

Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell

Newsletter



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A Very Merry Christmas to you all



Ho ho...who???

Father Christmas and one of his elves were welcome visitors to the Christmas Fair at The Dolphin Thorpeness in November 27th, although young Archie doesn't look entirely convinced! He did like his present of a set of dinosaurs, though. The fair raised around £690 for St Andrew's Church, the Thorpeness Margaret Ogilvie Almshouses and Broadacres Nursing Home at Knodishall.

Some more welcome visitors

If you would love to use the library but are housebound, then let it visit you instead. Leiston library have volunteers who will visit you in your own home and help you make a choice of books, DVDs etc and then bring them to you for your enjoyment.

Our Parish Council makes a generous donation to the library each year. Do go ahead and use it. Ring Leiston Library for more details 01728 831252 (closed Monday and Wednesday)

Parish Council Update

Parish Councillors

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Parish Council News to November 2016

Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in Event

I would like to thank everybody who attended the Neighbourhood Plan Drop-In Event held in August. It was good to see over 91 of you who were all interested in the future of the Parish and our two villages; 54 came from Aldringham and the Follies, 48 from Thorpeness and the Fens, 3 from Sizewell and 6 from outside the parish, making a total of 57 households in the parish being represented by one or more individuals.

Good discussions on the value of a Neighbourhood Plan and an exchange of views and ideas took place between members of the NP Team and those who attended, which helped everyone have a better understanding of the many issues that will have an impact on the future for all of us.

It also enabled many who attended to raise their concerns and aspirations for the future with 70 Sticke notes plus two emails being written These raised 118 individual items across several significant issues including: additional community facilities, traffic management, housing, infrastructure, Coastal protection and flooding. These will all now be used as input to the plan development.

Remember this is only the start of the process and a number of follow-on consultations will be held over the coming months, including a questionnaire when everyone in the Parish will have the opportunity to say how important particular issues are to them. This will enable the final draft of the plan to be prepared in, it is hoped,

2018. In the meantime if any of you have any issues you wish to raise please contact me or one of the NP team. Contact details of the NP team and latest progress of the plan can be found on the Parish Website.

Parish Matters

After a long delay, finally, following the go ahead for Hinkley C in Somerset, the long awaited Phase 2 formal consultation for Sizewell C started on the 23rd November and will run to 3rd February, please go along to one of the exhibitions and have your say, the Parish Council will be looking carefully at the information and will be making a formal response on behalf of the Parish. (More details can be found on the Parish Website). In the area of flooding at the entrance to Church Lane in Aldringham, remedial work has now been carried out and the problem appears to have been sorted. We still await work to be carried out in Old Homes Road.

Following the last newsletter and the Drop-in event a new group has formed in Aldringham (see article below) and with the support of two councillors work has already started on repairs to the benches on Mill Hill together with work to generally improve the area.

Planning

The parish council has dealt with six planning applications since the last newsletter two of which were not supported. Details of current applications can be found via the Parish Website which links through to SCDC's website.

The review of SCDC's Site Allocation and Area Specific Policies- Proposed Submissions Document was carried out at the end of August. Despite strong representation from the Parish Council and a number of Parishioners (one of whom spent three days raising concerns at the hearing), the inspector did not recommend any changes to the plan regarding the inclusion of Site SSP4 the area of land in Aldringham east of Aldeburgh Road and south of the driveway to Aldringham House.

With regard to site SSP16 The area of land in Thorpeness west of Old Homes Road, we have now received a planning application for the completion of the scheme for 10 houses which was originally proposed in 2005 and started with the formation of the access splay having been undertaken prior to May 2010

Traffic Matters

Suffolk Highways propose speed limit changes on the B1122 between Aldringham & Aldeburgh.

Suffolk Highways are proposing to change:

- The de-restricted speed limit between Aldringham and Aldeburgh on the B1122 to a 40mph speed limit.
- The 40mph limit on Leiston Road, Aldeburgh plus an additional 50m to the north (B1122) to a 30mph speed limit.

During the consultation period which has now ended, a number of residents requested that the 40mph speed limit on the Aldeburgh Road, (B1122) south of the Aldringham crossroads to the Parish boundary should also be reduced to 30mph. We await the outcome.

Proposed New District Council for East Suffolk

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are considering a merger to create a new council, serving the residents and communities of east Suffolk, from Lowestoft in the north to Felixstowe in the south. A summary proposal for the formal merger has been published and a link can be found to the full details on our Parish Website. Up until December 12th, residents are invited to read the proposal summary and email their views about the plans. Have your say by emailing merger@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

I know not all of you have access to the internet, so if you would like further information on any of the items raised above give Shirley our Clerk or me a call and we will do our best to provide any information you need. Dates of the next three months' meetings are in the What's On page.

A Place of Your Own for One Pound?

