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WELCOME ALONG

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

The long awaited outside table tennis table has arrived and is in full use. Looking forward to tournaments with residents of all ages.

It was great seeing lots of sunflowers around the village, gardens, allotments and in containers.

There are wonderful photos of Players AFTAs Theatre Awards 2021 that was held on 25th April. Celebrities and glamour arrived in our village that wonderful evening.

Also see fabulous photos of the Aldborough Players in An Enchanted April.

Again, 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 6th edition of the Magazine and hope you keep enjoying it.

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MAGAZINE DEADLINES

The Village Magazine will be produced roughly every 2 months.

If you would like to assist with the production of the magazine or have some feedback then please make contact. We are specifically looking for a volunteer to assist with administrating the article submission - good knowledge of IT, and a real eye for detail required - for more details please contact us.

Absolute Copy Deadline for next magazine:- 11th October 2021
Publication/Distribution:- 23rd October 2021

Magazine content should be sent to magazine@aldborough.co.uk

The magazine takes about a week to put together so please send things through in advance as copy at the last minute may not be in time for inclusion.

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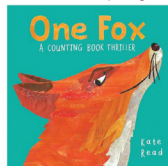


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One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller is a gorgeous picture book which will entertain the youngest in your family. It's a book that's perfect for sharing, with bold and beautiful pictures, a nice bit of tension and with a satisfying and perfectly realised ending.

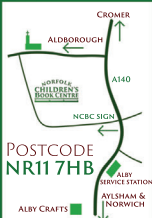
Children from 9 and up will thoroughly enjoy Sophie Anderson's **The Castle of Tangled Magic**. This prize winning author introduces Olla, the courageous and charismatic heroine who bravely negotiates the twists and turns of the cleverly constructed plot. Sophie has created an entertaining, twisted fairytale 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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Future of Village Lunch

Our event in the Community Centre on Saturday 14th August was so well supported; it was lovely to see so many people out and about again and enjoying the wonderful spread laid on by Jean and Mandy. We welcomed representatives from the new Community Centre team, the Church and the Parish Council, keen as we were to hear your views about all aspects of village life. Village Care's biggest question concerns the future of Village Lunch, whether it should be restarted as it was or whether we want to look at any changes. We listened to your views and several filled in our simple questionnaire.



Opinion is really divided on this issue and the Village Care committee will be meeting to decide on the way forward. If anyone would still like to voice an opinion, please do. The alternative under consideration is to make it a more informal, drop-in event (like Saturday's), with the smaller tables and a selection of buffet food available as a lighter lunch. We would think about adding in craft tables or card and board game tables. We would like to attract more people who live in the village and to stress that it is for the whole community, not just older folk.

Elaine Hayton has organised Village Lunch for many years and would now like to step down. We should like to thank her for all her hard work, which has been really appreciated by so many for so long. **This does mean that we need to find someone to help keep it going, particularly to oversee the administrative side.**

Please get in touch if you would like to offer help or discuss what might be entailed.

Extra Equipment available

Village Care has recently acquired two walking frames to help people with restricted mobility access the Community Centre from their cars and to move around inside it. These are kept in the cloakroom recess in the foyer and can also be lent out to people who may have temporary need of one. These are in addition to the wheelchair already owned by the Community Centre.

Table Tennis Table

Twenty years ago the Parish Council considered a request for a table tennis table on the Green (it was rejected as being too expensive). Now we finally have one, thanks to a generous legacy given to Village Care. It arrived at six o'clock on a Monday

morning (the driver having left Manchester with it at 2 a.m.) and installation was very exciting. It has been great to see so many people of all ages and sporting abilities enjoying playing.



Players are invited to bring their own equipment, but there is a box containing a few spare bats and balls underneath the table. Please replace these if you use them and put the box back under the table to keep it dry. The shop is now selling equipment.

Please respect the few rules (e.g. looking after the bats and balls and not climbing up onto the table or damaging it in any way).

We hope you enjoy playing!

London Marathon Donation

Village Care is delighted to have been selected as one of the 26 local charities to benefit from Duncan Baker's London Marathon run in October. To read more about this, see his website <https://www.duncanbaker.org.uk>



BUS SERVICES

We are fortunate to have 2 bus companies who provide a service here in Aldborough.

During the week Sanders runs a bus (No. 18) that leaves The Black Boys at 9.35 to Cromer, returning at 13.10 from the bus station. Also at 9.35 opposite The Black Boys a bus leaves for Aylsham and North Walsham, returning at 11.20 and 13.20 (North Walsham) and 11.45 and 13.45 (Aylsham).

On Saturdays the bus goes to Cromer at 9.35, returning at 13.10. The one to North Walsham and Aylsham leaves at 10.25 and returns at 11.55 (North Walsham) and 12.15 (Aylsham), going on to Cromer.

Feline runs 3 services from Aldborough at the top of the Green. On Tuesdays it leaves at 9.10 for North Walsham (Waitrose and Sainsburys), returning at 11.40. On Wednesdays it leaves at 9.20 for Wroxham, returning around 12.30.

