

Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell

Newsletter

Don't forget! Thorpeness Village Fete August 5th 12 noon at The Dolphin !



Website: www.aldringham.onesuffolk.net

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Fond Farewell to Parish Stalwart



Councillor Eric Atkinson who retired from the Parish Council in May, receives a Long Service certificate from Council Chair Maureen Jones

Eric Atkinson, from Aldringham, retired from the Parish Council in May after 40 years as a councillor – 20 of them, on an off, in the role of Chairman.

Eric joined the council in 1983 having been encouraged by the then Parish Clerk Pat Quinn. Ailsa Ogilvie de Mille (G. Stuart Ogilvie's granddaughter) was then the Chairperson, and Eric took on special responsibility for planning matters – a role he continued through most of his time on the PC.

Among his many notable achievements he was a leading light in the foundation of the Heritage Group, writing its Constitution and negotiating the lease of the land where the Heritage Centre now stands. He is also Chairman of Trustees for the Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground charity, and continues as lead in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. He was also strongly instrumental in launching this Parish Newsletter!

Outside his council work, he has been a Governor of Coldfair Green School and Chairman of the PTA, has worked with the Scout movement for 45 years, including as chair of the Leiston District Executive Committee, is a founder member of the local Pilgrims Together group, formed in 2018, and served on the Parochial Church Council, including as Chairman during an interregnum between priests.

Eric was born on the edge of the Pennines in East Lancashire in 1951, leaving school at 16 to become an apprentice with Central Electricity Generating Board where he trained in all aspects of power generation and transmission. At this time he assumed his first chairmanship, of the North West Trainees Association, and also, aged 21, met his future wife Sue.

After spells at Padiham Power Station near Burnley (where he first worked with computers), and High Marnham Power Station in Nottinghamshire, he came to Sizewell A in 1975, and while here he and Sue decided this was where they wanted to bring up their family. Later transferring to Sizewell B as Computing and Information Systems Manager on the construction side, he became Work Planning lead just before commissioning and spent the next five years setting up and managing the planning systems. In 1997 he left the station and became the Design Manager for British Energy, leaving in 2003. The last 10 years of his (paid) working life were spent travelling the world as consultant for the nuclear power generation industry.

Eric and Sue, who will celebrate their Golden Wedding next year, have three children and four grandchildren, who live in Rendlesham.

At his final meeting in April, he was presented with long service certificates from both the County and District Councils and a gardening voucher from his fellow councillors.

Parish Council Update August 2023

Just to say that although the weather, unfortunately, is rather unpredictable, I hope you are all enjoying the sunny periods when they are here. The winds have been very strong and blustery, making some of our projects with the floral displays a bit untidy, but we continue to keep these areas in bloom.

Current projects in Aldringham

The Triangle opposite The Parrot has been tidied up and

wooden barrels have been painted and filled with lovely flower displays, and the area on the corner of the entrance to Mill Hill has also received the same treatment. This has all been carried out by the hard work of local Parish Councillors, who continue to keep these areas trimmed and watered. If anyone feels they can help keep these areas watered please contact our Parish Clerk.

New Allotments Sign

The Sign has now been erected for the Allotments and looks very smart. This area is continuing to flourish due to the hard work of the Allotment Holders.

New Posts

The posts around the grass area along Mill Hill have now been replaced with hardwearing reconstituted plastic ones.

Bus Shelter

The Parish Council is continuing with ongoing Plans to install a Bus Shelter at the Entrance to Aldringham Court. The project has been discussed with the Management concerned and a design and colour has been chosen and agreed. An application has been made to Suffolk County Council. If anyone has any objections to this project, please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Information Boards for Aldringham

The Parish Council is still working closely with the Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group to help with the production of Information Boards to be placed around Aldringham, also a walking map will be printed. This will hopefully work in conjunction with the Walking Trail around Thorpeness.

Current projects in Thorpeness

The Triangle along Old Homes Road has now had reconstituted posts placed around it although there are still some outstanding posts to be replaced here. This area is also being mown regularly to keep the grass area tidy.

Two barrels have been painted and filled with planting and placed beside the bench, and the area tidied up. The section in front of Oak Court, Old Homes Road has also received some attention, and we hope to continue with this work in the future.

Alongside the existing pots, two new barrels have been painted and planted up on the Triangle opposite the Dolphin. It is so nice to see this area colourful and bright when you enter the village.

Car Park Flagpole

The area where the flag pole stands on the Car Park has been cut back, and eventually a flag will once again be seen flying from the pole.

Sanctuary Road

Parish Councillors have contacted the Hotel Folk leading to discussions regarding repairs to The Sanctuary Road. Works will be carried out in this area during the next few weeks. All residents concerned will be informed in writing when dates have been agreed concerning this work. Please note these are privately owned roads.

Neighbourhood Plan

This is still being worked on and a public consultation with

Parishioners will occur shortly, Information boards are being produced for the public to put forward their thoughts regarding this.

Many thanks to Eric Atkinson for his time and hard work in bringing this important planning document to fruition for the benefit of the whole Parish in the future.

Coastal Erosion

We are still awaiting updates regarding future projects.

Website

There is a very useful Parish Website, which is regularly updated by Aldringham resident Alan Williams. Thank you, Alan, for all your hard work.