Don't get too carried away – it's not exactly Buckingham Palace. But, if you have any bright ideas what to do with our redundant phone boxes, BT would like to hear from you. The phone box in Aldringham was used to make a call just once last year, so BT are prepared to lease it to someone for just £1. If you have a bright idea for using the space (the telephone will be removed first) please contact us. However, be prepared to make a long-term commitment to keep the box tidy and in good repair – the PC are not keen to inherit any boxes by default! In case you're wondering, there is still a phone box near The Kitchen in Thorpeness, too, which may also become available.

Introducing The Parish Council's New Recruit, Alan Williams from Aldringham



After expressing an interest when attending the Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in in August, Alan Williams was co-opted onto the Parish Council in October. Alan is 58 years old and has lived in Aldringham since June 1989. Born in Bristol, Alan has worked throughout Europe and the US and has considerable experience in Programme and Project Management, IT Development and Business Analysis. Alan has been married to Sharon since 1988 and has two grown up children, Liam and Chloé. Recently retired, Alan is keen to apply his skills and enthusiasm to help the Parish plan for the future to ensure that we continue to have a safe and friendly village to enjoy and be proud of.

The Parish still has vacancies for two Councillors who can be co-opted to join. If you would be interested in joining the Parish Council please contact Chairman Eric Atkinson or Parish Clerk Shirley Tilbrook for more information.

Eric Atkinson - Chairman

District Council Report

Sizewell C Stage Two consultation

EDF Energy announced that the Stage 2 consultation for Sizewell C will run from 23 November 2016 to 3 February 2017. Full details of EDF's exhibitions and their Statement of Community Consultation are available on the Sizewell C Project Website

<http://sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info/>

Both District and Parish Councils urge as many members of the public as possible to attend one of the many drop-ins being staged throughout the area to see what the latest proposals are and to make their views known.

There will be a Town & Parish council engagement event on the 6th December at Hugh Lodge, Darsham attended by several of your councillors.

A Look to the Future of East Suffolk

'The Future of East Suffolk' was the theme of the largest Forum to date held by The East Suffolk Partnership (ESP) on November 11th at Trinity Park Conference Centre at Bucklesham. The Forum brought together members of the ESP and a variety of delegates from local businesses, town and parish councils, voluntary organisations, health and education services and the police, all of whom discussed the future of east Suffolk and how to take advantage of the emerging opportunities and challenges. The Forum took place at a critical time for Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils when they are seeking to create a combined 'super district' council for east Suffolk. The keynote speakers for this year's forum were Stephen Baker, Chief Executive of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils, Stephen Javes, Chief Executive of Orwell Housing and Chairman of Community Action Suffolk, and Roger Wright, Chief Executive of Aldeburgh Music who spoke about their vision for the future of east Suffolk.

Your Local Group could be Quids In

If you run a local organisation and could do with some funding, you could try applying to The Enabling Communities Exemplar Programme (*no, me neither – ed*). The ECEP is looking to assist community initiatives with grant funding to deliver new 'flagship' projects that will have a significant impact on communities and tackle need in a sustainable way. Voluntary and community organisations can apply for grant assistance between £1,000 and £10,000 to help a specific project or activity across our communities at a ward or across multiple wards that need more funding than is available through the Enabling Communities Budgets.

To be eligible for funding, the project must be supported by the relevant Ward Councillor or the relevant Cabinet Member(s). The Exemplar Programme has no set deadlines, so you can apply at any time and a decision will be made within 8 weeks of Council Officers receiving your complete application.

There has been £132,000 of funding set aside, which can be spent on costs to fund a new community project or help fund new community capital projects. But please check grant criteria before applying.

Our own District Councillor TJ Haworth-Culf, Cabinet Member for Customers, Communities and Leisure, says the programme is designed to make grants easier to apply for, and urges anyone who is part of a community organisation or has ideas for a group that could make a difference to their local community, to get in touch.

Email grants@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or call 01394 444721.

Talking Turkey - Some Coastal Council Tips for a Cushty Christmas

Check Your Smoke Alarms:- No roasting the rellies, please, even if you're not that keen on them.

Recycle Responsibly:- No nappies in the blue top bin – they have to be removed by hand, and just one can scupper a whole load of recyclables. Other contaminants are glass, batteries, food waste and electrical items. Check at www.suffolkrecycle.info

Beef up Your Broadband:- If you're not getting better than 2Mbs residents and businesses could be eligible for a voucher to help with the connection cost of an interim wireless broadband service from an Approved Supplier. The free voucher is now being extended to wireless systems. More Information and application form from: www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com. Queries on the scheme to: broadband@suffolk.gov.uk

Fight Fraudsters:- Fraud comes in many guises, from online scams, doorstep callers, benefit cheats and tricky traders. If you suspect fraud in any form report it and receive advice from **the hotline on: 01394 444 444 or email: fraud@eastsuffolk.gov.uk**

Cllrs T.J. Haworth-Culf and Maureen Jones

Website

Hopefully the Parish website complements the Parish Newsletter. There's a lot of useful information on the website, including the latest news on the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan and EDF's consultation on the proposed Sizewell C nuclear reactor. You can find out about local Planning Applications, consultations that may affect you, history of the Parish and stories of the Parish in the past as well as hundreds of photographs, old and new, and much more. If you can't find what you want Search the website from the top left of any page!