Bus passes mean that for many of us these journeys are free and we are helping to reduce car use. Bus use has really dropped off during the pandemic and, if we want these services to continue, we need to support them.

Use it - or lose it!

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library calls every 4 weeks; recently the times have changed slightly. Now: Margaret Lilly Way 12.45 – 13.05; the Green 15.45 – 16.35. The next dates are: September 16th, October 14th, November 11th and December 9th.

Use it - or lose it!

CRAFT GROUP

There is a craft group which meets in Prince Andrew Chapel on the 1st Monday of each month, 10a.m. – 12.00. The next date is September 6th. Due to popular demand this group will now meet fortnightly, so also on Monday 20th. Bring your knitting, sewing, painting etc. Refreshments provided.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Did you know?

Some of the new management team didn't know so maybe you don't either. Aldborough Community Centre is a **registered charity** established 50 years ago to 'improve the conditions of life for said inhabitants'. **This means it depends entirely on fundraising, hire charges and profits from the bar.**

So, please support ACC by making it your first choice when planning events and activities!



We have rationalised hire charges so all users of the hall are charged £13 per hour and £5 per hour for just the bar area or the snooker room upstairs. We are delighted to partner the **Active Aldborough** initiative by subsidising hire costs for wellbeing sessions such as fitness classes and yoga, which are charged £10 per hour.

As we mentioned in the last Village Magazine, we have a shiny new management team who are busy behind the scenes getting to know the facilities, stocktaking and planning improvements. You will soon see some of the results of these efforts.... So watch this space!

We are celebrating!! December 31st, 2021 marks 50 years since the Temperance Hall and Coffee Room Ltd was first leased by the Parish Council (and over 30 years now since the Parish Council became registered owner) to become the Community Centre. Tell us how this should be celebrated? Big New Year party? We'd like to exhibit old photos and other memorabilia showcasing its varied use over the last 50 years- so please search your photo albums now!



Did you know? We have a beautiful full size snooker table upstairs? Contact Julie to make arrangements to use.

Did you know? We hire out tables, glasses and crockery for your own events? Contact Julie to hire.

Win £25 in our search for a new ACC logo competition!

Something bright, contemporary and which captures the spirit of a community facility for all. Enter your design as a jpeg by sending to Antonia; email antonialloyd@hotmail.com by September 17, 2021.

ACC Cleaner/caretaker wanted!

Now that ACC is getting used more regularly we need to supplement the efforts of our hard working young cleaner by contracting someone to take on substantial cleaner/caretaking role. From the previous incumbents, we know this is about 3 hours paid work per week and we would like this to be done on a regular day each week. Contact Clive Rounce on clive.rounce@outlook.com to get more information.

ACC Key Recall

There are too many keys out there and our insurance/fire risk obligations mean that we need to recall these. Please submit any keys you may have to a member of the ACC Team. We will be changing the lock and key access system in September!

Bookings and hire: Julie, phone: **01263 768616** , Email: julie@flori-bunda-workshop.co.uk

Book share: The shelves are full at the moment, please do not leave any more books, especially on the doorstep. Many thanks!

READING A HOUSE **Thatch and Pantile**

Aldborough is fortunate to have a range of different types and ages of house: some with elements that date back to at least the sixteenth century.

Walking around the village becomes even more interesting when you learn to read a building. The materials, construction, proportion and decoration of the different elements of a building (roofs, walls windows etc.) can tell you much about the house once you learn how to read these features.



Looking across The Green the varied styles, materials and finishes can readily be appreciated. In this view Chesterfield House, Fernleigh House and The Old Post Office all have a steep roof pitch which belies the pantile roofing material as the original finish. Steep roof pitch is typical of thatched



roofs. The only remaining thatch in the village is The Thatched House, but there are a few that have roof pitches which indicate that they were once thatched. Because of the fire risk, maintenance costs and the vagaries of fashion in the early eighteenth century many thatched roofs were replaced by pantiles. Pantiles became available from the mid-seventeenth century onward and became particularly popular due to Dutch imports during the reign of William and Mary at the turn of the eighteenth century.

The northern gable of Chesterfield House also shows how the house was extended upward from a single-storey house with accommodation in the attic to a full two-storey house with a slightly more shallow (but still thatch) roof pitch. A similar process is evident on the eastern gable of Fernleigh House, facing Thurgarton Road, where a much earlier single-storey gable is 'fossilised' within the later extended gable.



The older gable shows diaper work, the use of dark-faced bricks to make diamond-shaped patterns in the brickwork. This type of pattern is typical of Tudor brickwork and suggests that there was a single-storey building on the site in the sixteenth century. After that time, this type of pattern does not reappear in buildings until Victorian revival styles became fashionable.

Pantiles are much lighter to install on a thatched roof than plain tiles, having about two-thirds of the weight of flat roof tiles. This allowed the earlier roof timber structure to be retained through

the change of material. Norfolk is noted for its use of glazed black pantiles and a good example of this can be seen on the early Georgian 'gentrification' of Fernleigh House and The Old Post House, where the earlier timber-framed cottages have been upgraded with patterned brick elevations on the south, facing The Green. These roofs, on close inspection, are striped with alternate glazed and unglazed runs – a purely decorative detail.

