

# Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell

## Newsletter



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Happy Easter to all our Readers !

**April 2019**

### **Parish Council Update**

#### **PARISH MATTERS April 2019**

##### **Parish Councillors**

Eric Atkinson	Chair	01728 830497
Maureen Jones	Vice-Chair	01728 453915
David Mayhew		01728 452773
Pippa McLardy		01728 454565
Scott Squirrell		01728 833691
Alan Williams		07802 175184
Brian Davies		01728 830938
Katherine Shadbolt		01728 451906
Shirley Tilbrook	Parish Clerk	01728 830001

##### **Flooding**

We have had further meetings with Suffolk Highways to discuss the problems we have at both the Parrot in Aldringham and Old Homes Road in Thorpeness. Highways have outlined a scheme for Thorpeness and we are currently awaiting the detailed proposal, you may have also noticed that work has been done to improve the area of the verge outside the area and work will continue with planting and more improvements. At the Parrot in Aldringham Highways have completed a topographical survey and are now in discussion with Enterprise Inn, the owners of the Parrot, to find a solution which can be agreed by all concerned

##### **Coastal Erosion**

Work is continuing with SCDC to preparing for a local consultation this summer on the ongoing problem we face and possible solutions.

##### **Tree Warden**

If anyone is interested in taking on the role of tree warden for the parish please contact the Parish Clerk or myself for more information.

##### **Planning**

The parish council has dealt with eleven planning applications since the last newsletter, we supported seven raised concerns with two and opposed two. Details of these and the current applications can be found via the Parish Website which links through to SCDC's website.

If you have any news, or events of interest to the local community, please email details to the editor: Pippa McLardy [plmclardy@hotmail.com](mailto:plmclardy@hotmail.com)

##### **SPR Windfarms**

Phase 4 consultation on East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two, closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. I hope you all attended the information days and responded. We now wait to see if they have listened to what we had to say.

##### **Sizewell C**

EDF Stage 3 Public Consultation for the Sizewell C Project also ended on the 29<sup>th</sup> March again I hope you all attended their presentations and responded. Again, as with SPR we now wait to see if they have listened to anything we had to say

##### **SCDC Local Plan**

The Suffolk Coastal Final Draft Local Plan was published for a 6 week period to receive representations in relation to legal compliance and soundness from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. The Council is now working towards a submission to the Planning Inspectorate at the end of March.

##### **OTHER NEWS**

The Parish Council has now signed two leases for land at the Carpark in Thorpeness, where it is proposed in the first instance to build a small Fisherman's Hut / Heritage Centre. See below for more details.

The Parish Council has negotiated and taken ownership from SCDC, the allotments situated in Mill Hill. See below for more details.

A big thank you to Bill Seale and members of ImpACT for all the work put in to get a defibrillator for Aldringham, which is now fixed outside the Parrot. Bill has now taken on the challenge, again with support of the ImpACT team to bring to fruition the long desired goal to have a play space in Aldringham. See below for more details.

Many thanks to Chris at the Parrot for hosting a community coffee morning on the first Tuesday of every month. It creates a great opportunity to those in the village who wish to meet up, to share a couple of hours together in pleasant company and catch up with neighbours and what is happening in the village.

##### **Dates of Meetings 2019**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	- Planning Meeting (If required)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	- Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	- Planning Meeting (If required)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	- Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Planning Meeting (If required)  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Parish Council Meeting

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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### Period Poverty

Pupils at Felixstowe Academy have launched a campaign to end period poverty and the need for some young women to miss school because they cannot afford sanitary protection products. Suffolk Coastal councillors have called for a similar roll-out across the District, and some have donated money from their Enabling Communities Budget for the scheme. They are also challenging local businesses and organisations to get involved to help end period poverty in east Suffolk. Speaking on behalf of the Cllrs, Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, Suffolk Coastal Cabinet Member with responsibility for Customers, Communities and Leisure, said: "We very much wanted to support the 'Proud, Period!' campaign because no girl should ever have to feel embarrassed or miss school because they can't afford sanitary products.

### Local - Enabling Communities Budget

Various projects have been helped throughout the year, including 2 fully-funded defibrillators in Aldeburgh for Aldeburgh Town Council, and a joint funded one at the Parrot and Punchbowl in Aldringham. Funding for Aspect living helps to deliver nutritious meals locally, Seaside events including the Carnival, a Tommy for remembrance for the town, fencing, village plan funding, ATC sports week, legal costs for the transfer of a village hall into the local community group, fire doors, a projector and screen, new windows, croquet, club and towards the Period Poverty project, headed up by TJ.

