

Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell

Newsletter

Please don't forget – Thorpeness FETE
August 3rd from 12 – 3pm at The Dolphin



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August 2024

Last Trip for Local Girl

On June 20th in a final tribute to their beloved mum- a Thorpeness girl through and through - Ellen Block's family and funeral cortege visited all the places in the village that had meant so much to her throughout her long life.

Ellen Elizabeth Mary Block died on June 1st, just over a month shy of her 93rd birthday on July 6th. Born at Partables Farm to Charles Wilson and his wife Clara in 1931, she was one of four, her siblings being Cath (dec), Charlie, still a Thorpeness resident, and Judy. Charles worked in the clifftop factory making the iconic concrete blocks that built much of Thorpeness. Ellen walked to Aldringham School daily for primary education, later cycling to Leiston Modern school. On her return ride to Thorpeness, she was often persuaded to give lifts on her rear carrier to younger pupils who would run from the primary school to catch her at the junction. Danny Staff was a frequent hitch-hiker, his long legs



giving useful assistance up Partables Hill !
Schooling complete, Ellen was working in The Country Club (Kursaal), when she met Teddie Block, who became her husband. They had three children, Jane, Stephen and Craig. In 1975, Teddie became head boatman on The Meare and the couple moved from 10 The Uplands to The Boat House. After Teddie died in 1990, Ellen stayed on there with her son Craig, who took his father's post. In 1994 she moved to the Alms-houses in Thorpeness. At different stages, she worked as a chambermaid and breakfast cook at The Dolphin, and as a care-worker at Crespigny House in Aldeburgh. She finished her working life caring for patients at Mills Meadow in Framlingham.

At home, Ellen was renowned for her love of hanging baskets and for her extravagant baking - she could never bake a pastry for herself without providing others for her neighbours, friends and family – such generosity being just one reason she was so well-loved by those who knew her.

Her funeral at St Andrew's Church was followed by a wake at The Dolphin. She lies next to Teddie in the churchyard.

Parish Council Update August 2024

How quickly the time goes; it does not seem long since the last Newsletter came out. However, summer is now upon us, and the sun has at long last appeared in our skies so we can all enjoy getting out and about to see our beautiful countryside and beaches.

Flower Tubs

Unfortunately the geraniums planted in the black wooden barrels in Aldringham and Thorpeness have not blossomed as well as they should have this year due to all the wet weather we had earlier. Perhaps next year other species will have to be planted to see if they perform any better. We try to do our best for the villages to keep them looking bright, but I am sorry to say

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sometimes we all have failures. We will continue to experiment so please bear with us, and if anyone can offer advice this would be most welcome. Again because of the wet weather, it has not been easy to maintain the appearance of the villages this year. The grass in certain areas has continued to grow in abundance. Where possible, Councillors have continued to give up their time helping out with these issues.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Group, having worked extremely hard under the Leadership of Eric Atkinson, are nearing the Plan's completion. Hopefully this will be presented to East Suffolk Council later this year. A big Thank You to Eric for his commitment and working with the Parish Council.

Energy Projects

As you are all aware we have several Energy projects in this area and meetings have been attended on behalf of the Parish. These have been keeping us very busy and William Seale will update you with his report. Thanks go to Bill Halford for all his support with the Energy Projects and attending meetings and Webinars. A Parish Councillor also attends and is part of the Sizewell C Forum meetings

Planning and SIDS

There have been several difficult Planning issues and Councillor Tony Wheeler is doing a fantastic job sorting these out and pointing out any problems to the other Parish Councillors. Thank you to Tony for all his work. Tony has also organised the four new Speed Indicator Devices placed in Aldringham and Thorpeness. These devices have helped to slow down several vehicles. Unfortunately, we still have several drivers who think they are competing in Formula 1 races and are using our country roads for practise. Please remember to abide by the speed limits especially this time of year when we have numerous visitors to the area and many cyclists on the roads. Please remember; speeding can be very dangerous.

New Bus Shelter in Aldringham

The long awaited bus shelter is now in pride of place outside the Ogilvie Homes Almshouses near Goldings Lane. The residents are very pleased with this. The Bus Shelter matches the one already in position outside Aldringham Court Nursing Home. The Parish Council has provided the two new Bus Shelters and had them installed.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council have organised for the Defibrillator at the Meare in Thorpeness to be moved to a more suitable place and a new cabinet has been supplied as the old one was continually suffering from dampness. Thanks go to everyone who helped with this project.

Ongoing Projects

A Picnic area is now in the first stage of planning to be placed at The Ogilvie Pavilion and sports ground. A Plan will be drawn up and discussed and an area of land will be prepared with new Picnic benches installed so residents and visitors can use this area to enjoy, play games etc., in a safe environment.

We are also discussing having a Map for each village which will be produced and placed in appropriate areas, this will hopefully help everyone in the future when they are trying to find various locations.

The Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group are also working with individuals and members of the Parish Council to help put together Information Boards around

Aldringham, these hope to be completed in the next few months. These boards will be produced to match the style of the existing ones in Thorpeness

New Parish Councillors

Fortunately we now have a new Parish Councillor who has joined us over the last few months. However we are still looking for at least another four. If you feel you can bring new ideas and are interested in helping and getting things done in the local community and taking part in Parish matters please contact our Parish Clerk Shirley Tilbrook at PC@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk We look forward to hearing from you in the future and hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer.

Maureen Jones

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Chair

News from Aldringham

20s Plenty Survey

You will see on the back pages of this Newsletter a short survey on a number of traffic calming suggestions to both Aldringham and Thorpeness.

There are six areas where the Parish Council feel that speed limits could be reduced for safety reasons and general well-being. We encourage you to take part in this survey, by Email or post, as a good response carries more clout in governmental circles. We do have support from our County Councillor, TJ Haworth-Culf, and our three district councillors, Tom Daly, Sarah Whitelock and Katie Graham, so we are not alone in pursuing this.

The six areas in question are these:

1. Thorpeness Village- from the village sign at the Haven to the one by the Pavilion- all to be a 20mph limit.
2. Thorpeness to Aldringham Road- from the Thorpeness village sign by the Pavilion to the Aldringham village sign- all to be a 40mph limit.
3. Move the current 30mph sign entering Aldringham from Thorpeness to the Aldringham village sign and make it 20mph.
4. Reduce the 40mph limit on the Aldeburgh Road from the Aldringham/ Aldeburgh sign to the present 30mph sign in Aldringham village to 30mph throughout.
5. Reduce the 30mph limit within the Aldringham village curtilage to 20mph throughout.
6. Reduce the speed limit to 20mph to the section where the golfers cross on Thorpe Road.

We hope that this is clear for you all.

Bus Shelter at Ogilvie Homes' Almshouses on Aldeburgh Road

As promised, another of our Flame Red Bus shelters was installed at the Almshouses lay-by on Aldeburgh road. It all went to plan, apart from some hedge adjustments and now with its twin at Aldringham Court, 'book-ends' the village. There does seem to be a marked increase in the number of buses up and down that road and it is good to see these shelters being put to use.

Disappearing Bench on the Green

Many thanks to a reader of the last Newsletter, who phoned in to say that whilst supervising grandchildren, happened to notice a bench of similar design located in the children's unofficial den at the back of the Play Area on Aldringham Green. My wife and I went over to take a look and there it was, at the bottom of a deep dip excavated by some young 'miners'. How they carried this heavy awkward piece of furniture, and how this dip and another one was dug out is baffling. We had a devil of a job to manoeuvre it up and out of that hole. There must

be some families feeding plenty of breakfast cereals to their offspring in the village. Now the lost bench sits resplendent in the play area, for mothers to watch, perhaps some of these 'burrowers' frolicking innocently.

Energy Updates

Energy Projects Report

Sizewell C

I think all of us now can see that there is a great deal of activity happening in the area- mostly to do with Sizewell C pre-contract works. Whether it is the resurfacing of the road to Theberton or the offices at the end of King Georges Avenue in Leiston, with its massive car park, or the Site entrance cut through the trees on Lovers' Lane, we are beginning to understand the size of this enormous project. To get a good view of their works, you can follow it on their Works Tracker website –szcworkstracker.co.uk and see what they are doing in the whole area.

Sizewell B

There will be an important Outage starting on October 6th, when an extensive maintenance programme will be undertaken for approximately sixty days. There will be an additional thousand very technical staff coming to work from all over the world and, I am told, it is impossible to rent a room in the area over that period. Just think what will happen when Sizewell C really hits its stride!

East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two

All judicial reviews by local groups SASES and SEAS were rejected at the Supreme Court, yet things are quiet on any start date. Noise monitoring surveys have been undertaken for baseline levels along cable routes and landfall areas before any work commencement. Ecological Mitigation along cable routes ongoing.

East Anglia One and East Anglia Three

Both have one Discharge of Requirement to complete. Work is going on at Bramford with all four massive transformers having been delivered to site, as shown on BBC's Look East. Ecological surveys are being undertaken along the cable route and jointing bay prior to cable laying itself.

NGV LionLink Interconnector

Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk District Council have submitted a joint letter to National Grid Ventures (NGV) questioning the adequacy, effectiveness and the fairness of the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping consultation regarding the preferred landfall site options.

SeaLink

Archeological works have started and will continue over the Summer. Consultations with Parish Councils to go on until August 11th. Aldringham-cum-Thorpe PC raised serious objections to their attempts to increase working hours over the weekends from finishing at Saturday at 1.00pm to full days as well as Sunday full days. We await their response.

Five Estuaries

DCO(Development Consent Order) submission has been accepted with examination expected to start July/August 2024. East Suffolk Council has submitted representation not rejecting to the application. This project does not entail any onshore works to the East Suffolk area, but might affect the protected Black Backed Gull colony at Orford Ness, for which compensatory work could be required. Also the Wind Turbine height at over 400metre high (1312ft high!!) has been reduced to below that height, now a mere 395 metre high, but still can be

seen at a distance of 37Km from shore- amazing!

