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# Aldborough & Thurgarton News

December 2020



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Welcome along to this Newsletter, put together by Aldborough & Thurgarton Parish Council. These are difficult times with rules, regulations and plans changing at very short notice. Therefore, we apologise in advance, because it seems inevitable that some of the information in this Newsletter will be out of date, or inaccurate by the time it lands at your door! We have done our best. But please do verify everything using the web links we have provided wherever possible.

This Newsletter is rather large because of the tremendous support and number of activities that take place within our community. We specifically wanted to create something bright and cheerful and to keep everyone informed about what is happening in our wonderful villages. It was also our intention to provide concrete information about Christmas on the green but these events are still not clear - so do please check village websites for the latest information.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the villages of Aldborough and Thurgarton for showing what wonderful community spirit exists here. This tough year has shown that more than any other.

Hopefully, in a few weeks (from the time of writing) we will emerge from Lockdown 2 and all be looking forward to the end of year holidays and the start of a bright new year.

*Aldborough & Thurgarton Parish Council*

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## ALDBOROUGH SURGERY

### Covid 19

**Due to the coronavirus outbreak, how you contact your GP Surgery will be different at the moment. This is to limit face-to-face contact where possible and help stop the spread of coronavirus.**



On telephoning the Surgery the receptionist may ask you some questions regarding your condition to access what would be the most appropriate appointment for you.

Face to face appointments are available to all patients, but you may be asked to discuss your conditions over the phone or online first.



Reception  
01263 768602

Dispensary  
01263 768819

[aldboroughsurgery.co.uk](http://aldboroughsurgery.co.uk)



## Team Changes

We would like to give a warm welcome to Dr Maria Mashkova who started at Aldborough Surgery at the beginning of August and will be us until the beginning of February 2021. Dr Mashkova is a qualified Doctor who has just started her post graduate training in General Practice and will be working alongside Dr Fleming throughout her time with us.

Dr Victoria Bowman has recently left Aldborough Surgery and we wish her every success for the future. Amy Pemberton – Receptionist has also left Aldborough Surgery with a view to pursuing a career in Midwifery. We are delighted to say that the following members of staff have recently joined our lovely practice:

*Susie Mayes – Receptionist*

*Sue Macnish – Receptionist*

*Michelle Yaxley – Dispenser*

*Jane Thomsett – Dispenser*

## Patient Health & Wellbeing

If you have still not had your flu jab, contact Reception who can make you an appointment. This year, 3 types of flu vaccine will be used in the flu programme.

**(1) Adjuvanted trivalent flu vaccine (aTIV) – This is licensed for people aged 65 years and over.**

**(2) Quadrivalent vaccine (QIV) – This is recommended for people under the age of 65 years who are at risk from flu because of a long term health condition or women who are currently pregnant.**

It is important that this group of patients are treated first. As per the new government guidelines for 2020 only due to Covid 19, patients who would like a vaccine aged between 50 and 65 will need to contact the surgery to arrange an appointment towards the end of November.

**(3) Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) – This is a nasal spray and is licensed for children and young people from 2 years old to less than 18 years of age. The age groups targeted in England for this vaccine in 2020/21 are two and three year olds (through GP surgeries) and school aged children in reception class through to year 5 (through schools).**

## Shingles Vaccinations

Aged 70 years? You are eligible plus anyone in their 70s who was born after 1 September 1942 and has not yet had the vaccine. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, contact Reception who can let you know.

## New Website

We have recently set up a new website for Aldborough Surgery. Patients are able to contact the surgery online and the website includes lots of useful information. Please do take a look - [www.aldboroughsurgery.co.uk](http://www.aldboroughsurgery.co.uk)

## Medicals and Insurance Reports

If you require a Medical for the DVLA or your HGV Licence, this is something our GP's can help with. They can also complete medical reports and questionnaires for insurance purposes and provide letters for reasons such as travelling with medication. In most circumstances there will be a fee, which will require full payment up front before any work is undertaken. For more details and for pricing you can enquire at Reception. Please note; as this is all classed as private work it will not take priority over day to day GP administration, therefore we advise you notify us of your requirements in plenty of time.

## Chiropody

Kirsty Flynn is available for chiropody appointments at Aldborough Surgery on Fridays. Please feel free to contact Kirsty directly on telephone number [01263 511911](tel:01263511911).



## Aldborough Surgery Dispensary

Please may we remind you that the Dispensary requires at least two working days for prescriptions to be dispensed once your order is placed. Although we will try to dispense sooner this is not always possible. If you are approaching the last week of your supply of medication, please take the opportunity to place your order then so that you don't run out. This will also allow us more time to fit in a medication or other review should one be needed.

Orders for medication can be made by telephone to the Dispensary on Monday and Wednesday between 9:00am and 10:30am, and every weekday between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Please telephone: [01263 768819](tel:01263768819) to make your request. We understand that you cannot always order your repeat prescriptions during our designated hours, so why not do it online? Simply visit the Dispensary with a form of photographic ID, and they can give you a password to log in to Systmonline with. You can order your repeat prescriptions and book GP appointments at the click of a button! This would save you waiting to get through on the phone or until their telephone lines open at the allotted times.

**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
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**Tuesday**

\*Allow an extra working day for dispensing if we are closed for a Bank Holiday.







We continue to miss all our regular activities (Village Lunch, Coffee Mornings and the newly established Yoga classes) and hope that they will all restart in the spring.



## Transport



We can still try to provide transport to medical appointments, although it may be harder to find volunteer drivers at the moment. Please contact Shirley Candler (768608) if you need a lift.



Our wonderful team of volunteers can pick up and deliver your orders from the village shop and prescriptions from the surgery. Both the shop and the surgery can arrange this for you.