### East Suffolk MyGo Youth Employment Service – (TJHC and GH Cabinet paper)

Young people not engaged in employment, education or training (NEET) continue to be a challenge within Suffolk generally and East Suffolk in particular relative to the country as a whole. As part of East Suffolk's twin objectives of supporting economic growth and enabling communities it is imperative that we continue to address this problem by supporting young people to access employment, education and training opportunities. This is

of benefit to the individual, local employers and the families and communities within which these young people live. This paper sets out the current issues and proposes an initiative to tackle these. The purpose of the paper is to gain approval for East Suffolk, in partnership with Suffolk County Council, to procure a service that will proactively support young people to become positively engaged within the local economy.

### Adoption of the Private Sector Housing Strategy and Associated Policies –

In 2017, the Council adopted the East Suffolk Housing Strategy which set out joint ambitions for Housing, across Suffolk Coastal and Waveney. This high level strategy provides the overarching framework for all housing services. The Private Sector Housing Strategy is the more detailed review and plan for this service area. It identifies the challenges facing the sector, identifies what we have achieved to date and specific actions detailing how we will deliver solutions to the most pressing issues between now and 2023.

A Special Meeting of Cabinet was held in the Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House, on Monday 11 March 2019 to consider Suffolk Coastal's response to two high-profile important consultations which are currently being held, namely East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarms Phase 4 Consultation from Scottish Power Renewables, and Sizewell C Stage 3 Public Consultation. Suffolk Coastal District Council are continuing to raise serious concerns around plans for windfarm projects proposed by Scottish Power Renewables, and the lack of coordination with other energy projects proposed on the coast. Authorities continue to support the principle of offshore wind to reduce carbon emissions and provide significant economic benefits in the county and the UK, **but** have made it clear that this should not be achieved at any cost to Suffolk. The reports contain over 100 points, covering a wide range of concerns about the East Anglia Offshore Windfarms One (North) and Two. These range from the impact on our land and seascapes, to the Government's role in managing a variety of projects on Suffolk's coast.

### Enabling Broadband Programme Board Update.

Under this programme, the Council had allocated funding for wireless broadband provision to cover the 2% of properties across the District that won't benefit from the Suffolk Better Broadband scheme – these properties will be predominantly be in rural areas. It is our ambition (TJ is part of the board) to bring a free WiFi initiative to our market towns.

### Community groups help keep East Suffolk clean -

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are keen to encourage, enable and reward people to show love for the environment we live in. As part of the 'Love East Suffolk' scheme, community groups carried out 94 litter picks in Suffolk Coastal by 1,928 volunteers.

### **Leiston Leisure Centre on track to reopen in July**

Work at Leiston Leisure Centre is going well and the facility is on track to fully reopen in summer 2019. However, the plan to reopen Phase One in March 2019, including the swimming pool, reception area, soft play area, thermal suite and village changing rooms, has been put back until June 2019 due to circumstances outside of the Council's control.

### **And finally...**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the SPR and EDF Sizewell C consultations and to all who participated in the Planning Appeal re the Brick Dock. Maureen has been working hard towards providing local housing in Thorpeness and also for the Heritage Centre and providing the whole council with ANOB updates. Amongst many other local projects, T-J is working on a project for Period Poverty and greatly appreciates any assistance that you may offer towards it. She is also working on securing more local funding for dementia projects. Our thanks also go to everyone involved regarding our estuary protection and to the many local volunteers, groups and projects within our whole ward, too many to mention.

### **Parish Emergency Plan**

We have now received some guidance regarding the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and its effect on Local Authority Emergency Plans. Our plan is now compliant with the Act and a redacted version can be published on the Parish website.

Over the past 12 months a number of changes and developments have been incorporated within the Emergency Plan and it now rests on version 4. However, continuous improvements and updates will mean future reviews will be necessary and we plan to update it every 6 months.

Fortunately, we did not experience a winter with prolonged severe weather, nor have we experienced any emergencies serious enough for the Parish Council to activate the Emergency Plan. However, does not mean we can be complacent and we have already identified some challenges to consider the future, for example, the development of wind farm construction routes and the associated risks. The Parish Council will be focusing on these issues and making timely contingency plans to ensure the risk of an emergency affecting the local population is minimised.

As I am sure you are aware ours is a Community Emergency Plan and will rely on members of the community to make it effective. We still need more volunteers to fill some of the key roles, such as Community Coordinators, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, Flood Coordinators and volunteers who have specialist equipment such as chain saws, pumps and generators that can be used during an emergency. If you can assist by taking any of these roles please

contact myself, Roger Brown, or Pippa McLardy Editor, at the email addresses below.

