

Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell

Newsletter



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Parish Matters

All of the Parish Councillors hope that you and your families have remained safe and well. Although many of us have remained in isolation, we can all at least look forward to the improvements in the situation that will allow us to have some family time over the Christmas period. We look forward to the New Year and having a vaccine which will help us return to normal life as soon as possible.

A bit of good news; we have been able to co-opt Bill Seale as an additional Parish Councillor. Thank you, Bill, for agreeing to join us at this difficult time. Not so good; Katherine Shadbolt has had to leave us owing to increased work commitments during lockdown. Thank you for your past efforts, Katherine.

Allotments

Anyone who has passed the allotments on Mill Hill could not have failed to notice the changes that have been brought about by those who have put a lot of time and effort into this first year. It just goes to show how in such a small span of time an overgrown area can be transformed into a very productive site. Well done to everybody who has been involved.

Flooding

Aldringham – The work carried out at Aldringham crossroads looks to be performing well, although there is still work to be done north of the village as part of the wider Leiston Area flood mitigation review.

Thorpeness - Although extensive work was originally carried out in Old Homes Road by Highways,

unfortunately the problem has not been solved and during the last fortnight this area of road has still been extensively flooded, making it difficult for pedestrians and motorists to gain access along this road. This is still very worrying especially for the residents of the new houses. The PC is very concerned and has informed SCC about the situation.

Neighbourhood Plan

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan will recommence next year when we can again meet face to face.

Sizewell C

As you should be aware from the mail drop, EdF have again announced further changes to their plans for Sizewell C which include transport improvements, addressing environmental issues, water management and the coastal defences, together with the relocation of Sizewell B facilities. The consultation on these changes started on the 18th November and ends on the 18th December. We are currently preparing our response to these changes and would encourage everyone to do the same.

Scottish Power

East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two: The inspector has held a number of open floor meetings where individuals and organisations have been able to voice their concerns. We are grateful to our District Councillors for the assistance they have given us at this time, in support of our written responses. We continue to support the views and concerns expressed by the District and County Councils and those of the Anglia Energy Planning Alliance Group and still have many concerns with Scottish Power's approach to these projects.

Coastal Erosion

We have seen worrying deterioration to the Geobag and gabion defences at the front of Northend Avenue and significant erosion of the cliffs to the north of Thorpeness. We together with a local interest group are in constant communication with East Suffolk Coastal Partnership who have been carrying remedial work. The partnership has also launched an East Anglia wide safety campaign – "STAY SAFE ON OUR COAST" as there are now dangerous cliffs all along the East Anglia coastline.

Covid-19 updates

Please use our Website for updates regarding Covid-19 and what is happening in the Parish. Don't forget the Parish has a very supportive Good Neighbours Scheme (07521 047 843) who are happy to assist were they can.

Planning Update

Since the 1st August, 2020 the Parish Council have reviewed and responded to 19 planning applications. Ten of these were in Thorpeness, six in Aldringham, two in The Fens and one in Sizewell. Fifteen of the applications have been permitted and two are still in progress. Two more, both for the Hopkins and Moore development in Aldringham requesting extended working hours, were refused due concerns for the health and well-being of local residents. These issues were raised by more than 12 households living adjacent to the site, as well as by the Parish Council and East Suffolk District Council. However, Hopkins and Moore decided to ignore these concerns and appealed to the Secretary of State, who has recently upheld their appeal. This means that internal works can now start at 06:30 and carry on until 21:30 Monday through Friday and start at 07:30 and carry on until 17:00 on Saturdays until April, 2020. Demolition, construction and heavy plant work is restricted to 07:30-17:30 Monday to Friday; 07:30-13:00 Saturdays and no working on Sundays or Bank Holidays

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Considerably more than half a million vehicles recorded through the Parish Speed Indicator Device (SID) are exceeding the speed limit, it has revealed, with some reaching 80mph in 30mph zones. The Parish Council purchased the Speed Indicator Device (SID) back in June 2018. For the past two and a half years it has been monitoring traffic in four different locations around our Parish, except for two months that it self-isolated during the first lockdown. During this time it has recorded the speed of 1,172,741 vehicles, 635,417 of which were exceeding the 30mph limit (54%). The worst location for speeding is on the Aldeburgh Road near Aldringham Park, where 66% of recorded vehicles were speeding. The second worst location for speeding is on the Aldeburgh Road near the Parrot, where 58% of recorded vehicles were speeding. The fastest speed recorded in the 30mph zone is 80mph on the Aldeburgh Road. This speed has been recorded on a regular basis, both during the day and at night. Considerate drivers do respond to SID by slowing down when it shows that they are inadvertently exceeding the speed limit, but unfortunately many drivers are still ignoring the sign and are endangering pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. The next time that you see SID asking you to slow down please do the right thing.

Alan Williams

Parish Councillor

Fens footpath closure

Those who enjoy a good walk around The Fens should know that the footpath starting between Pan Cottage and The Pantiles and running down across a boardwalk through the marshes is to be closed from January 1st 2021 for two months. This is to allow repairs to the timber walkway.

A big Thank You to everyone who has continued to be busy in the Parish whilst keeping our community safe and well in these difficult times. We extend to all our Parishioners our very best wishes for Christmas and much Happiness in the New Year.

Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council

District Council Report

Covid-19 and Tier 2 measures

East Suffolk Council is **not** responsible for imposing the Covid-related business restrictions. These are determined by national government. We share your concern about the impact of such measures on the local and national economy, which is why we are working closely with our partners in government, the LEP and various business groups to mitigate these impacts as much as possible. These measures include:

- Allocating mandatory business support funding of £83m to micro and small businesses across East Suffolk for the previous and current lockdown;
- Allocating discretionary business support funding of £9m to those businesses not covered (i.e. do not have a rateable value) by the above scheme. The self-employed are eligible for these schemes and in many cases received financial support through it;
- Commissioning a promotional campaign ('Shop Local, Stay Safe') to encourage people back into East Suffolk town centres following the end of lockdowns in a safe and responsible manner. Many of the businesses benefiting from this scheme are micro and run by the self-employed
- Providing social distancing guidance and signage for town centres to again encourage the use of our high streets in a safe and responsible manner

These local measures are in addition to a plethora of national schemes such as 'furlough', business loans and the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme which as the name suggests provides direct financial support to the self-employed. Further information about these support schemes can be found at [COVID-19 - East Suffolk Means Business](https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/covid-19-east-suffolk-means-business).