Jane Maguire  
01263 761578  
Facebook  
@aldboroughvillagecare



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Village Care recently set up a collection point outside the Community Centre for the Cromer Foodbank, who have sent the following thanks:

*"During October you contributed 148.05kg of food which helped towards a monthly total of 5570.5kg. We totally rely on donations, both food and financial, to operate and we are extremely grateful when people choose to support us. So thank you for thinking of us and enabling us to serve the people in crisis across our district."*

Village Care hope very much to support the Parish Council and others in their efforts to enable some Christmas activities to take place. ***Please tell us if we can help in any other ways.***

**Village Care sends all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to everyone.**

## COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Management Crisis!

The Management Committee, which comprises representatives of local organisations and 6 public members, oversees the day to day running and care of the building on a voluntary basis together with a cleaner who is the only paid person. Unfortunately the committee has been struggling in recent months as we have lost several of our members including the cleaning team and the bar manager and most of those who do remain are nearing their 'sell by date' ! The chairperson, secretary and treasurer have all indicated their intention to retire at the next AGM so in order to ensure that this remarkable facility will continue to be enjoyed by future generations ***we need a new, energetic and focussed team to take over the helm.***

We realise that work and family commitments are a priority but, with this village amenity and all its facilities, it is sad to think that, unless new faces come forward, its future is under threat. So, whilst life is quieter than usual, perhaps you might like to give thought to what you may be able to offer in the way of time or ideas.

**Please call me on 01263 761310 or [sue\\_brian\\_m@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_brian_m@hotmail.com).**

**Sue Metcalf, Chairperson**



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### Covid-19 Closure

This time last year the Community Centre was buzzing with activities and, as well as regular bookings, the Aldbrough Players were getting busy rehearsing the pantomime. Life was busy. Sadly the Covid outbreak forced the closure of the Centre last March and just when we were contemplating re-opening, the second wave hit. In order to be able to re-open, even for activities which might be deemed "Covid-safe" it would be necessary to have available many more volunteers to "police" activities and to sterilise the centre after each use. Unfortunately we do not have enough able bodies to be in a position to re-open at present so, sadly, the Management Committee has decided that we must close again. It is hoped that we will be in a position to re-open next year.



### Upkeep

The Community Centre was built in 1884 and like all old buildings it needs a great deal of money to keep it fit for purpose. Our main sources of funding are the hire charges and profits from the bar which are generally sufficient to cover running costs and basic maintenance costs. The Parish Council had the building surveyed by a firm of Chartered Surveyors which identified important maintenance works required both internally & externally. The Management Committee has secured a grant of £10k which will allow us to complete the internal works in time for re-opening. The external works are estimated to cost between £60k-£80k and the Parish Council is working with the Management Committee to secure funding for these works.

### Facilities

If you are not familiar with the Community Centre, it is a magnificent building which houses a superb main hall together with stage, a well equipped kitchen, comfortable bar room (with well stocked bar which is run by volunteers), WiFi, a full-size snooker table, a table tennis table and badminton net, not forgetting the sound system, massive screen and overhead digital projector.



### Activities

Until lockdown we were proud to have the building in use most days of the week including ballet classes, chess, dominoes, the busy Village Care lunch club, bingo, bridge, snooker, table tennis, history group, art group, Spanish bowls, zumba, farmers market. Throughout the year we have the annual flower and vegetable show, Christmas carol service, parish council meetings, quiz nights and the popular Aldbrough Players. The Centre is also a popular venue for dances, wedding receptions, children's parties, and even funeral wakes.



## SHOP & POST OFFICE



**We are here to serve you through out the year and at Christmas. It's been a difficult time for us all but we hope we have been able to maintain as good a service as possible.**

Please order early for all your Christmas goods to help us make sure that your orders are fulfilled. We can pre order Fresh Turkeys, Chickens, Ham Joints,

Sausage meat, fruit and veg and any other special requirements. We continue to have daily deliveries of fresh milk, bread, meat, fruit and veg. Daily papers can also be pre ordered. **01263 761198**



**We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best at Christmas and into the New Year.**

## BLACK BOYS PUB

*Dear Residents of Aldborough and the surrounding villages.*

It has been without doubt the toughest year the hospitality industry has ever had to face. We are however still pressing ahead with improvements to the Black Boys including decorating, replacing the pub sign and refurbishing the old function room upstairs which will give us at least 40 extra covers for diners. This will also provide a sizeable room for meetings, functions such as birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, and wakes etc.



so please do get in contact to make a booking.

We hope to re-open on December 3rd (subject to government announcements) but please check website/Facebook.



Take care everyone and stay safe - Sandra and the Black Boys team

**01263 761649** | [www.blackboysaldborough.co.uk](http://www.blackboysaldborough.co.uk) | Fb - @BlackBoysAldborough

### CHESTNUT BARN

A spacious holiday barn with three double en-suite bedrooms and a mezzanine with four single beds, sleeps total of 10 plus two cots and two extra fold up bed can be provided, pets welcome, large parking area, garden with outdoor seating, outdoor games, BBQ and table tennis.

**Kate Hammond**

**01263 761169**

**07918 673716**

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Lavatories

Gardens - reopen spring 2021  
Enquiries about weddings/parties/  
receptions welcome

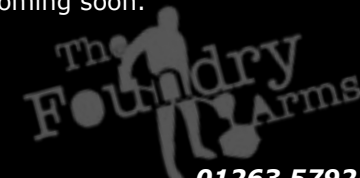
**01263 584175**

**[admin@walpoleestate.co.uk](mailto:admin@walpoleestate.co.uk)**

**[www.manningtonestate.co.uk](http://www.manningtonestate.co.uk)**

### FOUNDRY ARMS

The foundry Arms is at the heart of Northrepps Village and is the sister pub of the Aldborough Black Boys. We offer great home cooked food and a wide range of drinks to suit all palettes. We are taking bookings for Christmas so check out our facebook page and website for details. Joint deals and discounts with the Black Boys coming soon.

