

# Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell Newsletter



## **Website:**

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

## **Parish Council Update**



## **Parish Emergency Plan**

Over a number of years, the Parish Council has been wrestling with the preparation of an Emergency Plan. It has proved such a difficult and time-consuming task, that many have started, but met insuperable difficulties and have surrendered. Roger Brown from Aldringham has experience in the field and is now reaching the conclusion of the EP after many hours work.

## **NOW HE NEEDS OUR HELP**

Roger writes:-

'Over the last few months we have been writing an Emergency Plan for the Parish and it is now close to completion. Once finished, the plan will dovetail with the Emergency Plans managed by the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Group at County level. Should a major emergency occur that affects our community, our plan is designed to enable the local management team to provide leadership, direction and

coordination, to be able to cooperate with the Emergency Services, to communicate regularly and effectively throughout the community and give assistance at a local level to individuals and businesses.

By the time you receive this Newsletter the Editor Pippa McLardy and I will have attended a workshop and table top exercise hosted by the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Group. We will have tested our plan and gained some insight to other community plans as well as how to improve our community response. We will then update the plan before publishing a final version that can be classified as a 'live plan'. The plan will, of course, require regular updates and reviews, and these will be scheduled every 12 months. Additionally, we will carry out exercises ourselves to ensure that it is possible to do what we plan to do, when responding to an emergency within the community.

**This is a Community Emergency Plan and will rely on members of the community to make it effective.**

For our response to an emergency to be successful we need volunteers to fill some of the key roles, such as Community Coordinators, who will liaise with vulnerable neighbours throughout the emergency and keep them informed. We also need 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 me (or Pippa McLardy - Editor) at the email address below.

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## **PARISH MATTERS March 2018**

## **Parish Councillors**

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Brian Davies		01728 830938
Katherine Shadbolt		01728 451906
Shirley Tilbrook	Parish Clerk	01728 830001

## Flooding

After a particularly wet winter, flooding has been a major issue outside the Parrot. We have been in constant discussion with Suffolk Highways since January and despite Highways wishing to talk about the problem of priorities and budgets we continue to press for remedial work to be carried out as soon as possible. We are also having the same discussions regarding the flooding in Old Homes Road in Thorpeness.

## Potholes

In December two councillors attended an information event at Suffolk Highways new East Suffolk Centre in Halesworth, at which they outlined their reorganised structure and their strategy to deliver improved services. They also demonstrated their new reporting and work management system which is designed to improve work prioritisation and efficient working. I would encourage anyone who identifies a problem, to report it to them and get a report number. This will enable you to track their progress in resolving the problem.

## Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The feasibility study to provide affordable housing within our parish, particularly in Thorpeness is progressing well with information being gathered to help understand if affordable housing can actually be delivered in the parish.

## Parish Website

Ten years after starting our Parish Website and developing it into the excellent source of information and knowledge. Louise Chadwick has taken the opportunity at the time of a significant upgrade to hang up her keyboard and pass the baton on to Tracy Norman who has kindly taken on the challenge of maintaining it in the future. I would like to record a big thank you for all the time and effort that Louise has put into delivering an award winning website that we can be proud of. Thank you, Louise.

## PLANNING

The parish council has dealt with 11 planning applications since the last newsletter two of which were not supported. Details of the current applications can be found via the Parish Website which links through to SCDC's website.

The area of land in Aldringham east of Aldeburgh Road and South of the driveway to Aldringham House, has now been purchased by Hopkins Homes. We have had early discussions with them, at which we were informed they would be seeking to build the forty houses allocated to the site, 30% (13) of which would be affordable houses. They also advised us they would be building back from the road, leaving what is currently the corner of the field adjacent to the Aldeburgh Road clear.

## SPR Windfarms

I hope you all attended one of the ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) second public information events held in March. SPR have revealed seven areas that are being considered for the location of their two onshore substations together with a National Grid substation, which stimulated lots of discussion. Further work on the landfall point of the cables was also discussed, identifying the influence the current density of cables at Sizewell and the Coralline Crag deposits at Ness Point will have on this decision. They also discussed the problem of crossing the Aldeburgh Road (if required) and have identified a possible opportunity adjacent to Aldringham Court. SPR were at

pains to stress that no decisions had been made yet and it was important for everyone to make their views known. The third phase of consultation is scheduled for June when more detailed information should be available. Please continue to be engaged and give your feedback to SPR.

## Dates of Parish Council Meetings 2018

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July

Please see our Parish Website for the latest information.

## No Internet Access?

While parishioners are encouraged to visit our Parish Website, I know not all of you have access to the internet. If you would like further information on any of the items raised above give Shirley our Clerk or me a call and we will do our best to provide any information you need.

*Eric Atkinson - Chairman, A c T Parish Council*

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## District Council Annual Report

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### Increase to Council Tax 2018/19

Suffolk Coastal District Council agreed at its Full Council Meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to raise its portion of Council Tax for the coming year by 3.15%. This equates to a rise of £4.95 for a Band D property (the same as last year).

