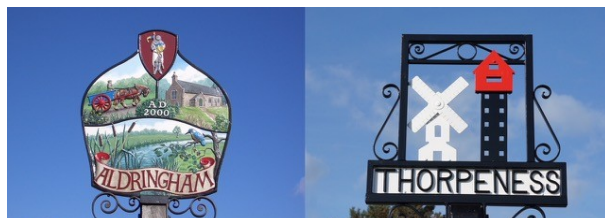


Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell Newsletter

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY EASTER

Don't forget the Beach Clean! Good Friday 10am



Website: www.aldringham.onesuffolk.net

April 2025

'In Memoriam'

Sudden Death of Beloved Aldringham Mother



Cara at the Aldeburgh Carnival on the Leiston Long Shop float

It was with deepest sadness that the Parish learnt of the sudden death in March of Cara Chinery (47) from Mill Hill Estate in Aldringham. Cara leaves her partner Lloyd, and children Dennis, Tommy and Pearl. A lively, generous-hearted and kind individual who could always be relied onto help anyone in need, Cara was a volunteer with Aldringham cum Thorpe Good Neighbours and supported the Coffee Caravan. She was one of the first to offer help at village events and encouraged her children to do so too. She worked at Coldfair Green School as a classroom assistant - work she loved. She was warm and compassionate and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

I wish to thank everyone who helps to keep Aldringham and Thorpeness looking cheerful and I am sure this is appreciated especially opposite the Parrot and the Dolphin. If anyone wishes to help with these tasks please let the Parish Clerk know.

The Speed Indicator Devices are helping with reducing speeding through both villages (please see Tony Wheeler's full report below). But unfortunately we still have motorists failing to obey the limits. An especially bad area is along the Leiston to Aldringham road near Aldringham Park. This has several side roads and driveways joining the main road which do not have very clear vision of approaching traffic. Motorists should treat this stretch of road with special caution.

Flower Tubs



Caption - Spring flowers brighten the triangle in Thorpeness photo - Maureen Jones

Parish Council Update April 2025

At long last we have some warmer and sunnier weather to make us all feel like Spring has at last arrived. The daffodil bulbs are now showing their bright and sunny heads in the Parish. Once again Councillors and helpers have planted a lot more bulbs to add to the ones planted the previous year. Also the black tubs have bulbs in them and wallflowers which hopefully will show their wonderful colours very soon. It is so difficult to know what to put in the tubs especially in Thorpeness as the wind can be extremely cold when it is the North and East. So each year is trial and error - we might get it right sometime.!

Once again when all the spring flowers have died down, the tubs and planters will be filled with colourful geraniums. Geraniums seem to do very well in the areas of planting, and I wish to thank John and Carole Westrup for taking care of last years plants in their greenhouse, we can then use them again this year to give colour.

If you have any news, or events of interest to the local community, please email details to the editor: Pippa McLardy pimclardy@hotmail.com

New Replacement Bench on Beach

The old long wooden bench on the beach, which did good service over many years, has rotted and been removed. The Parish Council together with Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group have purchased a new black reconstituted plastic bench which has now been fixed in the same place as the old bench.

We still have the original plaque and this will be displayed shortly on the new one. Thank you to those who helped with this task. The seat is now waiting for people to sit and enjoy the beautiful scenery along the coast.



Area in Old Homes Road

The damaged posts around the triangle have now been replaced and the black bench has some concrete slabs under it to help keep the area tidy. Soon this area will be tidied up once again, ready to receive visitors. In the future we hope to plant some trees in front of the new houses. This is an ongoing project.

Ogilvie Pavilion

National Landscapes have been very helpful with supplying and planting new sections of hedgerow around the perimeter of the sports field. They have also removed dead fruit trees and replaced them with new ones, fixing new water pipes and mulching all the trees which, hopefully, will keep them alive for the future.

A new gate has been supplied and fitted between the car park and the new Picnic Area, which should be ready for this coming summer. There will be benches and tables which can be used for a lovely picnic, also lots of lovely grass and space to play and be safe. Please, residents or visitors, make use of this lovely area. Many thanks to those people who keep the trees watered. Further news regarding the Pavilion will be supplied by Eric Atkinson Chair of The Trustees for the Pavilion.

Coastal Matters

Unfortunately our coastline has taken a battering again this year and more Geobags have been destroyed and the Gabions have been badly damaged, the Parish Council will be meeting with Coastal Protection East shortly to discuss the way forward. A separate leaflet will be delivered to Thorpeness households with this

newsletter. A Flooding Areas Awareness leaflet questionnaire will be distributed in due course.

Information Boards for Aldringham

This is an ongoing project and some boards will be seen in the village shortly.

Neighbourhood Plan

Parish Councillors and other members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have been completing the Parish plan, which was submitted to East Suffolk Council at the end of March.

Join our Parish Council Team

We are still short of Parish Councillors. If you feel that you can spare some time and would like to become a Parish Councillor please contact our Parish Clerk (Shirley Tilbrook) on 01728 830001. We would like to hear from you.