Faden's Map of Norfolk (above) surveyed during 1790-1794 and published in 1797 correlates well with the roof pitch observations. The property to the north of The Green, now Fernleigh House and The Old Post House, can be seen across the road from The Black Boys. Chesterfield House is one of the properties on the western side of The Green and the former Red Lion can be seen to the south. The track at the side of Manor Farm, then the Old Hall, is also shown clearly. All of which goes to show that reading the current buildings can provide a good basis for understanding documentary evidence!

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Mary's Church, Aldborough

First Sunday of the month	11am Holy Communion service.
Second Sunday of the month	11am Holy Communion service.
Third Sunday of the month	8am Holy Communion service.
Fourth Sunday of the month	no service

If there is a fifth Sunday of the month it will be a group service, see Church noticeboard for details.

Assuming the covid restrictions allow, we will be starting the village breakfasts again! **BUT....**

The Village Breakfast has been moved to the **third SATURDAY of the month. 9.30am to 11am** in the **Aldborough Church Room.** (by the play area on the Green)

Hooray! no need to bother getting breakfast today! Village breakfast will provide breakfast for you! Come and enjoy bacon baps, croissants and coffee, read the papers and chat with friends.

No charge, but donations gratefully accepted. All welcome!

The September Village Breakfast on **Saturday 18th September** will also have a bric-a-brac table to raise funds to take part in the Toilet Twinning Scheme, providing basic toilets for people who have no sanitation. (Can you imagine having no toilet?) More details on www.toilettwinning.org

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PRINCE ANDREW'S CHAPEL

Sunday services are at 10.45am for about an hour. All are welcome to come.

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FLUSHING AWAY POVERTY!

One of the projects we are undertaking at Aldborough Church is to twin our composting toilet with a toilet in an overseas poor community.

This scheme is run by Tearfund; as little as £60 will fund a new toilet for a community which hitherto had no access to sanitation or clean water. The facts and figures around sanitation are shocking:

- It is estimated that 2 billion people don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet (WHO/Unicef).
- The lack of a toilet makes women and girls a target for sexual attack as they go to the toilet in the open, late at night.
- Almost 1,000 children die every day from preventable diseases linked to dirty water and unsafe toilets.
- 663 million people live without safe water (Unicef).
- Every year, women and girls spend 97 billion hours finding a place to go.

Let's be honest, in Aldborough, most of us take our sanitation for granted and cannot imagine what it is like to have no access to clean water and sanitation.

This is where Aldborough Church needs your help. We will be having a collection at the Aldborough Harvest Service and Celebration to fund the Tearfund twinning toilet project. Donations can be made during the Celebration (in recycled envelopes) or if you cannot attend the event, please make donations to Aldborough Church with a covering note to say it for the Tearfund Twinning Toilet project. These should be given to Enrica Botright, Riverside, Chapel Road, Aldborough. Many thanks for your help!



Sunday 10th October 11.00. St Mary's Church Aldborough Harvest Service and Celebration, at Aldborough Church Room.

ALL WELCOME!

ENCHANTED APRIL

What a delightful production the Aldbrough Players provided last month!



Written and directed by Dee Jupp, this adaptation of Elizabeth Von Armin's bestseller was staged at the Community Centre, using much of the available technology to excellent effect. There was a gasp from the audience at the particularly charming and evocative filmed sequences in the old railway carriages. However, the whole atmosphere created by the script, the set and the well drawn characterisation

was excellent. Add to that the strong performances from an experienced cast and the total effect was impressive and engaging.

All roles were convincingly played. Among the lesser characters was a three some of servants, whose sequence of conversational Italian prompted spontaneous applause on the night we attended – and, ingeniously, translations appeared above the respective actors.



The action was set in the 1920's and involved four women who are strangers spending a month together in an Italian Castle. This offered plenty of scope for a

production rich with a period set, costumes, matching manners and music of the time. The design and implementation team behind this deserve recognition. So do the back stage personnel who ensured that the smooth 'flow' of the plot was barely disturbed by the frequent minor scene changes.



In normal times this production would merit high praise. In the context of lockdown



restrictions it was particularly remarkable; originally the play was scheduled to be performed in June 2020, but rehearsals were impossible, public gatherings became illegal and the Community Centre was closed indefinitely. Subsequently, rehearsals took place in a very cold barn and eventually on stage.



In the end the result was a triumph over these many adversities. The Players should feel proud of their achievement. Certainly their effort provided an enchanting evening for their audience.



VILLAGE VOICE

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

Dear Editor,

In Issue 5, in the two articles by Duncan Baker MP and Saul Penfold, Norfolk County Councillor, I was astonished that neither mentioned what they intended to do about the lack of proper services in North Norfolk for those suffering from mental illness. This applies to both Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT) and to Norfolk County Council Social Services which are both responsible for providing essential services for those with serious mental illness and have both suffered from serious underfunding for many years.