SCDC leader Cllr Ray Herring said the Council's financial situation was sound due to streamlining during the last decade, but the future was still uncertain. Partnership with Waveney had achieved combined savings of £22.5m, in part due to halving their joint workforce from 1,353 on April 1st 2008 to 733 on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

SCDC collects Council Tax on behalf of County and Parish Councils and the police service as well as themselves, their own share amounting to around 10p in the pound collected.

### Waste not...

Sign up now if you want to make use of the new Garden Waste Collection Scheme. The old brown wheelie bins will no longer be collected for free starting in May. Instead, a £43 annual charge will entitle you to a larger 240 litre green bin, in which to place garden and food waste.

Currently, SCDC collects around 50,000 tonnes of domestic waste a year which includes 13,000 tonnes of dry recycling, 13,000 tonnes of garden spoil and 2,000 tonnes of food waste. Old brown bins will be picked up, if requested, or can be reused - the Council suggests as water butts, tool stores or for composting. See their website for more ideas.

### ...Want not

Nobody really wants all that plastic littering our beaches and verges, choking our wildlife, and filling our recycling boxes (only when cleaned, natch). This is the year of Greenpoint Forum's #plasticaction, and there is a special event at East Suffolk House in Melton on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm entitled 'Plastics know your place in the Community'. Plastics may be

struggling with the concept, but if any people would like to learn more, book a place on 01394 444747 or online.

### **OVO Energy Women's Tour Bike Race**

After missing a year from the county, the OVO Energy bike race returns to Suffolk with Stage One starting from the centre of Framlingham on June 13<sup>th</sup> and finishing 130k away in Southwold. It won't be passing through the Parish this year though. Enthusiasts can cycle parts of the route on July 1<sup>st</sup> starting and finishing in Southwold.

### **Or by Shank's Pony**

If you'd rather not get on yer bike, Suffolk's biggest walking festival to date starts at St Peter's Brewery near Bungay on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>. No fewer than 120 walks have been mapped out for the three week festival, starting with Dawn Chorus events and concluding with Twilight rambles in beautiful and inspiring locations all over the county. Activities are not confined to walking; on some, you can learn to sketch, practise photography, explore the Sandlings, or try your feet at Nordic Walking. May 23<sup>rd</sup> sees our closest walk, 'Sea, Heath and Fen' starting in Sizewell. The festival is part of the Suffolk County Council Discover Suffolk project ([discoverysuffolk.org.uk](http://discoverysuffolk.org.uk)). Visit [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk) for details

### **Raising the Bar**

With Suffolk education standards rising faster than other parts of the UK, according to Cllr Gordon Jones, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Children's Services, nominations are sought for the pupils, students, people, places and projects that are Raising the Bar in education services. There are 14 categories which can be viewed at [www.rtbawards.com](http://www.rtbawards.com) and the closing date for nominations in May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Be safe from fraud**

Our hard-working SCDC Councillor T J Haworth is especially concerned with the rising levels of fraud being perpetrated on unsuspecting people through scamming texts, emails and telephone calls.

"The fraudsters are getting cleverer and cleverer, sadly," she says, and urges everyone to check the sender's email addresses or phone numbers (if available) and report any suspicious activity to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online. Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and internet crime.

She recommends highly the telephone she uses 'The BT Décor 2600 Advanced Call Blocker Corded Telephone' available from Amazon at just over £30 (other suppliers are available, and probably phones, too, but she can vouch for these ones!)

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### **Website**

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The new editor of the Parish website is Tracy Norman, who's been working extremely hard to revamp our highly-praised offering. Tracy has taken over from founder Louise Chadwick who has passed the baton after 10 years at the keyboard. We are all extremely grateful to (and quite in awe of, in my case) them both.

A mine of useful information, the website carries news and events, as well as details of local services, social groups, businesses and much more. The site is regularly updated so you can read unapproved Parish Council Minutes soon after the meetings take place, check on Neighbourhood Plan progress,

see local Planning Applications and responses to consultations and, at times, learn about other things that may affect our lives in the Parish.

If you're interested in the past, coming soon, just a click will take you to the Heritage Group pages, constructed by Sara Paultey, to discover histories of the Parish and view numerous photographs, old and new, highlighting different aspects of the locality.

If you've got an event planned or a news item that can be included on the website, or if you have any ideas or suggestions for additions or changes email:-

[pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk)

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### **Uppen about – some Parish News**

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

### **SUBSTATIONS - Have your say NOW**

ScottishPower Renewables hosted six public information days in March to discuss the proposed East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North offshore windfarms.

The Leiston event, held on Sunday 18th March, was attended by over 80 people, whilst on Saturday 24th March the Thorpeness event was attended by more than 200 people and the Aldeburgh event by over 100 people. Further events were also held in Lowestoft and Southwold on Saturday 17th March and Orford on Sunday 25th March.

The events provided the opportunity for the local community to learn more about the proposed windfarms and associated infrastructure, to meet members of the project team and specialists, and ask questions about the plans.