Please let me know if you've got an event planned or a news item so it can be included on the website, or if you have any ideas or suggestions for additions or changes to the website.

Email pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk or, if you don't have access to a computer please phone me on 01728 830039 with your news, event or other items of interest.

Louise Chadwick – website editor

Suffolk Police

Don't Fall Victim to Xmas Nickers

With Christmas looming, Suffolk Police are reminding shoppers to ensure their personal security remains a priority following a noticeable increase in thefts from the person.

There has been a 21% increase in thefts of mobile phones, wallets and purses, between January and the end of September this year compared with last, with thieves targeting major shopping areas across the county, including Lowestoft and Ipswich.

Detective Superintendent Andy Smith said: "A variety of tactics and distractions are used to relieve you of your personal items; dipping into a bag – often underneath a cover of a jacket or newspaper, bumping into you, distracting you so your focus is not on your property, or actively cutting the straps from your bag. By taking a few simple steps you can greatly reduce the risk of becoming a victim of this type of crime."

Preventing personal theft

- Carry wallets in an inside pocket, where possible, but never in your back pocket.
- Zip up hand and shoulder bags, and carry with the fasteners against your body to prevent a thief from dipping into it.
- Keep straps short and bags tucked under your arm, or in front of you.
- Don't display jewellery.
- Don't show your money — keep it safely in your pocket.
- Never leave your bags or other valuables unattended.
- Ensure any bags placed on the on the floor are in front of you so that any movement of the bag will be noticeable.

Safeguard your mobile phone

- Stay alert and aware of what's going on around you when using your phone in public.
- If you're not making a call, keep your phone hidden away in one of your front pockets or inside a bag.
- Always use your phone's security code or PIN
- Keep a record of your unique reference number (IMEI). To get this, dial *#06#, which allows you to block it from being used if it is stolen.
- Download a tracking application, which could help trace your device if it's stolen.
- Use an ultra violet property marker to write your post code and house number on valuable possessions.
- Insure your possessions and keep the insurance details handy.

Officers will be stepping up patrols in town centres in the lead up to the festive season, however if you notice anyone acting suspiciously, contact Suffolk Police on 101 or use this link <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

Uppen about – some 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)

Bill Crow's Beach Clean scoops up a Couple of Ton



Thorpeness's indomitable Beach Clean pioneer Bill Crow was joined by District and Parish Councillor Maureen Jones for the presentation of a cheque for £200 from Dan Wareing, the District Council's Assistant Waste Management Officer at The Dolphin in Thorpeness on November 14th.

Bill's legendary Beach Clean, which took place as usual on Good Friday this year, qualified for a £20 contribution from the DC's Love East Suffolk litter pick scheme, and was automatically entered for a draw to win £200 – one from each of nine neighbourhood districts – and won. Bill

handed over the cheque to the Parish Council in the hopes they can find a good litter-related use for it.

This year's Beach Clean was the 13th annual event, and expanded its scope to encompass other areas of the village. Maureen Jones followed it up with another 'Clean for the Queen' effort in April around Thorpeness.

Bill says the Beach Clean is now one of the biggest of its type in East Suffolk and has become a social event not to be missed in some family calendars. Local businesses including Bedfords estate agency, T and A Hotels and holiday letting agency Best of Suffolk sponsor the event, contributing towards refreshments at The Dolphin for the litter pickers.

"One family including parents, grandparents and children comes from Harwich every year to join in," he said. "We always give out prizes for the most unusual finds, some of which are incorporated into very imaginative stories, and we tend to concentrate on encouraging the children who take part. I like to think if we catch them at a young age, we can mould them into becoming more responsible citizens as they grow older."

Bill's 14th Annual Beach Clean will take place on Good Friday April 14th in 2017 leaving from and returning to The Dolphin. Bill has said he hopes to be heading the effort for the next six years, but anticipates hanging up his litter-picker after that.

In the meantime –

COMPETITION - Name The Beach Clean

Can you think of an eye-catching name for the annual Beach Clean? Bill will choose his favourite and there will be a prize for the successful copywriter.

And now Not the Beach Clean

When Bill is not organising the annual event, his many other interests include a passion for history of art, as those who attend his lectures will know. Now Bill has penned an intriguing small book that is an unmissable read for lovers of Thorpeness and its history.

The book is entitled **My Dear Big O", Portrait of a Portrait**, and here Bill gives a short resume of its contents.

