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WELCOME ALONG

Our new issue has landed on your doorstep full of new articles and updates of events in the Village.

Even though Boris has postponed our Freedom Day to July 19th, we are getting our lives back to some normality.

The well awaited Community Centre is open again with some scheduled events for the summer. Hopefully, the outside tennis table should be arriving shortly. A few tournaments would be fun.

We have interesting articles in this issue from the History Society, update on the Sunflower Festival 2021, and Mannington Hall Charity Day. Our newly elected County Councillor, Saul Penfold, has written to introduce himself and his family.

I hope you enjoy this issue and please keep us posted on events, coffee mornings, cake sales, marriages, or anything you would like to share with us and the community.

This is the 5th edition of the Aldborough & Thurgarton Village Magazine and the enthusiasm from our readers gives us the get-up-and go to continue bringing you this informative magazine.

Aldborough & Thurgarton Parish Council





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VILLAGE CARE

Is now the time for some changes?

The committee is working hard to find out how everyone feels about what should start up again and what could be improved.

To try to get as many views as possible, we will be holding an open lunchtime drop-in event with

free refreshments at the end of July or beginning of August. We hope this will be an opportunity for you to come and tell us what you would like to see in terms of Village Lunch, transport services and any other activities such as the exercise classes. Village Care is here for everyone – younger, older and in-between.

In the meantime, our transport service continues as it always did. Please phone Shirley Candler (768608) if you need a lift to a medical appointment. She will do her best to find you one of our drivers. We are a charity and rely on volunteers and donations, so we ask you to consider making a contribution for lifts and we have a list of suggested amounts (all very much smaller than the cost of a taxi).

MAGAZINE DEADLINES

The Village Magazine will be produced roughly every 6-8 weeks.

If you would like to asist with the production of the magazine or have some

feedback then please make contact. This magazine is run by volunteers for the

benefit of the community and is expensive to produce.

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JUNIOR CRICKET

In 2016 two of the Aldborough Cricket Team players decided to resurrect 'Junior Cricket' on The Green. At the first session about 8-10 children took part! Word quickly spread and by 2019 42 children were registered.

Last year, Covid19 put paid to any outside sport so coaching was suspended but we were pleased to be able to recommence Junior Cricket in 2021 albeit later than usual but still running for 9 sessions. You may see the children assembling on the Green from 6pm on Mondays throughout June and July. The groups are split up in accordance with age and ability and practise skills – fielding, batting, bowling and end each session with a short game of cricket.

Junior Cricket is pleased to have a qualified coach in Patrick Cave and a team of volunteers (mostly parents) who help coach the mixed group of boys and girls. In the past, other clubs and individuals have donated equipment and we have also added to this when donations have been received by parents.

The younger group all enjoy the final activity of 'Avalanche' which consists of parents and helpers throwing soft balls at the children (below knees!) in an attempt to catch them out leaving a final child – the winner! At this point it is probably worth saying that a number of the coaches are DBS checked and "Safe Hands" trained.

We have high hopes that some will graduate to play for Aldborough. Interestingly a past junior scored 70 playing for the Sunday side on 13th June. Well done Aiden.

Over previous years we have had a cricket match between ladies of the village and the junior cricket team, a BBQ and several picnics to end the season.





WILDLIFE POND

A few people have shown interest in the management and maintenance of the pond. Striking the balance between the aesthetics and wildlife habitat is a challenge and something that we have taken advice on.

Dr Carl Sayer is a passionate aquatic conservationist and Professor of Geography at UCL and leads the Norfolk Ponds project. If you are interested in reading more you can visit www.norfolkwag.co.uk. He has spoken at past meetings and was invited to speak on the 2020 Wildlife programme sadly curtailed by the pandemic but plans have been made for a 2021 talk.

Offering advice on the pond management Sayer says:-



"there was a lot too much in terms of manicuring – for the rare Great Crested Newt which is present it is important that you leave long grass around the pond and let it get a little wilder – also please don't pull any plants out of the pond. All of this is not good for the pond and the newts which will be on a knife-edge in such an isolated place. Best thing you can do is to manage it less and in fact just let it be."

YARD SALE

The Village Yard Sale reported on last month will be going ahead on Sunday 18th July.

Funds raised will go to Aldborough Primary School. For more information contact Antonia Gray, by email antonialloyd@ hotmail.com or call 01263 761883



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DUNCAN BAKER MP

In recent months, I have been fighting hard for those affected by the dreadful Post Office 'Horizon' scandal. After 20 years, the hundreds of sub-postmasters wrongly prosecuted for false accounting and theft have started to be able to clear their names. The problems arose because of faults in the Fujitsu IT system used by the Post Office for its transactions. I believe it is high time those wrongly accused are properly compensated for all they have gone through. I called for the Prime Minister to allow a statutory inquiry in April and in May I was delighted that this was granted.

