

Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell Newsletter

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Coastal Erosion – Act NOW to Keep Our Heads Above Water

Following a series of extreme and unforeseen weather conditions in recent years, current sea defences protecting our village and the wider coastline have been broken apart by wind and wave action.

Now Thorpeness Coastal Futures Group (TCFG) is urging local people to take part, as a matter of urgency, in a new consultation exercise ahead of fresh proposals to protect the village's eroding coastline.

According to a report in the East Anglian Daily Times on July 15th, there are increasing concerns about the stability of the cliff face after bags filled with sand and shingle (known as geobags) and large metal cages of rocks (gabions) - placed in front of the cliffs to protect them from erosion – have started to fall apart.

East Suffolk Council (ESC) say geobags over the northern 50 metres have deteriorated at a more rapid rate than anticipated after exposure to severe erosion and abrasion pressure during the adverse weather conditions over the last few years. The remaining 250m are performing well.

Gabions installed in 1975, which sit above the geobags over the northern 200m, have also begun to deteriorate - most significantly at the northern end.

TCFG has been working with East Suffolk Council's Coastal Partnership East on a plan for the management of our coastline towards 2100. Now CPE is launching a public consultation 'First steps in how we manage an important part of the Suffolk Coast' from 31st July to 30th September to hear views from the community on the potential options report. The options will be on display at Thorpeness Hotel and Golf Club on August 9th and 10th.

Local expert Mike Chandler from TCFG stresses that strength of local opinion will be key to decisions about managing erosion, flood risk and the future of the village and its environment. He emphasises: "Do come if you can to the open sessions to meet the CPE team on 9th and 10th August and use the questionnaire and contact arrangements to make sure your voice is heard. Addressing the challenge of climate change will interact closely with how the unique village heritage develops to meet 21st century aspirations".

Information about the proposals is being published on the CPE website www.coasteast.org.uk under the Our Work/Projects/Thorpeness and Consultation tabs, and at the TCFG website <https://thorpenesscfg.wordpress.com/news-2/>

Full details of the consultation and a questionnaire are available online at: www.coasteast.org.uk/our-work/current-consultations/

COASTAL EROSION, FLOODING AND THE FUTURE OF THORPENESS

We would like to hear your views on the potential options for the management of the coastline at Thorpeness

You can get involved from 31st July to 30th September 2019 by:

- Visiting our website www.coasteast.org.uk to view the options report and complete the questionnaire
- Coming along to the community drop in meetings on:

9th August from 5.30pm to 8.30pm

10th August from 10am to 12.30pm

at the Thorpeness Hotel and Golf Club, Lakeside Suite, IP16 4NH

Or contact us by email at coastalmanagement@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Parish Council Update

PARISH MATTERS - AUGUST 2019

Parish Councillors

Maureen Jones	Chairperson	01728 453915
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Eric Atkinson		01728 830497
Pippa McLardy		01728 454565
Brian Davies		01728 830938
Katherine Shadbolt		01728 451906
Shirley Tilbrook	Parish Clerk	01728 830001

Changes to the Parish Council

Over the last few months there have been some changes in the Parish Council, and we now have a new Chair and Vice Chair. Eric Atkinson has decided, after several very successful and loyal years of service to our local parish, to step down as our Chairman, but still remains as a Parish Councillor. I am sure you will all join with me and say a big 'thank you' to Eric for everything he has done. Eric will still be available for help and guidance to us all in the coming months. We have also had to say goodbye to David Mayhew and Scott Squirrel who have given us several years of their time and help, so thank you to both of you.

New Councillors Needed

As you can see we have lost two of our very dedicated councillors and have their places to fill. If anybody wishes to become a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Clerk Shirley Tilbrook on 01728 830001.

Flooding

Aldringham - Some of the Councillors and County Councillor Russ Rainger have recently met with Highways regarding the flooding at the Parrot. A scheme has still not been agreed and we have also had discussions with the local landowners regarding this matter. Hopefully in future months, during the Suffolk Highways next financial year, a scheme will be agreed and carried out. Suffolk Highways have cleared out the pipework and this has temporarily eased the situation.

Thorpeness - Suffolk Highways have drawn up a scheme to ease the flooding situation in Old Homes Road, and this work should be carried out in the next few months so please be prepared for some disruptions along the road.

Coastal Erosion – your views sought

On the 9th and 10th August 2019 at the Thorpeness Golf Club a Public Consultation is being held to obtain public views about Coastal Erosion. Please attend and put your ideas forward on how you feel we can protect our very fragile and special coastline. Your views are needed.

Over the last few months three Parish Councillors have attended meetings with East Suffolk Council regarding the coast at Thorpeness and now we need your views.

Planning

The parish council has dealt with nine planning applications since the last newsletter all of which were supported. Details of these and the current applications can be found via the Parish Website which links through to ESC's website.

SPR Windfarms

Scottish Power has now finished Public Consultations and are proposing to put forward to the Planners in October/November this year.

Scottish Power have met twice with the Thorpeness Group led by Mr Mike Trapp, the latest one on the 16th July 2019 at the Ogilvie Pavilion, Scottish Power intend to keep in contact and meet whenever required with the Group to discuss local concerns for the future.