"The book is quite simply an exploration of six letters written by Sir William Orpen, R.A., perhaps the greatest portrait painter of his time, to his friend and client G. Stuart Ogilvie, the founder of our quirky village Thorpeness. The letters are facetious, funny, challenging and intriguing - anyway they intrigued me so much that I wrote a book about them. With fourteen pages of illustrations the book attempts to capture the slightly wild Pan-like spirit of the early part of the twentieth century in England, amongst a coterie of scallywag members of the Garrick Club. You can obtain a copy from me price £8 plus £1.50 packaging and postage or pick up a copy at Thorpeness Village Stores or Aldeburgh Bookshop".

Bill Crow - 01728 454641 - wjcrow@aol.com.

Another trip back in time

If you were up early on Friday 11th of November you might have been surprised to see a number of our

parishioners hurrying out of their houses dressed as 19th century Garrett workers. Waistcoats caps and scarves were the order of the day for some men. Others wore toppers or bowlers and tailcoats. And the women wore long skirts, mob caps and clean white aprons. They all had one destination - Leiston Long Shop Museum which was becoming a working factory again for a day. The residents were all those men and women who were acting as Apprentice Masters.

At 10 o'clock (much later than would have been allowed in the past) into the factory gates came trotting and tumbling 60 'young apprentices' from Ipswich, together with 10 more adults. They were all dressed in the correct costumes and carried baskets or bundles of Victorian-style lunches, and all eager to learn what it was like to be a Garrett apprentice in the mid-1800s.

Everyone was in for a busy, incident-filled day. After assembling in the Longshop, they were greeted by Mr Garrett and his foreman, then witnessed an apprentice being fined for late arrival. A scary start! Everyone was quickly sent off to work. And work they did! Hammering nails to make wooden boxes, setting the table for the Garretts and their sometimes famous guests and learning what it was like to be a servant in the busy household. They made signs for the machinery, learnt how to do the household laundry (Victorian style), and how to cast pieces for the different machines.

At 11 o'clock, two minutes silence was held in memory of the soldiers who had died in the Crimean war.

Later the apprentices took part in a fire drill with the works' fireman. At lunch time, some were enticed by the union man to join his cause (against Mr Garrett's wishes). During the day The Factory Inspector made a visit and had a look at the working conditions and health of the apprentices. Then Mrs Ogilvie arrived with much fuss and noise and complained about the factory's industrial waste pouring down the high street and the lack of a proper drainage system.

The day ended with the fire crew presenting certificates to some particularly promising apprentices, and Mr Garrett giving everyone the rest of the afternoon off because they had worked so hard.

This school visit and similar events are arranged throughout the year allowing pupils to participate in Apprentice Days, this being the final one for 2016. The volunteers are from Aldringham, Leiston and villages in the surrounding area. They generously give their skills and time willingly because they all have a common objective, and that is to bring history alive for the pupils and make learning fun in these testing times.

Anyone who would like to help as a volunteer in the museum would be most welcome.

Jill Hubbard

Travelling further afield

Just a reminder for those wanting to travel further afield that Connecting Communities is the new name for CATS and Suffolk Link transport, which provides pre-booked on-demand bus services. The area is wider than previously, but there are fewer vans to cover it, so booking early is a must. Up to five bookings can be made up to 14 days in

advance between 8.15am and 4pm. Full details from www.suffolkonboard.com Tel:01728 635938.

Our public transport expert Mike Trapp also reports that in the case of trips to hospital, those suffering serious disabilities which mean they can neither drive nor take public transport may qualify for transportation to hospital. However, this service is means-tested and bookings should be made no more than two weeks in advance of the appointment and no later than 48 hours beforehand. Call the Patient Transport Assessment and Advice Centre on 0845 8500774 if you feel you might qualify and would like to use the service.

Aldringham plans to make an ImpACT

Do you sometimes think nothing much happens in Aldringham?

ImpACT (Improving Aldringham Community Team) is a group of Aldringham residents who recently got together with a view to improving the profile of Aldringham and attempting to address any issues and plans for our small community.

Do you have any thoughts or ideas for Aldringham that could improve the quality of life in the village or engender a greater sense of community?

Would you be interested in helping on any project or even starting a project of your own? We are completely open to ideas.

Shortly, we will be circulating some information throughout the village with a view to holding an open meeting in the New Year to meet and exchange ideas.

Christine Laschet - chrislaschet@hotmail.com

Local Groups

St Andrew's Church

Aren't we lucky to live in such lovely villages as Aldringham and Thorpeness? I think so, and I don't mean just in geographical terms; I mean with the people we live near and next to. With schemes like Good Neighbours and interest groups like the Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group, Bill Crows art lectures, and much more we seem to be able to provide a rich abundance of social activities which many villages must envy. At St. Andrews Church we hope you count us in as a group of people who like to join in with village activities and also provide some activities for you to come and join in with. We are very grateful to people like David James and Kerry at The Dolphin Inn who on so many occasions have raised funds for us, for Trudie Willis of Priors Oak who opens her amazing garden for us to name but two.