Good news this month, with North Walsham being awarded a £90,000 grant from Historic England's High Streets Heritage Action Zones programme. This is a nationwide initiative designed to secure lasting improvements to our historic high streets for the communities which use them. I continue to push hard for more

recognition of, and more investment in all our communities in North Norfolk. I am delighted that we are one of the top 100 places in the country to be eligible to apply for the UK Community Renewal Fund, the little brother of the UK Levelling Up fund. If we are successful, the money will be well spent on improving jobs and growth for the area.

A recent debate on NHS dentistry in Waveney provided an opportunity to highlight the challenges we face in North Norfolk with long waiting lists and a shortage of dentists. In spite of this being such an amazing area to live and work in, there are real difficulties in recruiting sufficient dentists to work in North Norfolk, and I will continue to advocate for changes to contract arrangements to ensure we are able to address this long-standing problem.

And finally this month: have you ever thought about creating a wildlife garden? Whether it's a whole garden or a small corner of your existing garden, providing the water, food, and shelter to help our wildlife to thrive is something we can all do. Cromer Green Spaces has plenty of guidance to help you get started, at www.cromergreenspaces.co.uk. For those who live in Cromer, there's even the chance to enter their Wildlife Gardening Competition too.

As ever, if you need any help with a local issue or concern, please do contact me on 01692 557140 or duncan@duncanbaker.org.uk.

Also I will be running the London Marathon and launching a fundraising campaign for this year's Virgin Money London Marathon! On Sunday 3rd October I'll be running 26 miles to raise £26,000 keep an eye on my website for further details.

On 15th May I had the opportunity to see the amazing work being done by the North Walsham & Dilham Canal Trust. The restoration work to the waterways and the Ebridge Lock was astounding. Careful management is allowing flora and fauna to thrive once again, contributing to biodiversity.



SAUL PENFOLD

I was delighted to have been elected as your new County Councillor back in May and would like to introduce myself to you.

I currently live with my wife Suzanne and our three children in Meeting Hill, a small hamlet which is part of the Parish



of Worstead. I am a trained teacher by profession and taught at Fakenham High School and College. I was then Head of Education at Norwich Cathedral for nine years before my current freelance work as a heritage and community learning, interpretation and funding specialist. In this role I am currently working on around ten projects with churches in Norfolk, helping them fundraise to improve (and repair) their buildings, but also then to write new interpretive materials for them for visiting schools and adults.

But back to my Council duties! As well as being your new County Councillor, I'm also in fact an existing North Norfolk District Councillor for the Worstead Ward. It's very useful to be a 'twin hatter' like this as it means I work very closely with Cllr John Toye, who represents Aldborough at District level, whilst I represent you at County.

Whilst my District Council Ward consists of five parishes, my County Council Division consists of half of North Walsham and 13 parishes - of which the mighty Aldborough is one! So as a County Councillor, I represent around 10,000 constituents. Norfolk County Council itself is responsible for providing Adult Social Care and Children's Services, as well as running services like libraries and museums and looking after our local roads, footpaths and bridleways. It also has a role in protecting our environment and growing our local economy.

I look forward to meeting you and to serving and supporting you over the next four years. Should anyone wish to contact me, my email address in saul.penfold.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

COMMUNITY CENTRE

As a COVID secure venue, the centre officially re-opened on May 17th and has since hosted a number of events which conform to the Government COVID guidance. The Committee held a welcome back evening on May 19th which was well attended by users of the centre and supported by local government representatives and our local MP.

Most of the committee decided to step down at the AGM held on June 9th as they had all served long terms. They have all done a wonderful job of operating and maintaining the centre. The village, the new committee and other users thank them for their exceptional dedication and commitment.

So, a new committee is in the making and has its mandatory public members in place. These are Antonia Gray, Julie Geere-Wright, Clive Rounce, Jason Burton, Cathy Davison, Peter Single and Dee Jupp who together form the core of the new team. They will be getting together over the next few weeks to consider how best to share roles and responsibilities and to plan an exciting post-lockdown future for the centre. Your ideas are very welcome.

In the meantime, bookings are being managed by Julie (phone 01263 768616 , email julie@for_bundaworkshop.co.uk) and you will see from the centre's notice board that various activities are either already taking place or are about to launch.

TRACTOR VISIT

Our cover is a photo taken from Bank Holiday weekend 31st May, when a parade of vintage tractors came to the Green in show condition.

They are marvellous collection of tractors of all ages. Adults and children were looking with pleasure and appreciation.

It was interesting talking to the older generation about farming from a bygone era and showing difference classic tractors, each year, will encourage more these fascinating stories.











