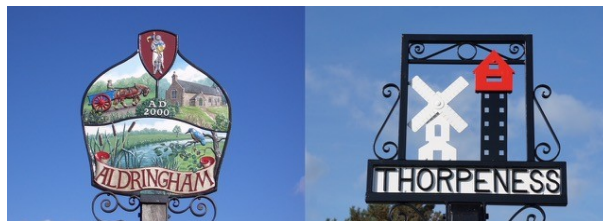


# Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell Newsletter

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND ALL THAT IS GOOD IN 2025



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**December 2024**



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**SAT 7TH DEC at the**  
**DOLPHIN INN**  
**THORPENESS**  
**12 to 3**  
**Lots of stalls**  
**Come and join us**

***Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Council***  
***Wishes Everyone a Very Merry Christmas***  
***and a Happy and Healthy New Year***

## **Parish Council Update December 2024**

How quickly this year has gone! We are once again into the Christmas period and everyone appears to be very busy preparing for the Festive Season with the Christmas trees suddenly popping up with their cheerful sparkling lights.

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

In the last few months Parish Councillors have been very busy in the Parish attending various meetings concerning Sizewell C, Scottish Power, Coastal matters and the Neighbourhood Plan, which is now well on its way to completion.

### **Thorpeness Village Updates**

#### **Planting and Tidying**

The black Oak barrels placed in front of the Ogilvie Pavilion, on the triangle in front of the Dolphin and down Old Homes Road have now been refreshed with some spring bulbs and wallflowers, these will hopefully produce a good flower display in early spring. These areas have been kept mowed and tidy throughout the year and some more bulbs have been planted.

Unfortunately one of the posts around the triangle along Old Homes Road was broken, possibly by a large vehicle or caravan. This will be replaced shortly and the bent post straightened. Also we are hoping to place some concrete slabs under the bench in this area.

#### **Area on the Beach**

The wooden bench to the left of the wooden walkway down to the beach has now seen better days, with some of the seating sections having rotted and been removed. This cannot now be used and will be replaced with a new one in the same position, purchased by The Parish Council and the Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group. The name plaque has been retrieved and will be placed on the back of the new bench in the future.

#### **Information Boards**

We are working very closely with the Heritage Group to produce new Information Boards for Aldringham. These are now being put together with the help of Peter Drew who I expect several of you know for his wonderful collection of books containing a lot of information regarding the Parish. His knowledge is greatly appreciated.

Also the PC are hoping to produce Parish Maps much the same as in Leiston and Aldeburgh to show where you are, I am sure these will be appreciated by Visitors and Locals when trying to locate areas.

## **Ogilvie Pavilion**

In future months a new picnic area will appear in the Ogilvie Pavilion grounds, also some of the fruit trees will be replaced and hedging, with the help of the National Landscape (AONB). This has been in conjunction with the PC.

## **Coastal Matters**

Our Eroding coastline obviously causes much concern, and a meeting was held recently between Parish Councillors, Thorpeness Coastal Futures Group and East Suffolk Council Emergency Team where issues were discussed concerning flooding. A document has been produced to advise residents and visitors who are staying in Thorpeness what to do if serious flooding occurs. This document will be sent to holiday letting companies and be placed on our local PC notice boards and around the Village. East Suffolk's Coastal Protection team keep a constant eye on our eroding Cliffs and give reports regarding the state of the beach and areas to be avoided. They have recently removed wire coming from the gabions and replaced some shingle. Unfortunately during this winter period more damage will be done, and the gabions will suffer once again. More protection is needed to save our wonderful coastline and hopefully this will happen in the future.

## **Speeding**

Our Speed Indicator Devices are still being very effective, but unfortunately we still have several vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Please if you can WATCH YOUR SPEED and keep to the 30mph limit.

## **Building Works**

Recently the village has suffered on a daily basis from large lorries delivering materials and taking away large loads of debris from building works, sometimes very early in the morning. Some travel at considerable speed when entering and returning to and from our lovely village. Most of the owners who are demolishing and rebuilding new properties do not live in the village so the noise and disruption does not affect them. It would be appreciated if the owners of these properties would consider the interruption to village inhabitants of all this extra traffic. We know properties need updating etc., and building works need to be carried out, but this year has been one of the busiest yet and can be upsetting for local residents. East Suffolk District Council website has a section outlining best practice for developers and hours they are permitted to operate. Under section 60 of the Control of Pollution Act (COPA) 1974, local authorities such as ESDC have powers to control noise (and vibration) from building sites.

## **New Parish Councillors**

We are still looking for new Parish Councillors so if you can help please contact our Parish Clerk Shirley Tilbrook on 01728 830001 to discuss.

## **Thanks**

A big Thank You to all our Councillors and our Parish Clerk for their hard work in the Parish, Pippa McLardy for producing our Newsletter and to Eric Atkinson who has been the Lead for the Neighbourhood Plan and spent many hours on this project. Thank you to Alan Williams

for keeping our Website up to date and Roger Brown for master-minding the Parish Emergency Plan.

Thank You to everyone in the Parish who carries out various tasks to help keep our community safe and well.  
*Maureen Jones* - *Chair*

## **Aldringham Village Updates**

It may appear that not much has happened since the August issue; however, behind the scenes, work has been taking place that is crucial to the future of the village and will stand us all in good stead up to 2035. At last the Neighbourhood Plan process is coming to an end. Two separate 'drop-in' events were staged on consecutive days, one at the Country Club in Thorpeness and one in the 'Outside-Inn' in Aldringham. These displayed the results of the previous events for comment and further amendments to be added before the final version is submitted to East Suffolk Council. There will be one more Public Consultation before an Independent Examination takes place and, if favourable, then a local Referendum will be held in latter part of next year. There is still some work to be done.