North Falls

DCO application anticipated submission July 2024

That's all folks!

Bill Seale

Parish Council Vice Chairman

Planning

Since the March Newsletter, the Parish Council has been consulted upon 12 planning applications, 1 in Aldringham and 11 in Thorpeness. The applications comprise: -

Building alteration and/or extension	5
Tree felling/surgery	5
Variation of an Existing Consent	1
Temporary Site Access	1

The Parish Council has responded to 10 applications registering no objections, whilst two remain under consideration. East Suffolk District Council have so far permitted six 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 now has four speed indicators in operation providing permanent monitoring of vehicles passing through Aldringham and Thorpeness and 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 30th June is set out below.

Location	Incoming	Outgoing
A Aldringham Park		
Total Vehicles	207,531	210,543
Average Speed/mph	30	31
Max speed/mph	84	118
+30 mph	17%	34%
A Aldringham - Vicarage		
Total Vehicles	117,309	167,909
Average Speed/mph	30	33
Max speed/mph	78	78
+30 mph	13%	45%
T Thorpeness - Pavilion		
Total Vehicles	74,157	99,144
Average Speed/mph	29	32
Max speed/mph	78	85
+30 mph	25%	37%
T Thorpeness - The Haven		
Total Vehicles	75,675	84,229
Average Speed/mph	27	30
Max speed/mph	87	90
+30 mph	10%	33%

The good news is that the devices are having a noticeable benefit in calming incoming traffic but not surprisingly outgoing drivers who are not presented with a readout screen find it difficult to resist the temptation to speed away. Unfortunately in each case the devices record a handful of drivers travelling at speeds in excess of 70 mph! It is doubtful that even emergency vehicles would travel at such speeds.

The Parish Council is undertaking a public consultation on reducing speed limits through the parish and would welcome parishioners' views.

Tony Wheeler

Parish Councillor

District Council Report

Providing mental health information across East Suffolk

In response to worrying data relating to the mental health of many residents East Suffolk Council's communities team have produced a new booklet, entitled 'Well Minds East Suffolk'. It contains an extensive range of mental health advice, information and details of local support services for people of all ages in need of help with their mental health.

10,000 booklets have been produced, funded by the Community Partnership Board and two local Community Partnership groups as part of their Well Minds East Suffolk programme which is also providing free mental health training for voluntary and community organisations.

Cllr Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Communities, Culture, Leisure and Tourism said:

"Improving the mental health and wellbeing of our residents is one of the main priorities for this administration. We know that many people in East Suffolk are struggling with their mental health following the Covid-19 pandemic, the high costs of living and other challenges. We have also heard from foodbanks, voluntary organisations, town and parish councils and community groups who are speaking to people in need of mental health support and want to offer them guidance on immediate and longer-term help.

"Our Leader, Caroline Topping, was very keen to make this happen following the loss of a friend to suicide. Everyone involved in the project knows that with the right help families and friends can make a real difference to someone in distress.

"There are a lot of specialist groups who can offer advice, but it can be difficult at a time of crisis to know where to look. These new booklets bring all the information together providing a valuable resource for anyone in need of help, or who is looking for guidance with a friend or family member."

The booklets are being delivered to community settings across the district, including libraries, community centres and the Council's network of Warm Welcomes.

The Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership are also funding the distribution of the information to all households in their area and contributing towards mental health training from Suffolk Mind.

You can find the booklet on the East Suffolk website or contact Sarah.Whitelock@EastSuffolk.gov.uk for more information.

Suffolk County Council

Full monthly reports from Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf can be read on the Aldringham cum Thorpe Website. Click on Info, and then go to Councillors and Authorities.

Community Emergency Planning

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In recent months we have said goodbye to a colleague and friend in Emergency Planning. Keith Fawkner-Simpson has retired! Keith worked at East Suffolk Council, based at Melton, and was a supporter of many smaller communities and parishes in Suffolk. Keith offered unlimited advice, training and support to those of us responsible for writing and maintaining our Community Emergency Plans. We wish Keith well in his future endeavours and hope he can enjoy his well deserved retirement.

Another hot summer?

Well, you wouldn't believe the weather we have had so far. No sign of the 'pew, what a scorcher' weather we come to expect. No, it has been below average temperatures and almost double the rainfall for most weeks since May. Some say it is a typical English summer! I am hopeful we will get some warmer weather at some point. If we do see some continuous sunshine and higher temperatures, we must remember to take care and protect ourselves. Whilst some welcome hot weather, many do not. There are approximately 2000 heat-related deaths every year. It is the elderly and those with underlying health conditions that are at greater risk from hot weather. It is especially important that you know what actions to take to keep yourself and others safe during periods of high temperatures. The main health risks posed by a heatwave are:

- not having enough water (dehydration).
- overheating, which can make symptoms worse for people who already have problems with their heart or breathing.
- heat exhaustion and heatstroke, which are potentially serious conditions that can occur if you get too hot.

The Met Office and Government have published the best ways to stay safe and cool when the heat arrives.

If you live alone, ask a relative or friend to check, regularly, that you are OK.

Stay cool indoors and know how to keep your home cool.