Sizewell C

Parish Councillors have attended Public Meetings and the Forum Group to listen and discuss our concerns.

Neighbourhood Plan

Now that we are beginning to settle down again after recent Council Elections etc and the New Local Plan being submitted for approval we will once again be starting work on our Neighbourhood Plan.

Other news

The Parish Council have been very busy securing the lease of two pieces of land on the carpark near the Kitchen for the placing of a Heritage Centre which will have several items of interest regarding the history of all of the Parish.

Work is progressing to clear the newly acquired allotment site in Aldringham and make it ready for use

With the hard work of Mr William Seale, proposals and plans have now been submitted for a children's play area on a section of land in Mill Hill Aldringham. Work should be commencing in the near future. We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mr Seale regarding this.

Maureen Jones - Chair, Aldringham-cum-Thorpe PC

Dates of Meetings – end July to end November 2019

Monday 29 th July	- Parish Council Meeting
Monday 12 th August	- Planning Meeting (If required)
Monday 2 nd September	- Parish Council Meeting
Monday 23 rd September	- Planning Meeting (If required)
Monday 14 th October	- Parish Council Meeting
Monday 4 th November	- Planning Meeting (If required)
Monday 25 th November	- Parish Council Meeting
Monday 16 th December	- Planning Meeting (If required)

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

Maureen Jones- *Chairperson - A c T Parish Council*

District Council July Report

Two new District Councillors for our area (Jocelyn Bond and Tony Cooper) and one returning (Terry-Jill Haworth-Culf) have been settling in to work at the new East Suffolk District Council. In addition, they have been involved with many hours of work concerning proposals for both Sizewell C and the ScottishPower Renewable windfarms. Their full July report is now available. This is a short precis:

Sizewell C

Stage 4 consultation is taking place until 27 September 2019. Details on the public events to be held by EDF Energy are available at www.sizewellc.co.uk. If you are making representations personally to EDF please send copies to both councils via the project email address sizewellc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk. Up to date information and web-links will be found on our web pages at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/sizewell-nuclear-power-station.

ScottishPower Renewables windfarms

SPR has provided an update on the very minor changes they are proposing to the EA1N and EA2 projects. They have set out the amendments on their website https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/developing_our_plans.aspx and provided a video. The website details some changes which includes the following:

- Updating outline mitigation plan in relation to Friston
- Removal of the access point to the landfall of Thorpeness Road (B1353), all traffic will now access the landfall via the haul from and access off Sizewell Gap Road. This reduces the traffic using the roundabout in Aldeburgh
- Refinement of the cable corridor and reduction in size on construction compounds
- Slight reduction in the offshore spread of EA.

These alterations do not change East Suffolk's view that the project is entirely inappropriate in its current form, a view shared by both our MP and Suffolk County.

East Suffolk Business & Community Awards

Winners in 13 categories will be announced in October 3rd at a ceremony in The Hangar at Kesgrave Hall. Nominations closed at the end of June.

Leiston Leisure Centre

Phase one (pool side) opened on the 17th June. This incorporates the new reception, soft play area, changing

rooms, thermal suite and the pools. Phase two is progressing well.

Small Traveller Groups.

Small groups of travellers were reported at: Thorpe Road car park in Aldeburgh, Sizewell car park and also the Leiston Leisure Centre car park. If you notice any more in our area please do let us know. (to facilitate welfare checks)

ECB's open

Each East Suffolk Cllr has £7500.00 to allocate within their ward. We will once again be pooling our money to help as many groups and projects as possible. Get in touch if you have a new project or item that you would like us to consider helping. The exemplar pot has also re-opened. Look online for further information.

Community Action Suffolk Awards

Community Action Suffolk (CAS), Suffolk County Council and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) have launched the Suffolk Community Awards to recognise the huge contribution that groups, individuals, and councils make on the quality of life in our communities. The awards include a re-vamped Village of the Year Category, sub-divided into small or large village, or town. There is also a new category "The Suffolk Good Neighbour Award". Too late to nominate this year, but watch out in 2020. This year's awards will be presented on September 24 at Stowmarket Museum of East Anglian Life.

Have you 'got the bottle' to refill?

A new scheme is encouraging people to refill their drinking bottles at locations such as cafes and banks displaying a special sticker. Locations include the council offices in Melton, so pop along and fill up (*saves on the water meter - ed!*)

Recycling

Detailed and up-to-date recycling and rubbish collection information, including how to seek help if you have difficulty putting your bin out is included in the report.

Ending period poverty in East Suffolk

'PP Boxes', containing a variety of individually wrapped sanitary items, are being rolled out to some East Suffolk locations over the coming weeks, including community centres, food banks and sports centres. Locations supporting the scheme will display an East Suffolk Period Poverty sticker, indicating the premises has a PP Box on site. Having been inspired by the pupils from Felixstowe Academy, our district-wide campaign will provide sanitary products to girls and women across East Suffolk should they need them. Businesses, organisations and schools interested in joining the scheme are asked to contact Chloe Winlow at info@eastsuffolkperiodpoverty.com. The PP Boxes will be replenished by East Suffolk Norse for the time-being however donations are very welcome.