The website (aldringham.onesuffolk.net) is a mine of information on local matters, including latest news from the Parish Council, Planning Applications, community groups, energy projects and events. It also has interesting local history and some fascinating photographs.

Alan would like to hear from local groups wanting to update information on the site. Please contact him through Parish Clerk Shirley Tilbrook at

pc@aldringhamcumthorpe.suffolk.gov.uk

Maureen Jones

Chair

Shortage of Parish Councillors

Following the retirement of two long standing Parish Councillors, Eric Atkinson after 40 years and Pippa Mclardy after 18, Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council now finds itself short of members. With the recent resignation of Carolyn Donsworth through clash of work hours, we are down to four only. In a perfect world, the Council would have nine Councillors.

If you feel strongly about issues facing our three villages and would like to be actively involved in representing the community, please come along to our next meeting, at 7.00pm, September 4th at the Ogilvie Pavilion in Thorpeness.

There are major concerns facing us all in the next decade, notably Scottish Power Renewable's works that scythe through the Parish, the proposed construction of Sizewell C and the completion of our Neighbourhood Plan, which is nearing its to a local Consultation Event when we can all decide our future development plans up to 2035.

You can see from those schemes alone, we need people of all ages and walks of life to help steer us through these upheavals and help protect the landscape and qualities of our villages, that we hold so dear.

We would love to see you there at our next meeting where you would be made most welcome.

Energy Updates

Councillor William Seale keeps up to date with the ongoing projects, and regularly attends the Sizewell Stakeholder Meetings on behalf of the Parish.

He writes:

'Well what a difference an election can make! We have now a major change in our East Suffolk District Council - one which has a very different view of the Energy Companies and how they will deal with our three villages. We now have a Council run by a coalition of Greens and Liberal Democrats, and the Aldeburgh and Leiston ward has two new Green Members to add to Tom Daly, who has been in place since the last set of local elections. Tom is now the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Energy and Climate Change to monitor the next moves of the Energy Companies, especially the ones that will most affect us.

Scottish Power East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two are getting close to establishing a presence in our Parish with pre-contract works along the cable route from their Thorpeness landfall to the Friston substation. Despite Judicial Reviews outstanding from both SASES and SEAS, they have applied for discharge of requirements for proposed soil survey works for both their Projects. These are essentially Ecological and Onshore Management Plans for their Soil survey works along the cable corridors. If these applications are passed then we will see this and Ecological surveys and the Archaeological Works following closely, so there will be a steady pick-up of works traffic in the area. There is also a proposal for using the old RAF Leiston as a base for archaeologists in this area.

National Grid Ventures

Nautilus – no new updates or information on feasibility studies to alternative connection at Isle of Grain.

LionLink (formerly EuroLink)- Possibility of consultation on a Scoping Report later in the year.

National Grid Electricity Transmission Sea Link Project- Expect a statutory consultation later in the year after their Scoping Report Consultation on Sea Link in November last year.

Sizewell C- The legal challenge from TASC (Together against Sizewell C) against the DCO was dismissed by the High Court, however an appeal is now being undertaken by TASC and Suffolk Coastal Friends of the Earth so we will wait to see the outcome of that.

EDF still face the major problem of raising the finance on the initial Build Sum of £31billion with construction costs going skyward all the time.

So, quite a quiet summer of news on these three Energy Projects but that will surely change.

I urge you to follow the Council's Website and go on the link for Energy Updates from East Suffolk Council, now being released to us –

<http://aldringham.onesuffolk.net/news-events-and-items-of-interest/newsview/248>

This will give you all the news, and you can use the interactive guides of the cable routes from Scottish Power and if you follow all the links, you can get lost in the wealth of information being provided - good luck !'

Bill Seale

Parish Council Vice Chairman

Planning

Since the April Newsletter, the Parish Council has been consulted upon 13 planning applications. Five of these

were in Aldringham and eight in Thorpeness. The 13 applications comprise: -

Erection of a new dwelling	2
Erection of a replacement dwelling	2
Building alteration and/or extension	3
Change of use	1
Variation to an existing consent	2
New vehicular access	1
Tree felling/surgery	2

The Parish Council objected to three applications, supported nine and one is still under consideration. East Suffolk District Council have so far permitted four of the applications and the remainder await a decision.

Speed Indicator Device

The Parish Council's SID continues on patrol in Aldringham at sites on Aldringham Lane and Aldeburgh Road and the results are being monitored.

The Council has also invested recently in a second device which will be positioned initially on Thorpe Road, near the Ogilvie Pavilion to monitor vehicle speeds and hopefully encourage more considerate road use on entry to Thorpeness at this point.

Tony Wheeler

Parish Councillor

District Council Report

New Leadership at East Suffolk Council

In the election across East Suffolk on 4th May, the Green Party won all three seats in this ward and became the largest party in the new council, forming a coalition with the Liberal Democrats and an Independent Councillor to run East Suffolk District Council. We are already working hard on the issues you raised on doorsteps with the aim of making East Suffolk a greener district and preserving our precious AONB on this lovely piece of coastline. Your district councillors are Sarah Whitelock, Tom Daly and Katie Graham. Do get in touch if you have an issue of concern. Our email addresses are on the East Suffolk website and at the end of this newsletter.

