

KEEPING IN TOUCH

JUNE 2006

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CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong

| JUNE | Whit Sunday 4th | Trinity Sunday 11th | 1st Sunday after Trinity 18th | 2nd Sunday after Trinity 25th |
|------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ALBY | -- | 6.30 E | -- | -- |
| ALDBOROUGH | 11.00 | Joint Communion Service with Pr Andrew's 11.00 | 11.00 Parish Communion | -- |
| CALTHORPE | -- | 9.30 | -- | -- |
| ERPINGHAM | 9.30 | 8.00 | 9.30 | 8.30 |
| INGWORTH | 11.15 M | 9.30 | 11.15 M | -- |
| THWAITE | 11.15 | -- | 6.30 E | -- |
| THURGARTON | | | | 11.00 Pet Service |

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15am at Ingworth

Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (1st HC, 8th Benediction)
7.30pm at Erpingham (15th & 29th HC,
22nd Benediction)

Friday 16th 9.15am at Aldborough

Friday 23rd 9.30 at ALBY

First Thursday each month, 10.15 Prayer Group at Aldborough in Prince Andrew's Chapel

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FROM THE RECTOR

Sometimes it's good to attempt something new.

On **Sunday 25th June at 11.00am** you are invited to a Group Service that won't be like our usual acts of worship:-



Pet Service at Thurgarton Church

Animals – birds – reptiles – fish - - - If you've got it and like to bring it (and if it would like to come) please come along! And if you have nothing to bring, just bring yourself and enjoy the fun. God's creation would be empty if life was just people like you and me – do come and celebrate the wider picture.

A said service of **Holy Communion** will happen at **8.30am** on this day at **Erpingham Church**. There will be no other acts of worship in our six churches.

Fr Brian

The Pet Service will be a family service, so the service in Aldborough Church on the **3rd Sunday, 18th June**, will be a **Parish Communion at 11.00**.

FROM THE REGISTERS

| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Holy Baptism | at St Mary's Erpingham | 7th May | William Joseph Knight |
| Funeral | at St Faith's Crematorium | 9th May | Roy Karasek |

WHIT SUNDAY, 4th June

This is one of the three great festivals of the Christian year, with Christmas and Easter. There is no service on The Green this year but the occasion will be marked by a change in the usual timetable for the first Sunday in the month – there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion** at **Aldborough Church** at **11.00**, as well as at **Erpingham** at **9.30** and **Thwaite** at **11.15**, and **Matins** at **Ingworth** at **11.15**.

PARISH VISIT to the ANGLICAN SHRINE at WALSINGHAM

Saturday 17th June, 10.30 – 4.30

| | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 10.30 | Devotional address and introduction |
| 12 noon | Holy Communion |
| 2.30 | Prayers of renewal |
| 4.00 | Benediction |

Cooked lunches are available in the Refectory if ordered
or bring a picnic

To reserve a place, please sign notices at the back of churches
or phone Fr Brian (768073)

The Listening Group/Listening to the Bible

The listening group is adding a new dimension to its meetings - reading and listening to the Bible. We will be meeting on **Thursday 22nd June** in Ingworth at **7.30pm**. We will be reading and listening to 1 Samuel 15.34 – 16.13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5.6 – 10, 14 – 17 and Mark 4.26 – 34.

Please think about joining us. It will be quite informal.

Full details can be obtained from me, on 01263 734761.

Fr John.

PRINCE ANDREW'S CHAPEL

Normal Sunday worship times at the Chapel are 10.45am and 6.30pm.

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On **Trinity Sunday, 11th June**, members of Prince Andrew's will be joining a service of Holy Communion at St Mary's Church at **11.00am**. Everybody will be warmly welcome.

Bible study at the Chapel. A new monthly series of studies based on the letter of James has just begun, led by Ian Loe. The next will be on Sunday **28th May**, and from July will be on the first Sunday in the month, at **6.30pm**. All are welcome to join.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Tuesday 27 June at 2.30 pm.

This month we shall be guests at the Rectory for our meeting.

Transport arrangements will be similar to those for our visit to Canaan.

If there are any queries, please phone Pauline Hill (768738).

CALTHORPE & ERPINGHAM

MEDIEVAL FAIR

Saturday 1st July from 1.00pm

Traditional Fete with stalls, games and refreshments

and Fancy dress (for all ages), Sir Thomas Erpingham exhibition, heraldry display, medieval archaeology finds, hawking exhibition, sheep shearing, church tour. Musical entertainment by the Medieval Minstrels gallery. More items still being planned as we go to print. Free parking in adjacent field. All the action will be in and around Erpingham Church and churchyard parking area. Watch out for local posters with further details.

