

Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell

Newsletter



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Season's Greetings



Please, Mr Postman...

Sammy and Freddy Downing from Benhall, whose dad Mike works in The Dolphin, were among a number of excited children who wrote letters to Father Christmas and then received a gift from the man himself while attending the Christmas Fair at the pub on November 25th. The Fair raised around £1,000 – a fantastic sum – including £356 from the cake stall. The proceeds will be divided between The Heritage Group and St Andrew's Church. Congratulations to the tireless volunteers, and huge thanks to David for lending the premises.

While on the subject of communication...

In her most recent newsletter, our MP Therese Coffey has addressed the continuing problem of poor phone signals in our area, suggesting Android mobile phone users help Ofcom by taking part in a crowdsourced research project. By downloading a Mobile Research App you help them understand how mobile networks perform across the UK with a focus on your local area. This is particularly important in rural Suffolk, as Ofcom checks to ensure that 02 are fulfilling their licence obligation to provide 4G indoors coverage to 98% of UK premises by the end of this year and that the four UK mobile network operators provide 90% UK landmass coverage by the same date. For more information and to download the App go to:- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/coverage/ofcom-mobile-research-app>

Parish Council Update

Parish Councillors

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Parish Council News to November 2017

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The feasibility study to investigate the practicability of providing affordable housing within our parish, particularly in Thorpeness, has now started with early discussions having taken place with SCDC and Natural England. This is to understand the implications of building in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Once sufficient information is available it is planned to carry out an information event as part of the Neighbourhood plan development process.

Parish Matters

Over the last couple of months, we have had a good interest in the two vacancies on the Parish Council and we hope to fill them soon. There is still opportunity to get involved with the Neighbourhood Plan so if you feel you would like to contribute please give me a call or talk to one of the other councillors or a member of the NP team. We are still waiting for the route of the around England coastal path to be published for consultation.

Planning

The parish council has dealt with ten planning applications since the last newsletter three of which were not supported. Details of the current applications can be found via the Parish Website which links through to SCDC's website. At a public information event in Leiston recently, Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) have

revealed their plans to bring ashore cables for two new windfarms; East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two. It is proposed the cables will come ashore somewhere between Sizewell and Thorpeness. There is also a requirement for two large onshore substations together with a National Grid substation, together they will take up a significant area of land. SPR have been asked to investigate possible sites for these buildings somewhere along the route of the grid lines, between Sizewell and the west of Knodishall. These three substations together with the cable routing which requires a 50m wide strip of land, could have a significant impact on our parish. We will be making comments on these general proposals. Look out for future consultation on any detailed proposals.

The area of land in Aldringham east of Aldeburgh Road and South of the driveway to Aldringham House, which was allocated for housing, has now been sold and we hope to have early engagement with the purchaser.

The SCDC Local Plan initial consultation period closed on 30th October. We together with a number of parishioners took the opportunity to respond, we now await the outcome and the next phase.

Dates of Meetings 2018

Monday 8th January
Monday 5th February
Monday 5th March (Annual Parish Meeting)
Monday 9th April
Monday 14th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)
Monday 18th June
Monday 30th July
Monday 3rd September
Monday 15th October
Monday 26th November

Please see our Parish Website for the latest information and confirmation of the venue (usually The Tower Room or The Pavilion, Thorpeness).

Eric Atkinson - Chairman

Windfarm substations – latest

At a rough head-count, there were 34 members of the public and five Parish Councillors at the Parish Council meeting on November 27th to hear a presentation from Joanna Young of Scottish Power Renewables and Phil Williamson of Royal Haskoning DHV (engineering and project management consultants) regarding the proposed three substations which they want to site somewhere between Sizewell and Thorpeness, presumably within the AONB.

There was considerable disquiet that very few people (and this includes Hopkins Homes, new owners of the Aldringham building land) were aware of the proposition, or of the drop-in sessions that took place in October and November at various local venues. In my role as Councillor, I suggested that subsequent consultations should be advertised with a house-to-house drop, which they agreed to consider.

The two large onshore substations will rise at their highest point to 21m – approximately three times the height of an average house, and cover a footprint of 190m x 190m.

You can view the plans on line at https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east_anglia_two.aspx which in turn will link you to the full scoping reports – East Anglia Two on its own runs to 554 pages. To view an actual example of the 50m swathe cut through countryside, if you ever travel into Ipswich the country route through Great Bealings and Tuddenham, work has been underway for months on the cables being laid from Bawdsey travelling east and north of Ipswich to the new substation at Bramford for East Anglia One.

Please make your views known to liaison officers erees@scottishpower.com and nberry@scottishpower.com and **PLEASE WATCH CAREFULLY** for further consultations, beginning in March and running into the summer.