Change in the Delivery of Local Services

As part of its commitment to seek the best possible value for money for residents, businesses and all local stakeholders, East Suffolk Council created a 'Local Authority Trading Company' (LATCo) in the Autumn of 2021, enabling it to play a more direct and influential role in how important services are carried out.

The company, now called East Suffolk Services Ltd (ESSL), operates as an 'arms-length' commercial business, separate from the Council and responsible for delivering crucial council services such as waste and recycling collection, grounds maintenance and street cleaning.

The aim of the change is to maximise efficiency and deliver the highest possible standard of services,

including environmental changes, such as new fuels, more efficient vehicles and different approaches to waste management.

Improving Access to Private Rented Housing

A new scheme to help residents access private rented housing has been launched.

A new lettings partnership – East Suffolk Lettings – will be created, along with the introduction of a new Guaranteed Rent Scheme, to increase residents’ access to the private rented sector and minimise the use of temporary accommodation.

East Suffolk Lettings will encourage landlords to work with the Council, by charging a lower rent, at Local Housing Allowance or within 10%. Landlords will be offered a financial incentive based on the difference in cost between what they would have been able to charge, compared to the lower rate they are charging.

In return, the Council will guarantee the rent is paid on time, each month and will provide support to the tenant to ensure the tenancy is managed appropriately. This will include completing inventories, three-monthly home visits to check on the condition of the property, supporting with benefit claims, and managing utilities.

Funded through the Homelessness Prevention Grant, received from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the scheme will be offered on a two-year pilot basis and if successful will become a permanent service.

Want To Make A Difference?

Town and Parish Councils are an essential part of local government, alerting District and County Councils to issues in their areas, responding to consultations, monitoring planning applications and working with residents to help them with issues and improve their quality of life. As we attend town and parish council meetings, we see their value and would urge anyone who wants to get involved to contact us or their town or parish council to find out more. Apart from being part of a valuable public service its also a great way to get to know people locally and feel part of your community. We would urge anyone that with a few hours to spare to take part.

*Sarah Whitelock, Tom Daly and Katie Graham
East Suffolk District Councillors*

Suffolk County Council

New Chairman for Suffolk County Council

The new chairman of Suffolk County Council is Cllr Keith Robinson, who has been involved in local politics since 2015 when his failing eyesight forced him to give up work as a mechanic and long-distance truck driver. He has chosen to support two charities during his term in office – Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and Pathways Care Farm near Lowestoft.

National Grid and Energy Projects

National Grid ‘s non-statutory consultation for anyone wishing to comment on its Norwich to Tilbury proposal, previously known as East Anglia Green, closes on 21 August 2023. The route for the pylons, passes through Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex running a distance of 111 miles , but running underground through the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the Essex-Suffolk border. SCC wishes to see improvements made to allow more undergrounding in the Gipping and Waveney Valleys. Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex County Councils continue to press for a coordinated offshore-centred approach to energy transmission .

Read more about the Norwich to Tilbury project and view a calendar of consultation events on the National Grid website. You can also comment on the proposals by: • completing National Grid’s online feedback form • sending a completed paper feedback form to Freepost N TO T (no stamp or further address needed) • completing a paper feedback form at one of the consultation events • emailing your comments to contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com Thanks are due to all who responded to the Community Benefits for Electricity Transmission Network Infrastructure consultation. The Electricity Transmission Network Acceleration Team are now reviewing all the responses received and will publish a response in due course.

Suffolk Fire Service

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has announced plans to create a new fire control centre within the county. Since October 2011, Suffolk has shared a control room with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire and Rescue Service in Huntingdon. The joint project has worked well, saving both fire services money and enabling greater cross border resource sharing. However, the company behind a project to deliver a new IT system, initiated in 2019, has run into technical and financial problems, causing a significant delay. This, in addition to advancements in technology, has led to the decision to bring fire control back into the county by the end of 2024

Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness

Suffolk’s Safer Stronger Communities Board joined a national campaign to raise awareness of Anti-Social Behaviour during a week of action in July. National Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week ran between 03-09 July aiming to encourage people and communities to make a stand against ASB, work together to make communities safer, and highlight ways to take action by those experiencing it. A series of meetings with East Suffolk’s Safer Neighbourhood team took place all over the area in the early part of July. For more information about Anti-Social Behaviour in Suffolk, please visit: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/communitysafety/anti-social-behaviour>

TJ adds:-‘May I take this opportunity to wish all those leaving or joining new schools and any form of education my very best wishes and to have a safe and happy

summer holiday. As always, I will endeavour to send any updates through as and when necessary. Best wishes TJ

Best wishes, TJ (County Councillor TJ Haworth-Culf)

The above is a precis of parts of the July Monthly Report from Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf. The full monthly reports can be read on the Aldringham cum Thorpe Website. Click on Info, and then go to Councillors and Authorities.

Community Emergency Planning

Suffolk Resilience Forum

The Suffolk Resilience Forum (SRF) is a multi-agency group that provides strategic and operational guidance and support on the planning for multi-agency responses to a major incident. Wow! That is a mouthful, so let me explain further.

