



### **FROM THE RECTOR**

It's a well known fact that, though we may travel the world looking for sights to fill us with wonder, sometimes the places worth visiting are much nearer to home.



Take Walsingham for example, a truly international centre of Christian pilgrimage less than 20 miles from our own front doorsteps.

In order to encourage our use of this spiritual resource so near to home I'm organising a parish **visit to Walsingham** on **Saturday 17th June**, and these few words are written to give plenty of notice to put the date in diaries and find out something of what's involved.

A devotional talk – The Eucharist – Prayers for healing and spiritual commitment at the holy well. Our group will be one of many groups meeting and praying together in the grounds of the Anglican Shrine.

See notices in our churches nearer the time in order to book a place.

Fr Brian

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

#### **Funerals**

At St Faith's Crematorium	23rd March	Albert Gooch
At St Mary's Erpingham	6th April	Ada Scothern
	7th April	Dorothy Duffield
At St Bartholomew, Hanworth	3rd April	John Barclay

### **GROUP SERVICE**

**Sunday 30th April, 10.00, at Aldborough Church**  
(NB **not** as in last month's 'In Touch')

### **ASCENSION DAY, Thursday 25th May**

Services of Holy Communion at **Aldborough Church** at **9.15am**  
and at **Erpingham Church** at **7.30pm**

**New monthly service of Holy Communion  
during the summer**

**The last Friday in the month  
9.30am at Alby Church  
beginning 26th May**

(Book of Common Prayer service)

**christian aid lunch**  
**at the Rectory, School Road, Erpingham**  
**SATURDAY 13th MAY**  
**12.00-2.00**

**All proceeds to christian aid**

**No tickets needed – come and bring your friends!**

### **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Meeting in Aldborough Church Room on **Tuesday 23rd May** at **2.30**.

### **CHURCH OFFICERS appointed at this year's AGMs**

(All addresses have Norwich before the postcode. All phone numbers begin 01263)

**Alby**

Churchwarden  
& Secretary Mrs D. Kimberley, The Old Rectory, Alby, NR11 7HF. 761420  
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**Aldborough**

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Treasurer Mrs A. Bettany, Greenacre, The Green, NR11 7NR 768681  
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**Calthorpe**

Churchwarden  
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Churchwarden Mrs G. Self (as above)  
Secretary Miss J. Lewis, The Cottage, School Road, Erpingham, NR11 7QV 761515

**Erpingham**

Churchwarden Mr S. Burrell, Paigles, The Street, Erpingham, NR11 7QB 768209  
Churchwarden Mr J. Turner, Home Farm House, Middle Hill, Alby, NR11 7PN 768066  
Treasurer Mrs J. Duffield, Casa Mia, Blacksmith Lane, Erpingham, NR11 7QF 761356  
Secretary Miss J. Lewis, The Cottage, School Road, Erpingham, NR11 7QV 761515

**Ingworth**

Churchwarden Mr D. White, Gulgate House, Priory Lane, Ingworth, NR11 6PG 733396  
Treasurer Mrs P. Watt, Ingworth Lodge, The Street, Ingworth, NR11 6PD 732690  
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**Thwaite**

Churchwarden  
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Churchwarden  
& Treasurer Mr J. Buchan, White House, Alby, NR11 7PN 768916

**ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB**

All are welcome to the next meeting, on **Thursday 25th May**, at **7.30** in the **Church Room**.  
Mrs C. Philcox will talk about seed collection.

*Please note the date – a week later than usual.*

**ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Meeting on **Wednesday 17th May** in the Church Room for lunch and discussion of this year's resolutions. (For time, ask a committee member.)



The competition will be to see how many words you can make with the letters of 'ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON WI'. Be prepared!

**ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

- **Village clean-up** round the Green – **Saturday 13th May**. A real case of 'many hands . . .', so turn up with tools from about **9.30am**.
- The **AGM of the Parish Council** will be on **Monday 15th May, 7.30**, in the **Community Centre**.
- **Vacancy for Clerk**. We are sorry that, after several years of excellent service, John Padgham is stepping down. A new clerk is being sought for September (or earlier). Please contact John (761309) or Jane Maguire (Chair, 761578) for an informal discussion of what the job entails and, if interested, send an application to Jane at 1 Aldborough Mill.