Severe cuts have severely damaged what used to be an excellent service in North Norfolk and we have seen a big increase in the number of suicides in our area. In particular the closure of over 100 psychiatric NHS beds in our area has made it difficult for staff to ensure the safety and proper treatment of patients and has led to many severely ill patients being sent hundreds of miles away to private hospitals, not only at an unnecessary cost to the NHS, but also severe cost of distress to patients and their relatives. Other service users have had to wait months before even being seen and assessed.

The North Norfolk branch of the Campaign to Save Mental Health Services in Norfolk and Suffolk have been fighting to get NSFT to set up a Walk-in NHS Psychiatric Clinic in North Norfolk (possibly in Cromer) to enable those in need to receive treatment swiftly and not have to wait many months for help or even just for an assessment, which is the current situation.

It is positive that we now have a Mental Health Practitioner available on a Monday at our local GP surgery. However, we in the Campaign are concerned that she will struggle to help those with severe mental illness because of the lack of those multi-disciplinary services that are essential in mental health in order to provide proper treatment.

The North Norfolk Campaign will be having a series of meetings with NSFT and the Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in order to establish what changes are needed in North Norfolk. If you wish to contribute to this, or have a particular issue you wish to be raised feel welcome to let us know and if you want join the Campaign contact us by email (nnmentalhealthcrisis@gmail.com) or ring me

Currently all our meetings have been on Zoom ,but soon we should be able to hold public meetings which usually have been in Cromer.

Yours sincerely, Terry Skyrme Tel. 01263 768676.

Dear Editor,

After Reading your article in July Village Magazine regarding the Rectory Farm Planning Application I feel I must write to say what a cruel thing to write "that the wishes of a single family farm continue to blight the lives of the entire community" This family are my friends and have been for many years. They are a very conscientious farming family.

People who come to live in the village, whether they approve of the application or disapprove, most of them know nothing about village life or farming. They should keep their thoughts and views to themselves. How do you think the Filby family feel after farming in Aldborough all these years?

Good Luck David, Nancy & Family.

GUIDANCE FOR VILLAGE VOICE

This section of the magazine is open for any member of our community to share their views about village life or activities subject to the comments being courteous and constructive. **We openly invite you to start a discussion on important issues.** You are free to choose for your name not to be printed, but for legal reasons only content where the editor knows the identity of the contributor can be printed.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 25th September

at Prince Andrews Chapel, Aldborough
(behind the Black Boys Pub)

10am till 12noon

Refreshments, Cakes and biscuits, Bric a
brac, Paintings

MANNINGTON HALL CHARITY DAY

September 5th 11.00-17.00



This event will include charity and craft stalls, and the organisers have been busy contacting as many local talented craftspeople including potters, sculptors, willow weavers, jewellery designers etc.

Hospice Ethiopia UK who are organising the event are also planning entertainment and attractions, to include local musicians and dancers, a family dog show, a children's storyteller, 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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SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL



Aldborough residents have responded and around the village lots of sunflowers have appeared in gardens, allotments and in containers. By the time this article is published, the final verification of heights will have taken place for those U12s who have been tending their plants! Next issue we will publish the size of the tallest sunflower and pictures of the 'mystery' prize winners. Thank you to all those who took part! Can you spot yours

in the photo montage on the following pages? (Its easy to remove and keep as its the centre pages).

In June, craft sunflowers were placed around the Green with sunflower facts and challenges, these are repeated below for those that missed them.

Sunflowers symbolise loyalty and adoration, faith, happiness, long life and good luck. Can you describe how you feel when you see a Sunflower?

Sunflowers are the flower of Kansas State in the U.S.A. Can you find a picture of the flag of the State of Kansas?

Sunflowers were named for the way they turn their blooms from East to West to follow the Sun. Where were Sunflowers first grown?

The Sunflower is the national flower of the Ukraine. Can you find Ukraine on a map?

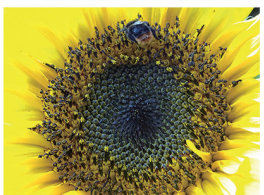
Sunflowers have inspired great artists such as Vincent Van Gogh. Can you find a picture of a painting of Sunflowers by an artist?

Sunflowers have been used to remove toxins and pollutants from soil. Where have scientists planted fields of sunflowers to clean soil?

Sunflower centres are made from thousands of tiny flowers. Can you find out how many small individual flowers make up the composite flower?

Tall varieties can grow as much as 12 feet high. Can you find out how tall the tallest sunflower measured and what year it was grown?







All Photos Courtesy Kate Wenham

COUNCILLORS WANTED

Vacancies for Councillors

The Parish Council has two vacancies for new Councillors. If you are interested in serving the village then please feel free to contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk or simply look up the role online. *Appointment of new Councillors will be considered at the next meeting.*

So what's involved in being a Councillor?