But what can we at St. Andrews offer you? Our church doors are always open to you, whether you choose to come in and just sit in a little bit of cool quiet calm, or walk in our peaceful churchyard, or even come searching out flora and fauna, and as many people do, paying respects to loved ones buried there. We love being a part of your lives; weddings, baptisms and of course funerals, but

hopefully we are there for more than that. We have a mixture of traditional and more modern services at our main 11.00am worship on Sundays, and there are also Holy Communion services every Wednesday morning at 9.30am in the vestry if you like to worship in a more intimate environment. For those people who are not able to come to church through illness or infirmity we can offer a home visit.

One thing we have done in the past and hope to do more of in the future is to stage musical events. Next year we are hoping for a visit from the Amici Choir - they love singing in our church as the acoustics are so good. We also had a visit this summer from a singing group called Seraphim, who make 'pilgrimages' to local churches and just sing for the pure love of it. They were quite impressed and have asked to come back again.

Any of you who have visited us in the last few weeks will have noticed we have been doing a spot of decorating. The front doors have been repainted green, the porch has been refreshed with white and the vestry, which had a new kitchen fitted in the summer (complete with oven and dishwasher) has also been painted inside and out, and if I say so myself, it's all looking very smart.

Having recently acquired more burial space we have just planted a (very small at the moment) yew hedge around what will soon become our new cremation area. Over 200 small yew trees have been planted, with the help of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB volunteers group, in a large oval which will, when it has had time to grow, be trimmed into a cradle shape. After a service of consecration, which we hope our new Bishop will officiate at this summer, we will then have a special place for the interment of ashes. We also plan to combine this with a seating area for people to come and use as a place of peace, somewhere that they can come and simply be. We have already planted some fruit and nut trees donated by Suffolk AONB Coast and Heaths group as part of their 'Scattered Orchard' project and we have a few other things in the pipeline which are very much at an early stage of development, but we will update you when things are more definite.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Advent and Christmas services this winter not forgetting the outside services of Carols Around the Tree at the Meare, Thorpeness, and also on Mill Hill Aldringham in December (see events diary at the back of this newsletter for dates).

Do feel free to come and see us at St. Andrew's, anytime

YOU WILL BE MADE MOST WELCOME.

Can You Help?

The PCC at St. Andrew's is looking for someone to come and be our PCC Secretary. Can you help? The most important part of the job is for someone to take minutes at the six meetings we have a year, starting on February 2nd 2017. All our PCC members have internet access which makes contacting them and circulating minutes very easy. You don't have to be a regular member of our congregation to do this job and if you are interested please contact Rev. Mark Lowther telephone No. 452807,

or Sue Atkinson, Church Warden on 830497. Please do help if you can.

Thank you

Sue Atkinson - Church Warden.

The Friends of St Andrew's Church



The Friends did not hold the planned Coffee and Crafts Morning in October as we did so well with the New and Nearly New Sale in June, which took a lot of time and effort to organise and run. The final sum raised was £671.

The recipe book –Tasty Temptations - containing recipes supplied by people in the parishes of Aldringham, Knodishall, Friston and Aldeburgh has now been printed. The foreword has been written by Christine Brooks who had suggested the idea of a book of recipes from parishioners some years ago whilst Chairman of the Friends' Committee. Catherine Cook has provided some fun illustrations. Some of the Parish Magazine advertisers have bought space and Flick and Son have sponsored part of the cost of printing. Tasty Temptations will be available from all of the Benefice Churches, at Friends Events, the Friston Chequers and the Butchers Arms at the price of £3.00. Any further enquiries, please phone Angela Chandler on 831690 or Anne Norton on 830519.

Our last fundraiser of the year, a Quiz Night at Knodishall Village Hall, took place on Friday 18th November. We had 15 teams booked in and £589 was raised for the Fabric Fund. The winners were Team Forlorn Hope, second were Famous Five and Morris Minors were third. Thanks go to all who helped to organise the event, the Kitchen Crew lead by Angela Chandler, the scorers, Tony and Moira Woods and the Quizmaster, Peter Norton. Our next event, the Spring Quiz Night, will be held in March 2017.

Thank you to all our supporters who have helped The Friends of St. Andrews boost the Fabric Fund Account by supplying goods to sell and raffle and by their attendance at our fund raising events during 2016. We look forward to your continued support in 2017.

Anne Norton - Secretary
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Tel: 01728 830519

Thorpeness Art Group Spring 2017 Programme

At present the programme of five lectures will cover the lives and works of the artists in the Bloomsbury Group and friends including Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant, Roger Fry, Dora Carrington and Augustus John. There will also be time to investigate the extraordinary Omega

Workshops and its design and production philosophy. Lectures will commence on Wednesday 15th March, time and Thorpeness venue to be confirmed. On completion of the course we might be having a

Bloomsbury Group Lunch (the group were highly enthusiastic and innovative cooks) at The Dolphin Inn. For further details of everything related to this programme contact Bill Crow at wjcrow@aol.com, www.billcrow.co.uk or Tel: 01728 454641.