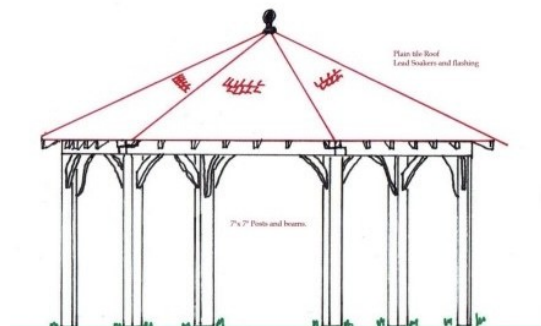
A BIG THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO PIPPA McLARDY FOR EDITING AND PRODUCING THIS NEWSLETTER AND TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS WITH DISTRIBUTION AROUND THE VILLAGES

Maureen Jones

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Chair

Aldringham Village Shelter



Following a neighbourhood consultation carried out by councillors in Aldringham last November, and subsequent application by the Parish Council to the Planning Inspectorate, consent for construction of a village shelter on Mill Green was formally granted in February under the Commons Act 2006.

The Parish Council have appointed Suffolk Timber Framed Buildings Ltd to construct the shelter and work is expected to commence towards the end of May for completion in June.

Planning

Since the Winter Newsletter, the Parish Council has received 16 planning consultations, four in Aldringham and 12 in Thorpeness. The applications comprise: -

Building alteration and/or extension	9
Change of use	1
Tree felling/surgery	4

Variation to an Existing Consent
Windfarm cabling requirements

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The Parish Council has objected to one application, registered no objection to 12 and three remain under consideration. East Suffolk District Council have so far permitted two of the applications.

A schedule of applications upon which the parish is consulted can be found in the News & Events section of the council's website, <https://aldringham.onesuffolk.net>

Speed Indicator Devices

The Parish Council has four speed indicators in operation providing permanent monitoring of vehicles passing through Aldringham and Thorpeness. Data from the devices is available to view in the News section of the parish council website, <https://aldringham.onesuffolk.net>. Summary data for the 3 months to 31st January 2025 is set out below.

Location	Incoming	Outgoing
Aldringham - Aldringam Park		
Total Vehicles	193,212	189,664
Average Speed/mph	30	32
Max speed/mph	84	98
Vehicles in excess 50 mph	221	252
Aldringham - Vicarage		
Total Vehicles	113,571	154,690
Average Speed/mph	30	33
Max speed/mph	68	75
Vehicles in excess 50 mph	118	332
Thorpeness - Pavilion		
Total Vehicles	53,361	72,104
Average Speed/mph	31	33
Max speed/mph	86	79
Vehicles in excess 50 mph	178	322
Thorpeness - The Haven		
Total Vehicles	44,169	48,615
Average Speed/mph	30	34
Max speed/mph	75	78
Vehicles in excess 50 mph	103	252

Whilst the devices continue to have a noticeable benefit in calming incoming traffic, a significant number are unable to resist speeds considerably in excess of 30 mph!

Tony Wheeler

Parish Councillor

20's Plenty for Aldringham-cum-Thorpe

At the end of the last Newsletter's report, we were suggesting that we would hold a forum before March's Parish Council and a further survey on the proposed Traffic calming schemes. It became apparent that the turnout was not as disappointing as was thought, as larger councils, using more professional means, are generally happy to get a 6% return, whereas we achieved around 11%- so we press on.

We have contacted the local Police Team, who have been extremely helpful in advice and action. In the week

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we discussed the issue with them in December, we were surprised and gratified to see, on the Aldeburgh road through Aldringham, a contingent of six motorized police officers, both motorcycle and cars, checking for speeding and uninsured or unlicensed vehicles.

Despite the obvious presence of this 'Hi-Vis' army, a number of cars were stopped for speeding and other offences. There was a follow-up phone call from Leiston Police the next day to explain the exercise, which was repeated on various dates through to the end of January. The team involved was the Sizewell C escorting squad, who are fully assigned to that project, but at these early stages have gaps in their work day and could be swung over to Aldringham, when quiet - and we were very pleased to have them. This is a section of road that we have been monitoring for the last five years, when it was found that more cars were exceeding the 30mph limit than obeying. This has improved marginally, with the flashing red and green figures on the permanent Speed Indicator Device (SID), but there is still considerable speeding occurring, as drivers completely ignore the read-out on the screens.

We had a meeting with two of the local Police Team on site at 8.00am on February 21st to discuss the six traffic calming proposals, which was extremely positive, but we all needed the input of Suffolk Highways as two of the measures will need further data, which could not be gathered by our SIDs and their views on our requests. At the time of writing this, all parties are due to meet at the Parrot and Punchbowl, so watch this space.

Energy Projects

Sizewell C

I could write 'Mostly the same as before, but only more so', but that would be cheating. It would not be far off. Everything in that report to you all has moved on so much that it is hard to get your bearings. You don't recognise the turning to Lovers Lane to get to the dump, let alone the road up there itself. There is hardly a tree in sight, all gone with the 24,715 others. It is a bit chilling that despite the knowledge that all of them and probably more will be replaced after it is all over, there are a good number of us, including this writer, who will never see that happen. I can only hope that when all the access roads, rail links, by-passes etc. are complete they get cracking and get some thousands of native trees and hedges into the ground to 'soften' these great gashes on our landscape. I again urge you to visit the Works Tracker website- szcworkstracker.co.uk to look at the progress map. It has now been moved down the site to the third or fourth item under some very esoteric sections, where I ended up on some link road in Birmingham. I must apologise to the very patient and polite gentleman from the Sizewell C Information Office, as I had a moan about the removal of this map all together. He very correctly told if scrolled down a little it was still there. To my mind, it is the easiest way to understand where the individual pieces of this jigsaw will start and finish.

Sizewell B

The outage was completed on or about its specified date and Sizewell B is back on the Grid.