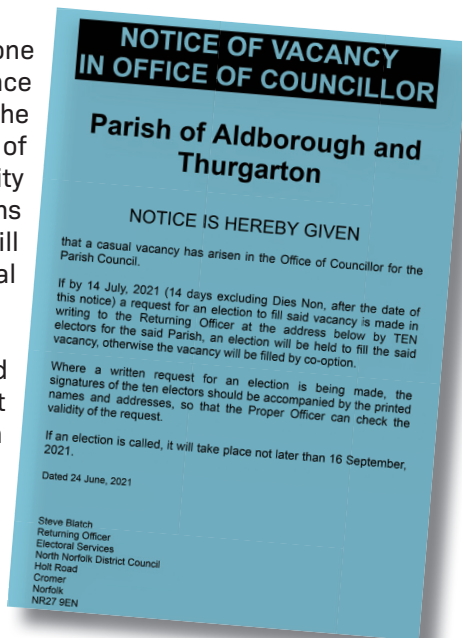
If you've never been to a Parish Council meeting, you may be forgiven for thinking that Parish Councillors are a group of people who just meet now and then in a village hall.

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.

For example the Parish Council is registered owner of both the Village Green (which it manages) and the Community Centre (which is managed by its own committee). Decisions are often related to the Green which is such a focus for our village and to village events and even the publication of this magazine.

The Council also manages the childrens play area and is asked its opinion on all planning matters within the village. Previous projects include the village sign. Currently plans are underway for



TWO NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS NEEDED

the Christmas Tree, and Carols that have been so enjoyed in previous years but had to be postponed in 2020.

The Parish Council is your most local level of representation and as such we represent the whole cross section of the village from young to old. As such we are looking to better reflect the varied age groups within the village and **are particularly eager to hear from younger members of the village** who would like to consider serving on the Council.

All of the current Councillors are friendly and willing to discuss what the role involves and their contact details are on the website, or you probably already know one or two of us.

To serve our village on the Council you must be over 18 amongst a few other criteria such as living, working or having a direct link to the village, and being registered to vote.

If you would like to know more about what is involved or the appointment process please feel free to contact any Councillor or the Clerk.

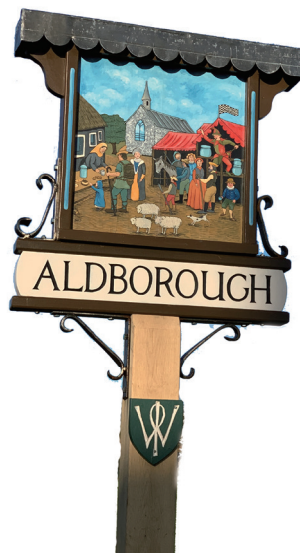


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Clerk

Sarah at aldboroughparishcouncil@gmail.com or **01263 570223**



GARDENING CLUB - MEETING

Are You?

- Interested in influencing the future of your local environment?
- Interested in improving our immediate surroundings to encourage wildlife?
- Able to think of any future improvements to:-
Play areas, the village green, the pond, roadside verges, streams and other community areas?
- Looking to develop your own garden/allotment with like minded people?



Interested?

Then come along to an Open Meeting in the Community Centre on **Wednesday 22nd of September from 7.00pm.**

Prompted by the agreed amalgamation of Aldborough Gardening Club and Aldborough Wildlife Group, an interim, informal steering group will be hosting this event with a proposal to set in motion the development of an entirely new local community group, incorporating the assets, and background of both old groups, but focusing very much on the future.



Most of the evening will be informal discussion. Your ideas and input are most welcome. Complimentary drinks for all. After more than 18 months of pandemic and extended lockdowns, all of us have had to change dramatically our lifestyles and working habits. During this period most of us have rediscovered and come to value highly our local outdoor spaces, both private and public and it seems unlikely that as a society we can return to the old 'normal' any time soon.

As the outgoing Chair of Aldborough Gardening, I think this is absolutely the right time to try and launch a new style of community group which can work collectively and informally to improve all our local surroundings and enhance social contact. It could also be a lot of FUN!

Bob Evans, Chairman, Aldborough Gardening Club



GARDENING CLUB - ALLOTMENT

The idea of a Community Allotment came about a couple of years ago and Bob and Sheila Evans put a lot of energy into setting it up, applying for a Grant for a polytunnel, creating raised beds and generally producing lovely vegetables and salad produce. Although a group initially helped create the paths and set the raised beds sadly it was largely left to Bob and Sheila.



This spring, Bob and Sheila needed to step back from the allotment and it was agreed that another member of the committee of the Garden Club would take responsibility for it. During Spring and early Summer, the polytunnel was integral in producing the Sunflower seedlings which we were able to give away to villagers and the allotment has been “gifted” seeds, vegetables and salad plants. There are tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines and melon all growing in the polytunnel at the moment and in raised beds we have rhubarb plants, raspberry canes, strawberry plants, pumpkins, leeks, courgettes, carrots, potatoes and outside tomatoes and cucumbers.