If you need further information about life under Tier 2 restrictions, there is full information on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert>

Sizewell C

The Development Consent Order application for a new nuclear power station at Sizewell was submitted by EDF in May 2020.

Conversations with the local authorities, communities and residents have continued and improved proposals have been born out of those discussions.

As a result, there is an ongoing 30-day public consultation on these material changes - from Wednesday 18 November to **Friday 18 December**. Please copy us in on any responses as before.

Scottish Power Windfarms

Please keep up to date on the Planning inspectorate website.

Sports Club in East Suffolk?

If you're a sports club in East Suffolk, we need your help! We're looking for local sports clubs to get involved in developing our new Leisure Strategy which will help identify local needs and inform future planning and investment priorities in East Suffolk. If you would like to get involved, please take a moment to fill out this short form: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ESCLeisureStrategy

Green tips to reduce your energy bills and recycle more

More of us are working from home and thereby using more energy – from running lights and laptops to boiling the kettle more often. Get useful tips for saving power on the ESC Environment page. You will also get clear guidance on recycling here, and thus avoid the risk of contaminating an entire lorry-load, which can be turned away by the recycling centre if it contains too many incorrect items.

New Environmental Guidance Note approved

Supporting East Suffolk Council's environmental vision and aim to be carbon neutral by 2030, an Environmental Guidance Note was approved by Full Council on Wednesday 25 November 2020 and will now play a key role in supporting the Council's green commitments. It provides simple, concise information on best practices for reducing the impact on the environment of any new developments or renovations and measures to help achieve this, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, protecting nature and wildlife, sustainable travel, water conservation, materials, waste and more. View the [Environmental Guidance Note](#).

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environment-guidance-note/>

Digital support available for small businesses

Small businesses in East Suffolk are to be offered advice and support on digital adaptations and interventions to help during the challenges of Covid-19.

East Suffolk Council have launched a free-to-use Digital Advice Service which will offer small businesses, especially those in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors, an opportunity to get digital advice and diagnostics. Assistance will include a personalised session with a business growth coach, access to digital growth workshops and group coaching sessions, as well as signposting other forms of support including a small grant scheme. East Suffolk businesses are urged to sign up for the service by emailing smarttowns@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Smart Towns

Following a successful pilot in Framlingham in 2019, East Suffolk's 'Smart Towns' Project providing free public wifi in main shopping areas is now being rolled out to other market towns across the district including Aldeburgh, Leiston, and Saxmundham. Anonymised visitor monitoring technology will also help town councils and business groups understand how and when residents and visitors use these areas, enabling them to improve services and offerings to attract more visitors, as well as gauging the success of events and specific promotions.. The project will begin in January 2021 and is expected to be completed within 2.5 years.

Tenants' new temporary contact details for Gasway

ESC's heating contractors, Gasway, are continuing to have IT issues and as a result, the normal telephone number for East Suffolk tenants is currently unavailable. Until the issue has been resolved, tenants can report emergencies 24/7 by calling 0800 074 3030. Non-emergency contact can also be made via email on enquiries@gasway.co.uk.

If you already have an appointment booked for a service or repair, you will need to contact Gasway to reconfirm this.

People urged to stay away from cliffs

Residents and visitors are being urged to take care when visiting the East Suffolk coast after persistent reports of children playing at the foot of cliffs, people climbing on them or walking too close to the top or bottom.

Earlier this year, a campaign was launched by Coastal Partnership East in conjunction with HM Coastguard to remind people to stay safe on the coast, especially when walking near our cliffs, which are some of the fastest eroding in western Europe. The coastguards recommend never climbing cliffs without safety equipment, wearing appropriate footwear if walking on coastal paths and checking the weather and tide tables beforehand, keeping dogs on leads, and keeping at least the height of the cliff away from the base of it.

If you notice anything unusual or dangerous about cliffs or any coastal defences, please email coastalmanagement@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

STAY SAFE ON OUR COAST!

We have many miles of beautiful coastline to explore and enjoy but it is also some of the fastest eroding coast in western Europe. We urgently need your help to make sure that everyone stays safe when they visit the beach.

Please:

Do stay away from the cliffs.

They can be very unstable even if they look safe. It is extremely dangerous to walk close to cliffs or to climb them.

Do take notice of any signs warning you of hazards. These have been put in place to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

Do take notice of the tides. Some areas of beach along our coast are not as wide as they used to be and at high tide it is not possible to walk along them without walking close to the cliffs or being cut off by the tides. This could be very dangerous if the cliff is unstable, even though it may look safe.

This can be easily seen in places such as Pakefield, particularly close to the caravan park.

Don't walk on any defences which may have been placed on the beach. Not only is it dangerous to do so, you are damaging something which is there to help protect the local community from erosion.

Do follow any diversion signs. That help you navigate your walk onto safe paths and areas until you have passed any hazards

Do enjoy our wonderful coast and all that it has to offer but do visit safely, stay safe and go home safe.

If you have any questions or notice something about our defences or cliffs that you think we should know about then email us at coastalmanagement@eastsoffolk.gov.uk
In an emergency call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.



More free half hour parking

As a response to concerns from local businesses about the impact of Covid-19, East Suffolk Council has agreed to extend its free parking scheme to 13 additional car parks across the district.

Having introduced new tariffs in August 2020, which were designed to simplify charges and better reflect the needs and historic usage of parking facilities, it has become clear that issues created by the virus have affected parking behaviour and the Council has responded by now offering its 30 minute free parking tariff to 48 different car parks, up from the original 35. These now include:- **Aldeburgh -King Street & Oakley Square. Leiston - High Street & Sizewell Road. Saxmundham - Market Place. Sizewell - Sizewell Beach. Southwold - Ferry Road, Harbour Quay East & Southwold Pier. Thorpeness -Thorpeness Beach.**

So, even more reason to SHOP LOCAL

Shoppers across East Suffolk are being encouraged to return to their high street in the run up to Christmas. With East Suffolk categorised as Tier 2 (high alert), non-essential shops, personal care businesses, gyms and the wider leisure sector reopened on 2 December to the relief of local traders, who have so far missed out on the usual pre-Christmas rush. Through its ongoing 'Shop Local' campaign, East Suffolk Council is continuing to encourage local shoppers to visit their local towns during

this crucial Christmas period and to support independent retailers, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, pubs and cafes as much as they can.