The SRF is the principal organisation and driver responsible for ensuring that, when planning their response to major incidents, the different agencies in Suffolk cooperate with each other and share information and resources. Our own Community Emergency Plan links into the activities of the SRF through communication with our Local Authority Emergency Planning Officers, or the Duty Emergency Planning Officer, who will keep us advised of SRF activities, such as training and changes to the Community Risk Register.

It is a non-statutory organisation and the role of SRF Chair rotates every 12 – 18 months between the Police, Fire, County Council, District & Borough Local Authority leads. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service are currently the hosting agency and SRF Chair.

Aims

The Suffolk Resilience Forum aims to ensure Suffolk is prepared for civil emergencies. It provides a routine partnership forum of responder agencies whose aim it is to maximise the positive effects of integrated emergency management. By keeping regular lines of communication between the different agencies, and by holding regular exercises, the different responder agencies become familiar with each other's operation and personnel (A wise man once said to me that it is no good meeting your opposite number on the edge of a muddy field, at 2am on a wet, cold November night!). Multi agency training and communication will help all agencies respond professionally and effectively.

Training

In order to achieve this coordinated response, the SRF promotes cooperation between organisations in their preparation for response to a major incident. And it promotes cross-organisation training and exercise programmes.

Last year the Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service held a flood rescue training exercise (FloodEx) on the Shotley peninsula. It was designed to test the preparedness of local agencies in responding to flooding (at least one in six people in the UK is at risk from floods). The exercise involved power boats, a drone, a UNIMOG all-terrain

vehicle and 4x4 vehicles. Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue and the Salvation Army also lent their support to the Fire Service crews.

Students played the role of stranded residents and once rescued, they were transported to Hope Church in Ipswich, which was used as a Rest Centre for the exercise. Ipswich Borough Council response team was tasked with recording their details and ensuring their safety and wellbeing.

But it cannot be all work and no play. The SRF team were recently spotted at the Suffolk Show raising awareness, and handing out emergency guidance and household plans to visitors.

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

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

Uppen About – some Parish tales

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

Centenary Celebrations for Faithful Family Tribe



Maggie Boswell at home in Aldeburgh – her family have been holidaying in Thorpeness for 100 years.

The Dolphin will be the venue soon for a family who are marking taking holidays in Thorpeness for the last 100 years.

Although she now lives on the edge of Aldeburgh, Maggie Boswell is a well-known figure around Aldringham and Thorpeness, widening her circle of friends here during lockdown when she spent many hours on a bench overlooking the Meare.

It was Maggie's Grandfather Fred Cooksey, from Teddington, who first brought his wife and three young children here on the recommendation of a colleague in the Civil Service. Having rented one of the holiday properties the first year, in 1923 he bought a house on The Benthills, which has been their holiday base ever since. Maggie made her first visit to Thorpeness at the tender age of 3 weeks - 90 years ago next year. Fred and his family played a big role in the burgeoning holiday village, giving a cup for sailing at the Regatta, while his daughter Margaret Burleigh (Maggie's mother) gave another for a rowing event. Margaret and Maggie both learnt to play golf at Thorpeness when the course was still owned by the Ogilvies, and Maggie enjoys a trip to the hotel bar where she can spot many of her forebears on the boards marking notable annual Golfing contests. Maggie's daughter and son-in-law Annie and Brian Saunders (both doctors) now own the Benthills house, and with their three grown-up children, still come as often as they can. On another side of the family, in Wiltshire, Maggie's first Great Grandchild is due in November – the start, perhaps, of a new generation of faithful fans of Thorpeness!

On The Buses – use 'em or lose 'em

Time was when you had to positively sprint in and out of the chemist or the Co-op to catch the return bus from Aldeburgh to Thorpeness or Aldringham (not good if, like me, you are allergic to running).

Regular bus-user Mike Trapp has kindly pointed out that improvements to the timetable, valid since last September, mean that you can move at a slightly more leisurely pace and have around half an hour for a top-up shop, or a couple of hours for more serious shopping or enjoying a meal. Heading in the other direction, you can also spend a leisurely hour or three in Leiston.

The Border Bus Halesworth to Aldeburgh service now heads into town four times roughly every two hours during the morning and early afternoon. On weekdays, the bus leaves Aldringham (opposite the Parrot) at 8.28am, 10.38am, 12.38pm and 14.35pm, and Thorpeness (Almshouses) at 8.32am, 10.42am, 12.42pm and 14.39pm. On Saturdays there are three buses at 8.28am, 11.28am and 14.28pm from Aldringham, and four minutes later from Thorpeness. The journey takes under 10 minutes from Aldringham and five from Thorpeness. Returning, the service leaves Aldeburgh High Street at 09.07am, 11.07am, 13.27pm and 14.57pm on weekdays, and 09.07, 11.57 and 14.57 on Saturdays. Unfortunately, if you want to visit the fleshspots of Aldeburgh after dark or on Sunday, you have to make alternative arrangements! It's important to use these buses, or we may find they are gone for good.

Print your own Piece of History



One of the printing plates discovered by Craig in the Boathouse loft, now revived by Mabel and Co

Great news for any local who wanted to join in Mabel and Co's printing sessions in their Thorpeness shop this summer, but missed out first time round; more funding has been found, and 15 extra sessions, catering for up to four people a time, are to be held between now and September.