Pippa McLardy – Parish Councillor

District Council Report

Dog control

Following consultation with town and parish councils, Suffolk Coastal District Council is replacing existing by-laws on dog control with Public Space Protection Orders. PSPOs provide a more effective and efficient way of dealing with non-compliance of rules regarding dogs through the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice rather than prosecution through the courts.

The FPNs will apply in instances such as the breach of restrictions on dogs in certain months on Aldeburgh and Thorpeness beaches, and the banning of dogs from fenced children's play areas and sensitive nature-reserve areas. It was recommended that Cabinet should NOT adopt the proposed PSPO concerning keeping dogs on leads (general provisions) following feedback from the consultation.

Woods Lane Woodbridge closure

Phase 2 of works at Woods Lane will run from 8th Jan to 13th April 2018 resulting in full closure of the road to facilitate the installation of 500 metres of sewer pipes and connections beneath the middle of the lane at a depth of two metres. Other utility companies will also make their own connections.

The diversion route can be seen on www.roadworks.org by changing the dates viewable and ensuring Road Works and Road Closures and Diversions layers are visible. For help using www.roadworks.org please see here: <https://www.elgin.org.uk/support>

Issues with the works should be directed to Bloor Homes on woodslanehighwayworks@bloorhomes.com

Issues with access or egress or closure/diversion signs should be directed to Palmer Traffic Management Ltd. 01473 834960 or info@thepalmergroup.co.uk

East Suffolk Report 2016-2017

The above report, which takes a snapshot of activities and outcomes in the last financial year, has now been published. The report reflects the Council's achievements against key projects and ambitions contained within the East Suffolk Business Plan. To read the report in full, visit: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/features/east-suffolk-report-2016-2017

Canvassers calling

Official canvassers are now calling on Suffolk Coastal residents who have not yet responded to their annual voter registration form issued to all individual households earlier this year. Residents are **legally required** to confirm or update the details of anyone at the address who is eligible to vote in the UK to ensure they remain registered to vote for future elections.

Over 88% of households have now responded, but 7,000 households are yet to reply, and these will be visited by an approved Suffolk Coastal canvasser.

Anyone concerned about the identity of a canvasser can contact Suffolk Coastal Customer Services on: 01394 383789.

Canvassers will never ask residents for money, and anyone claiming to be a canvasser who is asking for money should be reported to Suffolk Police by calling 101.

Residents are still able to respond to their form themselves, which will remove the need for a visit from a canvasser. The simplest way to respond is online, by text or by calling the free-phone number.

If there are no changes to be made, there are 4 different ways to confirm your details: -

- Go to www.elecreg.co.uk/suffolkcoastal
- Call free-phone 0808 284 1563
- Text 07537 410063
- Sign and return the form using the enclosed envelope

To change the details on your form

- Go to www.elecreg.co.uk/suffolkcoastal
- Amend, sign and return the form using the enclosed envelope

Applying for Universal Credit

New technology already in action at Felixstowe Citizen's Advice Bureau will soon be rolled out to Leiston CAB, making it easier for the public to apply for Universal Credit. The new public access terminal will be free to use for residents who don't have online access, and be available without appointment.

Universal Credit was introduced in May 2016 to simplify the benefits system and help ensure people are better off in work. It consists of a single monthly payment paid direct to the claimant, similar to a wage. Applications can only be made online and claimants must have an active email address and bank account. It replaces six 'legacy' benefits; Housing Benefit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance and

Employment Support Allowance. The full service is set to be rolled out across Suffolk Coastal from June 2018, after which any new claims for older-style 'legacy' benefits will become claims for Universal Credit instead. To find out more about Universal Credit visit :-

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/benefits/universal-credit/>

Women on Wheels event

The Women On Wheels event in Rendlesham, cancelled due to bad weather in October, has been rearranged for Sunday April 22nd. Women and girl cyclists of all ages and abilities are invited to take part in the event at Army Rock Barracks, Sutton, in support of the Suffolk Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal,

Suffolk Coastal Business and Community Awards

There's still time to nominate your favourite business or community project for the above awards. Categories this year focus on teamwork, growth, services to the community, health & wellbeing, customer service and tourism and more, and you have until January 5th to submit your nomination. Winners will be announced at a black-tie dinner on March 15th. Nominate now on: <http://scbca.co.uk/enter-now>

Constituency Reductions

Following a decision by Parliament to reduce the number of constituencies in the UK from 650 to 600, and to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal, the Boundary Commission for England is conducting the required review of all English constituencies. You can view the proposed changes and see other opinions online until 11 December 2017, with an easy-to-use interactive map allowing response to the consultation in minutes.

Cllrs T.J. Haworth-Culf and Maureen Jones

(The above precis is taken from a full report covering the wider area served by our two councillors. It is available to view in full through the PC).

