

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

# AUGUST 2005

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



ALBY ST. ETHELBERT



ALDBOROUGH ST. MARY



CALTHORPE OUR LADY AND ST. MARGARET

## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong

AUGUST	Trinity 11 7th	Trinity 12 14th	Trinity 13 21st	Trinity 14 28th
ALBY	--	6.30 Songs of Praise	--	--
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	6.30 E
THWAITE	11.15	--	6.30 E	9.30 M

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (4th HC, 11th Benediction )  
at Erpingham (18th HC, 25th Benediction)



ERPINGHAM ST. MARY



INGWORTH ST. LAWRENCE



THURGARTON ALL SAINTS



THWAITE ALL SAINTS

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e-mail: [brian-faulkner@lineone.net](mailto:brian-faulkner@lineone.net)  
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e-mail: [ajksmith@btinternet.com](mailto:ajksmith@btinternet.com)

## CURATE'S CORNER

As many of us already know, Father Brian is taking a break from parish duties during the month of August.

We live in a busy, busy world, in which we are “open for business” 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We tend to get caught up in this 24 hour society, where there is very little common time spent together with family and friends.

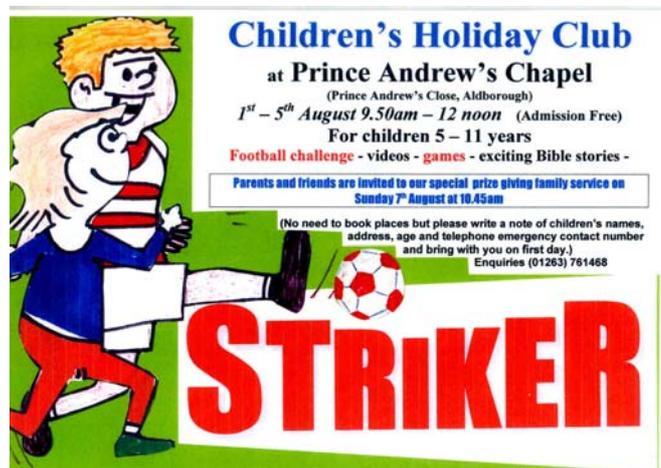
It seems we can no longer sit and do nothing. Even when sitting in a chair we can't always avoid the TV, often because other members of the family are watching something. We seem to be losing the ability to put our minds into neutral. We feel guilty if we are not doing something.

Yet God invites us to rest. Jesus himself often withdrew, to rest and to be alone with God. Now that the main holiday period is with us, maybe it's a good time to reflect on our busy lives and consider: is the balance in our lives in tune with what God offers us?

Time spent in God's company is never time wasted.

Fr John.

**A reminder – Group Service at Calthorpe, 31st July at 10.00. For everyone.**



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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Holy Baptism

At St Mary's Erpingham	3 July	James Vine
At St Mary's Aldborough	10 July	Alfie Broughton

### Confirmation

At St Mary's Aldborough	23 June	Bethany Harvey, Paul Kenrick, Emily King, Rachel Mumford, Lauren Taylor
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### Wedding

At St Mary's Erpingham	25 June	Andrew Frances & Rachel Mabbutt
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### Funeral

At St Faith's crematorium	27 June	Mark Hamilton
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**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** No meeting in August.

**SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE** to raise funds for your church and the Norfolk Churches Trust on **Saturday 10 September**. Walkers are allowed to take part too. Get forms from your local representative.



**ALBY CHURCH**  
**Songs of Praise**  
**Sunday 14 August 6.30**  
*Request your favourite hymns!*

Enjoy an evening at Alby Church  
with the  
Sheringham Shanty Men

Saturday 17 September, 7.30

Tickets £10 including refreshments  
From JB Postle, Aylsham 01263 733145



**ORGAN RECITAL in INGWORTH CHURCH**  
**Saturday 6 August at 6.30**

An informal concert of pieces for the organ, ranging from the 14th century until the present day, will take place in the attractive small church at Ingworth. The recital will include six pieces written specially for the occasion and based on the hymn tune 'Cromer'. The organist will be composer **Alan Mills** who has written one of the variations. The others who have contributed pieces for this unique occasion are the composers John Christopher Adams, James Francis Brown, Peter Fribbins, David Matthews and Matthew Taylor.

