

KEEPING IN TOUCH

JULY 2006

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked . M=Matins E=Evensong

JULY	3rd Sunday after Trinity 2nd	4th Sunday after Trinity 9th	5th Sunday after Trinity 16th	6th Sunday after Trinity 23rd	7th Sunday after Trinity 30th
ALBY	--	6.30	--	--	
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	10.00 Group Eucharist
THWAITE	11.15	--	6.30 E	9.30 M	

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth

Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (6th HC)
at Erpingham (20th HC, 27th Benediction)

Fridays 14th 9.15 at Aldborough
28th 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

It was one of those occasions when I had an hour to spare, with nothing to do but look through the pile of glossy magazines provided for those of us who were waiting. By chance an article about weddings attracted my attention: loads of glossy pages about venues for ceremonies, with numerous adverts reflecting the wide range of items needed to make your wedding day “the best day of your life”.

As I turned the pages a feeling of sadness came over me. It was not simply that the church barely warranted one sentence – fewer people choose religious ceremonies – but that the whole emphasis of the article was on selling a product, not on supporting a way of life. In a society where marriage is under pressure as never before, the whole emphasis on consumption seems to my eyes acutely tragic. Better an article that gave the address of the local branch of ‘Relate’ and encouraged the spending of money, not on a single day of excess, but on the nurturing of life by family relationships.



Fr Brian

FROM THE REGISTERS

<u>Baptism</u> at St Lawrence Ingworth	28th May	Daisy Newell
<u>Funeral</u> at St Ethelbert Alby	7th June	Herbie Fox

GROUP SERVICE

Sunday 30th July, 10.00, at St Lawrence, Ingworth

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

All very welcome.

A reminder (*Some copies of this newsletter will be delivered in time*)

On **Sunday 25th June at 11.00am :- Pet Service at Thurgarton Church**

There will be a said service of **Holy Communion at 8.30am** on this day at **Erpingham Church**

CPAK (10 - 14s Group)

All who went to Horstead in February - or who wanted to go but couldn't make it - are invited to a **BBQ at The Rectory, School Road, Erpingham on Tuesday 13th July, 6.30-8.00.**

Please tell Eleanor (768073) or Delia (768726) if you can come.

FREE!

Holiday club at Prince Andrew's Chapel

FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

10.00 - 12.00

Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August

Mums, Dads, Grans, Carers welcome too!

(Prize-giving during the chapel service on Sunday 6th August)

More details from Martin or Ruth, 761468

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 2nd July at 6.30pm**. All are welcome to join.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride this year will be on **9th September**.

Sponsorship forms should be available soon.

*****CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP*****GROUP MEETING*****

TUESDAY 25 JULY at 2.30 pm in The Church Room

SPEAKER: CANON DEREK OSBORNE

We shall be joined by our friends from Aylsham, Edgefield, Reepham and Prince Andrew's Chapel. There will be refreshments and a sales table (proceeds to charity).

***** ALL WELCOME*****

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – results of house-to-house collection

Alby	£57.56	Calthorpe	£46.20	Ingworth	£147.99
Aldbrough	£670.86	Erpingham	£280.43	Thwaite	£60.52
Christian Aid lunch at the Rectory	£120.88	Late donations	£69.50		

The total raised from this benefice was £1,453.94

Thank you for your generosity

**CALTHORPE & ERPINGHAM
MEDIEVAL FAIR**

Saturday 1st July from 1.00pm

All the action will be in and around

Erpingham Church and churchyard parking area.

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.

Free parking in adjacent field. Watch out for local posters with further details.

An ambitious event not to be missed!

Erpingham Village Hall 200 Club

Recent results:

	£10	£5
22-5-06	21 D.J.Nichols	126 V.Alston
29-5-06	67 E.Faulkner	82 H.Payne
5-6-06	7 L.Brett	154 E.Witham
12-6-06	98 D.Clayton	66 Jane Whitehead
	£150	£100
	34 K.Harrison	143 L.Weller
		£50
		64 A.Ellwood

A PLEA to ERPINGHAM DOG-WALKERS

In the interests of children's health, please do not allow your dogs to foul the **playing field** and **play area**.

If it does occur, **please clean it up**. Daphne Nicholls, Chairman, Village Hall Committee

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Wednesday 28th July at 7.30 Janet Dennis invites members to a Garden meeting at Shrewsbury Lodge.



HEDGEHOG RESCUE OPEN DAY

Saturday 15th July at Arcturus, Erpingham, 10.00 - 4.00

The hedgehog hospital will be open

and we would like you to come and see the work we do.