Close curtains, blinds and shutters on rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler.

Don't forget there will be times when it may be cooler outdoors than indoors.

If you have to go out, walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a (wide-brimmed) hat.

Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol.

Never leave anyone in a closed parked vehicle; especially infants, young children or animals.

Try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm, when the UV rays are strongest.

Avoid physical exertion in the hottest parts of the day.

Make sure you take water with you, wherever you go.

Check TV or radio for the latest weather forecast and temperature warnings.

During warm weather going for a swim can provide much welcomed relief, but take care and follow local safety advice, especially if you are going into open water to cool down.

Get medical advice if you have concerns about an uncomfortably hot house that's affecting your health or the health of someone else.

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

Roger Brown / email: roger.brown72@btinternet.com

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)

Museum of Beyond

An imaginary museum of the future, created by Sudbourne resident and artist, Fran Crowe, has come for the summer to Thorpeness Village Stores.

Fran's installation, the Museum of Beyond, sees the present tide of plastic waste through future eyes. Playful but with a serious message, the museum imagines what future generations might make of all the plastic we use which washes up on our beaches - and what they will perhaps think about us.

Thorpeness Village Stores (at Peace Place just behind the Dolphin pub), re-opened for the summer on 12th July as a pop-up village shop with a gallery space featuring the Museum of Beyond. It is open every morning from 8am until 12 midday until the end of September.

Fran will also be opening the museum on occasional afternoons on an ad hoc basis and would love to see you there.

For more details, including dates when Fran will be at the Museum, please see www.museumofbeyond.org/news or contact fran@museumofbeyond.org

40th Anniversary of Remarkable Aviation Feat



This year marks the 40th anniversary of a remarkable feat of aviation; a microlight named The Shadow, fitted with floats, took off from the Meare in Thorpeness, much to the surprise of head boatman Teddie Block, his son Craig, and Meare owner Glen Ogilvie. The microlight was designed and built in Leiston by David Cook, who is still an Aldringham resident. David was already a record holder, having piloted the lowest-powered flight across the Channel in 1978 in a hang-glider with a 9hp engine. After being made redundant in 1981, he set up his own company in Leiston. The Shadow was the first of 400 to be produced, some adapted for take-off and landing on water, which achieved numerous records in speed, distance, altitude and 'time to climb'. In 1987 it won a British Design Award, presented to David by Prince Philip. On the occasion of the Meare take-off, David was testing out the addition of floats, and he remembers: "It flew very well, taking no notice of the extra weight and drag". The microlight was piloted on that occasion by test pilot Peter Davis. David himself made other flights from The Alde river. The aircraft with floats was exported to Norway, Shetland, The Philippines, and Malaysia as well as serving an anti game poaching role in Africa. In its original form, the Shadow was exported to 32 countries. In The Thorpeness Meare and Regatta Centenary book by Glen Ogilvie and Sarah Gammon, Craig Block, who took over from his father as head boatman and remains so today, remarked that when he saw the aircraft heading down the Meare towards the Boat House, he wished he'd had his running shoes on!

Local Groups

Thorpeness Coastal Futures Group

Continued pressure on Coastal Partnership East (CPE) by North End Avenue residents has resulted in CPE finally covering up the exposed Geotextile bags north and south of Tinkers End. Residents are in discussion with CPE on how further exposure of the bags can be dealt with in the future so that damage can be limited as much as possible.

A planning application to extend the rock revetment north and south of the current structure will be submitted in the coming days by Thorpeness Coastal Futures Group (TCFG) to flush out any problems statutory bodies may have with this revetment being extended to protect other properties and the integrity of the north end of the village. If approved funding for the extended revetment will have to be raised by local residents as was the case with the current rock defences.

With funds raised at previous Thorpeness Summer & Winter Fete's, TCFG appointed a specialist engineering consultancy, iCoastConsult, to undertake a review of coastal processes and develop proposals for sea defences. iCoastConsult have now concluded the Coastal Processes Review and prepared draft documents for review. TCFG are looking to initiate community consultations on the Review in the coming weeks and months. If you are interested in taking part in these consultations, please email lucy@mcintyre-ents.com or come and see us at the fete.

Thorpeness has been selected to be one of nine pilot locations to work with CPE in a Defra funded scheme

'Resilient Coasts'. The programmes will drive innovation in flood and coastal resilience and adaptation advice for a changing climate. Resilient Coasts will work with individuals, businesses and community groups to ensure everyone is involved in the long term future of Thorpeness. More information as to how you can get involved to follow in the coming weeks.

Good Neighbours

More than 20 people attended the AGM and garden party held in The Thorpeness Pavilion in June. Chairperson Jo Ogilvie reported there had been 59 requests for help since the last AGM, a slight increase on the previous year. A defibrillator training afternoon organised in April with Nurse Cherry had 22 participants, and it is hoped to arrange another soon.

Mike Trapp, a founder volunteer, has moved away from Thorpeness to be near his family, and Jill Hubbard, another group founder, has decided to step down from the Steering Group. She was the first Honorary Secretary under the Chairmanship of Roger Searle and Val Allport. The SG are hoping to use the last of the generous COVID donation from the Sainsbury family helping a local man resettle in Leiston from his current home in Thorpeness.