## **Tour of Britain Cycle Race**

Once again we were treated to this terrific bike race in the most beautiful weather. Somehow it manages to generate great excitement standing down at the Parrot looking at our phones and waiting for the riders that flash past us in seconds and then are gone. It is great to watch it on television afterwards to see our beautiful towns, villages and landscape from a different perspective. We are truly blessed to live in this part of England - no wonder that East Anglia made the top 10 regions to visit in the world, according to Lonely Planet.

## **Temporary Advertising Boards**

Over three years ago, the Parish Council made an inspection after a number of complaints by Aldringham parishioners concerning the plethora of advertising boards on the crossroads opposite the Parrot on Aldeburgh Road. On arrival it was evident that others had taken more direct action as much of the signage had been vandalised and broken plastic was strewn everywhere. The boards were all out of date by significant amounts, and those who had installed them were obviously not inclined to remove them. The boards were placed behind the Bus Shelter and the advertisers were asked to clear them and to desist from this in the future.

These were not just fly-by-night traders, but included much respected local organizations. Those who responded either promised a quick removal by themselves or their promotion contractors. Some even apologized.

However, of all the number that made such promises, only one actually removed theirs. Others, despite further chasing, failed miserably and their boards had to be dismantled and taken to the dump. Not only was the whole area a mess, it was a serious safety hazard. The signs were a distraction for drivers as well as a disruption of their sight-lines through this staggered and confusing crossroads.

Research was made by the Parish Council into what safeguards were in place to protect motorists and pedestrians as well as our village's green space. It was

easily found in Suffolk County Council's Highway Advice Note ESE 01: 'Advertising Signs in the Highway'. It is only two pages long and very clear in its parameters and should be the standard text for those who install these notices.

Take the crossroads at the Parrot, which seems to attract most of the notices:- Guideline 3.7: 'Suffolk County Council will require removal of advertising signs from a highway in the following circumstances:- Where the advertising signs have been placed on central reservations, pedestrian refuges or at junctions.'

Also at the Parrot crossroads, there seems to be a practice of placing the sign on private land as it seems to have become an accepted truth that if the sign is placed on private land it is permissible. However this is not the case. Note Guideline 3.3: signs are not allowed 'where the content of the advertising sign does not relate to the trade of the premises'.

The Council's Policy has been to ensure that the requirements of 'The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 and the Suffolk County Council Highways Advice Note ESE012 'Advertising Signs in the Highway' are met in full.

The Parish Council has three noticeboards where we would be delighted to display your event or meeting. The addresses of the Parish Clerk and the Parish Councillors are at the back of the Newsletter, all of whom would be happy to help.

We are also opening up the old notice board on Aldringham Lane for public usage if you want to advertise any future event. We recommend that these notices should be laminated as the old doors will be removed. We will carry on with our policy of taking down any signs that have infringed Suffolk Highways' Guidance Notes.

### **Carols around the tree at Aldringham Green**

Once again the annual singing of Carols and Readings will take place on Aldringham Green on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm and afterwards at the 'Outside-Inn' at the Parrot. Our generous landlord, Chris Theobald, will be serving mulled wine and a mince pies, but only on production of an item to be donated to the local Food Bank - so dig deep! Remember to bring a light and something to keep you warm and dry.

## **Energy Projects**

### **Sizewell C**

I can only reiterate what I wrote in the August Newsletter that the enormity of this project is staggering, and that it is only at the pre-contract stages of the work. You will be driving to Theberton or somewhere else you haven't seen for a couple of weeks, and you notice that fields that were green are now scraped clear and encased by miles of the ubiquitous Heras fencing as the Sizewell Link road begins. Similar things are happening at Stratford St. Andrew, with the Two Villages Bypass, Marlesford with the Southern Park and Ride, Darsham with the Northern Park and Ride and Yoxford with the New Roundabout at the start of the Northern end of the Sizewell link. You cannot be anything but awed by the scale of it all. Add in the Green Rail Route from Saxmundham and the exploratory works at the Beach Landing Facility, and short of building an airport, we have a 'Transport Full

House'. Again I urge you to visit the Works Tracker website- [szcworkstracker.co.uk](http://szcworkstracker.co.uk)- mind-boggling!

### **Sizewell B**

The outage continues with its extraordinary maintenance programme in a short space of time and, I believe it will not be far off its promised finish date. We will then lose our thousand highly technical visitors to all parts of Britain and the world and our roads will calm down a notch, for the time being at least.

### **Scottish Power Renewables East Anglia One and East Anglia Two**

An interesting and very welcome move by SPR has appeared since the last report. SPR have submitted a Screening and Scoping Request to use Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) of the River Hundred Crossing at the Aldeburgh Road. This will be a 500metre horizontal shaft that will be drilled beneath the fragile micro-climate along the river to the east of the road, then under the road and the wonderful Scots Pines in Aldringham Courts woods, and then under the beautiful shaded footpath before coming out in the fields and heading towards Knodishall and Friston. The previous methodology was a 35-50metre haul road dragged through all these irreplaceable features of our landscape- a definite area of natural beauty in all but name.

We must not get too excited yet, as a judgment has not yet been reached. If it is favourable, then we must thank the team from SPR who worked to devise this scheme. At last, a potential piece of good news- keep your fingers crossed.

### **East Anglia one and East Anglia Three**

Construction goes on at the Bramford Substation with expected finish date Autumn 2025. Foundations for Converter Station being laid.

