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### WELCOME

Welcome to this our fifth E-Newsletter. I hope you are all keeping safe but active.

It looks possible we may be able to open in some way or other in July so we are planning on how we might do this. For example we may have to have timed tickets. Certainly we will have to implement strict social distancing measures. Whatever we do our aim will be to keep our volunteers and staff safe and of course our visitors. All suggestions welcome.

Another thing we are preparing is the launch of Friends scheme for Aldeburgh Museum. This will hopefully help the Museum continue on a sound financial footing for the long term with an events and learning programme that benefits the community at large. More about this next issue. Naturally enough we are hoping our readers will join!

Tony Bone  
Chairman



### Send in your Entries

We have had some excellent entries for our project Locked Down in Aldeburgh which records the COVID-19 pandemic in our town but we could do with more. So please send us

- 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



something 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

One idea would be to choose a day and write down everything you do noting what is different because of the lock down. Maybe on a Thursday when you go out to clap? We have set up a website for your submissions

[www.lockeddowninaldeburgh.org.uk](http://www.lockeddowninaldeburgh.org.uk)





## Weekly jottings

### Aldeburgh's Signs of the Times

By Stephen Mael

Wandering around Aldeburgh it is easy to become attracted by the various signs and plaques on display; there seem to be more here than in most similar sized towns. Blue plaques dedicated to Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and her sister Millicent Garrett Fawcett are to be seen on the walls of the Uplands on Victoria Road.\* Millicent also has a plaque on the wall of Alde House Drive which leads up to Alde house, the Garrett family home from 1852. Both Millicent's plaques were erected by The Fawcett Society in recognition of her role as a campaigner for Woman's Suffrage.

There is a faded 'museum' sign above the side door of Eaton House in Wentworth Road. This may have been the museum used to house the collection of Nicolas Fenwick Hele, a Victorian surgeon by profession who made a fine collection of stuffed birds and pressed plants, some which are now in Ipswich Museum. Dr Hele's book 'Notes or jottings about Aldeburgh' (1870) is a fascinating read.

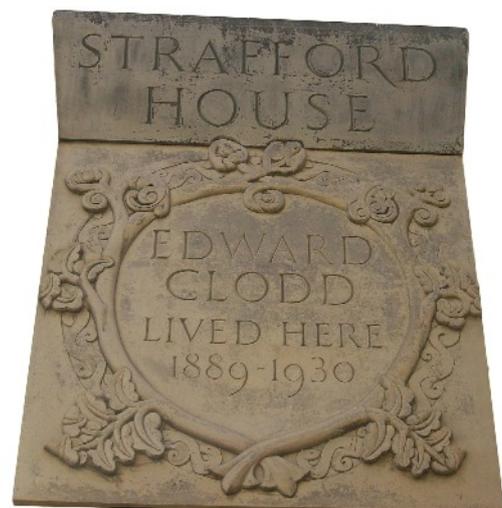
On the side of Crag House in Crabbe Street there is a plaque dedicated to Benjamin Britten who lived there between 1947 and 1957. Numerous well-known people visited him there, where he wrote several works including the opera 'The Turn of the Screw' during 1953/1954.

The rationalist writer and banker Edward Clodd is remembered on the north wall of Strafford House,

