

KEEPING IN TOUCH

JANUARY 2008

News from Alby, Aldborough, Calthorpe, Erpingham, Ingworth, Thwaite & Thurgarton

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked . M=Matins E=Evensong

JANUARY	6th Epiphany	13th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	20th 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	27th 4th Sunday of Epiphany
ALBY	--	3.30 E	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	8.00	11.00	11.00 Family Service	11.00
CALTHORPE	--	9.30	--	9.30
ERPINGHAM	9.30	8.00	9.30	8.00
INGWORTH	11.15 M	9.30	11.15 M	3.30 E
THWAITE	11.15	--	6.30 E	9.30 M

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth
Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (3rd HC)
at Erpingham (17th HC, 24th Benediction)
Friday 18th 9.15 at Aldborough

WISHING ALL READERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR !

FROM THE RECTOR

For one week in late January (18th –25th) Christian communities of this country and throughout the world are encouraged to pray for unity amongst the rich diversity of traditions and experience that make our different churches. Praying for unity, as God wills, and in his own way. Not that prayer for unity should be restricted to one week of the year, but rightly flows from an ongoing seeking after truth. In this there are pitfalls, for where do the boundaries of truth and choice meet, in a world where variety is not a sin?



When Jesus prayed that his followers might be one, he was not legislating an end to change, but inviting us to enter into a relationship of trust that he in Spirit shared with the Father. A relationship where we seek in his name to serve and to be served, as we affirm our common vocation as brothers and sisters. Not one institutional denomination in competition against all others, but individuals and communities wanting to learn from each other, where each of us falls short of what we might be. Such prayer is not afraid to question motives and attitudes, that God's good grace would see the light of day.

Fr Brian

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy matrimony

At St Mary's Aldborough 17th November Ian Saggars and Jennie Price

A reminder GROUP SERVICE Sunday 30th December, 10.00, at Alby Church

There will be no other act of worship in our six parish churches on this day.

!!! A Hot Dog Happening !!!

at the Rectory

on Thursday, 10th January, from 6.00 till 8.00.

For young people between the ages of 10 and 15 who would like to go to the Horstead Centre, 22nd - 24th February, for our annual CPAK weekend. Contact Eleanor Faulkner (768073) or Claire Taylor (761489) for further details.

NEW!

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STORY TIME

Bible stories – Play – Craft

for pre-school children aged 2 and over

in Erpingham Village Hall

Wednesdays, 16th, 23rd, 30th January, 6th February, 10.30 – 11.30

Refreshments for adults and children

More information from Eleanor Faulkner, 768063

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Come to the meeting in Aldborough Church Room on
Tuesday 22nd January at 2.30.

A social afternoon to review and plan ahead
Come and enjoy a warm welcome and a hot cup of tea!

The Aldborough Players are proud to present their fifteenth pantomime

'The King's New Clothes'

at Aldborough Community Centre

on Wednesday 30th January, Thursday 31st January, Friday 1st February
and Saturday 2nd February 2008. Performances start at 7.30pm.

Ticket prices are £4.00 for Wednesday and Thursday, £5.00 for Friday
and £6.00 for Saturday. Children up to 16 are £2.00 for all performances.

Tickets will be on sale in the Spar and Post Office from noon on Saturday 5th January
Please come along for an evening of light-hearted fun and laughter and enjoy the
Aldborough Players' unique slant on the well-known old fairy tale.

As it is the fifteenth pantomime expect some special birthday surprises!

ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the meeting on **Wednesday 16th January at 2.30** in the Church Room, members will be
planning and looking forward to celebrations during their 90th year.



They had such a good year last year that they want to share a selection of items from their recent Annual Report, beginning with the good news of 3 new members, but having to say goodbye to Joan Witham who has moved away.