### **NGV LionLink Interconnector**

Statutory consultation expected in the first quarter of 2025.

### **Sealink**

DCO submission now expected in the first quarter of 2025

## **Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council Survey on Traffic Calming**

Following the questionnaire in the Easter Newsletter, here are the results.

The Newsletter was posted through approximately 600 doors, from which we received 66 replies and one from Aldeburgh, which we disallowed.

The results were as follows:-

- Thorpeness village – should the village be subject to a 20mph speed Limit? Yes 51 No 15.
- Aldringham to Thorpeness Road- should this road be restricted to a 40mph speed limit? Yes 54 No 12.
- Should the 30mph limit sign entering Aldringham from Thorpeness be moved to the Aldringham village sign? Yes 50 No 16.

- Should the 40mph limit that applies on the Aldeburgh Road from the Aldringham sign be reduced to 30mph? Yes 43 No 23.
- Should the existing 30mph limit throughout Aldringham village be reduced to 20mph? Yes 34 No 32.
- Should the section where the golfers cross on Thorpe Road be protected with a 20mph limit on both sides Yes 44 No 21 (1 undecided).

Our reaction, at first, was disappointment with what would seem to be a very low response. However, in discussions with various people in local government, it seems that in initial surveys only 5%-10% of those questioned feel strongly enough to reply.

What was most obvious, was that five out of the six propositions gained very positive reactions and we feel we could go forward on these.

Our next move is that we will host a forum before a Parish Council Meeting in the Spring, where all are invited to air their opinions and clarify any questions parishioners might have on the proposals.

If opinion is favourable, we will then go ahead with a second stand-alone questionnaire - not one on the back of this august publication. We will hope to include an electronic response, alongside the paper alternative. There had been some criticism of the previous method. This would again be delivered to every household and time given for the responses.

The Parish Council consider that the enactment of these measures will bring greater safety to our roads and generally improve our quality of life.

We very much value all opinions on this, so please try to get involved and respond.

Bill Seale

Parish Council Vice Chairman

### **Planning**

Since the Summer Newsletter, the Parish Council has been consulted upon six planning applications, two in Aldringham and four in Thorpeness. The applications comprise: -

Building alteration and/or extension	1
Replacement holiday caravan	1
Tree felling/surgery	2
Variation of an Existing Consent	1
Horizontal Drilling Proposal (Scottish Power)	1

The Parish Council has objected to one application and registered no objection to four whilst one remains under consideration. East Suffolk District Council have so far permitted one 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>

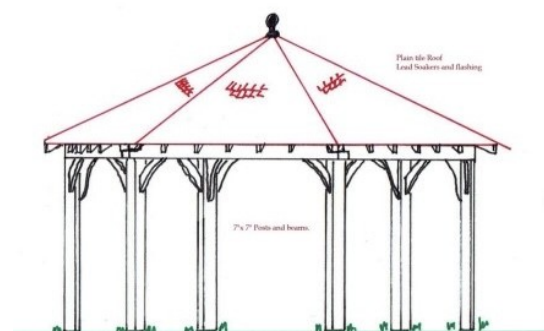
### **Speed Indicator Devices**

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 31<sup>st</sup> October is set out below.

Location	Incoming	Outgoing
<b>Aldringham - Aldringham Park</b>		
Total Vehicles	234,324	227,957
Average Speed/mph	31	32
Max speed/mph	81	101
Vehicles in excess 50 mph	335	363
<b>Aldringham - Vicarage</b>		
Total Vehicles	125,223	177,101
Average Speed/mph	30	34
Max speed/mph	79	83
Vehicles in excess 50 mph	156	494
<b>Thorpeness - Pavilion</b>		
Total Vehicles	78,865	107,482
Average Speed/mph	31	32
Max speed/mph	86	85
Vehicles in excess 50 mph	242	489
<b>Thorpeness - The Haven</b>		
Total Vehicles	66,924	76,035
Average Speed/mph	29	33
Max speed/mph	69	95
Vehicles in excess 50 mph	120	339

Whilst the devices continue to have a noticeable benefit in calming incoming traffic, outgoing drivers not presented with a readout screen find it difficult to resist the temptation to speed away. A significant number are unable to resist speeds considerably in excess of 30 mph!

### **Aldringham Village Shelter**



The Parish Council is consulting upon a proposal to erect a traditional shelter on Mill Green in Aldringham. The oak framed open sided shelter would have a traditional clay tiled roof and paved floor.

Mill Green provides a community focus for village gatherings, notably the monthly Rural Coffee Caravan, periodic special events and annual carols around the Christmas tree. The provision of the children's play area a few years ago has proven a welcome facility and it is felt a shelter would enhance amenity of the green, providing welcome weather protection as well as offering a focal point for community events.

The Parish Council has applied to the Planning Inspectorate for consent to construct the shelter under the Commons Act 2006 and a formal Notice of the application is available for viewing on the council's website in the News & Events section.

Tony Wheeler

Parish Councillor

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## East Suffolk Council Report

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### Recycle electricals via new kerbside collections trial

East Suffolk Council has unveiled plans for the kerbside collections of small electrical items, beginning later this month. Two small electrical items per household left on top of wheeled bins on the usual bin collection day will be taken away for recycling (unless oversubscribed that day).

Material Focus, the not for profit group leading the Recycle Your Electricals campaign, have provided £60,724 to support this project among 40 around the UK. Trial electrical kerbside collections will be initially introduced on four collection rounds, including covering parts of Aldeburgh, Leiston, and Saxmundham among other areas in the south of the District.

By May 2025, all areas will have collections.