Bill Crow

Tel: 01728 454641

Good Neighbours

Providing lifts to Ipswich Hospital is back on the Aldringham cum Thorpe Good Neighbours' Can-do list after a break of over a year. Lifts were suspended after several volunteers found themselves waiting at the hospital for many hours – in some cases more than seven. But with continuing cuts to public transport and the Connecting Communities service, it was felt by some volunteers that not to offer such a service was against the spirit of Good Neighbours, and the GN Steering Group agreed at their meeting on November 29th to resume the service.

Emails will be sent to all volunteers asking if they are prepared to offer trips to the hospital. There is absolutely no compunction for anyone to agree if they feel the journey is too far or too time-consuming. The charge will be £20 for a round trip (£40 for a lengthy stay if separate volunteers are used for trips to and from the hospital). The volunteer should feel justified in keeping this payment to cover the basic cost of fuel and wear and tear. Where the charge for a medically-related journey would cause financial hardship to the passenger, the volunteer driver can apply to the GN Steering Group for payment. Pro rata payments (at approximately 46p per mile) will be applied for other journeys.

Any volunteer prepared to make the journey may apply to the Steering Group for a Volunteer Parking Permit at Ipswich Hospital. These are specific to one vehicle and need to be re-applied for if the vehicle is changed.

The Dolphin has kindly agreed to host the next Good Neighbours' Grub on January 20th 2017.

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

Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group



Our talk on October 25th, "Mischief on the Meare", given by Bill Crow was another sell-out. Thank you to Bill, and

also David James for his generous support in allowing us to use The Dolphin.

The Heritage Walking Trail around Thorpeness is progressing and we will have another four storyboards erected by the year end. The aluminum plates have been printed by Leiston Press and we are awaiting the oak lectern frames to mount them on. We are extremely grateful to the Galloper Wind Farm Fund for financial support towards our new storyboards. All the donated monies will be spent locally in Suffolk.

The site for a proposed Heritage Visitor Centre has been earmarked at the Thorpeness Beach Car Park and we are waiting for official legal documents from the District Council to formalize the agreement. We have identified a smaller site at the same location which can house a temporary Visitor Centre, to be built in the style of a Fisherman's Hut. A major fund raising effort will be required to deliver these projects.

Arthur Day - Chairman

The Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

In August's Newsletter, I wrote about all the things that were going on up at the sports field. All in all, we have had a very good and busy summer but things are slowing down now as winter approaches. You must all agree that from the fleeting glance you get of the pavilion as you pass the gateway that the building looks a lot better than it did this time last year, and although you can't see from such a long distance, the new patio has certainly made the front look very attractive.

In recent weeks we have had new windows installed in the changing rooms, this will not only improve the insulation and keep the rooms warmer but it does help improve the overall look. The Rifle Club have made a sterling start with their new shooting range, the containers are in place and are, as you read this, being welded together, work will start soon on soundproofing them and as and when funds permit they will be covered in wooden cladding to make them fit in with the 'Thorpeness look'. The members hope to be ready to start shooting in the 2017 season. Something which is also very important to us is the acquisition of two oak benches placed either side of the main entrance to the pavilion. These benches dedicated to the memories of Norman Gibson and Bob West. Both Norman and Bob, who are no longer with us, were instrumental in the early days of helping in the move from the Working Men's Club up to the Pavilion.

Our trustees are striving to take complete ownership of both field and pavilion in the new year, and at this point in time everything is with the solicitors. It will be a great day when we are the new trustees in the full meaning of the word, and we are sure to celebrate any news we have with you all, so watch this space.

Our first objective on completion of ownership is to start to improve and redecorate the interior - it is looking a bit tired at the moment especially when viewed against the smarter exterior. We do need to address the roof

insulation and the showers (which are in need of some TLC). Some refurbishment to the bar and kitchen areas is also on the agenda and of course some smartening up of the main room.

All this takes time and the trustees are always looking out for new volunteers to help, if you would like to come and be a part of it all please contact Eric Atkinson, telephone No. 01728830497, who is Chair of the trustees. One enjoyable way to support us is by coming to our 'Sunday Lunchtime drinks and nibbles', These will be on selected Sunday's during July and August and are advertised on the village notice boards. We also hope to restart our Car Boot Sales when the weather turns warmer, one good reason to come up to that is for Mick Sturmeys' legendary bacon butties, DELICIOUS!

We are always looking for new groups to make our pavilion their 'home' and welcome any enquiries about using either ground or pavilion or both. This year we have welcomed the croquet club who have taken over from where the bowls club used to be. They seem very settled and have joined in with the other groups when we have had events such as the Classics at the Pavilion. Many people enjoyed their 'taster session' of croquet and I'm sure their membership will increase as the 2017 season gets started. So, don't be a stranger, come up and see us and join in with the village events we will be putting on in 2017.