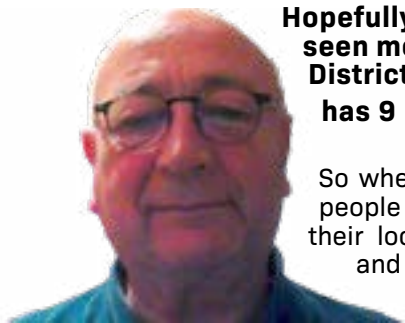


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**Fb: @TheFoundryArms**

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## COUNCILLOR JOHN TOYE



Hopefully many of you will know me or have seen me around locally. I am John Toye, your District Councillor for Erpingham Ward which has 9 parishes one of which is Aldbrough.

So where do I fit in? I am here to facilitate local people to achieve the things they would like for their local area. I work with the parish councils and individuals that come to me. Helping to progress your aims and trying to resolve your issues. This year has been difficult for many of you but by all your good work in following the guidelines, showing community spirit and supporting one another, we have one of the lowest infection rates in the country. Thank you.

My contact information is available on the website where you will find lots of other useful information about your award winning District council. Plenty of time on these winters nights to see what we do for you.

**Please remember: Hands Face Space.**

## VILLAGE VOICE

Dear Editor

*In these difficult times I would like to offer some praise for local initiatives that have taken and are taking place over this year of uncertainty.*

- Firstly, this newsletter. I hope it carries on the good works done by the village care group and by Keeping In Touch.
- The Village Sign, though it took some considerable time, looks the part and I'm glad to see it incorporates Ron Hayton's cricket design.
- It's good to see how so many village people have come together to oppose the pig farm planning application, and it's interesting to see the number of skills that are available in the village.
- The village shop has kept the village fed and when allowed the Black Boys has kept us watered!
- I've seen and heard people offering help where it's needed to others who have been having difficulties in many different ways.

*This village is a good place to live and I'm proud to be a resident of Aldbrough.*

If you have comments which you would like featured please do let us know.



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**Community Hall | Wedding Venue**

**Party Venue | Business Meeting Room**



To discuss  
making a  
booking

**01263 761310**

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## DUNCAN BAKER MP

**I have greatly enjoyed meeting and working with residents in Aldborough during the visits I've made so far, and I was pleased to be able to help secure replacement supplies of flu vaccine following the power failure at the local GP surgery.**

2020 has undoubtedly been a very tough year. However, as we put this year behind us, there are some glimmers of hope. We can expect the first round of Covid vaccinations early in 2021, and as the Health Secretary assured me



recently, there will be "plenty of vaccine for North Norfolk". Residents and staff in our care homes will be amongst the first to receive the new vaccine.

The government's package of financial support has been one of the best in the world, and where I have been able to it has been a privilege to help so many businesses and people get the support they need. My team have worked flat out helping residents and my office is always here for advice and support.

My highlight has to be my summer tour and seeing so many residents. During that time the very busy 'staycation' summer which was so good for our local businesses has helped,

and there are some early indications that the UK economy will be back on track sooner than any of us could have expected.

North Norfolk has been fantastic in keeping the rate of infection low, but more recently we had to accept a four-week lockdown to help protect the NHS in the county as a whole. This has been difficult for us to accept but, by continuing to play our part, we can hasten an end to the difficulties this year has thrown at us.

**However you celebrate this year, I wish you a very happy, safe Christmas and a wonderful start to 2021.**

*Duncan Baker  
Member of Parliament for North Norfolk*



## CHRISTMAS FOODBANK



### Can you help?

Please would you help provide some special items for the foodbank?

As well as the usual, and much appreciated, items such as, soup, pasta, tinned vegetables etc. the food bank are asking if people would consider donating some special Christmas items.

*So, assuming the lockdown is lifted,*

**on Saturday December 5th from 9.30am to 10.30m,**

we will be providing Christmas music at the Village Care foodbank collection point at the Aldborough Community Centre to encourage and thank you for bringing a donation to the foodbank. Of course, you can bring item to donate to the Food bank at any time and any day. Your contributions will make a huge difference to those who are finding life especially tough right now. This is the list of special Christmas items. Please could you provide just one item? .... or more... if you can?

### Thank you very much.

If the lockdown isn't lifted, we won't be able to provide the music, but your donations will still be accepted and valuable at any time.



## CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

### Did you know.....

• In December 1843 the first Christmas card was sent. JC Horsely designed the card at the request of Sir Henry Cole. 1,000 were made and sold in London.



• The Sunday before Advent is called 'Stir up Sunday' when Christmas puddings were traditionally made. Each member of the family would stir the pudding and make a secret wish. Only wooden spoons should be used to for stirring, to remind people of the wooden crib. The Christmas pudding was stirred from the east to the west in honour of the Wise Men who visited baby Jesus. Originally, the puddings had 13 ingredients, to represent Jesus and his disciples.

• Hanging stockings out comes from the Dutch custom of leaving shoes packed with food for St Nicholas's donkeys. He would leave small gifts in return.

• Mince pies were originally large beef pies, to remind people of the cows that were in the stable, where Jesus was born.



• In 1647 Oliver Cromwell banned Christmas festivities. The ban wasn't lifted until 1660!

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Summer Opening Times: Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm

Winter Opening Times: Tuesday-Sunday 10am-4pm

## CHURCH & CHAPEL NEWS



**Throughout this newsletter you will see various contributions from the Church. The Church and Chapel have kindly provided the community stars mentioned elsewhere and which we hope to see widely displayed around the village. The Pyjamas initiative is also thanks to the Church, and as always, the Church is available to support those in need during this unusual year.**

COVID may have closed Churches and Chapels for a period this year but "Church" is not just about a building. It is about a day-by-day, hour-by-hour walk and for many this is manifested in very practical ways. Within our village in non-COVID times Village Breakfast, the weekly "Mens Group", monthly "Craft Group", Christmas Celebration and "Open the Book" school assemblies are all led by Church or Chapel.