There is no need to book and the concert is free. There will be a retiring collection, the proceeds to be shared equally between Ingworth Church and the Musician's Benevolent Fund. The concert should last approximately one hour.

We do hope that you will come and enjoy this event with us. I.A.

**THURGARTON CHURCH** A police message: between 1740 and 1805 hours on the 11th July, a couple in their mid twenties using a silver car collected the church keys as instructed on the notice board. Afterwards it was discovered that the offertory box had been forced and the contents stolen. This follows a spate of church breaks in the South Norfolk area.

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious matters to the police.

**ERPINGHAM AND CALTHORPE CHURCHES**

The recent **Garden Party** at the Rectory, raised about **£630**. The vintage machinery was a great attraction, the dancers from the Sutton School were a delight, and the strawberry teas were scrumptious.

Many thanks to all those who came and all those who contributed in any way.

**ERPINGHAM C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Deborah Leahy, currently deputy head of a primary school in King's Lynn, has recently been appointed as permanent head teacher to take up her post in January. We look forward to welcoming her into our community.

A new classroom should be ready for opening in January.

## ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

Recent 200 Club Results:	£10	£5
23-5-05	176 G.Dancaster	170 T.Clark
30-5-05	59 G.Craske	32 M.Melville
6-6-05	58 S.Craske	112 H.Wright
13-6-05	88 A.Alston	48 T.Mollard
20-6-05	82 H.Payne	68 G.Eagles
27-6-05	97 H.Burrell	42 A.Argent
04-6-05	135 P.Cox	41 B.Pegg
11-7-05	196 A.Amies	108 T.Bliss

The next Village Hall committee meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th September** at **7.30pm** in the Hall. Everyone welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

*QUIZ NIGHT*  
*Friday 28th October*  
*7.30pm*  
*Erpingham Village Hall*

Form a team of four or come on your own and join a team.  
Tickets £2 a person will be available from  
Helen 01263 768209, Daphne 761704, or Angela 768655

We now have 4 brand new doors and some new windows. Next we hope to have a new sign outside to replace the old one which is falling apart. Future projects are the car park, new loos and a new kitchen, but one thing at a time!! All profits from the Quiz night will go towards this, so do come and support your Village Hall.

## ERPINGHAM & CALTHORPE W.I.

No meeting in August.

## ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the minutes of the July meeting:

- Mr Alan Witham has been co-opted to bring the Council to its full complement of seven members.
- The District Council will advise the Parish Council about funds which may be available for village improvements to 'public spaces' following the Bloor Homes development. Chairman Alex Moore encourages all villagers to offer their suggestions as to how any monies may be spent.
- Accounts for 2004-2005 were approved, as well as the budget for the current year. A comparison of the precept in Erpingham and Calthorpe with other similar parishes was also discussed. The Clerk is preparing draft Standing Orders for the Council and will undertake a review of the Council's financial procedures, identifying areas of risk which the Council is required to assess.
- There is a new national agreement reviewing terms for all clerks to local councils, including an up-dated contract and a Guide to Good Employment Practice. The Chairman and three councillors will meet the Clerk to evaluate its implications for Erpingham with Calthorpe.
- The next meeting will be on **Monday 5 September**, at **7.30** in the Village Hall, **not as previously advertised.**

(The Clerk is Martin K. Campbell, Well Cottage, High Street, Southrepps, Norwich, NR11 8AH. Phone 01263 834551.)

## THWAITE COMMON

July has seen a massive growth spurt. On the negative side, thistle, nettle, bindweed and redshank have smothered much of the common, making walking hard work!

On the positive side, there are a huge variety of beautiful flowering grasses; the few orchids that have pushed their way through have been magnificent (some over 2 foot tall). In the wetter areas figwort, mimulus and wild parsnip are in flower and there are numerous butterflies and moths, always a delight. As there is excessive growth and as it now seems unlikely that animals will be grazing this year, paths will be re-cut. However plans are still going ahead to acquire permission from the Secretary of State to fence temporarily and therefore graze at the earliest opportunity.