Website

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 or, if you

don't have access to a computer, please phone me on 01728 830039

Louise Chadwick – website editor

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)

A little light music quiz – can you name and date the performers and when they first released the songs in the following headlines? No prizes, just for fun!!! Answers at the end of the newsletter.

With a Little Help From My Friends



Photo courtesy of Janey Blanchflower

Over the night of July 9th/10th, the Rural Coffee Caravan, so much enjoyed by many in Aldringham and Thorpeness on its summertime monthly visits, disappeared from the farm near Bury St Edmunds where it was stored behind two locked gates, and despite all efforts to trace it, was never seen again.

Project director Ann Osborn, who, with a team of volunteers, dispenses coffee, friendship and invaluable advice to people all over rural Suffolk, was devastated.

“ I spent almost a whole month in tears,” said Ann, “ at first out of rage, then later because of people’s generosity as donations began to flood in to buy a replacement”.

The Co-op put up an on-line crowdfunding site, and before long, donations began arriving. One was of £10,000, several more were £1,000 apiece. Local councillors allocated what they could from their locality budgets. Soon the team was in a position to start looking for a new caravan. Farnham Leisure supplied an ideal brand new replacement at a knock-down price, and the project was soon back on the road, but with bigger and better accommodation than before, which will allow people to sit inside in inclement weather.

Aldringham and Thorpeness did their part collecting £710 at the Country Club summer church services, and the cheque was presented to her by the Revd Mark Lowther when the caravan paid its monthly visit on October 11th. Although the new caravan was already in service, Ann said the money would go towards replacing crockery, uniforms, travel rugs etc.

“Out of this awful situation has come a huge wave of positivity and validation of what we are doing,” Ann said. “People wanted us back on the road as soon as possible, which just emphasizes how important they feel our work is.”

Coffee Caravan will convert to Coffee Pavilion in January when the service will come for the first time in winter to the Sports field on Wednesday 17th, again on February 21st and March 14th. Normal visits will resume in April.

Slip-Slidin’ Away

Are your slippers a health hazard, frankly? If so, you can take your worn down, sloppy slippers along to the January Coffee Caravan (meeting in the Pavilion on Ogilvie Sports Ground on January 17th) and exchange them for a new pair for free (while stocks last). Your new ones will be safe and sturdy and designed to prevent slips, trips and broken hips (that should be a song title!).

Walking Back To Happiness

Smuggler’s ramble helps hurricane-hit children

Fifty or so good souls and true braved the wilds of gorse and fens to participate in the first Smugglers Charity Walk from The Dolphin to The Parrot and back on Saturday 28th October. The aim was to raise funds for (and, hopefully, the spirits of) children made homeless by the hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean islands this year.

The two pubs did us proud. We started with bacon butties at The Dolphin and souped heartily with The Parrot. In all we raised £581 for UNICEF Children in the Caribbean Appeal. Even Mike Trapp, in his 80s and suffering from severe macular degeneration which leaves him with only peripheral vision, made the five mile round trip with Sylvia Halliday’s dog Flora.

In fact dogs and children were enormously welcome and there was nothing more gratifying than to see a great line of walkers and pets across the field towards Church Farm looking happy in the morning sunshine. The event was a huge success and it is hoped to stage it as an annual affair with the next Smugglers Charity Walk planned for September 2018.

To cap it all Kay Abbot won the ‘Best Bandana’ prize of a bottle of brandy with her fabulous millinery extravaganza, coupled of course with a parrot on her shoulder. Walking Back to Happiness, as trilled by Helen Shapiro in 1961, will be a long time coming for the kids in Dominica, the British Virgin Islands and St. Marten, etc., whose fragile homes and schools have been destroyed. But let’s hope the funds raised here and elsewhere make for a small step forward towards recovery.

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

Clean Up Your Own Back Yard

Bill's Beach and Village Clean 2018

(and who's responsible for all that litter?)

No news from Bill is complete without mention of the next Thorpeness Annual Beach and Village Clean, which will take place on Good Friday March 30th, gathering at The Dolphin at 10.30.

(Incidentally, our MP Therese Coffey says in her latest newsletter that she is the Minister responsible for litter ... what, all of it? She'd best come and give us a hand then! Ed)

King of Spades



Russell Cooper, our local clearance super-hero, received a small token of appreciation from the Parish Council – a shovel he was particularly keen on – from Aldringham Parish Councillor Alan Williams. It was Russell together with Robert Clarke and his family, locally known as the Leiston Chain Gang, who carried out the clearance work last year to Aldringham Lane pathways and hedges. More recently, Russell himself took on the pathways to Aldeburgh Road. He's always glad of a chat or a cup of tea and a biscuit, so if you see him hard at work, do stop and say hello. Without his efforts we'd all be a lot more grassed, brambled and hung-over (even without any Christmas cheer). A thousand thanks, Russell. You are the King of Spades!