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Children from 9 and up will thoroughly enjoy Sophie Anderson's The Castle of Tangled Magic. This prize winning author introduces Olia, the courageous and charismatic heroine who bravely negotiates the twists and turns of the cleverly constructed plot. Sophie has created an entertaining. twisted fairytale with added spark and with roots in ancient mythology.





Our current favourite reference book has got to be The Britannica All New Children's Encyclopedia. Every child from nine to twelve would benefit from owning this browsable and fascinating tome - it has 424 pages of stuff you didn't know you didn't know. The pages are packed with interesting facts and informative illustrations about mummies, the brain, philosophy, history and so much else. It's written by experts, and edited by the genius that is Christopher Lloyd.

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SURGERY & PPG NEWS

It will be a further short time until services return to normality at the Surgery. When they do, we will look to retain some of the practices implemented during this pandemic but will also look to reintroduce the open surgery arrangement.

The open surgery ran from 8.30 each weekday with up to 18 patients being seen. Patients need to arrive no later than 10.00. We know that some patients feel the need to turn up incredibly early but in reality, people can turn up at any time within the 8.30 to 10.00 window and will be seen. It is also the case that irrespective of how early patients arrive the Surgery will prioritise those with the most pressing medical need, something we are sure you would understand and support.

The Patient Group have been exploring with the Surgery the possibility of having a canopy erected over the main entrance as shelter against the weather. Quotations have been obtained. The best quote has come in at £5500. Although the surgery and PPG have funds from donations, sadly, they do not stretch to that amount, so regrettably unless further funds can be raised, we will have to leave this issue for another day.

Standby Power.

Aldborough surgery and the PPG have investigated various forms of back-up power to negate future repeat losses of vaccines. Different methods have been investigated over several months such as portable and fixed generators, inverted power from battery banks and medical grade cold bags. The surgery has decided to use the cold bags as the most cost-effective method of keeping vaccines safe in the event of future protracted power cuts. Furthermore, the surgery is looking into the possibility of a back-up inverted power supply which can provide a virtually maintenance free supply of power to the surgery refrigeration plants. The provision of such a system would of course need to meet the stringent insurance requirements for the surgery to be implemented. Fortunately, power outages of the duration experienced are very rare.

Covid19 Vaccination update.

In total 1,938 patients have received their first Covid 19 vaccination and 1,642 their second Covid 19 vaccination. We are currently awaiting a further allocation of vaccines. Patients tell us that the clinics have run very smoothly and efficiently, and we would like to thank the marshals, all volunteers, who have done a splendid job and for which we are grateful.

Social Prescribing

The Surgery has a share of the time of a Social Prescribing Link Worker, Elissa Draper. Elissa covers several surgeries in North Norfolk including Aldborough



Surgery. Elissa's role is to offer support, advice and guidance to people to help them deal with issues or problems in their life that are having a negative effect on their physical, mental, social, or financial wellbeing. Getting help as soon as possible can prevent things from getting worse.

If the Surgery agree with a patient that they could benefit from this type of support they are able to make the referral.

Patient's Personal Data

Some of you may have read or heard in the media about The Government Department of Health and Social Care plans to place all medical records in England on a central database to be managed by NHS Digital.

NHS Digital has said the new General Practice Data for Planning and Research system will reduce the burden on GP practices and create a valuable data source for pharmaceutical and public policy research. The agency says the data, which will include information on patients' physical, mental and sexual health, will be pseudonymised, processed in such a way that personal data can no longer be attributed to a specific person.

The PPG have had a few enquiries from people expressing concern over the use of this data, in particular being sold off to third parties for commercial gain. NHS Digital acknowledge that this huge database can be accessed by commercial corporations.

As a patient you have choices about how your data is used. A deadline for patients to opt out is the 25th of August 2021. You can do this online or by writing to the Surgery. If you go onto the Surgery website and look under "Privacy" you will find relevant information on opt-out.

Walks from the Surgery.

The walks started on a damp day with a short walk around the village. The next walk took in Thwaite Church, Meadow cottage with return to the village via Middle Hill and the Mill. The third week took us to the bottom of Alby Hill, up Pack Lane to Alby Church, turning towards Hanworth and back across the fields to return to the bottom of Alby Hill and onto The Green. Numbers have grown from 2 to 6. If you would like to join us, we leave from the Surgery car park at 11.00 each Wednesday.

Extend "Fit for Life" Exercise classes

We are pleased to be part of a joint venture with Village Care in securing the expertise of Christine Harvey bringing her exercise classes to Aldborough Community Centre. Exercise classes start on Friday morning 25th June and last for around one hour. The cost of the session is £5.00; however, The Patient Group and Village Care have agreed to fund a free first session for all those who have not tried the exercise before in the hope that people will not only feel some benefit but also enjoy the social aspect.

Enquiries to Christine Harvey on **01263 587276**. *Alex Reid Practice Manager David Hooker Chair PPG*

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CHURCH SERVICES

St. Mary's Church, Aldborough

Services are (almost) back to normal.... Apart from wearing face masks, keeping socially distanced, sploshing hand sanitiser everywhere and not singing.

