

# Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell

## Newsletter



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**April 2023**

### Reasons to be Cheerful

#### A pair of Awards and a National Championship



*Maureen Jones (left of centre), former chairperson of TAHG, in a line up of Quality of Place award winners, standing next to Al Scott, of IF\_DO architects (3<sup>rd</sup> from left)*

#### Part 1:

Our much-loved and admired Heritage Centre, built through the hard work of so many Parishioners, won First Prize in the East Suffolk District Council Quality of Place Awards Community Section. Having been submitted to the award scheme by me, Pippa McLardy I was never in any doubt we would win, though the judging last Autumn was quite a gruelling experience, and the wait afterwards was nail-biting!

There were four entries in the Community category and two others received Highly Commended accolades. These were Carlton Marshes Visitor Centre and The Old Hospital, Southwold. A clutch of Heritage Group members braved a nasty, sleety night to travel to Riduna House, East Suffolk DC's headquarters, to applaud former Chairperson Maureen Jones when she received the award (see photo). Many congratulations to everyone involved.

#### Part 2:

Thorpeness featured again when joint first place in the Design section of the awards went to Heath House, North End Avenue, alongside the Martello Café in Felixstowe. Designed by London architects IF\_DO, Heath House is a new home of strikingly contemporary architectural design, which replaced an existing house built in the 1960s. Architect Al Scott, who is Suffolk born and bred and spent many childhood holidays in Thorpeness, was on hand to receive the award in Melton.

While working on Heath House, Al was pleased to be able to meet Glyn Hollister, the architect of the original house, who himself lived on North End Avenue until his death in September 2021. Al is likely to be around Thorpeness

again in the future, as IF\_DO are also responsible for the design of a proposed new dwelling at 21 Lakeside Avenue.

Heath House was bought in 2017 by Louisa and Ben Brown, who regularly holiday here with their three children and Louisa's parents. The family spent many summers in Thorpeness prior to buying the house, often staying, poignantly, in The Red House, the demolition of which has enhanced sea views for properties at the far end of the Avenue, including Heath House.



*Heath House, North End Avenue . Joint winner of the Design Award at the Quality of Place awards  
Photo courtesy of Nick Dearden IF\_Do architects*

#### Part 3:

Thorpeness and Aldeburgh resident Sue Bard-Bodek will be representing England in the British Isles Bowls Championships to be held in Ayr at the end of June. Sue's participation comes after her team from the Borough of Eye clinched the national title of England Ladies Senior Fours champions last summer. Sue has played bowls for over 30 years having taken up the sport in her 20s. Over that time, she has played in the top teams of three counties – Middlesex, Hertfordshire and latterly Suffolk, having moved here in 2020. Sue is fairly used to winning Club and County titles over the years – and has also been proud to be the youngest ever Ladies County President in Middlesex . She was also on the Board of the World Bowls Tour / Professional Bowlers Association that championed Indoor Lawn Bowls which was televised on BBC from Potters Leisure Resort in Norfolk.

Sue's biggest title until 2020 was winning the England National Mixed Pairs in 1997 while based in Middlesex – various other County titles have led to appearances at the "Nationals" at Leamington Spa on a number of occasions in various disciplines of the sport eg Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

Many congratulations to Sue, and we'll be hoping for her team's success in June.



*Sue Bard-Bodek (second from left) with her bowls team at a dinner to celebrate their victory*

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## Parish Council Update April 2023

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### Works around the Parish

The Parish Councillors have been putting together projects to work on for both of the villages over the last few months:

#### Sizewell:

- We are very pleased to announce that the bus shelter near Sizewell Hall has now been refurbished and looks very smart.

#### Aldringham:

- We are making final arrangements and seeking approvals to install a new bus shelter close to Aldringham Court, which will be welcomed by visitors and staff at the home.
- The Children's Playground has received some new ground work and tidying up of the surface to make this much more hardwearing for the children in the future.
- A sign is being produced for the Aldringham Allotments.
- The area in the middle of Mill Hill will have the old wooden posts removed and new plastic posts fixed in position. Unfortunately, some of the existing posts have rotted and it has been decided to replace all of them with a far more hardwearing type which hopefully will last for several years.
- We also intend to replant the triangle near the Parrot with some flowers again this year, and tidy up the area where the Jubilee Oak Tree has been

planted in Aldringham. Anyone who would like to help with this work, please contact Shirley Tilbrook, our Parish Clerk.