Thanks for the Memory

Hetty Hanch's shop

There are a good many people in the Parish who still recall, with a smile, Hetty Hanch's shop in the Dunes area of Thorpeness, which probably first opened in the 1940s. Hetty lived in one of the South Cottages in the Dunes. A little lady with metal rimmed glasses, her shop consisted of one small room containing a large table and numerous boxes of stock, which spread all over the table, around the room, and up the stairs. This gave the appearance of chaos, but Hetty knew exactly where everything was.

During warmer months, pots of tea were sold from a small table in front of the shop. Sweets, tobacco and general haberdashery were on offer, but Hetty was renowned for expecting (or even requiring) politeness from her customers, especially children. When they wanted sweets, Hetty would form a newspaper cone to contain them. One anxious mother insisted her daughter only bought individually wrapped sweets as the shop had no running water and Hetty's hands might not always have been as clean as they could have been. A memory from another shopper in need of a piece of elastic, was of Hetty stretching it out before measuring it – keeping a close eye on profit margins, obviously!

Hetty lived to 88 (she died in 1962) and, in later years, used a magnifying glass to identify the coins paid to her. She is, without doubt, one of the memorable characters contributing to the history of this special place.

Mick Sturme - Committee Member - TAHG

Local Groups

St Andrew's Church

Busy times ahead.....

No one could ever say we at St. Andrew's let the grass grow under our feet (except when it's in the churchyard, of course!) and the next few weeks are no exception. The run up to Christmas can be exhausting for both young and old alike, and sometimes a few moments of peace and quiet are all we crave. If you can empathise with what you have just read then why not slip away from all the seasonal mayhem and take some time out? Maybe take a walk in the winter sunshine - being out in the good Suffolk air could be just the restorative tonic you need - and if, by chance, that walk takes you near and around our lovely church then so much the better.

When I read the remarks left by visitors I note how many people have 'accidently' come across the church whilst walking on the fens, they comment on the tranquility of the place and the wonderful ambience of both the church building and the surrounding area. To encourage more people to come and stay awhile, we will soon be placing more benches in the churchyard, especially in our newly acquired plot and it is hoped that more of you will come and take some time out to relax and enjoy our lovely surroundings whatever the time of year.

If, however, you would like something a little less quiet during the next few weeks then why not come to one of our special Christmas services. We start off our Advent season on Sunday 3rd. DECEMBER at 6pm with a CANDLELIT ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Come and see the church decked out in greenery and lit solely by candles Sunday 10th DECEMBER at 11.00am for the second of our Advent services Sunday 17th DECEMBER at 11.00am for our TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE Sunday 24th DECEMBER at 11.30pm for our 'FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS' And on the great day itself Monday 25th DECEMBER at 11.00am our CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION For real traditional outside celebrations, come and join us at: Thorpeness Meare on Sunday 10th December at 4.00pm for an evening of carols and readings led by The Ipswich Salvation Army Band and on Mill Hill Aldringham for carols round the Christmas tree on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm, lead by the Rev'd Mark Lowther followed by refreshments in the Parrot. These annual events are firm favourites with all who come and seem to get more popular every year; just remember to wrap up warmly and bring a torch.

For us at St. Andrew's we will also be celebrating as we go into 2018 by being a part of the ALDE SANDLINGS BENEFICE. For many years, we were part of a three church group (The Whinlands Benefice) along with Friston and Knodishall. Now we have joined with the church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Aldeburgh to become this new four church Benefice and are looking forward to even closer links with our sister churches in the future.

I would like on behalf of the Rev'd Mark Lowther, the clergy and all the PCC to take this opportunity to wish every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Sue Atkinson - St. Andrew's Parochial Church Committee

The Friends of St Andrew's Church



The Friends of St. Andrew's Church held a Cake Stall in the Leiston Co-op Solar Store in August. The Committee was very pleased with the support we received and the many cakes donated. We would like to thank all those kind people who made cakes for our stall. The sum of £131 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund.

The Quiz Night held on the 17th November at Knodishall Village Hall was an enjoyable social evening with eight teams taking part. The sum of £289 was raised for the Fabric Fund. Thank you all who helped in any way; Revd. Christine Brooks who set and asked the questions, our Scorer Mary Rolf, those who set up the hall and helped clear away afterwards, the Kitchen crew and those who contributed to the preparation and serving of the

food. Thanks also go to the teams taking part in our Quiz night.

The Friends' Committee would like to thank all those who have supported the Friends' events over the past year. We appreciate the time, cakes, draw prizes and items to sell which you donate to our fund raising events.

Events in 2018.