Parish Emergency Plan

The Community Emergency Plan has once again been updated to reflect some changes to contact information, and changes to personnel in the Parish Council. During the summer months we keep a weather eye on the weather! We have just experienced a period of extremely hot weather, associated with thunder storms, heavy rain and localised flooding. The professional emergency planners at Melton kept us apprised of risks associated with the hot weather and ensured we were properly briefed and, if necessary, ready to take action to mitigate the risks identified.

The Met Office has advised that climate change would make heatwaves more frequent and that they could happen on average once every two years by the middle of the century. Emergency plans have been put in place for organisations such as hospitals, rail companies, airlines and other transport operators. Emergency planners know that failure to plan will lead to disruption, increased costs and could put lives at risk.

Equally important is the responsibility we all have to stay safe in the heat. We should be following the advice of the health professionals by wearing sunscreen, drinking more water and carrying water when out, especially when travelling. Additionally, we must learn to keep our homes as cool as possible. Top tips include drawing curtains and blinds and keeping out the sun's rays. If possible, get a fan for every room and place a bowl of cold water in front of it when in use. It helps cool the air from the fan. Another tip is to keep a couple of damp flannels in the fridge overnight and use them to cool your face and neck during the day. In order to enjoy the summer, we must be able to look after ourselves when the temperature rises.

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

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

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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)

Shop Falls Victim to Rising Costs

To the distress of many residents, Thorpeness village shop is to close its doors for the last time on 2nd September, falling victim to rising costs, such as business rates, and falling footfall as customers turn to the Internet for supermarket deliveries.

David James has issued the following statement:

"It is with sincere regret that we are now closing our shop as of the 2nd September. Trading conditions have been difficult for a few years and the Dolphin has happily helped with the shop. However with footfall falling, a huge well-publicised increase in business rates and a steady increase in basic costs, we have found it quite impossible to keep the shop open, and The Dolphin has just found it impossible to continue supporting the shop in the same manner it has done over the past few years. Sadly, we must join a long line of store closures that reflect the environment we live in today.

"We would like to thank all our loyal customers and friends for all their support as we could not have survived this long without you. We have never taken for granted the support, loyalty, friendship and conversation that we have received and would like to take this opportunity to say how much we have valued it. A huge thank you to Carole and Jane for all their hard work and enterprise and despite all the odds stacked up against them they managed to keep the doors open, hopefully they can now enjoy more time with those they love.

"We will be closing our doors for the last time on the 1st September and you are all welcome to join us for a 'cuppa' and a chat."

David has no immediate plans for the shop premises, and as far as newspaper collection goes, he is happy to allow them to be picked up from the Dolphin snug, but cannot be responsible for sorting and naming them.

The Parish Council has been approached by some parishioners suggesting a community shop, but this would rely on considerable input from the resident population.

Diversions Tactics - be Prepared

Clarification has been sent by gas maintenance contractors tRIIO to the Parish Council regarding the closure of the B1535 Aldringham to Thorpeness between September 30th and December 20th, and the news is not good. Unless works can be finished early, it seems the road will be closed for the duration.

A spokesman wrote: "The works that we are planning to carry out is for the replacement of 1017m of Medium pressure 4" Steel and increasing the capacity by replacing this with a 125mm PE pipe as part of our mains replacement programme.

"With regards to the traffic management it is planned for a full road closure to be in place 24/7 between Pilgrims way and Gate Cottage for the full duration, no access for through traffic at any point. However, full access will be maintained at all times for the residents who are within the extents of the road closure so they may access their homes.

"As always we do apologise for any inconvenience caused to yourself and parishioners and that the traffic management is intended solely for the safety of both members of the public and workforce. We will do our best to shorten the duration of our works but cannot guarantee due to any unforeseen engineering difficulties that affect the works.

"I would recommend as with any of our works that are currently being undertaken to use the website: <https://roadworks.org/>. This is a free online service that will show any live notices or permits on local authority and trunk roads. In the case of road closures they also show the diversion route, which is very helpful".

At the time of writing, Border Bus had not been informed of the closure and had no plans in place for a change of service.

Secret Supermen Still Keep Streets Sweet

Our amazing volunteer force of Russell Cooper and Anthony Smith have been out and about in the Parish again trimming, chopping, digging and clearing, and improving pedestrian pathways for everyone, unbidden and unpaid. What an amazing example of altruism which, in these days of council cutbacks, we could certainly do will more of. From all who no longer do battle on the footpath beside Aldringham Lane, to name but one area, we say

!!!A THOUSAND THANK YOUS!!!

from everyone. You are two in a million.

Aldringham Lane after Russell and Anthony's hard work



Thorpeness Annual Beach & Village Clean 2019 Volunteers Upset By Lack Of Litter

Year on year we seem to get more and more volunteers, the organisation gets slicker due to the efforts of the Beach Baggers Committee, and our ambitions as to our target distance covered gets greater and greater (this year, it's no exaggeration, we scoured two kilometres of beach, from Haven House in the South to the Dower House in the North). As a consequence, demands on The Dolphin's hospitality continue to climb (c.200 BBQ sausages served) but you would not believe it – we did not have enough rubbish! We do not wish to be too optimistic but it seems that the sea born pollution, blown in by the winter's easterlies, has actually diminished. After all the Beach Baggers should know, we have been running the beach and village clean for 16 years. Secondly the littering of the inland pathways and commons by careless land lubbers also would appear to have lessened. All of which poses the question – whither the beach and village clean in upcoming years? Suggestions would be hugely welcome?