### Thorpeness

- The triangle along Old Homes Road in Thorpeness will have some reconstituted posts placed around it to protect the grass area.
- In the next few weeks, a wooden structure will be placed around the green bins at the back of the Car Park and this area will be tidied up.
- We are also looking into improving one or two areas, including where we have planted the Jubilee Oak tree and placed a bench in memory of our beloved late Queen Elizabeth II.

We are also hoping to plant more flowers this year in both villages to brighten them up.

### Information Boards

The Parish Council is working closely with the Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group with the intention of placing information boards around the Aldringham area and producing a guide map for walkers. This will include circular walks in the area between Aldringham and Thorpeness. We are also looking into refurbishing or partly replacing the Thorpeness information boards which are suffering from weather damage.

### Neighbourhood Plan

Under the leadership of Councillor Eric Atkinson, we have been working very hard on the Neighbourhood Plan, attending numerous meetings both online and in person with our expert advisor Andrea and with planners at East Suffolk. We hope to have a consultation with Parishioners in the coming months. You can read more about this further on in the Newsletter.

### Energy

Councillors have also attended meetings online and face to face regarding the ongoing issues with Scottish Power, National Grid and Sizewell C (to name but a few). Once again we are indebted to Bill Halford who has helped us keep abreast of current proposals, and to Councillor Bill Seale who is our in-council expert. Read more further on in the Newsletter.

### Coastal Erosion

We continue to be very concerned about our eroding coastline and attend regular meetings with East Suffolk Council's Coastal Protection Team. We keep a constant eye on the cliffs, especially since the Red House at the end of North End Avenue was demolished. The ongoing high tides, wind and rain are eroding away our coastline

very quickly and more protection is needed to minimise further damage to property, land and the beach in Thorpeness.

### **Local Elections**

Local Elections are taking place in May, including for this Parish, if there are sufficient numbers of people who wish to stand. Unfortunately, two of our longest serving Parish Councillors have decided not to stand for re-election. The Parish Council wish to thank Eric Atkinson and Pippa McLardy for all their hard work, time and knowledge over several years of serving our Parish. A BIG, BIG THANK YOU FROM EVERYONE.

*Maureen Jones*

*(Chair)*

### **Planning**

Since the December Newsletter, the Parish Council has been consulted upon 11 planning applications. Four of these were in Aldringham and seven in Thorpeness. The 11 applications comprise:-

- 4 Building alteration and/or extension
- 3 Erections of a replacement dwelling
- 2 Erections of a new dwelling
- 1 Erection of a replacement shed
- 1 Tree felling

The Parish Council objected to one application, supported nine and one is still under consideration.

East Suffolk District Council have so far permitted two of the applications and the remainder await a decision.

### **Speed Indicator Device**

The Parish Council's SID has continued on patrol in Aldringham since September at sites on Aldringham Lane and Aldeburgh Road and the results are being monitored. An order has also been placed for an additional post to be installed on Thorpe Road, near the Ogilvie Pavilion, to enable the use of a SID to monitor speeds on entry to and exit from Thorpeness at this point. The Parish Council are considering the purchase of a second device, so one can be installed in each village.

*Tony Wheeler*

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*Parish Councillor*

### **Energy Companies**

It seems that since our last report, with the two major Consultations by National Grid, it would seem that it has been a quiet period on the Energy Front. However with the sheer weight of projects lined up this can only be a minor 'lull before the storm'.

There is some encouraging news. Concerning the Scottish Power Projects and potentially those of National Grid, there seems to be something of a groundswell of opinion coalescing around the need to look again at the suppose necessity of all these cable corridors tearing their way through our beloved countryside. The

momentum for this comes out of opposition to National Grid's East Anglia Green Project, which plans to transport the energy from the Norfolk Coast Windfarms through a trail of pylons down two routes towards Tilbury. This has enraged even more people along the route than our smaller communities here and calls for an offshore solution have magnified greatly.

Our District Council seems to be less interested as both the Leader and Deputy Leader have been quoted as saying this solution was 'absolute fantasy' and 'no silver bullet'.

East Anglian MPs feel otherwise, and a group called OFFSET (Offshore Electricity-Grid Taskforce) has been formed to pressure Government into considering such a scheme.

This coincides with an announcement that there will be a review by the ESO( Electrical System Operator) to consider 'off-shore routes' for electricity transmission in East Anglia. Let's not get up hopes up too high. National Grid need to investigate further the landfall sites – preferably at a brownfield site nearer to London to avoid all the disruptive works planned in our area. It is also worth noting that SPR(Scottish Power Renewables) have delayed their Construction Start Date until late 2024.