The sessions involved printing a selection from among 40 original copper & magnesium print plates, recently discovered by Meare boatman Craig Block in a wooden box in the boathouse loft and lent to James and Katie Jenkins at Mabel and Co. The blocks record the changing landscape from the very earliest days of Thorpeness' transformation into a holiday village, at the start of the twentieth century. It is thought that the plates were made for printers in Woodbridge, who used them to make postcards for visitors, printing advertising materials and guidebooks.

Having received part-funding from both the Amenity and Accessibility Fund and the Galloper Wind Farm Fund, Mabel and Co ran a series of printing sessions for the local public through June and July using the old blocks. Between 65 and 70 locals attended, and very much enjoyed the sessions, and many more would have liked to attend. Now thanks to a grant from the AONB Sustainable Development Fund they may be able to. But for anyone who misses out, a magnificent hand-printed, linen-bound book of the photos is being compiled by the Jenkinsees, and also a box containing seven of the images. Furthermore, a television programme featuring the find will be broadcast soon on Channel 5, presented by a famous so-far unnamed celebrity.

Sadly, Mabel and Co's presence in Thorpeness is drawing to a close. The shop has to be vacated after around 100 years of retail selling to make way for the expansion of The Dolphin. The Jenkinsees are returning to Sudbourne Park where they already have their main workshop, and are opening new shop premises in a hexagonal building that was once a seed store and gardener's office in the estate's walled garden. Contact Mabel and Co on enquiries@mabeland.co for details.

Super-bowler Sue still in winning form

Our super-talented lawn bowls competitor Sue Bard-Bodek has just won the Felixstowe Open Ladies Pairs Tournament for the second year running with her friend Tracey Johnson.

Sue, who plays for the Borough of Eye Bowls Club, is already through to represent Suffolk in the regular fours and senior fours at the English Nationals in August, having won the county finals.

However, her success follows disappointment in June when the English over-55s team, competing in heavy rain and blustery wind, were beaten by Wales in the British Isles Championships at Ayr. Wales were subsequently beaten by Ireland.



Sue Bard-Bodek (left) and her friend Tracey Johnson with their trophy at Felixstowe Open Ladies Pairs Bowls

Local Groups

St Andrew's Church



There is a lot going on this summer at St. Andrew's church, Aldringham. Regular (and not so regular) visitors to the churchyard will see that the long grass has now been cut, in line with our management plan to encourage the wild flowers which were so beautiful earlier in the year.

And if you need another excuse to visit, Pro Corda (all the way from Leiston Abbey) are presenting an afternoon concert of choral classics in the church on **Saturday 5th August at 5 pm**. No need to book, just come and enjoy music which will no doubt spill out into the sunshine with refreshments afterwards in the churchyard. There will be a retiring collection.

A few years ago (pre Covid) St Andrew's staged an OPEN DAY themed as a Wedding Festival with displays of wedding dresses through the ages and stories associated with the dresses. This year, the OPEN DAY will be on **Saturday 26 August**, with the theme being "Christenings" and we will be displaying christening robes and the stories associated with them. Many people have kindly loaned their family robes for the occasion. But there will be more; it is to be an Open Day for the church; there will be organ music, talks on the history of the church and the area and more. Oh, and tea and cake too. Do Come. There will be posters around in the town with more details.

New Curate joins Alde Sandlings Benefice



New Curate Revd Mary Brown with her mother and siblings after her ordination at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral in July

A new Curate has joined the Alde Sandlings Benefice to assist the Revd Sarah du Boulay. The Revd Mary Brown (37) will be with the benefice for the next three years, during which time she hopes God's future purpose for her will become clear.

From Dallinghoo and educated at Farlingaye High School and Ipswich School, Mary started working life as a history teacher at schools in Peterborough, Ware and Ipswich. It was after failing an interview for a new teaching post, and wondering why, that Mary realised she was being called by God, going on to undertake three years of training for the priesthood at Ridley Hall in Cambridge.

Her current home is the Rectory at Friston, which she finds lovely but large! However, she has found plenty of guests are eager to pay a visit to somewhere so close to the sea.

"They're welcome as long as they bring their bedding and cook for me while they're here," she says!

Pilgrims Together

We hope you are all enjoying the summer so far and taking lots of opportunities to be out and about. With refreshing walks along the coastline away from the traffic and with the sea breezes keeping you cool as you amble

along, we can truly thank God for our little slice of heaven here on earth.

If you are out and about on Sunday mornings at around 10am in Thorpeness you will hopefully have noticed us beside the duck pond as we continue our outdoor services throughout July and August. We would love it if you would come and join us - all you need is a chair or a blanket and we will provide the rest. Our thanks go to Hamish Ogilvie for allowing us the privilege of being there where we are so visible. What has been most noticeable this year is the number of people who watch us from the gardens of the nearby houses or from the Meare shop near the Boathouse, some also watch us from over the hedge next to the Meare. However you see us we'd love to have you with us for that half an hour every Sunday morning. This year's theme for the services has been about the different ways in which people are being called to serve God, even to this very day, along with the some of the old and familiar stories from the Bible. After the worship is over we usually spend time mingling with locals and visitors whilst enjoying a coffee from the Meare cafe. It's especially lovely to meet up with Thorpeness's visitors some of whom we see on an annual basis during their summer break and some of whom we are meeting for the first time.