Bill Crow – Thorpeness Beach Baggers

Yo ho ho and a Bacon Buttie (rum also available)



Annual Smugglers' Charity Walk 19th October 2019

This year's walkers will be supporting the Myeloma UK charity. Myeloma is a type of pernicious bone marrow cancer which directly affects the body's capability to produce blood cells – recently two residents of the village have been diagnosed with this disease and intensive treatment has enabled them to recover.

The walk will commence with a coffee and bacon buttie breakfast at The Dolphin Inn at 10.30am Saturday 19 October 2019. We then take the approximately two mile cross country ramble to The Parrot at Aldringham where Chris Theobald and his team will serve a hearty soup and

chunky bread for lunch. Then the walk takes another route back to The Dolphin, total distance around 4.5 miles, going it easy. Children and dogs welcome. Cost £10 per head, payable on the day, all monies received will go to the Myeloma charity.

Please register your interest so that we have some idea of numbers for catering purposes

contact: Bill Crow on 01728 454641, wjcrow@aol.com.

A Little Local History - of the Grizzly Kind

Enthusiastic local amateur historian Mick Sturmeay has uncovered a little-known fact about the Leiston Gibbett, where unfortunate miscreants were chained and hung up in a cage to die as a warning to others; it wasn't in Leiston at all, and was most likely located within our Parish.

Mick explains how he came across this grizzly tale:

"Trawling through the web, as you do, I came across an entry with the heading 'The Leiston Gibbet'. My interest was further aroused when an investigation revealed this was thought to have been located south of Leiston in the Aldringham or Knodishall area. The investigation was undertaken during a compilation of Griffminster's Great Walks, which entailed a 6 mile walk around the heaths and commons of Coldfair Green, where an old winter fair used to be held on the feast of St Andrew. Another area of interest was to locate a part of the heathland that was known in the 1600s as Friday Market Heath. The only reference to this comes from an old book from 1910 entitled The Chronicle of Theberton which details the route past the gibbet.

"Changes to Leiston's boundary over the years had to be considered, but the investigator became confident, although it wasn't definitive, that the site of the Leiston gibbet must be on the south side of the River Hundred. It was probably alongside the footpath beyond Mill Hill in Aldringham, and before this meets with Fitches Lane, which was thought to be known as Greenway. This placed it in the old Hazelwood parish.

"One story in 1606 involving the gibbet concerned the landed Browne family. Agnes Browne was said to have murdered her husband John. However, it was their servant, Peter, who was blamed and gibbeted for the crime."

Footnote: The entire Chronicle of Theberton is available online. Inspired by Mick's story, I read the relevant entry, and can reveal that Agnes did not escape scot-free. The King's Right was exercised on her goods, meaning she forfeited them all, as she had been condemned as a felon. It is fascinating to speculate what might have caused Peter to receive such a brutal punishment – perhaps someone knew there was more to Agnes and Peter's relationship than met the eye - Ed

Local Groups and Clubs

St. Andrews Church,

Aldringham IP16 4AT



Open Day and Wedding Festival

Saturday 24th August from 10am – 4pm.

Spend time exploring one of Suffolk's Secret Churches. Listen to a talk on its fascinating history over more than 1000 years.

Book your wedding! There will be information on getting married and a display of wedding dresses, photos of weddings, floral decorations, even married couples celebrating their wedding in St. Andrews.

There will be music, displays and activities to take part in and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Come and enjoy! Free entry.

News from St Andrew's

During the Sundays after Trinity Sunday there will be the usual 8 am and 11 am services each Sunday at St. Andrew's during August (with the exception of no 11 am service on August 25th – see below) but in addition . . .

Sunday August 4th sees the Blessing of Animals service in the church and/or in the churchyard at 3pm. All sorts of animals welcome so come with your pets or farm animals (pet insects welcome too) for a wonderful celebration of what animals mean to us. And of course you don't have to bring an animal with you to be more that welcome.

During the holiday month of August there will also be Summer Services in the Country Club at Thorpeness. All these services, on the theme of Miracles, will be simple 30 minute services. Indeed the first of those will have already happened on July 28. James Marston will be taking the service on the **4th**; Jo Mabey on the **11th** and Bruce Gillingham on the **18th**. All the services will start at 9.30 with the final service on **August 25** being a Holy Communion service taking place in the **Dolphin Inn** - thanks to David for his kind hospitality.

St. Andrew's Open Day is on **Saturday August 24 10am to 4 pm**. We are having a theme of Weddings and we are asking couples who may have been married/blessed in St. Andrew's If they could add some memorabilia about their special day. The music, the flowers, and maybe even the refreshments will follow this theme. But this is an opportunity for all of us to show off our church to others to the best so don't leave it all to the PCC. It would be lovely to have contributions from others

so please give it some thought and speak to me or one of the PCC members with any ideas you may have.

The day will conclude with a short act of worship conducted by our Pilgrims Together group at 3.30.