First and Second Sunday in the month is a communion service at 11am.

Third Sunday in the month is an early service at 8am.

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revtonylynn@btinternet.com

Church Warden - Jill King TEL: 01263 768077 EMAIL:

jill.king426@gmail

Fourth Sunday in the month no village

breakfast yet, but we hope to restart the Village Breakfasts in September....assuming the restrictions allow us to.

Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month, we will be having a group service. The venue for this service changes as we visit the other Churches in our group each month.

We'll put more info on the Aldborough Church Facebook page and on the website.

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The *Community and Church News* is also available via email. admin@aylshamparishchurch.org.uk

PRINCE ANDREW¹⁹S CHAPEL Services have now re-started with all the COVID safety requirements in place. Sunday morning service is at 10.45am All Welcome. For more information, please contact us. 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.



VILLAGE VOICE

Dear Editor,

IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE FEATURED PLEASE DO LET US KNOW.

Looking thro' some old PC meeting notes for who was responsible for street lighting, I found that the lighting round the green was TT Jones and Victory Housing for Margaret Lilly Way. Both areas have different problems but lighting and speeding are common, my immediate concern is the footpaths at Margaret Lilly Way. The footpath surface over the years have settled and been damaged by vehicles leaving the utility access covers a trip hazard, who is responsible for repairs? the lighting problem is worse with streetlights that are out for weeks. A telephone call to Victory Housing denied any knowledge of the lighting problems being logged in, so may we have a contact number so they can be called at the same time as the Parish Council are informed, the same is required for the lighting round the green. Can we have Victory Housing attend a walk round to identify the problems before winter set in these matters can be resolved as the Parish Council looks after the rest of the village Dennis Bacon

Again it's been a time of rain and shine, could be classed as good growing weather I'm told. I was going up the track opposite the garage passing Billy Hammond's old tennis courts, it's a shame to see them in such disrepair, when the sky opened and somebody tipped the contents of a water butt on me. I made for cover and found myself in an open shed affair. Inside the shed is the village wine press! I know a little about how the village acquired the press. I believe it was gifted to the village by the people of Villiers St Denis in the Champagne region of France on the occasion of our twinning. On reflection it seems a shame that such a gift should be hidden away in an old shed. Perhaps somebody can cast some more light on the press. Maybe the Parish Council could take the "Wine Press" up as a village project. It must deserve a more prominent place in our village? The villager.

Recently there have been incidents of children skateboarding on the road through the village with no regard for vehicles, to the point where two or three cars have had to follow children who are either skateboarding or walking in the middle of the road.

I fear that one of these children are going to get seriously injured soon, as it appears they are showing a lack of respect for road users.

Something needs to be done to prevent any of these children getting knocked over and injured, or worse.

VILLAGE HISTORY: SHERIFF

Sir Robert Hereward - a 'professional' Sheriff

in the time of Edward I

According to the Victoria County History for Norfolk a Theobald de Hereward and his son William held the manor of Aldborough of Roger Bigot. This is likely to be Roger Bigot (c.1209 -1270), 4th Earl of Norfolk (cr. 1233) and Marshall of England (cr.1246). I have found no trace of historical records recording Theobald but there is a William de Hereward active in Kings Lynn, referred to as 'Lenn' in the 13th century during the reign of Henry III. William was a very affluent burgess and is recorded as a merchant owning



ships trading out of Lynn with Norway in 1230 as an associate of William de Warren and others. There was also a Robert de Hereward active in Lynn in the 1220s, probably a relative. On April 20th,1235, the Calendar of Patent Rolls records: Westminster: Safe-conduct, until Christmas, for William Hereward, merchant of Lenne, going to Norway with his ship and things and merchandise therein.

The main export to Norway was of grain and the return import was primarily of dried fish. In 1237, the Norwegian king having built up substantial debts to William Hereward, Henry III ordered the arrest of seven Norwegian ships in port in Lynn. He also appears in 1238 as a witness to a major land transaction for property along the Norfolk coast as far east as Wells. The map to the right, dating from c.1250, shows no roads but all the major rivers, which indicates the importance of transport by boat during this period. Lynn and Yarmouth are the only Norfolk towns shown on the map, again showing their importance as transport nodes. He was a very wealthy merchant and clearly well known to the court of Henry III. This makes him a likely candidate to be William, son of Theobald, holding the manor of Aldborough. By 1271, there was also a Roger Hereward of Thurgarton.