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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)*

### **Poppies appealed in 2018**

Thank you to all those who supported the 2018 Poppy appeal either through the unmanned boxes placed around the Parish, house to house collections or the Remembrance Day service at St Andrew's. This year's total was £964.30, slightly up on last year. If you think there is a position where an unmanned box could be placed this year or if you would like to do a house to house collection in your area, please get in touch.

David Fryer [daveafryer@aol.com](mailto:daveafryer@aol.com) 07749801297

### **And now you can grow your own ...**

Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council now own a small plot of land off Mill Lane designated as allotments. Currently overgrown, our intention is to convert this into 6 small plots (approximately 10 meters x 10 meters) available to rent by local residents. There is no water on the site and the plots will have to be cleared before anything can be planted, but once prepared they will provide local residents with small or no gardens an opportunity to plant fruit, vegetables or flowers alongside like-minded people.

Applications must be received by May 24th, 2019. If you are interested in applying for a plot please give your details to:-

Shirley Tilbrook 01728 830001  
email : [pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk),

### **Thorpeness 16<sup>th</sup> annual beach & village clean**

We shall be addressing the subject of Scottish Power's territorial ambitions on our Annual Beach & Village Clean event which I am looking forward to immensely (Someone has reported another huge cache of booze bottles that need to be brought out for inspection and disposal). We will meet at The Dolphin on Good Friday 19 April at 10.30 a.m. for a briefing followed by the litter pick itself and then a BBQ, and hospitality, provided by The Dolphin Inn. The event is also sponsored by Bedford Estate Agents. Please do come, its great fun and very rewarding.

Bill Crow

### **Some more chances to help out locally**

If you fancy taking up a new challenge and helping the community at the same time, you might find an opportunity at the Volunteer Fair at Aldeburgh Library on 27th April 2019, 10am to 4pm.

Explore the numerous Volunteering Opportunities, with a good number of organisations participating:

Aldeburgh Library, Aldeburgh Museum Aldeburgh Carnival, Longshop Museum, Leiston, Britten Pears/Red House, CATS, Sue Ryder shop, East Coast Hospice shop,

Citizens Advice, Home Start, CRUSE, Help Yourself to Health (Patient Participation Group, and Aldeburgh Community First Responders), RNLI, Save the Children

### **It's not a gas**

Closure of the B1535 Aldringham to Thorpeness Road on dates somewhere between September 30 and December 20<sup>th</sup> will be disruptive to businesses and tourists as well as local drivers, particularly as it spans the October half term.

The Parish Council has received notification that gas engineering company tRiIO will be carrying out works along the road from the Partables Farm entrance down to Thorpeness village within those dates, but it is not yet clear whether the road closure will be for the entire length of time, or for shorter periods. It is believed the work may involve replacing some of the gas main. The PC are asking for clarification.

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### **Local Groups and Clubs**

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

Thank you to all those who attended the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Thursday April 4th. Apart from the various reports covering the last 12 months, we are pleased to have two new members of the PCC, Betty Jeffs who represents the choir, and Amanda Jinks. Welcome to both. Betty was co-opted to the PCC at the end of last year and Amanda is joining us for the first time.

The Lent Lunches this year were very well supported as was the Bible Study course which followed on in the vestry. As a result, almost £750 has been raised for our Link Diocese Kagera, in Tanzania. Amazing!

During Holy Week there will be Compline services at 7 pm, at Knodishall on Tuesday and at Friston on Wednesday. Maundy Thursday sees Communion and stripping of the Altar in Aldeburgh and then the Last Hour service at 2 pm at St. Andrew's.

On Easter Sunday there will be the traditional Sunrise service on the beach at Thorpeness which will lead into the second part of the service in the Country Club. Then at 11.00 there will be Holy Communion (Common Worship) in the church after which I think we are free to break our Lenten fast.

The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 7 May.

Also a reminder about the "Sunday Pilgrimage, Tea and Choral Evensong" to the Cathedral at Bury St Edmunds on the afternoon of Sunday 5 May. This sounds like a lovely opportunity for us to enjoy an afternoon together and to visit our Cathedral. We have booked a bus (£10 per head) so we can all travel together. There are a few places left so if you would like to be part of this visit please sign up or give your names to me.

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**



Nine teams took part in the Quiz Night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The Revd. Christine Brooks presented her usual wide variety of topics for the quiz rounds. Unfortunately, two teams had to call off just before the event.

Thanks go to all the teams for taking part and buying raffle tickets which helped us raise £379 for the Church Fabric Fund. The winners were table number 3 – Waxwings. We would also like to thank Christine for preparing and delivering the quiz questions, Mary our scorer, the Kitchen Crew and those who made cakes and sandwiches, Edward and Peter who sold the raffle tickets and those willing helpers who set up the hall and cleared away afterwards.