Interesting speakers have included Elspeth Allen on Iceland, a very informative talk on the West Runton elephant by Prof. Tony Stewart, a talk and demonstration on calligraphy by Eileen Gomme, a very good cookery demonstration of 'Meals in a Minute' by Hilda Bond, and Pauline Hill kept everyone much amused with 'poetry and prose'. A talk on Denman College encouraged members to sign up for their interesting courses. The meeting held in Betty Kinghorn's garden was a great success – "the weather could have been better .. but it also could have been worse". The May meeting began with lunch before discussing the national resolutions with Gail Armstrong, and the birthday meeting was also a lunch, at Elderton Lodge

There were two outings – to the straw Museum at Suffield, where the owner gave a demonstration of

working with straw, and to Heydon to have cream teas at the Little Tearoom; members found the dead-end village pretty and enchanting, with Heydon Hall at the end of the road.

The 'flower of the month' competition gets a few unusual entries every month and raises a little money for the ACWW, and there is also a monthly raffle and trading stall.

Kath Howett makes delightful birthday posies, welcomed by members whose birthdays fall within a particular month.

Four members went to the Annual Federation meeting in St Andrew's Hall in March and Jean Wheeler went to the National Federation meeting in the Albert Hall in June.

We are encouraging members of Roughton, Erpingham and Banningham WIs to come to some of our meetings and several of us have been to some of their meetings.

We find these are beneficial, not only meeting other members but also hearing different talks..All in all, 2007 was a busy and interesting year. C.C.

New members are always welcome.

The recent **Macmillan coffee morning** in Aldborough raised **£245.52**. Thank you to all helpers and supporters.

ALDBOROUGH YOUTH CLUB

**Open for registration on 18th January, 7:00 till 10:00pm,
in the Church Room on Aldborough Green**

All those interested in joining please come along on the night for a chat and to complete a Registration Form. If you require further information contact Jack Rogers on Rogers782@aol.com or phone : 01263 761793

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting **Wednesday 9th January 2008** at **7.30** in the Community Centre.

The new Parish Clerk is Mr John Payne. He can be contacted at 22 Abbey Park, Beeston Regis, Sheringham, NR26 8SP. 01263 826823 johnmgpayne@webandmail.co.uk

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

- Police Community Support Office Simon Beresford gave his report. 2 crimes have been investigated since October. ME reported an act of vandalism against Prince Andrew's Chapel. The Police are currently visiting Aldborough on a daily basis following a possible suspicious incident at the Post Office. .
- Planning Meadow View, The Green, Aldborough – erection of single storey rear extension. No objections.
Manor Cottage, The Green, Aldborough – erection of replacement porch approved.
The Old Bakehouse, The Green, Aldborough – erection of single storey extension and conversion of barn to habitable accommodation approved.
The Old Stables, Rectory Farm, Doctors Corner, Aldborough – erection of single storey rear extension approved.
- Grants/funding for Play Area and Green Improvements
Quotes have been received from 2 companies for new equipment in the play area, the most expensive of which is £25,000. Improvements and maintenance of the access roads around the Green have been estimated at £15,000. These can only be funded through grants. JH & BM will investigate grants and funding further
- AOB
It is considered that the lean to at the side of the porch of 'The Red Lion' is unsightly..
Nothing has been heard from Wayland Prison regarding the village sign. BM to contact them for an update.
JH & JP to attend to the next Holt Area Partnership meeting with BM.
The goal post rope and notices have not been put across the top goal as previously agreed. Clerk to invite the footballers to send a representative to the next meeting to discuss this, donations and the contract.
Information of a 20mph area was given.
Norfolk County Council website gives road maintenance information for this area.
The Church Room access road is in a terrible state: rubble will be put in some of the holes The ruts on the Green, caused by a coach, will be filled in.
ME – Comments have been received that the other parishes in the benefice are members of the 'Griffon' Area Partnership.

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

All are welcome to the next meeting, on **Thursday 17th January**, at **7.30** in the Church Room. After the **AGM** the meeting will turn into a **QUIZ night**. New members are always welcome.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Forthcoming event : ***D A N C E Saturday 1st March*** - when the popular ***Ugly Dog Band*** will be playing. More information next month - look out for posters.

The next Community Centre committee meeting will be on **Wednesday 16th January 2008**.