Edward I succeeded Henry III in 1272 and in 1275 he called his first Parliament, his father having spent much of his reign facing rebellious barons seeking political reform, culminating in the Second Barons' War in 1263. Henry had been defeated and captured by Simon de Montford at the Battle of Lewes in 1264, and only freed following his son, Edward's defeat of De Montford at Evesham in the following August. Edward was a far more able administrator and politician. In 1295 Edward established the first representative Parliament. He summoned nobles and churchmen, but also issued orders (known as writs) for the election of two representatives from each county (the knights of the shire) and two from each city or town (the burgesses) to attend his new Parliament. The 'MPs' were called on primarily to listen to and approve the King's plan for a new tax but at last had the opportunity to be represented in decision-making.

Taxation was a major issue as Edward I, aka 'Longshanks' and the 'Hammer of the Scots' was variously involved in military campaigns in Wales, Scotland and France, which were expensive to fund. In Wales, he built many castles to hold the country - at huge expense. He therefore needed to create an efficient system for tax collection.

Edward I also began to put the administration of the country on a more professional and structured footing. The office of Sheriff (Shire Reeve) had existed as early as the tenth century



but became formalized as an annual tenure by The Provisions of Oxford in 1258, following baronial pressure, and Edward took this further by finding suitably skilled men and moving them as the times and local events dictated. The Sheriff of a county needed to hold land in the county. Robert Hereward held land in Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire by 1300 when he was appointed Sheriff of Cambridgeshire.

Sir Robert Hereward of Felbrigg and Margaret Dansey (née Clifford) had a son, Robert, who was born in 1286. Margaret had inherited her mother Margery Clifford's land at Lillingstone in Buckinghamshire in 1260, which she in turn passed on to their daughter Margery Hereward. This Margery married William Lovell (d.c. 1347) and the village is still called Lillingstone Lovell.

By 1286, the elder Robert is recorded witnessing the exchange of three acres of pasture and marsh in Hanworth for three-and-a-half acres in the open field at Hanworth. In the same year he was nominated by Alexander de Balliol, recorded as chamberlain of Scotland in 1287, to carry letters to act on Balliol's behalf in transactions, probably relating to his manors at Benington, Hertfordshire, and North Weald, Essex, while he was going to Scotland. By 1295 Robert is acting as seneschal of the Bishop of Ely, giving him similar powers to a sheriff, albeit they were restricted to the area of Cambridgeshire north of the Ouse. Before 1297, Robert held half a knight's fee (for an annual 100l, a huge sum at the time) at Guilden Morden in Cambridgeshire. This allowed him to meet the requirements of The Provisions of Oxford for a sheriff: 'loyal people, substantial men and holders of land' - usually land within the county



in question.

Robert the elder, son of William, appears as a witness in land transactions in Wickmere and Wolterton before 1300. By 1305 he is referred to as Robert Hereward Kt. of Felbrigg. He was Sheriff of Cambridgeshire from 1300 to 1302 and Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk from 1302 to 1305. During these years there are numerous mentions of him in official documents from the Court. One of his first duties was on March 18th 1300 when the Calendar of Patent Rolls records an instruction to make a commission de wallis et fossatis [of walls and ditches] in the counties of Cambridge and Norfolk. This addressed matters of drainage, sewers, river banks, coastal erosion and the maintenance of sea defences.

In March 1301, the king sent instructions to his Sheriffs: Writ of aid in favour of Robert le fiz Wautier, knight, and Peter de Donewyz, clerk, whom the king is sending to make purveyance in the sheriff's

bailiwick for his and his men's journey to Scotland, where he will be at Midsummer.

In July 1301 Edward returned to campaigning in Scotland again and received Robert the Bruce's submission. Incidentally, his forefather Robert de Brus, 1st Earl of Annandale came over from Bruis (modern day Brix) in Normandy during the reign of Henry I, c. 1094. The father of Robert the Bruce had married into the Scottish nobility.

Again, in August, the King directs 1301, Aug 14, Peebles: To the sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk. Order to require on the king's behalf and to induce merchants and others of those counties who wish to sell victuals and other necessaries to carry their victuals and other necessaries by land and by sea to the king and his army in Scotland, and to promise them faithfully that they shall find good sale (deliberacionem) of such victuals and necessaries when they arrive there and prompt payment for the price thereof, the king having lately ordered the sheriff to induce them to bring their victuals and other necessaries to the king at Berwick. He is enjoined to conduct himself so in executing this order that the king may

be able to realise (perpendere) that the sheriff has this matter specially at heart and that he desires its speedy and happy expedition, and so that it may not be delayed through lack of victuals and other necessaries to the damage of the king, the sheriff and of all the people of the realm.