An ambitious event not to be missed!

ERPINGHAM SCHOOL CELEBRATES 'GETTING HEALTHY'!!

As part of an initiative to develop understanding of the importance of living healthily, the children and staff of Erpingham Primary were recently visited by an experienced chef, Mr Richard Baker, who had been given clear details beforehand about the children's least favourite foods. These included tomatoes, prawns, crab, spinach, cabbage and many other vegetables – the chef's challenge was to create dishes the children would enjoy from these foods and so prove to children that vegetables could be cooked in such a way that they would be tasty!!

Children were given the chance to sample many different types of vegetables – both raw and with various dressings. The afternoon culminated in 3 dishes being cooked and sampled. First a Seafood Risotto went down well with most children. Second, a Creamy Spinach Pasta dish was thoroughly enjoyed by nearly all. But the Vegetable Fajitas were the definite favourite.

Headteacher Miss Deborah Leahy said, 'The afternoon has shown the children that foods which are healthy need not be dull, vegetables can be tasty.' Liam Ray, a year 6 pupil, stated the food was 'well good!'

The afternoon was the introductory session to a term of planned activities to show the children the benefits of leading a healthy and active lifestyle. The children have already made a start towards being healthy, by eating only fruit at playtimes which the school provides for all pupils.



SALE

at ERPINGHAM & CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

on **Saturday 24th June, 2.00 – 4.00**

Used clothing, bric-à-brac, cakes, raffle

All proceeds for Village Hall funds

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ERPINGHAM & CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

200 Club - recent results:

| | £ 10 | £ 5 |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 24-4-06 | 156 G. Craske | 122 M. Fish |
| 1-5-06 | 100 Mr. & Mrs. S. Casimir | 95 S. & T. Mollard |
| 8-5-06 | 95 S. & T. Mollard | 40 B. Pegg |
| 15-5-06 | 165 Mr. & Mrs. Warner | 144 G. Gladden |

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on **Wednesday 28th June at 7.30** in the Village Hall.

'Homeopathy explained' by Mrs Harriet Gently

with illustrative cases for requested conditions.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting on 10th May

In his Chairman's report, David Clayton reviewed matters addressed during the year, flooding in The Street, speeding traffic, support for Alby's bus shelter and plans for one in Erpingham & Calthorpe. The Council supported S. Green on his proposed Welcome Pack for villagers. Norfolk Rural Community Council had given a presentation on Parish Plans. Finances were put on a firm basis with budgeting and a precept review. Martin Campbell's appointment as Parish Clerk was made permanent and he had provided Standing orders and a Risk assessment. Financial regulations have been updated and adopted. The Council appointed two representatives to the Village Hall Management Committee. There were 19 planning applications.

Annual meeting of the Parish Council on 10th May

David Clayton was unanimously elected Chairman. No Vice-Chairman was elected but it was agreed that Graham Gladden and Alan Witham would continue to represent the Council on the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Council formally adopted the accounts for 2005-6 and approved an up-dated budget for 2006-7.

Arising from the March meeting. Alby no longer needed a further contribution for their bus shelter on the A140. The Council would progress to the design and costing stage for the shelters in Erpingham and Calthorpe. The Welcome Pack was reaching the final stage.

Planning. Permission had been granted for an extension and conservatory at Hope Cottage. the Council had no objection to plans for Eagle House provided the height

In other reports, the police had advised that there had been 5 minor incidents recorded in Erpingham in the last year and none in Calthorpe.

Graham Gladden reported a series of meetings designed to get the Village Hall Committee back on a firm footing. A new Committee would address the changes needed including disabled access and toilet as well as an improved kitchen. As a first project they would sponsor a new noticeboard which the management had agreed may be placed at the Spread Eagle. Village Hall Committee minutes would be on noticeboards in future. The Play area was checked regularly as it was much used.

of the building was restricted to that on the original application. No objection to change of use for a studio at Mill House.

Dog Control Orders (to replace the Dogs Act 1996). The District Council had requested the Parish Council's views - response deferred to allow the Village Hall Committee to consider this too.

Village sign. P. Wright offered to check a possible site. New noticeboard at the Spread Eagle. G. Gladden sought the Council's support and presented suggested designs. In open meeting a request was made for the 30mph limit to be extended to the A140.

In part 2 of the meeting with the public excluded, the Council decided to increase the Clerk's hours to five hours per week from 1st May 2006.