The community allotment is usually manned on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm. If you would like to help and be part of a small group working at the allotment, do pop along and see for yourself.

Stepping Stones have planted some Sunflowers on the plot as well as potatoes, which they will harvest when preschool resumes in September. If you would like to plant a raised bed or just get involved in some way, email t.hooker@talktalk.net.



FAREWELL TO BILLY HAMMOND

(1926 – 2021)



A special man, a farmer, a village character, a real gentleman who always raised his cap, who had a wonderful smile and a rather charming sense of humour. A man who liked things to be done properly and who lived a long life to the full.

George William Hammond (Billy) was born at Thurgarton on 20th July 1926 and it is doubtful that anyone will witness such changes in a lifetime as he did – from working horses and no electricity, through a world war, to the incredibly mechanised and technology driven world of today.

He left school at the age of 14, soon after the war broke out, to work on the home farm. In 1941 he joined the Aylsham Air Training Corps, hoping to join the RAF. That same year a German bomb, intended for Matlaske airfield, landed near the farmyard in Thurgarton creating a huge crater, damaging the farm house and blowing Billy out of his bed at 11 o'clock at night. There are still fragments of the bomb in the vintage tractor shed. Although accepted into the aircrew, he was released from training when his father became ill and he returned home to help on the farm.



In 1948, aged 22, Billy managed to get a farm of his own, where he kept cattle, sheep and pigs along with the arable.

In his words, happiness arrived when at Aylsham YFC he met a pretty girl called Anne Betts. They married in 1952 and enjoyed a happy marriage until Anne sadly died in 2011.

In 1960 Billy took over the farm from his father. The 60s were an exciting time for farming and the farm business grew as a result of his endeavours. Hobbies and outside interests eventually became more important and he enjoyed travelling to Russia, China and the USA on 'business' trips, and taking holidays with Anne to

Kenya, Gambia, Europe, Morocco, Barbados and many more places.

He started amassing his wonderful vintage and veteran machinery collection, which he loved showing to visitors. This included three vintage steam traction engines along with countless vintage tractors and combines. He enjoyed playing golf and bridge and threw himself into office-holding. A brief list includes: founder and chair of Holt and District Rabbit Clearance Society, 22 years Chairman of the UBIDB, founder member of Aylsham Grain, 4 years chairman of Aylsham Growers, 12 years chairman of Aldborough Parish Council, President of Aylsham Show, 10 years chairman of Aldborough Cricket Club, moving on to be President, and President of Holt FC.

As Chair of Aldborough and Thurgarton Parish Council, Billy was always "hands on" and involved in village life in very practical ways. He once described his relationship with Ruth Bayes (then Vice Chair) as ideal, as he represented the spade and she the pen. He was in the chair at the time of our twinning with the French village of Villiers St. Denis. It is his signature on the twinning charter displayed in the Community Centre. He embraced the opportunities afforded by this connection, visiting Villiers and entertaining new French friends, both in the village and in his home. He hosted the official twinning ceremony in his barn and mischievously delighted in the fact



that, as the French found it hard to say 'Chairman of the Parish Council', they dubbed him the 'Mayor of Aldborough'. It is touching that an email was received from Villiers expressing sadness at his death.



He was a family man who welcomed each new generation into this world and took great delight in following their progress. He leaves 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He also leaves the community he loved and served with very many fond memories.

Thanks to Jack Hammond, from whose address at Billy's Thanksgiving Service much of this is taken and to the family for supplying the photos.

YARD SALE

The Village Yard Sale reported on in the last magazine went ahead on Sunday 18th July.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who held a stall at the Aldborough Village Yard Sale in July, to raise money for the Friends of Aldborough School. We had over 30 stalls around the village, and with a children and adult's tombola too, raised a total of £365!

There was a lovely buzz in the village, and whilst we weren't able to provide refreshments, we hope that North Norfolk Creative and the Black Boys benefitted from a few extra customers!

Thank you to everyone that got involved with this lovely event!



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PETER



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TINA

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

The agendas and the minutes for Aldborough and Thurgarton Parish Council meetings are all available online at <http://bit.ly/Aldborough>. The Council holds a meeting every 2 months at the start of each month (usually but not always the first Monday). *Members of the public are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to speak at all meetings.*

The next meeting will be in early September, and will be posted on the village notice boards in advance.

Issues for the next meeting will include:-

- Winepress Relocation
- Christmas Plans
- Green Matters
- Appointment of new Councillors
- Community Centre, Magazine, Play Area,,,



Table Tennis

The Parish Council would like to publicly thank Village Care for the gift of a Table Tennis Table to the village. We are very happy to see it being so well used and enjoyed.

S.A.V.E. CAMPAIGN

Rectory Farm Planning Application (PF/20/0578)

North Norfolk District Council has recently (20th August 2021) reconsidered the application and decided that *“...Local Authority cannot rule out a Likely Significant Effect in EIA terms and therefore further information and assessment is required as part of an Environmental Statement...”*. Furthermore NNDC stated that *“...the Local Authority consider that an Environmental Statement is required and that we have insufficient information to progress this application at this time.”* Pick Associates have indicated they will appeal this decision.