What was most interesting in reading about the East Anglia Green Project was the similarities with other areas where Windfarms make their landfall. It is not just us that has to deal with this problem. The only difference between our Parish and theirs is that we also have a £30+ billion Nuclear Power Station planned in our midst! Speaking of Sizewell C, there was another Judicial Review by the various Local Groups against Sizewell C who argued against the decision of the Energy Secretary to give the go-ahead. They are contesting it on environmental grounds, notably provision of a permanent potable water supply for both the construction period and the day to day running of the plant- an issue raised by Natural England. They questioned also the justification of the overriding public interest in building the station over the environmental damage this might do. A decision will be announced in a few weeks.

Other than that – there has been a number of what are called Non-Intrusive Surveys being carried out by Scottish Power as part of the East Anglia One Project. These have been walkover bird surveys and land surveying, so if you see men or women in Hi-Vis

Jackets getting muddy in the fields, it's probably one of those. They do have the decency to tell when and where they are going.

*Bill Seale*

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*Parish Councillor*

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## **District Council Report**

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Our District Councillors are:- Tony Cooper, Russ Rainger and Tom Daly. Russ Rainger is not standing for re-election in May.

Their recent reports can be found in full on the Aldringham-cum-Thorpe website under the 'Info' Section, then 'Councillors and Authorities'.

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## **County Council Report**

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### **Fees waived for communities to celebrate the King's Coronation**

To mark the celebration of His Majesty the King's Coronation at Westminster Abbey on May 6th, Suffolk County Council has waived fees associated with applications to close roads for street parties and other local authority led public events. If you are organising a street party as a group of residents, or if you would like to apply as a local authority, for an event in a large public space, such as a park, you can view more information at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/Kings-coronation](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/Kings-coronation). To be allocated Traffic Management( four cones and a road closure sign) all applications must be received before 11pm on Sunday 2 April 2023. If you have any queries, please contact Suffolk County Council's Customer Services team on 0345 606 6171 or email: [customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk)

### **Suffolk Walking Festival returns for 15th instalment**

Tickets are on sale now for The Suffolk Walking Festival 2023 as it celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> year. The festival kicks off at Thornham Walks on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May with refreshments and five launch jaunts. It then runs every day until 28<sup>th</sup> May offering over 70 walks across 350 miles of Suffolk's beautiful landscapes. Visit [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk) for more details on the programme, to sign up to newsletters, and to buy tickets.

### **Deadly heaters detected by Suffolk Trading Standards**

Over 300 deadly electrical heaters said to pose a serious risk of electrocution were detected at the Port of Felixstowe by the Imports Surveillance team. Officers raised concerns about the heaters after finding that the grills used on them didn't require tools to open, meaning live and hazardous parts could be accessed by hand. The supply voltage requirements stated on the heaters were also incompatible with the UK power network, posing a danger of explosion or electric shock. They were due to be sold through Amazon. Anyone who believes they may have purchased a dangerous heater should stop using it immediately and contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on **0808 223 1133**.

### **Suffolk's commitment to retrofitting homes.**

While the Warm Homes Suffolk initiative is ensuring that the most vulnerable households receive support, the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership is tackling the

shortage of trained installers in the county. The skilling-up of 46 people in Norfolk and Suffolk at Skills Bootcamps in three levels of retrofitting through the Government funded initiative comes after Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders agreed to create a Fuel Poverty Retrofit team to support those struggling most with their energy bills. Forty more trainees will follow. The Team will work with residents living in energy inefficient properties to address funding issues and ensure a consistent supply of installers. This will also assist the County's aim to achieve net zero emission by 2030.

More than 62,000 properties in Suffolk are thought to have the worst Energy Performance (EPC) grades of E, F and G and 28% of its households are facing fuel poverty. The new team will strive to secure funding to meet the needs of the most vulnerable and ensure minimum standards for the private rental sector.

### **New highways services**

Following an extensive procurement exercise, Suffolk County Council has confirmed Milestone Infrastructure, part of M Group Services, has been awarded Suffolk's new highways services contract, which will begin on 1 October 2023 for up to 20 years. Worth in the region of £800 million - £1 billion, this will include maintaining roads, pavements and rights of way, drainage, hedge trimming, construction of new road schemes, snow-clearing and gritting.

### **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities services improving**

The Department for Education said the effectiveness and pace of current reform within SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) services commissioned and provided by Suffolk County Council and the Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System is 'reassuring' and noted 'the leadership's commitment to improvement in a wide range of areas'. The report follows an inspection carried out at the end of the 2016, after which a Written Statement of Action was agreed, and a peer review by Lincolnshire County Council. The Department for Education continue to monitor this improvement every six months and report back on progress and impact. Another follow-up meeting is due this month.