An estimated 39% of people bin electricals, rather than recycle or reuse them leading to over 100,000 tonnes of electricals thrown away every year. The aim of these projects is to overcome these issues by making it easier to repair, donate or recycle electricals.

### 'Circular Christmas' campaign launched

ESC is encouraging residents to re-use, reduce and recycle this festive season to help keep costs down and also help the environment.

A new 'Circular Christmas' campaign will promote shopping locally, sustainable gifting, regifting and recycling of festive waste from now until the New Year – to help people manage the expense of this holiday season and strengthen environmental awareness in East Suffolk.

ESC will also be making residents aware, through social media, of food hygiene standards when eating out this

Christmas, as well as informing residents about bin collection day changes and what festive waste can be recycled in their bins at home.

### Helping Alde Valley students start their day well

Students at Alde Valley Academy in Leiston are benefitting from a new breakfast club, providing food ahead of the school day to help improve their concentration and well-being.

The breakfast club, which is available to all students, has been funded by the Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham Community Partnership (£2,898) and by East Suffolk councillors Sarah Whitelock, Katie Graham and Tom Daly through their Enabling Communities Budgets (£4,680). In a joint statement, Cllrs Whitelock, Graham and Daly said: "We are pleased to have supported the creation of the Alde Valley Breakfast Club. As well as providing students with a filling breakfast which positively impacts on their ability to learn and concentrate, the club also provides a safe, supportive space for students ahead of the school day where they can meet friends and speak with school staff if needed."

*[Sarah.Whitelock@EastSuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah.Whitelock@EastSuffolk.gov.uk) for more information.*

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## Community Emergency Planning

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At the beginning of November, I attended a meeting called by Richard Bennett from Thorpeness Coastal Futures Group (TCFG), which included Maureen Jones and members of the Parish Council and Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit (JEPU). Richard Bennett was keen to discuss coastal flooding risks in Thorpeness. TCFG had researched the latest Environment Agency information relating to Thorpeness as well as past storms and storm surges which have threatened to flood Thorpeness. TCFG believe that continuing climate change and associated rising sea levels will result in the flooding of both the road to Aldeburgh and the road to Aldringham, resulting in the total isolation of Thorpeness. Peter Langford (JEPU) explained the process in place for alerting residents and said he would contact the Environment Agency and obtain the latest flood map showing Thorpeness and the tidal flood warning area. He also promised to ask the Environment Agency to confirm how property owners not living in the area can sign up for the warnings and the latest information regarding the Emergency Alert that will be issued at the same time as the Severe Flood Warning.

I agreed to design an information leaflet that can be displayed in every rental property in Thorpeness to alert tenants of the risk of flooding in the area. The leaflet will inform when the risk of flooding is highest; the contact number for Floodline; and how to register for flood warnings. Finally, the actions to take should a severe flood warning be issued.

It is worth reminding all residents within the Parish that the Environment Agency will issue warnings through local radio, TV and to your mobile phone. In order to receive these warnings directly, you must contact the Environment Agency Floodline.

- Telephone: 0345 988 1188
- Textphone: 0345 602 6340

You can register for flood warnings at <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings> and you can obtain the latest information for Suffolk at Suffolk Resilience Forum: <https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/> If you follow this link (<https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>), add your postcode, click on 'More about your rivers and sea flood risk' and then 'View a rivers and sea map' you'll be able to access all the information currently available from the Environment Agency. If you are about to be flooded take the following action as a matter of urgency:

- Turn off your gas, electricity and water supplies, if it's safe to do so - do not touch an electrical switch if you're standing in water.
- Move your family, vehicles, pets and important items to safety, for example upstairs or to higher ground.

- Follow advice from the local council or the emergency services - you may be asked to evacuate.

I must reiterate that the likelihood of serious flooding (risk to life) is very low, but you should be prepared and alert to changes in the weather, and the tide, and what action you must take to stay safe.

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

Roger Brown / email: [roger.brown72@btinternet.com](mailto: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)*

### **Inspiring Lives Remembered**

**Many people will remember the young woman who was instrumental in the setting up of Aldringham Playgroup and CYDS in Leiston and whose family still live in Aldringham**



Born in Leiston in 1953, Sonia Chatten left school aged 16 and worked first at the Brudenell hotel in Aldeburgh and then at the Leiston chemist. After meeting Charlie Chandler, she married him and moved to Charlie's home village of Aldringham. They had three children, Andrea, Lesley, and Jonathan.

In 1975, Sonia met Jill Hubbard, a local resident and teacher with two young children, who was trying to set up a playgroup. Sonia offered to help and, together with a group of local mothers, they launched Aldringham and District Playgroup, which was run in the Parish Rooms at The Vicarage. Later it moved to Knodishall and is still going strong after 47 years.

When Jill returned to teaching, Sonia continued running the playgroup. As nursery education was not widely available at this time, the playgroup movement was the main educational source for under-fives, gradually becoming more professional in its approach. Sonia attended many courses for playgroup leaders, and the running of the group was greatly improved.

Never ones to follow others, when a Steiner school group started in the old Aldringham school building Sonia and Charlie sent their two girls there (Jonathan was too

young). As they could not cover the fees, they instead gave their time and skills, helping with the setting up of the school. Sadly, it did not last long, and so the children then went to the new Coldfair Green School in Knodishall.

