

Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell Newsletter



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December 2019

Our '**Heritage Coast**' is now being dubbed '**The Energy Coast**'.
Including Sizewell C, we now have **SEVEN** major energy projects due to impact our area. Do not leave it too late to express your views. Find out more from local action groups here and online.



Bramford SPR windfarm substation, similar to those planned for Friston, is nearing completion

Aldringham resident Bill Halford has been supporting Friston's community group SASES in their fight against the enormous substations proposed by ScottishPower Renewables to be located on the edge of their village. The two cable routes for these could cut 35ft wide swathes through Thorpeness, Aldringham and Sizewell as well as surrounding parishes. Bill assists our Parish Council to understand the impact of this and the additional four windfarm projects, and in conjunction with SASES, outlines here what is coming next and what the public should do to make their views heard:-

East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) and East Anglia TWO (EA2)

SPR has submitted Development Consent Orders (DCOs) for each project to the Planning Inspectorate, which has now formally accepted them. The Planning Inspectorate now invites responses from interested parties.

DCO documents (35 boxes of them) will be lodged in designated local libraries and certain village halls. The same information will be available via the Planning Inspectorate and ScottishPower project websites. Look out for further publicity.

If you think you may be interested in making a representation, it is most important you register your interest NOW with the National Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in the "Sign up using email address" box on **both**

'Home' pages of the websites:-

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm>

and

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-two-offshore-windfarm>

If you decide to participate in the formal Planning Inspectorate examinations of the two applications, you will need to send a 'Relevant Representation' to the Planning Inspectorate, by completing a registration form. This will be made available on the same websites, where you can leave a summary of your views on the proposals/applications. You will probably need to do this for both EA1N and EA2 since they are two separate DCO applications.

We expect Planning Inspectorate to announce the deadline for return of initial representations to be a date in late January 2020.

SASES is arranging a public meeting in order to brief residents on the DCO's and on how to submit a valid representation: **2pm, Saturday 4th January 2020 in Friston Village Hall**. An invitation to this meeting is extended to interested residents living in Aldringham-cum-Thorpe parish.

National Grid Interconnector Holdings (NGIH) Interconnector Projects (Nautilus and Eurolink)

NGIH has started briefing local Town and Parish Councils on its forthcoming proposals for the NAUTILUS project - an Interconnector between Great Britain and Belgium. NGIH intends to provide an initial briefing to Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council in January 2020.

Both Nautilus and Eurolink (the next NGIH Interconnect project) are intended to import and export power between the UK and Europe. Each project will construct a converter station up to 26 metres high, occupying 12 acres and situated somewhere between Thorpeness / Sizewell beach and the energy complex at Friston referred to above. It will require its own cable routes and haul roads.

Galloper and Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farms

The Crown Estate has confirmed that extensions to Greater Gabbard and Galloper wind farm sites are to progress.

Bill Halford- Substations Action – Save East Suffolk (SASES) <http://sases.org.uk/>

Thorpeness Action Group Chairman Mike Trapp adds:-

“As most of you will know an application was made for the proposed windfarms on October 25 and the next phase is to wait for comments from the Inspectorate after which all interested parties will be informed and asked to make their own comments. If you are not registered then you must contact SPR at the following email addresses, eastangliaonenorth@scottishpower.com and eastangliatwo@scottishpower.com

You will then be contacted by SPR as to when comments can be made with regard to the planning application. It is important that the above are treated separately and any comments should be sent to both sources. We have been in constant contact with SPR over the recent months and will make further announcements when the final submission has been made.”

Parish Council Update Dec 2019

Parish Councillors

Maureen Jones Chair	01728 453915
Alan Williams Vice Chair	07802 175184
Eric Atkinson	01728 830497
Pippa McLardy	01728 454565
Brian Davies	01728 830938
Katherine Shadbolt	01728 451906
Shirley Tilbrook Parish Clerk	01728 830001

Parish Matters

The Parish Councillors over the last few months have been extremely busy dealing with:- flooding matters in both villages; planning, allotments, a new play space, and the new housing development in Aldringham and several meetings regarding ScottishPower Renewables, Sizewell C and now The Nautilus Project.

Allotments

The land for Allotments along Mill Hill in Aldringham is now being prepared and will then be separated up into plots ready for the new allotment holders who obviously cannot wait to start growing their own vegetables etc. Many thanks to Councillor Alan Williams for organising this project.

Aldringham Play Ground On Mill Hill Green

This project has now progressed and we now have a wonderful Play Space area for children. The project has

been led and managed by Mr Bill Seale and we wish to thank him for all his hard work and commitment.

Flooding - Thorpeness

After several weeks of disturbance and hard work along Old Homes Road the Flooding project has been now completed by Suffolk County Council (SCC) Highways Department. The area has been given new drainage channels, new drains and soakaway, new pathways and kerb stones, and all bare earth areas have been grass seeded and tidied up. UNFORTUNATELY, this has not solved the problem as once again the area has flooded and motor vehicles have had problems getting through. SCC has been informed and received photographs of the problems and we are waiting for them to get back to us. During the October storms, some properties did suffer severe flooding and we hope this will not happen again. We sympathise with the owners of these properties as this causes a lot of distress and is a horrible event to happen to your house and takes several weeks to sort out.

Bill Crow and I are holding discussions about tidying up the triangle and the area outside the new development. We will notify everyone when we need a working party to help, and we hope for your enthusiastic support.