### **Most pupils win places at their preferred schools**

Suffolk County Council received 8,083 applications from parents and carers indicating which secondary school they would prefer their child to transfer to in September 2023. This is approximately 300 more applications than received last year. 98% of children were offered a place on National Offer Day at one of their three preferred schools and 93% were offered a place at their first preference school. Further information on secondary school admissions can be found at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).

## **Help design a new Virtual Reality app for people living with dementia**

Suffolk County Council is looking for people to help develop a new Virtual Reality (VR) app for people living with dementia in Suffolk. Dementia sufferers, their family carers, and health and social care professionals who live or are based here, can join a user group to help co-create the bespoke platform.

The group will be called 'Synergy' and members will have input into all aspects of the look, design, and structure of the new VR app.

Over the last 10 years, clinical research has demonstrated that not only do people with dementia tolerate virtual reality, but they can actually derive a wide variety of benefits from it, including improvements in well-being, cognition and communication.

The app is being produced in partnership with Spark Emerging Technologies Ltd, who were awarded a contract by Suffolk County Council in December last year. It is only through using the knowledge and understanding obtained by people with lived experience of dementia that we can hope to make this new app as good as it can be. Anyone interested in helping should come forward now. The time you invest through this user group will help to create amazing outcomes for people living with dementia for years to come.

To learn more about the user group and to apply visit [suffolk.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/virtual-reality-project](http://suffolk.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/virtual-reality-project)

***The above is a precis of the March SCC report. Latest Suffolk County Council monthly reports can be found in full on the Aldringham cum Thorpe website***

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## **Community Emergency Planning**

### **Lessons to be learnt from Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.**

When a disaster strikes there are usually three phases that the emergency responders and authorities experience. These phases are known as the 'three MMMs'. These stand for 'Mayhem', 'Management' and 'Manhunt'.

The earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2023, revealed significant shortcomings in the countries' emergency planning and response. Some would ask "How can you prepare for something so big and devastating?" The answer is that the governments of all countries should prepare, plan and practise for all every emergency considered to be high risk and make resources available in order to mitigate the risk and/or respond effectively to the disaster. Indeed, Turkey had practised, in 2019, a response to a 7.5 magnitude earthquake striking the town of Pazarcik, but the response plan relied on help and resources from neighbouring cities. In this most recent disaster 10 neighbouring cities were impacted by the earthquake, which spanned over 280 miles in length and 180 miles

wide. The resources meticulously planned for rescue and assistance were suddenly unavailable, and needed help as they became victims of the earthquake themselves. We all saw the mayhem in the hours and days after the earthquakes struck and the enormous loss of life, housing, infrastructure and communities. Many countries immediately pledged financial support, tents, blankets, rescue teams and equipment. Some of the poorest countries in the world pledged support, such as Afghanistan, Sudan and Vietnam.

International rescue teams arrived within days and the 'management phase' got into full swing. In Turkey the largest resource rich organisation was the military. However, the military was not immediately allocated a significant role, which resulted in a slower than was expected response. The management phase saw rescue workers extract the injured and other survivors from the rubble; local contractors cleared the roads; communications were restored and the provision of food and shelter for the homeless. Administration centres were set up to record names of those affected by the disaster, allocate accommodation in safe locations and transport to rescue centres elsewhere in the country. The 'manhunt phase' commenced soon after the earthquakes hit. Criticism was aimed at the Turkish government for the lack of coordination, leadership, restricting use of resources and for closing down social media, which was an important tool for coordinating rescue and relief efforts. In Syria the criticism was aimed at the time taken to open border crossings allowing rescue teams and resources into the country. The respective governments of Turkey and Syria continue to attract criticism from several quarters.

The lessons learned from this disaster should be studied by governments, emergency services, first responders, businesses and organisations to ensure their emergency response plans are robust, deliverable and allow for the effective management of critical resources during a crisis. Hopefully, more lives will be saved by studying the responses made to these earthquakes and other disasters.

Finally, don't forget to look out for your neighbours, stay warm and stay safe.

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## **Uppen About – some Parish tales**

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

### **Annual Beach and Village Clean**

The Annual Beach Clean at Thorpeness will take place as usual on Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> this year, organised by Pete Holmes.

Beach Baggers should gather at The Dolphin at 10 when coffee will be available.

They will then be introduced to a section team leader who will supply a litter picker, gloves, bags (while stocks last), and a number of high-vis waistcoats. If you can bring your own picker and gloves this would be welcomed, as last year Baggers outnumbered supplies!