Sonia turned her skills to volunteering at Leiston Youth Club. It was here her natural abilities in nurturing and counselling the young came into their own, and she introduced new ideas, such as a girls' night. Her non-judgemental manner in dealing with the youngsters' worries and problems and fearlessness tackling troublemakers made her a popular leader. At the same time, she was starting to study. First, she took a certificate in counselling skills, followed by a three year course with the Open University, becoming qualified as an informal community educator, all the while continuing to run Leiston Youth Club. When a former hairdresser's premises in Leiston High Street was purchased as the site for a new youth-oriented service, it was no surprise that Sonia was asked to set up and run the centre. And so CYDS (Can You Do Something) was born. It was run by the young but overseen by Sonia and became a place of sanctuary for young people - Sonia was much loved by them.

Sadly, shortly after the opening of CYDS, Sonia died suddenly of a heart attack aged just 44. Her funeral was never to be forgotten. Aldringham Church was not only full but loudspeakers had to be set up for more than 200 mourners gathered outside. This was a fitting tribute to an intelligent and bright young woman who was so loved by all who knew her.

Charlie and Sonia's daughters went on to also serve the community, Lesley working for the County Council and Andrea becoming deputy safeguarding lead at Leiston High School. Charlie and Jonathan still live in Aldringham in the house where Sonia spent most of her life.

Jonathan is an artist and writer who has several books to his name. Charlie, a respected painter and decorator, has now retired.

*(If you have a friend or relative who has been influential within the Parish, please let me know and perhaps we can include their story - Ed)*

### **Tasty Treat for Tea Tiplers**

If you are looking for something out of the ordinary to do on a dreary December afternoon, you might like to try a Tea Tasting session at Aldringham Tea Room. Assuming at least six tea tiplers are set to take part, the event will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. This might also be the opportunity to buy a ticket for the annual raffle in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice, which will be drawn on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm.

### **It's War Again – Long Shop Museum Audio Play**

On the October 5<sup>th</sup> a full house at Leiston Long Shop Museum enjoyed the unique experience of an audio play telling the story of a group of people employed making shell cases in Garrett's during World War I.

'It's War Again', devised by the museum's Education Group, told the story of the munitionettes - mostly women, but including two men turned down by the services for health and age reasons. Each character had their own tale to tell, and the conclusion was that none of them could escape the consequences of the conflict.

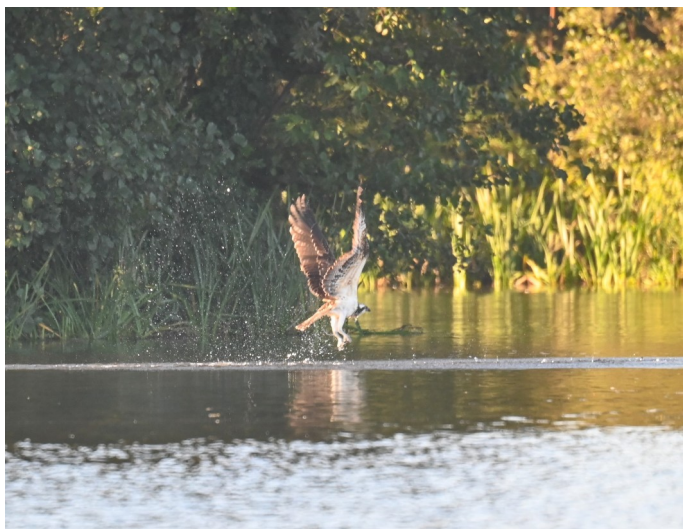
If you have any news, or events of interest to the local community, please email details to the editor: Pippa McLardy [pimclardy@hotmail.com](mailto:pimclardy@hotmail.com)

If this sounds depressing it was anything but. In addition to the actors, enhancing the production were the cooperative efforts of Fraser and son on the technical side, including sound effects and music, Russ who provided the visual aid of photographs, and Denise, who masterminded an excellent supper during the interval. The play concluded with our Poet Laureate Simon Armitage's inspiring poem 'Hope'.

If you missed the event first time around, there will be a repeat performance (by popular demand) after the museum reopens in the Spring.

*Jill Hubbard*

### **Rare Visitor**



Some lucky bird watchers caught a glimpse of this Osprey, which paid a visit to Thorpeness Meare in August.

*Photo courtesy of Maureen and Chris Jones*

### **Aldringham Man's Secret Mission Revealed**

Steve Marsling, a long-time resident of Aldringham, has recently been featured in an award-winning drama documentary shown at Leiston Film Theatre in November.

Oliver Tambo's London Recruits tells the story of how at the height of apartheid in the 1960s and 70s an international group of young people - students and workers - answered Oliver Tambo's call for undercover agents to help overthrow the regime in South Africa. . Gordon Main's thrilling film, which won awards at the Joburg Film Festival among other places, reveals the story for the first time: the recruits, those who inspired them and the people who made their missions possible. Steve was one of a number of brave young men and women who undertook a dangerous and daring mission, posing as visitors to smuggle leaflets into the country in their luggage, then placing leaflet bombs in strategic areas. Warned of the dire consequences of discovery (torture and imprisonment) not all of the recruits returned home.

### **Thorpeness Raiders Capture Aldeburgh Carnival Top Prize**

This year's theme at Aldeburgh Carnival to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the event, inaugurated in 1944, was 'Anything 80'

The carnival procession provided a great exhibition of fashions, music, television programmes, 1980s toys and D Day exhibits, everyone joining in the fun with some entertaining and ridiculous costumes. Thorpeness contributed an entry to add to the spectacle.

The Mill House tank, devised and created by Sharlie Goddard and family, from The Mill House Thorpeness, rolled into foreign territory to capture well-deserved first prizes for the best decorated small vehicle and best vehicle overall, driven by a member of the Women's Land Army and accompanied by two soldiers and a mechanic. It's amazing what can be achieved with cardboard, paint, glue, a 2CV and a measure of imagination....



