



Aldeburgh Museum

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KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE WITH OUR MUSEUM

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WELCOME

A warm welcome to this our fourth E-Newsletter. I hope you are all keeping safe but active.

I am pleased to say we have received our small business grant of £10000 which means with the changes to our budget from the National Lottery mentioned in the last newsletter we should be financially OK for 2020.

This is great news and the Museum Team are now considering how we might reopen in the short to medium term when some but not all of the current restrictive measures are relaxed. For example with social distancing could we let people round by restricting how many visitors can enter at once or by timed ticketing? The article [HERE](#) has some interesting thoughts about the implications for museums into the future. Rest assured that whatever we do our aim will be to keep our volunteers and staff safe and of course our visitors. If you have any suggestions on how we could manage reopening and social distancing then please get in touch.

Tony Bone
Chairman



Our New Project Locked Down in Aldeburgh

We are going through an unprecedented period of change hardship and loss for so many in our town and country. Most Aldeburgh businesses have shut their doors, many people are confined to their homes, community events have been cancelled, and help has had to be arranged for the most vulnerable. We have also witnessed remarkable instances of people volunteering to help their friends and neighbours as we strive to keep our community together.

We are living through a historic moment, and we at Aldeburgh Museum would like to share and preserve your stories documenting life in Aldeburgh during the COVID-19 pandemic. We aim to be a gathering point for community narratives, images, records, art, and other forms of response to the impacts of COVID-19. How is this affecting your life, family, or business? What feelings are you experiencing? Have you noticed any new changes, strategies, or better ways of doing things? Have you learnt something new or have you done something different for the first time?

If so please let us know and be a part of history.

You could:

- Write: Keep a Journal or diary, write poetry, write a short essay
- Create Art: Draw or paint
- Start a video blog or speak into a recorder
- Take photographs or video of your environment/community/life in quarantine
- Send us records from your business or organisation that document how it responded to the crisis (social media posts, e-mail or mail correspondence, business announcements, etc.)
- Save and record your social media posts

We will be collecting stories throughout the duration of the crisis. If you have paper materials you wish to donate, you can scan them and send us digital copies, or we can scan them later. We have set up a website for your submissions

www.lockeddowninaldeburgh.org.uk



Weekly jottings

The Three Mariners Inn.

By Jonathan Hodrien

Of all the pubs now consigned to the Town's history the memory of Slaughden's Three Mariners Inn lingers most prominently. Local families still identify ancestors who worked - or drank - in its low-ceilinged snug bar.

Accounts suggest an earlier inn called the Anchor stood on the same site dating back to the early fifteenth century, owned by the Priory at Snape. If so this was long before the Moot Hall was built. The Inn would have thrived when the quay was busy and ship building at its height. The Three Mariners was a seamans pub built overlooking Slaughden dock and quay, with its main windows facing the Sudbourne ferry which, for some time, the Inn had the rights to operate. The Museum's photograph collection does not confirm that, at one time on the seaward side, were a lawn, skittle alley and quoit bed.

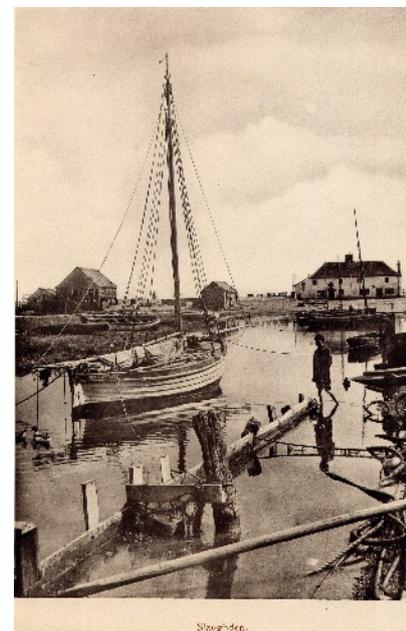
Inevitably, due to its position, the Three Mariners holds a reputation for being involved in smuggling. Doubtless this is well deserved, the punishment given to one local convicted of smuggling was to have his boat cut in half. Other stories handed down which involve the Inn paint pictures of poaching and even sheep stealing on the marshes.

A renewal of the Inn's license was not sought in 1918 and the building was claimed by the sea a few years later. The imposing whale bone brought back by fishermen from Icelandic waters that hung as a sign above the door is now exhibited in the Museum.

The Aldeburgh History Society has an oral history interview with Nina Maskell who was born in the Three Mariners in 1914. Click [HERE](#).



A storm in 1907.



Aldeburgh Folk

Millicent Fawcett **An unexpected adventure.**

(Extract from Millicent Fawcett's autobiography 'What I remember' published in 1925).