We are also continuing to meet at the Outside Inn in Aldringham's pub, the Parrot and Punchbowl, on the first Saturday of the month. We enjoy conversation and a breakfast bap with tea/coffee (£6.50) before setting off for a short walk in the locality. Our thanks go to landlord Chris for continuing to support us and letting us meet there. On the third Saturday of the month we again meet up at the Parrot's Outside Inn where we have a coffee and croissant breakfast. (sadly we will not be meeting during August). When possible, on these particular Saturday mornings we take our worship into Aldringham Court Nursing Home and are welcomed by the staff and patients as they join us in a short service which includes lots of singing.

All this and our other acts of worship and activities can be viewed by contacting us on; Facebook

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

email address: pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and joyful summer. If you can come over to the pond on a Sunday morning please do so, you can be sure of a warm welcome, just don't forget your chair!

With every blessing from the team at Pilgrims Together.

Sue Atkinson

On behalf of Pilgrims Together

Good Neighbours

Aldringham cum Thorpe Good Neighbours held their AGM followed by the Annual Garden Party on a blustery June day which, unfortunately, confined tea-takers to inside The Pavilion. While there were around 20 volunteers to help demolish the mountain of food, there were very few of our helpees (we don't like the term clients) joining in, even though they are not required to sit through the meeting first!

Treasurer Joy Day has had huge struggles with Barclays Bank trying to change cheque signatories and arrange

online banking, including the bank losing all the certified proof of identity documents from three GN officers attending different branches at different times.

We now have 38 volunteers and have undertaken 11 tasks since the last newsletter in April.

Helpline Phone Number 07521 047 843

Pippa McLardy

Hon Sec

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

The AGM was held on June 18th when the Trustees' report and accounts for 2022 were presented. Four trustees were re-elected and eight were re-nominated by the user groups. Two trustees resigned – Mark Ballamy representing the Heritage Group and Sue Allen representing the Social Group and these groups will be seeking to nominate replacements.

Tea and Toast, represented by Sue Atkinson, have decided, with regret, not to resume their meetings following the pandemic, and therefore did not nominate a trustee.

Thank you to all who attended this formal but essential meeting, held to comply with Charity Commission requirements.

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), and the Cricket Club for nets practice on Sundays at 2pm (Contact Francis Byrne 07775 791441).

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground Trustees

PS On July 18th Maureen Jones called on the Beachbaggers team of volunteers to help clear the overgrown orchard area planted in 2020. Four or five dead trees will be replaced in the Autumn, possibly even with a Robert Deakin Thorpeness apple, grafted from the famous low-lying bush on Thorpeness beach. The team included: David James, Hazel Searle, Di Holmes, Godfrey Baldry, Michael & Susanne Hall, Maureen & Chris Jones, Jane Mcloughlin and Debbie Crow.

Aldringham Green Coffee Caravan - Last Days?

At the end of Tuesday 11th July's Coffee Caravan visit, Ann Osborn, their founder, sadly told me that she feels September 12th's visit will be the last time she brings the Coffee Caravan to Aldringham Green. Over the last couple of years our numbers have dwindled and there are not sufficient attendees to warrant setting up for so few. She was sad about this as Aldringham was one of her first venues when 20 years ago, she started her organization to address loneliness in Suffolk's rural communities.

Over the last couple of years we have lost some of the original users to the passage of time and despite posters on village notice boards and postings in the Newsletter and the Parish Magazine, our numbers have not recovered.

She did give me the impression that if we managed to put out a good crowd she might consider a reprieve. She has

always enjoyed the Green as a lovely place to hold their coffee afternoon and still asks about all our locals. Come on everybody in Aldringham, let's see you there on the 12th September. *Bill Seale*

Cricket Club

Thorpeness Cricket Club v White Lion Toft Monks Away Sunday 11th June Home Sunday 9th July '23 20 overs for away game and 15 overs home game

The away game is played on ancient Maypole Green situated right by a T junction. Play ceases when a vehicle passes. A retriever is called in to find the numerous lost balls that land in a deep ditch on one side and ditch and large pond on another. A barbecue and bar is set up where sustenance and refreshment may be purchased at the lowest of prices. A number of spectators arrive with fold-up chairs to watch the proceedings.

Thorpeness attain 90 (Francis 29 Martin 15 Tim 15). We've arrived with just 6 players but no matter, the White Lion team are generous, lending fielders through their innings.

The game comes down to the last over but the Thorpeness bowling can't quite stem the flow of runs from the White Lion onslaught. They reach our score in the last over. A close game.

The home game is similarly a testament to how enjoyable village cricket can be where some players don't put so much emphasis on winning.

This game was played mainly in drizzle on a wicket which already had received some heavy showers. Consequently the ball had a low slow bounce and batsmen tended to be through their shots too early. The outfield also slow, a mighty hit was needed to reach the boundary along the ground.