Quiz Night at Knodishall Village Hall Friday 16th March and Friday 16th November 2018. Teams of six maximum. Bridge Drive at Aldeburgh Church Hall Monday 23rd April 2018.

To take part in the above events you will need to pre-book. Please contact me, Anne Norton.

Saturday 5th May, Coffee Morning in the Church from 10am – 12noon.

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:-

Revd. Sheila Hart (Chairperson), Mrs Anne Norton (Membership Secretary), Mrs Angela Chandler (Treasurer), Mrs Fiona Gimson, Mrs Budge Little, Mrs Janet Poll.

Mrs. Anne Norton Membership Secretary.

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ImpACT (Aldringham Community Team)

Aldringham Common

Summer has been a quiet time for the members of ImpACT, what with holidays and other distractions. Work has continued on Aldringham Common and now all footpaths and thoroughfares are fully open for walkers. The bracken has been cut back and there was a great display of heather. We will aim to keep this amenity in check in the coming year, so many thanks to all volunteers, including Council members, who helped.

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Centenary

As we will all probably know this year was the centenary of the death of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson - the pioneer of Women's Medicine and the first woman to qualify as a physician and surgeon.

To celebrate this, one of our members, Jill Hubbard, wrote a musical play, 'The Charge of the Parasols', which was performed at the Long Shop over two nights in October. The play charted Elizabeth Garrett's life, from her upbringing and early years in her father's pawnshop in Whitechapel, through her struggles to be accepted as a medical student to her success in founding the London School of Medicine for Women. The cast, with ages ranging from seven to 80, was drawn mostly from Aldringham and Thorpeness, many taking multiple roles and included ImpACT members. The production was rehearsed over a six month period and the music and acting was outstanding. Both nights at the Long Shop were sold out and the performances were a triumph for all. Over £1,000 was raised for the museum.

Look out for future productions next year. Well done Jill and her cast !

Christmas Carols on the Green

As Christmas comes round, we are delighted to announce the Annual Carols on the Green will be held on December 12th with mince pies and mulled wine at the Parrott afterwards. All are invited and we hope to top our record attendance of last year. Carols should start at 6.00pm and will be led by Reverend Mark Lowther.

We look forward to seeing everyone and wish you all a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Aldeburgh Photographic Group

Accomplished photographer and Thorpeness Resident Roger Searle is keen to encourage more participants from Thorpeness and Aldringham to join the Aldeburgh club as it moves to a new venue and develops its programme. He writes:-

“A few years ago a group of local like-minded people, who were keen to share their photography and experiences with other people, formed the Aldeburgh Photographic Group. The club has thrived, with activities ranging from talks by well-known professionals, to presentations by group members on a range of subjects. We have had field sessions, including chartering a boat on the River Ore one evening and an evening session round the Martello Tower, simply trying things out in a relaxed atmosphere. The great thing is that all the people on the trips want to be there taking pictures and don't have to worry about friends and family trying to hurry them along to the nearest coffee bar!

Since the beginning, the Group has met in The Community Hall in Aldeburgh. However, from January 2018 we are moving to the Library. The general feeling is that this will provide a more intimate (and quieter) environment, which will encourage more interaction between members, rather than the current “theatre style” set-up that we use.

So why am I writing this? Well the Group has reached a crossroads in its evolution. As with all clubs of this type, there comes a time when the members need to take stock and decide what they want to get out of the meetings and outings. For example, competitions have never featured, but some members might wish to hold one, maybe once or twice a year. There is a good spread of experience in the club, as is there a range of equipment that people use. Added to this the new venue, it is a great opportunity to come along to the AGM at The Library, on Wednesday 17th January 2018 (7:30pm) and be in at the beginning of this next chapter. Apart from Aldeburgh itself, there are people from various local villages and we could certainly benefit from increasing our Parish representation. The likelihood is that the Club night will continue on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, plus other dates to be agreed, for things like field trips, outings etc. New people with different ideas, a range of perspectives is always good.

The important thing is that whatever your skill levels or interests in Photography, you will NOT feel intimidated, as, by its nature, the club has and will continue to provide, something for everyone and, at the end of the day, the Club IS its members! If you feel that you would like to talk a bit more about what you might get out of the club, or

just find out more information about APG, please do contact me

Thanks, and I hope to see some of you on club nights in the future!”

Roger Searle 01728 451401 (please leave a message if I am not around, I will get back to you)

rogerpsearle@btinternet.com

Good Neighbours

Since August, Good Neighbours volunteers have carried out 39 recorded tasks, many of which involved transport, notably to medical facilities as far afield as Ipswich and Southwold. Other tasks included furniture moving, breaking in (on several occasions) when someone shut themselves out of their home, taking visa photos, befriending, and helping after a fall. We heartily welcome Brian Davies from Aldringham as a new volunteer, and look forward to getting to know him better at the volunteer's coffee morning on December 6th. The last GN community lunch in October was the best attended ever, and very much enjoyed by all. The next is pencilled in for February 9th at the Dolphin, Thorpeness.

