassess food businesses, where the revisit is requested by the business. Suffolk Food Liaison Group supported the move, and the Council's Cabinet are likely to approve a move to charge £110 plus VAT on requested revisits (where there is no statutory requirement to revisit), in line with other councils across Suffolk. This is consistent with the East Suffolk Business Plan for financial self-sufficiency.

### **New HQ**

More than 100 guests attended the opening on June 15<sup>th</sup> of East Suffolk House, the Council's new headquarters in Melton – on time, within budget, to high energy-saving specification and without adding to the tax burden. The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Clare, Countess of Euston, did the honours, after which guests took tours of the new building. See it yourself at: [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/yourcouncil/headquarters-accommodation-project/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/yourcouncil/headquarters-accommodation-project/)

### **Calling all artists**

Local artists are invited to submit ideas for a new public artwork for display in the reception area of the new HQ. Contenders should send in their ideas together with a written statement, examples of previous work, CV and an outline budget by 5pm on August 25<sup>th</sup>. A judging panel will select a shortlist of up to five artists, who will then be

invited for interview. A favourite will be chosen by the panel, Suffolk Coastal Staff and Councillors, the result will be announced in November, and the artist will have until an official unveiling next April to complete their work. More details at:

[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/yourcouncil/headquarters-accommodation-project/art-commission-for-east-suffolk-house/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/yourcouncil/headquarters-accommodation-project/art-commission-for-east-suffolk-house/)

### **Old toasters aren't toast**

If your old toaster only produces burnt offerings, or your hairdryer won't blow hot air, there is now an alternative to chucking it in the bin (which is not a good idea anyway). Waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE) banks have been introduced in Market Place car park in Saxmundham and behind Deben Pool in Woodbridge, and have already diverted over 1,500 small domestic appliances to be recycled. Up until now, only 10% of electrical appliances nationwide are recycled, but they are a valuable resource if dealt with properly. Recycling centres at Leiston, Felixstowe and Foxhall also accept WEEE items.

### **Coastal Conference**

Free tickets to this year's Coastal Conference on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Park Ipswich are now available. The theme this year is 'Valuing our Coast', and speakers and workshops throughout the day will discuss why the coast is so important to communities, and how to build for the future. Places are limited, so early booking is advised.

More details on [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/suffolk-coast-and-estuaries-community-conference-2017-tickets-26964786402](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/suffolk-coast-and-estuaries-community-conference-2017-tickets-26964786402)

### **Cash available for kids' holiday activities**

If you are a provider of holiday activities for children aged between 11 to 18 during the October half term or next Christmas holidays, you could qualify for a cash handout of up to £1,500. A panel of young people will judge who should receive a grant from the East Suffolk Partnership, which has provided £50,000 to hand out to successful applicants. Closing date is 5pm on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

For further details either call 01502 523354 or see: [www.eastsuffolpartnership.org.uk/home/priorities/esypag](http://www.eastsuffolpartnership.org.uk/home/priorities/esypag)

*Maureen Jones and TJ Haworth-Culf – SCDC  
Contact details on Useful Numbers page*

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## **Website**

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The Parish website has news, stories, hundreds of photos, old and new, parish histories and today's events. You can find out something of what the Parish Council are up to; keep up to date with Planning, Sizewell C, and other affairs that affect the parish. The About the Parish section describes our special environment and helps you discover where to walk and find places of interest. Find out where to eat, drink and stay from the Useful Information pages. The website might be useful or it might just entertain for a while at a rainy time!

If you have news, events or other items of interest you would like included on the website, email [pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk) or, if you don't have access to a computer, please phone me on 01728 830039

*Louise Chadwick – website editor*

## **Uppen about (parish news)**

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

### **Not a load of old rubbish**

No interview by BBC's Mark Murphy, no posters, no flashy publicity, dodgy weather forecast and what happens? We get the biggest beach and village clean-up force ever. The Dolphin's David James and Chris Theobald, who quite literally had their hands full serving BBQ-d sausages to the starving throng, estimated we had over 100 volunteers. Trouble is that we ran out of rubbish. Now we are scratching our heads as to how to occupy all these lovely families and children next year. Perhaps we can do a profitable RENT-A-BAGGER deal with Aldeburgh because they have never got their act together? Any other ideas for what a happy hundred litter hungry pickers can do in 2018?