Best Christmas Wishes to Everyone!

Tony Cooper, TJ Haworth Culf and Jocelyn Bond

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)

Community Emergency Planning

Merry Christmas to you all. I hope you can all enjoy the festive season despite the restrictions imposed on us because of the Covid-19 virus. Don't forget to look out for your neighbours and together we can all ensure we get through the winter safely.

I think this time of the year is a good time to remind ourselves of what to do in an emergency. Winter normally brings us a mixture of cold, wet and windy weather and it is likely we will experience some severe storms, including snow storms, bringing slippery, icy, cold and wet conditions. Add to this the possibility of flooding and you can see that it is wise to prepare for these events. The first thing to remember is:

- In an emergency dial 999 and alert the Police/Fire/Ambulance/Coastguard as appropriate
- If the building is on fire – **Get Out and Stay Out!**
- If it is not on fire consider – **Go In, Stay In, Tune In.**
- If possible, and it is safe to do so, pass on warnings to neighbours and check on vulnerable people.
- Limit phone calls to essential only – it keeps lines free and Someone May Be Trying To Contact You.

General Precautions

There are a number of things you can do to reduce the impact of an emergency on yourself and your family. If you are outside agree a place to meet in case you get separated. For the home, keep an emergency box and include the following items:

- A torch and batteries or a wind-up torch or lantern.
- Candles and matches (in a dry sealed container).
- A portable radio and batteries or a wind-up radio

- A basic plug in telephone.
- Drinks – cans or bottled water.
- Notebook, pens, pencils.
- Something to occupy the children.
- Make sure medicines, toiletries and spectacles/contact lenses are easily available to put in the box when necessary.

Flooding (Floodline 03459 881188)

There is nothing worse than having your property flooded, but you must remember to put people before property. Listen to and act on the advice of the emergency services and follow these steps:

- Move your family and pets upstairs but maintain a means of escape.
- Gather essential items (drinking water, insurance docs, blankets, torch, first aid kit, essential medication and some food) and put them out of the way of the flood water.
- Listen to local radio for updates or call Floodline on the number above.
- Put plugs in sinks and baths and weigh them down with a heavy object (such as a pillowcase or plastic bag filled with soil) to avoid 'backing up' through the drains. Do the same for the toilet.
- Only if it is safe to do so, turn off the gas, electricity and water supplies when the flood water is about to enter your property. DO NOT touch sources of electricity when standing in flood water.

Storms

We normally get plenty of notice before a storm arrives and the met office now give all severe storms a name. We should prepare before a storm arrives in order to minimise the risk of injury or damage. Be ready for the arrival of a storm by following these steps:

- Store some emergency provisions – the milkman or delivery man may not be able to reach you for 24hrs.
- Secure outdoor items and bring as much as possible indoors including pets. Ensure all hatches, latches, locks and catches are secure.
- Close windows, clear window sills and pull blinds or curtains to protect against flying glass.
- Warn vulnerable neighbours and help them prepare.
- Unplug aerials, computers and telephone lines from their mains sockets (lightning can travel down these).

Lastly, we have recently received a handy Information Leaflet from EDF and Suffolk CC informing us of actions to take in the event a radiation leak from Sizewell. It

doesn't mean a leak is likely, it is just a way of sharing the safety information and making sure we are aware of the impact of a leak and the actions to take in order to keep safe. The main message is **GO IN, STAY IN, TUNE IN**. The leaflet has a useful magnet on the plastic envelope so it can be kept close by, perhaps on the door of the fridge, or any metal surface.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Roger Brown

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Sizewell Information Office reopens

If you need more information before responding to the latest planning changes for Sizewell C by December 18th, the Sizewell C Information Office at 48-50 High Street in Leiston is once again open to the public from 9.30am to 12.30 and 1.30pm to 5pm Monday to Friday (inclusive).

In line with Tier 2 restrictions, access is only guaranteed by appointment although drop-in visitors will be catered for if possible. Telephone free 0800 197 6102 or email: info@sizewellc.co.uk to arrange your visit. Only one person at a time or two people (maximum), from the same 'bubble' are permitted. Masks must be worn, hands sanitised and temperature checks and Track and Trace details will be taken.

The current consultation runs until Friday, 18 December, and is purely about proposed changes to the DCO application submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in May this year. Hard copies of the full Consultation Document and response forms, as well as USB sticks containing the consultation information, are available from the Information Office

Copies of the November edition of the Community Newsletter are also available from the office and in large print, easy read and audio versions on request. It can also be viewed electronically

here: <https://www.edfenergy.com/sites/default/files/szc-newsletter-fullversion-nov2020.pdf>

All the consultation material can be viewed on the Sizewell C website at: www.sizewellc.co.uk with a direct link to the full consultation document

at: <https://edf.thirdlight.com/pf.tlx?iUNjtYxjt2VdAX>

The Response Form can be found

here: <https://magpielanding.traverse.org.uk/surveys/sizewellC>

You can also view a virtual tour about the proposed changes at: <https://3dwtech.co.uk/dashboard/edf/sizewell-c/exhibition/>

Should you have any questions, please call the Sizewell C Community Freephone line on 0800 197 6102 or email us at info@sizewellc.co.uk

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)

Thanks for the memory

Local historian Mick Sturmeay, who is collating local memories for the Heritage Group, has extracted these stories originally included in a 'History of Thorpe from 1906' written by Mr J.P. (Percy) Westrupp

Haven House, the last house on leaving Thorpeness for Aldeburgh, was given its name because the River Hundred flowed into the sea nearby. Initially there was a foot bridge over the river, which was followed by a bridge wide enough for horses and carts to pass in the centre of the bridge, referred to by some as the "Rattlebone Bridge". The river area was aptly named as a Haven, as in the past boats were known to shelter there during rough weather conditions. These included Dutch eel boats on their way to London, and on occasion boats were known to offload some of their catch before they could get to sea again, resulting in an abundance of eels in the river. Locals took advantage of this and it was reported that once a catch of 70 stones of eels were sent to Billingsgate market in London.