Flooding - Aldringham

Unfortunately, the situation at the Parrot worsens each time we have heavy rain. SCC Highways have been and cleaned the drainpipes, but as quickly as they are cleared the pipes silt up again. The PC has held several meetings with Highways and a plan has been discussed with the help of a local Landowner, but so far this has not been progressed.

Chris Theabold from The Parrot is holding meetings to get this matter progressed.

Coastal Erosion

Erosion of the geobags and Gabions along the north end of the beach in Thorpeness is of great concern to local residents and visitors. We are continuing to see our beautiful cliffs and beach disappear due to the battering they get from wind and waves.

The PC are still waiting to hear from the Public consultation on Coastal Erosion held in the summer, by the East Suffolk Consultation Group which enabled everyone to comment on the alternative options for the future regarding protecting our fragile environment. Our unstable Cliffs are disappearing so please take heed when walking, dog walking and running in this area and abide by the notices advising not to walk by the cliff and to take the directed route away from the top of the cliff and avoid being anywhere near the bottom of the cliff.

Energy Projects

As you are all aware Scottish Power Renewables have now finished all consultations on East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia Two and submitted their application for Development Consent to the Planning Inspectorate on 25.10.2019. The application documents will be published on submission - hard copies will be deposited in a number of local locations in Suffolk.

If you wish to register to make comments to Scottish Power see above on where to do so. Don't forget, you need to register with both projects.

Scottish Power now has a brand new building in Lowestoft.

Mr Mike Trapp is leading the Group in Thorpeness and is in constant contact with SPR.

Mr Bill Halford who lives in Aldringham is very well-versed in the current energy issues and keeps us advised on latest updates from the energy companies involved, as well as strongly supporting the SASES campaign against the siting of the substations there

Nautilus Interconnector - We are still waiting for Martin Moran and his team to come to a meeting with the PC, two events have already been cancelled although we understand from other Parishes and Town Councils that visits have already taken place.

Further energy projects are Sizewell C and Galloper and Greater Gabbard expansions.

Galloper have already been offered offshore windfarm and onshore connections to the grid at Sizewell; this could mean another sub-station.

Parish Councillors have attended several meetings with Scottish Power Renewables and EDF on Sizewell C and have responded to their Consultations. A meeting was also held on Monday November 11th at Snape Maltings amongst several Parish and Town Councils regarding forming a combined group.

Neighbourhood Plan

We are now in the process of restarting the Neighbourhood Plan and have set a date for the 16th December 2019 to review the previous work before any new work is undertaken.

New Gas Main Thorpeness Road

The residents of Thorpeness are pleased to see that the works regarding the New Gas Main are proceeding in a timely fashion. We all understand what a big inconvenience this is to residents and visitors to Thorpeness alike and most people (residents) have abided by the signs.

Unfortunately, sometimes especially during the weekends suddenly NO ENTRY and DIVERSION signs seem to be ignored and people move signs and barriers and go along the route being worked on. The road is CLOSED and you

may meet a car head on with nowhere to go except backwards. This is extremely dangerous so please abide by the rules - just think what your insurance company would say if you had an accident when disobeying road signs.

Coffee Mornings at The Dolphin and The Parrot

The PC wishes to thank David and Kerry at The Dolphin and Chris at The Parrot for holding coffee mornings once a month for the parish. Tea and Coffee is served complete with Home Made Cake etc., all donations to local good causes.

The Parrot - 1st Tuesday of every Month at 10.30

The Dolphin - 1st Wednesday of every Month at 10 am
all proceeds taken at The Dolphin, David and Kerry donate to The Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group. A big Thank You

Reminder - Don't forget to use our Website.

PC Vacancies - We still have vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you are interested in joining the PC please contact the Parish Clerk, Shirley Tilbrook.

Maureen Jones - Chairperson AcT Parish Council

Aldringham Allotments

Good progress has been made preparing the plot. The majority of the hedge at the top of the site has been cut back. The bottom section of the plot has been turned over by machine and the quote for the new water supply has now been received.

Funding for the water supply approved by Parish Council at the meeting on 25/11/19. Our next steps will be to hire a digger to run over the plot and dig the trench for water pipes, install pipework and build locking boxes for the taps and then order the water supply from Essex and Suffolk Water. Once this work has been completed the plots can be released and the owners can start to utilise the land - Dig, plant, grow, eat ...

Planning

The parish council dealt with three planning applications in September and two planning applications in October, four of which were supported. Details of these and any current applications can be found via the Parish Website which links through to ESC's website.

The Parish Council and several local residents successfully challenged the proposed planting scheme for the 40 new dwellings currently being built by Hopkins & Moore on Aldeburgh Road. The original scheme showed all of the hedgerow at the front of the site being removed and replaced with a couple of trees and some bulbs. The revised scheme now shows a 52 meter Native Coastal Hedge Mix planted along the front of this development.

Alan Williams - Vice Chairman AcT PC

Dates of Meetings 2020 (all Mondays)

6th January
 3rd February
 2nd March (Annual Parish Meeting)
 6th April
 11th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)
 22nd June
 27th July
 7th September
 19th October
 30th November

In addition to the Full Parish Council meetings, there are, when required, Planning Committee meetings which take place on a Monday night between the full Council meetings and like the full Council meetings are held in the Thorpeness Tower Room during the winter months and at The Pavilion in summer. Please see our website for details.