May I on behalf all the trustees of the Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground CIO take this opportunity of wishing everyone in Thorpeness and Aldringham:

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sue Atkinson - secretary

Thorpeness Cricket Club 2016 Season

Thorpeness Cricket Club has experienced something of a breakthrough this year in that fielding a full team has become remarkably easier than hitherto. This results from finding players with commitment. The team is competitive but not so much so that enjoyment is obscured. We played 7 matches, won 1 and 3 were close.

We've made improvements to the net and the wicket. There were practises at 2pm on Sundays which still continue through the winter, and during the season we practised on Tuesday evenings too. Our cricket nets are free and open to all

The grass on the field has been kept short this year thanks to the efforts of Ian and Peter Willett and also Mick Sturmeys driving the Pavilion's recently acquired mower.

Anyone interested in playing can contact Francis Byrne 07775 791441 or byrneengineering@uwclub.net.

Classic Vehicle Rally Sunday August 28th 2016

In all, 67 classic cars were on show as well as tractors, 20 motorcycles, and a traction engine. Their dates ranged from the 1930s to the 1980s. The event was run in conjunction with a car boot sale (opening at 8am), at which there were more sellers than usual. We had a

bouncy castle, table football by the Pavilion and a clothes stall.

It's so heartening to see people enjoying this attractive and spacious location. It's important everyone sees what the Pavilion and Sports Ground has to offer as it is, after all, our only community-run facility.

We had a significant increase in visitors and exhibitors over last year and we were luckier with the weather, which of course is vital. People were enjoying themselves, and that's the necessary ingredient for future growth. The event raised £250 towards upkeep and improvement of these facilities from donations, sales of burgers, hot dogs, bacon rolls, tea, coffee and the bar.

The organisers would like to encourage other people (as well as those connected with running a club at the Pavilion) to get involved by, for example, running a stall either selling or exhibiting a collection of some kind. The Croquet Club ran an open day to encourage the uninitiated to have a try. This is just the kind of diverse 'something for everyone' activity that we need to aid participation and enjoyment.

Next year our Classic Vehicle Rally is Sunday August 27th – car boot from and Classic Vehicles from 10am.

If you have ideas for a stall or would like to help out in some way then do get in touch with Francis Byrne on 07775 791441

Francis Byrne - trustee

Thorpeness Croquet Club

If you can hit a ball, want some exercise without too much exertion and enjoy a bit of a mental challenge, croquet could be the game for you. Now there is somewhere nearby to play it.

Thorpeness Croquet Club has just completed its successful first season on the Ogilvie Pavilion Sports Ground.

We inherited flat, level lawns which we have maintained to provide an ideal playing surface. Our membership is growing and, as well as regular club sessions, we have hosted a number of tournaments over the year.

Croquet is an increasingly popular sport enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. The Club provides all the equipment you need to get started plus free advice and coaching.

We have our own club house, ample free parking and access to the Pavilion.

New members are always welcome and we offer two free taster sessions before you decide whether you want to join.

If you would like more information please visit -

www.thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net

or contact:

Patrick Skinner 01728 603254 suffolkskinner@gmail.com

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If you wish to use the Pavilion or Sports Ground for a meeting, function or event please contact Wendy Sturmeay 01728 452586 or Alan Biddlecombe 01728 453302.

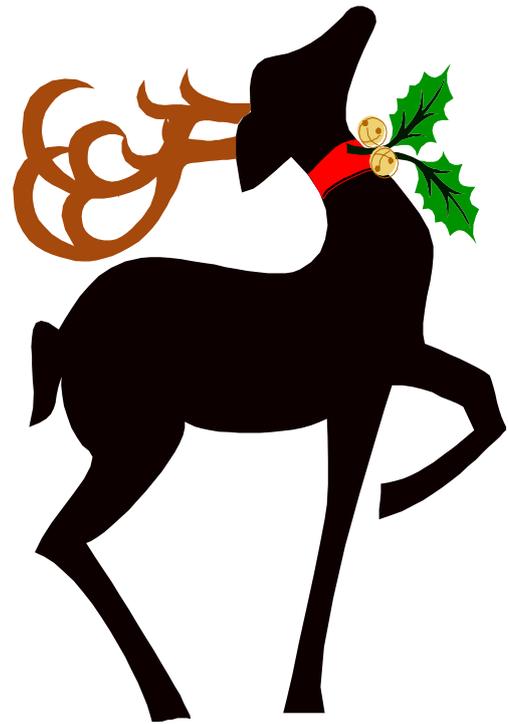
For further details of all the events and more visit our website <http://thorpenessclub.btck.co.uk>