Pippa McLardy

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Aldeburgh Phoenix Club's 75th anniversary year

Our year began, as is usual, with an opening dinner at The Wentworth Hotel. This is a much loved tradition that gets the new season under way with a swing. It's a chance to meet up with old friends and make some new ones in the comfortable surroundings of a popular local hotel.

What a varied programme we had, with events that suited all tastes and interests. We heard from locally based speakers on a broad range of subjects. The Aldeburgh vet, Brian Faulkner, regaled us with many entertaining anecdotes and proved to be our own James Herriot! Our local Riding for the Disabled group showed us the remarkable difference their horses and volunteers make to the lives of so many. We learned about the intricacies and importance of bee-keeping and Jim Jarvie's experiences as a member of HM Customs and Border Force left us agog.

The history of the Cullinan diamond was fascinating, particularly when we heard of its links to local Aldeburgh residents. We danced to skiffle music, stretched our 'little grey cells' at a quiz night and learned how vulnerable young people from inner city London come to our beautiful town to experience a completely different environment. The surroundings that we perhaps take for granted, and the teamwork required when learning to sail, are harnessed to provide a positive and profound impact on young lives.

Here's to the next 75 years!!

Mary Erwin (membership secretary)

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Beach Baggers 2024

Around 160 volunteer Beach Baggers met at The Dolphin on a dry but breezy day for the annual Beach Clean on Good Friday. Afterwards, David and Kerry at The

Dolphin rewarded the Baggers with a hot dog each. The children's stories, centred around unusual finds, were interesting and funny, and rewarded with prizes. Donations amounted to £127 and will go towards next year's event.

Peter Holmes

Organiser

St Andrew's Church



Caption: A large contingent travelled to Bury St Edmunds Cathedral for the ordination of curate Mary Brown

The big news for St. Andrew's and the rest of the Benefice recently was the ordination of our beloved assistant curate, Mary Brown at the Cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds. A big contingent from the Benefice turned up to support her and receive Communion.

Reaffirming our baptismal vows at the ordination service was an unexpected opportunity - vows those of us baptised as infants will not remember. We are summonsed to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of His Kingdom and we were sprinkled with a little spray of blessed water to reinforce the message.

On Saturday 20th July we were pleased to welcome Kerry and Neal to St Andrew's for their wedding on a lovely summer's day. Congratulations and best wishes to them both.

Thursday and Friday 25/26 July saw the annual grass-cutting and raking of the churchyard. The maintenance plan, endorsed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust, requires us to leave the grasses and wildflowers to drop their seeds and therefore not to cut until that has happened. We then have to rake up and remove the cut grass to avoid enriching the soil. This promotes the variety of wildflowers in the churchyard - all intended to help in creating a pleasing experience for those who seek spiritual renewal in a peaceful place. Volunteers enjoyed refreshments mid-morning and on Friday a picnic lunch was on offer.

David Copp

Church Warden

Pilgrims Together

'Sing Praises to God - Sing Praises.'

In the last newsletter I said we were looking forward to a glorious summer out and about in Thorpeness. Well, to date the glorious weather certainly hasn't materialised but there's still plenty of time, God willing, before autumn sets in. It was our great delight recently to attend a

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service at the cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds to witness and celebrate the priesting of Rev'd Mary Brown of the Sandlings Benefice. Many of you know Mary and I'm sure join with us in sending her their love and congratulations as she starts out on her journey as a priest, leading worship among us and bringing the word of God into many people's lives. We send her every blessing and hope to continue working with her in the future.

We are pleased to say that our popular outdoor Sunday worship by the Meare Pond has already started with a congregation of nearly 20 people in its first week. It starts at 10.00am and we will be there every Sunday, by kind permission of Hamish Ogilvie, until the 25th August, it's open to all and do please remember if you come to bring your own chairs. This summer's theme is 'Sing Praises to God, Sing Praises' and revolves around our favourite hymns, each week someone new will choose their particular favourite and briefly tell us why before we sing it. As usual Bruce Gillingham will be joining and leading us for one of the services, he's always a great crowd puller and a firm favourite with locals and visitors. During July and August, we stop our zoom meetings on Wednesday evenings but intend to resume them on the 18th September at 6.30pm.

Our next scheduled Faith Cafe is at the Parrot on Saturday 21st September, 9.30am for coffee and croissants and sharing the good things that have happened to us.

Our next breakfast/ramble will start at the Parrot on Saturday 5th October at 9.30am.

But before then we have a whole summer to celebrate and worship God for all the good things he has sent us. We also continue to visit and share worship with the residents and staff of Aldringham Court Care Home. And for the future - There are plans afoot to bring back our face to face worship maybe once a month starting next spring (2025) this will replace one of our usual Wednesday evening zoom services. They will be held at the Pavilion in Thorpeness just as they were before covid, many of our regular worshippers have missed them and we are trying to bring them back whilst still including the many people who live away from the area and like to join us via zoom. It's a bit of a fine balancing act but we will do our best.