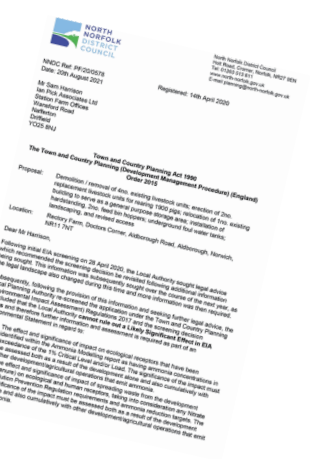


1. CASE DETAILS	
Case Reference	Rectory Farm, Division Corner, Aldborough Road, Aldborough
Site	Rectory Farm, Division Corner, Aldborough Road, Aldborough
Applicant	Mr Peter J. Scott
LPA	North Norfolk District Council

2. EIA DETAILS	
Is the project Schedule 1 development according to Column 1 of the EIA Regulations?	No
Is the project Schedule 2 development under the EIA Regulations?	Yes
Is the development within, partly within, or near a 'sensitive area' as defined by Regulation 2 of the EIA Regulations?	No
Are the applicable thresholds/criteria in Column 2 exceeded?	Yes - The relevant threshold in Category 1 (i) is exceeded when the area of new floorspace exceeds 500sqm.
If yes, which applicable threshold/criteria?	The proposed scheme involves a 4 storey building and extension of a 2 storey building of 1000sqm. The floorspace proposed amounts to 1800sqm.

3. LPA/NOI SCREENING	
Has the LPA or NOI issued a Screening Opinion (SO) or Screening Decision (SD) in the last 6 months (or, if none, has a Regulation 27 notice been issued)?	Yes
If yes, is a copy of the SO/SD on the file?	Yes
If yes, is the SO/SD positive?	Yes

4. ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT	
Has the applicant supplied an EIS for the current or previous application?	No
Is reserved matter or conditional application?	No



NNDC also recently commissioned an experts report to look at some of the issues raised by previous consultation with the village. This can be viewed on the planning website at www.bit.ly/PigFactory and makes interesting reading.

So what does this mean for the development?

Currently the application is on hold and cannot progress.

The promised third consultation period (your opportunity to comment by writing to NNDC or submitting letters directly on the NNDC planning website) will be postponed until the outcome of the appeal which will be heard by the Secretary of State (actually by his representative). We don't know how long this will take currently and will publish information as soon as we have it.



What happens after that?

If the decision is upheld then the applicant will have to carry out a far more detailed assessment of the environmental impacts of the development. This will, we understand need to be published and extensively publicised – you will have a right to see it and read it/consider it and then make further comments to NNDC.



If the appeal overturns the NNDC decision (or after the publication of the Environmental Assessment Report if it does not) then the matter will once again be opened for public consultation. We will do our best to publicise this within the village so you can have your say on this major development.

NOTE:- This update has been drafted at short notice following a very recent development – more info to follow.

Rivers in General

Meanwhile, in July The Guardian published an article about the plight of UK’s rivers, highlighting the catastrophic impact factory-style livestock farms have on them. The reporter, George Monbiot, also produced a short film entitled “Riverside”, which can be viewed on YouTube (www.bit.ly/Riverside) This is highly relevant to the *Scarrow Beck*, a rare natural chalk stream, which runs into the river Bure and ultimately into the Broads.

Is a change in the law required?

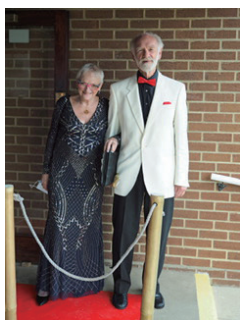
S.A.V.E. has also requested the Minister at DEFRA to review the legislation governing pig fattening factories with less than 2000 animals, to try to ensure that the proximity of “sensitive receptors”, (people, wildlife, waterways, etc), is a factor when issuing environmental certification.



THE AFTAS

(ALDBOROUGH FABULOUS THEATRE AWARDS)

We were disappointed that, after 27 years of village pantomimes, Covid prevented us from performing this year. Undaunted, however, an online Awards Ceremony was devised to provide us with many magical trips down Memory Lane. The show was first shown online and then again on the big screen in the Community Centre. There were categories such as “Best Dame”, “Best Special Effects”, “Best Twosome Comedy”, Best Panto Animal and many more, as well as tributes to past writers, directors and backstage crews.



Each category had several nominations, film clips of which were shown before celebrities opened up envelopes and announced the results. We were fortunate to persuade several international stars to be our guest announcers, including Stephen Fry, Paul Bettany, Ruth Wilson, Lisa Goddard, Lauren Hemp, Ed Balls and Henry Blofield. More local “celebrities” were Duncan Baker (MP), Stewart White (BBC Look East) Chris Goreham (Radio Norfolk).



The “live” evening enabled the audience, dressed up in their finery, to walk over a red



carpet into the Community Centre and to indulge in an evening of fun and nostalgia.