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### **Will Thorpefest bow out?**

TA Hotel Collection's Managing Director Peter Osborne caused something of a sensation when in his closing speech to the Thorpefest crowd, he asked whether they would prefer the event to return to its old venue of the beach at Aldeburgh.

Around 1,500 people had flocked into Thorpeness Country Club on July 8<sup>th</sup> for the second Thorpefest, featuring 10 local musical acts including headliners Rhapsody Queen Tribute, Fick as Fieves, Bessie Turner, Meg Hughes and Nate James. Numerous food outlets gave a choice of dining options, and proprietors were pleased with their sales, though some festival-goers would still have welcomed the chance to take in their own picnics. Children enjoyed a dedicated play space with various bouncy castles and other toys, and East Anglia Children's Hospice, who benefitted from a share of the takings, had a stall on site which attracted a lot of interest to their cause.

There were no reported crimes or incidents, and successful traffic management and parking arrangements kept things moving smoothly. But there is no denying that numbers were nowhere near those attracted to the last Aldeburgh seafront event staged in 2015.

Brad McLean, General Manager of the Thorpeness Golf Club, Hotel and Country Club, said he was very pleased with the feedback and support received for the event, particularly from residents of Thorpeness and surrounding towns and villages.

"We are currently looking at our options for 2018," he said. "No firm decisions have yet been made."

### **Smugglers walk for charity**

Announcing the inaugural two pub charity walk on Saturday 28 October 2017, which we hope will become an annual event.

The walk will initially take place between The Dolphin Inn, Thorpeness, and The Parrot Inn, Aldringham, starting at the Dolphin. Next year the schedule will be reversed i.e. the start will be at The Parrot, and so on.

Broadly the details are: Meet at The Dolphin for tea/coffee and bacon sandwiches at 10.30am on 28<sup>th</sup> October, leave for the first leg which will be north of the B1353, past the Shell Pit Cottages, over the golf course towards the chapel and back over the B1353 towards Aldringham Church thence on to The Parrot via the Old School (please do not worry- all of this will be tried, tested and stewarded). At The Parrot we shall be greeted by a hearty soup and crusty rolls. We leave again for The Dolphin at approx 2pm taking a route on the south side of the B1353 through The Fens, past the Golf Club and the House in The Clouds to arrive back in Thorpeness at around 3.00 p.m. The cost per head will be £10 of which at least 50% will go to a nominated charity. The total distance is calculated to be around 5 miles and terrain is easy. Dogs are welcome but they will need to be kept under close control. My target is at least 50 'smugglers' for what should be a great fun social occasion. Prizes will be awarded for the "Best Bandanas". Registration is essential because of catering and space. This is only a diary announcement at this stage.

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### **Britten revival was Mearely marvellous**

The brisk and breezy Friday of June 23<sup>rd</sup> saw the revival of one of the most unusual Aldeburgh Festival events ever staged, and first performed nearly seven decades ago in the middle of Thorpeness Meare.

Oboist Nicholas Daniel agreed to recreate a performance of Benjamin Britten's miniature character pieces for the oboe *Six Metamorphoses after Ovid* from a floating platform on the lake. The feat was first achieved by Joy Boughton in 1951, following considerable persuasion by the composer himself. It was not a simple task; she reported that midges flew into her mouth when she took a big breath, and at one stage her music blew into the water and had to be retrieved with a punt pole.

Nicholas avoided similar inconveniences by having his music on an iPad with a Bluetooth footpad to turn the pages, though there's no report on any midge mischief. However, nature did get in the way somewhat the run up to the performance; he and the production team were warned away from a small island they had thought they might use instead of the platform by a very protective mother goose guarding a nest of large white eggs!

In an article for The Guardian before the event, Nicholas said: "Britten must have himself rowed out on to the Meare, as we did. I had a real frisson of being close to

him that grew stronger as we discovered that, for some crazy reason, the oboe's sound travels across the water there in an astounding way – as Britten must have known, or sensed”.