There are a variety of options (COVID permitting) to worship over the next couple of months. The planned services are listed overleaf but please do be aware this is subject to potential change and where possible it is advised to check.



## CHURCH SERVICES

### Aldborough Parish Church

Assuming that we are allowed to resume our services, these are the services in December and January.

#### December

Sun 6th - 11am  
Sun 13th - 11am  
Sun 20th - 8am  
Christmas Eve - 10pm Candlelight service  
Sun 27th - Group Service (venue tbc)

#### January

Sun 3rd: 11am  
Sun 10th: 11am  
Sun 17th: 8am  
Sun 24th: 8am and 10:15am in Aylsham Parish Church  
Sun 31st Group service at 11am in Itteringham.

Church Warden - Jill King

Tel: **01263 768077**

email: [jill.king4@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jill.king4@tiscali.co.uk)

Rev. Tony Lynn

Tel: **01263 735524**

email: [revtonylynn@btinternet.com](mailto:revtonylynn@btinternet.com)

## PRINCE ANDREW'S CHAPEL

Post lock-down, we hope to return to meeting on Sundays at 10.45 for about an hour of worship and Bible Study - socially distanced as required.

If you are feeling isolated and alone and in need of a chat please contact

John

Tel: **01263 577624** or

Peter

Tel: **01263 577646**

They are happy to pray with and for you.

## NEIGHBOURING PARISHES

### Christmas services happening in neighbouring parishes

#### Itteringham

Sunday 13th	11am	Family Service – Fiona
Wednesday 16th	6pm	Carol Service
Sunday 20th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 24th	11:15pm	Midnight Mass
Sunday 27th	10:30am	Group Holy Communion

#### Little Barningham

Sunday 13th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	6pm	Carol Service
Friday 25th	9:30am	Christmas Family Service

#### Wickmere

Sunday 6th	5pm	Festival of Light
Friday 25th	11am	Christmas Family Service

#### Ingworth

Sunday 20th	3.30pm	'A service of Christmas music and readings'
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#### Calthorpe

Christmas Eve	3.30pm	'A service of Christmas music and readings'
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#### Erpingham

Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
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#### Thwaite

Christmas Day	10.30am	'A service of Christmas music and readings'
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NB In order to comply with social distancing requirements attendance at this service needs to be confirmed by booking in advance.

Contact Lesley Hennessey [lesley.alby@gmail.com](mailto:lesley.alby@gmail.com) ( **01263 761873** )



## COMMUNITY STARS



To show that we are all part of this community and to remind us all that every individual is important we are asking everyone in Aldborough and Thurgarton to put a star in their window?

When people walk or drive past your house, they will see the star and know that we are all part of a great community team. You matter. You are included. When people look out of their windows, they may be able to see a star in someone else's home and know that they are not alone, we are all linked together.

You may want to make your own bigger, brighter star, you may put stars in every window in your home, but we are giving you a star, so that you have at least one to put in your window, so it can be seen to remind us all that we are all part of the wonderful Aldborough and Thurgarton community.

There will be stars on the community Christmas tree this year and the Village Care distribution team are looking forward to distributing the stars with the newsletter. We are all very grateful to them for the work they are doing.

So, whether you want to wish upon a star, or use the stars as a promise of better things to come in 2021, we hope you'll join us in this community venture.

Covid may have taken the shine off this year but let's put the shine back with our community stars!

The star is enclosed for you, and the stars on the tree, are a gift to the village from Church and Chapel.

## PYJAMAS!!

In the North Norfolk area, there are over fifty child carers. That is schoolchildren who care for a member of their family. One of these carers is just five years old. These are frightening statistics.

To let these children know that someone is bothered about them, Aldborough and some neighbouring churches are collecting new pyjamas to give to these children as a Christmas gift. We were advised that pyjamas is a sensible, even necessary, offering.

If you are happy to donate a pair of pyjamas, and live in the Parish of Aldborough and Thurgarton, we're asking you to buy pyjamas suitable for secondary-aged children, i.e. 11 to 16 years of age. The wrapping of the pyjamas is not necessary.



Drop-off points:  
Aldborough church porch, or Riverside, Chapel Road, Aldborough;. Final drop-off deadline **Monday, 14th December**. Thank you very much in advance for your generosity!

Do feel free to make contact with me if you have any questions or concerns about this wonderful project or any other matter.

The Reverend Tony Lynn, Interim Minister, Aldborough, Itteringham, Little Barningham and Wickmere.

Telephone: 01263-735524, email: [revtonylynn@btinternet.com](mailto:revtonylynn@btinternet.com)

## CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN

*Please note that all plans listed here are subject to **alteration and possible cancellation** with rapidly changing government legislation. Therefore please check website and Facebook before finalising plans.*

If events are able to take place then all events will be subject to strict COVID rules, with Marshals in place, social distancing being strictly enforced and we request all adults wear masks. It's a year of adjustments and it's all becoming second nature.

*To all the children in Aldborough Village,*

*I have just had a very worried Father Christmas on the phone explaining to me that it is taking him a little longer than usual to sort out everyone's presents this year due to coronavirus restrictions.*

*He has been making sure that his elves are safe and socially distanced but it sadly means that he will not be making his usual early December trip to Aldborough Green this year. HOWEVER - he wants to reassure everybody that he will be at all of our houses on Christmas Eve and he said not to worry as this will never be cancelled!*

*He also said that the reindeer are particularly fond of Aldborough's carrots so if any families have one spare he'd be very grateful!*



This has been a difficult year for many and as a symbol of solidarity please note the plan to widely display community stars within the village.