We will be having **all our usual stalls**: tombola, bric-à-brac, plant & cake stalls with refreshments, fresh filled rolls, cakes, etc. If you have anything that we can sell it would be appreciated. Thank you!

Sandra Craske 01263 761577.

News from Erpingham School



We are participating in the national charity event 'Sport Relief' on **Monday 17th July**, a fun and active day for the children!! Please join us in School!

Children will be asked to wear 'sports gear' for the day and we are inviting parents, relatives, friends, neighbours and anyone else who would like to come along to the school for the afternoon from 1.30pm – 3.00pm to enjoy the fun, soak up the sun, drink tea and coffee, eat a slice of cake and chat together while the children enjoy the bouncy castle and other sporty things.

Book the date in your diary, we have booked a nice sunny day. Younger siblings are most welcome too!

We look forward to seeing you all on 17th July to raise money for the charity 'Sport Relief'.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY BUS - *the first in a series of tales*

Thursday's Bus to North Walsham

Fresh from the bus's use for the school [warmed up on a winter's morning!] we set off at 9.10 am from the outside the Black Boys. Hurry for the best seats at the start of our trip!

Then it's off to Erpingham and across the A140 to pick up the first regular passengers at Colby [how is David's horse?], Banningham [will Jean be ready?] and on to Felmingham for another set of long time regulars.

Half the passengers are keen to get off at the Market Square in North Walsham but the rest tumble into Sainsbury's so that the bus can carry their heavy bags while they shop in town.

Everyone is ready at 11.45 at the Market Cross for the return journey with tales of bargains and the price of fish. Back safe & sound in Aldborough by 12.15 and for most passengers it's a **free** trip out! All most welcome.

ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The President invites members to a meeting in her garden on
Wednesday 19th July at 2.30.



Mother & toddler group

now meeting on Tuesday mornings in Aldborough Church Room

10.00 - 12.00

(transferred from Hanworth)

Please ring Sarah Wilson (01263 761767) for more information



FRIENDS OF ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL

**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 for more details or contact Sarah/Emma 761773/768366

STEPPING STONES PRE-SCHOOL

COFFEE MORNING and GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Friday 14th July, 9.30 - 1.00

in Aldborough Community Centre

Great prizes include a month's membership to Carrefour Health Club with a treatment voucher, a day pass for two to Sprowston Manor Hotel & Country Club, picnics from Samphire at Blickling, vouchers for Pensthorpe, Bure Valley Railway, Norwich Castle, North Norfolk Railway, and more.

Join us for the draw and enjoy cream teas and stalls including country crafts, plants, cakes and Indian bazaar, with face painting for the little ones.

Reg. charity no: 1077895

Licence reg. no ALD0014/136

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

Our meeting on **Thursday 20th July** will be a **Social Evening** held in the **Church Room** during which the judging of the **Fuchsia Competition** will take place.

Ken will also show some of his slides. The meeting starts at **7.30pm** as usual.

Don't forget your Fuchsias!



ALDBOROUGH FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW

Saturday 22nd July at the Community Centre

organised and run by the Aldborough Garden Club



Schedules for the show are now available in all the shops. There is a class for everyone - flowers, vegetables, cakes, floral decorations, photographs, and the special junior section.

Entries must be received between 8.30 and 11.00am.

Please come in the afternoon **after 2.00** to look at the winning entries and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

Prizes will be presented at 4.00 followed by an auction with lots of bargains.

A Garden Club plant stall will be outside the Centre from 2.00.

Remember the show is for YOU!

Please enter as many classes as you can so that we can continue this village tradition. M.W.

OPEN GARDEN – a reminder!

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**. There'll be tea and cakes too.

CHANGES AT THE BLACK BOYS, ALDBOROUGH. Goodbye and good wishes to Yvonne & Keith, after nearly 3 years. Welcome to the new team, now advertising different opening hours and activities, and food in great variety, somehow related to current sporting interests. (Yvonne is continuing to print 'Keeping in Touch'.)

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meetings on **Monday 3rd July** and **Monday 7th August at 7.30** in the Community Centre.

The **AGM of the Parish Council** took place on 15th May. This summary of minutes is being compiled by the Editor a full month later, when some items have already been overtaken by events. The full minutes are available in the Post Office.