We wish all our Parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

District Council Report

Welcome to our October 2019 ward report - again, another busy month with lots going on. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who responded to the stage 4 EDF consultation which ended on the 27th September and to those members of the public who attended the special cabinet meetings. You will note that there are some changes to recycling rules which can be viewed through the link below eg juice cartons can no longer be out into your blue bin. We also experienced some very heavy rain, resulting in many floods. Although we carried out checks of the whole ward, could we ask you to keep an eye on any vulnerable people and report it to us. As always please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Recycle even more

East Suffolk households are great at recycling - however, we can all recycle even more; go to <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Waste/Recycling-biniguide.pdf> about which items can be recycled through your kerbside bins, which ones should only ever be disposed of in your general waste bin and other ways to recycle common household items.

You can also check which day your bins are collected using our online Collection Day Finder tool.

<http://apps.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/pages/bins/collectiondays.aspx>

Leiston Leisure Centre officially reopened

The £4 million redevelopment of Leiston Leisure Centre was marked by an official reopening ceremony on the 17 September 2019.

East Suffolk Council's Chairman, Cllr Colin Hedgley carried out the opening duties alongside special guest,

Andrea Thompson – our very own World Champion, who has been crowned the World's Strongest Woman. For more information about the new and improved facilities and to sign up, please visit

www.placesleisure.org/centres/leiston-leisure-centre/

Councils' joint response to Stage 4 Sizewell C consultation

Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council set out their concerns, expectations and areas of focus as part of a joint response to EDF Energy's Stage 4 Sizewell C consultation. The joint report makes it clear that the authorities continue to support the principle of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell and recognise the significant benefits that such a development would bring. However, there continues to be concern and focus on the environmental, social and economic impacts of such a large-scale development, especially in regards to the cumulative energy-related projects which are currently mooted for the east Suffolk coast.

Based on the developed proposals put forward by EDF Energy at Stage 4, both councils want to see a sustainable transport strategy put in place by the energy firm to ensure that every effort is made to reduce the impact on road use and congestion as part of any development that takes place. As part of this mitigation, each council continues to expect EDF Energy to maximise the development and use of marine and rail transport options.

Proposals for Sizewell C will be considered under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) process which is part of the Planning Act 2008. It is expected that EDF Energy will submit their plans early next year for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for consideration.

2019 East Suffolk Business and Community Award Winners

TJ had great pleasure in attending the 2019 East Suffolk Business & Community Awards which took place on Thursday 3rd October at The Hangar, Kesgrave Hall. Organised by East Suffolk Council, the Awards celebrated a vast array of business and community successes and initiatives from the last 18 months.

Please do keep an eye out over the next 12 months or so for worthy projects etc that you could nominate for the next round of these local awards.

Best wishes

TJ, Jocelyn and Tony.

Website

Do you Have Something You'd like to see Featured on our Website? Maybe you're organising an event or perhaps you're a keen photographer with some great shots taken within our lovely parish? You might have a human interest story about one of our parishioners or would like to tell us about a good deed that someone has recently done? If you've got something you'd like us to see and read about, then please send in to pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk and mark your message For The Website. *Tracy Norman (editor)*

Emergency Plan

As I write this update for the Parish Newsletter, about 70yds of Aldringham Lane is flooded and it is right outside my property. Residents are having great difficulty in passing whether by car or on foot. I have reported this flood to the Council for the umpteenth time, so I am not holding my breath. However, compared to Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and other areas in the country this is not an emergency yet! Currently there are 57 flood warnings active and 137 flood alerts on the Environment Agency (EA) website, relating to locations in the UK. It looks like the whole country is experiencing higher than average rainfall for the time of year.

It is a timely reminder that we are all vulnerable to surface water flooding and some residents in Thorpeness and Sizewell are at risk of river and tidal flooding also. I believe one or more of the new houses recently built on Old Homes Road in Thorpeness has already been flooded. There are a number of areas in our parish that experience a slow soak away after heavy rainfall, and we must be aware of these areas and take care when crossing them. The EA warns against walking through flood water because drain covers and manhole covers may have been dislodged or removed by the force of water. There may also be debris or other material that can injure and cause you to trip and fall into the water. The EA advises three things that you should do:

- a) Check for flood warnings (local radio, EA website, TV weather reports).
- b) Follow the advice of the Emergency Services.
- c) Avoid driving or walking through flood water.

The EA does give out a lot of information through the website and it is updated regularly. It is worth looking at the website and signing up for the flood warnings. You can type this address into your search engine - https://www.gov.uk/environment/river-maintenance-flooding-coastal-erosion#research_and_statistics. The EA "rainfall, ground water and river flow report" for East Anglia indicates that October was another month of above average rainfall resulted in a total, across the area, of 94mm or 184% of the monthly long-term average (LTA). The continued rainfall has led to an increase in river flows with 90% of indicator sites at rivers in the area now reporting flows that are normal or higher for the time of year and reservoir storage levels have all shown an increase during the month.

We should note that long term weather forecasters are saying we should brace ourselves for more of the same i.e. higher than average rainfall. My advice is to keep your wellies at the ready!

Lastly, we still need more volunteers to fill some of the key roles, such as Community Coordinators, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, Flood Coordinators and volunteers who have specialist equipment such as chain saws, pumps and generators that can be used during an emergency.

