

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

DECEMBER 2005

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



## CHURCH SERVICES for Sundays, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day HC= Holy Communion, M=Matins, E=Evensong

DECEMBER	Advent 2 4th	Advent 3 11th	Advent 4 18th	Christmas Eve 24th	Christmas Day 25th
ALBY	--	3.30pm Christingle	--	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	8.00 HC	11.00 HC	11.00 Carol Service	10.00pm 'Midnight' Mass	--
CALTHORPE	--	9.30 HC	--	--	--
ERPINGHAM	9.30 HC	8.00 HC	9.30 HC	4.00pm Carol Service 11.45pm Midnight Mass	--
INGWORTH	11.15 M	9.30 HC	6.30 Carol Service	--	9.30 HC
THWAITE	11.15 HC	--	6.30 E	--	10.30 Carol Service

Normal WEEKDAY services: Wednesdays, 9.15 at Ingworth (not 28th)  
in December Thursdays, 7.30pm at Calthorpe, 1st HC, 8th Benediction  
at Erpingham, 15th HC, 22nd Benediction (not 29th)  
Friday 16th, 9.15 at Aldborough

Special service on Friday 16th December, Carol Service, 6.30pm at Alby Church

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Curate: Fr John Smith, 01263 734761 (evenings and weekends only)  
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### **FROM THE RECTOR**

For many people Christmas, with its world of expectations, is not an easy time. So let my words, though excited, seek to take a balanced view.

It's good that Christmas provides an opportunity for families living at a distance to make contact and affirm their links. It's good for communities to devise ways of coming together, so that young and old can share a common purpose. It's good to turn dark evenings into ways of bringing smiles to faces that light up the dark.

Yet is that enough? Not if Christmas is indeed Christ centred, which is the life-transforming view, where the good time that we long for is not just found in self, nor even in others, but in the God who as Christ is ours to have and know.

Have a happy Christmas!

Fr Brian

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

#### Funerals

At Prince Andrew's Chapel & Aldborough churchyard	9th November	Florrie Dack
At St Faith's Crematorium	10th November	Will Newland
At St Mary's Aldborough & St Faith's Crematorium	11th November	Alice Newstead

**A reminder: -**

#### **GROUP SERVICE**

on

#### **ADVENT SUNDAY**

**27th November , 10.00,  
at Erpingham Church**

Advent is not just the final run up to Christmas but a time of reflection on hopes that are timeless

## ***CRIB FESTIVAL***



*The Real Meaning of Christmas*

***SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 10 am till 4 pm***

***ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE***

- *Make a crib at home for the display*      *Come and see all these creations*
  - *No admission charge*      *Enjoy the fun, the music, and a Christmas nibble*
- Families, individuals, organisations and businesses are invited to make a crib from any materials for this event. If any of you own Christmas nativity sets from other lands, and are willing to lend them for display, would you please let us know.*

*If you have any queries, please contact Pauline Hill - 768738, or Ruth Elliott - 761468*

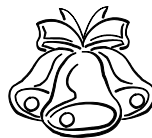


### CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Friday	16 December	6.30pm	Alby Carol Service
Sunday	18 December	11.00am	Aldborough Carol Service
		6.30pm	Ingworth Carol Service
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	10.00pm	Erpingham Carol Service
		11.45pm	Aldborough 'Midnight' Mass
			Erpingham Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	9.30am	10.30am	Ingworth Christmas Communion
			Thwaite Carol Service

The Rector will gladly bring Holy Communion to any who are housebound. Please contact him to make arrangements. 01263 768073.



### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

No meeting in December. Watch for a new programme in January



The Editor has received this letter addressed to the children of Aldborough & Thurgarton: Last year I was very pleased to see so many of you on the Green when I came to switch on the Christmas tree lights and I loved reading the letters you sent me. I am going to come again on **Saturday 3rd December** and hope to arrive at the tree **at 2.15**. Don't be late or you will miss the excitement as I can't stay long. You can post letters to me in my special box in the Post Office, or you can send them c/o Aldborough Post Office, Aldborough, Norwich, NR11 7AA. If you tell me your telephone number I will ring you on Wednesday or Thursday (21st, 22nd December) before I set off for my busy night. I am looking forward to seeing you.