After hearing the same music indoors in the relative comfort of Aldeburgh's Jubilee Hall, alongside six additional pieces commissioned by Nicholas over four years, the official audience were shipped to the Meare in a vintage coach. Gamely, many set out in rowing boats and punts to anchor themselves close to the platform if they could. Sadly, one couple in a punt could not make sufficient headway against the wind, and ended up back where they started! Onlookers swelled the audience on the banks bringing chairs and refreshments for the free show – small snatches of exquisite notes drifting across the water and reed beds to eager ears. On conclusion, the performer slipped back into a boat, was rowed to shore away from the crowd, and clambered out – delighted to have achieved his ambition to recreate the *Metamorphoses* premiere, and to be safely back on terra firma!



*Nicholas Daniel in mid-Meare with some of his audience  
Photo – Jane Blanchflower*

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## Local Groups

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### Making an impACT in Aldringham one year on

#### In Memoriam - Tony Woods

Many of you will be already aware of the sudden and untimely death of Tony Woods on June 11th. Tony was a member of our group and his local knowledge and planning expertise will be missed by us all. He was instrumental in so many aspects of the community including Neighbourhood Watch and St Andrews Church; Moira and he would always be the scorers at the Church quizzes. Anyone who needed lifts or help with forms or jobs around the house could come to him. He enjoyed all challenges. We all enjoyed his, and Moira's, wonderful Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday this year (see below) and ImpACT will miss his invaluable knowledge on local

issues and planning procedure. Our thoughts are with Moira and her two sons. Please read Louise Chadwick's obituary on the village website which does him full justice.

#### Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Monday the members of ImpACT staged a successful and well-attended circular walk of Aldringham followed by food and various entertainments on Mill Green.

Despite early rain, the weather brightened up and a party of 35, including 15 children, set off from the Green, down Mill Lane, through the woods to the fields and Fitches Lane to the Aldeburgh Road. From there we worked our way through the stunning Five Acre Barn – many thanks to Bruce and David - and on to our lovely St Andrews Church. On the way various flora and fauna were observed and several caches of Easter eggs, left by local residents, were found and devoured. At the church, a quiz was held for the children, and some adults, and then we returned along the church path past the old school to the Green, where the party was greeted by less intrepid residents.

Much needed tea and refreshments were served whilst the children were entertained by Tony and Moira Woods' delightful Easter Egg hunt. In the end 18 children found at least three eggs each plus a bonus egg, whilst three girls who couldn't make it each received eggs the next day. There was also a second hand book stall and an Easter Bonnet making tent. Many thanks, as well, to young Edward Culf who showed a load of 'old fools' how to assemble various Gazebos and was generally invaluable throughout the day on the stalls and games.

There must have been at least 60 Aldringham residents and guests in attendance and all the food, apart from three small "doggie-bags", was consumed. The weather was sunny and a good time was had by all. We look forward to next year.

#### Aldringham Common

Under the guidance of Hans and Helen Lange, work on the Common has been carried out by ImpACT volunteers and Council members to clear overgrown areas of the Common and Aldringham Green.

To those who do not know it, Aldringham Common is the area of gorse, heather and bracken shaded by native trees, between the old vicarage, the Old School and the cottages on Thorpe Road. It is criss-crossed by numerous footpaths and is a veritable maze in which to get lost in the beauty of old oaks and Scots pines. In recent years it has become overgrown by the encroaching gorse and bracken and the footpaths almost lost. Thanks to Hans's wonderful tractor and its many attachments, combined with our small team of helpers, the paths have been opened up, and are now the 'arteries' of the common. It is a wonderful place, especially in the early evening. Enjoy everybody!

#### Russell Cooper

Once again Aldringham is indebted to Russell Cooper and his voluntary organisation. If you remember, it was Robert Clarke and his family, members of Russell's organisation the Leiston Chain Gang who carried out the clearance work last year to Aldringham Lane pathways and hedges which had become overgrown by undergrowth and brambles. Just recently, Russell himself

has taken on the pathways to Aldeburgh Road where the same has happened. So if you see a figure in the evenings cutting back the encroaching verges, take him down a cup of tea and biscuits, he is doing us proud ! The village website gives a great account of this and gives a full list of those who we should thank.

#### **Mill Green - Wild flower meadow**

The wild flower meadow, planted on May Day on the area of waste ground on Mill Green finally 'bore fruit' and despite the early cold spell and the persistent lack of rain yielded a lovely array of wild poppies on the green (see the photo on the village website). Some mornings the numbers of bees and other insects frequenting these and the other flowers was astonishing, and we will look to continue with this as the year progresses.