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

Our June meeting on **Thursday 15th** is the visit to Mrs Gilbert's garden at Hill Cottage, **Edingthorpe**. Depart from the Green at **6.45pm**. Directions will be available on the evening.

The Flower & Vegetable Show will be on **Saturday 22nd July**.
Details of the various classes are now in the local shops.

ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on **Wednesday 21st June at 2.30** in the Church Room.

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Members meeting: Ruby Fisher reminiscences, part 2

New members are always welcome.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

200 Club winners for the last session were

£150 no 144 R Hayton **£100** no 130 Mrs P Hill **£ 50** no 121 Mrs R Mortimer Massingham
£10 no 5 Mrs M Wright **£5** no 139 Mr R Massingham

ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM

The use of the Church Room is greatly increased so more help would be appreciated.

Is there anyone who could help with occasional caretaking duties? Hours would be very variable depending on bookings. Minimum hourly rate of pay, but calculated as necessary from week to week. As a rule no cleaning, but should be physically able to move chairs and tables when necessary. Someone recently retired would probably be ideal. Please talk to Ruth Bayes, 01263 768063, if you may be able to help.

OPEN GARDEN

On **Sunday 25th June, 2.00 –5.00**. Mr & Mrs Robin Gilkes invite everyone to visit their garden at **Thurgarton Lodge** to raise funds for the **British Red Cross**. Tea & cakes too.

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting on **Monday 3rd July at 7.30** in the Community Centre.

From the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April (Editor's selection).

In her report from the Chair, Mrs Jane Maguire thanked the Clerk and all councillors for their support. Among them there is a good spread of age and experience and the workload is shared with different areas of responsibility. An open approach is adopted at meetings and the public are encouraged to attend and contribute. Minutes are available at Aldborough Post Office and on the web site and are summarised in the North Norfolk News and In Touch. The Clerk has recently tendered his resignation and a replacement is being sought.

The Green. Highways (County Council) are undertaking work in front of the Old Red Lion and near the Spar. The Parish Council have put out tenders for work in further areas including Chapman's Row, the Church Room road and matting on the grass outside the Church Room.

Parking on and around the Green remains a problem. The Community Centre is happy to offer the use of their car park – the Ramblers' Association and others to be informed of this.

Village appraisal. Grants from Defra and the Rural Community Council will cover the costs of analysing the results and producing a 'Parish Plan'. The Council is expecting to host a presentation evening in the late autumn.

Children's Playground. A questionnaire about improvements has been circulated and funding is being investigated.

Village sign. To be renovated by David Carter, grandson of the maker. Thanks to Dr Skipper for financial help.

Footpath to school. To be completed in 2007.

Football. A very successful first year, popular with parishioners. The Council, footballers and cricketers will continue to discuss the best ways to utilise the Green for the benefit of all.

National Blood Service. The service was withdrawn, then reinstated following public reaction. There was a successful session in March.

Village Correspondent for the North Norfolk News. Thanks to Rochelle Mortimer-Massingham for undertaking this task.

Please send reports and news items for her to pass on.

Fete and picnic. Another enjoyable event in 2005, planned to be repeated in 2007.

Other regular events – the annual Fair, Fruit & vegetable show, Pantomime (4 performances), Christmas tree, carol singing and of course, Father Christmas. Many thanks to all involved.

Twining. Still suspended but hopeful signs of renewal of contacts. Aldborough Lions hope to organise a football match. Mrs Tina Casburn said that the school would support any initiative and hoped that the head of the school in Villiers would visit this year.

Elections. 2007 will be an election year. There has been no election in the village for 11 years and Jane Maguire is the only Councillor who has been voted in. We encourage parishioners to attend meetings, speak to councillors about the job and come forward with ideas.

Other reports

Planning. External refurbishment of The Chestnuts has been carried out, 2 new properties nearing completion, 1 extension completed, 2 extensions approved.

Safety. An extra goal and nets provided on the Green.

Footpaths. Improvements to the top end of Malthouse Lane approved by Highways. Thanks to local landowners for the many permissive paths in the area.

St Mary's Church remains open in daylight hours and people are requested to be vigilant and report anything unusual.

Family services for the benefice are now concentrated in Aldborough. There had been events for all, including a service on the Green, and a Crib Festival, *working with*

Prince Andrew's Chapel which will celebrate 25 years in its present building in September. The Luncheon club is hosted by the Chapel on the 3rd Tuesday each month. The 'Kids Club' week in the summer holidays attracted over 30 children and will be repeated in August 2006. A number of other church and chapel joint events are being planned.

Keeping in Touch The village appraisal reveals a high readership of over 90%.