Aldringham - Carols on the Green

*You are Invited to The Annual Carol Singing
Around the Tree on Aldringham Green on*

**THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER
AT 6PM**

*We are to be joined by the choirs of St Andrew's and
Coldfair Green School to celebrate the beginning of
Christmas*



*Afterwards, we are welcomed by Sheila Fleming at
The Parrot and Punchbowl for a convivial glass and
a mince pie*

*All gifts of mince pies are most welcome. Please deliver to Jill Hubbard
830778, Christine Laschet 833662 or to the Parrot on the evening
just before the Carols. Or ring above number so they can be collected.*

Thank you

Retiring Collection for The Children's Society

The Sluice Cottage – A Brief History

The earliest reference I could find to the sluice cottage area is from John Kirby's book 'Suffolk': his Maps and Road book. Dated 1736. He reports that a 'great sluice' was located near to the mouth of the River Hundred but no cottage was mentioned

Between 1826 - 46 However it was clear that there was a cottage in that area, with a large black windmill standing nearby, positioned to drain the Aldeburgh Meare.

In more recent times I understand the cottage's last occupant was a Mr. Tom White and his wife, living there around the 1960s.

Tom, it was said, was to be seen regularly pushing a large water butt on wheels to Aldeburgh for a refill, the cottage not being connected to the mains water supply Today it is unclear as to the future of Sluice Cottage which remains in a derelict state

Mick Sturme - (Committee Member)
Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group

(Mick carried out a lot of research into the history of the whole parish for the Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in, and it made a fascinating display – ed)

***A Seasonal Scene over Thorpeness Meare
Which comes with good wishes and buckets of cheer
For a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!***



USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Eric Atkinson	Chairman	01728 830497
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County Councillor

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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:

<u>Aldringham</u> - Tony Woods -	01728 832043
(for Chandlers Way, Mill Hill and Mill Lane, and West Hill)	
Aldringham – Maria Chapman-Beers	
Email 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> - 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,	
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Thorpeness Croquet Club

Angela Clark	07851 780 842
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Good Neighbours Group

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Local Heritage Group

Mrs S Atkinson	01728 830497
"Logwood", Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham	

Rainbow Tots

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

Tea & Toast

Mrs E Tipping	01728 454165
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Thorpeness Cricket Club

Mr F Byrne	01728 830834
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Connecting Communities Transport

	01728 635938
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WHAT'S ON – Dec 2016 to March 2017

December	Place	Event
Throughout month	Various	Sizewell C Stage 2 consultations see District Council website for full details
Fri 2 nd	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Village Christmas Party
Sun 4 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	2 nd Sunday of Advent Service
Weds 7 th 10.30 – 12 noon	The Kitchen, Thorpeness	Good Neighbours volunteers' coffee morning
Sun 11 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Sun 11 th 4pm	By Thorpeness Boathouse	Carols by the Meare with Salvation Army Band
Weds 14 th 8pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Fun Christmas Quiz*
Thurs 15 th 6pm	Aldringham Green	Carols around the Christmas Tree and mince pies
Sun 18 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	Carol Service
Weds 21 st 9pm	Parrot and Punchbowl	Music Night with Alvar and Friends
Fri 23 rd times below	Thorpeness and Aldringham	Mobile Library
Sat 24 th	Throughout area	Trade Waste collected as normal
Sat 24 th 11.30pm	St Lawrence Knodishall (for all)	First Communion of Christmas
Sun 25 th 8am	St Andrew's Church	Holy Communion BCP
Sun 25 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	Holy Communion CW
Mon 26 th		BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 27 th		BANK HOLIDAY (Xmas Day substitute day)
Tues 27 th	As applicable throughout Parish	Substitute Bin Collection for normal Monday service
Weds 28 th – 30 th	Ditto	All bin collections one day later than normal
Sat 31 st	Throughout area	Trade Waste Collected as normal
Sat 31 st	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Roaring 20s New Year's Eve Party
January		
Mon 2 nd		BANK HOLIDAY (New Year's Day substitute day)
Mon 2 nd	Throughout area	Bin collections resume on normal days
Wed 4 th		SCHOOL SPRING TERM BEGINS
Mon 9 th 7pm – 9.30	Parish Council	Tower Room
February		
Fri 3 rd	SIZEWELL	LAST DAY FOR RECEIPT OF SIZEWELL C STAGE 2 FEEDBACK FORMS
Mon 6 th 7pm - 9.30pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Parish Council
Mon 13 th		SCHOOL HALF TERM
Mon 20 th		SCHOOL BACK FOR 2ND HALF SPRING TERM
March		
Mon 6 th 7pm-9:30pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Parish Council Meeting
Weds 15 th	Time and Venue tbc	Bill Crow's art lectures begin
Fri 31 st		SCHOOL TERM ENDS

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.

*Quizzes take place fortnightly in Thorpeness Almshouses Tower Room (Pavilion when weather improves) at 8pm