#### **Highways Issues**

Despite the efforts of many of the residents of Aldeburgh Road and all the members of ImpACT, Suffolk County Council felt unable to adopt a 30mph limit from the village sign. Many of us consider this to be a dangerous stretch of road for any walkers and villagers looking to pull out of their drives, but for some reasons the Highways department feel loathe to enact this, even though it is almost commonplace in the county. One only has to look at Knodishall, Aldeburgh and Leiston to see these limits placed at the outer extent of their communities. However, it is good to see that a 40mph limit has been introduced from Aldeburgh along the full length of the B1122, which, in some ways, acknowledges the speeding issue on this road. We will keep trying! One minor success - we have, at last a gleaming new village sign to the Aldringham Lane entrance to the village after numerous letters and phone calls from group members.

#### **A year of ImpACT**

It has been a year since ImpACT was formed by a small group of Aldringham residents to address village issues and attempt to engender some sort of community spirit. In that year we have achieved some successes, sometimes partial, and organised a number of events which have been well attended and enjoyed by those living in the village and its environs.

We have organised the following:-

- A very wet New Year's Day walk followed by a lunch afterwards.
- A well-attended Easter Monday Circular walk with children's quiz ending up at Mill Green for food and Easter Egg Hunt. .
- The Jo Cox gathering on the Green where many attended from our village and surrounding areas, with singing groups and children's games on a sweltering summer's day.
- Creation of a wild flower meadow on the green which we hope you will continue to enjoy.
- The clearing of overgrown footpaths that cross Aldringham Common and removal of gorse and bracken that have choked the communal areas.
- We have raised with Suffolk County Council Highways Department the appalling state of the Aldringham Lane footpath and encroaching hedges, which is now passable. We continue to press SCC for regular and more thorough maintenance of our pavements and footpaths.

- Restoration of the Winifred Moss Memorial Bench on Mill Green and repairs to others.
- Extensively lobbied the Highways Department on the speeding issue through the village with partial success, but we still look to move the 30mph limit to the village limit in due course
- Success with Highways, eventually, with a new village sign on the Aldringham Lane approach.

We, as a group, hope that these are achievements and events that meet the approval of the village, and that we can continue

*William Searle – impACT*

### **St Andrew's Church, Aldringham cum**

#### **Thorpe**

#### **A visit from Bishop Mike**

On Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> The Bishop of Dunwich, The Rt Revd Mike Harrison, came to St Andrew's, Aldringham to consecrate the new churchyard extension. He conducted a short service in church and then we all processed into the churchyard. At each corner of the new area Bishop Mike made the sign of the cross with his crosier (the Bishop's staff) and asked for God's blessing, to 'sanctify it and keep it holy'. So now we have a churchyard that will serve the local community and provide a resting place for the remains of loved ones for the next hundred years or so. With advice from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the churchyard is being managed to be an area that is wildlife-friendly and should be a peaceful place to visit all year round. Our thanks go to our generous benefactor and to all who worked so hard to make such a memorable day run so smoothly.

*The Revd Mark Lowther - The Vicarage,1 Church Walk,Aldeburgh,IP155DU*

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*Consecration of the churchyard extension on July 15<sup>th</sup>  
The Rt Revd Bishop of Dunwich Mike Harrison sanctified the site*

## The Friends of St Andrew's Church



Several events have taken place in the past few months to raise money towards the Fabric Fund.

In March, 10 teams took part in our Quiz Night. The questions were compiled and presented by the Revd. Christine Brooks, our new quizmaster. Thanks go to Christine for her varied and interesting questions, and to our scorers, the kitchen crew, the sandwich and cake makers and the raffle ticket sellers. Thank you too to all who took part in the quiz and bought raffle tickets. Together we raised £412.25 after expenses.

In April, £103.50 was raised at a Car Boot Sale, while on the 24<sup>th</sup> a Bridge Drive held had a full complement of 10 tables of players. Everyone was very generous in buying raffle tickets and with some additional donations, after expenses, the grand sum of £700 was raised. Thanks go to the bridge players who took part, those who donated raffle prizes, those who set up the hall, sold the raffle tickets, made the sandwiches and cakes and the kitchen crew who served the afternoon tea.

The Coffee Morning held in the church on the 6th May was well attended with a variety of stalls for people to browse and buy from. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Tombola and to sell and everyone who came along to Coffee Morning. We thank you for your generosity. The event raised £394.