To those of us who are SZB stakeholders the really sad news was the sudden death of Pete Wilkinson, Co-Chairman of the Stakeholder Group. He was founder of Greenpeace UK and lived an extraordinary life of

environmental activism all across the world. He was Chair of Together against Sizewell C (TASC) and for those who only knew him at the Stakeholder Group, we will miss his pithy comments.

Scottish Power Renewables EA1N and EA2

If you live in Aldringham you cannot have missed the traffic lights on the Aldeburgh Road for at least six weeks. Well, we can blame these two projects for them! but we should be delighted that they were there as they were carrying out boreholes testing in preparation for the planned horizontal drilling under the road and the River Hundred. This, if it passes the relevant planning changes to the DCO will relieve us all from the haul road that was previously planned. We are still awaiting the decision on this.

If you drive out Knodishall towards Blackheath corner you will see the completed archeological works, on your left, which looks now it is ready for a start of the haul road at that point heading back through the fields to Aldeburgh Road.

Bill Seale

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Parish Council Vice Chairman

Parish Website

Alan Williams, the current editor of the Parish Website <http://aldringham.onesuffolk.net> would like to find someone in the community to take his place. Please let Parish Clerk Shirley Tilbrook know if you are interested. Alan hopes not too many people have been inconvenienced by finding the website down from time to time – it occasionally falls foul to hackers, including once from the Chinese.

Community Emergency Planning

Sizewell C seems to be moving apace and the amount of work underway is astonishing. There are increases in the number of lorries, tippers, transporters and SUVs on all roads and I fear it is going to get busier.

However, what does all this mean for us? Well, firstly let's examine the risks. There is an increased risk of being involved in an RTA (Road Traffic Accident) because the number of vehicles on the road has increased, especially during daylight hours. Additionally, the drivers of these additional vehicles may not be as aware of the subtleties of our local roads and countryside as we are.

Secondly, there will be a risk of slower travel times because of the increase of traffic travelling through country lanes. Allow more time for your journey. Thirdly, for those of you who cycle and walk be aware of the increase in heavy vehicles manoeuvring on our country lanes. It can sometimes be a tight squeeze. Along with the increase in traffic will come an increase in air pollution. If you have a face mask you should consider using it if you feel the need, especially if you suffer from a respiratory condition or a lung disease such as asthma or COPD.

Recently, there have been two major emergencies reported in the news. The first was off the coast of Yorkshire and involved a collision between a container ship and a tanker. Whilst the effects of any potential

pollution are not yet clear, and may not ever affect this part of Suffolk, we must remain alert and aware of the possibility.

The second emergency was the closure of Heathrow Airport due to a fire at an electrical substation, which resulted in the loss of power at the airport.

Both of these emergencies were unthinkable - until they happened. Despite both ships having modern technology on the bridge (radar, anti-collision alert, GPS, radio, sat nav etc) communications appear to have failed, along with direction and control, and the collision became unavoidable. I am sure the investigation will discover that there were a number of opportunities to intervene and avoid the collision, but these were missed and the 'point of no return' was reached whereby the collision was inevitable.

Heathrow has its own Emergency Planning team and whilst they could be forgiven for focusing on an aircraft accident, terrorist attack or a pandemic I am sure they would also have assessed the risk of a major power outage. Perhaps the actual event was something that was not thought possible by the EP team. The investigation, however, will discover the course of events leading up to the fire and power failure and will reveal why the consequences were so serious and disruptive. I am sure that other airports will learn from the experience of Heathrow and will revise their emergency plans accordingly.

Finally, take care and don't forget to look out for your neighbours.

Roger Brown

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Uppen About – some Parish tales

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

Attention All Beach Baggers! Thorpeness Village Beach Clean 2025

The 2025 Beach Clean will take place as usual on Good Friday 18th April, once again instigated by Bagger-in-Chief Pete Holmes.

All Brilliant Beach Baggers should assemble at The Dolphin at 10am where proceedings will start with coffee and a welcome from Parish Chair Maureen Jones and a safety briefing from Richard Bodek. People may then choose the team they wish to join covering the area they want to work in.

Please bring your own pickers, gloves etc if you have them, as there is only a limited supply from the council. Hi-vis waistcoats or jackets would also be handy if you have one.

Picking will be concentrating on areas in the north, middle & south of the village as well as the beach itself. Once all the litter has been picked, baggers should return to the Dolphin by noon for Hot Dogs plus a small presentation and stories made up from unusual finds on the beach. As usual, the best story will win a prize. Please make sure all items supplied by us from the Council are returned to the Dolphin.

Anybody wishing to donate to the event please leave in

an envelope marked BEACH CLEAN and hand in to the Dolphin Bar,. Cheques should be made out to Thorpeness & Aldringham Heritage group, or payment made directly to sort code 40 40 20 a/c number 21464078

There is due to be a mini meeting with all the set up team at the Dolphin Monday 14th April at 10am, and team leaders should aim to be at The Dolphin at 9am on Good Friday.

Peter Holmes

petejholmes@yahoo.co.uk

Sue's Bowled Over to be President Again

Twenty seven years ago, Sue Bard-Bodek became the youngest County President for Middlesex Lawn Bowls. Now Sue, who moved permanently to the area around Thorpeness and Aldeburgh in 2020, has taken on the same role again, but this time for Suffolk.

Based at her home club of Borough of Eye, Sue is looking forward to a busy but rewarding outdoor bowls season ahead - and mixing her great enjoyment of playing the sport of lawn bowls for her club and the county with the honour and duties of representing the county as its President.