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

The next quiz Night will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Knodishall Village Hall.

The Spring Coffee Morning will be in the Church on Saturday 18th May from 10am – 12 noon.

We will be holding a Cake Stall in the Leiston Co op on Saturday morning, the 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

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 ( Sec),

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  
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### **Pilgrims progress to a happy first anniversary**

It has been a year now since this small and very successful group called Pilgrims Together has been meeting on a regular basis, we offer a service of worship in the style of the Iona community, which is based in Scotland. We meet every alternate Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm in one of the many local village halls. As the word 'Pilgrim' suggests we do move around from venue to venue, although always keeping it local to this area is paramount when deciding where we will go. Please see local notice boards in the Dolphin car park and opposite The Parrot in Aldringham for the dates, times and places of our meetings.

The evenings start off with a joyful, relevant and inclusive act of worship which includes prayers, a reading and reflection alongside much singing, and follows on with a simple supper of bread, cheese and fruit. This evening of faith, food and fellowship seems to strike a chord with many people and we have new members joining us all the time, several among our regular worshippers are, in fact, ordained priests. Along with our own local parish priest, Rev'd Mark Lowther, they like to come along and join in with us.

Our support doesn't just come from local established religious groups though, it also comes from our local C of E Diocese, namely Ipswich and St. Edmundsbury. And it gives us great pleasure to be able to announce that one of our bishops will be joining us on SUNDAY 9th JUNE at 8.30am (Pentecost Sunday) for an outdoor act of worship. Both bishops have decided to join as many of the increasingly popular groups of 'Fresh Expression' (which is an act of worship not necessarily in a church building) in the Diocese on that Sunday and we are very fortunate to have been selected to start off the day's celebrations. The day will culminate in the afternoon at a service in our Suffolk Cathedral at Bury St. Edmunds. We will start our bespoke service near the boathouse at the Meare and then make our way to the bottom of Lakeside Avenue. We will then walk on to the garden at the Dolphin where we will have a blessing and enjoy a coffee and croissant breakfast. Why not come along and join us on that Sunday morning.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

### **News from ImpACT**

#### **Christmas Carols on the Green**

The annual singing of Carols on Mill Green was held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December on a lovely night- not too cold, but bracing enough to be seasonal. Our Rector, Mark

Lowther, led the singing aided by a keyboard player who encouraged the less confident of voices. There was a terrific turnout of at least 50 to 60, plus one very phlegmatic sheep. Afterwards Chris, at the Parrot, opened up on his day off and the place was packed. Mulled wine and mince pies were served by volunteers, a collection was taken for the Children's Society and a lovely night was had by all.

#### **Aldringham Village/ Parrot and Punchbowl Defib Appeal**

The long saga of the defibrillator appeal is finally over and we, as a village, now have a shiny new green 'Conservation' style defib sitting resplendent on the Aldringham Lane wall of the Parrot. Many thanks to Chris, at the Parrot, for his PR skills on Radio Suffolk and his fund raising with his regulars at the pub, and to our three local councillors, Russ Rainger, TJ Haworth-Culf and Maureen Jones for raiding their locality support funds which got us home just in time for the Listed Building consent to appear for Christmas. Invaluable support was given by Jayne Biggs of Heart2Heart who guided us through the process and supplied the apparatus and will be hosting a teaching session in CPR techniques and the use of the defib at 6.30pm on May14th. Come along - you never know when you might need it.

#### **Winter Coffee Mornings at the Parrot**

To cheer us up over these endless winter days, Chris is opening up the Parrot, on the first Tuesday of each month for coffee and cakes for all the summer 'Coffee Caravanners' and many others besides, Both months have been very well attended and will continue through summer to run in tandem with the Coffee Caravan on the Green - we are truly well served.

#### **Aldringham Children's Play Area**

If you are a resident of Aldringham and you live around and about Mill Green, you will have been canvassed by members of ImpACT for your opinions of the merits of locating a Children's Play Area on Mill Green. There is money available to the Parish Council in the Community Infrastructure fund, and ImpACT is running a campaign to site such an area on the old wildflower meadow on Mill Green.

The response to the survey was that 59 of 60 households, who were close to the Green were in favour of the idea, and of these, 38 households had children who would be keen to use it. We feel it would be a great place for parents and children to meet and make friends, while enjoying our lovely village green. We still have a long way to go with this as the whole proposal will have to go before the Planning Inspectorate as the Green is Common Land. We will keep you informed.