Attendees were able to view the area within which ScottishPower Renewables is looking to place the three onshore substations required to connect the power generated by the windfarms to the national grid. The large-scale maps at the events enabled the review of the seven broad proposed areas (called substation zones) for the substations (from the coast between Sizewell and Thorpeness stretching west towards Friston) and for people to be able to provide feedback to the team.

This next round of information events for East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North offshore windfarms will take place in June and July.

At present, ScottishPower Renewables anticipates consent applications being submitted for East Anglia TWO in 2019 and East Anglia ONE North in 2020, with construction commencing around 2024/25.

The East Anglia TWO offshore windfarm could see approximately 75 wind turbines, with a capacity of 900 megawatts, installed 35km from Sizewell beach. East Anglia ONE North could see approximately 67 wind turbines installed 50km from Sizewell beach, with a generating capacity of 800 megawatts. The projects follow-on from the 714 megawatt East Anglia ONE scheme, which is currently under construction 42km off the coast and the 1,200 MW East Anglia THREE windfarm, sited 69km from the coast, which received planning consent last year. The four offshore windfarms combined could provide enough clean energy to power the equivalent of 3 million homes\*. Details about these projects can be found online at [www.spreadanglia.com](http://www.spreadanglia.com). Any feedback or comments can be emailed to [eastangliaonenorth@scottishpower.com](mailto:eastangliaonenorth@scottishpower.com) and [eastangliatwo@scottishpower.com](mailto:eastangliatwo@scottishpower.com)

\*Calculated taking the number of megawatts for each project (714/1200/800/900) multiplied by the number of hours in an average year (8,766), multiplied by the average load factor (efficiency of electrical

energy usage) for offshore wind (36.7%, published by the Digest of United Kingdom Energy Statistics), divided by the average annual household energy consumption (3,900 kWh), giving an equivalent of powering 588,980/989,884/659,922/742,413 homes = 2,981,199 homes



More than 200 people visited the SPR information day in Thorpeness Country Club on March 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Beating the Beast**

The state of the pollution on the beach is the worst we have seen since the Thorpeness Annual Beach Clean was inaugurated in 2003. The Beach Clean on Good Friday will involve clearing two miles of beach of rubbish, mostly plastic containers blown in on the recent easterly winds, not to mention other areas of the village that need a spruce-up.

Fortunately given half decent weather we are expecting anywhere between 80 to 100 volunteers to turn out on Good Friday morning, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018, at The Dolphin Inn at 10.30 a.m. These volunteers will be organised by stewards into eight sectors so that we can maximise on the sheer litter picking power of such a magnificent labour force.

David James and his staff at The Dolphin will simultaneously be preparing hundreds of BBQ'd bangers and other refreshments to feed the hungry hoards as they trudge their way back into the pub garden.

The crowd will include as many children as we can involve, lots still hanging on to their dogs and their precious litter pickers. It's a great educational event for the young. Once fed they are encouraged to come up to the microphone and tell their very own fantastical stories of their 'finds'; such tales will typically be of giant merman's teeth, smugglers drowning in their sea boots, enemy spies landing at night and sea snakes that have turned to iron .... all good fun and rightly earning the applause of the generous crowd and prizes of Easter eggs.

A collection will be held for the funds of the Thorpeness Heritage Group with a specific target of constructing a heritage centre in the Meare Car Park.

The event will end at around 2.30 p.m. with not a few tired arms and legs and sleepy-eyed children too wrapped up in the thoughts of more Easter yet to come, to go and take a look at the vast pile of filled black rubbish bags at Tinkers End – a true honest memorial to what we hope to be a satisfying day for Thorpeness and its visitors. For further information on the Annual Thorpeness Beach & Village Clean contact Bill Crow on 01728 454641, [wjcrow@aol.com](mailto:wjcrow@aol.com)

(Sponsors of Thorpeness Beach & Village Clean are The Dolphin Inn, Thorpeness Hotel & Golf Club and Bedfords Estate Agents.)

### **Sports Ground - The Waiting Game is Over**

Yes, it's finally ours!

The news that the Trustees of the new CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) have been waiting for finally came through in January. We have now had confirmation that the deeds for the sports field and pavilion building have been transferred by Land Registry, to the new charity, from the Margaret and Alexander Ogilvie Trust. Now all is completed we would like to say a big thank you to all who made it possible.

*See latest trustees' report under groups and clubs and please complete the attached survey to tell them what you would like to see available at the Ground.*

### **Above Par**

Thorpeness Golf Club has been recognised as number 83 in the Top 100 courses in England by the prestigious National Golfer Magazine. National Club Golfer is widely recognised as one of the most respected publications for golf course reviews and rankings and this is the first time Thorpeness has made the Top 100. Praise is due to head Groundsman Ian and his team who are pushing ahead with improvements in the hopes of making the Top 50 soon. See the certificate on Thorpeness-Top 100 Courses in England pdf.