How lovely it will be to see animals out there once more - the perfect organic gardeners !! And they're free !!!

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## **ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON W.I.**

No meeting in August.

### **ALDBOROUGH PLAYERS**

Next year's production is written and casted, with rehearsals starting in the autumn. If anyone would like to lend a hand behind the scenes, please contact either Jane Maguire (761578) or John Padgham (761309)

**THE FRIENDS OF ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL** would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Summer Fair in July. We raised a fantastic £1,400.00! Many thanks to all local businesses who donated auction/raffle prizes and to the Black Boys PH for the loan of their 'stocks'.

### **GOODBYE and GOOD WISHES**

It is with sadness that we say 'Goodbye' to **Adrian Scargill**, who has taken early retirement after nineteen years as the headteacher at Aldborough Primary School. Adrian has been dedicated to ensuring that our children have had the very best sort of primary education, morally and socially as well as academically, and I think that this is reflected in the positive attitudes and behaviour of the youngsters in our community. Having been a governor at the school for a period of 10 years, I am more aware than most of how tolerant, caring and committed he has been; tolerant of the copious amounts of bureaucratic paperwork that landed on his desk daily, and of the governing body, laymen to whom he always patiently explained everything in detail so we never felt in the dark; caring of everyone's feelings, whether that be an unsettled child, a disgruntled mother or a tired teacher; entirely committed to giving our children the very best education: a strong foundation on which to build their lives. He has also been a leading force in the Aldborough Twinning Association, acting as Chairman for many years.

He has been a very strong and positive influence within this community over a long, happy and stable period. For that we thank him and I'm sure I speak for everyone in wishing him a long, interesting and eventful retirement.

Claire Knight

(It's not just people like parents and governors who have appreciated Adrian's skills – the children themselves made their opinions clear in a delightful presentation assembly on his penultimate day.RB.)

### **ALDBOROUGH TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Adrian has been involved with twinning right from the start, very enthusiastic about encouraging children to take part. Answering support from the school in Villiers Saint Denis suffered from frequent changes of head teacher, but over the years a good few Aldborough families have made lasting friendships and there have been a lot of independent visits in each direction. The last group to visit us included a large group of schoolchildren who were so happy with the experience that they have inspired others to ask to come.

Ghislaine and Raoul Ruelle, prime movers of twinning in Villiers, were here for the weekend of the Aldborough School Fete and met Mrs Casburn, the new head teacher. They would like to bring a party of children here next June.

Our association needs active committee members if we are to plan for this. Anyone who would like to be involved, please contact Jane Maguire, 761578, or Ruth Bayes, 768063. Information for newcomers to the village – the welcome and hospitality in Villiers are fantastic!! Jane or Ruth would be happy to tell you more.

(Adrian is going to pick champagne grapes in Villiers as his first retirement 'job'!)

R.B.

## ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the minutes of the June **and** July meetings (conflated by the Editor):-

- **The village sign.** Dr Skipper has been in touch with the sign-maker's grandson who will supply another quote for its repair. There will be a question in the Village appraisal to find out what action residents would like taken about the sign. [Villagers are encouraged to take a closer look at this village feature and the activities depicted. For new residents, it's on the very small green opposite the Thatched gallery.]
- **Portable goalposts.** Recommendation from Norfolk F.A. that these should be pinned down. Council unanimous in the opinion that there was greater risk of pinning devices being used as missiles than of anyone being injured by falling plastic goalposts and therefore the goalposts would not be pinned down.
- **Football on the Green.** After receiving satisfactory responses to questions about the running and financing of the Club, the Council decided to investigate the possibility of running the pitch on a north /south basis to improve safety at the top end of the Green and limit damage to properties. Subject to the Parish council being satisfied with insurance details and dates, the club can proceed. There would be a review at the end of the season.
- **Fundraising for the Aldborough Lions F.C.** A social evening at the Community Centre raised more than £400 for the club.
- **The annual fair on the Green** had good weather. Over £400 was collected in rent; this helps with the upkeep of the Green.
- **School Lane closure during August** for improvements to the footpath, the first phase of the plans for improved access to Aldborough school. [Details and a map of the part of the road affected are on the Parish Council noticeboard, opposite the Black Boys.]
- The National Association of Local Councils confirms the legality of **using plastic matting to firm up some areas of the Green** and **placing small bollards to restrict access to some areas.**
- **Road repairs near the Church Room.** Costings received so far indicate £2000 to £2500. Site meeting arranged.
- **John Bacon (Thurgarton) Charity.** Anne Bettany has been appointed a Trustee, in place of Ruth Bayes who has resigned.
- **Next meetings** will be on **Monday 5 September & Monday 3 October.**