ALDBOROUGH ALLOTMENTS

If one of your new year resolutions is to eat a more healthy diet and take more exercise then why not consider having an allotment. It's an excellent way to combine the two and for just a small outlay. The rent is £26 a year for a full plot and £13.50 for a half. We have one or two vacancies - or why not share with someone? If you want to know more, please ring Sue on 761310.

Impressions of India

The size of the audience for the illustrated talk about our trip to India was amazing. I hope the evening was illuminating for those who have never been, and accurate for those that have!

Reference was made during the talk to the hospital at Deogargh, India where Nita and I made an offer to try to help what is a very primitive health facility. The doctors eagerly took up our offer and sent details of a Neonatal baby-care warmer costing around £750.

Since the evening of the talk we have already received some generous donations, but thought perhaps more 'In Touch' readers would like to help us to provide this equipment to a hospital that clearly was in need of so many items we all take for granted in Britain.

If you would like to help, do give us a call on **01263 761580** **Keith Good**

Aldborough PCC would like to thank Keith for giving this excellent talk. Donations 'in the bowl' that evening raised £136 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

(Is there a claimant for a folding umbrella left behind that evening? Ask Anne Bettany, 768681)

THE BLOODMOBILE will be on
Aldborough Green again on **Friday 28th
December. 1.00 – 3.10 & 4.30 – 6.55.**

Give blood here!

Appointments are essential as spaces are limited. Please call 0845 7 711 711 ..

CELEBRATION of SPRING

in Aldborough Church and Churchyard

on 12 - 13 April (when all the Spring flowers should be at their best)

There is so much happening in Aldborough & Thurgarton, so much skill and creativity, so much community activity, and we don't always hear about it until it has already happened. The weekly Art Class wants space to hang an exhibition. The History Society could bring out some of the documents kept in the Record Office. Clever flower arrangers can demonstrate how it should be done. A silversmith and someone who does exquisite patchwork have already expressed an interest. We hope the school will be involved. There are ideas for competitions. We hope to provide a Community Bus shuttle service from The Green at regular intervals. At this stage ideas are flying!

Any organisation or individuals who would like to take this opportunity to show what they do or have done should talk **soon** to Fr Brian, 768073, Anne Bettany, 768681, or Ruth Bayes, 768063.

A **working committee** is essential for the planning of such an event and must meet in January - there's a lot to do, and Easter is very early this year.! Anyone who would like to be involved should let us know and would be very welcome.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

- The **next meeting** is scheduled for **January 9th 2008**.

THE MOBILE GYM will return to **Erpingham on Thursday 10th January**. We would like to thank everyone who uses our facility when we are in Erpingham and we hope that we will see some new faces in the new year as you may want to lose those Christmas pounds! We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and new year, from the Fitness Team.

POPPY APPEAL IN ERPINGHAM AND CALTHORPE

On behalf of the Royal British Legion we would like to thank everyone for giving so generously: we collected **£168.72**. Thank you. . D. and P.Perriss

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



At the meeting on **Wednesday 23rd January at 7.30** in the **Village Hall**, Eleanor Faulkner will talk about the Safari in Zambia which she and Fr Brian recently enjoyed. **Non-members are cordially invited (male or female)**. There will be some WI business first, so it's estimated that the talk will begin about 8.00. There will be photographs and refreshments.

ERPINGHAM and CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

200 CLUB - recent results		£10		£5
5-11-07	122	M.Fish	147	Brian Morris
12-11-07	10	L.Brett	156	G.Craske
19-11-07	154	E.Witham	191	B.Clayton
26-11-07	190	J.Hartley	180	J.D.Alston

The **QUIZ NIGHT** at Erpingham in November was an unqualified success, the hall being packed and some people having to be disappointed as we hadn't room. The moral is - 'Book early next year!' The money raised was **£316** plus **£43** worth of 'Buy a Brick'. Thanks to all who made it possible. H.B.

The December **table top sale** raised **£204.35** plus **£48** for 'Buy a Brick'. As with the Quiz Night this money is all going towards refurbishment of the hall. Many thanks to all who helped but especially to Daphne who masterminded the whole thing.