### Christmas Carols on the Green

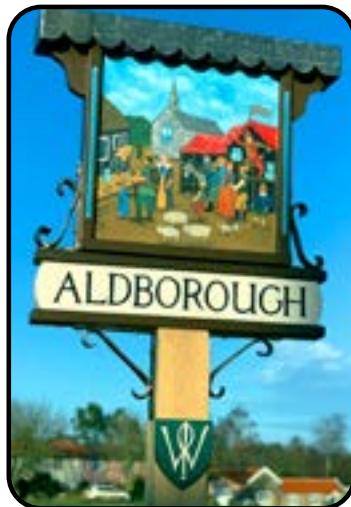
The traditional Christmas Carols may have a different feel this year but we are all doing our best to make them happen. This is provisionally planned to take place on **Tuesday 22nd December at 7.00. Do Check.**

The current plan is to separate into households or groups of 6, following best practice for social distancing, and current legislation/guidance.

**Merry Christmas**  
**and a very happy, very healthy 2021**



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



**We are very proud to announce (in case you have not seen it already) that the new village sign is in place and looking great.**

The entire sign has been refurbished and many parts replaced. Well done and a big thank you to all those who worked on this project including Derek Hill, Peter Wordingham, Jessica Perry, John Leaf, Baron Tremayne, Charles Matts, Jimmy Annison, Steven Cushing, Simon & Niall Thorogood

and project management by councillor David Gallant.

We had envisaged a lovely photo with all the craftsmen and women who contributed to making this happen. But the current restrictions mean that's just not possible.

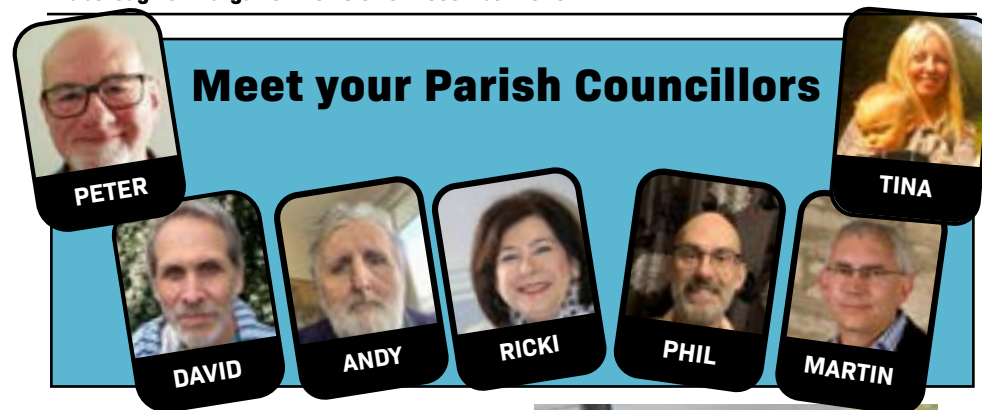


### Other attractions

**We have a few things in the pipeline that would play a great part in the community.**

A table tennis table has been donated by Village Care. We hope to have this in place in the Spring of 2021, and we know it will be an added attraction to the Village. Following a request from the village a skate board ramp is also being discussed. An appropriate location is being researched. Another year round fun activity will be welcomed by our younger (and possibly older) residents.

## Meet your Parish Councillors



### Emergency Plan

**Given the long power cuts, trees down and the pandemic it has rather highlighted quite how isolated Aldborough & Thurgarton can get.**

Because of this isolation it has been decided that it could be helpful when an incident occurs to have a village emergency plan. Once complete this will be available on the website or via email and will show who to contact in an emergency situation where it is not suitable for regular 999 services or they are not available.



### Village Benches

**Around the green are a surprising number of benches to sit and enjoy the village. Some are past their best.**

So over the coming 6-8 months they are undergoing a program of refurbishment. Each is being assessed and where necessary repairs conducted prior to weatherproofing.

This will necessitate removal of some for periods of time and others will be out of action whilst cleaned and painted. Please rest assured it looks like they are all savable and we hope to have them looking great for summer 2021.



## STEPPING STONES PRE-SCHOOL

We love the autumn term as there is so much to explore and learn about. Coming back from the half term holiday we have had Halloween and Fireworks and then before you know it, it will be time to celebrate Diwali. While all the time enjoying and observing the changes in the season. We will of course be performing a deep dive into all things Christmas very soon so watch this space!

### Letters and Sounds

This half term we are holding daily group activities where we explore instrumental sounds. This gives the children opportunities to hone their listening skills and develop their vocabulary while laying the foundations for future reading. At home you can explore different instruments, make your own sound makers, play around with volume and rhythm, provide a soundtrack to your favourite story book or make up different moves to different sounds.

### Personal, social and emotional development

This is our primary focus for the children and as they learn to take turns, ask for what they need, share resources and work collaboratively we can see their confidence, self-esteem and vocabulary grow.

### Tapestry

We have started using an application called Tapestry where we can update and share with you how your child is developing and activities they are doing. We would love to see photos and videos of family life so we can talk about them with your child at pre-school. It helps them to make sense of their two worlds at home and at pre-school, provides fantastic opportunities for talk and language development, and helps them to understand what makes them unique and what they have in common.



## VILLAGE PLAY AREA



The second lockdown has this time fortunately left the Village Play Area open. Unfortunately not all users are following the guidelines issued by the government. Please can we remind everyone that you must follow strict Covid regulations if you want the play area to remain open.

**There is a genuine danger we may have to reconsider the decision to keep it open.**



## VILLAGE SCHOOL

As the year draws to a close, I could not be more proud of how the community of Aldborough Primary has united and supported each other during the many challenges and changes – there have been quite a few! We have all had to explore new ways of working, thinking creatively, whilst ensuring that our children's learning continues to be the very best that it can be.