Do make sure you come along to support your church.

David Copp, Churchwarden

01728 635816 or 07747 030248

Don't forget that we have a Facebook page: look on Facebook for **St. Andrew's Church, Aldringham cum Thorpe**

Also you can find interesting stuff here:

<http://www.cofesuffolk.org/news>

David Copp, Churchwarden 01728 635816/ 07747 030248

The Friends of St Andrew's Church

Bridge Drive.

Twelve tables of players took part in the Bridge Drive held on 29th April at Aldeburgh Church Hall. Prize winners were: 1. Graham Evans, 2. D Reeve, 3. Mo Blackburn, 4. Ian Cox.

As usual there was a fine array of cakes and sandwiches for the interval tea and a table full of draw prizes. Thanks go to our Kitchen Crew and supporters who made cakes and sandwiches and to all who donated draw prizes also everyone who helped to set up the hall and clear away. Thanks go to our Bridge Drive participants and a donor who helped us raise £750 for the Fabric Fund.

Coffee Morning.

The Spring Coffee Morning was well attended with various stalls for people to browse. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Tombola, Books, Plants, Cakes and Bric a Brac to sell and thanks also to everyone who came along to the Coffee Morning. We thank you for your generosity. We have a great band of helpers without whom we could not put on our fundraising events. The sum of £388.77 was raised from sales and donations. Thank you for your continuing support.

On Saturday 3rd August The Friends are holding a **Tombola Stall** in Leiston Co-op from 10am.

Our final event of the year will be the **Quiz Night** to be held at Knodishall Village Hall on Friday 15th November starting at 7.30pm. Teams of 6 at £6 per person, which includes refreshments with tea/coffee. Bring your own drinks. Phone Anne Norton on 01728 830519 to book in your team.

Our small committee of six people could not put on fund raising events without the help of so many people. We appreciate all the support we are given.

Our events are advertised in the Parish Magazine, the local free paper and magazines, plus posters displayed around the area.

Current Committee Members. Rev Sheila Hart (Chairperson), Mrs Anne Norton (Membership & Secretary), Mrs Angela Chandler (Treasurer), Mrs Fiona Gimson, Mrs Budge Little, Mrs Susan Hawkes.

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

Pilgrims Together - Serving in the community

From its start back In April 2018 this small religious group has grown and our fortnightly services are in a light modern style with lots of singing. The 45 minute acts of worship are followed by a light supper to which many people bring plates of food for us all to share. Apart from the services, which are fully supported by local priest Rev. Mark Lowther, some members of the group will hopefully be taking on more visible tasks in and around our community in the near future, helping at local events such as fetes, carol singing etc. wherever needed. We recently held an outdoor service for Pentecost Sunday in Thorpeness. This was visited by Bishop Mike, The Bishop of Dunwich, and was organised by the local diocese. The diocese were launching their 'Lightwave' initiative across the county. Lightwave which supports Christian activities held in the community rather than in church buildings, and is a form of outreach.

Our services take a short break in August but recommence in September. If you would like more information about us then please contact me, Sue, on 01728 830497.

It would be lovely to hear from you.

Gail, Stephen, Sue and Eric - Founder members of Pilgrims Together.

Thorpeness Art Group November 2019 Lecture Programme

"Then We Take Berlin"

Our objective in this programme of four lectures on Wednesday afternoons in the Studio at the Aldeburgh Cinema will seek to recapture the heady days in Berlin, during the Weimar Republic from 1920-1933 when the city vibrated with new ideas in music, drama and art. From Expressionism to New Objectivity, from the Blue Angel to the Threepenny Opera, and featuring, en route, the intense images of George Grosz, caricatures, Otto Dix's acerbic paintings, and Käthe Kollwitz's compassionate drawings of the city's suffering classes. Cost for the entire programme £32 includes tea and coffee refreshments. Reservations essential: phone Bill Crow on 01728 454641, wjcrow@aol.com

(PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE NATURE OF OUR ARRANGEMENT WITH ALDEBURGH CINEMA WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT BOOKINGS FOR THE ENTIRE 4 WEEK PROGRAMME TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE. I TRUST YOU WILL SUPPORT ME ON THIS?)

News from ImpACT

Aldringham Green Children's Play Area

At the time of writing, the application for the Children's Play Area on Aldringham Green is now in the hands of the Planning Inspectorate for its consultation phase. Various bodies, who have an interest in the Common Land, have been sent the entire 30 page document and now have time to comment over the next three months. During the initial informal consultations, the comments were favourable, but we still have our fingers crossed. The required planning notices have been posted around the Green and again, initial comments are favourable. We were able to display the artist's impression of how the equipment will sit on the Green at the Parrot's Dad's Day event, and much interest was shown - all of it positive.

Dads' Day at the Parrot

Speaking of the Parrot, Chris Theobold and his team at the Parrot, hosted a very well-attended Fathers' Day event on Sunday 16th June. There was music, children's games, food stalls and a full barbeque laid on by the Parrot. ImpACT had a stall selling plants and cream teas and, on our stall alone, well over £150 was raised towards Prostate Cancer UK. The weather held off and the garden was full. We thank Chris and all his team, for the very smooth operation of what is now an annual event in the Aldringham summer calendar.