Thorpeness batted first captained by Tim Day who top scores with 26. We reach 47 a derisory score by any reckoning but despite Mark scoring 27 retired, and Trevor bowls Brett, Martin takes 3 wickets and Francis 4. I run only coming from the last over.

Thorpeness win by 1 run. What a game!

Thorpeness Cricket Club Fixtures 2023

Sunday 23rd April Voneus Cup V Great Totham Home
 Sunday 7th May Voneus Cup V ?
 Saturday 13th May V Wandering Willows Away London ?
 Saturday 3rd June V Del Boys Away London
 Sunday 11th June V Toft Monks Away
 Wednesday 28th June V Saxmundham Away
 Sunday 9th July V Toft Monks Home
 Tuesday 11th July V Halesworth Pumas Home
 Tuesday 18th July V Sudbourne Away 18.00
 Thursday 27th July Woodbridge Away 18.00
 Thursday 10th August V Woodbridge Home 18.00
 Sunday 13th August V Easton Away
 Thursday 17th August V Halesworth Pumas away
 Thursday 24th August V Saxmundham Home
 Saturday 2nd September V Del Boys Home

Francis Byrne

07775791441

Historic Vehicle Rally Sunday 27th August 2022 10am till 4pm

Stalls expected include:- Wood turning; decoupage items and gifts, skin care products, fabric quilts fun bags, themed bunting ;girls hair accessories, bracelets and necklaces.

Barbecue and bar

Live music Ukulele 11.00 till noon. Pop & R&B from noon Tombola

Proceeds to Thorpeness Cricket Club £5 per car on entry Exhibitors Classic cars , motorbikes, tractors , traction engines free.

Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group



The Heritage Centre opened for the 2023 season as of Easter weekend and thanks to our great membership is being staffed on a voluntary basis between 11am - 3pm Friday to Sunday for the tourist Summer season through to September.

Work has progressed on replacing the tired and weather damaged Thorpeness Village Trail Boards – and all bar one the new tops are now in place and look good!

Four local businesses have supported this initiative with financial sponsorship for which we are very grateful – The Dolphin, Suffolk Coastal Estate Agents , Aldeburgh Coastal Cottages and Suffolk Secrets.

A new trail for Aldringham is in the planning stages and with work from our history team and support through the CIL funds and Parish Council we believe this will come to fruition in the not-too-distant future.

Events

On April 15th a Spring Fete and Craft Fair at The Parrot and Punchbowl, Aldringham was a very busy and successful event, jointly organised by Maureen Jones and Wendy Sturme. A good sum was raised to support local charities as well as TAHG.

May 9th saw a talk by Henry Fletcher about his artistic projects and in particular the Cairn he had erected [twice] on the beach at Thorpeness. This was hosted by The Country Club who donated the venue free of charge including hot drinks – and also the kind hospitality provided by the Fletcher family after the Cairn's dismantling [in the torrential rain] in their beachside house .This talk became double faceted as not only did the evening include his original planned presentation but it also became the day he had come to decide he would dismantle the cairn with help from those attending the event and also to raise funds for a number of Parkinsons

Charities. We are aware that there are mixed views on whether the cairn should stay or go – but would like to make sure it is known that TAHG had no part in the decision to dismantle it!

August 5th – TAHG is pleased to be part of the Dolphin Summer Fete – and we look forward to seeing you there . Future activities will include a talk by Hamish Ogilvie to take place in late September at Sizewell Hall – the venue alone will attract a lot of interest! – watch out for notification of the date so you can sign up! More events are always being discussed so please look out for further news in due course.

Newsletter Editor

After many years ably and brilliantly producing and editing the TAHG newsletter Sue Atkinson has decided to take a well-earned rest from this role – she is owed a great deal of gratitude for this by the committee and the membership. Sue's newsletters have always been extremely interesting and informative and basically "a good read" . THANKS SO MUCH, SUE !

This of course leaves a vacancy for this role. Anyone interested in taking over should contact chairman Richard Bodek at: info@tahg.org.uk to express an interest. The newsletter is produced twice yearly so is a vital but hopefully not too onerous a task.

We are pleased to say that Sue is to continue on the Committee and also as Membership Secretary. Best wishes for the rest of the summer - and we look forward to seeing you soon at events or at the Heritage Centre.

Richard Bodek

Chair of TAHG



After two years' hard work, mostly by Chris and Maureen Jones, The Heritage Centre garden is taking shape and looking lovely in the sunshine

Photo

Maureen Jones

Neighbourhood Watch

As I say so often, we are very privileged to live in such a safe area. However, every so often, we have to be aware that we do have visitors who are not so welcome. Earlier this year we had two vehicles stolen in Thorpeness, plus a bicycle. We are now dealing with asbestos which has been dumped in a garage - again in Thorpeness, and the garage having been broken into - and now more asbestos

dumped in brambles near the garages. Our role is to be as aware as possible. We all become complacent, and I notice at this time of year how many second home residents, or holiday let people leave bicycles in the garden, doors and windows open while out, which for most part is fine, but there is always the opportunist - not too many of them, fortunately, but keep your property in a safe place, and eyes open.

Keep well, keep vigilant.

Evelyn Rumsby - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Aldeburgh Phoenix Club (formerly The Aldeburgh Festival Club)

75 not out!