While learning and playing in bubbles has become familiar; staggered drop off and collection, along with staggered play and lunchtimes, have become the new norm, and anti-bacterial wipes have become the new pritt sticks of the classroom, teachers have continued to provide high quality, fun lessons. Class 5 have expertly performed and recorded Richard III for their parents to watch at home; Class 2 baked gingerbread bears; Class 4 explored the Rainforests of the world; Class 3 created stunning Remembrance poppy art work, and Class 1 made us smile every day with their exuberance for learning at the start of their journey.



Outdoor learning, including Forest School, continues to be the highlight of the week for many. The two new outdoor toilets have been a very welcome, much needed addition to our amenities. Thanks to extremely generous donations from benefactors, as well as The Friends of Aldborough Primary, we hope to have a new Outdoor Classroom installed on the field in the new year. Not only will teachers have an additional space for children to learn, but there will be even more valuable space for children to read and chat with their friends.

Christmas festivities at Aldborough Primary will certainly be very different this year, but I can guarantee that it will still be an enjoyable time for children, with plenty of sparkle, glitter and most of all laughter and taking good care of each other.

**Wishing everyone a very happy, very healthy 2021.**

## HISTORY GROUP

### New Village Group

**This spring a new village group formed for people interested in local history. Whilst the focus is on Aldborough, the history of the adjacent villages is clearly often a significant part of the story.**

Due to the Covid restrictions the group has been unable to deliver the programme of talks, walks and meetings planned but two newsletters have been produced.



Thanks to Peter Wordingham, the group has joined the Blakeney Area History Society as a corporate member which affords members access to the online resources of this well-established society. These include a series of talks which can be accessed live via Zoom or watched as recordings on the BAHS website. Another initiative is to establish an accessible archive within the village, possibly within the Community Centre, where documents and copies of documents from other archives could be held and indexed. This would provide a valuable resource for local people. Documents such as family history records, personal papers, deeds, articles, house histories and so on would be included.

**To join please contact David Brown at [david@dbld.co.uk](mailto:david@dbld.co.uk)**

## INDOOR BOWLS

**The club meets every Thursday afternoon at the Community Centre (currently not open due to Covid). All welcome, even if you have not played before.**



Enjoy some gentle exercise, a cup of tea or coffee and a sociable afternoon. No special equipment is necessary, bowls are provided.

We hope to restart when the Community Centre reopens.

## ALDBOROUGH PLAYERS

Join us for a

**'Christmas Miscellany'**

on Monday, December 21st at 7.30 pm

on Zoom

*Players reading extracts from Christmas*

*themes stories, poems, anecdotes*

Watch out for posters with details of how to join the Zoom



## BENNETT BABES

### Talking Heads

The Bennett Babes (Heather, Antonia and Dee) finally gave up the idea that they could perform live at the Community Centre and so have made lockdown films instead.

The three films will be shown on Wednesday December 9th and its FREE! Hoping it will make a change from the telly. Enjoy!



## STAMPS

**Val Barnes is collecting used stamps again this year to raise funds for the RNIB.**

Please leave them in her porch or post through the letterbox (Antares Thurgarton Road).

## ALLOTMENTS

What a pleasure it was to get out on our plots during the periods of lockdown. The belief that gardening and getting outside was good for us certainly proved true, plus we had the bonus of fresh veg and salads to enjoy too!

We nearly have a full house (just one vacant quarter plot) so do get in touch if you want to consider taking it on

[aldboroughallotments@gmail.com](mailto:aldboroughallotments@gmail.com)



## GARDENING CLUB

[www.aldboroughgardening.com](http://www.aldboroughgardening.com)

**Late in the evening of Thursday February the 20th, some 45 members left the Church Room after a hugely entertaining night from Louise Chapman, Norfolk's own Lady Mole Catcher. None of us realised then that within weeks this normality would be turned upside down.**

In common with all community groups everywhere, we have had to cancel all organised programme events for the rest of the year. All speakers cancelled, we lost Open Gardens, the Flower & Veg Show, August BBQ, and the Christmas Party.

Since March we have continued to communicate on line via our website and Facebook page. Some outdoor activity has been improvised. We managed to safely organise two good plant swaps in the car park of Aldborough Surgery in early Spring.

Community work on our organic no dig allotment continued throughout the year, including a third year of successful potato trials with an enthusiastic young class from Aldborough Primary School.



On Sunday September the 13th we managed one open air, bring your own picnic, meeting on Aldborough Allotments just before the rule of six was introduced. Faced with a dark and wet winter we can only offer encouragement and support for those planning for next Spring and a productive rest of 2021.

### Merger

Earlier in the year there was a proposed administrative merger of the Gardening Club with the Aldborough Wildlife Group. Both groups were canvassed for opinion, and there now seems to be overwhelming support for this. The unpleasant reality we face is that we cannot see the possibility of organising AGM's to formally vote on this, or any other admin issues. We do not expect to consider any restructuring until well into next Spring, at the very earliest.

When we do get together those who paid their membership subs in January will automatically be given free membership for 2021. We are still adding new members to our contact list but cannot yet ask for subscriptions. Next year's calendar of events have been mothballed. Hopefully we will see improvements in the New Year and we can think about arranging some outdoor activity.

Members and those on our contacts list, receive regular email updates including posts from the RHS and Norwich & Norfolk Horticultural Society and the RSPB. We are also passing on community notices (such as the Pig Farm planning issue) and offers of Zoom meetings and from NNHS and on line garden tours from National Garden Scheme [www.aldboroughgardening.com](http://www.aldboroughgardening.com) from the website you can go straight to our Facebook page, unfortunately if you are not already an FB user you will have to log in.