#### **Aldringham Village Hall/Hub**

I would first like to thank all Aldringham residents for a wonderful response to the questionnaire sent round in

November 2018. Out of the 276 delivered, 98 were returned. When one considers that 10-15 properties were uninhabited and very few were returned from the 46 Almshouses, this means there was an impressively high return rate.

After holding three meetings, a group of trustees or committee members was established to progress this project further.

During the first week of March 2019, a constitution was sent off to the Charity Commission to enable this project to become a registered charity. However it takes a minimum of twelve weeks for the Charity Commission to make initial response to new applications, so things aren't going to happen overnight.

I have been asked many times: "Where will the hall will be situated and what will the building look like?" The committee is not at a stage to answer such questions. However, once funds have been accumulated then options should start presenting themselves. The type of building required, however, has been explored and it was agreed that the stereotypical style of village hall would not be in keeping with Aldringham. A characterful and compact structure was considered more suitable. This will also address the concerns expressed around competing with other local village halls. Therefore, it was agreed to now call the project 'Aldringham Village Hub' rather than Aldringham Village Hall and we hope this meets with general approval.

It is envisaged that the Hub will cater for around 50 people, have a kitchen area, adequate parking and an outside play area. The size of the plot to accommodate these requirements is being estimated, and will inform us better as to potential suitable sites. The site once chosen should itself suggest a complementary and suitable style of structure. The committee would welcome all sensible proposals that anyone may have in these matters.

At this stage, future meetings will be held quarterly at 7 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of three monthly intervals, including 2nd May 2019. It is envisaged that all meetings will be held at the Old Blacksmiths. Please consider yourselves to be welcome at these meetings.

Thank you all again for your input, which has been the only thing that has enabled me to progress this project. If you have any suggestions to propose at these meetings and unable to do this yourself, please notify me and I will ensure that all proposals are presented to the committee at the next meeting. Also, if you would like to set up a fund raising event to support Aldringham Village Hub, please let us know and we will be happy to support you as necessary.

*Pippin Byrne (Committee Administrator), Old Blacksmiths, Thorpe Road, Aldringham IP16 4QX. Tel: 01728 830834 or e-mail: pippinbyrne@uwclub.net.*

### **Thorpeness Action Group**

A new Action Group has been formed in Thorpeness to address the issues around the Scottish Power plan to build windfarm cables ashore north of The Common and

run them through extensive areas of the Parish to enormous sub-stations at Friston. Phase 4 of local consultations has been completed.

**Bill Crow** writes a personal view:-

### **'Substations As Big As Wembley Stadium'**

I used to live in Surrey. I wrote a cringe-worthy rhyme to it once. It began: '*Surrey is a mindless place, Short on manners, short on grace*'

Debs & I came to this part of Suffolk in 2003 and immediately fell in love with its wonderful walks in a wilderness of woods and heaths and the splendour of its long bleak beaches under a million acres of sky. We had found our sort of grace. We swore we would never leave unless in cardboard coffins festooned with maps of our favourite walks along the Sandlings, the Warrens, the marshes and the commons. Of late we have weakened. I tell Debs that the seemingly constant 40mph winds have found every frayed split in my ancient Berghaus and seem to creep up the legs of my longjohns. I get 'white finger' and my nose never stops running as I wander my daily way across the landscape. So we might just contemplate going away in the winters and coming back in the summers.

But what would we come back to? Dr Gill Horrocks so succinctly put it in her letter to our local MP, Dr Therese Coffey, in reference to this part of the coast being transformed into a 'power hub' (and we are not against wind power, and by the way another 10 offshore wind farms are at the planning stage) the upshot will be the transformation of 'our local Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty into industrial sites .... devastating, short and long term. The loss of globally important sites for rare flora and fauna will never be compensated'. Each substation, as another MP George Freeman has recently said in Parliament, will be 'as big as Wembley Stadium'. And, we haven't mentioned the traffic yet! Scottish Power Renewables have all but admitted that they have not properly investigated the routes for their constant flow of HGVs, and when pressed, own up to the fact that they cannot control the collateral traffic generated by hundreds of sub-contractors working for outsourcing companies and their suppliers.

In Thorpeness, this fragile jewel, set in our precious coast, the population increases in the summer from around 100 residents, or so, to 1500 and the traffic and parking is consequently a nightmare. Recently a local building site employing a handful of workers had 12 sub-contractors vans and lorries parked all over Old Homes Road, just for the completion of nine houses! To again quote George Freeman 'an offshore Ring Main can be constructed which could deliver the energy required and prevent swathes of our countryside being needlessly damaged'

Thus we are committed\* to continue to press for a proper joined-up strategic plan to protect what appears to be the mindless trashing of our sort of paradise. To put it crudely it's a 'no-brainer'. Write your objections to Scottish Power Renewables Plans, Scottish Power

Renewables, EA2 & EA1N RTLY-RLGH-GKSE Freepost, 25 Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1JL.