Father Christmas

There will be **Carol singing** around the Christmas tree on **Wednesday 21st December at 6.00**

### ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

There will be **no meetings in December**

### ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on **Wednesday 21st December at 2.30** in the Church Room for a **Christmas Party**. For the competition, bring a favourite Christmas decoration.

### ALDBOROUGH LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB

will be organising a dance in the Community Centre on **Saturday 10th December, from 8.00pm**. See posters and buy tickets at the Post Office - £6

## ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting on **Monday 7th December** at **7.30** in the Community Centre.

Items from the minutes of the November meeting (not yet approved), selected by the Editor.

- The Council is becoming increasingly concerned at the number of telephone calls and letters to NCC and NNDC that remain unanswered. This affected several items for discussion where no progress could be made, eg highway matters, old cars on the Green, public wastebins, protection and resurfacing of the Green, problems re Malthouse Lane.
- Councillor Willcox presented a document on the **Local Development Framework**, preparatory to a meeting mid-November.
- In view of some potentially large expenditure it was agreed that donations should be restricted to local organisations: £75 to **Village Care**, £75 to **North Walsham CAB**.
- The meeting also unanimously agreed the annual contribution of £350 to help in the **upkeep of the churchyard**.
- The precept has not been increased since 2001. (The precept is the Parish Council's share of Council Tax.) It was agreed that it should be increased by £200 to **£4200 for 2006**. Potentially high items of expenditure that may occur in the next twelve months include the play area, Green maintenance and highway matters.
- **Timeswitches on some streetlights** need to be reset after the recent long power cuts: the Clerk to contact the different authorities.
- Agreement has been reached for the purchase of land to complete the **footpath up to the school**.

## VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT Aldborough has a new one, so let her speak for herself:-

For many years my most loved great aunt Ida Impson was village correspondent, even after she moved off the Green to Margaret Lilly Way in the early 1980s I can remember her taking in messages for the newspaper. I don't know when she began this task but even in advanced old age she looked forward eagerly to the talking newspaper to keep her up to date. Later her niece Joan Fisher took over this task and now it's down to me, the third generation of the family to try and keep Aldborough in the news - so over to you to let me know what's going on....

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## ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments at the Bingo sessions on Tuesday evenings – please help if you can. Contact Sue Metcalf, 761310.

**Steve & Val Barnes & family** send their grateful thanks for all the cards and kind 'get well' wishes for Steve while he was in hospital. He is now on the long road to recovery and it is good to see him taking the air again.

**ALDBOROUGH ROAD RUNNERS** raised **£157** for the Air Ambulance at their Hallowe'en Dance in the Community Centre. Many thanks to all who came.

**LIFE DRAWING MORNING**

**Saturday 10th December**

**9.00 - 12.00 am**

**in the Church Room, Aldborough.**

**£10 per morning.**

Come and draw or paint from a life model.

These are not teaching sessions but if anyone  
needs guidance or advice it can be given.

For more information or to book a place phone Sarah 761767.

**Friends of Aldborough School**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

*Aldborough Church Room*

**Monday 5 December 2005**

**8.30 am - 2.30 pm**

*Emma Bridgewater Pottery, Floribunda, Dawn King Jewellery*

*Christmas Crafts, Raffle, Christmas Produce*

*Refreshments served all day*

**All proceeds to Aldborough School**

**ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL**

**CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME**

Anybody who would like to come to the  
dress rehearsal is cordially invited!