'Homespun'- A Music Hall Evening

On Saturday 6th of June, Jill Hubbard and her team of players staged a re-enactment of a 1929 night out at your local Music Hall - in this case, Knodishall Village Hall. Wonderfully compered by our Rector, Mark Lowther, it was a collection of comic sketches and musical set pieces, performed by a large ensemble. A highlight, to this observer, was Ben O'Dwyer and Dave Parker's two-man sketch of an inept magician carrying out the old favourite trick of sawing an unsuspecting 'victim' in half. The show finished with a sensational version of 'Burlington Bertie', performed by Ben's wife, Eleanor, in true high kicking style. Audience participation was full-throated and voluble throughout, and a great evening was had by all. A triumph for Jill and her team!

Photo courtesy of Ben O'Dwyer



Picnic on the Green

On the following day, ImpACT hosted a picnic on

Aldringham Green to a good crowd of more than 40 villagers of all ages from three months to 97 years. Everyone brought plates of food to share whilst tea, coffee and squash were served. It was a great occasion to meet new arrivals in the village and to catch up with old friends. The weather was perfect and the food was excellent. The children, and adults, all participated in a host of events, including old favourites like a sack race, potato and spoon race and rounders, to mention a few. The green looked a picture and we think everyone went home happy. We are hoping to make this an annual event, so look out for next year.

Aldeburgh Photographic Group

Were those paparazzi invading Thorpeness recently, cameras snapping round every corner? No, it was Aldeburgh Photographic Group (APG) on a visit to discover some different picture angles for well-known scenes or unusual features to photograph. Job done, they snipped into the Dolphin to discuss their results (or that's what they say)!

Accomplished photographer and long-time APG member Roger Searle says: "We all have interests and pastimes that we would like to spend a bit more time pursuing and hopefully improving. If photography is one of them, why not come along to APG and spend a little time with some like-minded people?"

"Our members have varying experience and equipment, but the thing we have in common is a wish to learn something new and to be able to do a bit of experimenting with taking photos. We can also discuss ideas and problems with other members and our visiting experts in a range of photographic fields. Over the past few months we have had several very interesting and knowledgeable speakers, who help to trigger ideas and questions." APG are currently planning to buy some studio lights for the club, to try out on club nights or lend to members to experiment with, or hone their new skills.

APG normally meets on the third Wednesday of each month in Aldeburgh Library starting at 7:30pm. However, they recently started opening the Library doors at 7pm so that members can come along and chat about any photographic topic, ask questions etc with several members of the committee.

"So why not give us a try?" says Roger. His contact details are below.

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

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

Thorpeness Action Group

Following an inaugural meeting in February this year, a second meeting was held on July 16th to continue to address concerns regarding the ScottishPower Renewable's plans to make landfall for windfarm cables close to Thorpeness Common, and run cables throughout

Thorpeness and Aldringham towards their proposed substation site at Friston.

Among the issues to consider is the possible damage to the coastline and permanent damage to the landscape area. Proposed HGV movements into the village were also unacceptable, but have since been somewhat modified.

Our July meeting included local residents from Thorpeness, Aldringham and Sizewell, the County and District Councillors responsible for our area, plus representation from Leiston Town Council. SPR agreed to look at the issues raised and have agreed to a further meeting in September.

However, they are proceeding with their application for consent for the windfarms, so it is vital that we continue to raise the issues we all have.

If anyone would like more information or could help with our campaign please contact us via the email bh37605@gmail.com. YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Michael Trapp – Thorpeness Action Group

Good Neighbours

The Pavilion was the venue for this year's popular Good Neighbours' Garden Party, although in a break from tradition, the 32 guests were entertained by local group Uke-n-Smile, who have held their practice sessions in the Pavilion since their formation in November 2018. The music was a nostalgic backdrop to the enthusiastic chatter, and much enjoyed by all, as was the delicious array of sandwiches, cakes etc - in over-abundance, as usual. £152 was raised on the raffle of six mini-hampers.

Two Community Lunches have already taken place, one at The Dolphin and one at The Parrot, and two more will follow in September and November.

Volunteer numbers remain steady at 31, though we would welcome more people who need our help! In total, we have carried out 1,381 tasks in our 10-and-a-bit years of existence, and we continue to receive a generous donation, for which we are very grateful, from the Parish Council. Their support pays most of the insurance and phone costs, and enables us to help others without the need for money-raising.

Don't forget if you, or someone you know within the parish needs a hand with a small task or taking on a trip they could not otherwise make (approx. 45p per mile for transport), call our helpline and we will assist if we can.

Helpline Number 07521 047843

Pippa McLardy (GN Steering Group) plmclardy@hotmail.com

Talking Newspaper

A 'Talking Newspaper' service is available within the parish for anyone with sight or reading difficulties. It has been run by Evelyn Rumsby since 1990, having been started by her late husband Ron in 1983.

