



FROM THE RECTOR

It's often the things closest to home that we neglect or ignore. Walsingham is less than 20 miles away from most of us, yet it's a place that has a worldwide significance. As a centre of Christian pilgrimage it has drawn people to 'England's Nazareth' for centuries.

However, what you find at Walsingham is not a medieval time-warp, but a distinctively contemporary place of spiritual encounter, dedicated to sharing the gospel in today's world.

This month I'll be spending five days at Walsingham in retreat. I ask for your prayers as I desire to be renewed in discipleship and ministry.

Later this year I will be leading a parish day pilgrimage to Walsingham. Do watch out for details and book a place.

Fr Brian

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral at St Faith's Crematorium 4th January David King

R.I.P. Joan Whitham, until recently a resident of Thurgarton, died on 4th January, aged 94. She will be remembered in Aldborough for her very energetic membership and promotion of the W.I., the Garden Club, the Extend Exercise Class, the 50-50 sales she used to organise, and countless other activities, as well as her devoted care and concern for Wickmere Church.

Funeral at Edgefield Church, 21st January.

GROUP SERVICE
Sunday 6th February, 10.00, at Ingworth
There will be no other act of worship in our six parish churches on this day.
This is a chance to meet and pray together.
On 6th March the Group Service will be at Erpingham at 10.00

Week beginning Sunday
FEBRUARY

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES

- 6 Aldborough: Prince Andrew's Close and Thurgarton Road
- 13 Erpingham: Eagle Lane, Eagle Road, Eagle Close, John Franklin Close and Highnoon Road
- 20 Aldborough: Mill Lane and Church Lane
- 27 Erpingham: Jubilee Close, Birch Court, and Lowlands

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

In the early spring, this group of churches is planning to begin a short confirmation course, suitable both for those considering confirmation, and for those seeking, in a relaxed and informal setting, to explore aspects of the Christian faith.

Exact details will be decided when the number of people interested is known.

If you'd like to find out more, or to book a place, please contact Fr Brian Faulkner at The Rectory, School Road, Erpingham. 01263 768073 brian-faulkner@lineone.net

CPAK (10 - 14s Group)

Last chance to book for the next **Horstead weekend, 25th – 27th February**. Contact Eleanor on 01263768073.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Tuesday 22 February, 2.30 –4.00
in Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough
WHAT SHALL WE DO IN 2011?

This will be everyone's opportunity to shape our activities for the coming year. Come with your ideas and inspirations. And if you have any photos or mementoes of our past activities, it would be a great time to share them. Do join us for a cuppa and refreshments, prayer and lots of chat.
ALL WELCOME!



Prince Andrew's Chapel
Aldborough



Living the message of Jesus in North Norfolk

You are welcome to join us on
Sunday mornings at 10.45.
(for about an hour)

We meet as members of God's family,
to learn how to apply what the Bible teaches to our lives, and to encourage one another.

Tea, Coffee and Conversation are available after the services!



CLUB for 5 - 11 year olds
CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday

6 pm - 7.15 pm at Prince Andrew's Chapel

ALDBOROUGH ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting on **9th February, 7.30**, in the Community Centre.

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

All are welcome to the next meeting, on **Thursday 17th February, at 7.30** in the Church Room.

Trevor Harrison of South Creake Garden Centre: Early colour and unusual shrubs

On Thursday 16th December, Aldborough Garden Club committee gave members a super evening with food, wine and a quiz. Very many thanks to all for organising this event. G.P.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are pleased to report that the new toilets really are nearing completion now - the delay was due to unforeseen underground pipework which was necessary. We are sure everyone will agree they are a great improvement and we hope users haven't been too "inconvenienced" by the upheaval. The mobile ones were quite luxurious but it was unfortunate the weather was so chilly!

Don't forget the Farmers Market on 6th February! 10.00 – 1.00 in the Community Centre.

ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP

Meeting on **Wednesday 16th February** at 7.30pm in Aldborough Church Room.

Lecture by Rob Coleman: ***Trees and flowers found in Sheringham Park.***

The inaugural meeting in January was a great success. Following the very informative talk given by Christine Carlson, members are now undertaking a survey of garden birds.

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting on **Monday 7th March** at **7.30** in the Community Centre. (NB No meeting in February.)

Items from the minutes of the January meeting (Editor's choice):

Matters arising: The **overhanging hedge** in Chapel Road has been cut back. The **planning application** for the construction of a biomass fuelled energy facility at Gresham has been withdrawn.

Care of the Green. 'Secret Gardens & Prestige Properties' had quoted for a one-off slitting/aeration of The Green (£82) and for six such treatments at monthly intervals through the summer (£300, or £50 each). The Council decided to accept the quotation for the one-off slitting/aeration, to be carried out in June or July.