For the latest details of all our services please contact us on:

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

email address: pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com

All of us at Pilgrims wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you soon,

Sue, on behalf of Pilgrims Together, Worship Group.

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Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

Although the weather has not been to kind to us so far this year, we have held all of our regular events. The first was the annual Heritage Coast Fun Run held on the Early May Bank Holiday Sunday. It was well attended with numbers up on last year. The following day saw our now regular Open Day, when many of you took the opportunity to visit the Pavilion to look at the latest information on our new build project and to take advantage of the stalls and BBQ that were available. It was good to see so many people taking an interest. Our AGM was held in June.

There have been the regular weekend caravan rallies and now summer is with us the cricket season is in full swing. On the fourth Wednesday evening in the month from 5pm, you may have noticed the now regular visit by motor cycle enthusiasts, which started last year. This event continues to grow in popularity with over 75 bikes in attendance in July. There is a burger van, the bar is open, and you don't need to have a bike to attend - everyone is welcome.

The first Art Market was held in July and proved very popular, there were a number of artists selling their work, if you missed it the next one is Sunday 1st September starting at 10am, please come along, you may find something that will tempt you not to leave empty handed. August which is always the busiest month, gets off to a start with The Alzheimer society's Trek26 on the first weekend, which may well have already happened, if all went well this could be the first of what may become an annual event. August will also see a couple of annual cricket matches, the parking for Thorpeness fireworks and the annual Classic Vehicle Rally on Bank holiday Sunday.

Work on the new build is progressing with the construction and engineering detail being finalised, before being submitted to East Suffolk Building Control department for approval.

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>

Groups now making regular use of Ogilvie Sports Ground are The Croquet club on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (contact Gerald Lomax 07882 621102), Uke-N-Smile ukulele club on Wednesdays (contact iclampin@btinternet.com), the Cricket Club for nets practice on Sundays at 2pm (Contact Francis Byrne 07775 791441), the monthly quiz (contact zenamassey08@btinternet.com), the motorbike meet is on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5pm, and all the Parish Council meetings (see parish website).

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground Trustees

Thorpeness Cricket Club game summary V Easton Sunday team 28th July 29, 2024

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Incisive start by Thorpeness bowling. Easton 4 for 2 after 3 overs Arthur Thompson 5 overs 4 wkts for 7, Otis Rowan Hall 3 overs 1 wkt for 10 runs.

Propulsion of runs from Thorpeness at the start of their innings, confident and attacking.

Charlie Boxall 9, Ferdie Piper 26, Otis Rowan Hall 14, Arthur Pickthorn 15

The innings lost some momentum midway but the run rate looked adequate.

Richard and Max Buss (aged 13) navigated the choppy waters of the run chase to see their side home with crucial help from George Townsley (aged 13).

Thorpeness won with 1 over to spare scoring 149 runs. A real thriller, tight finish and a great victory.

Thorpeness led inspirationally by Arthur Thompson.

5 under 16 year olds played in this game with a 10 year old umpiring accurately for most of the game. Bodes well for the club to see these young talented players.

Remaining fixtures;

Thursday 8th August Sudbourne away 6pm

Thursday 15th August Worlingworth Home 6pm
Wednesday 21st August Saxmundham Home
Saturday 14th September Dellboys Home

Nets 10.30 am Sundays all welcome no fees
Francis Byrne 07775791441

Thorpeness Cricket Club Presents:- Classic Vehicle Rally

(Cars, motorcycles, tractors, made until 1980s)

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

August 25th 2024 10am - 4pm

Craft Stalls, Live Music (Rockin Blues, Ukelele and
Nick Ward and Friends),

Bar and Barbecue

Spectators: £5 per Car

Exhibitors: Free

Stalls : £10

(Cash preferred)

Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group



The Heritage Centre first opened the 2024 season on Easter weekend followed by May Bank Holiday, and will now remain open at weekends until the end of September. Thank you to Elizabeth Tipping for masterminding our Rota of Volunteers, and, of course, a HUGE thanks to you all for turning out in all weathers, welcoming our visitors to the Centre with a smile on your faces. Visitor numbers are steady but there is potential for more, and we are working on improving the Centre's visibility with extra signs, boards and bunting to point visitors in our direction. Maureen and Chris Jones are working hard improving the beautiful planted areas, adding to the visitor experience.

The Centre has become an amenity, with families using the picnic benches for refreshments as well as visiting us. The information board outside has been replaced and we have reprinted our trail leaflets giving recognition to the Sponsors who kindly contributed to the refurbishment of the Thorpeness Trail Boards. I would like to thank all those kind members and local organisations who have given us items we can sell to raise funds for our work. Our AGM took place in The Outside Inn at the Parrot at Aldringham on April 18th. Thank you to all those who attended. Arthur Day played some of the snippets of the audio recordings we hold in our archives which have been gathered over the years. At some point we hope to make these digitally available. Thank you to Chris at The Parrot for giving us use of the space to hold the AGM.