The Thorpe Lifeboat. Thorpe had a lifeboat, although this was stationed at Sizewell, under the cliff opposite the Dower House. A large iron winch was needed to haul the boat out of the sea. This needed six men on each of the two handles, with another six men on a rope attached to the handles. Nearby was a house called Wreck House, which was sited between Thorpe and Sizewell. The man who lived there would ring a bell when a boat was in trouble. The bell was on the house roof and was rung by a rope pulled inside the house.

With its lifeboat, coastguard cottages and rocket shed, Thorpe played its part in helping those in trouble on the sea.

Mick Sturmeay

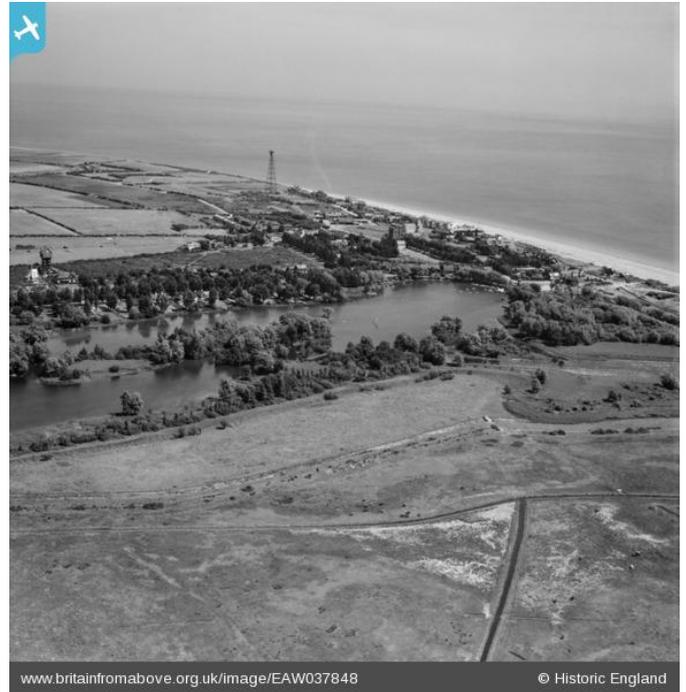
Mystery of the Moving Mast

Thomas O'Brien from Martlesham Heath is a regular visitor to our Parish. In the late 70s while walking around Thorpeness and Aldringham he noticed a tall radio mast close to a sewage works. Years later, he learnt some of these radio masts were old wartime ones, but on returning to Thorpeness, he found the mast was gone, though he has an Ordnance Survey Map with it marked on.

"I've been searching the internet for clues and I came up with is a picture from 1951 showing a war time radio mast north of Thorpeness which is not where I remember seeing the mast and not where indicated on the OS map", writes Mr O'Brien.

"So I wondered if your heritage group had any members who remember what happened to these aerial masts, or maybe have some pictures? After lengthy spells on the internet I have come up with this hypothesis; old maps show Decca had a navigation site North of Thorpeness (see pic below). I presume they moved into the old wartime buildings used for the home chain mast. The Decca navigation system was a precursor to our sat-nav systems we have today. A new aerial was needed so

Decca installed one to the West as shown on the map. This aerial formed part of the Holland cluster and was used to aid the navigation of ships around the Rotterdam area. The Decca system became outdated and was closed in 2000. After that I presume the mast was removed. Any help would be much appreciated". Contact t.obrien24@yahoo.com if you have mast memories to share.



In Praise of Darkness

When Bill Seale and his wife Venetia moved to Aldringham a decade ago, they loved their views of the Suffolk night sky. But 10 years on, it's not so easy to see.

Bill writes:-

'What struck me in watching the 'open-floor' submissions to the recent Scottish Power hearings were several recurrent themes; most, almost to a man or woman, raised the issue of the various forms of pollution that would be inflicted upon our parish. These were usually the trio of noise, dust and light pollution that would arise from the cabling works. Much was made of the beauty and depth of our Suffolk skies and how light pollution would deplete these by the permanently lit works' compounds.

But I feel that in the 10 years since we moved to Aldringham, the wonderful night skies have already been eroded, carelessly. When we first came here we were struck by the number of torches carried at night. A torch was an essential item for an evening out, and there was a strangely comforting feel to these flashes of light in the darkness. Nowadays, however, we are shepherded home by a panoply of security or display lighting whilst the famous Suffolk skies become less distinct above our

heads. But with a little more thought from us all, this can be addressed.

Light pollution can be defined as 'inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light' and 'light trespass', when stray lighting falls where is not needed or welcome. But it is the easiest of all the modern pollutants to be managed. It is a matter of evaluating the necessity and scope of the light source and adjusting or turning off that device. It will almost certainly reduce our carbon footprint at no loss to anyone.

Not only is light pollution a despoiler of our night landscape, but it is harmful to ourselves and wildlife. In humans, distress is caused by disturbed sleep patterns as it affects the body's production of melatonin, a brain hormone that is a central of the body's sleep-wake cycle. It is produced by the pineal gland at the onset of darkness, while light causes this production to stop, hampering the regulation of our circadian rhythm which synchronize our sleep-wake cycle with night and day. In animals, light pollution causes confusion - when to eat, sleep, reproduce and migrate. Song birds migrate at night and like moths are attracted to bright lights. Many are killed in collisions with overly lit buildings. Night pollinators, like bees and moths, ignore the alluring fragrances of nectar in fields and are drawn instead to the lights, where they frequently die through overheating, thus reducing food for bats and birds.

So, what can we do to reduce our light pollution? It is so easy. Do you really need your security lighting on all night? It makes no sense- the burglar now, like the rest of us, no longer needs to carry a torch. He can browse the full extent of your domain, now well-lit at your expense. Put it on a motion sensor device - that will startle him and make you aware of his presence. Make sure the sensor is not pointed at trees that blow in the wind as the light will be on and off all night - a major irritation to those who struggle to sleep.

Do you really need the strength of bulb you have fitted? Your neighbour might not want to share this form of 'light trespass'. If you have no option but to have external light on all night, point it downwards or try shielding it. These actions will lessen your electricity bill and carbon footprint and also improve your relations with your neighbours. Above all, think of our beautiful Suffolk skies - it is now estimated that 70% of British people cannot see the Milky Way at night or appreciate the wonder of it all. We are especially blessed here, let's try and keep it that way. A 'dark-skies' Aldringham-cum-Thorpe is possible with a little bit of thought and a flick of a switch'.