If you can assist by taking any of these roles please contact myself, Roger Brown, or Pippa McLardy, Newsletter Editor, at the email addresses below;

Roger Brown roger.brown72@btinternet.com
Pippa McLardy plmclardy@hotmail.com



Photo

Tim Shadbolt

One unlucky visitor found out the hard way how deep the flood was in Old Homes Road, Thorpeness. He was rescued through the window. Official advice is to avoid walking or driving through floodwater.

Next Aldringham Flooding Meeting

There will be a two-part meeting at The Parrot in Aldringham on December 9th. The first part, starting at 12 noon will involve Stakeholders only, and required attendees include Amanda Mays, the Suffolk Highways Drainage Asset Manager; Matt Hullis and Matt Williams, Suffolk County Council Floods Team; Landowner/land agent for arable land north of The Parrot and Punchbowl; County Councillor Russ Rainger; members of the Parish Council and a community representative.

Part Two of the meeting, from 2pm, will be open to all residents and interested parties.

Floods should be reported to :

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> 0345 606 6171

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)*

Fun and fear for WWII children

Local historian Mick Sturmeay, who is collating memories for the Heritage Group, recently spoke to Ellen Block, whose extended family has a long history living in the village, and has recorded her memorable experiences of World War II years in the Parish.

Mick writes: "The advent of World War II gave another dimension to peoples' lives, not least the children of the Parish. It appears that the village became something of an adventure playground. The Country Club became a focus for local children as it was used as a NAAFI, and ENSA was known to put on a show from time to time. The children would sit outside on these occasions, and were often able to see the show after being smuggled in under the greatcoats of the soldiers.

One of Ellen's vivid recollections was of walking home from her school in Aldringham with her mother pushing her little sister in the pram, and accompanied by her friend Jennifer. Suddenly, three planes appeared. Some

soldiers walking behind warned them they were hostiles. Ellen's mother pushed the pram into the hedge, while Ellen and her friend hid behind a nearby shed. Machine guns were fired and two bombs dropped. One destroyed a house in the Uplands, while the other dropped into the Meare. The blast shattered the glass in the shed, cutting Ellen's head, and the two girls ran home and hid under the stairs. Various buildings suffered bomb damage, including the Cricket Pavilion and Meare Cottage. Also Ellen remembered a shop called Malt Presses situated in The Benthills being destroyed. It is now a house called Sea View.

A mostly positive relationship evolved with the soldiers, with mutual teasing - children running off with cap badges, for example. There was an Officers' Mess in Lakeside where a Christmas party was organised for the children, and another one in Westgate where cheese on toast was often available. It was common for the soldiers to share their rations with the children.

An assault course was built for the soldiers which obviously became an attraction. Tunnels were dug under the area that is now the golf practice ground, while an overhead zip wire to slide down often resulted in the children falling into the stream and returning home wet and muddy - not appreciated by their parents!

An underlying fear was always present during this time concerning attack from air, even invasion, with parents being particularly anxious when warning sirens sounded as to where the children were. I have mentioned some of Ellen's memories here, summarised as an era which can be described as a period of fun and fear for the village children."

Footnote: Mick's investigation (carried in the last newsletter) into where the Leiston Gibbet was sited has unearthed some interesting information from Peter Drew of Aldringham. As a child Peter played with his friends in an area around the junction of Green Lane and Fitches Lane in Aldringham beneath a tree they always knew as 'The Hanging Tree' ...

Thorpeness Annual Beach and Village Clean **'Clean & Plant Good Friday'**

I had barely contemplated what our scores of volunteer litter pickers would actually be able to do next Good Friday with volumes of beach rubbish diminishing fast, when on a walk down to the strand at Tinkers End I stumbled over a mass of fast food packaging spread over the shingle like some nasty rash. Some spam-brained cretins evidently decided to turn Guy Fawkes Night into a bit of heavy-duty beach trashing. The lesson is of course is that the 'Beachbaggers' must be ready quite literally for anything. However, as an ancillary environmental supportive activity we are planning to plant some trees to enhance the leisure facilities offered by the village. Specific details are being worked on at present. When the programme has been written up in detail, and approved, the Clean & Plant Good Friday project will be rolled out. Thanks must go to Marion Wells who initially came up with the idea of involving otherwise idle hands in this very worthwhile enterprise. *Bill Crow*

Smugglers Walk For Myeloma Uk

This year's magic perambulation on Saturday 19th October generated £505 for the Myeloma blood cancer charity. Why magic? Well firstly it turned out to be one of the wondrous days when the weather was kind and the autumn hues of gold and rich brown made every prospect a delight, secondly we found saluting our group of cheery walkers an absolute plenitude of the most spectacular display of "fly agaric" the magic, sometimes deadly mushrooms that can cause drowsy deliriums and nausea but look so impossibly entrancing. Our thanks go as before to the Dolphin and Parrot Inns for providing all the victuals free, thus enabling us to forward all the monies raised to the charity concerned. Next year we will support another charity and hope to achieve an even greater turnout of walkers – families and dogs welcome. For more information on the Annual Smugglers Walk for Charity you need to register your interest on wjcrow@aol.com