If you have a small task you would like help with, or if you would like to become a Good Neighbour, call us on

07521 047 843

Pippa McLardy - Chairperson

Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group



We at TAHG (Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group) have had our most successful year so far; our membership has increased, our fundraising has gone up and our future is looking even more secure as we get to grips with developing our small visitors' centre next year.

For those of you who came to the Thorpeness fete in August we exhibited our plan for a small visitors' centre to be situated in the car park, alongside the existing fishermen's huts. Parish Councilors Eric and Maureen have been badgering Suffolk Coastal District Council throughout the year to complete the lease and things finally seem to be moving on. We have also been bowled over by David James at The Dolphin who has offered to raise funds for us over the Christmas and New Year period. He particularly wanted to raise enough money to pay our legal fees for the proposed visitors' centre. We don't know how much these fees will finally be but they could be as much as £3,000. As well as giving us half the proceeds of the Christmas Fair he will be passing the collecting bucket around the pub during all his seasonal events, so please support us and David by participating and enjoying everything he is organising. We are so lucky to have supporters such as David and his staff who do so much for us and the whole village in general.

The committee are already organising a series of events for 2018, along with the ever popular talks, an existing TAHG member has offered to host a 'Drinks by the

Meare' party for us in summer 2018, I'm not going to say who, or exactly when it will happen BUT if you want to have a chance to join in the fun in a beautiful setting you just may have to consider becoming a member! Not too onerous a task, all you have to do is email me on membership@tahg.org.uk and I will email you a membership form to fill in OR, if you prefer contact Elizabeth Tipping, 5, Peace Place, or the village shop for a membership form. The cost for a year is £5 for a single, or £10 for a couple/family, and from now on we can also offer A Life membership at £50 single or £100 for a couple/family. "What do I get for that?" I hear you ask, Well for that small sum I will email you a newsletter twice a year full of articles and give you priority notice of any of our ticketed events, and as these are nearly always a sell-out it's certainly worth becoming a member so you don't miss out.

We are also, like other interest groups, always looking for some more of you good folk to join our committee, we don't agree with 'pressing people', or 'embarrassing you' into coming on board, but why not give us a try and come and join us? We are focused on sharing with everyone in both Aldringham, Thorpeness and the surrounding area facts and memories of this wonderful and unique place. Through the articles and recorded oral histories from locals and visitors we aim to capture this information and make it available for everyone to share and enjoy., hence the need for a visitors' centre. We also make sure we have a good time doing it as well which is just as important.

For all of you who already support us we send our heartfelt thanks, we hope we can count on your support in the future. For those who are contemplating joining us we look forward to seeing you.

We wish you all the joy of the season and for a Happy New Year in 2018.

Sue Atkinson, Membership secretary.

The Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

It is our great pleasure to inform you all that we have formally started the process of transferring the assets from the Ogilvie Trust to the new charity. Now the hard work begins! The discussions of what we build and what we renovate can start in earnest, and by the time you read this article we should have had our own trustees meeting where this will all be initiated. It is our aim to provide a facility for the whole community to use - something the village sadly doesn't have at the moment. The new charity is composed of members of the community and the present user groups, and they will all have a say in what we do. No one group will take precedence over another, and all decisions will be by majority vote. The new trustees will be organising a celebration to which the whole area will be invited along with members of the press. We want to make it a very high profile event where the retiring Trust will publicly hand over ownership to the new Charity, and of course we want you to be there as well to make it a real celebration. Notices of time and date of this event (the where is obvious) will be well-advertised, so do please come along if you can.

Looking back, we have had a very successful summer this year. Many of you came to our Sunday lunchtime drinks and nibbles during July and August, something we hope to continue during 2018. Our 'Classics at the Pavilion' on Bank holiday Sunday was a tremendous success this year, due in no small part to the glorious weather but also to the many of you who either exhibited your classic vehicle or who just turned up to enjoy the day. Thank you so much for your support. Thoughts are already underway for next year's event and we hope to add even more attractions for your enjoyment. The pavilion building is seeing the usual winter slow-down in its use, and during this time we hope to make a good start on some of the improvements, a spot of decorating and smartening up will hopefully have been undertaken and by spring it should look a lot smarter inside. One event which will take place during December is the Christmas talk and celebration by the Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group (TAHG). Many of you are members so I hope to see you then.