Thorpeness Tree Planting Project comes to fruition

Photos and text by Janey Blanchflower

In blustery but dry weather on Saturday 24th October an enthusiastic band of about 30 village volunteers armed with spades, forks, secateurs, watering cans and wheelbarrows descended on the Sports Field where they were met by the organisers, Bill Crow and Marion Wells. It had been Marion's idea to plant a scattered orchard on the perimeter of the sports field for visual enhancement

and ecological diversity and, together with Bill's organisational skills, this proved to be an enjoyable and satisfying community occasion.



Adults, children and dogs formed five groups, four of which planted fruit trees and one planted a selection of native hedging species to fill a gap in the hedge on the north side of the field. The fruit trees, compost, root powder, stakes and netting were supplied by Botanica Nursery of Campsea Ashe. Three species of apple - Arthur Turner, Epicure and Red Pixie - two species of pear - Buerre Superfin and Comice - and Czar plum were planted by each group following detailed instructions to ensure the best chance of survival.



Everyone worked hard digging three foot square holes, planting the trees, backfilling with compost and soil, watering them from the stand pipe and finally fixing the protective netting. An atmosphere of fun, laughter and teamwork was much in evidence, and the crowning glory of the occasion was the appearance of Bill with bottles of fizz to reward the workers.

The initiative was jointly funded by Thorpeness residents Adnams Community Trust and EDF



Coffee Caravan's Cooking With Kindness Appeal

Many people have been missing the regular visits by the Rural Coffee Caravan, which has a committed following in Aldringham and Thorpeness. But while they're not out on the road just now, Ann Osborn and her team have been busy behind the scenes trying to provide 500 slow cookers and cookbooks for needy households.

Ann writes: "We all know that some people are really struggling financially this year. We may all be in the same storm but we are not all in the same boat! For some of us, this winter will be truly dire and we need to look out for each other more than ever. Check on family, friends and neighbours regularly. Some may be embarrassed that they are not coping so we need to be extra observant. Food poverty and fuel poverty go hand in hand so for many that means eating cold food or food that only requires a kettle or a microwave. These options can be very poor nutritionally.

"Slow cookers use very little power but allow cheaper cuts of meat to be made into delicious nutritious meals. In fact they can be used for a whole variety of foods and make a very healthy option for people in fuel poverty. Much better than pot noodles and a kettle! We will send them out with recipes and links to our social media where we will post other recipes from time to time. Warming nutritious meals will help the recipients stay well through winter and beyond".

Ann has already smashed through her first target figure, and is now aiming for a total of £5,000. You can donate through this link :-

<https://localgiving.org/appeal/ruralcoffeecaravan-cookingwithkindness/> or get more information on the Rural Coffee Caravan website. You can even buy and send a slow cooker to Ann if you prefer. Also if you know of, or are supporting a family or individual in your community that are struggling and you think would benefit from receiving one of the slow cooker and cookbook packages, then please do let the Rural Coffee Caravan team know.

All being well, the Coffee Caravan will be back in our neck of the woods on the second Tuesday in April.

Tel: 01379 855338 info@ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk



Local Groups



St Andrew's Church

November started off with an inspiring Remembrance Day service outside in the churchyard. I am sure that all our 24 noble servicemen will have felt properly remembered and thanked. And I don't expect to say this very often, but 'Thank You Boris' for relaxing the lockdown regime to allow us to have that service on Remembrance Day. The collection for the Royal British Legion was a whopping £470. David Gordon said that was a record for the Remembrance Day collection.

Chris Burrell-Saward had been busy researching the histories of those brave servicemen who died in the two World Wars and those histories were displayed outside the church in a Field of Remembrance. Even if you were not able to attend the service on Sunday, the astonishing stories of men who gave their lives are available in the Book of Remembrance available on our church website www.aldringhamparishchurch.co.uk.

St. Andrew's Day, November 30th has traditionally been marked with a festival service in the church followed by a fish and chip supper. As that has not been possible this year, we have instead had a Ceilidh style service on Zoom, with the Pilgrims Together group and St. Andrew's congregation coming together to make this happen. The service included reflections from Maggie Boswell, Revd Christine Brooks, Mark Goyder and Eddie Chandler talking about the impact that St. Andrew's Church has had on their lives.

An innovation for 2021 is that we now have produced a church calendar. This is a 'hang on your wall' calendar with a photo of a church related theme for each month. The calendar also shows the dates of feast days and events that we shall hold, COVID-19 permitting. A copy will be hanging in the church porch for you to look at next time you are at the church.

The calendar will sell for £10 and the sale of all the calendars will generate a profit to offset what we have lost in lockdown2. Buy one for yourself and one for a friend or neighbour. They will be on sale after each Sunday service or direct from David (david@birdiegordon.org.uk or 01728 452057)

There will be services in the Church at 11 am each Sunday in December (Dec 6 and Dec 13). As before, we need to observe social distancing and wear masks. The choir will be singing.

In place of the traditional nine lessons and carols, there will be two rather shorter services, one on Sunday 20th at 11am and one on Monday 21st at 6pm so that as many people as possible can attend one or other of the services. Due to space limitations, pre-booking through me is required davidcopp@hotmail.com.

David Copp

Churchwarden

Caption: St Andrew's Field of Remembrance



ImpACT (Aldringham Community Team)

Scottish Power Windfarm Open Floor Hearings

The main event since the last newsletter has been the Virtual Open Floor Hearings on Scottish Power's application with regard to their two windfarm projects. It is to excavate a cable route from their offshore windfarms from the coast at Thorpeness through Aldringham at a tight 'pinch-point' at Fitches Lane then through the fields in Knodishall up to Friston, where it will terminate in an 80 acre substation. We are now at the stage when all of the last two years of Public Consultation events, parish meetings, hours of research by various community groups finally came together before the Planning Inspectorate, who must decide on their proposals.

It was incredibly heartening to see the many live responses from our parish's residents and councillors, not to mention the 800 or so written responses to the last consultation before the hearings. ImpACT members were among those who spoke up online as well as other local residents of our parish in registering their concerns and objections to this scheme.

Our own Jill Hubbard voiced concern at the effects of the excavation route alongside Fitches Lane. She pointed out that many of us have enjoyed this beautiful footpath for years, and now worry over the future of its wildlife and flora as heavy construction machinery trundles along its length.