Headed by their section leaders, teams will depart to their designated sections at 10.30, returning to The Dolphin at 12 noon for more refreshments. Children will be invited to make up and relate a short story about any unusual items they have found on the clean, with a prize for the best tall tale.

Here's hoping for clement weather!

### **In Loving Memory**

#### **Determined and Devoted, Joyce is Sadly Missed**

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 saw a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving at St Andrew's for the life of a well-known and much-loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother from Aldringham. Joyce Vera Amy Atkins lived in the village for many years with her husband Roy. Sadly, he died after 60 years of marriage. The couple had three children, Kevin, James and Julie.

Joyce was born in Darsham and when she was old enough became a maid at Carlton Hall. She had many different jobs during her life, but her last and favourite was as a receptionist at an Aldeburgh hairdresser.

Joyce had a 'bucket list', and top of this was to learn to drive. She proved her determination by finally passing her test at the age of 55 after seven attempts!

A great supporter of The Coffee Caravan, she encouraged villagers to visit when it came to The Green each week in summer, and delivered leaflets on their behalf.

Joyce was a devoted Mum, Nanie and Great-Grandma, who is sadly missed by all her friends and family.

### **Immersive Education at The Long Shop**

#### **Sirens and Ration Books give Children a flavour of wartime**

After a break through The Lockdown, the Education Group at Leiston Long Shop Museum are 'back in business' for schools visits.

On Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 46 Year Four pupils from Leiston Primary School were welcomed for a 'hands on' experience about World War II.

The children arrived with their teachers as evacuees, carrying small suitcases which they'd made. Some had also made hats, and all had identification labels round their necks.

During the day, all the children were involved in various activities so that they would have some idea of what life was like during the War.

From using their ration books to visit Mrs Spearing's corner shop (using pre-decimalisations money), to making spitfires and medals, or from painting propaganda poster to constructing gas mask cases, all the workshops were educational but also enjoyable for the pupils.

When the children had visited all the workshops and had their lunch, they heard the blast of an Air Raid Siren. Everyone hurried to the Longshop where a Morrison Shelter had been erected, and in turn, squashed themselves into the safety of the shelter. Whilst this was happening, some adults shared their experiences of the War.

Trevor Hawkins – a longtime helper at the Museum - told the children about being evacuated several times and going to 13 different schools.

The day ended with the 'all clear' siren, and the children sang "We'll meet again" to the volunteers.

*Jill and Tricia (members of the Education Team)*



*Mike Galloway, one of the Long Shop education Team shows local children a painting of the aeroplane in which his father was a rear gunner*

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## **Local Groups**

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



By the time you read this, spring will be here! The churchyard will be coming into its full beauty as the spring flowers start to appear and the first chifchaffs and blackcaps sing. After much hard work by our stalwart churchyard team the yew trees encircling the cremation area are in better shape and we shall be giving them loving care this summer to encourage them to grow. Easter day is 9th April and Rev Sarah will be leading our traditional dawn (6am!) service on the beach at Thorpeness. Last year (see picture) we were blessed

with a glorious spring morning. After the service the Country Club have very kindly invited us to go to the Country Club to celebrate Holy Communion, followed by breakfast

On 24 April, the Friends are holding the annual fundraising bridge afternoon where you have the opportunity to compete for the Fiona Gimson rose bowl (given in memory of our much loved Fiona) and to enjoy a delicious friends tea. Contact John Herbert (830171) if you would like to play. We shall play Chicago bridge and entry is £12 per person

Plans are in hand to mark the Coronation of King Charles by holding choral evensong in church on the afternoon (5.30) of 7 May followed by celebratory drinks in the churchyard. And in the summer we shall be again be holding the popular outdoor services in the churchyard on Sunday mornings. Watch this space for details!

David Gordon

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*Last year's dawn Easter Service on Thorpeness Beach*

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

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### **Pilgrims Together**

Hello, Spring is well on its way now; the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils have bravely shown their faces to herald its beginning. Not only that but the hedges and trees are also in bud and it is certainly heralding the start of the Pilgrims' outdoor activities as the weather gets warmer – although it must be said that last December, despite heavy rain and a World Cup Final, more than 50 of you joined us by the Meare to sing carols and to hear the Christmas Story. Our thanks go to the staff at the Meare Cafe for their generous gift of mulled wine and mince pies - they certainly kept us going and warmed us right down to our toes.