So now all that remains for me to do on behalf of the Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground Trustees is to wish you all

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sue Atkinson - secretary

Thorpeness Cricket Club 2017 Season

Kings Head, Orford v Thorpeness 20/20 cricket match **27th July 2017**

Sudbourne Hall cricket ground is situated in a rural idyll - encircled by woods and fields and with a pavilion positioned at right angles to the wicket and sitting higher, affording a commanding view over the field of play. The tranquillity of the scene is punctuated by strange looking propeller aircraft skimming the treetops going into land at nearby RAF Woodbridge.

Half the battle in running a team is playing matches against teams whose skill level and attitude are similar, which makes for a thoroughly enjoyable and exciting match. Those criteria are met when we play the Kings Head, Orford. The desire to win shouldn't take precedence over all considerations.

The visitors Thorpeness, were offered to bat the first innings which they enthusiastically accepted.

The match was played on Astroturf so as not to disfigure the first teams' wicket. The surface was smooth from years of use which gave the ball on impact a skid-on tendency, and with concrete underneath the ball bounced faster and higher than grass - a highly contrasting surface to play on compared to grass.

Sterling contributions from Thorpeness by Rob Thornton 25 (retired), Rupert Heelis 25 (retired) Gib Byrne 19 ; the innings culminating in 91 for 6.

The Kings Head innings was restrained by mainly line and length bowling from Thorpeness. Bowling was limited to 3 overs per bowler for both sides.

Rupert Heelis took 2 wickets for 8 runs and Kevin Sparrow 2 wickets for 10 runs. Nick Goldsmith scored 15 and Gary Wingrove 12. Kings Head innings gained momentum towards the end with Deano and Stuart Moss at the crease who both scored 10 not out but hadn't

sufficient deliveries to power Kings Head to victory, despite usually being the tail that wags the dog.

The weather was kind as the rain that had threatened all day held long enough to allow Thorpeness to win by 15 runs.

Anyone wanting to play cricket next year or winter nets 1pm Sundays can contact:

Francis Byrne - 07775 791441 - or email byrneengineering@uwclub.net.

Thorpeness Croquet Club

Offers Association and Golf Croquet. If you would like information please visit :-

www.thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net or contact: Colin Hart colinhart101@btinternet.com or Andrew Paris andrewparis@tiscali.co.uk 01728 833673

Thirty five years of local Talking Newspaper

Thorpeness resident Evelyn Rumsby has run the Leiston and District Talking Newspaper for more than 27 years and here relates how her husband formed the charity nearly 35 years ago.

"Leiston and District Talking Newspaper was set up as a Charity for blind and partially-sighted people by my late husband, Ron, in 1983. Money was provided by East Suffolk Association for the Blind, Saxmundham and District Rotary Club, local Lions and Round Table groups. He formed a committee to help set up purchase of necessary equipment and find readers and listeners, and made an arrangement with Royal Mail for free postage of our weekly wallets.

Ron died in 1987, and a colleague very kindly offered to take over the running of the "newspaper", but he probably underestimated the weekly commitment, and when I learned in 1990 that it was becoming almost non-existent, I realised that I had time to take it over. At that time we were recording weekly on cassettes, but of course the time came with changes in technology - machines to accommodate cassettes no longer available, so our system had to change to a programme on computer, and cassettes becoming memory sticks. A few hiccups, but good so often comes from bad, a visit needed to each listener with a new machine, and explaining our new system which is very simple. We are now a team of three - I take news from the East Anglian Daily Times, reading for approximately 30 mins and my sister - Joan Smith, and Sydney Graham alternate their weeks with short stories, articles etc. We do not profess to be professional - my "studio" can be anything from my bedroom, sitting room, conservatory or garden, and I always begin with "chatter" and an update on various amusing happenings before reading news - this seems to be the favourite part! We are currently sending out 28 memory sticks to Leiston, Aldeburgh, Saxmundham and surrounding villages - this fluctuates with "comings and goings" of people. We have very positive feedback, and we all enjoy our contribution.

If you have difficulty reading newspaper print, or know of somebody in this situation, do give us a try. For many living on their own, we are a friendly voice chatting to them each week. There is absolutely no cost involved. Please do contact me and please leave a message if I am not available."

Evelyn Rumsby 01728 453579 evelynrumsby@aol.com

Classic Vehicle Rally Sunday 27th August 2017

We were blessed with a fine day for our 3rd rally with no prospect of any wet stuff.

By 10am the official opening time there were already several classics in situ with a gentle stream of arrivals. The day continued in that vein with four rows of classic cars stretched half way down the field approaching 50 motorcycles, three tractors and topped off with a steam road roller. There were some stunning vehicles including a Brooklyn Bentley- perhaps the most classic of all - and a good variety of vehicles spanning the decades. Good mix of people too from all walks of life!

The car boot was well attended and provided another aspect to the event. There was a plant stall too which is just the kind of home grown craft we like to encourage.