\*Thorpeness Action Group, T.A.G., and there a dozen or so other similar groups you can link up with.

### **Thorpeness Art Group**

The "Heritage" lectures are currently running. These are four old talks that were voted the most worthy of repeat. Subjects include John Piper, Suffolk Masterpieces, Stanley Spencer & Women Artists of Two World Wars. These lectures are now fully booked.

The autumn 2019 programme (November final dates to be advised) will focus on the unique cultural scene in Berlin in the 1920's and early 1930's before the Nazis came to power. All the arts were cold, raw, shocking and sharp-edged. Artists explored will include Otto Dix, George Grosz, and Kath Kollwitz.

Bill Crow

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### **Good Neighbours**

#### **Helpline Number 07521 047843**

At the AGM in the Tower Room on April 9<sup>th</sup>, attendees were treated to a fascinating talk by local bee expert Mike Doy, covering topics from why we need to protect bees, to the practical problems of mating the queen, treating disease within a hive or dealing with a new menace – theft of hives. Mike, who has been handling bees for more than 66 years, has promised to return to give a more hands-on demonstration of what bee-keeping involves when the Pavilion can accommodate us.

Elections were held to replace the Honorary Officers – Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, and Wendy Sturmey has taken over the Chair. Sydney Graham agreed to continue her role as both secretary and treasurer until someone else can be found for the secretarial duties. Michael Hall from The Fens has been voted onto the Steering Group alongside the existing members: Wendy and Mick Sturmey, Sydney Graham, Pippa McLardy, Peter Holmes, Ben O'Dwyer and Jill Hubbard.

Since our AGM last year carried 106 tasks have been recorded, 23 of which involved visits to hospitals in Ipswich. Even more involved lifts to other medical facilities in various towns in East Suffolk. The most unusual task was carried out by super-handyman Pete Holmes who was called on to dismantle a basin wastepipe in a fruitless hunt for a tooth-crown.

There are 31 volunteers and 24 regular users and the group continues to receive financial support from the Parish Council. Retiring Chairperson Pippa McLardy was presented with a beautiful planted bowl in recognition of her three years in the Chair.

Pippa McLardy (SG member)

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### **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**

The Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group (TAHG) is now entering its 5th year and all of us on the committee could not be more pleased with the response we have received from locals and holiday home owners alike. Last year's membership reached 130 and this year's is now up to 120 and rising. We can now offer lifetime membership as well as continuing with an annual one and both are well subscribed to. Our recent AGM held in the Dolphin saw many members coming along to hear committee members talk about their specific duties and how our events come together. The evening was well attended and our thanks go to David James for the use of the Garden Room and for refreshments.

Work will start on levelling the site for the 'heritage hut' in the car park very soon and our builder is on task to erect the wooden 'fisherman's hut' style structure later on in the year. As well as applying for grants we are also hoping to offer more talks and events to raise money.

Already in 2019 we have had a meal in the Dolphin attended by 39 members and on the 17th March we had a talk in the Tower Room given by the last three men to fish from Thorpeness beach. Russell, John and Tony gave an interesting, informal and often amusing talk about their exploits in and around Thorpeness and the beach. At half time there was a splendid afternoon tea which seemed very popular and after the three fishermen had finished telling their tales in the second half they answered some questions from the audience. As usual a Heritage Group event wouldn't be complete without a draw for one of Chairman Maureen's wonderful hampers, and I can honestly say that now, from personal experience, (as my husband had the winning ticket) the contents of the hamper was absolutely fabulous.

If you wish to become a member of this flourishing group then please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Tipping, 5 Peace Place, Thorpeness, or phone me, Sue, on 01728 830497 for a membership form. You can also email me on: [info@tahg.org.uk](mailto:info@tahg.org.uk)

The very reasonable membership fees are: for an annual subscription, £5 for single or £10 for family -OR- for lifetime membership £50 for single and £100 for a family. For this you will receive 2 newsletters per year filled with the history and articles from both villages, plus information on forthcoming ticketed and non-ticketed talks and events. As tickets are limited very few, if any, go on general sale. Our last event sold out within 10 hours. So don't miss out, contact us soon as we would love to have you as a member. Even if you only visit the villages a few times a year you will always be made most welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.  
 Sue Atkinson Membership secretary Logwood, Aldeburgh Rd.,  
 Aldringham, IP16 4QH or email [info@tahg.org.uk](mailto:info@tahg.org.uk)

### **Sandlings Safer Cycling Campaign**

Sandlings Safer Cycling Campaign (SSCC) is conducting a survey of local residents' views on the current 60mph speed limit along the B1353 Aldringham to Thorpeness road. Residents living along the road are asked to write down and sign their reasons for the speed limit of their choice. There is also a request for views on extending the 30mph limit much further along the Thorpe Road from the Aldringham crossroads to include the buildings, businesses and bungalows where there is no pavement. It is hoped to complete the survey by the end of this month (April).