Robert Hereward was clearly a trusted and professional administrator on behalf of the King. Meanwhile, closer to home, in April 1301 at Fakenham the Patent Rolls record: Commission to William Haward and Robert Hereward to enquire touching a complaint by R. Bishop of Ely that malefactors have entered his free chace of Somersham, co. Huntingdon, and broken and burnt the hay of his park there, hunted in the chace and park, and carried away deer and hares. William Haward was a judge and is claimed to be an ancestor of the Howard Dukes of Norfolk. By June 1301 he was sent to investigate and apprehend [Commission of over and terminer] to Henry Spygurnel and Robert Hereward touching the persons who by night assaulted Otto de Grandisono, clerk at Cambridge, and beat his men. By K. The Calendar of Patent Rolls records for July 18th, 1302: Westminster: Mandate to Robert Hereward to admit John de Ditton, who is associated with him in the room of Master Richard de Abyndon, in the custody during pleasure of the bishopric of Ely during its voidance: and they are to answer for the issues thereof, as heretofore, to Amadeus, count of Savoy, the king's kinsman, to whom the king, by letters patent, granted the same amongst other things in part payment of 10,000 marks. By K. on the information of the treasurer.

Richard of Abingdon was an English judge. In 1300 he was granted custody of the vacant see of Ely, and in the following year was appointed to supervise and hasten the collection of a tenth and fifteenth in Norfolk and Suffolk.

LOCAL HISTORY: ZEPPELINS



The recent screening of the television documentary of the Zeppelin bombing of Great Britain during WW1 highlighted the East Coast as a part of the new "civilian" front line. The first raid involved two Zeppelin's L3 and L4. L3 bombed Great Yarmouth during the night of 19th January 1915 and L4 attacked Kings Lynn.

The Zeppelin raid proved to be an unexpected and terrifying development of warfare against the British mainland. Initially there was no defence.

A zeppelin raid on the North Norfolk coast in 1916 was recorded in a war diary attributed to Edith Upcher at Sheringham Hall:-

" January 31 1916: ... I heard a suspicious purring of engines, though not like the threshing machine noises of late 1915. Lil, father and I exchanged glances. The noise became more





distant, seemed following the coast for a bit, then - crash, bang, shake, a loud explosion, every door and window in the house struggling to break free, another and another — then louder. Mother thought first of a Naval Engagement but we told her it was Zeppelins and at first thought of our guns firing at it., we knew that bombs were being hurled from the sky somewhere in Holt direction."

The bombs dropped by this Zeppelin fell around Bayfleld Lodge, most falling in fields where they made 8 large holes in which 22 men could stand'. Defence against this new threat appeared to have been distinctly amateurish. Edith was told that the guns on the cliff and at Bodham had failed to go off 'so they had to have a man from London who knew more about guns than what the soldiers do'.

A schoolboy writing home to his parents in Ipswich gave his account of the raid;

"We were just going out of the last lesson at 6 o'clock and were going out to tea, when we heard a buzzing heard that a Zeppelin had been sighted at 4 pm in broad daylight, but they



had done no damage. We came out of tea at 6.30 and we went out to see what was happening. We heard the Zeppelin plainly, and suddenly a bomb burst about 2 miles away; then eleven more all in succession, so quickly that it seemed one bright flashs. Then we saw some more flashes, and we counted twenty-four. We went off to see the damage next day and lots of boys found pieces of bomb. One house had all the windows broken and half the slates off. The only casualties were three sheep, one heron, thirty sparrows and a pig'. (NM, 5 Febuary 1916)"

The EDP of November 23rd 1963 published a letter in a series about the Zeppelin raids "Miss Appleton moved to Weybourne in1916 and in May witnessed a Zeppelin brought down in flames in the sea, one airman was dragged ashore and was later buried at Weyboune."

In the days before Radar, the only way to have advanced warning of bombing raids, whether by enemy ships or from the air, was physically to keep watch. The church towers along the Norfolk coast were ideal for this, and the best watchers were boy scouts, their printed diaries included images of allied and enemy aircraft for identification purposes. One of the boy scouts, William Glew kept a diary of his

watching work at Morston and Blakeney in 1918. Typical entries read:

14th March: 6-8 Watch - saw 3 Hospital Ships 3rd April: 6-8 Watch - Saw airship, Went for row. Saw monitor. Signaling with OP soldiers 17th May: Camp Orderly. Saw flying boat, 2 monitors & obs balloon. Cooked outside (NRO, MC 266/1)

The last Zeppelin of the war to be brought down in August 1918 was L70, shot down over Wells. Peter Strasser, Chief of the Naval Airship Division and the driving force behind the German airship program was on board L70 Zeppelins made a total of total of 12 raids on London and 40 more over the rest of the country, killed 500 people and injuring 1100. Peter Wordingham



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GARDENING CLUB

As our members will know, the Gardening Club is planning to merge with the Wildlife Club later this year.

It will be an opportunity after this difficult period to 'rethink' what a new joint club might look like and will enable one committee to oversee any outings and events which previously might have appealed to members of both clubs. This will happen in the Autumn, please look out for the date of the Extraordinary 'Annual General Meeting' which will give current members of both clubs further opportunities to voice their views and opinions.