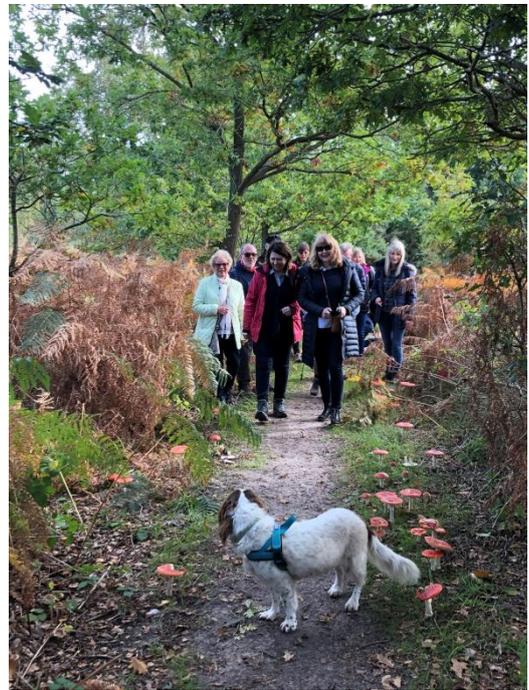


Photo *courtesy of Bill Crow*
The 'smugglers' raised over £500 for the Myeloma Cancer charity

Famous Females and a Fond Farewell at **Thorpeness Golf Club**

One of Britain's best known female golfers, Dame Laura Davies DBE, hosted the 2019 Thorpeness LET Pro Am which took place on 29th to 31st August. The event, which was in its third year, featured 18 players from the Ladies European Tour playing alongside amateur partners for 2 rounds, followed by a pro four-ball better ball, winner takes all shoot-out. Dame Laura was partnered by fellow LET tour legend Trish Johnson. Between them, the pair have won over 100 tournaments worldwide and appeared in 20 Solheim Cup matches, and Laura was a vice captain of the European team competing in the Solheim match at Gleneagles in September. This year's event had a truly international

flavour, attracting Beth Allen from the USA, Whitney Hillier and Amy Walsh from Australia, and Laura Fuenfstueck from Germany.

On September 4th members gathered at the Golf Club to bid farewell to Course Manager Ian Willett, retiring after 20 years of service. Respected throughout the industry, Ian was instrumental in steering the course into the top 100 in the country, and helping it to become the host venue for the 2021 Logan Trophy, an England Golf National Championship.



Photo Andrew McLardy
Dame Laura Davies tees off at the first when Thorpeness Golf Club hosted the LET Pro Am in August

Local Groups



St Andrew's Church

Philip White, our much loved Choirmaster, died on Tuesday 29 October at the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge. Twelve members of the Aldringham congregation attended his funeral in Cambridge in November when tributes were paid to Philip who served his community both in Cambridge and Aldringham. We all mourn his passing and remember Margaret and his family in our prayers. Rest in peace, Philip. In due course we will talk about a suitable memorial to Philip, at Aldringham.

Some of you will also have known Archdeacon Ian Morgan who passed away recently. There was a Memorial Service for Ian at Blythburgh church on 17th November.

Our Remembrance Day service on Sunday 10 November was led by our new curate Revd James Marston. It was particularly moving that a number of the Aldringham community who came were related to those who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

Saturday November 30 is St. Andrew's Day. We would normally be holding a Patronal Festival service on the Saint's Day but this year it happens that the following day

is our Advent Carol Service. Consequently it has been decided that the service originally scheduled for the Saturday evening will not take place. However there will be a service for St. Andrew in Aldeburgh church on the Saint's Day, at 9.00 am on Saturday November 30. And then, on Sunday 1 December we will hold our Advent Carol Service, by candlelight, at 6 pm. The advent candlelit service was initiated by Philip White, our choirmaster, some 20 years ago. At the service this year, led by our new choir leader Mish, we will remember Philip with affection.

The collection at that service will be for the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge where Philip White passed his last days.

IMPORTANTLY, there will be no 11.00 service on that day. There will however be 8.00 Holy Communion as normal.

David Copp, Churchwarden 01728 635816 or 07747 030248

PS Don't forget that we have a Facebook page: look on Facebook for **St. Andrew's Church, Aldringham cum Thorpe** Also you can find interesting stuff here <http://www.cofesuffolk.org/news>

The Friends of St Andrew's Church

This year 15 people have joined the Friends of St. Andrews. Four of our new members have joined the Friends' Committee to bring the number up to 10 along with our new Chairman, David Copp.

The Friends of St. Andrews held a Quiz Night at Knodishall Village Hall on Friday 15th November. Eleven teams took part, the winners being Table 7, Waxwings. Joint runners-up were Table 8, Konnundrums and Table 3 with 171 points. Thanks go to:- Revd. Christine Brooks, our Quizmaster; Mary Rolf, our Scorer; the Kitchen Crew who served the refreshments and those who provided the food; the raffle ticket sellers and those who donated prizes, and finally, those who helped set up the hall and clear away afterwards. Special thanks go to all the teams who took part. After expenses were paid, we raised £493.75 for the Fabric Fund.

This year, the Friends have raised £2,488.78 for the Fabric Fund from fundraising, membership fees and donations.

Our Committee of 10 could not put on fund raising events without the help of so many other people. We appreciate all the support we are given.

Our events are advertised in the Parish Magazine, the local free paper and magazines, plus posters displayed around the area. Our next Quiz Night will be in March 2020.