### **Local Groups**

#### **Thorpeness Coastal Futures Group**

In conjunction with the TCIC/TCFG (Thorpeness Community Interest Company and Thorpeness Coastal Futures Group) the residents of North End Avenue are working with CPE (Coastal Partnerships East) to potentially carry out some 'emergency' works at the north end of the beach to defend the failing defences. These works will be temporary and hopefully stay in place until a planning application for an extended rock revetment has been approved and finances raised to put more permanent defences on the beach.

#### **Good Neighbours**

Despite our phone holders having to wrestle with a new smart phone, kindly donated by Andrea Grey, the number of tasks being requested has risen recently following a slow-down earlier in the year. Our single most requested

task is, as ever, trips to medical facilities, but we would like to remind parishioners that we can also help with minor household tasks and repairs, shopping, dog walking, form filling and befriending, to name a few. Our Christmas-time Volunteers' Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 until 12 noon, once again at the Outside Inn at The Parrot, which is always so festively decorated. Chris does us proud with the catering. We will be collecting items for a hamper (or two) in the run-up. The number of volunteers remains the same at 36.

To request help or join our band of volunteers phone the helpline on:-

**07521 047843**

*Pippa McLardy*

*Hon Sec*

### **St Andrew's Church**



St Andrew's has had a busy few months, not least in November, during which special services were held to 'Remember the Loved' following All Souls day, to remember our patron St Andrew on November 7<sup>th</sup> and to remember those who have given their lives for us on Remembrance Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Once again, the brave soldiers from our parish were memorialised in the Churchyard and some of their families were represented at the service, conducted in part around the War Memorial.

A traditional Advent Carol Service by candlelight on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm marks the start of the run-up to Christmas. Dates and details of the various Services on offer over the Christmas period at all the churches within the Aldeburgh Benefice can be found on the website :- [www.aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk) and also in the What's On section in this newsletter.

At the Parochial Church Council meeting, a proposed solution to the space problem in the vestry was discussed as an alternative to building an extension. This would have allowed for more activities within the body of the church, and involved removing the choir stalls, lowering the organ, and opening up space around the font for different functions. This proposal was not adopted, and the architect has been instructed to continue with planning permission and discovering the cost of the vestry extension. A Finance Committee has been organised to seek funding sources for the project if we do not have sufficient funds.

### **Friends of St Andrew's**

The Friends held Bric a Brac Stall at two of the Aldeburgh Church Friday Markets held in August and raised £166. The Autumn Coffee Morning, held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November was well attended and raised £389, all events in aid of the Fabric Fund. This year we have raised a total of £1,545.10 for the Fabric Fund. Thank you everyone who has donated items to sell, cakes, books, bric a brac and tombola prizes and supported our events during the year.

*Anne Norton*

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

### **Pilgrims Together**

Once again we in the Christian community are awaiting the birth of a very special baby. Like many families today who are also expecting their own new family member, we know that our special baby will be a boy and we know his name, it will be Jesus. Although this happens every year for Christians it is no less joyful than it was the first time it happened over two thousand years ago. So may I on behalf of Pilgrims Together wish you all the joy of this Advent season as we await the miracle that is Christmas. Since our last newsletter Pilgrims has had its most successful summer ever, we've had congregations of between 20 – 40 people joining us on Sunday mornings during July and August on the grass situated by the Meare. Our two Saturday mornings (the first and third ones of the month) at the Parrot are going well as more people come and join us. Many thanks to Chris for making this possible.

We are continuing to visit Aldringham Court once a month to offer a seasonal service and have built up a lovely friendship with both staff and patients, a visit both sides enjoy. After a recent meeting with Revd. Sarah we have put together a programme of Pilgrim's outside worship for the Christmas

season which you might like to take note of .....

**WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER** will see us providing music for the annual 'Carols on the Green' in Aldringham at 6.00pm

**SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER** - Pilgrims Pop-up carol singing by the Moot Hall, Aldeburgh at 3.00pm

**SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER** - Carols round the tree at Thorpeness at 4.00pm

Looking forwards to early 2025 we hope to be back in the Thorpeness Pavilion for regular services on the third Sunday afternoon of each month, the service will be followed by refreshments, as it used to do pre covid, and we also intend for these services to offer communion for those who wish to take it. The final details, dates times etc., have yet to be finalized and will be announced nearer the time.

All information for this and other Pilgrim events can be found by visiting us on:

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

link: email address: [pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com)

May we at Pilgrims Together wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Sue, on behalf of Pilgrims Together Worship Group.*

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

Despite some unfavourable weather all the regular events took place this summer; croquet continued to meet most days through the summer, cricket had a good season of matches and continued nets practice every Sunday, the rifle club met twice a week, Uke-n Smile, the quiz, the motorbike group and the parish council all continued to hold their regular meetings and we hosted four caravan rallies. As always August was the busiest month with all the regular events, including the Marmalade cricket match, the Thorpeness sixes event, firework parking, together with the Classic Car rally which continues to grow in popularity, plus a number of private parties. We had a couple of notable new events this year; an art market was held in June and again in September

and the Alzheimer's Society held one of their fund raising Trek26 events at the beginning of August with over 600 people taking part. It is hoped that both these will become regular additions to our calendar in the future. The new build project is progressing well. The architect has completed the specification document and is finalising the technical detail and services drawings before submission to the East Suffolk Building Regulation Department for approval. We have started discussions with a number of funders and have approached a number of contractors to enable a tender list to be put together. 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 monthly quiz (contact [zenamassey08@btinternet.com](mailto:zenamassey08@btinternet.com)), all the Parish Council meetings (see parish website for details) and Pilgrims together will be restarting their monthly meetings in the new year.