After reporting our findings for the approval of the Parish Council at the start of May, we will then consider approaching the District and County Councils if there is sufficient support for a new limit.

Mike Laschet – Chair of SSCC – 01728 833662 –  
[mikelaschet@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mikelaschet@hotmail.co.uk)

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

As is usual, the Pavilion seems quiet at this time of year – but already things are beginning to stir. After our recent trustees meeting plans are coming together to offer a programme of events, which, hopefully, will suit many of you. Our last big event was on August Bank Holiday Sunday 2018 when we held our 'Classics at the Pavilion'. Headed up by trustees Stuart and Francis, this is getting to be very popular event and on a lot of the calendars for clubs that specialise in classic cars, bikes etc. We didn't have the best of weather on the day, which, for such a wonderful summer generally, was a little disappointing. But nevertheless people came along, many of them to exhibit their classic cars and bikes. The car boot sale did a roaring trade as did the teas, burgers and hot dogs until the inevitable happened and the heavens opened. Obviously for an outdoor event it tended to bring things to an earlier than wished for conclusion. Many people took sanctuary in the bar and almost drank it dry of the two popular artisan beers specially chosen by trustee Francis for this event. However, plans are starting to come together for this year's Classics and, weather permitting, we hope it will be bigger and better than ever. We are also pursuing the inclusion of some live music for everyone's entertainment.

The trustees have been joined this year by villager Sue Allen, who has agreed to take on the task of running the bar, which will no doubt thrive in her expert hands. Already, she is preparing to open every Sunday lunch time between 12 noon and 2.00pm from June 30<sup>th</sup> until the end of the summer season. Being within easy walking distance of main Thorpeness, those who have dogs are welcome to bring them up as well, and combine exercise

with some light refreshment! Drinks plus a selection of crisps, nuts etc. will be on sale. Please look out for further information on all the local notice boards and do please come and enjoy a pleasant lunchtime drink in an iconic and peaceful setting.

Sue is also hoping to revisit and revive some of the events previously run in the village - these are very much in the early stages of development and they will be well advertised locally when we have a programme to offer. We will be upgrading the present pavilion building towards the end of this year to include better facilities and heating in the hope of encouraging year-round usage. We have recently welcomed two new groups who are using the building every week - a Ukulele group and a writing group. It stands to reason that if we encourage more groups on a regular basis to use the Pavilion even in winter, then we must do all we can to improve it and make it a more comfortable and pleasant experience.

Contact names and telephone numbers are listed on the windows of the pavilion for anyone wishing to hire it on a one off, or regular, basis.

We look forward to seeing you as the year progresses and the weather improves.

Sue Atkinson - Pavilion and Sports Ground Trustees.

### **4th Thorpeness Classic Vehicle Rally and Car Boot Sale 25<sup>th</sup> August from 10 am**

We weren't lucky with the weather in 2018, but still had sufficient turnout to make the field seem lived in.

Our next Classic Vehicle Rally and Car Boot sale will be on August 25<sup>th</sup>, opening at 10am. Classic cars, vans, pickup trucks, motorcycles, trikes and tractors are all welcome. Just turn up - no need to book.

The Pavilion trustees will again be providing barbecued food including burgers, hot dogs and bacon rolls, Suffolk real ale and canned and bottled drinks at competitive prices.

Come along and support this growing event.

Any questions contact Francis Byrne 07775791441 or Stuart Girling 07905116491

### **Cricket Club**

We've improved the flatness of the wicket and planted grass seed which should be germinating soon.