Hilary Chandler has recently stepped down from the committee. She and her husband, Mike, have been so influential in putting together and designing the Information Boards on the trail and those in the Heritage Centre. Hilary will be missed on the committee, and we are so grateful for the great knowledge she shared with us. Hilary and Mike were presented with an Aldeburgh Bookshop Voucher.

On June 20th more than 50 people attended our talk with Victor Jack at Sizewell Hall. Victor shared a fantastic selection of photos showcasing the Hall over the years and told anecdotes about how he and his associates renovated the building, re-imaging it as the Christian Conference Centre. 2025 will mark its 50th anniversary. Thank you Victor for his presentation, and to the Sizewell Hall team and our own volunteers for making the evening a success.

Events Ahead: We will be present at the Village Fete at the Dolphin on August 3rd, and on August 15th Tim Garner, club archivist, is presenting A History of Thorpeness Golf Club in the Lakeside Suite at the Golf Club Hotel.

A new Information Board trail for Aldringham is in the planning stages. Supported by the Parish Council, it is hoped this will be in place later this year and will connect a walking route through to Thorpeness. At the Heritage Centre some external painting has been completed as well as repairs to the access ramp. We are continuing to add to the commemorative plaques- if you are interested in having one please contact me at richard.bodek@btinternet.com

Committee Members Update: We are looking for new committee members to join us to support our ongoing work. We hold around 11 meetings a year, a few heritage-focused events and we open the Heritage Centre from Easter to October over the weekends. Being a TAHG committee member is an opportunity to get involved in the local area, celebrating the rich history of our villages. If you are interested in being a committee member please get in touch: info@tahg.org.uk Thank you to you all for your continuing support. Richard Bodek- Chairman of TAHG

Richard Bodek
Richard.Bodek@btinternet.com

Chairman

Neighbourhood Watch

As I type this the 'silly season' is well under way in Thorpeness. Cars parked in most inappropriate places, bicycles strewn across the road, and pedestrians feeling they have priority over cars. Windows and doors left wide open when occupants are not in residence. Fortunately, for most of the time the latter is no problem, but of course we have the opportunist.

I had hoped there would be nothing to report, but during the latter part of July we had an overnight break in. Access to a house being renovated and extended on the outskirts of Thorpeness, along the road into Aldeburgh, was gained by breaking a patio door and stealing power tools. Our contribution is to keep eyes and ears open, be aware of any unusual activity, and sadly, not assume that our properties are completely safe - be as secure as possible.

Evelyn Rumsby (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Councillors

Maureen Jones	Chairperson	01728 453915
Bill Seale	Vice-Chairperson	01728 832306
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Denise Lupton		
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County Councillor

TJ Haworth- Culf		
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Police - Suffolk Constabulary **Always Dial 999 for Emergencies, including** **Coastguard**

Non Urgent Issues		101
Police Community Support Officer Gemma King		
gemma.king@suffolk.police.uk		
Police Constable 1443 Stefan Henriksen		
stefan.henriksen@suffolk.police.uk		

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,		
Street Farm Road, Saxmundham		01728 602599

Thorpeness Croquet Club

Gerald Lomax		07882 621102
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Good Neighbours Group

Help Line		07521 047843
Chairperson Jo Ogilvie		07594 238061
Hon Sec Pippa McLardy	plmclardy@hotmail.com	

Local Heritage Group

Chairperson Richard Bodek		
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Volunteer's Rota		
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St Andrew's Church

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Dorothy Walker		07496 373579 maryw64244@aol.com

Ogilvie Pavilion

Eric Atkinson		01728 830497
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Thorpeness Cricket Club

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<u>Connecting Communities Transport</u>		01728 635938
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<u>Border Buses</u>		01502 714565
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WHAT'S ON – August 2024 – December 2024