It was all hands to the pumps for the trustees, providing refreshments etc and they would like to thank all those who made the effort to come. For the first time for many years the field was enlivened by the level of social activity. The trustees raised a surprising £1000 which will go towards upkeep of the field and Pavilion.

Our aim is to provide the local community with sport and other activities and so it was marvellous to see the community responding in such numbers.

If you have ideas for a stall or would like to help out in some way then do get in touch with:

Francis Byrne – trustee - as above

Rifle Club

Work on the range is now coming along nicely on the Ogilvie Sports Ground. To date, we have spent over £9,000.00 of club money, grants and money raised since the beginning of this project. To finish the range will require a little over £4,000.00.

The electrics are all on, the insulation and inside cladding which has to be 27mm high quality ply wood which has been difficult to obtain and costs £60 per sheet and we require 60 sheets. We have obtained 40 so far and at present being installed. This will bring the containers up to Home Office requirements. There will be other small jobs to do and we hope to be shooting as long as it is passed by the Home Office Inspector for the Suffolk Summer League which starts in May. When the range is finished we will be looking for some new members.

Tony Ralph srarsax109@hotmail.co.uk

Uppen About quiz answers:-

With a little help from my friends	The Beatles	1967;
Slip-slidin' away	Simon and Garfunkel	1977;
Walking back to Happiness	Helen Shapiro	1962

Clean up your own Back Yard	Elvis Presley	1969;
King of Spades	Dare	1988;
Thanks for the memory	Bob Hope and Shirley Ross	1938

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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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
 (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

Non-emergency health problems advice 111

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

Andrew Paris	01728 833673
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Good Neighbours Group

Chairperson Pippa McLardy	07521 047843
	01728 454565

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

Mr F Byrne Email: byrneengineering@uwclub.net	01728 830834
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Connecting Communities Transport	01728 635938
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Non-emergency police line 101

WHAT'S ON – Dec 2017 to March 2018

December	Place	Event
Sun 3 rd 6pm	St Andrew's Church	Candlelit Advent Carol Service
Weds 6 th 10.00 – 12 noon	The Kitchen, Thorpeness	Good Neighbours volunteers' coffee morning
Fri 8 th	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Village Christmas Party
Sun 10 th 4pm	By Thorpeness Boathouse	Carols by the Meare with Salvation Army Band
Weds 13 th 8pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Fun Christmas Quiz*
Tues 12 th 6pm	Aldringham Green	Carols around the Christmas Tree and mince pies
Thurs 14 th	Dolphin Thorpeness	John's Famous Christmas Quiz
Fri 15 th	Dolphin Thorpeness	Christmas Party Night with Live Music
Sun 17 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	Carol Service
Fri 22 nd times below	Thorpeness and Aldringham	Mobile Library
Sun 24 th	Dolphin Thorpeness	Christmas Eve Bash
Mon 25 th 8am	St Andrew's Church	Holy Communion BCP
Mon 25 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	Holy Communion CW
Tues 26 th		Boxing Day BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 26 th	Dolphin Thorpeness	Open for lunch
Sun 31 st	The Dolphin Thorpeness	New Year's Eve Party "Celebrating Broadway"
January		
Mon 1 st		BANK HOLIDAY
Wed 3 rd	Throughout area	SCHOOL SPRING TERM BEGINS
Mon 8 th 7 – 9.30	Tower Room Thorpeness	Parish Council
Wed 17 th 10.30	Pavilion Ogilvie Sports Ground	Coffee Caravan and Slipper Exchange
February		
Mon 5 th 7pm - 9.30pm	Tower Room	Parish Council
Fri 9 th 12 noon	Dolphin Thorpeness	Good Neighbours Community Lunch
Fri 9 th		SCHOOL HALF TERM Begins
Mon 19 th		SCHOOL BACK FOR 2ND HALF SPRING TERM
Weds 21 st	Pavilion Thorpeness	Coffee Caravan
March		
Mon 5 th 7pm-9:30pm	Tower Room	Annual Parish Meeting
Weds 14 th	Pavilion Thorpeness	Coffee Caravan
Fri 16 th	Knodishall Village Hall	Friends of St Andrew's Quiz Night
Thurs 29 th		SCHOOL TERM ENDS
Good Friday 30 th 10.30am	From the Dolphin Thorpeness	Annual Beach and Village Clean

The Mobile Library calls at Thorpeness Almshouses from 10.10am, Aldringham Ogilvie Homes from 9.45, Aldringham Church from 10.30, and Aldringham Mill Hill from 10.50 am. Each stop is 15 minutes.

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

Thorpeness Beach in Winter



To all parishioners in Aldringham cum Thorpe

Have a Joyful and Memorable Christmas,

and

The Happiest of New Years in 2018