As it had been too wet to cut the lower part of The Green last autumn, the Clerk had asked 'Secret Gardens' for advice. They recommended a cut in March to remove the 2010 growth and two further cuts each year, one in July when the wild flowers will have finished and the other in October. The Council decided to accept their quotation for a cut in March (£100) but to defer consideration of later cuts until the Clerk has found out if there is a Conservation Agreement concerning the number that can be made.

The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak. **Mr Dennis Bacon** confirmed that the street light in Margaret Lilly Way has been repaired, and that there is now another grit bin at the Doctor's Surgery. He drew attention to the ivy growing up the pole near the Post Office, and to the need for the notice board in Thurgarton to be treated with preservative. **Mr Alex Pugh** asked if the Council had received a copy of the Inspector's Report on the inquiry into the **Local Development Framework**. He was lent a copy by **PW**, who confirmed that NNDC would be asked to adopt the two policy documents at their February meeting. **Mr Pugh** also enquired about **the Localism Bill** introduced into Parliament and was informed that a copy should be available on the internet very shortly, before the Bill's second reading. Information had come from the National Association of Local Councils on the Localism Bill, outlining Planning powers proposed to be given to local Councils to develop proposals, without restraint from the District Council, subject to a majority of more than 50% of the votes cast in a local referendum.

Police Community Support Officer's Report

Since the last meeting, one crime (fraud by false representation) has been reported and there have been seven calls to the police.

Aldbrough Cricket Club hoped to be ready to present their proposals at the next meeting.

Replacement of Play Areas

Playdale Playgrounds Limited expect to begin to install the new play equipment in the middle of February, with the work expected to take about three weeks. Mr Baron Tremain has agreed to remove the existing equipment free of charge by the end of January **JP** reported that he had not been asked to seal the appropriate documentation on behalf of the Parish Council. There were concerns expressed about receiving the grant from NCC if the

installation was not completed before the absolute deadline of 31st March. The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of obtaining insurance cover to meet any costs incurred if the work is delayed.

Health and Safety. There is an increase in dog fouling around the top of The Green. This will be reported to PCSO Nathan Jonas.

Planning Permission has been granted, subject to conditions, for the erection of a replacement single-storey rear extension at Fernleigh, The Green.

District Council Report **PW** reported on the difficult decisions NNDC has to make to achieve **£800,000 savings**.

Correspondence

* From NNDC about the poor state of repair of the two **litter bins** that are emptied by that Council, suggesting that they be replaced with one larger bin incorporating a 240 litre wheelie bin, and seeking comments about the location. The PC asked the Clerk to obtain more information about the design of the suggested new bin.

* From NCC with regard to **temporary road closures**, the statutory procedures involved and the need for wide notification.

* From NCC enclosing a leaflet showing their **gritting routes**. The Clerk had had an exchange of e-mails with Ms Becki Ballard about the concerns of a number of parents about the lack of gritting on the road outside Aldborough School. The PC decided to ask **DC** to help in seeking to persuade NCC to amend the gritting route into the village to go past the Spar shop and the Doctors' Surgery before re-joining the existing route.

* From Mr & Mrs Derek Hill, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Ramblers' Association about the scale of NCC's proposed cuts in their **Rights of way** budget. Possible implications of these cuts were discussed and **PW** drew attention to the responsibilities of land owners for keeping the footpaths clear.

* An exchange of e-mails with Mr Robin Gilkes, Treasurer of the Community Centre, about the possibility of the PC being able legally to make a **VAT recovery claim** in respect of the materials bought for the work on the toilets.

* The Council agreed to the Clerk attending a course in Aylsham, "**Understanding audit – the audit responsibilities of a Local Council**" at a cost of £40.

Any other business: **JP** for **BM** asked whether it would be possible to construct a soak-away to drain surface water from the parking area near the Community Centre. Owing to the present level of water on the surrounding area it is unlikely that a soak-away would be effective. The Council had decided in 2010 that the quoted cost of effecting a drainage solution was too high.

JP for **BM:** Richard King had suggested ways of showing the name of the Parish Council on the new notice board on the Green - decision deferred until the cost of the suggested plate and lettering is known.

FANTASTIC NEWS ON THE ALDBOROUGH PLAYGROUND!

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that after months of hard work, negotiation and hand-wringing over the government cuts, we are at last about to sign contracts with Playdale Playgrounds Ltd. This company has been commissioned to provide new and exciting play equipment for the children and young people of our parish and beyond.

We are confident that this will be a much-welcomed addition to our village and will be of huge benefit to children, parents, grandparents and carers!