If you're reading this publication, then it's a safe bet that you have heard of The Aldeburgh Festival – a world renowned event that has brought together music and culture since 1948. What you may be less aware of is the festival's history and something called the Aldeburgh Festival Club. This was also founded in 1948 to provide somewhere for Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears to meet with the performers and guests of that first festival. It became an established part of the Aldeburgh social scene, developing into a social and dining club with a guest speaker that met weekly at The White Lion, The Wentworth Hotel and the Britten Pears Gallery. Over time, the close association between the Aldeburgh Festival and the Festival Club diminished and eventually the number of members dropped to a point where changes had to be made. In 2014, the Aldeburgh Phoenix Club rose from the dying embers of the Festival Club. The name was changed but the core purpose remains the same; a convivial evening where people can meet, dine and listen to a variety of interesting speakers. Events take place fortnightly in a range of venues, including: The Wentworth Hotel, The Old Generator Station, Leiston Abbey and St Peter and St Paul's church hall. The 2023/24 season marks the club's 75th anniversary and promises to be as entertaining and informative as those that have gone before. The wide range of topics covered by guest speakers includes the Cullinan diamond (as seen at King Charles's recent coronation), the London Bonnevilles, HM custom's and border force along with an evening with the Aldeburgh vet and an insight into the workings of Riding for the Disabled and Big Kid Foundation charities, to name but a few.

So, when the excitement of the Aldeburgh Festival and the summer months have once again faded, and you are wondering how to spend the winter months that lie ahead, why not come and join us at the Aldeburgh Phoenix Club? A warm welcome awaits you on a cold night, along with a tasty two course meal and a stimulating evening spent with interesting company and informative speakers.

There's no need to wait for June to access culture and fun in Aldeburgh, come and join us at the Phoenix Club every 2nd and 4th Thursday from October to April.

For further information please contact the membership secretary, Mary Erwin on mary1erwin@hotmail.com or call 07983 239530.

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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,		
Lamsale Meadow, Saxmundham		01728 602022
<u>Non-emergency</u> health problems advice		111

Power cut line 0800 31 63 105 or simply call 105

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Aldeburgh Dental Practice		
167 High Street, Aldeburgh		01728 452884
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Leiston Dental Care		01728 561873

Pharmacies

Aldeburgh Pharmacy		
125 High Street, Aldeburgh		01728 452763
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East of England Coop Pharmacy		
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Veterinary Surgeons

Aldeburgh Vets		
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Gerald Lomax		07882 621102
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WHAT'S ON – August 2022 to December 2022

Month	Place	Event
August		
Sat 5 th 12 noon	Dolphin Thorpeness	Village Fete
Sat 5 th 5pm	St Andrew's Church	Pro Corda Concert (free – no need to book)
Sun 6 th , 13 th , 20 th 27 th 10am	Thorpeness Meare (by the duck pond)	Pilgrims Together lead Open Air religious service. Bring a chair.
Sun 6 th 3pm	St Andrew's Church	Annual Animal Service
Sun 6 th	Thorpeness Golf Club	Captain Pro Challenge kicks off Centenary Golf week
Tues 8 th 2pm-4pm	Aldringham Green	Coffee Caravan
Weds 9 th	Thorpeness Golf Club	3 rd Annual Thorpeness East Region Pro Am
Sun 13 th 8pm	Dolphin Thorpeness	Aspall Cinema in the Teepee
Mon 21 st	Aldeburgh	Carnival
Thurs 24 th	Thorpeness Country Club	End of Summer Programme
Thurs 24 th	Thorpeness Meare	Annual Regatta MEARE CLOSED TO PUBLIC
Fri 25 th	Thorpeness Meare	Annual Regatta and Fireworks MEARE CLOSED
Sat 26 th from 11am	St Andrew's Church	Christening Festival (displays, talks, music)
Sun 27 th 10am – 4pm	Ogilvie Sports Ground Thorpeness	Classic Vehicle Rally
Mon 28 th	Countrywide	August Bank Holiday Monday
September		
Mon 4 th 7pm	Pavilion, Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
Weds 6 th	All SCC Schools	SCHOOLS BACK FOR AUTUMN TERM
Sun 9 th	County-wide	Churches Ride and Stride
Tues 12 th 2pm-4pm	Aldringham Green	Coffee Caravan
Sun 17 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	Special Battle of Britain Anniversary Service
Fri 22 nd	Dolphin Thorpeness	Community Lunch
October		
Tues 11 th 2pm-4pm	Aldringham Green	Coffee Caravan
Mon 16 th 7pm	Pavilion, Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 20 th	All SCC Schools	END OF FIRST HALF OF AUTUMN TERM
Mon 30 th	All SCC Schools	SCHOOLS BACK FROM HALF-TERM BREAK
November		
Fri 24 th 12noon	Parrot Aldringham	Community Christmas Lunch
Mon 27 th 7pm	To be decided	Parish Council Meeting
December		
Fri 16 th	All SCC Schools	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Every Wednesday morning at St Andrew's Church – 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 (not August).

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

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

Mobile Library 25/8, 22/9, 20/10 17/11, 15/11. Aldringham Ogilvie Homes 9.40am, Thorpe Almshouses 10.20, Aldringham Mill Hill 11.05