The Community Plot which is currently funded by the Gardening Club members is gradually developing. The polytunnel has proved invaluable in raising the many Sunflower seedlings for the Aldborough Sunflower Festival this summer. We have had several varieties of tomatoes gifted together with aubergines and cucumbers, which are all thriving and we are still hoping to have a picnic and tomato tasting at the Allotments later in the summer, covid restrictions allowing!

Stepping Stones pre-school have planted potatoes and their sunflower seedlings on the plot and are excited to be able to visit to plant now as part of their 'learning goals'.

Aldborough Sunflower Festival 2021. Hopefully lots of villagers are raising Sunflowers for their front borders/pots to join in with the idea of 'Aldborough Sunflower Festival' this summer. Seeds were given away on the Green at the end of May and there will be a limited amount of seedlings available if anyone has been unsuccessful in sourcing any elsewhere.



By the end of June, 10 craft sunflowers will have been placed around the Green, all with themed facts about sunflowers and a question to find the answer to. There will be a prize for the tallest sunflower grown by an U12! Let us know by email t.hooker@talktalk.net if you need 'height' verified to enter the U12 competition.

Our Gardening Club photographer will be 'snapping' pots of sunflowers in gardens throughout the summer to form a 'montage' of photographs – mystery prizes!



S.A.V.E. CAMPAIGN

Rectory Farm Pig Unit Planning Application [PF/20/0578]

Following up on the email from Sam Harrison of Pick Associates which was reported on in the last edition of this magazine, a member of the SAVE campaign contacted James Mann, the NNDC Case Officer for planning application PF/20/0578, on 17th May, for an update on the situation from NNDC's standpoint.

Mr Mann advised as follows;-



- Further submissions are
 anticipated from Pick Associates to address outstanding issues
- NNDC will in due course re-assess their EIA screening decision, having considered Pick's latest submissions
- NNDC will arrange for there to be a third public consultation period when it becomes appropriate to do so
- The application will be referred to the Development Committee at a date to be announced, and will not be processed under delegated powers.

Consequently, it seems that the campaign against the Rectory Farm Planning Application must wait for these various steps to unfold, before any more tangible steps can be taken to try to prevent the development going ahead. Meanwhile, a democratic conundrum is highlighted, that the wishes of a single family farm continue to blight the lives of the entire wider community.

Lastly, it can also be reported that SAVE has written to the Sustainability Officer and to the CEO of the pig production company behind the Rectory Farm Planning Application, (believed to be owned by the largest meat producers in the world). They were asked how they can reconcile their Corporate Social Responsibility Statement, (ie. how they interact with local communities), with the proposal to place this unit of 1900 pigs in the Aldborough Conservation Area, within 250m of 30 homes.

There has been no response.

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MANNINGTON HALL CHARITY DAY

September 5th 11.00-17.00

All charities have had a hard time raising funds over the past year, so when Lady Walpole asked Hospice Ethiopia UK to coordinate Mannington Hall's Charity Day, they jumped at the chance. Last year the event took place, in between lockdowns, and was a welcome day out! Hopefully, we won't be in between lockdowns in 2021, so Hospice Ethiopia UK feels doubly determined to put on a good day out at Mannington Hall, before autumn sets in.



The event will include charity and craft stalls, and the organisers have been busy contacting as many local craftspeople as they can find to come. It is fortunate there are so many talented craftspeople around this area. Its such a diverse group of skills – potters, sculptors, willow weavers, jewellery designers as well as a real cross-section of Norfolk charities that are well worth our support.

Hospice Ethiopia UK are also are planning entertainment and attractions, to include local musicians and dancers, a family dog show, a children's story teller, a treasure hunt for children, cookery demonstrations and a crockery smashing stall. And of course, drinks and food from the café, as well as a picnic area for everyone to chill out. There is masses of free parking, so do put the date in your diary and go along to join in the fun.

Entrance fee adults: £6; children free.





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The Black Boys opens on May 17th with a full range of drinks and food. The staff welcome you all, under the watchful eve of Sandra. [he Black Bovs has undergone refurbishment and further details will be outlined in due course.

https://www.facebook.com/BlackBoysAldborough www.blackboysaldborough.co.uk



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting was held on **Monday 5th** July 2021, and marked a return to physical meetings.

Members of the public are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to speak at all meetings.

Councillor Vacancy

After a decade and a half of service Martin Elliott has decided to step down from the Council opening up a vacancy. The official vacancy notice is on the NNDC website, and local notice boards.

So what's involved in being a Councillor?



If you've never been to a Parish Council meeting, you may be forgiven for thinking that Parish Councillors are a group of people who just meet now and then in a village hall.

If, however, you live in a community when something "big" has or is about to happen, you'll know that's when people in the community need support and guidance and it's the Parish Council that they turn to.