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

Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group

This local but very vibrant group of people have been quite busy in recent months raising funds to help pay for an Information Centre in Thorpeness - and the pace shows no sign of slowing down. We now have a membership of 140 and every year we see our numbers growing. Our current project, which is now nearing completion, is the erection of a small 'Heritage Hut' on the car park next to the existing timber buildings. Our aim is to make this an Information Centre for visitors who will be better able to understand the village they are in and its unique historical past. We envisage that it will contain some static displays in the form of photos and texts and hopefully a seasonally changing display as well. With support from the Parish council, the building work has started and we hope it will be completed by the end of August - a little late for this summer season perhaps, but up and running for next year.

Our previous project, the information boards, are positioned around Thorpeness and are very well used by visitors and locals alike. The task of producing a similar trail in Aldringham is underway but won't be completed this year. We held our summer event, in the style of an Afternoon Tea Party, on July 27th which was a sell-out, and much enjoyed by all in spite of the rain falling outside the Pavilion. It was a chance for those members who wished to, to dress up in their summer finery!

Our events usually sell out quite quickly and can vary from informative talks, meals, social meetings and even recently an evening with local entertainer Iestyn Edwards' alter ego the Russian ballerina 'Madam Galina'!

You can become a member of TAHG quite easily by contacting, me, Sue, on 01728 830497, or email me at: info@tahg.org.uk. We send out a twice yearly newsletter which is packed with historical facts and pictures, articles, lists of upcoming events and priority notice for tickets to our various fundraisers.

So come and join us if you haven't already. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sue Atkinson Membership secretary Logwood, Aldeburgh Rd., Aldringham, IP16 4QH or email info@tahg.org.uk



The Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

The Sports Pavilion in Thorpeness, nestled away at the back of the sports field, is now becoming quite an important part of the community. We already have a thriving ukulele group and writing group who meet most weeks and they will soon be joined by an art group which hopes to start soon. These activities are all open to new members and contact information can be obtained from Wendy Sturmeay on 01728 452586.

Many of you will have seen the teepee which had been erected in mid-July, this was for a wedding reception, we have in fact had both wedding ceremonies and wedding receptions held on the sports field in the past and welcome any enquiries - again Wendy's is the number to ring, and if she can't help you she will do all she can to put you in touch with someone who can.

Sunday lunchtime openings: - We have now started our summer opening between 12 noon and 2pm for drinks. At our first Sunday we also included a BBQ, this proved very successful and as a result have planned a Paella Lunch on August 4th, between 12.30pm and 1.30pm, something a bit different so do please come and join us. There will be adverts in the village noticeboards.

We do have some plans drawn up for altering the pavilion building, with the addition of more space and better facilities being paramount. We also feel at the same time as being more 'fit for purpose' the building should keep some of its Thorpeness charm. The trustees will be deliberating on the new plans soon and as soon as a firm proposal is made we will be letting you all know.

On Bank Holiday Sunday it will be our annual 'Classics at the Pavilion' day. This year we will be having live music as well as all the usual stalls, there will be plenty of posters advertising it locally. This is a totally free event to attend but we do ask that you put a donation in the buckets provided PLEASE.

We hope you are having a lovely summer and do come and see us sometime soon.

Sue Atkinson - Pavilion and Sports Ground Trustees.

4th Thorpeness Classic Vehicle Rally and Car Boot Sale 25th August from 9am

The fourth Thorpeness Classic Vehicle Rally combined with a car boot sale will take place on Sunday 25th August. The car boot sale will be ready for business from 9am, while the vehicles should be lining up from around 10am.

This year, we're adding an extra ingredient in the shape of a three piece blues band, Random Blues, who will be playing from 12.30 to 2.30. The band are well-known locally for their eclectic mix of Rhythm and Blues numbers.

As far as the vehicles go, we are expecting a contingent of contemporary and classic motorcyclists this year, in addition to the wonderfully diverse collection of classic cars, motorcycles, a tractor or two and even a steam engine if we're lucky. Depending on the weather, there

could be a numerous turn out this year, so do come and appreciate the diversity. Barbecued food will be for sale as well as Suffolk brewed draught real ale plus canned and bottled drinks all at reasonable prices. Entry is free for exhibitors and spectators.

*Any questions contact Francis Byrne 07775791441
byrneengineering@uwclub.
or Stuart Girling 07905116491*

Thorpeness Cricket Club

The standard of cricket played this year continues to be improved by the abilities of young players. We played a match at Sudbourne Hall near Orford recently fielding the strongest side I've had the honour to captain in the nine years I've been recruiting cricketers for Thorpeness. Despite The Kings Head having recruited some league-standard players, Thorpeness were too strong in all departments of the game. I have to add, though, that the standard of sportsmanship and good attitude towards the opposition was the highest, and it's a pity I have found only a few other teams who rate these qualities equally highly.

We even gave Halesworth Pumas a surprise, reducing them to 28 for 4 at an early stage. They went on to win by 20 runs, however.

Our game against Middleton away was a very close contest, with Thorpeness losing by on four runs – a tantalising finish.

Our work on the wicket has reaped rewards, having created a more even playing surface with the seed sown in the spring only now established. The outfield has been cut regularly, which has improved the appearance of the playing field in no small measure. Our practice nets are 6.30pm on Fridays, and anyone may join, for free. Anyone interested in playing, please contact me.

Francis Byrne 07775791441 byrneengineering@uwclub.