NEW YEAR TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 19th January

Tables £5 can be booked from 01263 761704 or 768209

A chance to make room for Christmas gifts

Donate all those unwanted items to the Village Hall stall.

Tombola and refreshments.

The **Village Hall Committee** next meets on **Monday 7th January at 7.30pm**.

Everyone is welcome to attend

Stewart Casimir

Erpingham with Calthorpe turned on their **Christmas tree lights** on Saturday 8th December. We sang carols around the tree and then enjoyed hot punch, food and refreshments kindly provided by the Village Hall Committee. Thank you everyone - we really enjoyed it. . G.G.

THWAITE COMMON

The common is looking wonderfully spacious and well cared for, after it was cut by tractor last month (except for the wet areas which could not support the tractor's weight).

Despite serene appearances, we must not forget that the more fragile and special plants are now under a thick layer of mulch, and the chances of their pushing through to flower next spring are slim.

However if grazing can resume the excess will be eaten off, and in time we'll be able to enjoy not just the quiet satisfied munching of the grazing animals, but also the gorgeous colours of our wild flowers. What a wonderful sight that will be !!!

AM

THWAITE COMMON TOAD PATROL - CROAK CROAK....!

Every year on warm wet nights in early Spring hundreds of toads migrate to the common in order to mate and spawn. And every year, in spite of warning notices, many get squashed by cars as they try to cross the road. We want to do something about it and are proposing to organise a Toad Patrol. As soon as the first toads appear (probably late February), volunteers will be contacted by 'phone at short notice to meet at a pre-arranged rendezvous. Then equipped with reflective clothing, buckets, torches, boots and gloves we shall gather up the toads and move them across the road to safety.

If you interested or would like to learn more, contact Stephen Burrell Tel.768209 or John Snape Tel. 768599

ALDBOROUGH SURGERY

Patients will benefit from the use of an audiometer which has been given in memory of Frederick William Hannant. Many thanks.

ALBY WITH THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

From the minutes of November meeting:

Thwaite Common New regulations re. temporary fencing are posted on DEFRA website; Norfolk Wildlife Trust to liaise locally.

Thwaite Common House Mr Turner reported that business now moved to unit on Aylsham Industrial Estate and all suppliers notified.

Dog fouling notices No response from NNDC.

Rectification of drainage problem on Thwaite Common NCC have paid in full.

Bus Shelter Project Still awaiting grant decision; NCC checking ownership of relevant land; new litter bin required for bus stop 24 – will cost £240.

Change of Signatories of council cheques to Messrs. Buchan, Platts & Wade.

Financial Report Current balance: £1289; Audit Commission fees of £ 141 due, leaving balance of £1148.

Budget and Precept Anticipated expenditure in coming year: £2186; unanimous agreement to leave precept at current rate (£2100).

AOB a) residents concerned that pond towards East end of Thwaite Common had become overgrown; Clerk to contact NNDC.

b) second planning application for caravan storage at Glebe Farm, Hanworth has been withdrawn.

Date of next meeting Set for 20th February 2008.

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

From the report of the December meeting

Chairman Ros Calvert reported that the rat infestation problem had worsened in Banningham Road and that she was in touch with North Norfolk District Council. As the infestation was beside the highway the Clerk would contact Norfolk County Council as well. On highways matters councillors would monitor drainage in The Street and the drainage gulleys on Priory Lane.

The Chairman proposed that Caroline Cannon be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council - approved unanimously.

On finance, the Clerk had submitted the Annual Return for external audit and awaited completion. Norfolk County Services had submitted a quotation for 1 to 5 years grass cutting contract. The Council unanimously decided to accept the 5-year option at £235.67 p.a. Payments due were approved to Powergen for electricity, NNDC for the election fee, Norfolk County Services for the 6 months grounds charge and the Clerk for salary and expenses.

The Council discussed possible locations for a bottle bank focussing on the benefits for the community; the Chairman agreed to contact a possible 'site provider' in Ingworth.