Sue has won a number of County and National Titles - one highlight being National Mixed Pairs winner in 1997. More recently in 2022, she was part of a team of four who won the National Ladies Senior Fours title which led to representing England at The British Isles Championships the following summer at Ayr in Scotland. Sue says she is proud and honoured to be asked to be a County President again, and is looking forward to the year ahead and to giving something back to a sport that has afforded her so much enjoyment over the years.

Home Improvements



Caption:- Demolition and rebuilding works in The Uplands

Time was when home improvements meant a bit of decorating or a rejuvenated bathroom or kitchen. But in Thorpeness, the phrase has taken on an enhanced meaning, with no fewer than five properties currently the subject of major building works.

Off Remembrance Road, one replacement dwelling set back from the beach is nearing completion, while a second, which will boast a basement level, is proving a slower project. On Lakeside Avenue, a modest bungalow on the Meareside at Number 21 is in the process of being replaced by a five-bedroomed house with swimming pool, while a bungalow at 8A will also grow an upper floor and a lookout tower. On the Uplands, Number 12 is currently little more than a woodpile, but will be replaced by a lookalike dwelling and become the permanent home of Tim and Katharine Shadbolt, long-term Thorpeness residents. The Shadbolts have carried out some repair

works on the Uplands track surface. They hope to see work finished this Autumn.

Parish Council Chair Maureen Jones is concerned that the increased volume of traffic and considerable size of vehicles involved in the building works will be damaging to local roads as well as locals' nerves.

"We hope that when work has been completed the damaged grass verges will be restored. Also, dirt tracks used by builders are bringing excess mud and run-off water onto the highway possibly adding to increased flooding incidents on the Thorpeness to Aldeburgh road. We hope these will also be removed when works are completed so they do not impact motorists who regularly use these roads. Please, if you are having building works carried out, think of the impact on the Community".



Caption – An upper storey and lookout tower will be added to this former bungalow in Lakeside

Aldringham Community Carols on the Green- Christmas 2024



Caption- Carols around the Tree at Aldringham

In about the middle of every September, we receive an email from Chris Theobald from the Parrot reminding us it's time to think of Community Carols on the Green at Aldringham!! It is the first thing he arranges on his busy Christmas calendar; those of us who remember standing on the Green in the cold and sometimes snow to eat a cold mince pie after singing together pre the Parrot will know how welcome it is to have a warm place to meet up and greet neighbours old and new after a very lovely evening singing together. So once again we thank him and for his generosity. This year we were spoilt as both Reverend Sarah and Reverend Mary were able to join us.

It was a clear night- and at six o'clock, we assembled by the exceptionally beautiful tree which really shone out in the darkness. This is given every year by the Parish Council. The evening consists of well-known carols and Christmas songs interspersed with seasonal readings - next year we will have to ask for repeat readers as we

are running out of new ones! So if you would like to volunteer by reading please let one of us know. Gail and Stephen bring music backing to help us stay in tune and keep time. Everyone sings with gusto and if you just step back and look on, it's quite magical.

Once the singing is over we repair to the Parrot for a welcome hot mulled wine given by Chris Theobald and home made mince pies made by friends and neighbours. This year Chris introduced the idea of every family bringing a contribution to the food bank as Christmas is a time of giving. He and his staff took several loads of donated goods to the food bank where it was most gratefully received. It was such a good idea and many people made their gifts Christmassy.

At least 60 people attended this year and lots of children which is such a treat. I think the 2 massive sheep that Uta brings are a real draw- It's wonderful to lose your hand in their thick coat and to get up close to lovely animals like those which played such an important part in the Christmas story. Any ideas for new Christmas poems or readings gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you all next Christmas.

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Christine Laschet chrislaschet@hotmail.com

Good Neighbours

Good Neighbours were deeply saddened to learn of the death of one of our younger volunteers, Cara Chinery. She joined us in the Pandemic, and as neighbours go, she was acknowledged to be one of the best. Deepest sympathy goes to her loving and much-loved family. The GN task most requested continues to be trips to medical facilities, particularly Ipswich Hospital, though Papworth and Moorfields have also featured in the past few months.

Our Volunteer' Coffee Morning at the Parrot at Christmas was attended by 19 volunteers (out of 36 in total), and draws for donated hampers at this event and the AGM provides most of our funding, together with generous donations from those we help. We hope to hold our AGM on Wednesday June 18th, but the venue has not been decided.

If you would like to join our band of volunteers, or need some help with a household task, shopping, form filling or transporting, call our helpline on:-

07521 047843

Pippa McLardy

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Local Groups

Rural Coffee Caravan returning



*The Rural Coffee Caravan on a visit to Aldringham last year
Photo Ann Osborn*

The Rural Coffee Caravan starts our Aldringham visits again in April. The first one is April 8th. We will be on Mill Hill as usual. Subsequent visits are May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us for coffee/tea, cake and chat! Our lovely team are ready to welcome you and have a range of useful information on services that help you stay happy healthy and independent. Our service is free and every visit runs from 2pm-4pm. See you there!

Ann Osborn

CEO Rural Coffee Caravan

St Andrew's Church



Annual Parochial Church Meeting 12.00 noon Sunday May 18th

There are several official requirements for the APCM including presenting an Annual Report. The Report for 2024 has been prepared and there is a link to this at the bottom of this report. A limited number of paper copies are available in the Church. Please read it. At the APCM we also elect the PCC and Churchwarden(s) for the next year. This year by canon law we must renew our Electoral Roll and ask people to sign new forms indicating their residence and qualification to be voting members of the church.