**FROM THE NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE**

A thank you to everyone who donated blood recently when the Bloodmobile came to Aldborough - 28 pints were collected.

It was good to see some first-time donors (including one aged 18) and some others who had not donated for several years coming back. Thank you.

Next date: 1st August. ***Please keep on giving.***

### **ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

:The **AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 10th May** at **7.30pm** followed by refreshments.

We would like to remind readers that all residents of Aldborough are very welcome to attend - under no obligation to commit themselves to Community Centre involvement - but, on the other hand, if you have some spare time and would like to be a member of the Management Committee you will be most welcome! New faces and new ideas are always appreciated.

### **ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM**

Small improvements continue and all add to the quality of the facilities. We are grateful to the Christian Fellowship for the gift of a new fan heater/cooler for the committee room: detailed instructions for its use are on the wall above it. For some reason it works best when standing on a tin tray rather than directly on the carpet!

New cutlery has now arrived and will be much easier to keep clean.

Ruth Elliott, 761468, is still in charge of the bookings diary. Now that the football season is over the hall is available for bookings on Saturdays. The Church Room does not have the licences which the Community Centre has but there are still plenty of activities which do not need licensing - please enquire about availability.

### **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES**

- There are now three **yoga** classes in the Church Room: on-going classes on **Tuesday evening**, 7.30 to 9pm, with Pia Shell and on **Thursday morning** from 10.00 with Geraldine Entwistle, and Pia has a **new class** on **Friday morning** from 9.30 to 11am **starting May 5th**.
- The **Wednesday morning art** class will continue at the Community Centre. Join a friendly group who are amazed to find out what they can do!



## **AGM**

followed by Volunteers' Meeting  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - 7.30pm**  
**Aldborough Church Room**

Please come to hear about the work of Village Care  
in Aldborough and the surrounding villages  
We welcome your views

Cheese and Wine served  
**Everyone welcome**



### **FRIENDS OF ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL**

At the Spring Fair we raised a fantastic £520 and wish to thank everyone who supported us and to local businesses for kindly donating raffle prizes.

### **Calling all Gardeners!**



Do you have a question that you would like to put to our panel of distinguished horticulturalists? Come along to Aldborough Community Centre on **Thursday 4th May at 7.00 p.m.** for some expert advice. **Tickets £5.00** to include cheese and wine. The bar will be open and there will be a raffle and plant stall. **All proceeds to the Friends of Aldborough School.**

If possible, please submit your questions in advance - e-mail [delia@malimrobin.co.uk](mailto:delia@malimrobin.co.uk) or write your name and question on a postcard and leave at the Spar or Post Office.

Donations of plants for the plant stall will also be gratefully received.

### **ALDBOROUGH VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY**

Yes, we are still here ! Indeed on **Friday 5th May** we shall be holding a meeting in the **Church Room** on Aldborough Green at **7.30 pm** and will be fascinated and delighted by a one hour fully illustrated talk on an aspect of local Norfolk history by Peter Salt from Norwich. Afterwards, we shall hold the Society's **AGM**; you are very welcome; bring a friend too.

KRG

### **ALDBOROUGH TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

There's an interesting proposal from the Aldborough Lions Football Club who are proposing to challenge the Villiers team. After their successful and well supported first season they are prepared to go international! Reactions from Villiers are positive. Look out for more.

### **ALDBOROUGH SURGERY**

A Race Night, organised by David Bott (patient representative) was held on Saturday 25th March at the Black Boys and raised the sum of £337 for Aldborough Surgery. Special thanks to Keith and Yvonne at the Black Boys for providing the ideas and the room free of charge and for their wonderful hospitality, also to Teri and Ash who gave 10% of their takings from their Fancy Goods stall on the evening. As a result of this the Surgery has purchased four Blood Pressure monitors for home use by patients. Well done to all concerned for making the evening such a success.