## BLOOD DONORS & WOULD-BE DONORS

The National Blood Transfusion Service has announced the cessation of mobile unit visits to Aldborough. The Parish Clerk has written in protest, but individuals need to write too. Because of the mobile several people had given blood for the first time, a total of 22 donors at the last visit. Some of these will be unlikely to give blood if it involves a journey. Please write to:- National Blood Transfusion Service

Crescent Drive  
Brentwood  
Essex  
CM15 8DP

## Mr John Sweeney

Many have been saddened by the sudden death of the Chairman of North Norfolk District Council. Until fairly recent reorganisations of Council boundaries he had been 'Our District Councillor' for both Aldborough & Thurgarton and Alby & Thwaite Parish Councils.

He was always very supportive (especially to Chairpersons), conscientious in providing the information he had promised, and able and willing to give sound advice based on experience. He went out of his way to help those who were finding District Council decisions hard to understand. He will be sorely missed.

R.B.

## THE GREAT GARDEN CHALLENGE

Claire Knight (of Alby) did remarkably well to reach the semi-final of the Channel 4 competition – she was knocked out by the final winners. We commiserate with her disappointment when she had got so far, but now we know that she will have a great future as a garden designer – when she has time to spare from all her other activities!

## **YOUR OPINION MATTERS!**

When Aldborough and Thurgarton residents receive **Village Appraisal** forms, please be assured that every reply will count, every reply will be treated in the utmost confidence, and the committee isn't just being nosy – the questions are carefully chosen in order to help decision makers in the future.

Some questions require just one answer per household – families decide amongst yourselves! For the rest, everyone from the age of 11 should have a separate form.

Questionnaires will be hand delivered and collected, sealable envelopes will be provided to preserve anonymity. It is hoped that this will be happening before the end of August – holidays sometimes cause hiccups!

From the 1992 appraisal there was a high return rate of 87%. It was a constant source of reference and resulted in change in many different activities. The aim is for an even higher return rate this time.

**YOGA** begins again in September:

**Tuesday evenings at Aldborough Church Room**

**Friday mornings at Erpingham Village Hall**

with Pia Shell, 01263 768 649, [pia@thwaitehill.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:pia@thwaitehill.freeseve.co.uk)

**Thursday mornings at Aldborough Church Room**

with Geraldine Entwistle, 01263 577388

### **W.E.A. AYLSHAM BRANCH**

#### **BUILDINGS of ISLAM**

Charles Lewis

to study the architecture of Iran, Turkey, India, Spain  
and elsewhere up to the 18 th century

**Wednesday 21 September, 2.00**

Friends Meeting House, Pegg's Yard,  
Red Lion Street, Aylsham

£35 for 10 weeks

Further information from Ann Dyball, 01263 732637

## **MORE POLICE ADVICE**

There have been several reports of door-to-door callers allegedly from BT to discuss phone savings. **BT do not employ cold callers.** These people are bogus and are asking questions about the occupancy of the house. Call the police if you have any information. **Do not deal with any door-to-door callers whatever their business.**

**HEDGEHOG RESCUE** would like to thank everyone who came to their open day. We had a very successful day raising **£2,244.50**.

We would also like to thank all our helpers.

S. Craske

**THANKS** for donations recently received from readers in Ingworth and Aldborough and from Erpingham & Calthorpe WI.

Thanks to all the advertisers!

**THE NEXT ISSUE** Copy please by **Monday 15 August**. If you are going to be on holiday, remember to do this first! E-mail is very welcome.

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