Current Committee Members. David Copp (Chairman), Revd. Sheila Hart, Mrs Anne Norton (Membership & Secretary), Mrs Angela Chandler (Treasurer), Mrs Fiona Gimson, Mrs Budge Little, Mrs Susan Hawkes. Mrs Sheila Boulwood, Mrs Rita Browne and Mrs Betty Jeffs.

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ImpACT (Aldringham Community Team)

Aldringham Green Play Area Opening

The new Aldringham Green Play Area was opened on Saturday November 23rd at 11.00am. Youngster Tom Olgivie, whose name was picked out of a hat containing names of children present, cut the ribbon at the gate ably assisted by Parish Council Chairperson Maureen Jones. For a moment after the ribbon ceremony, not a child moved; then a very small young person in check trousers decided he was not going to wait any longer and stormed into the enticing space! The dam breached, at least 20 of our local children - along with the odd chaperoning parent- were soon happily trying out the equipment. The heavens then opened briefly and the rest of the crowd of around 60 parishioners made for the ImpACT gazebo to feast on hot chocolate with marshmallows and Charlie Chandler's delicious cakes.

Glen Olgivie, owner of the Common Land area where the playground is sited, welcomed everyone to the opening, after which Maureen gave a brief history of the project, which has been long wished for by many generations of village children and parents. She thanked Mr Olgivie for his consent to the construction of the playground and his support throughout the project. She also thanked the members of ImpACT (*and in particular Bill Seale, who has modestly not mentioned it here - ed*) for their efforts in piloting this scheme from its beginnings to its fruition as a lovely village resource, despite scepticism from various sources. The opening was almost a year to the day since Emails were written to Suffolk County Council's Legal Department enquiring about the process of construction of community assets on Common Land. Through their advice, and with some dogged application by our group members, we could all stand there on a dull and showery morning and enjoy the opening of this facility. We hope that, in the future, many lasting friendships are made between children and parents on this centrepiece to our lovely village green.



Photo

Chris Jones

Rain did not stop play as children and their parents braved the elements at Aldringham's Play Area opening on November 25th.

Flooding at the Parrot

It seems that this appalling Autumn weather might have finally bought this persistent problem to a head. On two separate occasions of daylong rains, some three weeks apart, Aldringham village effectively became an island to all but four wheeled drive vehicles. The failure of the surface water drain at the Parrot, compounded by the 'run-off' from the surrounding fields created two floods on Aldringham Lane and caused garages to be inundated in Chandlers Way. On the second occasion, Chris, at the Parrot, was forced to cone-off the road to prevent further damage to his fencing and prevent flooding of his basement by waves caused by heavy goods vehicles and coaches.

A front page photo in the East Anglia Daily Times and insistent phone calls by Aldringham residents, have spurred Suffolk Highways to raise the importance of this remedial work and potential hazards in failing to address the problem. For the last two years, although this work was planned, there was insufficient funding by Suffolk County Council to enact it. On November 23rd, an informal meeting between Chris and John Rozier, a Highways official, was attended by over forty villagers and various Parish councillors and a very useful dialogue was achieved. It is now hoped that a drainage solution can be worked out by Suffolk Highways and Suffolk Flood Management Agency which can be implemented in the early part of next year's budget. It is hoped that a Stakeholder meeting will be held in the coming weeks between representatives of the village, our Parish Council, Suffolk Highways and other bodies to drive this through. Solutions to deal with the short term problems of the flooding were discussed such as issue of sandbags, so watch the notice boards and the Council website. Councillor Alan Williams has already arranged a pallet of these, for any future emergency, which are now sitting in the Parrot car park on Aldringham Lane. Please help yourselves, and if that is difficult the council can deliver. ImpACT would like to wish all Aldringham Villagers a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year and hope to see you all at the Carol Singing on the Green on December 10th at 6.00pm and at the Parrot afterwards.
Bill Seale

Thorpeness Art Group At Aldeburgh Cinema

As the membership numbers grow (we now have over 40 members), and the need to improve the quality of the presentation material becomes more important than ever, we have reluctantly moved the lecture venue to Aldeburgh Cinema Studio. We remain hugely grateful to David James at The Dolphin for providing us with a facility when we most needed it but ultimately the bright everlasting sun light of Wednesday afternoons became a problem.

A fresh programme of talks will be in the spring of 2020. If you wish to be included on the advanced information list please email me.

Bill Crow 01728 454641 w.i.crow@aol.com

Aldeburgh Photographic Group

I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer and have managed to capture some photos that you are pleased with and may have even printed and put on the wall! We have had some interesting evenings recently, including a practical session at The Library with the Club's new Studio lights, and an evening session in Thorpeness, finishing of course in The Dolphin.

Our November meeting was hosted Justin Minns, who took us through a Photographic project that he has undertaken for the National Trust. We were treated to pictures of local landmarks, many of which had a different "twist" to them. Justin's Website

(<https://www.justinminns.co.uk/profile>) is definitely worth a look. We were also very pleased that we had 5 new potential members join us.

Looking forward, on 18th December, we have a Members Forum Chaired by Shelley Nott ARPS & Hugh de Las Casas. This is a great opportunity to get some first hand advice from the experts!

Also looking forward, is the AGM on the 15th January 2020. This is an opportunity for members to influence what the Club does next year. There is certainly a wish to have more practical sessions, but the committee would very much like to hear from members and, who knows, somebody might even offer themselves to join the committee and bring some new ideas!

I hope to see you at a meeting and please let me know if this article has helped you decide to come along to a meeting and give us a try.