Another incident of my childhood in connection with the lifeboat was an intense joy to me. The lifeboat gun had been fired, but only for a practice. The crew received three shillings a head for practice on a smooth day and five shillings on a rough day. This was a five shilling day. We all ran off to the beach as usual, I, again, holding my father's hand. While the boat was still on the rollers, one of her crew said to my father, "Come along with us, governor"; he replied, "I should like it, my lad, but you see I can't, I've got the child with me". Looking down on me, the sailor rejoined, "Little missie would like to come too, sir". There was no need for me to say anything. I was too enchanted at this unexpected adventure. The smallest cork lifejacket in the collection was found and slipped over my head, and we embarked. The sea broke over the boat as we crossed the shoal, and drenched my hair and shoulders; one of the kind sailors produced a pink cotton handkerchief from his pocket and said, "Here, missie, wrap this around your neck". Of course, I did so, and, of course, the pink handkerchief was soon as wet as the rest of my clothing. I was intensely happy, and never dreamed of being seasick.



Millicent with her husband Henry.
Henry was a Liberal MP who was blinded in a shooting accident in 1858 aged 25.

Things to keep you busy

Try our new quiz set by Alison Barnetson.

Solve the clues right. The answer to the first one is provided (Boots).

There will be a small prize for the winner. In the event of a tie the first answer to arrive will win. The editor's decision is final. Do have a go.

Submit your answers by June 1st to learningofficer@aldeburghmuseum.org.uk

BUSINESS PAST AND PRESENT QUIZ

Can you work out the business from each clue?

1. Footballers need these (5) ANSWER **Boots**
2. Sea Rocks (11)
3. Cereal Male (6)
4. Channel Tunnel (6,10)
5. Princess Seasons (3,7)
6. Underpass (6)
7. These scribes sound as if they make footwear (6)
8. A very long river (6)
9. Sounds like a purveyor of white goods (10)
10. It's very politically correct here (2,5)
11. Bashed men reorganised a department store (9)
12. Dark or dusky tree (6)
13. A very special medicine (9)
14. Parents or singers (5,3,5)
15. 20th and 11th Male (2,3)
16. Premier Retailer (3,4)

Something to Entertain you.

Why not watch

Museums in quarantine - BBC production featuring the Ashmolean, Tate Modern, Tate Britain, and British Museum.

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm on BBC4.

Or watch this amateur silent film from the BFI - Suffolk Villages in 1964 at

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-suffolk-villages-1964-online>

Featured in this footage are; East Bergholt, Layer Marney, Colchester, Bury St Edmunds, Bungay, Lavenham, Long Melford, Aldeburgh, Sandlings, Polstead, Framlingham, Cavendish, Rendlesham, Snape, Thorpeness, Oulton Broad, Gorleston, and Southwold.

Historic Nature Walks

*Heritage, heath and hedgerow.
Walks with Aldeburgh Museum.*

This month, we are introducing a series of historic nature walks around Aldeburgh for the local community. If you would like to receive a copy of the introductory walk 'A stroll along the Sailor's Path', please email Fiona at learningofficer@aldeburghmuseum.org.uk.

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The Museum will get a charitable donation from Amazon of 0.5% of your purchase cost.

Answers to our Suffolk Places Quiz.

QUESTION	ANSWER
Department Store	Debenham
Internet Router?	Ipswich
Does a flowerpot man live here?	Benhall
Not many dwellings here	Onehouse
Timber river crossing	Woodbridge
Snake's home	Rattlesden/Aspall
Lovejoy's friend	Felsham
Definitely not at the end	Middleton
Put your fleece in here	Woolpit
Start of the West Coast Main Line?	Euston
Opposite Easton?	Weston
A good place for dogs to cross the river?	Mutford
Make your beer here?	Hopton
Does Big Ears live nearby?	Knodishall
Potions master	Snape
Baby?	Newbourne
Reynard's home	Foxhall
Expensive car	Bentley
Policeman in court	Copdock
Horse country?	Nayland
Not an ancient town	Newton
Cambridge College	Clare
We wouldn't see much without one of these	Eye
The end of a famous hawk?	Kesgrave
Plenty of bunnies here	Warren Heath
No Dutch disease here.	Elmswell
? field	Whatfield
No girls allowed	Boyton
I bet you can get your gammon here	Needham Market
An Ancient and Modern place to live	Old Newton
A saint's remains must be here somewhere.	Bury St Edmunds
Fold up bike	Moulton
1 st British PM	Walpole
Boris Johnson and his pals should like it here.	Carlton
Fish and meat?	Coddenham
Do you know John Peel?	Iken
Will I find rowers here?	Henley
Home for sheep?	Ramsholt
Sounds like General Eisenhower to me.	Eyke
Boats in a field?	Shipmeadow

AND THE WINNER OF THE QUIZ

**WITH 35 OUT OF 40 CORRECT
ENTRIES WAS SUE WARREN.**

A BOTTLE OF PROSECCO AWAITS