The Golf Club will be opening its new Miniature Golf Course 'Jiggers' over the Easter weekend. Members are invited to play the course as often as they like for a £2 fee to establish their top score before April 8<sup>th</sup> to win a meal at the Hotel. Fees collected will go to East Anglia Children's Hospice.

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### **Local Groups and Clubs**

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#### **The View from St Andrew's Church**

Christmas has come and gone and Easter approaches and the new Benefice, with its new logo is bedding down well.



We build up to the Easter celebrations with Palm Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>. Will we again see the donkeys in the Church to reflect the Bible story of Jesus arrival into Jerusalem? On that day, in addition to a Communion service at 11.00, there will be a Service of Music and Readings for Holy Week at 6pm. This service will be for the whole Benefice (Aldeburgh, Aldringham, Knodishall and Friston).

Good Friday will be marked by a service at 2.00 "The Last Hour" led by the Rector.

Easter Sunday will begin with the popular Sunrise service on the beach at Thorpeness at 6.45 and after the first part of the service, the congregation will migrate inside the Country Club for Holy Communion, followed by a buffet breakfast courtesy of the Country Club. Easter celebrations singing "Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia" will continue at St Andrew's at 11.00. Then we can feel free to break our Lenten fast.

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm will see a major service in Aldeburgh at which the Bishop of Dunwich, Bishop Mike, assisted by our Archdeacon will officially license and install Mark Lowther as incumbent of the Alde Sandlings Benefice. Sheila Hart, Nicky Winter and Jo Mabey will be formally licensed as Assistant Clergy to the new

Benefice. All St Andrew's congregation/parishioners are encouraged to attend to support our clergy.

In the churchyard, the new benches have arrived in the new cremation area so there will be some new places to sit and enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of the churchyard. In the lower part of the churchyard, we have begun uncovering some of the ancient graves which had become obscured over the years. That area is full of snowdrops as I write this and will soon be full of daffodils in full bloom.

*David Copp – Churchwarden*

## Welcome! Pilgrims Together



An opportunity to share fellowship in many ways as we grow in friendship and faith.

Our worship uses resources from the Iona Community

*The Iona Community is an ecumenical Christian community of women and men who seek to live out the Gospel in a way that is radical, inclusive and relevant to life in the twenty first century."*

Our first Meeting will be held at St Andrew's Church Aldringham at: 6.30 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## The Friends of St Andrew's Church



Ten teams took part in the Quiz Night on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Rev Christine Brooks, our Quiz Master presented a wide variety of topics for the quiz rounds. The smallest team, consisting of a group of three from Rumburgh and the Rev Mark Lowther won the Quiz. Thanks go to Christine our Quiz Master, Mary our Scorer, the Kitchen Crew, those willing helpers who set up the hall and cleared away afterwards, including Edward and Peter who sold the raffle tickets. We thank the teams taking part and buying raffle tickets which helped us raise £426.50 for the Church Fabric Fund.

### **EVENTS IN 2018.**

Bridge Drive at Aldeburgh Church Hall Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. To take part in this event you will need to pre-book. Please contact Anne Norton.

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

Quiz Night at Knodishall Village Hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Teams of 6 maximum. Book with Anne Norton.

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

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

Current Committee Members:

Rev Sheila Hart (Chairperson),

Mrs Anne Norton (Membership Secretary),

Mrs Angela Chandler (Treasurer),

Mrs Fiona Gimson,

Mrs Budge Little.

*Mrs Anne Norton (Membership Secretary) 114 Carr Avenue, Leiston, Suffolk, IP16 4AT. Tel: 01728 830519*

[anneenorton@aol.com](mailto:anneenorton@aol.com)

## News from ImpACT

### Carols on the Green

The Annual Carols on the Green Concert was held on a freezing December night with snow and ice on the ground. The Reverend, Mark Lowther, was in charge of 'marshalling the troops' for a very cold half hour's singing, before we all beat a very careful retreat to the Parrot. There, we were warmed, in front of a roaring fire, with mulled wine and home made mince pies, made by ImpACT members. The attendance was excellent despite the weather, which indeed gave it all a very seasonal feel. Many thanks to James, and all his staff at the Parrot, for giving us such a warm welcome on a cold night. We look forward to doing it again next year!

### Aldringham Lane Footpath

Great detective work by one of our team, Christine Laschet, managed to track down the relevant farm manager to attend to the overgrown hedge of the footpath from Knodishall to Aldringham. Once found, he could not have been more helpful and a tractor with hedge-cutting attachment was dispatched quickly to deal with this. We will be following this with a team to clear the path itself after the Easter break. Anyone willing to help, please contact our E-mail address: [aldringhamimpact@gmail.com](mailto:aldringhamimpact@gmail.com) Many thanks to Alexander Barclay of A.W. Mortier (Farms) for his prompt and positive response.

### Scottish Power Renewables – (SPR)

Much of ImpACT members' time, in the last month, has been devoted to the issue of the SPR substations, which look likely to have a huge effect on our parish.