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John Bacon Trust Small gifts had been made at Christmas to 6 people living within the old Thurgarton parish boundary, leaving £14.09 in the account.

Community Bus, believed to be the last one in Norfolk, others having gone over to 'dial-a-ride'. As well as regular services to surrounding villages, Norwich and Wroxham, the bus is available for social hire. New drivers have come forward as a result of the appraisal. Other drivers, please contact secretary Mrs Nita Good.

Community Centre – a much valued asset to the village, used daily for a wide range of activities. Estimates for the extension are being sought from builders.

Cricket Club sponsored by Knight's Sporting Auctions, The Old Red Lion and Fast Fencing. Two teams are in the leagues playing all over Norfolk. Mid-week sides will continue to play and there will be Kwik Cricket during the summer holidays. Suggestions for changing facilities are still being discussed.

Over 60s has a full and varied programme throughout the year, but would like more members. Please contact Mrs Harmer.

Women's Institute. Although membership is small the Institute has many interesting talks and outings. New members welcome

Garden Club. Meetings in the Church Room on the 3rd Thursday each month with talks and garden visits. A bargain at £5 a year - new members invited to join.

History Society. There is now about £800 in the kitty as the book continues to sell. Where did Granny go to school? - plans for a booklet to celebrate 100 years in the present building.

School. Several changes over the year, including Mr Scargill's retirement and appointment of new head Mrs Tina Casburn.

With a strong teaching and admin team the school is well set for the future.

Surgery. Dr Wood reported that there were now some 2600 patients registered. The surgery had been chosen as one of the first to have the new national computer system installed and this is now working well.

Village Care. The financial base is strong and Dora Leonard's legacy is available for upgrading the play area. The lunch club produced some 1500 meals during the year and helped many people with transport to and from the surgery and hospitals.

Allotment Association. All plots are taken and a water supply and standpipe have at last been connected by Anglia Water.

Aldborough Players. Already working on script for 2007 panto.

Finance. Accounts for 2004/05 passed by Audit commission and finances in a healthy state. Council had voted to increase the precept to £2200 in view of potential expenditure on repairs round the Green and repair of village sign.

District councillor's report. NNDC transfer of housing stock completed. Half of £36.6 million raised went back to central government. £1m has been ringfenced for affordable housing.

A.O.B. The website is being regularly updated. Request for a sign to show road users that they were entering Thurgarton, to be forwarded to Highways Dept. Concern expressed over number and speed of heavy lorries coming through the village, local farm owners to be approached. Discussions had taken place with Highways re 20mph limit but no progress had been made.



FRIENDS OF ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL

'Gardeners Question Time' was well supported and a great success which raised £375 for school funds. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Summer Fair - Saturday 1 July – from 4pm at the school

Bar & BBQ, Grand Raffle, Silent Auction, Cake Stall, Tombola, Plant Stall,

Children's side-shows/stalls & much more

See posters nearer the time for more details or contact Sarah/Emma 761773/768366

DANCE PARTIES

Friday 26 May & Friday 30th June 7.00-8.30

at Aldborough Community Centre

7 year olds to Year 6 welcome

Entrance 50p Sweets & drinks available Please bring your favourite CDs

For more info please contact Emma, 01263 768 366



THE DANCE PARTY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We urgently need a new organiser and more parent helpers.

Please contact Emma on 768366 for more details - THANK YOU

ALDBOROUGH VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

The AGM re-elected officers, and members enjoyed 'then and now' films of five Norfolk towns and heard of progress in investigating education in this area at the beginning of the 20th century when the present Aldborough School was built. Anyone who can provide information from their own family records of where

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Granny went to school, or any family anecdotes (about schooling anywhere at this time), please contact Rochelle Mortimer Massingham 01263 761398.

VILLAGE CARE

The Lunch Club is looking for a driver who would collect some hungry people, deliver a couple of lunches to people who are unable to get to the Community Centre, and return to take the original passengers home. It's important that this could be done on a regular basis (barring emergencies, holidays, etc.). Contact Elaine Hayton, 768059.

THWAITE COMMON (1)

If you're a light sleeper, the dawn chorus will no doubt wake you up. The melodious notes of blackbirds and missel thrushes seem to start it, gradually growing into a glorious crescendo as pigeons, cuckoos and smaller birds join the song.

Imagine birds all over the world greeting the sun as the world turns, bringing them another day!

Baby birds are starting to hatch, butterflies and insects too, and the air is heavy with the scent of blossom.

Walking on the common is a delight just now, at any time of day, but especially early and late.