**Monday, 12th December, 2.00**

On the last day of term, **Tuesday 20th  
December**, from about **9.30am**,  
**Aldborough School children will be**  
**CAROL SINGING ROUND THE GREEN**  
***Please join them!***

**Advance notice:** Aldborough PCC are planning  
**A CELEBRATION OF TWELFTH NIGHT,**  
**or, AN EPIPHANY PARTY,**

**in**

**the Church Room**

**7.30**

**6th January 2006**

**Watch out for posters with details**

**ALDBOROUGH PLAYERS 2006**  
**Forget your winter warmers!**  
**Forget your winter fuel allowance!**

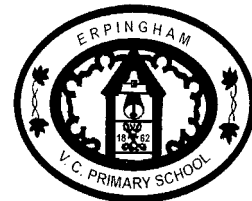
**Come to**  
**Sunny Aldborough Community Centre**  
**for the tropical pantomime**  
**'Caribbean Dream'**

**Wednesday 1st February**  
**to Saturday 4th February**

**Tickets will be on sale at the Spar**  
**and Post Office in early January**

**ERPINGHAM V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Do you enjoy working with children?  
 Are you looking for a part time job?  
 Would you like to be part of our small friendly  
 community school working with children 4 - 11 years?



We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA) to help at lunchtimes, from 12noon - 1.15pm Monday to Friday, term time only, and to start as soon as possible. The job involves supervising the children during lunch and playtime.



Please contact the secretary, Alison Hall, if you would like more information. If you would like to apply, please send a brief letter of application, including the names and addresses of two referees, to Erpingham VC Primary School, School Road, Erpingham, Norwich, NR11 7QY. Tel: 01263 761365.

## ERPINGHAM & CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

### 200 club

Recent results:	£10	£5
10/10/05	133 H. Brown	130 J. W. Alston
17/10/05	179 A. King	134 T. Warne
24/10/05	42 A. Argent	25 S. Payne
31/10/05	149 Mr & Mrs A. Wood	86 B. & D. Foord

### QUIZ NIGHT SUCCESS

A maximum number of tickets sold meant a very enjoyable Quiz Night. In the event illness, bereavement and traffic jams meant some were missing but even so we had a pretty full house. The profit towards refurbishment of the hall came to £224.10.

Many thanks to all those who helped beforehand and on the night.

H.B.

### ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

No meeting in December.

### ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the November meeting:-

- The **anti-flooding measures** planned by Norfolk County Council in The Street are expected shortly.
- A recent **sewage blockage** underlines the inability of the system to cope with kitchen or sanitary towels, nappies and any kitchen oils or fat. **All of these should be discarded by other methods.**
- The **planning application** for an extension at the Grange has been approved, and there were no objections from the Parish Council to two further applications.
- **Budgets** for this year and next were reviewed and the **precept for 2006-2007 was set at £3500.** The Council agreed a special donation of £25 to the Royal Signals Association. in memory of Roy Williams who had been Parish Clerk for 5 years. Updated Financial Regulations were formally adopted.
- **Bus shelter sites** are being selected in Erpingham and Calthorpe and the views of other authorities and landowners will now be sought.
- The Council decided to oppose a recommendation from North Norfolk District Council for a **parish boundary change** which would result, if accepted, in Beck Farm and The Saracen's Head becoming part of Wickmere parish.
- The Council nominated Graham Gladden and Alan Witham as their representatives on the **Village Hall Management Committee.**
- In response to a suggestion that a **village sign** should be considered the Council would like to hear from anyone with ideas on design, siting or construction.
- In open session there was a suggestion that a **welcome pack** for newcomers to the village should be created.
- In closed session, Martin Campbell was appointed as permanent part-time Clerk, on standard terms as recommended by the County Association of Parish Councils.
- The **next meeting** will be on **Wednesday 11th January, 7.30**, in the Village Hall.