Future Events:

Cake Stall in the Leiston Co Op on Saturday 19th August, from 10am to 12noon.

Quiz Night on Friday 17th November 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm at Knodishall Village Hall. Book in your team of 6 maximum with Anne Norton.

Our events are advertised in the Parish Magazine, the local press and posters displayed around the area.

If you would like to join The Friends of St. Andrews, you will find Membership Forms in the church porch.

Current Committee Members are:- Revd. Sheila Hart (Chairperson), Mrs Anne Norton (Membership Secretary), Mrs Angela Chandler (Treasurer), Mrs Fiona Gimson, Mrs Budge Little, Mrs Janet Poll.

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## Thorpeness Art Group Autumn 2017

### Mothers of Modernism

Five highly independent, strong minded, ground-breaking artists, are the theme of this autumn's Thorpeness Art Group's lecture programme: Frida Kahlo, Leonora

Carrington, (no, not 'Dora'), Georgia O'Keeffe, Barbara Hepworth and Paula Rego are the magnificent mothers of modernism who burst the bubble of male dominance in twentieth century art. Paula Rego is very much still with us and hopefully we shall have some originals of her work on show for the last lecture. The programme will take place during the five Wednesdays in November and the cost remains the tremendous value price of £35 (includes tea & coffee). For further information contact me.

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### Aldeburgh Photography Group

If your artistic bent is with the lens rather than the brush, Aldeburgh Photography Group (APG) was established three years ago, and membership has now risen to 35. All standards of photographers are welcome from anywhere in the vicinity, and will improve their skills by better understanding their camera settings and how to use them, and receiving hints from experienced guest speakers on a variety of topics.

APG meets on the third Wednesday of each month, apart from August and December. The venue is the Aldeburgh Community Centre which offers good acoustic and projection services. There are often outdoor practical sessions with cameras in hand, assisted by a photographic professional. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. until 9.30-9.45. For further information about APG, and to see our 2017 programme, see our website [www.aldeburghphotographygroup.org.uk](http://www.aldeburghphotographygroup.org.uk) or telephone our chairman, Peter Brown, on 01728 454034

### Good Neighbours

A large and appreciative crowd of more than 40 volunteers and users attended the Annual Garden Party on July 12<sup>th</sup>, held for the first time at The Ogilvie Pavilion. This gave us the opportunity to move indoors if the weather proved inclement, and this was useful as, though remaining dry, a stiff breeze was blowing. Still, careful positioning of a large gazebo, kindly lent by Mick and Wendy Sturme, allowed several brave souls to stay outside but with a degree of shelter. A raffle for a generous Italian-themed hamper was won by Doreen Anderson, and raised a fantastic £74, which will be put towards our Christmas thank-you party for volunteers. In the meantime, though, a big thank you to the wonderful catering team, to Eric and Sue Atkinson for preparing the Pavilion for us, plus all who donated goods for the hamper, all who bought tickets and everyone who attended and participated so enthusiastically.

At our AGM on April 26<sup>th</sup>, our popular guest speaker was Dr Mike Powell Evans from Minsmere talking about being good neighbours to wildlife in our gardens. Since then, volunteers have completed 42 tasks, including arranging long-term dog walking for a person who has become unable to undertake long walks. Mike Trapp is the main walker, but thanks to all who volunteered for occasional duties.

If you have a small task you would like a Good Neighbour to help you with, the number to ring is:

**07521 047 843**

*Pippa McLardy - Chairperson- plmclardy@hotmail.com*

### **The Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground**

I was hoping to be able to report to you all that our recently formed new CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) had now formally taken charge of the Pavilion and sports ground. But even though both old and new trusts have signed all the relevant paperwork we still, to date, have received no confirmation of completion from the solicitors. When that happens, we will be organising a celebration and inviting everyone to come up and share with us this new phase in the Pavilion's story. We were hoping to hold it this summer when the pavilion and its grounds are at their best but as the summertime is passing and we haven't yet had confirmation of ownership this might have to be postponed for a little while.

However, things are busy at the pavilion. We are holding our "Drinks and Nibbles" every Sunday in July and August (excepting for the 20th August when the Marmalade club will be holding their annual cricket match). We open from 12.00 noon and you can come and have a drink and enjoy our lovely peaceful surroundings. Nibbles (light snacks) are available for a cost of £2.00 per person and already this year we have had some very busy Sundays, so do please come and join us, all are welcome.