Sadly the milkwort which used to form such a lovely blue carpet at this time of year, hasn't made it at all this year, due to the growth of stronger plants - it needs the short grass provided by grazing to survive. By the time you read this the first orchids should be up; although no doubt diminished in number I'm sure some will have survived the encroachment.

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THWAITE COMMON (2) from the Editor's Postbag

In the past, our applications for fencing the common have been vigorously opposed by the Open Spaces Society. As I happen to know Richard Mabey, the author and broadcaster who is also vice President of the Open Spaces Society, I recently wrote to ask him to persuade the Society not to object to our current application for fencing. Sadly, he has declined to intervene and I quote from his letter:-

"The compromise that OSS might suggest – or I would anyway – is for the village to go along the traditional route, and acquire a hefted flock and a full-time herdsman (or more usually these days, a herdsman). I guess that for the 7 or so months the stock would be on the common that would cost about £8,000 p.a. – not a lot I would have thought for a prosperous parish like Thwaite where the population seems to be strongly in favour of grazing."

Further comment would be superfluous.

John Snape

INGWORTH TROSH, Sunday 10th September

Following the success of last year's Trosh, it has been decided to hold another. Please keep the date free. An invitation is extended to anyone with vintage agricultural equipment that they wish to display or use. Advance booking would ensure a space and help the organisers. Please contact Alan Witham, 01263 761156.

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting, 8th May

The Reading Room was crowded for this meeting.

Chairman Tony Chambers reported on issues dealt with by the Parish Council during the year: the appointment of a permanent Clerk, highway and footpath concerns, drainage in the village, maintenance of the playground.

In other reports, the Social Club had undertaken the Christmas tree, and the National Trust had carried out work at the Reading Room. The Social Club Committee had proposed that the Parish Council should take over the running of the Club. Funds stood at £823.

David White gave a comprehensive report on **the PCC** and recorded thanks to all who contribute in so many ways.

Annual meeting of the Council, 8th May

Tony Chambers was re-elected Chairman and Ros Calvert Vice-Chairman. There were two vacancies – Andrew Burfoot and David White were co-opted.

Alison Holmes, **Police Community Support Officer**, indicated that incidents in Ingworth were minimal. If speeding is an issue, registration numbers should always be reported if possible.

District Councillor Peter Willcox talked about the transfer of housing stock, changes in management at NNDC and the Environmental Awards scheme.

In open meeting there was a long and lively discussion over the merits of increasing the size of the Green. Its history was explored and its use for car parking was debated. The meeting visited the site.

In other business it was suggested that the village should support the Ingworth Trosh on 10th September.

The accounts for 2005-06 were adopted and a revised budget for 2006-07 was approved.

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The new Housing Trust had confirmed that the playground had not been transferred to them and NNDC remained the owner.

Following the discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting the Council felt that all issues about the Green had been explored and a compromise would reflect the views expressed. They would recommend to NCC that extension of the grass area be limited to allow a vehicle space at the Banningham Road end. They should monitor the impact of the change.

Standing orders were formally adopted.

Ros Calvert reported that she had repaired the 'springy' at the playground and carried out regular site checks.

She and the Chairman had cleaned and oiled the village sign. **The next meeting : Monday 4th September.**

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AYLSHAM COUNTRYSIDERS (for 10 – 16 year olds)

After a successful first meeting in Aldborough Community Centre they are planning to meet fortnightly in future. The programme for June will be: **8 June** Rounders on the Green (Quiz in the Community Centre if it's raining)

22 June Visit to a farm for stock judging

Phone Moira on 01603 731307 for further information.

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.

AYLSHAM MUSIC presents Anna Hopkins - Flute & David Morgan - Piano and Organ
Bach, Mozart,, Bozza, Cheminade, Poulenc & Gershwin
at St Michael's Church, Aylsham, Thursday 15th June at 1.00pm. Refreshments available at 12.15

WATCH OUT, THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT!

There has been a robbery in Chapel Road, Thurgarton. It's tempting in hot weather to to keep doors and windows open, but please take care.

BREAK Spring Fair

A big thank you to everyone who helped to provide items for the Daybreak Spring Fair in April. As a result were able to add £498 to the fund to help the clients have a better time during their daycare visits. KRG

GRESHAM'S SCHOLA & CHAMBER CHOIR and JAZZ CONCERT

in aid of the Church Restoration Fund, **St Andrew's Church Wickmere**, on Friday **23 June 2006** at **8pm** in the Church. Tickets £7.50, to include a wine and finger buffet in the interval, from Mrs Helen McKenzie, 01263 577332

THANKS for donations recently received from readers in Aylsham and Alby Low Common.

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