Since the last meeting councillors had attended a NNDC briefing for parishes affected by their exceptions policy housing. The Clerk had written to NNDC, Norfolk Playing Field Association and Norfolk Rural Community Council about the proposed loss of the Ingworth playground; he would chase a response from NPFA. The meeting welcomed the possibility of affordable housing nearby in Erpingham so the Clerk would write to the District Councillor to enlist his support for the Council's position that the scheme in Ingworth was not viable.

The Council considered a wider use for the Reading Room and as a first stage the Clerk would write to the National Trust suggesting a toilet could be built which should include a storage room.

It was reported that the caravans off Priory Lane had been removed, and the Council wished both absent councillors speedy recoveries from their ill health.

The next meeting was **re-arranged** for **Tuesday 4th March 2008**.

THE GRIFFON AREA PARTNERSHIP

What is it? What does it do?

(Notes provided by Mike Jones, the Partnership Development Manager)

It works to achieve continued improvement in the life of the area which comprises the town of North Walsham and the surrounding 25 parishes, which include Alby with Thwaite, Erpingham & Calthorpe, and Ingworth. (*Editor's note: not Aldborough & Thurgarton.*) It works in partnership with local businesses, voluntary organisations, individuals and statutory bodies to strengthen communities, both economically and socially, and it works to an agreed action plan. It is a registered charity, a company limited by guarantee, and a membership organisation (£5 a year). There is a Board of Trustees, and a Representatives Group which meets quarterly and oversees and scrutinises the Action Plan. The current Action Plan can be seen on the website at www.griffon.co.uk. Office and core staff are largely funded by North Norfolk Community Partnership, but project funding is sought separately. Despite perceived opinion, Griffon does **not** work for North Walsham Town Council, although it does work **with** them and other statutory authorities. Current projects include Social & Community, Economy, Tourism, Creative arts, Heritage, Transport & Access, Environment, and Youth activities. See the website for more details.

Griffon has a small Grant Fund, open to any voluntary or community group within the partnership area that proposes a project or activity that will further the aims and objectives of the Griffon Area Partnership, and which is also a member of the Partnership. The maximum grant per organisation in any one period of 24 months is £250. Further information and application forms can be obtained from Jan Howell, the Partnership Administrative Assistant, at The Griffon Area Partnership, Brentnall House, 32 Vicarage Street, North Walsham, NR28 9DQ. 01692 407509

northwalshamarea@hotmail.com Decisions on applications are made by the Board and many organisations have already benefited financially from this support.

There is also access to funding advice for projects involving larger amounts such as Lottery funding. Speak to Mike Jones or call in at the North Walsham office.

Ensure your Parish Councillors attend Representatives Group meetings – the next will be on 14th February, 10.00am, in North Walsham Community Centre.

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS? BECOMING SELF-EMPLOYED?

Do you crave to be your own boss, making decisions, getting all the rewards, taking the opportunities that you see around you? These are all the positive things about self-employment. They may be the first steps that lead to you being the next Richard Branson, or they may be the things that make you happy working quietly at your own pace from home, be that the kitchen, the garage or a shed in the garden.

Well, what's stopping you? There may be things that you worry about, especially the things you don't know about. How do I find customers? Where can I work? What can I charge? They are natural anxieties and it's where I come in. I have been asked by **Norfolk County Council's Investing in Communities** to find people who want to become self-employed and help them through their problems and barriers on their way to having their own small businesses. The work doesn't have to be full-time – it may fit in with retirement or with part-time working. Children may have grown up, or just started full-time schooling and there is time to do that thing that you have always wanted to do. Of course, I can't know everything, but I do have good contacts, especially with business people in the area and they have promised some of their time as well, to help you succeed.

I will generally be in North Walsham and Mundesley on Thursdays, but can be in **Griffon Country** on any day at virtually any time. To discuss how I might help, please give me a call on 07717 290 315.