We are holding Car Boot sales on Sunday 30th July and also on Bank Holiday Sunday 27th August. The car boot sale on the 27th August will be a part of our 'Classics at the Pavilion' event. We have been holding this very popular day out for three years now and anyone with a classic vehicle is invited to come and 'show it off'. This includes cars, motorcycles, bicycles and even steam engines (we had one of those last year and what a splendid one it was!) There should also be a bouncy castle, refreshments including bacon sandwiches, burgers, sausages, teas coffees and soft drinks. The bar will be open for those of you who like a slightly stronger drink and we are hoping to have some more stalls for your entertainment but these are yet to be confirmed. Admission for exhibitors and visitors is free but PLEASE, PLEASE do put a generous donation in the buckets. All proceeds go into the Pavilion's funds and will enable us to hopefully put on more entertainment in the future.

**FREE PARKING FOR THORPENESS FETE, 5th August!**  
We are pleased to offer free parking on the sports field for the fete but please note that the gate will be locked at 7.00pm that evening and not opened until Sunday morning.

**PARKING FOR FIREWORK DISPLAY 25th August.**

The field will as usual be open for parking for the fireworks on the evening of Friday 25th August. The parking fee remains at £5 per car. The field will be open from 5.00pm until 11.00pm when the gate will be locked and not reopened until Saturday morning.

We would also like to remind people that there is a footpath from the field to the pavement near the Almshouses for people to use which is safe and out of the way of the traffic.

As for the future, well, when we are in full ownership of the Pavilion and sports ground our next major task will be the smartening up and re-decoration of the Pavilion's interior. A lot of work was done last year on the exterior and now we have to make the inside look as good. A refurbishment of the toilets, showers and the bar areas are at the top of our list but also some painting needs to be done in the main room. If anyone would like to help us with these jobs we would be very grateful and please contact our secretary, Sue, on 01728 830497.

We at the Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground hope you are all enjoying a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you soon at one of our events.

Anyone wishing to book the Pavilion and/or sports ground should contact Wendy Sturmey on 01728 452586 or visit our website at <http://thorpenessclub.btck.co.uk/>

*Sue Atkinson*

### **Thorpeness Classic Vehicle Rally and Car Boot Sale Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 10am till 4pm**

The third Thorpeness classic vehicle rally is in sight. We had a good turn out last year with 67 classic cars as well as tractors, motorcycles and a traction engine.

No need to book in with a classic vehicle just turn up - no entry fees for exhibitors or the public. BBQ burgers and bacon rolls will be on sale and the bar will again be selling real ale in the form of Woodfords Wherry and Nelsons' Revenge, as well as canned beer and lager, spirits, and soft drinks all at extremely competitive prices.

There will be a bouncy castle and stalls including tarot card reading. If anyone would like to run a stall please get in touch.

Come and support your local event - it's put on for people to enjoy in a picturesque and tranquil location.

*Francis Byrne 07775791441 Or Stuart Girling 07905116491*

### **Cricket Club at The Pavilion**

#### **Thorpeness V Middleton 20 over cricket match at Thorpeness 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 6pm**

There comes a stage in the growth of any club where the coming and going of players stabilises and there are 11 players who can make a good account of themselves on the field of play. It's taken eight years to reach this stage, and in a sense, we're just beginning to be a competitive team.

Middleton won the toss and elected to bat. Despite some incisive bowling from Thorpeness who took nine wickets, Middleton amassed an impressive 126. Significant contributions came from A. Johnson (22), J. Boon (17) and B. Taylor (16), and two wickets each for R. Thornton and G. Button.

Thorpeness found the skill and accuracy of the Middleton bowlers hard to convert into runs and amassed a meagre 58, although lost only four wickets in the process.

Thorpeness have the makings of a good team and need to improve with more practice, particularly the out in the middle variety.

We practice at 6pm on Thursdays and 1pm on Sundays weather and away games permitting, and welcome new participants.