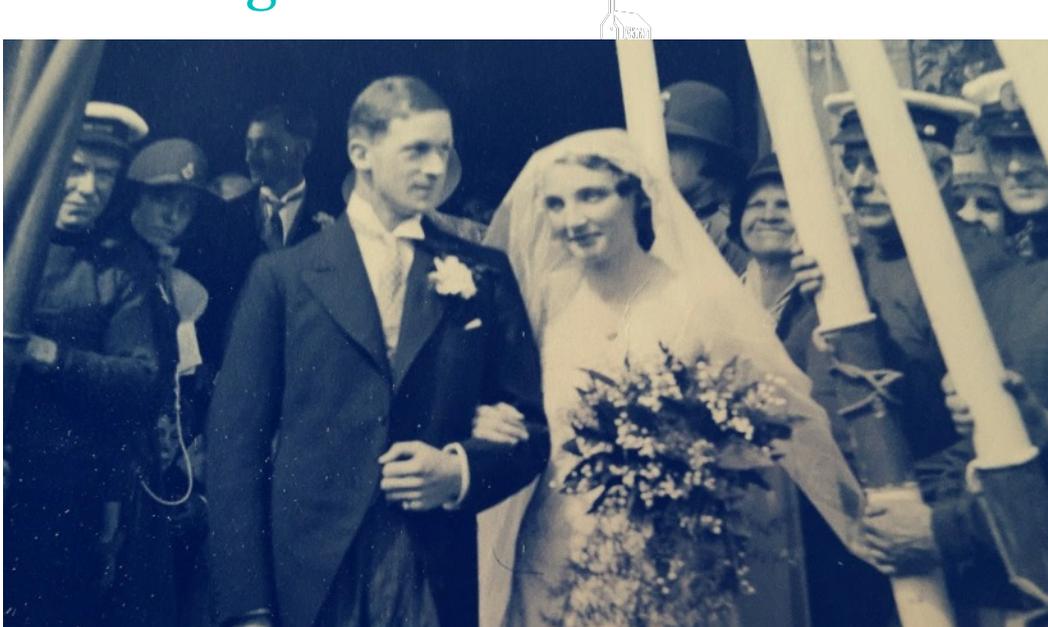
No 33 Crag Path. His Whitsuntide gatherings attracted many novelists, poets and historians of the time including HG Wells, WB Yeats and JB Bury. Next door at No 32 is a plaque on the south wall to another literary figure, the novelist Margery Sharp, who lived there from 1953 to 1990. Known for writing both adult and children's novels she is most famous for a series of children's books written between 1959 - 1978 known collectively as 'The Rescuers'.

Near the Brudenell Hotel in Hertford Place there is a plaque on Monarch House. This was a telephone repeater station used for boosting signals from undersea cables linked to Holland.

\*Unfortunately, with the building of private residences at the Uplands, it is very difficult to view the two plaques but can be seen if you look over the brick wall running alongside the pavement.



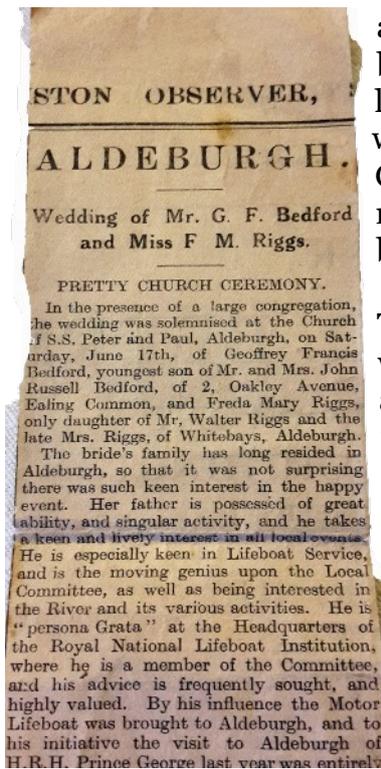
## Aldeburgh Folk



**A Pretty Church Ceremony**  
(from an article in the *Leiston Observer* on Saturday June 24th 1933.  
The happy couple are maternal grandparents of the museum's  
learning officer, Fiona.)

In the presence of a large congregation, the wedding was solemnised at the Church of SS Peter and Paul, Aldeburgh, on Saturday June 17th of Geoffrey Francis Bedford, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Russell Bedford of 2 Oakley Avenue, Ealing Common and Freda Mary Riggs, only daughter of Mr Walter Riggs and the late Mrs Riggs, of Whitebays, Aldeburgh.