The modern use of the word "membership," describing an individual's relationship to the Church of England is controversial: paying to have a voice in a group's activities? Rather we make a declaration that we each accept a unique role and purpose within the Church, an anatomical part of the Church metaphorically, the Body of Christ. Being baptised and 16 years of age are basic requirements. Different criteria can qualify an individual to be a voting member of a church. Residence within the parish boundaries. Regular attendance in the parish church for six months if you live in another parish. If you are a member in good standing of a church in communion with the Church of England, or one that

accepts the doctrine of the Trinity. The forms are available from the Churchwardens or electronically. According to canon law Churchwardens, officers of the bishop, are sworn in and charged by the Archdeacon with specific duties. Among these responsibilities are maintaining order, complying with official directives, cooperating with the incumbent (current clergy), and representing the laity. They are also responsible for church property and maintaining records. This year, on June 16th St. Andrew's will host the Archdeacon's Visitation when officers and trustees take their oath. When David Copp and Dorothy Walker were charged with our responsibilities last year, we were also asked to take care of our clergy.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of the Church of England parish. PCC members are church trustees and bound by charity law. As many of you will know, we have plans well advanced to enlarge our vestry. The word Vestry, from Latin, vestarius, meaning clothing. It was where the priest changed into official vestments and prepared for services. The term was used for PCC members into the 1960s because they met in the Vestry.

If you would like to put your name forward for Churchwarden, or the Parochial Church Council to be elected at the APCM on May 18th please contact one of the Churchwardens.

Family Service

The PCC agreed the calendar of special services and events for the coming year. The service on the fourth Sunday of the month will be called our Family Service. This will be a less formal offering, more suited to children, with the clergy not wearing robes, and with a variety of different experiences to surprise us all.

Evensong

In the summer months of May, June, July and August there will be a said service of Evensong at 6pm followed by refreshments, hopefully out in the sunshine in the churchyard. Please invite family, friends, and neighbours, and bring them to our activities.

Intercessors

We do hope that the congregation will embrace the new role of Intercessor who leads the congregation in prayer. This individual can write their own or read prayers in our services from materials offered by Revd Mary. Please see the rota posted in the Vestry or contact Revd Mary or Dorothy, to sign up for this fulfilling opportunity. This is in addition to the opportunities to read lessons and hosts for refreshments after services.

BOBS

Our Band of Brothers and Sisters (BOBS) has been busy both in the churchyard and on the building. BOBS meets on the fourth Thursday of each month (this month – March - Thursday 27th, 9.30 am).

Last month we flattened molehills, cleaned gutters and picked up rubbish across the churchyard and then had a cuppa with a biscuit and a social visit when we finished. It is a nice day outside in very good company. There are lots of tasks that need doing that don't require special

knowledge or great strength and it is very satisfying. Come and join us on the fourth Thursday at 9:30 AM after morning prayer.

Dorothy Walker

07496 373579 or 01728 453984

David Copp

07747 030248 or 01278 635816

<https://www.flipsnack.com/standrewsaldringham/st-andrew-s-aldringham-annual-report-2024-final-u8wzfpalma/full-view.html>

Friends of St. Andrews

The Friends of St. Andrews raised £536.60 from their fundraising events, The Bridge Drive, Coffee Mornings, and Bric a Brac Stalls in 2024. Our first event in 2025 will be The Bridge Drive to be held in Aldeburgh Church Hall in April. We thank everyone who has supported our events by donating items for sale and attending the event on the day. We look forward to seeing you again this year helping us to raise funds for St. Andrews Church Fabric Fund.

Anne Norton -

Friends of St Andrew's

Pilgrim's Together

Here we are in spring and how lovely it is to see all the daffodils crocus etc. coming back into flower, the trees are also coming into blossom with just tiny bits of green where the leaves are getting ready to burst. It's one of nature's miracles that after the dark barrenness of winter the earth is getting ready again to show off her bounty. Just as Mother Nature is coming back into life, so are we Christians. We are now in lent which can be a quiet reflective time for us whilst knowing that Easter and the resurrection of Jesus is just around the corner, we very much look forward to these celebrations which are the basis of our Christian beliefs.

A Happy Easter to you all and may the season bring you much peace and joy.

Our services at Aldringham Court are still proving very popular and it is lovely to get to meet and know the families of those who live there permanently. Our thanks to the staff who welcome us and do all the preparation beforehand.

We, at Pilgrims, have been making a few changes to our worship and meetings. Thanks to the generosity of Landlord Chris we are still able to meet on the 1st Saturday morning of the month at The Parrot and Punchbowl and enjoy breakfast and a chat (breakfast bap and Coffee £7.50) and a walk for those who would like to join in. Still at the Parrot our Croissant and Coffee breakfast on the third Saturday of the month has a slightly different format and is now called 'Encounter', everyone is most welcome to come along and it's up to you if you just want to listen to a short talk or if you wish to contribute, we quite often have music as well. Both Saturday mornings are from 9.30am and everyone is welcome.

'Pilgrim's Create' is our newest endeavour and we meet at the Thorpeness Pavilion on the afternoon of the second Sunday of the month at 4pm We start the meeting off with refreshments which is followed by singing, each meeting has a theme and usually some visual aids that encourage us to think a little more deeply about everyday things and if we wish we can offer up our opinions. We have run three of these 'Create' sessions

so far and they have proved very popular and we have several people from different faiths joining us. It would be lovely to see you there so do please come and join us. Just remember it's on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 4pm and it will usually last about an hour.