Francis Byrne -  
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### **Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group**



The Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group (or TAHG) is now a firmly established history group in the parish. We held a very successful 'Cocktails at Sunset' event in the former water tower at West Bar in May when 40 of our members climbed the 70 plus stairs to enjoy the fabulous 360 degree view from the top. A lovely menu of cocktails both alcoholic and non-alcoholic were shaken and stirred to everyone's liking by our host John and a table full of canapés was on offer on the top two floors of the tower. There was musical accompaniment by the talented Adrian Nicholson on the piano and fabulous views from all of the windows were enjoyed from the top floor. Our host gave us a short talk on his time as owner of the Tower and all the work he undertook to make it what it is today.



*Room with a view – the former water tower in West Bar with owner John describing the work required to convert it for residential use.  
Photo- Chris Jones*

Everyone seemed to have had a good time if the feedback I received was anything to go by and I have already started planning another cocktails event for next summer.

We have a few more events planned before then. Firstly, we shall be having a presence at the Thorpeness fete in August and I have been promised that a copy of the plans for our small 'fisherman's hut' style heritage centre will be displayed for the first time for you all to see. So, do please

come and have a look, say hello, and perhaps have a go at our Thorpeness-based quiz. If you would like to become a member of TAHG, there will be copies of our new membership form which will now include a Life Membership option (equivalent to 10 years membership at the present rate). As a TAHG member you will be given prior notice of all our talks and events many of which sell out before being open to the general public.

Secondly, on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> we have naturalist Charles Cuthbert coming to the Pavilion to give us an illustrated talk on Minsmere Bird Reserve and its strong connection with Thorpeness. Tickets will go on sale in August to our membership and should there be any unsold by 1<sup>st</sup> September they will then go on sale to the general public.

And now in addition to our organised programme of events our very own TAHG member and local character Bill Crow has offered to give us a talk on paintings of local interest. No date has been finalised yet but it will, I expect, take place on an afternoon during October/November. Everyone who knows Bill and has already attended some of his art lectures over the last few years will know we are in for a real treat! If you haven't been to one of his talks then do try to come along I'm sure you will enjoy it. Hope to see you all soon,

*Sue Atkinson - Membership Secretary*

***And finally....***

### **Cheers to our precious publicans**

Parrot and Punchbowl regulars were very sad to say goodbye at the end of June to their popular landlady Sheila Fleming who has built up a hostelry very much at the heart of the Aldringham community. A mean boules player herself, Sheila has been at the Parrot for the last 10 years, and gradually improved facilities for petanque players with a growing number of very fine purpose-built lanes, resulting in much success for local teams.

Her replacement (after frustrating months of negotiations with the freeholding company) is David James, who is a very familiar face at the other end of the Parish. David has been running the Dolphin Inn in Thorpeness for the last decade with the help of his daughter Kerry, and despite catering to thousands of holidaymakers in the height of the tourist season, is a regular host for Good Neighbours' community lunches, Christmas and New Year events, the annual beach clean gathering and the summer fete.

The Parrot reopened on 30th June with James and Chris (both Dolphin stalwarts of bar and kitchen) at the helm, and anyone passing will have seen the initial renovation and redecoration works being undertaken.

It is likely the pub will have to close for a short period later this year for more extensive improvements, though the closure date has not yet been decided.

Pubs are an increasingly vital hub around which communities revolve. We thank all who work so hard to keep them up and running in a competitive environment.

**Cheers !!!!** to Sheila for all she has done in the past, and to David for all he continues to do.

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

### Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Councillors

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### Police - Suffolk Constabulary

#### **Always Dial 999 for Emergencies, including Coastguard**

Dial 101 for Non Urgent Issues  
 Aldeburgh Police Station, Leiston Road, Aldeburgh  
 Leiston Police Station, 34 Kings Road, Leiston

### Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

If you'd like to join, contact:  
 Aldringham – Maria Chapman-Beers  
 Email [tribunegang@gmail.com](mailto:tribunegang@gmail.com)  
 (Aldeburgh Rd and roads off except Aldringham Park,  
 to borders with Leiston, Aldeburgh, and down Thorpe  
 Rd towards Thorpeness)  
Thorpeness - Bill Crow - 01728 454641

### Hospitals

Aldeburgh & District Community Hospital Park Road, Aldeburgh	01728 452778
Ipswich Hospital Heath Road, Ipswich	01473 712233