Christine Laschet spoke of the potential effects of the project on the eco-system that gently thrives along the River Hundred - 'our very own rain forest'. This writer was astonished at the number of species that depend on its existence as it wends its way down through North Warren to the Meare at Thorpeness.

Her husband, Mike, raised the issue of the lack of planning by the Government as a queue of similar projects line up to travel up to SPR's substation at Friston by the same route over the next 10 years. What wildlife and plant life that isn't destroyed by this first excavation will be definitely nailed by the end of those.

Other notable contributions were made by our Rector, Mark Lowther, who drew attention to the effects on our local population who will have to live with these projects

for an indefinite time - many who will see their retirement years consumed by ongoing construction works. For those, who would like to view these 'Zoom' sessions, they are available through the online link <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-north-offshore-windfarm/?ipcsection=docs>. It makes for compulsive viewing - the professionalism of the Planning Inspectorate team is impressive.

A positive sign since the hearings is in the latest update from Scottish Power who now propose to carry out both duct-laying operations at one time, forestalling the need to repeat the full excavation to lay both routes - surely a victory for common sense. We shall see if this extends to further applicants attempting this route, if this scheme goes ahead. We should only have to go through with this once.

Thorpeness Art Group Highland Fling

..... Well it certainly was a 'fling' of sorts. In October we had the wonderful opportunity of using the Aldeburgh Cinema main auditorium for a series of Scottish Colourist Lectures and we grabbed it with both hands. Thanks to the Aldeburgh Cinema Trust and the terrific efforts of cinema manager Michele and her assistant Alice we were able to meet, Covid safe, for a few precious hours of pure colour presented to us by Samuel Peploe, J.D. Fergusson, Leslie Hunter and 'Bunty' Cadell - the Scottish Colourists. Hopefully we can get back together in the spring of 2021 for another series of lectures which are already in preparation.

For further information contact Bill Crow on 01728 454641 or wjcrow@aol.com

Good Neighbours

The second period of lockdown did not produce the flurry of calls for our services that we experienced in the first long haul. Nevertheless, we have been very grateful for our temporary helpers' continuing to step into the breach while some of our regular volunteers have been forced into self-isolation.

We're happy to say that some previously temporary members have agreed to become permanent, and their applications will be processed as soon as we are able.

We've all missed our Community Lunches and Volunteer's Coffee Morning, so it is a special treat to be looking forward to a Community Christmas Takeaway Lunch, provided by our wonderful friends at The Parrot, on Tuesday December 15th. The cost is £9 to include your choice of either Christmas turkey roast, salmon or sweet potato, quinoa and almond bake, followed by either Christmas pud or a brownie. A mince pie and a cracker will add an extra festive touch. Afterwards, there will be an online raffle draw for the traditional hamper, or a £50 Salter and King butcher's voucher, donated by a very kind neighbour. To order the meal, which will be delivered by volunteers around 12.30pm email

mihpan@gmail.com or telephone 451464 . Raffle tickets at £1 each can be obtained from Wendy Sturmeay on 01728 452586 or her mobile 07970 085297 . Payment can be made with your lunch by cash or cheque or directly to the Good Neighbours' bank account : Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Good Neighbours Barclays Bank sort code 20-16-12 account no. 53912337. Don't forget – if you need help with any small task, or would just like to chat to a friendly voice, the Good Neighbours helpline number is

07521 047 843

Pippa McLardy

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Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group



May I, on behalf of the TAHG committee, wish you all a Happy Christmas, We sincerely hope everybody is keeping safe and well during these very worrying times. At the beginning of 2020 none of us had any idea of what was to come, and I expect this time will stay in our memories for some time to come. It has been with much sadness and regret that we have not been able to hold events and meet up and talk to our members, but we are looking forward to seeing them all in 2021.

We have come a long way since TAHG was originally formed and we now have a Heritage Hut which makes a statement at the edge of the Thorpeness Car Park. The inside has been insulated and boarded out, a lovely wood- effect floor has been laid, the electrics are all completed and heaters have been fixed to help keep us warm in the winter months. We have hung many photographs on the walls and also a watercolour painting of the last fishing boat on Thorpeness Beach, painted by one of our members. The landscaping has been completed outside and really looks very smart.

We have been trying to keep the garden area weeded and have tidied up around the gabions ready for planting. The Beach Baggers led by Bill and Debbie Crow have kindly donated money to buy suitable plants to be placed in the garden area. Over the last few weeks we have consulted with Botanica and they are advising us on a planting scheme suitable for the location. Hopefully we can have a big planting session soon, when we will need both members and non-members of TAHG to help us. When a date has been agreed, we will post it on the Heritage Hut door/window and look forward to seeing as many of you then as any restrictions at the time allow. We are deeply grateful to all members who donated to our appeal a few weeks ago - not being able to raise funds through our events has been hard. However, through their generosity we received over £2,000 which has been put to good use helping us to finish both internal and external works.

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.

The wonderful Hilary Chandler is still working on information boards regarding history of Thorpeness, also Eric and Sue Atkinson are producing information regarding Aldringham. Bill Crow has written and is having booklets printed about the Beach Baggers. Mick Sturmeay hopes to put together all the articles he has produced for the Newsletter into a booklet also. I am hoping to obtain a Fisherman's Tale from the last 2 people who fished off Thorpeness and reproduce several of their pictures. Thanks to all who have worked so hard in helping complete the works. Lots of information has, and still is, being collected so we can eventually share it with all in the hut. If anybody does have any old photos or articles please let us know so we can copy them and have them on show, please contact me, Maureen at Old Thorpe House or Sue Atkinson by phoning 01728 830497. Another group led by Mr Bob Alexander (related to the Alexander's who once lived in Thorpeness) are hoping to restore the Thorpeness Halt railway platform. Many of you will remember The Halt and maybe be passing it regularly on walks. Many thanks to our committee member, Janey Blanchflower, who is working closely with them. We hope to have articles and photos of this project on show in the hut in the future. It will be another attraction especially as they hope to have 2 old railway carriages brought to the site and placed where they once were. We will encourage this project for the future. Hopefully, in the New Year we will complete fitting out the Hut and, if all goes well and circumstances allow, have our long awaited grand opening in 2021 to which all will be welcome. To keep the group and building going, any support and help will be much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS, THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Maureen Jones

Chairperson TAHG

New group to help restore Thorpeness Halt?