Ed Balls announcing the Award for Best Solo (joint winners Anne Bettany in 'Caribbean Dream' and Duncan Green in 'Sleeping Beauty').

Ruth Wilson announcing the Award for Lifetime Achievement (Jane Maguire) Stephen Fry announcing the Award for Best Dame (Steve Barnes as Queen Flamboyetta in 'Rumplestiltskin').

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The Black Boys ALDBOROUGH



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

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

www.blackboysaldborough.co.uk

JUNIOR CRICKET

Well, we did it! Having been thwarted by weather and Covid19 isolation we had our end of season junior cricketers and parents rounders match.

We have never watched the weather so closely, but come 3.00pm on Sunday 8th August it wasn't raining so two teams led by Helen Skinner and Antonia Gray took to the field.

A close fought contest was won by team Antonia by 36 rounders to 31 before thunder lightning and not a little rain closed play, but everyone went home feeling the season had appropriately been brought to a close.



Thanks are due to our coaches, Patrick, Carl, Simon and parent helpers, to Tina for keeping parents informed about our sessions and to Lisa for capturing the final event.

EXTEND EXERCISE CLASS

Gentle stretching and exercises, which can be done sitting down. A fun session with music. For older people and those with restricted mobility. FRIDAYS 10.00 Community Centre. Book with Christine Harvey ([01263 587276](tel:01263587276))

VILLAGE WALKS

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MUSCLE THERAPY

In our occasional series on unusual and interesting jobs and charities within the village we have previously heard from a Shepherdess and a charity helping in Ethiopia. This month we have a report from Jon who runs a muscle therapy service from Aldborough.



“How does a civil engineer with 16yrs service in local highway authority suddenly decide to quit a job, with security and pension and risk becoming a self employed massage practitioner and yoga instructor in rural North Norfolk? Its got to be a mid life crisis right?

Well it wasn't sudden, it had been in the back of my mind for many years. Let me ask you a question - how many of you have contemplated the condition of human society and see it as being plagued with physical and emotional suffering? If you have acknowledged this either in yourself or others, what is the answer? what are your options? Well, there is no silver bullet or magical cure for everything, and neither should there be. The one thing people seek from life is to be comfortable. Everything we do drives us toward this goal. and guess what, every commercial entity knows this and wants to sell you a solution or path towards that comfort. And yes I am part of that, but my intention is not to get you hooked on a never ending supply of stuff you don't need, I want to lead you toward a self sustaining version of you which is healthier and happier physically, emotionally and spiritually. What I use to do this isn't just massage therapy and yoga classes. It's much deeper than that, it is the philosophy, values and techniques going back thousands of years combined and applied with care and intuition. So, a little more on these techniques and why I have chosen to learn these.

Sports Massage Therapy - this is soft tissue manipulation from the perspective of Western Medicine. Muscle and joint pain have 3 causes, biomechanical, biochemical and neurological. Finding the combination of which of these 3 is causing pain, discomfort or limited movement, and using manipulation to encourage your body to restore itself is the intention of this treatment. It's for anyone, not





just sports people and can be simply a therapeutic restorative treat as well as a method of recovering from injury naturally without relying on medication to mask and hide pain for a few hours.

Learning this wasn't enough, there is more to the human body than physical processes, so I was guided towards Traditional Thai Bodywork. This work is an ancient, beautiful and powerful method of restoring



the body and mind. It's different, it's based on, and encourages Buddhist precepts of Loving Kindness, Compassion, Unconditional Joy and Equanimity. I have been fortunate enough to find a teacher who has not only studied in Northern Thailand and Burma, but also been practicing for over 30yrs and written a book

on the subject. Treatment is based on you, your lifestyle, your history, your body type. It's deeply relaxing and again is equally effective as a holistic therapy as it is a treatment for injury or pain. Yoga, " I can't do yoga, I'm not flexible!" Huge misconception, Yoga is not just movement, it's breathing and meditation too, a complete tool kit to sustain your body in comfort for everything else you do.

We have a wonderful community with so many resources. In many cultures, rural villages have local healers, we have many of those in many different forms. I wanted to add to this with a range of services to help and support you and your families."



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FINAL WORDS



Here we are the start of September. September isn't fall (Autumn) and is no longer Summer either. It's the beginning of things when the first dried leaves are crunched to the ground and it's the end of things too.

There are no more strawberries that burst on your tongue, just the sad, white-hearted ones from the grocery store. You always forget how hot it still can get during the day in September. How it lingers on, how it can't let Summer go, not yet.

It is all rather nice now that Covid restrictions have ended and we are now able to socialise and hold events on the Green. I hope you are, like us, enjoying your new freedoms – I am off to the States to see my father who is 97 years old having not seen him since November 2019. I need to give him a big hug, it's been impossibly hard only seeing him on Zoom.

I wish everyone a happy September doing what you feel safe doing, hopefully with loved ones and close friends. We look forward to seeing you all around the village – please do say hello and let us all know how we can all support one another going forward.

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