**If you would like to be involved in any future activity, forward your contact details to [aldboroughgardening@gmail.com](mailto:aldboroughgardening@gmail.com)**



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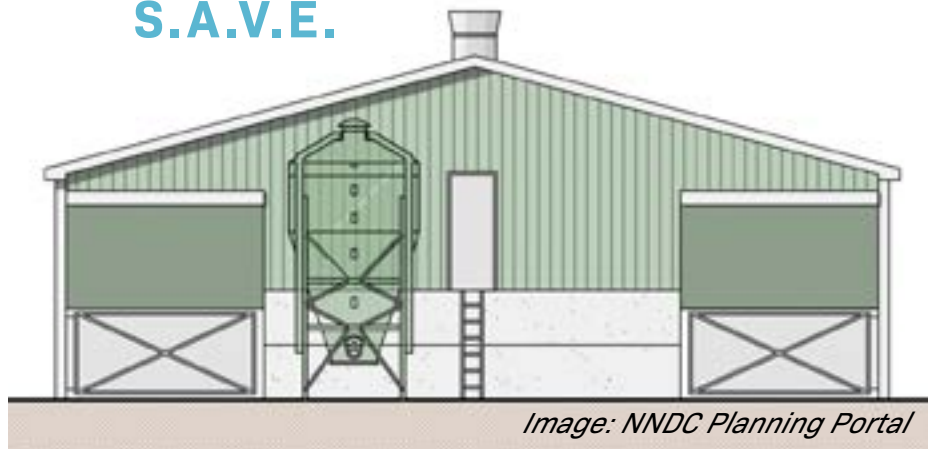


Image: NNDC Planning Portal

## Rectory Farm Pig Farm Planning Application

**There have been significant developments with regard to the Rectory Farm Planning Application over the past few months.**

Concern of the impact on the village to house 1900 pigs in 2 new units 200ft long by 23ft high at Rectory Farm resulted in formal public objections being lodged on the NNDC portal from 104 individual addresses in and around Aldbrough.

*Refuting 2000 pigs previously on site/ and claimed 'reduction' to proposed 1900 pigs*

*Contravention to NNDC's Conservation Area policy*

*Pollution and ground contamination*

*Biodiversity & ecological damage*

*Odours*

*Noise*

*HGV Traffic*

*Pathogenic and zoonotic risk (such as SARS, swine flu, Covid-19, etc.)*

*Health and nuisance effect on 30 residences within 250m of the site*

In addition, the 'SAVE' campaign group, (Save Aldbrough Village Experience [www.aldborough.uk](http://www.aldborough.uk)), funded by donations from village residents totalling in excess of £6000, has submitted a solicitor's legal challenge and an independent odour report, to challenge the Planning Application.

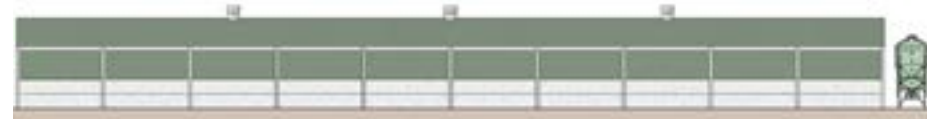


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Furthermore, a formal objection from Aldbrough & Thurgarton Parish Council was submitted to NNDC on 19th August and on 28th October the Parish Council sought clarification from NNDC as to progress with the Planning Application. NNDC's case officer, (Alistair Curran) wrote to the Parish Council on 3rd November with significant clarification & commitments, summarised as follows:-

*NNDC committed to review and reconsider their 'screening' decision which previously rejected the need for a full Environment Impact Assessment.*

*NNDC committed to not determine the Planning Application until the Applicants have properly address all of the issues raised by the NNDC's Landscape Officer and Environment Health Officer.*

*Once the Applicant submits further documents to address the issues raised by the Landscape Officer, Environment Health Officer and others, these documents will be reviewed by NNDC's solicitor, the Environment Health Officer and NNDC's in-house ecologist.*

*NNDC will then open a 3rd publication consultation period.*

In light of the above points, the back-log of cases, and the 2nd lockdown, scheduling of the Planning Application to NNDC's Development Committee is now likely to be in early 2021, and certainly won't occur in 2020.



**To help fund this  
campaign please visit**

[www.aldborough.uk](http://www.aldborough.uk)

## POLICE NEWS

### Cromer Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

The normally quiet and peaceful village of Aldborough has recently been victim to acts of anti-social behaviour. Items have been removed from gardens, left in different locations and windows smashed.

Police from Cromer Safer Neighbourhood Team increased patrols in Aldborough and liaised with those affected by the incidents. Two people have been spoken to and one of those has admitted their part in some of the incidents, showing remorse and has engaged positively with the Police. The incidents are being dealt with by way of a Community Resolution where those responsible have written letters of apology to the victims.



Incidents of anti-social behaviour appear to have stopped after an increase in police patrols. High visibility patrols will continue in the village when not committed with other duties.

Beat Manager Pc Joey Mezzetti encourages people to report incidents via the **101** for non-emergencies or **999** for emergencies so that police can deal effectively with any incidents.

## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

### Volunteers Required

**Volunteers are needed to help tackle the common complaint of speeding in Aldborough.**

Community Speed Watch was launched in 2007 and is a project working across Norfolk empowering communities to play an active part alongside the Police and the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problem of speeding in our neighbourhoods. A team of volunteers (minimum of 6) are issued with a speed radar gun, Community Speed Watch signs and reflective jackets. Volunteers are given full training and site risk assessments are completed by the police.



Speed checks are carried out in 30 and 40mph limits, the volunteers record details of offending vehicles and these are sent to the Safety Camera Partnership team. A warning letter is sent to the registered keeper of offending vehicles and persistent offenders may be visited by police.