A group of enthusiasts are investigating the possibility of forming a Local Interest Group to stop the degradation of the platform at Thorpeness Halt and restore it to something of its former glory, to be a witness to a bygone era. The site would be used to educate the public about the Halt, the branch line and the railway, with the intention to make it sufficiently self-funding to secure a sustainable future.

They are currently investigating some of the requirements and benefits of being a registered society, which would have the necessary insurances and legal cover to be able to build up an active membership in order to carry out the necessary work. They are currently in early discussions with the landowners to ascertain if they would be willing to support the project.

If you would like more details please contact Bob Alexander at: bobinnovator100249@gmail.com

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

It has been a very quiet year this year for obvious reasons. The pavilion building, given its age and condition, could not have been used safely during the pandemic. We lost most of our annual income which is earned from hiring out the pavilion and field including the caravan weekends which we have every year, and also for providing parking for fireworks night in August. The funds raised from these activities cover our yearly running costs; insurance, music licenses, utility bills and all the other general running costs. We were lucky however to benefit from a £10,000 grant from the government which our chairman applied for and got on our behalf. That was a great help, and we were also able to have a caravan rally in the small window of opportunity offered by the changes in lockdown rules during August.

We have been very fortunate in recent weeks to receive from Bill Crow and his Beach Baggers Group a number of fruit trees which have been planted on the periphery of the sports field. Once grown, the trees will become an 'Open Orchard' and the future fruits will be there for us all to pick. Bill and his group have also provided some native hedging plants, which will provide both food and shelter for birds and insects. A planting day was organised within the strict Covid-19 guidelines set down by the government. Bill was advised by the suppliers Botanica on the best planting regime to maximise pollination. These instructions were followed closely and we look forward to a very fruitful outcome in years to come. Our thanks go to Bill and all his 'baggers', sorry we couldn't organise a picnic or any celebration on the day but it was more important to keep everyone safe. We are all looking forward to blossom time in the spring and of course some delicious fruits in the autumn. A wonderful legacy for the village I think you must all agree, once again thank you to the baggers.

On November 23rd we held our AGM online via Zoom. Sadly, some people could not attend as they didn't have access to a suitable device. However, even during these difficult times the Charities Commission require us to do all we can to facilitate a meeting. It was wonderful then for us to receive lots of nominations from interested parties wishing to become trustees and even better that all of them after signing the required paperwork, will become trustees. We have never had a full complement of trustees before and are looking forward, greatly to the expertise and help these new people will bring to the table. So all is looking good for 2021.

That leaves me behalf of all the Pavilion Trustees to wish you all A safe and Merry Christmas followed by a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sue Atkinson Hon Secretary Trustees Committee.

Thorpeness Cricket Club Annual Report

The story of the cricket club proves that if we offer an activity people enjoy, through word of mouth, it'll come good. A shortened season, playing four games and winning three. We beat one of the best teams in the area at home and away.

I'm proud of the standard of cricket played, coupled with a sportsmanlike attitude to the games. Thanks to Dylan Churchill and Edward Paulley for their cricketer recruitment and their cricketing contributions.

Good to see the net being used for practice on a regular basis by other than myself. Many thanks to Bill Seale for wicket maintenance which produced a true bounce.

I dearly hope that with the help of our new trustees, we can build a Thorpeness Pavilion for the many not the few.

Match Report

Thorpeness Cricket Club V Halesworth Pumas at Thorpeness 30/7/20

Pumas won toss and batted first. A dramatic start for Thorpeness as 4 wickets fell in the first 4 overs for 12 runs - Arthur Pickthorn 2 wickets for 5 runs, Arthur Thompson 2 wickets for 7 runs.

Pressure built for the Pumas, Owen Roberts hitting out but caught at mid-wicket. The Pumas Will Dunnings coming in at no 6 steadied the ship with 10, further consolidated by Mark Jeffries 29 and Matt Summerfield 31. Innings totalling 107. Economical support bowling from Hamish Aitken 1 wicket for 4 runs and Henry King no wicket for 3 runs, Edward Paulley 2 wickets for 10 runs. All bowlers limited to 2 overs each.

Against some tight bowling by the Pumas (Niall Excell 1 for 6, Rich Munnings, Owen Roberts, Billy Scriven all bowling 2 overs for less than 10 runs) Hamish Aitken scores 34 and retires including 4 6s and Dylan Churchill also retiring having scored 25 with 4 4s and surviving 2 appeals for caught behind in the same over. Every innings needs an opening platform to build on top of and these 2 innings achieved that. Other batting contributions from Alfie Agar 13 and Henry King 11 Thorpeness reach 108 with 11 balls to spare.

The Pumas batted well to recover from early wickets and posted a competitive score but not quite enough.

Thorpeness first 5 bowlers bowled fast and hard to score from.

Francis Byrne

Croquet Club

Croquet was one of the first outdoor sports to be allowed when Covid-19 restrictions were lifted in July, albeit with only limited numbers at any one time. Plenty of games were played over the summer period. The second lockdown stopped play but, weather permitting, we are now allowed to play again. A few hardy ones will probably do so.

But if vaccines and testing becomes widespread we shall look forward to a proper season from Spring 2021 and look forward to welcoming anyone who would be interested in giving it a try then.

Croquet offers sport, friendship, fun, competition and a whole lot more. It sounds easy and is for beginners but for experts is a game of skill, strategy, angles, tactics and guile. It is a bit like snooker on grass (in fact snooker first started as a table top indoor version of croquet).

www.thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net

Angela Clark for Thorpeness Croquet Club

Local Talking Newspapers to end

Evelyn Rumsby, whose late husband founded the Leiston and District Talking Newspaper for the Blind and Partially Sighted writes: "It is with great sadness that I, together with my trustees, have made the decision not to continue with this charity. As you may have read previously, my late husband formed the charity and began circulating a weekly cassette to listeners in 1983. After he died in 1987, it was run by another person, and I took over the running again in 1990. We had to change from cassettes to thumb drives, keeping up with modern technology. Times have moved on - there is far more available to blind and partially sighted people, and our main source of local news was from the East Anglian Daily Times - so little local news in the paper now. Our listeners were mainly elderly, and we were gradually circulating to less and less.

I owe a big thank you to my sister - Joan Smith, and more recently to Sydney Graham who helped with the reading. As I write this, I am awaiting instructions from the Charity Commission as to the procedure I need to follow. As we have money in the bank, I am hoping we will be allowed to support the East Suffolk Blind Association.