We held a St. Patrick's day service and supper on Friday 17th March when, after one of our Celtic services, we had an Irish themed buffet supper, complete with a drop of the black stuff (Guinness) and a tot of the hard stuff (Irish

whisky), for the non-drivers of course! There was a buffet that included smoked Irish salmon and corned beef sandwiches and a lovely piece of Irish cheddar to tuck into. One of our members, Pat, then entertained us with an Irish jig. We listened to an Irish poem and we heard some little known facts about St. Patrick. The evening finished up with a bit of folk dancing. A great evening was had by all, and we hope to repeat it in the coming years. Enough of things past, it's now time to look forward to a new year and we at Pilgrims are organising a packed programme of events from Easter onwards.

We will be assisting the Reverend Sarah de Boulay as she presides over her first Sunrise Service on the Beach, it will start at 6am and conclude, as usual, in the Country Club. From Good Friday morning onwards we will be leading a service to all the people in Aldringham Court Nursing Home, this will be the first of the years planned monthly visits by us to offer a short act of worship for those who can't get out and about, their families will also be very welcome to join us. As I write this we are starting to put together our outdoor summer services by the Meare, this year we will be holding them by the pond, the times and dates will be available on our email address and Facebook page, details at the end of this article, so do please come and join us and remember to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

At the same time as this is being organised we are still continuing our twice monthly breakfasts at the Parrot kindly hosted by landlord Chris, the 1st Saturday of every month sees us having a breakfast bap and drink (£6.50 per person) followed by a local walk, nothing too strenuous, even if it's just to come just for the breakfast, or just for the walk, again all are welcome. The breakfast starts at 9.30am and if you only want to join us for the walk then please be at the Parrot by 10.30am. The 3rd Saturday morning of the month sees us meeting again at the Parrot for coffee and croissants, this starts at 9.30am. We have named it the Good News Cafe, as we felt that in a world full of troubles and negative news we need a little ray of hope and sunshine and something positive to hear and talk about. We usually leave with smiles on our faces and a warm feeling in our hearts, so come along and join in with us if you can.

Here are the contact details for Pilgrims Facebook

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

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

May we at Pilgrims wish you much joy of the Easter season and to not forget to say thank you to God for all the good things we have, food, faith and friendship. They're worth their weight in gold!

Sue

On behalf of Pilgrims Together

Sue Atkinson  
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### **Good Neighbours**

There has not been much demand for transport to the various Warm Spaces on offer over the winter, despite our Chairperson Jo Ogilvie researching several local

venues. Overall, though, transport in general is still the most requested need, especially to medical facilities. We are delighted to have welcomed one new volunteer – David Price, who moved to Aldringham with his wife fairly recently. Thank you for joining us, David.

Volunteers have had the opportunity to join various courses offered by Community Action Suffolk via Zoom, which have been interesting and informative.

We have decided once again to hold our AGM on the same day as our Annual Garden Party, and this will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at The Pavilion. Business will start at 2pm, followed by the tea party, starting at 3pm. We do hope to see many volunteers and our helpees at this event.

Finally, if you have a small task we can help with, or need a lift to a medical appointment (a donation of 45p per mile can be requested by your driver to cover costs), contact our helpline on

**07521 047843.**

*Pippa McLardy Hon sec plmclardy@hotmail.com*

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

Hello all,

Our plans for a new Pavilion building have been finalised and are now with the quantity surveyor for costing. A pre-planning application is also being prepared. When we have an understanding of the cost and have the planners' comments we will be in a good position to make decisions on how we should proceed.

You will hopefully have noticed the new signage at the entrance and the parking area which will be open to all for the season.

Now spring is upon us things are starting to pick up, with many of our regular events already planned, including the annual fun run, now organised by Heritage Coast Events and is all booked up and due to take place on Sunday 30th April. We are also organising a second open day for Easter Monday, when our plans and progress for the new build will be on show, so do please come up and see the final drawings. There will be a chance to talk to the trustees and the user groups and we are planning for a few stalls to visit, a BBQ, and the bar will be open.

We have started to produce a Pavilion Newsletter, called Pavilion Post and edited by Sara Paulley which will be sent out via email, it will have updates on progress with the new build, events that are taking place, including those hosted by the various groups that call the Pavilion home. Please contact Sara via the Pavilion's website if you wish to be included in the mailing list. <https://www.ogilviepavilion.org>

We hope you will come and visit the Pavilion and Sports field as the weather warms up, we are intending to reinstate our summer Sunday Drinks and Nibbles when the summer gets into full flow so that is something to look forward to.