We are also in the planning stages of our 2025 Summer Outdoor Services at Thorpeness, they are due to start on the first Sunday of July and run for 8 consecutive weeks, we will meet at our usual place, by the duck pond next to the Meare at 10am. Every year these services get more and more popular with several holiday makers returning each summer, we even have a family coming from France to join us and it's always so lovely to meet up with them again. All you have to remember is to bring a chair or rug for yourself to sit on. A short time before the service commences we play some quite distinctive 'Gathering Music' so you can always find us.

For any further information you would like with regard to any of our services, times etc. please go to our Face book page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimsTogether473>

or email: pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com

So here's hoping you can get out into the countryside and local villages to explore this lovely part of Suffolk and to give thanks that we can freely enjoy God's bounty at absolutely NO CHARGE!

With our love to you all

Sue

on behalf of the Pilgrims Together team.

Sue, on behalf of Pilgrims Together Worship Group.

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground CIO

With the lighter nights and spring definitely in the air we are looking forward to our first events of the year. The annual coast fun run is on May Bank Holiday Sunday 4th followed the day after on Monday 5th by our regular open day event at the pavilion when there will be an opportunity to come and see what we are doing and have a taster of croquet and cricket with the user groups, there will also be stalls and food available.

We will be welcoming back The Alzheimer's Society for their second fund raising Trek26 event at Thorpeness on Saturday 2nd August. The art market will also be returning this year. The summer Bike Meets held on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month restart on 23rd April at 5pm, Burger van and bar available all are welcome.

Over the winter we have been progressing a number of projects, a five-a-side football pitch has been created for use by anyone who wishes to have a game. We have installed a hand gate from the car park to a picnic area which we are preparing and will be fully accessible for all to use, we are currently waiting for the picnic benches to be delivered. We have been working with National Landscapes (formally the AONB) who provided the support of two working parties who planted 400 hedging plants and carried out maintenance of our fruit trees including replacing five that were past saving. We have also obtained additional storage to enable the pavilion to be kept clear of additional equipment.

Preparation for the new build is progressing well, the plans are currently with East Suffolk for building regulations approval and we have received a number of tenders from prospective builders which we are currently assessing. Once we have a firm cost established we will

be able to complete the grant applications for the outstanding funding we require.

Groups now making regular use of Ogilvie Sports Ground are The Croquet club on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (contact thorpenesscroquet@outlook.com), Uke-N-Smile ukulele club on every Wednesday morning (contact iclampin@btinternet.com), the fun quiz on the fourth Thursday evening of the month (contact zenamassey08@btinternet.com), Pilgrims together on the second Sunday afternoon of the month (contact pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com), and all the Parish Council meetings (see parish website for details). If you would like to hire the pavilion or sports ground or receive our regular newsletter, please contact us via the Pavilion's website: <https://www.ogilviepavilion.org>

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground Trustees

Thorpeness Cricket Club :The Summer Ahead

Fixtures so far :-

Sunday 8th June V Toft Monks AWAY
Sunday 29th June V Mendham HOME 2pm
Sunday 13th July V Worlingworth AWAY
Sunday 20th July V Asby St Mary HOME
Sunday 27th July V Worlingworth HOME
Sunday 3rd August V Mendham AWAY
Sunday 17th August V Ashby St Mary AWAY
Sunday 14th September V Toft Monks HOME

We're always looking for players both for pub style all comers standard as well as league level of cricket. Nets at 10.30am on Sundays are temporarily suspended but hope to resume later in the Spring. Anyone interested in playing in games or nets, let me know

Francis Byrne 07775791441 byrneengineering@zohomail.eu

Classic Vehicle Rally

Sunday 24th August 10am till 4pm

Another rally is happening this year. Be good to have more local people involved either with stalls, or activities.

Francis Byrne details as above

Croquet Club



May sees the launch of the Thorpeness Croquet Community Project, a collaboration between the Thorpeness Croquet Club, The Ogilvie Sports Pavilion and ActivLives, a Suffolk charity specialising in keeping older people active. The Croquet Community combines the sport of croquet with facilitated exercise and social activities, all taking place in the tranquil setting of the Ogilvie Sports Pavilion, Thorpeness.

Newcomers are introduced to the community by attending six consecutive Tuesday afternoons. Each session begins with gentle to moderate indoor exercise in readiness for a tutored game of croquet. After which there are gentle 'warm down' exercises, followed by refreshments, including healthy home baked snacks. Two of the six Tuesdays will include Chair Yoga or a Tai Chi taster. The remainder of each afternoon is spent building friendships, enjoying the surroundings and becoming part of the Croquet Community. **The tremendous benefit of croquet is that it can be enjoyed whatever the level of skill or fitness.**

For further information please Email:-
croquetcommunity@outlook.com



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Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group



The Heritage Centre

A successful 2024 season in our memories as we are about to start our 2025 season when we open to the public Saturday April 5th.... Saturdays and Sundays 11am to 3pm .

If you would like to volunteer in the Heritage Centre please contact Elizabeth Tipping on 01728 454165 who masterminds our rota [thanks so much Elizabeth!] There will be a season preparation day on April 2nd to get us ready for our visitors. Please come along from 11am if you are able to help for an hour or two!

Events – Past and Future

Our always popular Winter Warmer meal took place at The Dolphin in January – a relaxed fun evening with a great meal , great conversations and raffles and games – thanks David for your ever splendid hospitality!

If you have any news, or events of interest to the local community, please email details to the editor: Pippa McLardy pimclardy@hotmail.com

TAHG AGM

Will take place at the Thorpeness Pavilion on Tuesday 6th May ...please come along and take part in our planning and activities. Also, an opportunity to come on to the Committee. Please have a chat if you could be interested !