ImpACT have funded, printed and distributed flyers to all Aldringham residents and some Sizewell and Thorpeness ones, making them aware of the dates for the Scottish Power Public Information Days. We also hope that we gave clear and unbiased details of the work involved with the construction of these Substations and the attendant cable laying. There are now seven location options for us all to mull over and if you have attended any of the events you will hopefully have engaged in the feedback process. Those who missed them can access the information on Scottish Power's website: [www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east\\_anglia\\_projects](http://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east_anglia_projects). Please try and respond to this – large construction projects are going to be sited somewhere in either our Parish or Knodishall.

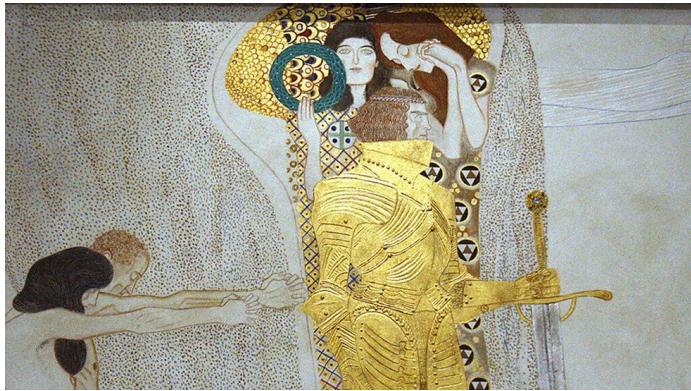
### Classic Vehicle Rally, Car Boot and Autojumble

10am Sunday 26th August

An increasingly popular event which offers free entry. We encourage local craft type stalls so if you have an interest or produce you'd like to exhibit get in touch with:-

*Stuart Girling 07905116491 Francis Byrne  
07775 791441 [byrneengineering@uwclub.net](mailto:byrneengineering@uwclub.net)*

## Thorpeness Art Group



Caption : Beethoven Frieze

### Vienna Secession

The formation of the Vienna Secession in 1897 was the beginning of modern art in Austria – a nation which until then had a highly conservative visual arts tradition. Initially the change was led by Gustav Klimt and then swept along artists like Koloman Moser, and architects/designers Joseph Maria Olbrich and Josef Hoffman. The end game of the movement was provided by the advent of the First World War in August 1914 caused by the assassination of the heir to the throne of the Austro-Hungarian Empire Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo.

In 1907 the young painter Egon Schiele approached Gustav Klimt and a respectful friendship struck up between them with Schiele being introduced to the Austrian arts world as the new rising star.

All of this Viennese visual arts history along with its intense cultural background including music by such luminaries as composer Arnold Schoenberg, analyst Sigmund Freud and even Adolf Hitler and Leon Trotsky will provide a tumultuous narrative for five weeks of lectures at The Dolphin Inn, Thorpeness on Wednesdays at 3pm beginning on November 7<sup>th</sup>. For further information contact:-

Bill Crow            01728 454641            [wjcrow@aol.com](mailto:wjcrow@aol.com)

## Aldeburgh Photography Group

Aldeburgh Photography Group held its AGM in January. The speaker was Gillian Allard, who was winner of Sky Arts Photographer of the Year 2017. The new venue at Aldeburgh Library is proving to be popular for a number of reasons, including the quality of the projection facilities, the quietness (compared to the Community Hall!) and a more intimate environment that encourages interaction between the members. Most meetings have a speaker in the first half then, after a short break, we show members photos based around a particular topic. For example the March meeting was Portrait – “People or Pet” and April is “Architecture or Street Life”. These are not competitions, but it gives an opportunity for the photographer to give a brief description of why they have chosen a particular picture and any story behind it.

The Group benefits from a spread of experience amongst its members. There are people who have been taking photos for years on many different cameras and there are people who maybe take pictures on their smartphones and have just bought their first “camera”, which maybe one of the many types available, including a Compact, a Bridge Camera or a Digital

Single Lens Reflex (DSLR). Being very aware of this spread of experience, we are looking to have a casual “mentoring” scheme in the Group to help facilitate the sharing of member’s experience.

If you are interested in coming along to see what we do, the club meetings are in Aldeburgh Library at 7:30pm on the third Wednesday of the month (except August and December). If you want to know more, then please drop me a note.

Roger Searle [rogersearle@btinternet.com](mailto:rogersearle@btinternet.com) 01728 451401.

## Good Neighbours

Since Good Neighbours began operating just over 10 years ago, a total of 1,242 tasks have been recorded in the book, with this year’s total amounting to 114 compared with just 30 in the first year of operation between 2008 and 2009. Of the 114 this year, 58 have involved providing transport, the majority of these involving trips to medical facilities within the local area and further afield to Ipswich, Woodbridge and Southwold.

Currently, we have 31 volunteers and 20 regular, or occasionally regular, client users, and these don’t include the volunteers who call on each other for assistance from time to time.