Month	Place	Event
August		
Sat 3 rd 12pm-3pm	Dolphin Thorpeness	Summer Fete
Sun 4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th 10am	By Thorpeness Meare Pond	Pilgrims Together Outdoor Service – Sing Praises to God
Sun 4 th 3pm	St Andrew's Church	Animal Service
Fri 9 th , 23 rd , 30 th 10am-12pm	Aldeburgh Church Hall	Friday Markets
Tues 13 th 2pm - 4pm	The Green Aldringham	Rural Coffee Caravan
Thurs 15 th 6pm	Ogilvie Sportsground Thorpeness	Cricket match against Worlingham
Thurs 15 th 6.30pm for 7pm	Golf Club Hotel Lakeside Suite	TAHG Talk - founding of the Golf Club in Thorpeness
Mon 19 th	Aldeburgh	Carnival – Procession starts 3.45pm
Wed 21 st 6pm	Ogilvie Sportsground Thorpeness	Cricket match against Saxmundham
Thurs 22 nd 10am	Thorpeness Meare	Regatta – First race 10am
Fri 23 rd 9.30am	Thorpeness Meare	Regatta 2 nd day – First Race 9.30am
Fri 23 rd 8pm	Thorpeness Meare	Decorated floats at 8pm – Fireworks around 9pm
Sun 25 th	Ogilvie Sports Field Thorpeness	Classic Vehicle Rally
September		
Sun 1 st 10am	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	Art Market
Mon 2 nd	County-wide	Local Authority Schools Autumn Term begins
Mon 2 nd 7pm	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 13 th 12pm	Dolphin Thorpeness	Community Lunch
Sat 14 th 1pm	Ogilvie Sportsground Thorpeness	Cricket match against Dellboys
Sun 15 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	Battle of Britain Service
Wed 18 th 6.30pm	On Zoom	Pilgrims Together on-line get-togethers resume
Sat 21 st 9.30am	Parrot Aldringham	Pilgrims Together Faith Cafe
October		
Sat 5 th 9.30am	Parrot Aldringham	Pilgrims Together Breakfast and Ramble
Sun 6 th FOR 60 DAYS	PARISH-WIDE	SIZEWELL C OUTAGE BEGINS – 1000 TECHNICAL WORKERS EXPECTED STAYING IN AREA
Mon 14 th 7pm	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 25 th	County wide	Local Authority Schools break up for half term
Sat 26 th – Sun 27 th	Country-wide	CLOCKS GO BACK
November		
Mon 4 th	County wide	Local Authority Schools back for 2 nd half of Autumn Term
Sunday 10 th	County wide	Remembrance Sunday
Mon 25 th 7pm	Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 29 th 12pm	Parrot Aldringham	Christmas Community Lunch

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 (not August) –weekly worship followed by get-together. First Sat of the month Outside Inn (Parrot) breakfast bap and ramble. Third Sat, Outside Inn, Coffee and Croissant breakfast (not August). 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 Fridays 23/8,20/9,18/10,15/11 . Aldringham Ogilvie Homes 9.40am, Thorpe Almshouses 10.20, Aldringham Mill Hill 11.05

20's Plenty for Aldringham-cum-Thorpe **Parish Survey on Traffic Calming**

Those Parishioners who look at our noticeboards will already know that the Parish Council has passed a motion to investigate the possibility of introducing a twenty miles per hour speed limit in the residential areas of both Aldringham and Thorpeness. There has been a Nationwide campaign, '20s Plenty' for a number of years, and there are currently nearly thirty million people living within this speed limit. In village consultation events one of the most common complaints is the issue of speeding and reckless driving, which is backed up conclusively by the data collected from our Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). Until the introduction of our new SID in the 30mph zone in Aldringham, there were more drivers disobeying the speed limit than there were complying with it.

The advantages to this scheme are very evident.

1. There will be fewer collisions involving drivers, pedestrians and vulnerable road users, and any accidents would be far less serious at this lower speed. Remember the diagrams of stopping distances in the Highway Code when we took our driving tests? The analogy used by the 20s Plenty Campaign is that a collision between a car and a pedestrian at 20mph is like falling from a first-floor window, whilst one at 30mph is like falling from a third-floor window.
2. Cleaner air - there are 30% less exhaust emissions at 20mph than at 30mph.
3. The roads and pavements would become safer. How many of us cyclists and pedestrians would use the roads more with lower speed limits, which would ultimately promote a healthier lifestyle? Thorpeness, in the holiday months or any weekend, would be a much safer area to mingle than at the present time.
4. Our streets would be quieter and a better quality of life would ensue.

The success of the lower speed limit is clear to see in Transport for London data where the 20mph has already been introduced:-

1. Deaths caused by collisions of motorized road users were down 25% in the first year.
2. Deaths by collisions with vehicles and vulnerable road users -: cyclists, disabled motorized wheelchairs and prams and buggies, were down a massive 36%.
3. Deaths by vehicle collisions with walkers down an astonishing 63%!!

This scheme is beginning to take off in Suffolk. Many villages have already introduced 20's Plenty, and Beccles Town Council have also recently adopted it.

Both Thorpeness and Aldringham suffer from the effects of dangerous driving in one form or another, and the Council feels that it is time to take a survey to gauge the opinions of the Parish residents to see if a reduction in the speed limit, along with other traffic calming controls, would be a popular decision. We would very much like as many Parishioners to respond to the following questions so we can decide if we should take this initiative further.

See Questionnaire overleaf:-

1. **Thorpeness Village- Should the entire village be subject to a 20mph speed limit?** **Yes / No**

2. **Aldringham to Thorpeness Road - Should this road be restricted to a 40 mph limit?** **Yes / No**

3. **Should the 30mph limit sign entering Aldringham from Thorpeness be moved to the Aldringham village sign** **Yes / No**

4. **Should the 40mph limit that applies on the Aldeburgh Road from the Aldringham sign be reduced to 30mph?** **Yes / No**

5. **Should the existing 30mph limit throughout Aldringham village be reduced to 20mph?** **Yes / No**

6. **Should the section where the golfers cross on Thorpe Road be protected by a 20mph limit from both sides?** **Yes / No**

Please can you respond to these questions to the Parish Council's Email address pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk or by post to Mrs. Shirley Tilbrook Tyn Rhyl, Aldeburgh Road Aldringham, IP16 4PR

By September 1st