Work is scheduled to start mid-February when the area will be securely fenced off for at least four weeks to allow time for demolition and construction. The swings have already been removed (for safety reasons) but the other equipment and the space can be used until the fencing is in place. For anyone interested, copies of the playground plan will be available in the Spar and at the Post Office.

ALDBOROUGH SURGERY extension and refurbishment.

We are starting on site on **7 February**, so car parking will not be possible from that day forward. Work will also be undertaken with regard to the visibility splay, and some bushes will have to be uprooted. As notified previously, parking will need to be used at the Community Centre, at the School's 'park and walk' site and around the Green. There will only be two 'disabled' spaces.

The building work will start on **14 February**. From then until April internal works will be undertaken to refurbish the consulting and treatment rooms: this will mean that we will not be running our full quota of clinics during this time and we ask all the patients to bear with us. We will do our utmost to keep inconvenience to a minimum. We will also advise beforehand what work is being undertaken and how it is likely to affect the service that we will be able to offer. Please note that these refurbishments will take a two week period at each upgrade.

If patients or residents have any questions regarding the extension and refurbishment I would be happy to talk to them about it on an individual basis.

Flu vaccinations are still available. Those eligible should come forward before the end of February as we do not hold vast stocks.

Julie Gray, Practice manager



The NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of **The Friends of Aldborough Primary School** will be on **SUNDAY, 6 February, 10.00 - 1.00**, in Aldborough Community Centre.

There will be markets on the first Sunday of each month.

SPONSOR-A-TILE!

The Friends of Aldborough School are creating a special wall to celebrate the re-opening and to raise funds for new furniture. If you were present on the day of the opening you will have heard about this but please do read on

We would like to invite you to purchase a tile to ensure your name/company name and/or handprint is forever part of Aldborough School. The cost is £10.00 per tile.

One opportunity to do so will take place at The Friends Farmers Market on **Sunday 6th February**, anytime between 10:00 and 1:00 at Aldborough Community Centre.

If you are unable to come then but would like to Sponsor-A-Tile, please contact Mel Stanley or Tracy Wright, c/o the School Office. We will arrange a future session.



ALDBOROUGH PLAYERS PANTOMIME

The Lost Prince will be trying to find his way at the Community Centre – Can you help him?

Wednesday to Saturday, 2nd - 5th February. Tickets might still be available at Spar or PO.

MORE NEWS FROM ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL

Just as we thought the builders were moving out a demolition company came on site! The children have been excited to see the JCB flatten the cold, damp, dreary building that was the old canteen. If the weather continues to be mild and less wet, we are hoping there will be activity which will see the final removal of the mobile classrooms and the landscaping of the external area.

INVITATION For those of you who were unable to come to our nativity and pantomime, please feel free to come into school **Friday 11th February** from 1:30 till 3:00p.m. You will be most welcome.

There is car parking outside the school building and there are no steps to negotiate.

The **PRE SCHOOL MUSIC GROUP** in Erpingham is going to move to Aldborough Church Room. The new group will start on **Thursday 3rd February at 10.00 -10.40**. The original Aldborough group will still run, **11.00 - 11.40**, back to back with the new one. Lorna Becker

Erpingham Café Church at the Village Hall

Sunday, 20th February at 5:00 pm,

lasting roughly an hour, is the next informal time together.

Our topic will be: ***“What’s love got to do with it?”***

Come and enjoy time to chat and to listen to a brief DVD, talk or discussion time, usually with a video clip or two, and a couple of modern songs of praise and worship, followed by a shared tea together. The emphasis will be on informality and helping people to find out more about, or deepen, their Christian faith.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

President: Tel. 01263 768279 Secretary: Tel. 01263 761350



Meeting on **Wednesday 23rd February**, 7.30, in the Village Hall.

Miss Molly Housego will talk about the BREAK Charity.

Visitors welcome.

Erpingham with Calthorpe Village Hall

The Street, Erpingham, Norfolk NR11 7QD Registered Charity no. 1009281

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Erpingham with Calthorpe Village Hall will take place in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 2nd March 2011** at 7.30pm. As well as receiving reports and accounts for the year, the Meeting will elect the Management Committee for 2011.

The Meeting is open to all residents of Erpingham and Calthorpe and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

The Committee will value any input from residents for activities that you would like to see in the Village Hall in the future. Among topics we would like to discuss are the establishment of a “village cinema” and organising major events to celebrate The Queen’s Jubilee in 2012, and in 2015 to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt in which Sir Thomas Erpingham commanded the English archers.

ERPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

200 CLUB - recent results:		<u>£10</u>	<u>£5</u>	
27-11-10	88	A. Alston	22	R. Rayner
6-12-10	102	P. Wilcox	140	T. Sendall
13-12-10	191	B. Clayton	152	T. Young
20-12-10	56	S. Newman	53	Sarah Adams
27-12-10	121	S.Mollard	161	M.John
3- 1-11	160	S.Jex	152	T.Young
10- 1-11	107	P.Plumpton	122	M.Fish
17- 1-11	41	B.Pegg	87	S.Burrell

The Big Draw in January

	<u>£150</u>		<u>£100</u>		<u>£50</u>
186	P. Clarke	196	A. Amies	166	H & B Trzebiatowski-Pumford

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the Report of the January meeting (Editor's choice)

Matters arising: Highways repairs had been noted, with some still outstanding, and street sign requests were still in hand with North Norfolk District Council.

Planning: the single storey extension at Town House Bungalow, The Street, had been refused permission. The Council had no objection to the extension at Ash House, School Road. The Clerk had circulated a letter giving advance notice of a plan to create a caravan site near the A140. The appeal from a 2009 application for a new dwelling at Eagle Farm was refused.

Finance: North Walsham Citizens Advice Bureau had received 84 enquiries from the parish last year and the Council decided to award them £60 in recognition of its support of residents

Reprint of the "Welcome Leaflet": Two councillors had updated the leaflet and arranged for its reprint, so that it can be issued to village newcomers.

The Chairman reported interest in the **village sign project**, particularly linking it to **the Queen's Diamond Jubilee**. It was proposed that a special village event be organised and the Chairman suggested that a working party be formed involving village groups and committees. Possible types of sign were discussed and anyone or any group interested would be encouraged to submit a design. The school is to be kept informed.

Survey by Norfolk County Council about the street scene and Public Rights of Way. The document had been circulated to members and further advice had come from NCC. The Council concluded that for some services there was a benefit of economy of scale for NCC to retain control. The Clerk was asked to reply giving an indication of those services which the Council could provide locally and would like to discuss further. From the discussion it emerged that a **grit bin** was needed near the A140 (the difficult slope) so the Clerk would circulate leaflets to members and follow up with NCC.

Dates of future meetings: March 9th (to include Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm), May 11th, July 13th, September 14th and November 9th 2011. In due course the Clerk would be supplied with the necessary nomination forms for parishioners to stand for the **parish council elections on May 5th 2011**.

Members' reports: The renewed glass in the **noticeboard at the Spreddeagle PH** had been broken again and more robust replacement would be required. In reference to the **housing** presentation at the November meeting the Chairman stressed the need for the Council to be kept aware of any developments. The Council heard that the **hedge at the junction of The Street and Eagle Road** was obstructing the view for drivers so the Clerk would consult with NCC. He was asked to advise NCC that the **footpath sign by the telephone box** is rotten.

PCSO A Spinks reported the recent **crime statistics** and **speeding issues** were discussed.

Next meeting: 9th March including the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 in the Village Hall.

All residents welcome.

Erpingham Film Night in February

Friday 25th February is the last of the **free film** evenings at Erpingham Village Hall before the AGM on 4th March, when your opinions on whether to continue will be much appreciated.

Starting at 7.00pm, our film will be:

“THE PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN”

starring Johnny Depp; Geoffrey Rush; Orlando Bloom; Keira Knightley.

Admission is free for this event.

Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be available to purchase in the hall during the film.

CHILDREN'S PARTY VENUE

Are you looking for a spacious, light, safe environment for a young children's party?

Why not book Erpingham's village hall?

Winter hiring rate - £8 per hour

Summer hiring rate - £6 per hour

Contact Eleanor Faulkner on 01263 768073 for further details and to book the hall

G.I.F.T. (Good Intentions Fundraising Team). This year's charities are: The Lowestoft Signing Choir, Citizen's Advice Bureau - North Norfolk, and The Grand Order of Water Rats.

Friday 11th March Quiz Night - Aldborough Church Room, 7.30 p.m.
Teams of 4 to be forwarded to Yvonne on 01263 768076

AYLSHAM COUNTRYSIDERS CLUB

Aldborough Community
Centre 7.00 – 8.30
Please be aware that meetings
may have to be
cancelled if the weather is bad.

Thursday 10th February

A fun night of
making Pancakes!!

Sunday 20th February

Bowling Competition
Bowthorpe, Norwich

Thursday 24th February

No Meeting
Half Term
21st - 25th Feb



presents a concert at **St Michael's Church**
on **Thursday 17th February, 1.00 – 2.00.**

Jayne May-Sysum Soprano

Andrew McCullough Clarinet

James Laird Piano

Works by Schubert, Burgmüller and Spohr

Entrance £7, children free, with refreshments available for £4 from 12.15.