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

At the recent box opening in Aldborough **£185.67** was collected. Many thanks to all box holders – and to Glenys for the coffee and cake!

**ALDBOROUGH CHURCH** now has a hearing loop fitted. One worshipper reported hearing parts of the service that she hadn't heard for years. The PCC decided to spend some of the

legacy received from Dora Leonard, in her memory and remembering her constant concern for her deaf friend Bridget.

**ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

There will be a social evening/plant swap  
on **Wednesday 24th May, 7.30, in the Village Hall**  
Everyone welcome.



**ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

Both the **Annual Parish Meeting** and the **Annual Meeting of the Council** will be held on  
**Wednesday 10th May** in the **Village Hall**, beginning at **7.00pm**.

All residents are invited to attend.

**ERPINGHAM & CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL**

**200 CLUB Recent Results:**

	<b>£10</b>	<b>£5</b>
27-2-06	193 L.Payne	71 P.S.Lunnon
6-3-06	23 J.Warne	55 K.Ayres
13-3-06	135 P.Cox	91 Cameron Payne
20-3-06	64 A.Ellwood	125 P.Walton
27-3-06	10 L.Brett	184 D.K.Harrison
3-4-06	80 N.Dennis	58 S.Craske
10-4-06	6 Mrs A.Sharpe	38 J.Eagles
17-4-06	73 J.Ward	192 E.Payne



**TABLE TOP SALE**

**20th May 2006**

**Erpingham Village Hall**

**9.30am to 12 noon**

(setting up from 8.45am)

**£5 a table pre-paid** before May 20th

(tables approx. 4ft x 2ft)

**£7 on the day** - if available

**Free entry - Tombola**

**Refreshments**



**To book a table or for contributions**

(which can be collected if necessary)

**to the Village Hall Stall**

**please ring 01263 761704, 768209 or 768655**



**ERPINGHAM'S MEDIEVAL FAIR**

It seemed a long time off when first mentioned, but it's now time for a reminder about the event in **Erpingham Church grounds** on **Saturday 1st July**. Contact David Davison, 761560, or Alan Witham, 761156, for more information, *or to offer help*.

**INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** and **Annual Meeting of the Council** will be on **Monday, 8th May**.

All residents are invited to attend.

## **THWAITE COMMON**

Good news. The application has finally been sent to DEFRA as many of you will have seen in the North Norfolk News and the EDP on the 6th and 7th April.

**WALKERS** - Daffodils and primroses are now bravely in flower, and the sloe bushes and gorse are bursting into blossom despite the cold cold winds. Judging by the busy bird activity, they also are unconcerned by the lack of warmth, confident that Spring is only just around the corner. Let's hope their optimism is well founded !!!!  
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## **Norfolk Young Farmers proudly present ... Aylsham Countrysiders!**

It is with much pleasure that the Norfolk Federation of Young Farmers clubs announces the opening of yet another Countrysider Club – Aylsham Countrysiders, bringing the total of Countrysider clubs around Norfolk to twelve. They meet fortnightly and are the junior branch of the Young Farmers clubs catering for the 10 to 16 age range. When Countrysiders are old enough, from 14 onwards, and feel ready to move up to a senior club they will already be familiar with the organisation and what it has to offer and will already know many senior members through meetings and competitions with them.

Countrysiders get up to all sorts of things! From making pizzas to farm walks, conservation to kayaking. You name it and we will give it a try if possible! Countrysiders compete in many competitions throughout the year. There's the ever popular bowling competition, Call my Bluff and Junior Public Speaking. This year there's a hockey tournament and Fame Academy at the winter competitions day in November. Stock judging beef cattle, dairy cows, pigs and sheep is very competitive amongst the clubs and so is rounders - especially when playing against the seniors! There's the Rally Disco too where all the trophies are awarded following the Rally, the biggest competition day of the year.

If this seems like something that might interest you, a friend or someone down the road, do let them know and **come along to our opening night on Thursday 11th May at Aldborough Community Centre, 7 – 8.30pm**. We are looking forward to meeting you! Remember, you don't have to be connected to farming to join us!