North Norfolk's Community Engagement Officer, PC Pete Davison said *"Community Speed Watch is there to promote road safety, we would rather educate drivers than prosecute them. We have successful schemes set up in many towns and villages across North Norfolk, it really does reduce speeding and I feel that Aldborough would see real benefits from having a Community Speed Watch team. For anybody that is fed up with speeding I would encourage them to get involved with Community Speed Watch"*.

Further information:

[www.bit.ly/ALD-SW](http://www.bit.ly/ALD-SW) or PC Pete Davison at North Walsham Police Station (calling **101** or emailing [peter.davison@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.davison@norfolk.pnn.police.uk))

**To volunteer contact Andy Hicks on**  
**[andyhick428@gmail.com](mailto:andyhick428@gmail.com) or 07494277303**

## FINAL WORDS

One more word from Ricki Gadsby your newly elected Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. I would like to say how honoured and happy I am to be able to serve the residents of Aldborough and Thurgarton. I will work hard for all local issues that affect our parishes.



A big thank you must go out to all those who contributed the news, updates and best wishes included in this newsletter/magazine. We are also immensely grateful to Village Care for delivering it through all the doors in the village, particularly because it's over double the size we initially anticipated. The advertisers who supported us at very short notice have enabled this magazine to be printed at all and we are grateful to all of you.

When the Parish Council started to plan this newsletter a few weeks ago we planned only a small document. It soon became clear that there was a huge appetite for the project and not wanting to reject any contributions it grew and grew and grew and this newsletter is a rather incredible 40 pages. I think this has much to do with the current situation and difficulties in communicating and socialising. The Parish Council is very pleased to be able to help but if we missed anyone out then we apologise - it was put together at short notice with no experience producing this type of thing.

Moving forward we have already got people volunteering content they were not able to get ready in time for printing and therefore we propose a January edition too. If you have a contribution to make then we would be very happy to hear from you - please email. Additionally, if you wish to take advertising space that would be appreciated and can also be organised.

We have been asked about continuing to produce newsletters after January (don't worry they would be shorter than this Christmas Edition). This will be discussed and considered but if the community requests this of us we will need a small team to assist. Volunteers would be very welcome indeed, so please do make contact if you would like to be involved.

We would also appreciate feedback on this newsletter as the Parish Council exists to serve our community.

## THE ALDBOROUGH BLACK BOYS CHRISTMAS MENU

Available from Wednesday 9th December to Thursday 24th December  
Bookings only for the Christmas menu.

### To Start

*(Vegan, Veg, Gf) Parsnip soup served with crisp parsnip shavings and a warmed crusty roll*

*(Veg) Deep fried brie served with cranberry sauce and mixed leaves*

*Smoked salmon and prawns served with a horseradish creamy lime vinaigrette*

*Duck liver and pork pate with orange & cognac liqueur served with toasted bread and a homemade tomato relish*

*(Vegan, Veg, Gf) Sweet potato falafel bites served with sweet chilli vegan mayo and mixed leaves*

### To Follow

*Roast turkey served with roast potatoes, honey glazed roast parsnips, homemade pigs in blankets, chestnut stuffing, Yorkshire pudding and fresh seasonal vegetables (Gf Available)*

*Roast topside of beef served with roast potatoes, honey glazed roast parsnips, Yorkshire pudding and fresh seasonal vegetables (Gf Available)*

*Lamb shank with a mint and rosemary gravy, served on a bed of creamy mashed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables*

*Pan fried Salmon fillet served on a bed of roasted vegetables and served with new potatoes and Cajun butter (Gf available)*

*(Vegan, Veg) Moroccan spicy roasted vegetables served with couscous and a tangy chermoula sauce with a side of mixed salad*

*(Vegan, Veg) Homemade nut roast served with roast potatoes, honey glazed roast parsnips, Yorkshire pudding & fresh seasonal vegetables (Gf available)*

### To Finish

*Christmas pudding served with brandy sauce*

*A selection of festive homemade desserts*

*The Black Boys festive cheeseboard (£2.50 extra)*

**Two courses - £15.95, Three courses - £19.95**

**December opening times (subject to change depending on government announcements)**

Monday and Tuesday, Bar only from 4.00pm till 9.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday, Food – 12.00pm – 2.30pm & 5.30pm – 8.30pm and Bar 12.00pm – 10.00pm

Sunday, Food – 12.00pm – 4.00pm and Bar 12.00pm – 8.00pm

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# CONTACTS & OPENING HOURS

## Post Office

**Monday - Saturday**

**8.30 ---- 17.00**

**Christmas Day 25th December  
& Boxing Day 26th December**

**CLOSED**

**Monday 28th December**

**9.00 ----- 13.00**

**New Years Day**

**CLOSED**

Last posting dates for 2nd class  
is Friday 18th Dec and 1st class is  
Monday 21st Dec

## Surgery

**Christmas Day 25th December  
& Boxing Day 26th December  
& 27th December**

**1st January**

**CLOSED**

## Wrights Garage

**23rd December to 3rd January**

**CLOSED**

**4th January**

**OPEN**

## Alby Service Station

**Christmas Day 25th December**

**OPEN til 4**

**Boxing Day 26th December**

**OPEN til 7**

## Contacts

<i>Emergency</i>	999
<i>Norfolk Police (non urgent)</i>	101
<i>NHS</i>	111
<i>Surgery</i>	01263 768602
<i>Dispensary</i>	01263 768819
<i>Shop</i>	01263 761198
<i>Parish Council</i>	01263 570223
<i>North Norfolk District Council</i>	01263 513811
<i>Norfolk County Council</i>	0344 800 8020

*Norfolk Swift Response*  
0344 800 8020

*Assistive Technology*  
0344 800 8020

*Age UK Norfolk*  
0300 500 1217

*Blue Badge Scheme*  
0344 808 9876

*Well-being Service*  
0300 123 1503

*Fire Inspection*  
0300 123 1669

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