Jane Biggs, founder of the charity Heart2Heart Norfolk, came to The Parrot and Punchbowl in Aldringham to give a demo of the recently installed defib machine. Funds for Aldringham's first defibrillator were raised locally, heavily supported by Chris, James and staff at The Parrott.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Police - Suffolk Constabulary

Always Dial 999 for Emergencies including Coastguard

Dial 101 for Non Urgent Issues

Action Fraud

If you have been a target to attempted fraud, by person or online get help from **0300 123 2040**

Power Cuts 105 (free number)
Environment Agency Floodline 0345 988 1188

Connecting Communities Transport 01728 635938

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

If you'd like to join, contact:
 Aldringham – Maria Chapman-Beers
 Email tribunegang@gmail.com
 (Aldeburgh Rd and roads off except Aldringham Park, to borders with Leiston, Aldeburgh, and down Thorpe Rd towards Thorpeness)
 Thorpeness - Bill Crow - 01728 454641

Hospitals

Aldeburgh & District Community Hospital
 Park Road, Aldeburgh 01728 452778
 Ipswich Hospital
 Heath Road, Ipswich 01473 712233

Doctors' Surgeries

Church Farm, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh 01728 452027
 Main Street, Leiston 01728 830526
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Aldeburgh Dental Practice 01728 452884
 167 High Street, Aldeburgh
 The Dental Surgery
 Crown Street, Leiston 01728 830790

High Street Dental Centre 01728 832133
 98 High Street, Leiston
 Saxmundham Dental Surgery
 9 High Street, Saxmundham 01728 602537

Pharmacies

Aldeburgh Pharmacy 01728 452763
 125 High Street, Aldeburgh
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Leiston Vet Clinic, 1d Eastlands, Leiston 01728 833566
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Good Neighbours Group helpline

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 Event tickets
 Mrs Elizabeth Tipping 01728 454165

Rainbow Tots

Ms Anja Shaw 01728 453295
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 Aldeburgh Community Centre

Tea & Toast

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Thorpeness Cricket Club

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Ogilvie Sports Ground and Pavilion

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Talking Newspaper

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WHAT'S ON – August to end November 2019

Month August	Time	Place	Event
Thursday 1 st	6.00pm	Sports Field Thorpeness	Cricket v Middleton
Friday 2 nd	See below	See below	Mobile Library
Saturday 3 rd	All day	Leiston Co op	Tombola stall in aid of St Andrew's
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Thorpeness Country Club	Religious Service
Sunday 4 th	3.00pm	St Andrew's Church	Animal Service
Sunday 4 th	12.30pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Paella party
Wednesday 7 th , 21 st	8.00pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Fun Quiz (Every two weeks - see below)
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Thorpeness Country Club	Religious Service
Sunday 11 th	2.00pm	Thorpeness Sports Field	Cricket v Thorpeness Badminton Club
Monday 12 th	7.00pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	PC Planning meeting (if required)
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Thorpeness Country Club	Religious Service
Thursday 22 nd	10.00am	Thorpeness Meare	Start of Thorpeness Regatta
Friday 23 rd	8.30pm	Thorpeness Meare	Boat Carnival and fireworks
Saturday 24 th	10.00am	St Andrews Church	Open Day and Wedding festival
Sunday 25 th	10.00am	Ogilvie Sports field	Classic Cars, car boot and music
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Communion
Friday 30 th	See below	See below	Mobile Library
September			
Monday 2 nd	7.00pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 4 th , 18 th	8.00pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Fun Quizzes
Saturday 14 th	All day	Local Churches	Ride and Stride bicycling fund raiser
Tuesday 10 th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 11 th	10.0-12.00pm	Peace Place Thorpeness	Rural Coffee Caravan
Friday 20 th	12 noon	Parrot Aldringham	GN Community lunch
Monday 23 rd	7.00pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	PC Planning meeting (if required)
Friday 27 th	See below	See below	Mobile Library
October			
Wednesday 2, 16, 30	8pm	Pavilion or Tower Room	Fun Quizzes
Tuesday 8 th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 9 th	10.0-12.00pm	Peace Place Thorpeness	Rural Coffee Caravan
Monday 14 th	7pm	Pavilion or Tower Room	Parish Council meeting
Friday 25 th	See below	See below	Mobile Library
November			
Wednesdays throughout month	2pm	The Studio Aldeburgh Cinema	Art Group – "Then we Take Berlin"
Monday 4 th	7.00pm	Tower Room Thorpeness	PC Planning meeting (if required)
Wednesday 13 th 27 th	8pm	Tower Room Thorpeness	Fun quizzes
Friday 22 nd	12 noon	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Good Neighbours Community Lunch
Friday 22 nd	See below	See below	Mobile Library
Monday 25 th	7.00pm	Tower Room Thorpeness	Parish Council meeting

Mobile Library times: Thorpeness: - Almshouses 10.20 – 10.55am

Aldringham: - Ogilvie Homes 9.40 -10.10am Mill Hill 11.05 – 11.20am

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

Petanque matches at Parrot and Punchbowl and Dolphin every Sunday 10/10.30 start.

Cricket: nets practice every Sunday (weather permitting) starting at 11am Ogilvie Sportsfield.

Drinks at The Pavilion every Sunday from June 30th 12noon – 2pm