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>

### **Thorpeness Cricket Club**

#### **The Ground**

No cricket club can function without considerable resources spent on groundcare and maintenance. The playing field has not in my memory ever looked so good. We moved from Mid Suffolk in 2000. Back in the 60s and before, Glenn Ogilvie employed a full time groundsman to look after the cricket field. I write this article to celebrate the achievement of people working towards a shared goal for the benefit of the community. Thanks to the efforts of Bill Seale the club has acquired through district council grants, a three cylinder Kubota compact tractor equipped with three rotor mower and a 24in Dennis cylinder mower as well as a lockable 20-ft container to store them securely. Russell Middleditch has done wonders keeping on top of the grass growth on the remainder of the field not including the cricket outfield, culminating in the cricket clubs' annual rally August bank holiday Sunday when the field looked at its best.

The cricket outfield has also much improved thanks to the acquisition of full size Ransomes gang mowers. These have been towed around the outfield weekly or bi weekly by Helen Robinson , Andrew Heald or myself. An even green sward has resulted as you'd expect a cricket outfield to look.

The wicket too has had an annual application of clay based soil , seeded and levelled. This is a job we usually leave to the spring but much better to allow the mild winter to establish the grass, allowing plenty of time for the soil to settle and become incorporated. Many thanks to Peter Mayo, Kit Mayo, Ken Maxton and Simon O'Malley.

Amazing what can be achieved with some co-operation. If anyone would like to help with our groundcare task for the benefit of the community, let me know.

I've just cut a 5/side football pitch adjacent to the cricket field which will be available for free shortly.

### **Match Results**

Our most successful season to date.

We played our opening game of the season at Sudbourne Hall Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April due to worries about our own wicket being sufficiently green and ready for action. The game turned out to be a real nail biter, the result decided in the last over of 15, shortened by heavy rain.

That match seemed to set the tenure of our season. We played several closely contested games and managed to win against the Halesworth Pumas, Easton and Worlingworth. Halesworth Pumas and Worlingworth won the away games.

We tied with Sudbourne away so had a run of not losing three times in a row. Arthur Thompson particularly excelled as captain, leading from the front opening the bowling with his penetrating pace and batting with hard hitting gusto.

We were unwaveringly supported during the season by five local families providing under 18 year olds, keen to try their talents away from school in the big outside world. They were a great credit to themselves as well as their school coach and our club.

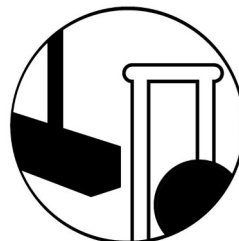
We're always looking for new players because it's astonishing how many players you need to field 11 players over the course of a dozen games.

We have a practice net at our Thorpeness ground which is free to use. If you'd like a game, irrespective of standard, get in touch We hope to run more fun games of cricket next year.

Francis Byrne 07775 791441

Dylan 07597 576190

### **Croquet Club**



#### **THORPENESS CROQUET CLUB**

If you would like some light to moderate exercise with like-minded people, why not try playing croquet? You will find us on the Ogilvie Pavilion site. Free taster sessions available. Phone Carole Myers on 01728 833572 to arrange a time.

### **Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group**



A successful Summer season at The Heritage Centre with lots of interested visitors. As ever - our gratitude to Elizabeth Tipping for masterminding the Rota of

Volunteers – and of course a HUGE thanks to you all who turn out in all weathers and welcome our visitors to

the Centre with a smile on your faces and friendly information and guidance on the Centre and our special area of Thorpeness and Aldringham.

We are working on improving external visibility to attract attention to our lovely centre with more signs, A.boards and bunting.

Major thanks to Maureen and Chris for the fantastic job on the ever improving planted areas which look great and really add to the experience. The Centre was externally repainted and ground areas repaired and levelled.

The displays in the hut are always being looked at – and the boards refreshed .

We will this winter look at re-arranging some of the displays as more comes our way over time.

Mabel and Co kindly presented us with their wonderful hand bound book of printed plates that were found some time ago in The Meare boathouse. This is on display in the Centre for all to see.

Archiving project is under way with the energy and expertise of Sara Paulley leading the way.

Audio History/Heritage Files – will soon be able to be accessed as we will be providing an on-line database of our recorded interviews and talks.

Thanks are due to all those kind members and local organisations that have given us items we can sell and therefore add to our funds for our work- If you can think of any donations of items we can sell that would be most gratefully received?

### **Events – past and future!**

**Thorpeness Golf Club** – a very interesting talk on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August about the history of the Golf Club and it's place in the village - also well attended and enjoyed.

**Fishers Gin** – an evening at Fishers Gin took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November – including Gin tastings, canapes, film and tour of the distillery. Thanks to Andrew Heald for his very generous hosting of this event.

**Dolphin Christmas Fair** – date is Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December and TAHG will be involved as always

**Winter Warmer** – annual New Year meal being planned at The Dolphin in January 2025. We look forward to David's splendid hospitality. Date and details to follow shortly.

**TAHG AGM** – will take place in March/ April – date to be advised in due course.

**Future ideas** – an evening to hear some of our Audio files? / an event to hear about life “ below stairs “ in the Thorpeness of the past .....

### **More Projects**

A new **Information Board trail for Aldringham** is in the early stages 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 on this in 2024

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

### **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 “

I make no apology for repeating that TAHG could not function or be as successful without all the hard work and commitment of all who volunteer their time, energy and skills, and those who attend our events. Thanks of course must also go to our hard working Committee, many of whom have been involved from the very start. Great to report that our membership is strong and on the increase.