The bride's family has long resided in Aldeburgh, so that it was not surprising there was such keen interest in the happy event. Her father is possessed of great ability, and singular activity, and he takes a keen and lively interest in all local events. By his influence the motor lifeboat was brought to Aldeburgh and to his initiative the visit to Aldeburgh of HRH Prince George last year was entirely due. In all these activities the bride has followed the lead of her father



and has also been intimately connected with the Girl Guide movement in Aldeburgh.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly dressed in a gown of white lace, her train, five yards in length, in white toile, applique

with lace. She wore a veil and headdress of orange blossom and carried a shower bouquet of lily of the valley, her diamond pendant a gift from her father. The Aldeburgh Girl Guides formed a guard of honour in the South Porch, while the Aldeburgh Lifeboat crew, under Coxswain J Pead, made an archway of their blue and white oars.

## Things to keep you busy

Folloing on from our successful Suffolk Quiz here is a new one on East Anglian places. The county is given in brackets after each clue; Suffolk (S), Essex (E), Norfolk (N), Cambridgeshire (C).

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

There will be a bottle of fizz 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 15<sup>th</sup> to [learningofficer@aldeburghmuseum.org.uk](mailto:learningofficer@aldeburghmuseum.org.uk)

1. Department Store (S) answer DEBENHAM
2. Mallards cross here? (C)
3. No sleeping here! (E)
4. Not feeling sick then (N)
5. Problems with your keyboard? (N)
6. Large car (E)
7. Birds eye should have their HQ here! (S)
8. Fairies should live here (S)
9. Not under (C)
10. Tobacco softened, sweetened, and formed into cakes. (S)
11. You would think this place should be in Colorado. (N)
12. No smoked meats here (N)
13. Clever plant with trunk and branches (E)
14. Sounds as though this place should be on the coast but it's not (E)
15. Tree of the genus Betula (E)
16. Good place for crossword lovers? (S)
17. They are all contented here (N)
18. Cross between 2 counties on the A120 (E)
19. Pop all the balloons (S)
20. Pale or Wan (E)
21. More like a snake than cider (S)
22. Turn upside down (S)
23. Tumulus (S)
24. Wuff wuff (S)
25. Capital of Ireland? (S)

### 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](mailto:learningofficer@aldeburghmuseum.org.uk).**

### Something to Entertain you.

Aldeburgh Library jigsaw exchange home delivery service.

Our learning officer, Fiona, will be delivering a selection of library exchange jigsaws around Aldeburgh on Friday mornings. If you have any jigsaws that you have finished with, exchange them for different ones – just email Fiona on [learningofficer@aldeburghmuseum.org.uk](mailto:learningofficer@aldeburghmuseum.org.uk). Social distancing rules will be followed.

### Do You Buy Things on Amazon?

If so, you can help Aldeburgh Museum at no cost to you.

Just buy via

[smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

and choose Aldeburgh Museum as your charity.

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

## Answers to the Quizzes in Newsletter 2.

### ALDEBURGH ACRONYMS QUIZ

What do these stand for?

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|-----|-------|------------------------------|
| 1.  | SP    | Sailors Path                 |
| 2.  | TRH   | The Red House                |
| 3.  | PPG   | Peter Pears Gallery          |
| 4.  | TOCH  | The Old Customs House        |
| 5.  | AFACS | Aldeburgh Fish and Chip Shop |
| 6.  | TMT   | The Martello Tower           |
| 7.  | TWH   | The Wentworth Hotel          |
| 8.  | TMH   | The Moot Hall                |
| 9.  | TNL   | The North Lookout            |
| 10. | ALS   | Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station   |



Animal farm



To kill a mockingbird



Lovely bones



Girl with the dragon tattoo



Of mice and men

### Curator's Challenge



What am I?

Tobacco stopper  
(for tamping down  
tobacco in a pipe)



Who am I?

Charlie Mann



Where am I?

The Catholic Church on the Terrace.

**AND THE WINNER OF THE QUIZ  
WAS JULIE COOK. A BOTTLE OF FIZZ  
AWAITS.**