Our first community lunch on February 9<sup>th</sup> was much enjoyed by 18 diners, and we have more coming up on 8<sup>th</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> Nov at the Parrot, which will make a nice change for regular diners, and September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Dolphin. We are extremely grateful to landlord David James who provides excellent two course lunches at a bargain price for us. Our AGM takes place on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pavilion, and will start at 7pm with a talk by local bee expert Mike Doy. Everyone within the parish is welcome to attend any of these events and we hope to see many of you there. We hope to vote in Wendy Sturmy as Vice-Chairperson and if there are any further nominations for the Steering Group, please let us know.

Pippa McLardy (Chairperson) [plmclardy@hotmail.com](mailto:plmclardy@hotmail.com) GN Helpline Number 07521 047843

## Talking Newspaper

Since the article appeared in our last issue about Evelyn Rumsby’s Talking Newspaper, three more recipients have signed up - but there’s still room for more!

Contact Ev on 01728 453579, and leave a message if not available

## Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group



The 20th March saw our first formal and very well attended AGM at The Dolphin and the Garden Room was packed to capacity. Our thanks go to David and his staff who looked after us so well and provided refreshments. We used to attach our AGM’s onto the back of an event but this year decided to make it a more structured evening and dealt with agenda matters first. Unfortunately we had to make last minute changes to the second part of the evening when our ‘Heritage Hut’ architect sadly couldn’t be with us. So committee members Eric and Maureen stood up and gave the meeting an opportunity to have a say about the running of the centre when the building is completed, they asked for ideas about displays, outdoor seating, how and when it should be open and manned. The meeting was

not only full of ideas but was also brimming with support and offers of help and the committee thank everyone for their contributions. We also displayed a number of files filled to the 'gullets' with interesting articles and pictures about Thorpeness, Aldringham and some of the other local villages. These have been lent to us by Peter Drew who's family have lived in Aldringham for many generations. Peter has been collating these files over a long period of time and they stirred many memories and stimulated much discussion.

Membership numbers are very good, we started our new membership year in February and so far we have 96 members, this numbers grows as the year progresses and it's nice to know that there is a need for a small local interest group such as ourselves. 23 people so far have taken up the opportunity to become life members and at £50 for a single or £100 for a couple/family, it's a very inexpensive but informative way of learning more about the area we live in. We still also offer an annual membership of £5 for a single and £10 for a couple/family for those who wish to continue on a yearly basis. If you would like to join us you can pick up a membership form from: The Village shop, or Mrs. Elizabeth Tipping at 5 Peace Place, Thorpeness, or by emailing me, Sue, at [info@tahg.org.uk](mailto:info@tahg.org.uk)

We had a very successful Christmas celebration back in mid December, it started out as just a small social event, drinks and a buffet but then thanks to Bill Crow who gave us a very interesting lecture on art and artists in the locality it grew into quite a fundraiser. The lunch time event was further enhanced by one of committee member Maureen's super hampers and I provided a champagne bucket draw, so a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who made it a success. Note for your diary - Our main social event in the summer will be 'Drinks by the Meare' on the evening of the 22nd June. Tickets will be made available nearer the time.

Plans for more talks and events for 2018 are in the pipeline and we will soon have a full programme. So please come and join us, tickets to our events are offered to our membership first and then, if any are left, offered to the general public, it's very unusual for our events not to be a sellout. All tickets for our events are sold by Mrs. Elizabeth Tipping of 5, Peace Place, Thorpeness and are offered to our members first.

Management of our data bases will fully comply with new laws coming out in May and please be assured I never share the TAHG membership list with any other organisation.

Hope to see you out and about once the weather finally warms up, have a lovely summer

Sue Atkinson Membership secretary Logwood, Aldeburgh Rd., Aldringham, Leiston, Suffolk, IP16 4QH or emailing [info@tahg.org.uk](mailto:info@tahg.org.uk)

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

Work on the field has been carrying on through the winter when the weather has permitted; clearing and tidying up, improvements to the cricket nets and planting trees on the boundary which, when grown will give us some much needed protection from windy weather. Some work on filling in the potholes on the drive has also started, in hopes of giving us all a smoother approach. Revamping and decorating of the kitchen, bar and main room should start soon. We are hoping also to provide a disabled toilet, and to update the whole of the changing room area as well this year.

The winter of 2017/18 has seen the pavilion being used for a number of events and private parties. The Coffee Caravan has maintained a winter presence in the pavilion by holding coffee mornings in January, February and March and we will hopefully continue this vital link in future years during the colder months. A small group of Wargamers continue to meet regularly

and The Rifle Club has been going 'great guns' getting their new indoor range up and ready for use. They are hoping to start shooting this summer. The summer season will also see the cricketers, model airplane flyers and croquet players resume using the field for their enjoyment.