Over the years, I have so enjoyed visiting listeners, and it really is with a heavy heart that this decision has been made. I have met some wonderful uncomplaining people".

Pilgrims Together

I don't think, on reflection, any of us will be too sorry to see the back of 2020. There has been an awful lot of heartbreak, sadness and loneliness suffered by some of the most vulnerable in our society. But on the positive side, a lot of help and friendship groups have been formed locally and they will, God willing, carry on long after the pandemic has become manageable. It is comforting therefore to find that many people during these difficult times have turned to God, been helped by the power of prayer and the fellowship that comes as a result of that connection.

There certainly have been lots of lessons learned and a lot of logistical problems solved as well. On reflection, we have come to understand that sometimes by doing things in the usual way we can get a little complacent, and 2020 certainly pushed any complacency out of the window and made us all rethink a lot of things.

For example, the Thorpeness Summer Services which the Rev Mark Lowther asked our group to lead could not have been held in their usual home, the Country Club. It was then decided to hold them outside beside the Meare, (with the kind permission of Glen Ogilvie) and they were an incredible success. The proceeds of the Summer Services were split between The Wardens charity, which is based at Sizewell and the Trussell Trust food bank ,

kindly gifted aided and sent on to these two charities by St. Andrew's treasurer David Gordon! Our thanks go to David. The Services' success was due in some part to the good weather, admittedly, but also to the unusual experience of worshipping outdoors - not something we Brits get to do on a regular basis. St. Andrew's, our local parish church, held some very successful outside services as well. People were drawn from all around to see what was going on and many stayed to worship with us. That, I think was a great result.

Similarly our Pilgrims Together group, who worshipped fortnightly at the Pavilion, now have weekly acts of worship on Zoom; not the same we know, but it makes the best of the circumstances we find ourselves in. We also held a Zoom-based Harvest Thanksgiving and more recently were able to provide a platform for the Patronal service for St. Andrew. This was led by Rev'd Mark Lowther, and many of St. Andrew's congregation joined in, some taking an active part. We also offered time after the end of this and other acts of worship for people to chat and, if they wished to provide themselves with a drink and a snack.

It's not quite as good as being together in one room, we know, but those who were there seemed to enjoy the social time that they had been so sadly missing.

We have also recently compiled a welcome pack to give to any newcomers who will be moving to Aldringham village. At the moment we have concentrated on The Sandpipers development at the crossroads. We have already delivered 2 packs to the latest new home owners, which they were very pleased to receive. We include the gift of a house plant from us, a brief history of Aldringham, a letter from Rev Mark, the latest parish magazine, a membership form for The Friends of St. Andrews, the latest copy of the newsletter edited by Pippa McLardy, a membership form for The Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group, and information about The Parrot. No doubt in the future we will be able to include more information regarding the village and its amenities. All was done following safe Covid guidelines.

And so we come to Christmas, and we at Pilgrims would like to invite the people of the parish to join with us in a Zoom Christmas Carol service. It will be held on the evening of Wednesday 23rd December (joining details below). Participants are invited to stay on after we have celebrated the birth of Christ to enjoy some safe social time, maybe even providing yourselves with a glass of sherry and a mince pie.

We pray that God will love and keep us all in his tender care now and in the future, whatever that may bring.

Sue Atkinson on behalf of Pilgrims Together

If you would like to join us for the Carols please email; pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com where you will find further help on how to join.

If you would like to join with some more Carol Singing from your own front doorstep, join Radio Suffolk's Carols on your Doorstep at 6pm on Dec 16th or Premier Radio's similar event a 5.30 on Dec 20th. Download carol sheets online

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas, and all that is good for 2021

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Dial 101 for Non Urgent Issues

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If you'd like to join, contact:

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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 Peninsular Practice	
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
Leiston Pharmacy	01728 832231
East of England Coop Pharmacy	
High Street, Saxmundham	01728 602051

Veterinary Surgeons

Leiston Veterinary Clinic	
1d Eastlands, Leiston	01728 833566
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Every Tuesday 10am - 1:30am	
Aldeburgh Community Centre	

Tea & Toast

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Ogilvie Pavilion

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WHAT'S ON – December 2020 to April 2021

Month		Place	Event
December			
Thur 10 th		Alde and Ore Partnership	Meeting POSTPONED until Jan 28 th 2021
Sat 12 th	8.30am – 5pm	Alderton Surgery, Peninsular Practice	Pre-bookable only flu jabs for 50 yr olds and above
Tues 15 th	12.30ish	Your Home	Good Neighbours delivery of takeaway Christmas Meal from the Parrot followed by online raffle draw
Wed 16 th	6pm	Your doorstep (with radio)	Radio Suffolk's Carols on the Doorstep
Fri 18 th		Sizewell	Last day for comments on revised DOC submission
Fri 18 th		All SCC Schools	Last day of Christmas term
Sun 20 th	11am	St Andrew's Church Aldringham	Pre-bookable Carol Service
Sun 20 th	5.30pm	Your doorstep	Premier Radio's Carols on the Doorstep
Mon 21 st	6pm	St Andrew's Church Aldringham	Pre-bookable Carol Service
Weds 23 rd		At home online	Online Sing along Carols with Pilgrims Together
Fri 25 th		Surgeries closed	CHRISTMAS DAY
Mon 28 th		Surgeries closed	BOXING DAY
January			
Fri 1 st		Surgeries closed	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 4 th		All SCC Schools	SCHOOL SPRING TERM BEGINS
Thurs 21 st	2pm-4pm	Peninsular Practice	Closed for staff meeting
Thurs 28 th		Alde and Ore Partnership	Meeting (postponed from Dec)
February			
Weds 10 th	from 1pm	Leiston Surgery	Closed for training Dispensary open as usual
Weds 10 th	from 1pm	Peninsular Practice	Closed for training
Fri 12 th		All SCC Schools	SCHOOL HALF TERM Begins
Mon 22 nd			SCHOOL BACK FOR 2ND HALF SPRING TERM
March			
Weds 10 th		Leiston Surgery	Closed for training Dispensary open as usual
Fri 26 th		All SCC Schools	SCHOOL SPRING TERM ENDS
April			
Mon 12 th		All SCC Schools	SCHOOL SUMMER TERM BEGINS
Tues 13 th			Rural Coffee Caravan hopes to resume visits