*Sue Atkinson - Secretary  
Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Field Trustees.*

*PLEASE NOTE that if you wish to contact or book the pavilion and/or field please use the contact details on our new website - [www.ogilviepavilion.org](http://www.ogilviepavilion.org) or by emailing [Ogilvie.booking@gmail.com](mailto:Ogilvie.booking@gmail.com)*

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### **Classic Vehicle Rally at Ogilvie Pavilion Thorpeness Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10am till 4pm**

We have several stalls coming this year which will add to the event as well as the wide selection of classic cars, motorcycles and some tractors.

Live music, bar, and barbecue  
£3 per car for spectators (please pay in cash) and free for exhibitors no need to book.

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### **Croquet Club**

The officers for the Croquet Club, which meets on the Ogilvie Sports Ground are now:

Gerald Lomax Chair. [geraldlomax@outlook.com](mailto:geraldlomax@outlook.com)  
Secretary. Peggy Clarke.

[mailto:Margaret.clarke353@yahoo.co.uk]Margaret.clarke353@yahoo.co.uk

Treasurer Kevin Overton [kcoverton@gmail.com](mailto:kcoverton@gmail.com)

### **Cricket Club**

#### **Thorpeness Cricket Club Fixtures 2023**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Voneus Cup V Great Totham Home  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May Voneus Cup V ? ?  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June V Del Boys Away London  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June V Toft Monks Away  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July V Toft Monks Home  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July V Sudbourne Away 18.00  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July Woodbridge Away 18.00  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August V Woodbridge Home 18.00  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August V Easton Away  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September V Del Boys Home

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



So here we are heading in to Spring and a full Summer season of activities and the Heritage Centre being open from Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter weekend and then every Friday to Sunday until certainly September. What have we been up to recently ?

A very enjoyable Winter Warmer social at The Dolphin which was well attended. Great food from David and his team and good conversations made this a great start to 2023 for TAHG.

Work has progressed on replacing the tired and weather damaged Thorpeness Village Trail information boards and indeed the new tops and boards have just been delivered to us – we have every hope and intention of these being erected in time for Easter.

On March 8<sup>th</sup> a small group of us attended the East Suffolk Council offices at Melton to support Maureen Jones proudly receive the Winners award for the Aldringham and Thorpeness Heritage Centre in the 2022 Quality of Place Awards – Community Category.

This was rescheduled from late last year and we now will be delighted to display the certificate and plaque in the centre – a fantastic achievement for such a hardworking and dedicated group of local people with a vision and pride in their history and heritage.

Congratulations to all those that have contributed to this success. This achievement really should not be underestimated as the other entrants were much bigger in scale and had received major funding and support from large organisations.

March 18<sup>th</sup> saw a very informative and successful event at the Thorpeness Pavilion when Richard Symes presented an extremely interesting talk on the history of Dunwich Village and particularly the Heath going back through the Smuggling Era and then the 2 World Wars. Thanks to Janie Blanchflower for arranging this for us. Wendy Sturmey was presented with some flowers as we thanked her for many years of hard work and commitment to TAHG as she has recently decided to come off the committee – but we are delighted she is to still be very active with the social events calendar.

Future events – more local interest speaker events are being planned, there is a Spring Fete at The Parrot and Punchbowl at Aldringham on April 15<sup>th</sup> and there will definitely be other activities to look out for during the summer. **WATCH THIS SPACE !**

It is not too late to sign up to help with a session manning the Heritage Centre- Elizabeth Tipping is kindly the mastermind behind the rota so please contact her if she has not already “grabbed you”.

We are starting to look at creating the Information Boards for Aldringham and surrounding area and hope that progress will be made with that in the not-too-distant future.

Our finances are still reasonable after the costs of the replacement boards but the plans we have will potentially spend a large portion of them – so we are most grateful for the recent sponsorship from 4 local business: The Dolphin, Suffolk Coastal Estate Agents, Aldeburgh Coastal Cottages and Original Cottages [ Suffolk Secrets ] .....our thanks to them for their generous support.

I have said this before – but should repeat at this point that TAHG could not function meaningfully or be as successful without the hard work and commitment of all of you that volunteer your time, energies and skills in whatever way you can and also all those that attend our social events - thank you so much .