We are also planning to continue our Drinks and Nibbles on Sunday lunchtimes during the high summer season. This ever popular event has steadily been growing in numbers for the last three summers. Look for the dates on all the local noticeboards when the summer (finally) arrives! Last summer we enjoyed cricket matches on some of these Sundays when it felt like a step back in time, and with the House in the Clouds and the Windmill on the horizon, quite idyllic. Along with three pre-arranged Caravan Club weekends, the annual May fun run and our own August Bank Holiday Vintage Car Rally, the sports field and pavilion are becoming a popular and well used venue. If you would like to hire the pavilion, ground or both please contact Mrs Wendy Sturmy on 01728 452586.

Hope to see you there!

Sue Atkinson Trustee Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

### **Thorpeness Croquet Club**

After two full seasons Thorpeness Croquet Club is now well established on the Ogilvie Pavilion Sports Ground. A great deal of work has been carried out to restore and maintain the lawn, a new gate has been installed and the surround made safe and stable with timber sleepers and new boards.

After a successful Open Day last June, membership now stands at an all-time high but we don't intend to close the list. More new members are very welcome. The Club offers two free taster sessions before you decide whether you want to join.

Croquet is an increasingly popular sport enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. With its own club house, ample free parking and access to the nearby Pavilion, the club provides all the equipment you need to get started plus free advice and coaching.

If you can hit a ball, want some exercise without too much exertion and enjoy a bit of a mental challenge, croquet could be the game for you this summer.

To find out more, please contact:-

Andrew Paris [andrewparis@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:andrewparis@tiscali.co.uk) : 01728 833673  
Colin Hart on 07495 364399 - [colinhart101@btinternet.com](mailto:colinhart101@btinternet.com)  
or visit [www.thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net](http://www.thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net)

### **Cricket Club**

A new net and astroturf base will be ready for use over the coming few weeks, thanks to Suffolk Coastal District Council for a grant for the materials. The base has just been widened to allow the laying of astroturf the full width of the net.

Sunday net practice will resume 1pm 15<sup>th</sup> April . The net will be available for use for free just phone Francis Byrne to arrange loan of retractable stumps 07775 791441

Fixtures so far:-

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June Philanderers [a touring side from Newmarket]

2pm home game

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June Halesworth Pumas 6pm away at Rumburgh  
Anyone interested in playing contact above phone number.

Francis Byrne 07775791441 [byrneengineering@uwclub.net](mailto:byrneengineering@uwclub.net)

*Happy Easter to Everyone*

*March / April 2018*



*New this Easter at Thorpeness Golf Club – some of the village’s special landmarks are featured in miniature on their Adventure Golf course. When you’ve eaten all the eggs the Easter bunny brought, why not hop along and have a go?*



## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Councillors</b>		
Eric Atkinson	Chairman	01728 830497
David Mayhew	Vice-Chairman	01728 452773
Pippa McLardy		01728 454565
Scott Squirrell		01728 833691
Maureen Jones		01728 453915
Mick Sturmey		01728 452586
Alan Williams		07802 175184
Katherine Shadbolt		01728 451906
Brian Davies		01728 830938
Shirley Tilbrook	Parish Clerk	01728 830001

<b>District Councillors</b>		
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terry-jill.haworth@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk		
Maureen Jones		01728 453915
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<b>County Councillor</b>		
Russ Rainger		01728 688739
russ.rainger@suffolk.gov.uk		

<b>Police - Suffolk Constabulary</b>		
<b><u>Always Dial 999 for Emergencies including Coastguard</u></b>		
Dial 101 for Non Urgent Issues		
Aldeburgh Police Station, Leiston Road, Aldeburgh		
Leiston Police Station, 34 Kings Road, Leiston		

<b>Action Fraud</b>		
If you have been a target to attempted fraud, by person or online		
get help from		<b>0300 123 2040</b>
<b>Power Cuts</b>		
		<b>105 (free number)</b>
<b>Connecting Communities Transport</b>		
		01728 635938

<b>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme</b>		
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)		
<u>Thorpeness</u> - Bill Crow -		01728 454641

<b>Hospitals</b>		
Aldeburgh & District Community Hospital		
Park Road, Aldeburgh		01728 452778
Ipswich Hospital		
Heath Road, Ipswich		01473 712233
<b>Doctors' Surgeries</b>		
Church Farm, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh		01728 452027
Main Street, Leiston		01728 830526
Lambsale Meadow, Saxmundham		01728 602022