Richard Rampton, Business Coach, Norfolk Rural Business Advice Service

Editor's note: This article arrived within minutes of the preceding one! When I calculated that about half the potential readership of this newsletter were outside **Griffon Country** I asked Richard how restricted his services would be and got this reply: '.. all those with an interest in my RESULT project agree with me that the boundaries should be leaky and fluid and thus any Aldborough resident would be more than welcome to ask for assistance.' For once we can welcome leakiness.

WEA AYLSHAM BRANCH



MUSIC HISTORY with ANDRES HERNANDEZ-SALAZAR

During this course you will explore the works of a wide range of composers by following the schedule of the BBC Radio 3 series 'Composers of the Week'. Each weekly session is self-contained and you will be able to listen to a great variety of music by each of the composers by tuning to the radio.

**FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, PEGG'S YARD, RED LION STREET, AYLSHAM
WEDNESDAYS 2.00 – 4.00 for 10 WEEKS from 9th JANUARY 2008**

Please note that these are longer than our usual sessions. The fee is £50 for the course.

Further details from Ann Dyball, 01263 732637

GOLD - Guidance for the OLder Driver

Norfolk County Council has received funding from The Department for Transport to run a pilot scheme for the 'Older Driver'. (No offence meant - I'm one myself.) The Casualty Reduction Section is working in partnership with two surgeries, **Aldborough** and **Holt**, to offer help, advice and guidance for older drivers and/or those with health/mobility problems. Leaflets are available at the surgeries or can be sent out by contacting (in confidence) Peter Walton or Sally Plail on 01603 223388. During the period up to 31 March 2009 there will be no charge for anyone wishing to take part, though the Scheme Manager reserves the right only to offer assessments to patients who qualify by reason of age and/or health.

The scheme is called **GOLD - Guidance for the OLder Driver**, and is a programme aimed at maintaining safety and quality of life for any driver who would benefit from the scheme. You can apply yourself, or be referred by your Doctor or other health professional, or family member.

GOLD is intended to help and advise. It is not a process to remove you from driving, but an opportunity to look at any changes in a positive light by helping you to adapt your driving and overcome any problems.

We have a professional and considerate team who will help you to maintain a safe driving future.

If you require any further information please contact the number provided above.

HELP NEEDED! **Area organiser** needed for **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11-17 May 2008**
The 'Area' covers the six villages of this benefice. Each village has its own organiser but someone is needed to co-ordinate supplies of things like envelopes and posters which have to be ordered in January (about 1 hour's work), and distributed towards the end of April (about 2 hours). The main work is of course in May, ensuring there are no hitches during the collection week, getting all envelopes in, seeing that the money is properly counted and accounted for. Help would be available. Fr Brian acts as Treasurer and sees to the banking. It's all over by the first week in June. Not an all-year-round job, not a life-long commitment.

Please think about it – have a word with Fr Brian if you think you could help (01263 768073).

MORE HELP NEEDED! Calling all gardeners! When you are sowing seeds or propagating plants, could you please provide a few extra pots, for the **Sennow Park Plant Sale, 14th September 2008**, raising funds for **the Norfolk Churches Trust**. In previous years this sale has raised thousands, and some of the churches in this benefice have received welcome grants.

BECOMING STILLNESS

A public talk by the international Franciscan spiritual teacher

Richard Rohr

at the Anglican Cathedral in Norwich

Thursday 10th January 2008

7.30 – 9.00pm

This is a **FREE** event

All welcome, just turn up

(NB. The short course he is running is now completely booked)



AYLSHAM MUSIC presents a lunchtime concert

In **St Michael's Church** at **1.00pm** on **Thursday 17 January**

£6, children free Refreshments available for £3 from 12.15

John Coulton (Trumpet) and David Dunnett (Piano and Organ)
playing Purcell, Bach, Handel and Dizzy Gillespie

Advance notice

Last year's pancake races on Aldborough Green were highly rated for enjoyment. Shrove Tuesday is even earlier in the calendar this year, on **5th February**, so we must say 'weather permitting' for this year's races, after school. More info next month.

THANKS for donations recently received from readers in Hanworth

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