All best and have a great Christmas, hopefully with some "different" photos of the festivities.

Roger Searle

rogerpsearle@btinternet.com 01728 451401 (please leave a message if I am not around, I will get back to you) 07885 224613

<http://www.aldeburghphotographygroup.org.uk/>

Good Neighbours

AcT Good Neighbours carried out more than 80 tasks between November last year and October this, which does not take account of a regular task walking a dog which happens every single day. As usual, the greatest number of requests was for lifts, mostly to medical facilities – 23 return trips were made to hospitals in Ipswich. Other tasks included help with computers and other technology, shopping, cleaning, form filling, and small DIY tasks.

Four community lunches have been held at The Parrot or The Dolphin (sincere thanks to Chris and David for these), and are increasingly well-attended. The most recent at The Dolphin saw 32 people tucking into a Christmas menu, which was much enjoyed.

The Annual Coffee Morning for volunteers will take place on Tuesday Dec 10th at The Kitchen in Thorpeness, and will feature a prize draw for at least three hampers and a free draw for attendees to win one of Jill Hubbard's fabulous Christmas cakes.

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

GN Steering Group

Sizewell parkrun

Sizewell parkrun had its 64th consecutive event on Saturday 9th November. Remarkably, it has never rained at the beach when the event is held between 9am and 10.30am. Typically 60% of participants live in the IP16/17 postcode area. The remainder come from all over the country, often enjoying a weekend visit to our lovely region. parkrun is a free event where everyone competes against themselves and not each other. You can walk, jog or run and have your personal profile built for you as well as your picture on Facebook by lunchtime if you wish. At Sizewell parkrun 2,861 different people have completed 6,995 parkruns covering a distance of nearly 35000 kilometres. Organisers hope that the additional New Year's Day event at Sizewell will produce a combined distance, since the event began, which is the equivalent of 40,075 km, which is an entire lap of the world!

Sixty-eight local people have collectively volunteered at Sizewell over 600 times. If you don't want to run, walk or jog, you can still get involved by volunteering to help marshal the event. Just go online or turn up on Saturday morning by 8.30 and you will be made to feel very welcome.

Parkrun is a great community event, promoting mental health and wellbeing taking place every Saturday morning at 9am all over the UK. Visit parkrun.org.uk for more information.

Tracy Norman

Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group



The committee of the Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group (TAHG) are very pleased with the Heritage Hut which is situated on the beach side of the car park. At the moment it is just a shell, but plans have been made for completing the interior and also for some landscaping. We are hoping it will be officially opened in the spring/summer of 2020. This will be advertised locally and we hope to see you all there to help us celebrate. We are very grateful for all the extra support received from our members, and to our County Councillor Russ Rainger who gave us £1,000 and our three East Suffolk Councillors T.J. Howarth, Tony Cooper and Jocelyn Bond who each gave us £1,000 from their budgets. We have also received funding through a council Exemplar grant and from a local social group. To you all - we couldn't have done it without you! THANK YOU.

Our summer event this year was a tea party held at the Pavilion. It was well supported by our members and

Chairperson Maureen Jones provided a lovely draw just to add a bit more 'sparkle' to the afternoon.

Our next fundraiser is on 19th December, when local art enthusiast Bill Crow is giving a talk entitled 'Feast', which is all about food in art. Tickets are now on sale for members from Mrs Elizabeth Tipping, 5 Peace Place, Thorpeness. Any tickets remaining will not be offered to the general public until 16th December. With two newsletters a year and priority notice for tickets to our events, membership is worth every penny!

The new year will see us repeating the very popular 'Winter Warmer' supper at the Dolphin. I am also working with one of our members with film connections on an evening of film based entertainment. A further event with Bill Crow is being put together and will be about a famous artist who has local connections. It's going to be a real treat for art lovers.

If you are struggling to find a Christmas present this year for someone who likes Thorpeness, we will be selling mounted copies of an image taken by a TAHG member in Thorpeness this summer. A copy of the picture can be seen on the 'Heritage Hut' window along with the cost and where to obtain copies.

Hope I have whetted you're appetite for forthcoming events, and if you're not already a member and would like to join in this very active group then contact me or Mrs Elizabeth Tipping at info@tahg.org.uk. Membership is £5 pa for a single and £10 pa for a family (2 or more people) Life time membership is £50 and £100 respectively. On behalf of TAHG may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sue Atkinson 01728 830497 Membership secretary

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

Use of the Pavilion and Sports Ground is steadily increasing year on year. Even with the major disruption to our Parish at present with the closure of the B1353, we have been promised that the entrance to the Pavilion will always be accessible, which should include polling day on the 12th Dec.

The trustees are now starting to get the existing pavilion room more user-friendly. We have installed some better electric heaters and we are awaiting quotes for installing loft insulation, which should make the room warmer and for longer periods. In the spring, we hope to do some painting and update the lighting.

Whilst making the existing pavilion better, we are trying to keep all the costs of this refurbishment to a minimum so that our resources can be put into building a new facility which should be situated alongside and connected to the original premises. Plans are being drawn up as I write, and when we have final drawings to display, we will be inviting everyone to come up to the existing pavilion to view them.

We have also installed a lockable height bar at the gateway to the Sports Ground for added security, which will be very welcome to the small groups of caravanners who join us during the year.