### THWAITE COMMON

We are fast approaching the 4th anniversary of the removal of the fences by the Council, from which time of course there has been no grazing. (As yet there has been no news about the new application for temporary fencing.) What changes have taken place in this time? The list is long, and to my mind a bit depressing:

Orchids have diminished by about 75%; bog pimpernel has completely disappeared; many flowers such as star-of-Bethlehem, milkwort, St John's wort, bartsia, toadflax, mimulus, and loosestrife have all but disappeared. Reed and bullrush have colonised two flower-rich areas, and what used to be a good hunting ground for edible mushrooms in the autumn is now barren. Paths and clearings have become overgrown and impassable. The reason for this deterioration is purely and simply the lack of grazing stock. Grazing animals eat down the more dominant growth when young and tender, allowing air and light to reach the more vulnerable plants. They do not (as many people imagine) destroy these plants. They push through the bushes creating paths for walkers, and pruning the bramble and dog-rose growth. And their manure encourages wildlife of all sorts and mushrooms too!! Of course the common is still a beautiful place, but having known it when grazed, it seems to me that much of its individuality and magic has been lost to tougher, more dominant growth.

Will 2006 bring grazing back, and allow the splendour to return for our children? A.M.

### INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the meeting held in October:-

Chairman Tony Chambers welcomed fellow councillors and three parishioners to the meeting. Valerie Belton had resigned and this vacancy would be advertised in the usual way. There were two further vacancies and following a proposal by Matt Boreham, Alison Boreham was unanimously co-opted on to the Council.

When finance was reviewed the history of **the precept** in recent years was discussed and it was decided unanimously that the precept next year would be **£1600**.

The Council had been operating for some time without a permanent Clerk: Martin Campbell was appointed as **temporary Clerk** for the foreseeable future. He can be contacted on parish business on 01263 834551. He was asked to include items on highway matters, the council vacancies, the possibility of a bottle bank and the Green on the agenda of **the next meeting** which will be held on

**Wednesday 14th December at 7.30 in the Reading Room.**

### DECEMBER EVENTS AT WOLTERTON AND MANNINGTON

**Saturday 3rd at 6.00** Christmas Music from the nineteenth century with Norfolk Gallery Quire and Fall of Eve Band. Seasonal refreshments. £10.00/£5.00 (child)

**Sunday 4th at 11.00** Winter walk with Countryside Warden. £2.50

**Friday 16th at 7.30** Carol Concert with the Benefice Choir, audience participation, mulled wine and refreshments, in aid of Air Ambulance and the Children's Society. Tickets £10.00

and also on **Saturday 17th at 3.30** Tickets £8.00 /£5.00 (concessions) includes tea and mince pies.



**“A WIND ON THE HEATH”**

If you missed the public showing of this wildlife film in Aldborough last April, or if you are looking for an unusual Christmas present, you may like to know that copies are available at Jarrolds and The Forum in Norwich. Alternatively you can obtain this and previous films direct from me – DVD £12, VHS £10. Telephone 01263 768599. Proceeds during the Christmas period will go to the Salvation Army.

John Snape

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**STOP PRESS** from **Aldborough's Village Appraisal Working Party**

who are delighted that so many pink forms for volunteers have been returned. But some of these well-intentioned people did not give a contact name or phone number. If you think you might be one of them, please get in touch with Keith Good on 761580.

**THANKS** for donations recently received from a reader on Thwaite Common

**THANKS** to all the advertisers and their faithful support throughout the year. Thanks to Bob Guess who sees that adverts are paid for and banks the result! Thanks to Yvonne Archer (of Aldborough Black Boys) for all her help in printing, especially her unflappable patience in seeing me through a new system. And thanks to all the people in our six villages who put the magazine through letterboxes month after month. What a team!

**THE NEXT ISSUE**

**2006** begins on a Sunday and the previous weekend will be rather full!

To make sure of the January In Touch being printed and delivered in good time please let the

Editor have any notices and articles by **Friday 9 December**. **NB. This is the latest possible date.**

If you already know of an event in January, why not send the copy immediately before you forget?

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!**

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