Phone Moira on 01603 731307 for further information. Do leave a message, we will get back to you!



## **AYLSHAM MUSIC** presents

Andrew McCullough - Clarinet  
Julia Knight - Viola  
Jonathan Wortley - Piano

**at St Michael's Church, Aylsham  
Thursday 18th May  
at 1.00pm**

Mozart - Kegelstatt Trio  
Bruch - Acht Stucke  
Horowitz - Sonatina

**EMBRACE THE WORLD** The Anglican and the Roman Catholic Cathedrals in Norwich combine for a **Flower Festival, 2nd– 5th June**. Displays, concerts, floral walk, and more.

### From the Editor's post bag

#### **USE IT OR LOSE IT !**

This slogan may be overworked these days; however there is an area of village life where this will come to pass, if we do nothing to help retain it. I refer to the daily bus service operated by Sanders. For those of us who are over 60 this service is now free and the two morning departures, at 9.28 for Cromer, Sheringham and Holt and at 9.35 to Aylsham and North Walsham, open up all sorts of possibilities for travel further afield. Equally useful is the 12.10 departure to North Walsham which allows over an hour in Aylsham, time to change library books, have a hair cut, go the shops, etc etc and return at 13.50. These services run daily Monday to Saturday 52 weeks of the year. Not only do they serve our village of Aldborough where we are blest with other local services but the bus

route also covers Metton, Felbrigg, Sustead, Calthorpe, Erpingham and Ingworth where the only amenities may be a church and sometimes a pub. So it's not just Aldborough that would suffer if the bus route were to finish. During term time there are also two early buses available to members of the public, at 7.45 to North Walsham and at 8.15 to Aylsham with a returning bus at 16.40. Frequently I find myself the only passenger and although the bus service is not under immediate threat it's clear that low use will not ensure its survival. If everybody in the villages only used one bus a month the passenger numbers would improve greatly and do good things for our environment - *please think bus!*

R. M.M.

### Young Adult Observers at General Synod, York University: 7 - 9 July 2006

A group of young adults attend General Synod in July each year to learn something about the Synodical process and to raise the profile of young people. This will be of particular interest to young adults from 16 to 25 years of age. Financial support will be given.

If you wish to apply to be a Young Adult Observer, contact Tricia Elson at Horstead, 01603 266316.

### Ecumenical pilgrimage to Taizé

For young adults, 16 – 29 years, **22nd – 31st July**. A journey of faith, fun and fellowship in France. Bursaries are available. **Closing date for bookings – 31st May**. Brochure and form from Tricia Elson, 01603 266316, or e mail [triciaelson@norwich.anglican.org](mailto:triciaelson@norwich.anglican.org). They can also be found at <http://www.norwich.anglican.org/new%20items.htm>.

### **“THE SONG IN THE BLICKLING GARDEN”**

**18th, 19th, & 20th May**

in

**KELLING BARN**

The first ever production of Geoff Davidson's one-act opera will be in the delightful setting of Kelling Barn and the North Norfolk Chamber Opera are privileged to be performing it under the direction of Jeffrey Davies.

It is an exciting venture and promises to be a memorable occasion with a strong cast including soprano Jayne Birch as Anne Boleyn and the baritone Peter Dear as Henry VIII. They will be supported by a full cast including dancers from the Norwich Early Dance Group.

Jeff's production enables the drama in Geoff's music to express the desires, love, fun, religion, politics, injustice and duty in Anne's life from her childhood days at Blickling in 1509 to her death at the Tower of London in 1536. Inspiration has been taken from the painting by Holbein. The timing of the event is apt as Anne Boleyn's trial was on Monday the 15th May and she was executed on Friday 19th May 1536, coincidentally the same day of the week as the second night of our production.

are £12 each and available from Tourist information Offices at Holt ( 01263 713100 ), Sheringham 9 01263 824329 ) and Cromer ( 01263 512497 ).  
from M.W.

Come and join the singers, dancers and orchestra for the novelty and excitement of this premier. Tickets

# **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

**MAY 2006**

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

**THANKS** for a donation recently received from a reader in Aylsham.

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