We have been contacted by Bill Crow on behalf of his 'Beach Baggers', Group and it is hoped that they will be planting some trees on one of our boundaries possibly on Good Friday next year. The final choice of trees hasn't been made yet but we hope there will be a mix of both indigenous and fruit trees.

The Summer Sunday lunchtime drinks were very well attended this summer and we extended the season to include most of September as well. Sue Allen, our bar manager, cooked a 'Paella Sunday lunch' which was very well received and also a Basque Chicken lunch for the local heritage group as part of their fundraising. Both these events were very well attended along with a couple of impromptu bar-b-ques. We hope to be hosting more of these lunchtime events next summer. If you would like to be included by email to get prior notice of these lunches please contact me on: eandsatkinson@hotmail.com. I usually send out an email about two weeks before the lunches and many of you reading this will already be receiving them. I would now like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the Pavilion and Sports Ground during this past year, we look forward to seeing you all in 2020. If you would like to book the Pavilion and/or Sports Ground please contact Wendy Sturmeay on 01728 452586 or visit the contact page on our website www.thorpenessclub.btck.co.uk

The Trustees all send you Season's Greetings.

Sue Atkinson On behalf of The Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground CIO

Pilgrims Together

This popular and growing Christian group of worshippers - there are more than 30 of us and still growing - have enjoyed an autumn full of meetings and 'bring and share' suppers. We now hold acts of worship, celebrated in the Iona style, (a modern and relevant type of worship for today) in four of our five local villages (Aldringham sadly not having a village hall). We had a very successful Harvest Celebration back in September, enhanced with a bit of post supper amusing entertainment by the newly formed (and for one night only) Pilgrim Players.

During this Christmas season, we will be helping out at many of our village celebrations, manning stalls at the Thorpeness Christmas Fair at The Dolphin on the 30th November, providing the music for 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' on Mill Hill on 10th December, and some of us will be joining in singing carols at Aldringham Court on the afternoon of the 20th December.

We will take a short break from our fortnightly acts of worship over the Christmas period until the middle of January when we will once again resume our meetings. Anyone wishing to join this new and uplifting group with strong Parish, Benefice and Diocese connections please ring 01728 830497.

We hope this Christmas will be a happy and peaceful one for you and your loved ones.

Sue, Eric, Stephen and Gail

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

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Gerald Lomax	01728 768846
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Good Neighbours Group

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Local Heritage Group

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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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Ogilvie Pavilion

Mrs Wendy Sturmeay	01728 452586
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Thorpeness Cricket Club

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WHAT'S ON – Dec 2019 to April 2020

December	Place	Event
Sun 1 st 6pm	St Andrew's Church	Advent Carol Service (no 11am service but Communion as usual at 8am)
Fri 6 th	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Village Christmas Party
Mon 9 th 12 noon and 2pm	Parrot Aldringham	Stakeholder meeting followed by open Community Engagement session re Flooding on Aldringham Lane
Tues 10 th 1 0.30 – 12 noon	The Kitchen, Thorpeness	Good Neighbours volunteers' coffee morning
Tues 10 th 6pm	Aldringham Green	Carol singing round the tree
Thur 12 th		GENERAL ELECTION Pavilion open for polling
Sun 15 th 4pm	Thorpeness Meare	Carols by The Meare
Mon 16 th 7pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	PC planning and Neighbourhood Plan meeting
Thur 19 th 10.30am to 12.30	Thorpeness Tower Room	Heritage Group Talk 'Feast' by Bill Crow
Thur 19 th		SCHOOL TERM ENDS
Fri 20 th times below	Thorpeness and Aldringham	Mobile Library
Fri 20 th	B1353	Due to reopen for Christmas if not already open
Sun 22 nd 11am	St Andrew's Church	Carol Service
Tues 24 th	Dolphin T'ness, Parrot Aldringham	Christmas Eve Bash
Tues 24 th 11.30pm	St Lawrence Knodishall	Midnight service
Weds 25 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	Family Communion
Thur 26 th		Boxing Day BANK HOLIDAY
Thur 26 th	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Open for lunch
Sun 29 th 8am and 11am	St Andrew's Church	Holy Communion
January		
Wed 1 st		BANK HOLIDAY
Sat 4 th 2pm	Friston Village Hall	SASES meeting – DOC objection letter assistance
Mon 6 th	Throughout area	SCHOOL SPRING TERM BEGINS
Mon 6 th 7 – 9.30pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Parish Council
Mon 20 th 7pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	PC Planning meeting (if required)
Wed 15 th and 29 th 8pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Fun Quiz
February		
Mon 3 rd 7pm - 9.30pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Parish Council
Wed 12 th and 26 th 8pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Fun Quiz
Fri 14 th		SCHOOL HALF TERM Begins
Mon 24 th		SCHOOL BACK FOR 2ND HALF SPRING TERM
March		
Mon 2 nd 7pm-9:30pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Annual Parish Meeting
Wed 11 th and 25 th 8pm	Thorpeness Tower Room	Fun Quiz
April		
Thur 2 nd		SCHOOL SPRING TERM ENDS
Mon 6 th 7pm-9.30pm	Thorpeness (check venue)	Parish Council
Good Fri 10 th		Annual Beach Clean with tree planting

The Mobile Library calls at Thorpeness Almshouses from 10.20am, Aldringham Ogilvie Homes from 9.40, and Aldringham Mill Hill from 11.05 am. Each stop is 15 minutes.

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