Best wishes

*Richard Bodek - Chairman*



**Spring Fair**  
 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
 11am to 3pm  
 AT ALDRINGHAM  
 PARROT OUTSIDE INN

*Craft Stalls, Cakes, Books,  
 Hamper, Draw etc.*

*Come and Take a Look*

## ALDRINGHAM CUM THORPE GOOD NEIGHBOURS



### **How can we help?**

**Operating throughout the year and always on hand, typical tasks that our volunteers aim to help with include:**

*Give you a lift (45p/mile) to hospital, dental and optician appointments*

*Collection of prescriptions / Help with shopping / Take you shopping*

*Visit for a chat / Look after or exercise your pets for a short time*

*Minor household repairs / Writing a letter / filling in forms*

*Deliver a meal*

***If you need some help please  
 telephone***

**07521 047 843**

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**USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS**


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**Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Councillors**

Maureen Jones	Chairperson	01728 453915
Bill Seale	Vice-Chairperson	01728 832306
Eric Atkinson	(until May)	01728 830497
Pippa McLardy	(until May)	01728 454565
Tony Wheeler		07392 230845
Sara Paulley		01728 454990
Caroline Donsworth		01728 833151
Shirley Tilbrook	Parish Clerk	01728 830001

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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
Community Engagement Officer, Halesworth Locality, Halesworth Police Station	Simon Green (PC 187)	
<a href="mailto:ceohalesworth@suffolk.pnn.police.uk">ceohalesworth@suffolk.pnn.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)		
<u>Thorpeness</u> – Evelyn Rumsby		07809 840924

**Hospitals**

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

**Doctors' Surgeries**

The Peninsular Practice		
Church Farm, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh		01728 452027
The Surgery, Main Street, Leiston		01728 830526
The Surgery, Lambale Meadow, Saxmundham		01728 602022
<b><u>Non-emergency</u></b> health problems advice		111

**Power cut line** 0800 31 63 105 or simply call 105

**Dental Surgeons**

Aldeburgh Dental Practice		
167 High Street, Aldeburgh		01728 452884
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, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham		01728 602599

**Thorpeness Croquet Club**

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<b><u>Good Neighbours Group</u></b>	<b>Help Line</b>	07521 047843
Chairperson Jo Ogilvie		07594 238061

**Local Heritage Group**

Chairman Richard Bodek		07415 607861
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**Rainbow Tots**

Ms Anja Shaw		01728 453295
Every Tuesday 10am - 11:30am Aldeburgh Community Centre		

**St Andrew's Church**

Churchwarden David Copp		01728 635816
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**Ogilvie Pavilion**

Eric Atkinson		01728 830497
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**Thorpeness Cricket Club**

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

<b><u>Connecting Communities Transport</u></b>		01728 635938
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## WHAT'S ON – April – August 2023

Month	Place	Event
<b>April</b>		
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> 9.30	Parrot Aldringham	Community Breakfast and local ramble
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	St Andrew's Aldringham	Compline
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Dolphin Thorpeness	Annual Beach Clean
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> until Easter Monday (inclusive) 11am-3pm	Heritage Centre	Centre open for visitors
Good Friday 2pm	St Andrew's Aldringham	The Hour Before the Cross
Easter Sunday 6am	Beach at Thorpeness	Sunrise Holy Communion Service and breakfast
Easter Monday	Pavilion Thorpeness	Open day to view plans for new building
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	Parrot Aldringham	Easter Good News Café
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pavilion Thorpeness	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> (Annual Parish Meeting deferred to June due to Local Elections)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	All SCC Schools	<b>SCC Schools back for Summer Term</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> pm	Friends of St Andrew's	Afternoon Bridge contest
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> 7 for 7.30pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Start of regular quiz nights with Steve and Zena
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ogilvie Sports Ground	Annual Fun Run
<b>May</b>		
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	District-wide	Local Elections
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Country-wide	<b>KING'S CORONATION DAY</b>
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon	St Andrew's Church	Aldringham Alde Sandlings AGM
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> 5.30pm	Sta Andrew's Church	Choral Evensong followed by Coronation Celebration in the churchyard
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thornham Walks	Start of 15 <sup>th</sup> Suffolk Walking Festival
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	<b>Annual Parish Council Meeting</b>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	County-wide	<b>SCC End of first half of Summer Term</b>
<b>June</b>		
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	County-wide	<b>SCC schools back for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Summer Term</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Annual Parish Meeting
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> 2pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Good Neighbours' AGM
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> 3pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Good Neighbours' Garden Party
<b>July</b>		
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	County-wide	<b>SCC schools last day of Summer Term</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Pavilion Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting

Every Wednesday 9 – 9.30am Prayer with the Revd Sarah at St Andrew's Church

Every Wednesday 6.30pm on Zoom – Pilgrims Together weekly worship followed by get-together

Every Sunday – St Andrew's Church Services 11am

Second Tuesday of every month Rural Coffee Caravan Aldringham Green 2pm – 4pm

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

Second Wednesday of every month – Community Coffee morning at The Parrot Aldringham

CRICKET FIXTURES – see in Local Groups section of the Newsletter

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)