We have weekly nets, weather permitting, at a new time of 11am Sundays. Anyone wishing to practice is welcome. Fixtures so far

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June V Kings Head Orford Home 6pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June V Halesworth Pumas Home 6pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July V Middleton Away 6pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July V Kings Head Orford Away 6pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August V Middleton Home 6pm

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August V Thorpeness Badminton Club Home 2pm

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



## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

### Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Councillors

Eric Atkinson	Chairman	01728 830497
Maureen Jones	Vice-Chairperson	01728 453915
David Mayhew		01728 452773
Pippa McLardy		01728 454565
Scott Squirrel		01728 833691
Alan Williams		07802 175184
Katherine Shadbolt		01728 451906
Brian Davies		01728 830938
Shirley Tilbrook	Parish Clerk	01728 830001

### District Councillors

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terry-jill.haworth@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk	
Maureen Jones	01728 453915
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### County Councillor

Russ Rainger	01728 688739
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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](mailto: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
Lambale Meadow, Saxmundham	01728 602022

### Dental Surgeons

Aldeburgh Dental Practice	
167 High Street, Aldeburgh	01728 452884
The Dental Surgery	
Crown Street, Leiston	01728 830790
High Street Dental Centre	
98 High Street, Leiston	01728 832133
Saxmundham Dental Surgery	
9 High Street, Saxmundham	01728 602537

### Pharmacies

Aldeburgh Pharmacy	
125 High Street, Aldeburgh	01728 452763
Coopers Pharmacy	
20 High Street, Leiston	01728 832231
East of England Coop Pharmacy	
High Street, Saxmundham	01728 602051

### Veterinary Surgeons

Leiston Vet Clinic, 1d Eastlands, Leiston	01728 833566
Fromus Vet Group Fromus House, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham	01728 602599

### Thorpeness Croquet Club

Andrew Paris	01728 833673
Colin Hart	07495 364399

### Good Neighbours Group helpline

Chairperson Wendy Sturmeay	07521 047843 01728 452586
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### Local Heritage Group

Mrs S Atkinson	01728 830497
"Logwood", Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham	
Event tickets	
Mrs Elizabeth Tipping	01728 454165

### Rainbow Tots

Ms Anja Shaw	01728 453295
Every Tuesday 10am - 1:30am	
Aldeburgh Community Centre	

### Tea & Toast

Mrs E Tipping	01728 454165
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### Thorpeness Cricket Club

Mr F Byrne	01728 830834
Email: <a href="mailto:byrneengineering@uwclub.net">byrneengineering@uwclub.net</a>	

### Ogilvie Sports Ground and Pavilion

Wendy Sturmeay	01728 452586
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### Talking Newspaper

Evelyn Rumsby	01728 453579
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## WHAT'S ON – Easter 2019 to end July 2019

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<b>April</b>			
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Fun Quiz (Every two weeks - see below)
Good Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Annual Beach Clean
Good Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	St Andrew's Church	The Last Hour service
Easter Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.45am	Thorpeness Beach and Country Club	Easter Service, plus Holy Communion and breakfast at Country Club
Easter Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	St Andrew's Church	Easter Service
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		County wide	Schools back for Summer term
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am -4.00	Aldeburgh Library	Volunteer Fair
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Tower Room	P C Planning sub-committee (if required)
<b>May</b>			
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Fun Quizzes
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	Old Blacksmiths Aldringham	Aldringham Village Hub quarterly meeting
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Ogilvie Pavilion	Rotary – Coastal Fun Run
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Parrot Aldringham	Monthly meet-up with coffee and cake
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00pm	Peace Place Thorpeness	Rural Coffee Caravan
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Times Below	Aldringham & Thorpeness	Mobile Library
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Tower Room or Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30	Parrot Aldringham	Defib training event
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 - 4.00pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Parrot Aldringham	GN Community lunch
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10–12.00 noon	St Andrew's Church	Coffee Morning
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>		County wide	Last day of first half of summer term
<b>June</b>			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		County wide	Schools back for 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of summer term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm	Pavilion	P C Planning sub-committee (if required)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Parrot Aldringham	Monthly meet-up with coffee and cake
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Times Below	Aldringham & Thorpeness	Mobile Library
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Starting at Meare Boathouse	Outdoor worship
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 - 4.00pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>		Ogilvie Pavilion	Fun Quizzes
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.0-12.00pm	Peace Place Thorpeness	Rural Coffee Caravan
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ogilvie Sportsfield	Cricket v Kings Head Orford
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ogilvie Sportsfield	Cricket v Halesworth Pumas
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Ogilvie Sports Field	First summer drinks at the Pavilion
<b>July</b>			
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Parrot Aldringham	Monthly meet-up with coffee and cake
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Away (Middleton)	Cricket v Middleton
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Times below	Aldringham and Thorpeness	Mobile Library
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Away (Orford)	Cricket v Kings Head Orford
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Pavilion	P C Planning sub-committee (if required)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-4.00pm	Mill Hill Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00pm	Peace Place Thorpeness	Rural Coffee Caravan
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Fun Quizzes
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>		County wide	Last day of summer term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	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 30<sup>th</sup> 12noon – 2pm