### Doctors Surgeries

The Surgery Church Farm, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh	01728 452027
The Surgery, Main Street, Leiston	01728 830526
The Surgery, Lamsale Meadow, Saxmundham	01728 602022

### Dental Surgeons

Aldeburgh Dental Practice 167 High Street, Aldeburgh	01728 452884
The Dental Surgery Crown Street, Leiston	01728 830790
High Street Dental Centre 98 High Street, Leiston	01728 832133
Saxmundham Dental Surgery 9 High Street, Saxmundham	01728 602537

### Pharmacies

Aldeburgh Pharmacy 125 High Street, Aldeburgh	01728 452763
Coopers Pharmacy 20 High Street, Leiston	01728 832231
Lloyds Pharmacy 62 High Street, Leiston	01728 830545
East of England Coop Pharmacy High Street, Saxmundham	01728 602051

### Veterinary Surgeons

Leiston Veterinary Clinic 1d Eastlands, Leiston	01728 833566
Fromus Veterinary Group Fromus House, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham	01728 602599

### Thorpeness Croquet Club

Angela Clark	07851 780 842
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### Good Neighbours Group

Chairperson Pippa McLardy	07521 047843 01728 454565
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### Local Heritage Group

Mrs S Atkinson "Logwood", Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham	01728 830497
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### Rainbow Tots

Ms Anja Shaw Every Tuesday 10am - 1:30am Aldeburgh Community Centre	01728 453295
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### Tea & Toast

Mrs E Tipping	01728 454165
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### Thorpeness Cricket Club

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<b>Connecting Communities Transport</b>	01728 635938
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## WHAT'S ON – August to end November 2017

Date and time	Place	Event
<b>August</b>		
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> (times below)	Thorpeness and Aldringham	Mobile Library
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon	Thorpeness The Dolphin	Village Fete
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	Thorpeness Country Club	Special Church Services
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> 3pm	St Andrew's Church	Animal Service
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> 12– 3pm	Thorpeness Pavilion	Drinks and nibbles
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> 2pm - 4pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Coffee Caravan
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> 8pm -10pm	Thorpeness Pavilion	Fun Quiz
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> 10am - 12noon	Peace Place Thorpeness	Coffee Caravan
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> 10am-12noon	Leiston Co op	St Andrew's Church Cake Stall
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> till late	Thorpeness Meare marquee	Marmalade Ball
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> 11am – 1pm	Thorpeness, Aldringham, Aldeburgh	10K run
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thorpeness Pavilion & Sports Field	Marmaladers Annual Cricket Match
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Aldeburgh Carnival	Road closed one way TO Aldeburgh
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thorpeness Meare	Regatta and fireworks
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm	Thorpeness Sports Field	Car Boot Sale and Classic Cars
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>September</b>		
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> (times below)	Thorpeness and Aldringham	Mobile Library
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Thorpeness Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Suffolk	<b>START OF AUTUMN SCHOOL TERM</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> 8pm –10pm	Thorpeness Pavilion	Fun Quiz
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thorpeness Pavilion	Parking for Tour of Britain Cycle Race
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm	Any local church	Suffolk Historic Churches Annual Ride and Stride
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Coffee Caravan
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Thorpeness Pavilion	Heritage Talk
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> 10am – 12noon	Peace Place Thorpeness	Coffee Caravan
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> (times below)	Thorpeness and Aldringham	Mobile Library
<b>October</b>		
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thorpeness Pavilion	Fun Quiz
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm	Aldringham Mill Hill	Coffee Caravan
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> 10am - 12noon	Thorpeness Shop car park	Coffee Caravan
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> times below	Thorpeness and Aldringham	Mobile Library
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> 7pm -9.30pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Parish Council
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Suffolk	<b>SCHOOL HALF TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thorpeness and Aldringham	Mobile Library
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Thorpeness The Dolphin	Smugglers' Walk to the Parrot
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> 2am		<b>CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR TO GMT</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>SCHOOLS BACK AFTER HALF TERM</b>
<b>November</b>		
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Knodishall Village Hall	St Andrew's Quiz Night
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9.30	Thorpeness Tower Room	Parish Council Meeting

The Mobile Library calls at Thorpeness Almshouses from 9.40am to 9.55am, Aldringham Church from 10 to 10.15am, Aldringham Ogilvie Homes from 10.20 to 10.40am and Aldringham Mill Hill from 10.45 to 11am.