Tea Party

A tea party at Sizewell Hall is being planned for June 19th but no more details are available yet. More information to follow in due course

Evening on and around The Meare

Scavenger Hunt plus other activities is being worked on with a target time of late summer. Watch this space! Easter Friday Beach Clean & Dolphin Summer Fair – TAHG committee and members will as ever be playing a great part in these events. Come along and join the fun !

Archive Recordings Evening

No date set as yet but the recordings make for very interesting listening – again “ Watch this Space” !

Replacement Bench –

TAHG has 50/50 funded with the Parish Council a replacement bench at the end of the Beach Boardwalk – the old bench had deteriorated to become unsafe and is now a very durable recycled plastic that should last many years

Archiving Project -

Is under way with the energy and expertise of Sara Paulley leading the way assisted by the experience of Chris Jones.

Audio History/Heritage Files -

These will soon be accessible via our website as we will be providing an on-line database of our recorded interviews and talks.

The Aldringham Information Board Trail -

Getting closer to creation and with work from our history team and support through the Community Infrastructure Levy [CIL] funds and Parish Council we have started to make good progress .

Commemorative Plaques

At the Heritage Centre we will have a board on which we can mount plaques to remember the local contribution of various individuals and families- if you are interested, please make contact with any Committee Member.

Display Layout

Chris and Maureen Jones are working on an update to this in the Heritage Centre, hoping to complete in time for the new season opening.

Committee Members

We have lost some committee members over the last year – if you would consider joining us to support the group we would love to hear from you. The workload is not onerous and is very rewarding – and in the wartime words – “TAHG Needs You “.

TAHG could not function or be as successful without the hard work and commitment of all who volunteer their time, energies and skills, and also all those that attend our social events - thank you so much. Thanks of course also must go the hard working and dedicated Committee many of whom have been involved from the very start of the Group. Great to report that our membership is strong and on the increase – we thank you for your support in general and also attending our events. To join our group or find out more about us please make contact via: info@tahg.org.uk

Richard Bodek

Chairman

Neighbourhood Watch

(Our co-ordinator Evelyn Rumsby has nothing to report this time, so I am borrowing her space for a letter of introduction from Community Police Inspector Liz Casey)

“These are certainly challenging times for Policing with the ongoing balance of resourcing and demand, however I want to reassure you we are here for you, to support you and our community.

Please do reach out if you have any concerns.

I'll refer you to our website if you're not aware of the local engagement we have in your area, likewise any issues or good news stories to highlight they will be on the website. If you don't have but would like to be part of community Speed watch – let me know.

If you don't have but would like to be part of Neighbourhood Watch – let me know.

My ongoing plea is to ask you and the community to let us know if you have any information you wish to share. You are the eyes of your community so please see the below , as always if you need us for urgent matters (crime in action or need Police to deploy immediately please don't hesitate to call us on 999 – non urgent 101) – any intelligence as per this link .

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/partners/partner-services/community-partner-intelligence/community-partnership-intelligence>

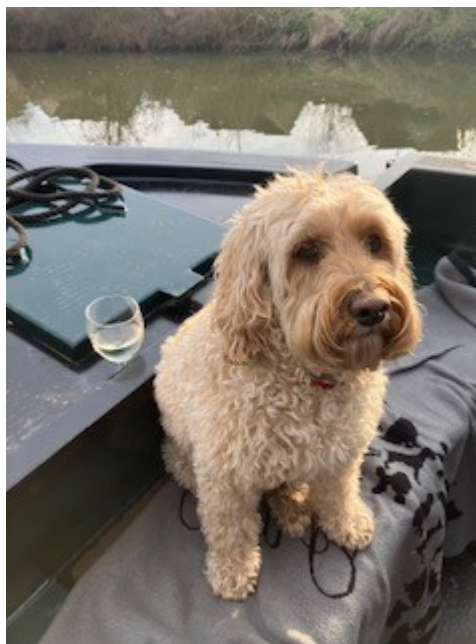
Please do reach out of you want to get in touch.

All the very best,

Inspector 1264 – Liz Casey

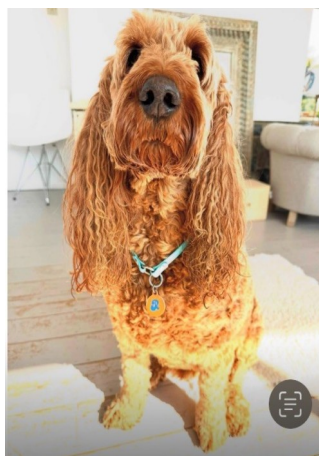
Elizabeth.casey@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Wardens Fun Dog Show May 11th



Caption: Local resident Rafferty, (pictured here on a canal holiday), is contemplating entering the Warden's Dog Show on May 11th

Best pal Rusty (below) is wondering about taking the plunge too !



Photos courtesy of the Day Family

Wardens Trust at Sizewell, which provides recreational & holiday facilities for children and adults with disabilities and their carers is staging one of their regular Fun Dog Shows on May 11th this year to raise money for their cause.

Opening at 10 am (and with free entry and parking), as well as a lot of cuddly canines to admire, there will be various stalls including a coconut shy, raffles to win and refreshments on offer, including a barbecue.