As a Parish Councillor, you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support. A community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that will give



you a sense of achievement and real pride.

If you would like to know more about what is involved please feel free to contact any councillor or the clerk.

Agendas & Minutes

The agendas and minutes for the Parish Council are all available online at http://bit.ly/Aldborough





Please feel free to contact your friendly Parish Council team on any Parish Council matters using the contact details on the website.

KERB TIDY - HELP NEEDED

Over a year ago it was decided that the village would request Norfolk County Council not to spray nasty chemicals around the village.

This was readily agreed to, but as a consequence grass is now growing around the kerbing in the car parking spots, around the green in

general and a few other areas.

In response to a suggestion from a member of the public and in memory of David Waine the Parish Council has agreed to try and organise a work party where volunteers spend a few hours dealing with the issue. For matters of this nature we rely entirely upon the kind <u>assistance of volunteers</u>.

The provisionally discussed date is <u>Saturday</u> <u>24th July</u> - further information will be circulated. (Apologies for incorrect date in the last magazine.)



We need a good turn out and plenty of volunteers for this or the Parish Council may have to consider reverting to the spraying of chemicals around the village.



WINEPRESS

As reported on several issues ago (issue 2) the village was gifted a winepress by Villiers St.Denis in France. This has been stored for some time and now needs to be moved. Suggestions have been made to display it within the village - what do you think? Suggestions welcome.

WHATS ON

CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

Hosted by Aldborough Cricket Club at The Black Boys on Monday 26 July 2021 first question at 7.30pm

Teams of up to 6 £10 per person for curry & quiz

Everybody welcome Tickets available at The Black Boys



Aldborough Players present An Enchanted April

'brimming with magic and laughter'

Based on the 1922 novel by Elizabeth Von Armin

NEW DATES:- July 22, 23 and 24th 7.30 pm

Aldborough Community Centre

Tickets £ 7 from Aldborough Post Office Limited numbers in accordance with COVID guidance



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CRAFTFULNESS GR?UP

First Thursday every month starting 3rd June 12.30 - 2.30pm

Getting together with like minded people to work on your own creative project, or just to socialize. Free admission & refreshments

The Spread Eagle, Erpingham NR11 7QA

FOR MORE INFORMATION TEL 07776138125 or elena@northnorfolkcreative.com

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ZUMBA

Erpingham Multi-Purpose Court Exercise in disguise - ZUMBA

Every Monday and Thursday evening (weather permitting) with social distancing. 6.15 - 7.15 pm. Contact Sally on 07786697563 or millersally784@gmail.com or find me on my Facebook page under Zumba Sal or http://bit.ly/ZumbaSal

Come along to Zumba and party your way to a new shape. Transform your body the fun way. All levels of fitness welcome. £3.00 for your first class and then £5.00.

TALKING HEADS

What a wonderful evening we all had.

It was so good to be in the Community Centre again, health and safety regulations were very well organised... we even had waiters to bring our drink orders!

As for the entertainment, superb. Aldborough Players you did it again, thank you. Anne Bettany TALKING HEADS

SUMMER PICNIC

Bring your picnic to Thwaite Churchyard on Saturday 31st July 12.30 onwards.

Beer & wine Tea and coffee and cakes provided! Also tables and chairs - and music.

(any donations to Cromer Food Bank)

WALKING NETBALL

A sport for anyone who would love to get more active and have plenty of fun at the same time. Its exactly the same as netball, but a little slower because you can't run or jump. Any age or ability can join, Tuesdays 9.30 -10.30 am and 6.15 - 7.15pm

£2 per session. Contact Ros **01263 768262**





FINAL WORDS

The summer solstice has come and gone – what a strange summer this is so far.

Our Freedom Day has been postponed to July 19th and holidays abroad are still on hold, but we muddle on. I am making the most of our summer with barbecues and spending time with friends and family. Even though I have been in this country for 32 years, I like to celebrate the 4th of July weekend.



The village will once again see my American flag flying out of my window! And a barbecue is a must, whatever the weather.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, it does mean that we will not be able to hold our usual events on the Green for a while longer – but hopefully, if Boris goes ahead with the July 19th date to open, then we can perhaps enjoy some entertainment on the Green after that. Watch this space!!



We are already working on plans for a well waited Christmas Fair and lighting of the tree with jolly Christmas songs. We are also planning some celebrating events for the extra Bank Holiday to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

In the meantime, I hope that you are all enjoying some of the new freedoms we have. Be kind to yourselves and others as we re-emerge and do not put pressure on yourself to return to normality with ease. It has been a long time of uncertainty and restriction and it is very normal to feel hesitant, nervous, or socially awkward. Go at your own speed and enjoy yourselves safely this summer – I look forward to seeing everyone as and when we can safely do so on the Green and in the Pub!