To join TAHG or find more information contact [info@tahg.org](mailto:info@tahg.org)

*Richard Bodek*

[Richard.Bodek@btinternet.com](mailto:Richard.Bodek@btinternet.com)

*Chairman*

### **A TAHG Visitor's Tale**

***Robert Alexander paid a visit to the Heritage Centre this summer o discover more about two of his forebears who were Thorpe Lifeboat coxswains.***

***He writes:-***

“I can't describe how I felt apart from very, very emotional. There on the display board were pictures and details about my Great Great Grandfather, William Alexander, and my Great Grandfather, Alfred Alexander. I have since been in awe of their bravery going out in the lifeboats to rescue people, bearing in mind their lifeboats were so totally different from those we see today. During our research we were able to contact a Mr Mark Ling who has supplied us with a great deal of further amazing information about the brave Coxswains of the Thorpe Lifeboat Station.

I would like to say a big “thank you” to the ladies at the Heritage Centre and the Vicar and Church Wardens of Aldringham Church. With their invaluable help I was able to trace and see where both my Grandfathers were buried. A very special moment for me.’

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

When we look at the state of the world, or indeed our country, we must feel privileged to live in such a beautiful and relatively peaceful village. I am very happy to say that since the publication of the last newsletter, I have heard of no crimes in the village - do hope this means there have been none. With darkness falling much earlier, and so many properties unoccupied, the opportunist could take advantage of this, so do keep house and outbuildings locked, and when out, do make your house look as ‘lived in’ as possible.

This leaves me to give you my very best wishes for Christmas, and hopefully a good year ahead. Evelyn Rumsby (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordination)

*Evelyn Rumsby (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)*

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

### **Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Councillors**

Maureen Jones	Chairperson	01728 453915
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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		
<a href="mailto:gemma.king@suffolk.police.uk">gemma.king@suffolk.police.uk</a>		
Police Constable 1443 Stefan Henriksen		
<a href="mailto:stefan.henriksen@suffolk.police.uk">stefan.henriksen@suffolk.police.uk</a>		

### **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

Aldringham – Maria Chapman-Beer		
<a href="mailto:tribunegang@gmail.com">tribunegang@gmail.com</a>		
(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

<b><u>Non-emergency</u></b> health problems advice		111
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<b><u>Power cut line</u></b> 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		
<a href="mailto:contact@aldeburghvets.co.uk">contact@aldeburghvets.co.uk</a>		01728 598111
Leiston Veterinary Clinic		
1d Eastlands, Leiston		01728 833566
Fromus Veterinary Group Fromus House,		
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### **Thorpeness Croquet Club**

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### **Good Neighbours Group**

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Volunteer's Rota		
Mrs Elizabeth Tipping		
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Dorothy Walker		07496 373579 <a href="mailto:maryw64244@aol.com">maryw64244@aol.com</a>

### **Ogilvie Pavilion**

Eric Atkinson		01728 830497
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### **Thorpeness Cricket Club**

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Email: <a href="mailto:byrneengineering@zohomail.eu">byrneengineering@zohomail.eu</a>		

<b><u>Connecting Communities Transport</u></b>		01728 635938
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### **Border Buses**

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## WHAT'S ON December 2024 – April 2025

Month	Place	Event
<b>December</b>		
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> 6pm	St Andrew's Church Aldringham	Advent Carols by Candlelight Service
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Village Christmas Party
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	The Parrot Aldringham	Community Breakfast
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 12noon - 3pm	The Dolphin Thorpeness	Christmas Fair
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Aldeburgh Church	Christingle Service
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 5pm-6pm	Aldringham Tea Room	Tea Tasting
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12,30pm	22 Lakeside Avenue Thorpeness	Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Mill Hill Green Aldringham	Carols Round the Tree – bring an item for local food bank
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 12 noon	The Parrot Outside Inn	Good neighbour's Volunteers' Coffee Morning
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 11am	St Andrew's Church	Carol Service
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 3pm – 5pm	The Parrot Aldringham	Festive Brass Band afternoon
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	County-wide	<b>END OF AUTUMN SCHOOL TERM</b>
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> 9,30am -10,30am	Outside Inn, The Parrot Aldringham	Pilgrims Faith Cafe
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> 3pm	Moot Hall Aldeburgh	Pilgrims' Pop up Christmas Prom
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> 3pm	Aldringham Tea Room	Raffle in aid of St Elizabeth's Hospice
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> 4pm	The Meare Thorpeness	Carols Round the Tree
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> 3.30pm	Aldeburgh Church	Crib Service
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> 11,30pm	St Andrew's Church	CHRISTMAS EVE - First Communion of Christmas
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> 11am	St Andrew's Church	CHRISTMAS DAY - Family Service
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Aldringham Tea Room	Annual 'Thank you' buffet
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	The Parrot Aldringham	Chris's New Year Quiz and dinner (pre-booking required)
<b>January</b>		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	County-wide	<b>START OF SPRING SCHOOL TERM</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
<b>February</b>		
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	County-wide	<b>LAST DAY OF FIRST HALF OF SPRING TERM</b>
<b>March</b>		
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pavilion Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting

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 Outside Inn (Parrot) breakfast bap and ramble. Third Sat, Outside Inn, Coffee and Croissant breakfast. Third Sunday of the month Pilgrim's Service followed by refreshment in The Pavilion (TBC).

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 13/12 . Aldringham Ogilvie Homes 9.40am, Thorpe Almshouses 10.20, Aldringham Mill Hill 11.05 2025 dates TBC