There will be 10 classes for pampered pooches, costing £2.50 per entrant.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Councillors

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Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Aldringham – Maria Chapman-Beer		
tribunegang@gmail.com		
(Aldeburgh Rd and roads off except Aldringham Park, to borders with Leiston, Aldeburgh, and down Thorpe Rd towards Thorpeness)		
Thorpeness – Evelyn Rumsby		07809 840924

Hospitals

Aldeburgh & District Community Hospital		
Park Road, Aldeburgh		01728 443850
Ipswich Hospital Heath Road		01473 712233

Doctors' Surgeries

The Peninsular Practice		
Church Farm, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh		01394 411641
The Surgery, Main Street, Leiston		01728 830526
The Surgery,		
Lamsale Meadow, Saxmundham		01728 602022

<u>Non-emergency</u> health problems advice		111
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<u>Power cut line</u> 0800 31 63 105 or simply call		105
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Dental Surgeons

Aldeburgh Dental Practice		
167 High Street, Aldeburgh		01728 453333
Saxmundham Dental Surgery		
9 High Street, Saxmundham		01728 602537
Leiston Dental Care		01728 561873

Pharmacies

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

Veterinary Surgeons

Aldeburgh Vets		
Hall Farm Lane, Saxmundham Rd, Aldeburgh		
contact@aldeburghvets.co.uk		01728 598111
Leiston Veterinary Clinic		
1d Eastlands, Leiston		01728 833566
Fromus Veterinary Group Fromus House,		
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Thorpeness Croquet Club

Alastair Mcelroy		croquetcommunity@outlook.com
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Local Heritage Group

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Ogilvie Pavilion

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<u>Border Buses</u>		01502 714565
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WHAT'S ON April to August 2025

Date	Place	Event
April		
Weds 2 nd From 12 noon	Thorpeness Country Club	Lent Lunch
Weds 2 nd 11am	Thorpeness Heritage Centre	Season Preparation Day – volunteers welcomed
Fri 4 th	Various – see below	Mobile Library
Sat 5 th 11 am – 3pm	Thorpeness Heritage Centre	First Day of opening for Summer Season
Tues 8 th 2pm-4pm	Mill Hill Green Aldringham	Coffee Caravan
Mon 14 th 10am	Dolphin Thorpeness	Meeting of Beach Baggers Team Leaders
Mon 14 th	MOST SCC SCHOOLS	START OF SUMMER TERM
GOOD FRIDAY 18 th 10am	From the Dolphin Thorpeness	Beach and Village Clean
2pm	St Andrew's Church	The Hour Before the Cross Service
EASTER SUNDAY 6am	Thorpeness Beach	Sunrise Service
11am	St Andrew's Church	Holy Communion
Weds 23 rd 5pm	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	Bike Meet and Burger Bar – every 4 th Weds of month
May		
Fri 2 nd	Various – see below	Mobile Library
Sun 4 th	Ogilvie Sports Ground	Annual Fun Run
Mon 5 th	Ogilvie Pavilion and Ground	Open Day
Tues 6 th 6.30pm	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	TAHG AGM
Sunday 11 th 10am	Wardens, Sizewell	Fun Charity Dog Show
Tues 13 th 2pm -4pm	Mill Hill Green Aldringham	Coffee Caravan
Sun 18 th 12 noon	St Andrew's Church	Annual Parochial Church meeting after 11 o'clock Service
Fri 23 rd	MOST SCC SCHOOLS	Last day of first half of Summer Term
Fri 30th	Various – see below	Mobile Library
June		
Mon 2 nd	MOST SCC SCHOOLS	Start of second half of summer term
Tues 10 th 2pm-4pm	Mill Hill Green Aldringham	Coffee Caravan
Mon 16 th	St Andrew's Church	Archdeacon's Visitation
Thurs 19 th	Sizewell Hall	TAHG Tea Party
Fri 27 th	Various – see below	Mobile Library
July		
Sun 6 th 10am	Pond by the Meare	First of 8 weekly outdoor religious services
Tues 8 th 2pm-4pm	Mill Hill Green Aldringham	Coffee Caravan
Fri 18 th	MOST SCC SCHOOLS	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
Fri 25 th	Various – see below	Mobile Library
August		
Sat 2 nd	Ogilvie Sports Ground	Alzheimer's Soc Trek26
Tues 12 th 2pm-4pm	Mill Hill Green Aldringham	Coffee Caravan
Fri 22 nd	Various – see below	Mobile Library
Sun 24 th	Ogilvie Sports Ground	Classic Car Rally and More!

Every Thursday morning at St Andrew's Church 9am– Morning Prayers with Revd Sarah du Boulay. Every Sunday – St Andrew's Church Services 11am Pilgrims Together:- Every Wednesday 6.30pm on Zoom – weekly worship followed by get-together. First Sat of the month 9.30am Outside Inn (Parrot) breakfast bap and ramble. Third Sat, Outside Inn 9.30am, 'Encounter' - Coffee and Croissant breakfast. Second Sunday of the month(4pm) Pilgrim's Service and refreshment in The Pavilion . Every 4th Thursday of the month after morning prayers, BOBS meet to carry out tasks in the Church and Churchyard .

Last Wednesday of every month – Community Coffee Morning at the Dolphin Thorpeness

Second Wednesday of every month – Community Coffee morning at The Parrot Aldringham Fourth Wednesday of every month – Quiz at the Pavilion, Thorpeness Also at The Pavilion :- Croquet, Weds, Fri, Sat; Uke n Smile Weds; Cricket nets Sun 2pm Mobile Library Friday . Aldringham Ogilvie Homes 9.40am -10.10, Thorpe Almshouses 10.20-10.55, Aldringham Mill Hill 11.05 -11.20