<b>Dental Surgeons</b>		
Aldeburgh Dental Practice		01728 452884
167 High Street, Aldeburgh		
The Dental Surgery		01728 830790
Crown Street, Leiston		
High Street Dental Centre		01728 832133
98 High Street, Leiston		
Saxmundham Dental Surgery		01728 602537
9 High Street, Saxmundham		
<b>Pharmacies</b>		
Aldeburgh Pharmacy		01728 452763
125 High Street, Aldeburgh		
Coopers Pharmacy		01728 832231
20 High Street, Leiston		
East of England Coop Pharmacy		01728 602051
High Street, Saxmundham		
<b>Veterinary Surgeons</b>		
Leiston Vet Clinic, 1d Eastlands, Leiston		01728 833566
Fromus Vet Group Fromus House,		
Street Farm Road, Saxmundham		01728 602599
<b>Thorpeness Croquet Club</b>		
Andrew Paris		01728 833673
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Chairperson Pippa McLardy		07521 047843
		01728 454565
<b>Local Heritage Group</b>		
Mrs S Atkinson		01728 830497
"Logwood", Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham		
Event tickets		
Mrs Elizabeth Tipping		01728 454165
<b>Rainbow Tots</b>		
Ms Anja Shaw		01728 453295
Every Tuesday 10am - 1:30am		
Aldeburgh Community Centre		
<b>Tea &amp; Toast</b>		
Mrs E Tipping		01728 454165
<b>Thorpeness Cricket Club</b>		
Mr F Byrne		01728 830834
Email: byrneengineering@uwclub.net		
<b>Ogilvie Sports Ground and Pavilion</b>		
Wendy Sturmy		01728 452586
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Evelyn Rumsby		01728 453579

## WHAT'S ON – Easter 2018 to end July 2018

<b>March</b>			
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6pm-9pm	East Suffolk House Melton	SCDC event on use of plastics
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term	
Good Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	The Dolphin	Beach Clean
Good Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	St Andrew's Church	'The Last Hour' Service
<b>April</b>			
Easter Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.45am	Thorpeness Beach and Country Club	Easter Service, plus Holy Communion and breakfast at Country Club
Easter Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11am	St Andrew's Church	Easter Service
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm start	Ogilvie Pavilion	Good Neighbours AGM
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Check website	Parish Council
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Tower Room Thorpeness	Fun Quiz (Every two weeks - see below)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00- 4.00pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00pm	Peace Place Thorpeness	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	St Andrew's Church	Pilgrims Together Ionian Worship
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	See below	Throughout parish	Mobile Library
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>		Ogilvie Sports Field	Net Practice begins
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>		Schools back	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Aldeburgh Church	Installation of Mark Lowther
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	tba	Aldeburgh Church Hall	Bridge Drive iao St Andrew's
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm	tba	Parish Council Planning sub-committee
<b>May</b>			
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00–12.00pm	St Andrew's Church	Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Fun Quizzes
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>		Ogilvie Pavilion	Rotary – Coastal Fun Run
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Ogilvie Pavilion (probably)	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 - 4.00pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00pm	Peace Place Thorpeness	Rural Coffee Caravan
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Times Below	Aldringham & Thorpeness	Mobile Library
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of first half of term	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>		Ogilvie Sports Field	Suffolk Centre Caravan Club
<b>June</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12am	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Coffee morning iao Children's Society
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>		Schools back	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Pavilion	PC Planning sub-comm and working meeting
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Times Below	Aldringham & Thorpeness	Mobile Library
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	The Parrot Aldringham	GN Community Lunch
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Ogilvie Sports Field	Cricket match v Newmarket Philanderers
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 - 4.00pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 13, 27 <sup>th</sup>		Ogilvie Pavilion	Fun Quizzes
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.0-12.00pm	Peace Place Thorpeness	Rural Coffee Caravan
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	tba	Heritage Group ticket event	Drinks by the Meare
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>		Ogilvie Sports Field	East Anglian Camping Assoc
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Ogilvie Sports Field	Park and ride for Aldeburgh music event
<b>July</b>			
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>		Ogilvie Sports Field	South Suffolk District Assoc
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>		Pavilion	PC Planning sub-comm and working meeting
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-4.00pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00pm	Peace Place Thorpeness	Rural Coffee Caravan
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of summer term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting

**Mobile Library times:** Thorpeness:- Almshouses 10.10 – 10.25am

Aldringham:- Ogilvie Homes 9.45 -10.05am Church 10.30-10.45am Mill Hill 10.50-11.05am

**Fun Quizzes:** Every other Wednesday (in Pavilion during warm weather – Tower Room otherwise)



**The Ogilvie  
Pavilion  
and Sports Ground  
Thorpe Road  
Thorpeness  
Suffolk  
IP16 4LS**



The Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground (7 acres) is now under community ownership and we are keen to improve the facilities to meet the needs of our surrounding communities, including the needs of the current user groups, who are the Cricket Club, Croquet Club, Rifle Club, Model Flyers, War Gamers, Tea and Toast and a Social Group, also any other active groups who would like to use the facilities and any individuals who would like to set up or take part in a particular activity.

If you wish to let us know your thoughts and requirements please complete the appropriate information.

Name:

Organisation (If applicable):

Address:

Phone No:

Email:

Facilities required/frequency/duration:

Other comments:

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To give us an idea of the sort of things you would like to see at the pavilion please complete the tick boxes below adding any comments and other activities as required. (We have included a few ideas to give you a start).

Event / Activity	Would you attend	Would you help to establish/run	Comments
Yoga			
Pilates			
Zumba			
Table Tennis			
Music events			
Craft Fairs			
Car Boots			
Football			
Hockey			
5-aside Football			
Bridge / Scrabble			
Learning Courses			
Language			
Art			
Please add others below			