1. Mrs Jane Maguire was unanimously re-elected Chairman and Mr Richard King was unanimously re-elected Vice-Chairman.
2. The Green. Repairs outside the Spar and the Old Red Lion were to be done shortly. All of the 4 contractors asked to submit quotes for laying re-inforcement matting in some areas have declined. Further possible contractors to be contacted.
3. A cash flow forecast for 06/07 indicates that if necessary the council has in the region of £4000 to spend on Green repairs. This would leave a balance of £1000 for contingencies but does not include any monies for repairs to the village sign.
4. The Clerk will write to Highways and to local farms on the issue of heavy traffic through the village. and the possibility of warning signs for activities on the Green.
5. There had been a meeting of members of the Cricket Club, the Aldborough Lions and the Parish Council to discuss matters affecting both clubs and the Green. The footballers will be asked to contribute a similar amount as the cricketers towards the upkeep of the Green during the next season. Cricketers changing facilities were discussed, various possible solutions suggested..
6. In AOB, it was noted that Mrs Joan Whitham had received an award for services to the community at a ceremony in Wiocckmere.

ALDBOROUGH VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Where did Granny go to school?

Over the last months I have continued my research for our booklet to celebrate the centenary of Aldborough School moving to Alby Hill. Only last week I read of a public meeting held on Wednesday 18th January 1905 at the school, now Old School Cottages, when the public voted 16 to 10 to retain the school on its present site and enlarge it to meet the requirements of the newly formed LEA. They were over-ruled and the commissioners outlined in some detail the site on the road from Thurgarton Lodge to Alby Hill on the east, that is the Alby Hill side of the stream, on the highland which was their first choice with a site on the opposite side if Col Barclay was not willing to sell...The other land was owned by Herbert Cooke and if necessary compulsory purchase should be used to obtain Mr Cooke's land if neither were willing to sell!

I also confirmed a family story of a great-great-aunt who died in the diphtheria outbreak of 1893; it was said that she was pall bearer to the headmaster's child and contracted the disease. Mr Hulls did indeed lose a 3 year old boy in the November of 1893 just 3 weeks before Ada Massingham died who was 13. He closed the school for some weeks but although he says in the log that a number of children have died the only child he names was C. Mallett, who was buried as Charles Mallett on 26th October 1893 aged 6. I wonder if there is anyone else who can add any more to this tragic episode - the outbreak did not spread to the other schools in the area .

Please pass on any family information from the 19th century that may have come down through the family in the form of a photograph or simply a tale like that of Ada. My research is going well and I have a reasonable amount of information but more is always welcome especially with personal input.

Thank you. Rochelle (761398)

People who have recently moved into this area are invited to take a look at 'Faces and Places', the history of Aldborough and Thurgarton in the 20th century, published as a millennium activity. There are a few copies left, available in the Post Office and Spar, or ring Ruth, 768063, or Keith, 761580..

KWIK CRICKET on the Green again!

Boys and girls aged 7 to 11 are invited to come along on Monday evenings, 6.30 – 7.30.

They obviously enjoy it, and it's a delight to watch.

Phone David Robinson to find out more – 01263 768726

YOUNG FOOTBALLERS WANTED TOO

Anyone who would like to play with the newly proposed **Aldborough Cubs** is asked to contact Tommy Brown or Jonny Tipple or sign up on the forms in the Post Office and shops.

ACTIVITIES IN ALBY IN AUGUST

Please put the dates in your diaries

GARDEN PARTY

in
ALBY CRAFTS GARDENS
Sunday 13th August
2.00
Teas games stalls etc.
Everyone welcome

IN AID OF ALBY CHURCH

SCULPTURE GARDEN

in
ALBY CRAFTS GARDENS
Bank holiday weekend
25 – 26 – 27 – 28 August
10.00 – 5.00
Entrance £2.50
About 30 sculptures
by Norfolk artists on view

THWAITE COMMON

The common is alive with birdsong. Finches, tits, warblers and linnets throng the bushes. Crows, ducks, cuckoo and wood pigeon call sleepily from a distance. The plundering magpies cackle as their devastated victims loudly protest. Oyster catchers screech as they fly like arrows overhead. The barn owl continues quietly to search its prey, undeterred by all this action. Birds, it seems, have not suffered from the common's neglect since grazing ceased five years ago.

Sadly, the same cannot be said for the flowers. From being a rare site with an abundant variety and quantity of wild flowers (earning its registration as a County Wildlife Site in 1985) the common has become swamped by redshank, horsetail, thistle, dock and nettle which have pushed out the more fragile flowers and even most of our wonderful orchids. If anyone was unsure that grazing was the answer to retaining our flowers, surely this is the proof.

You may not know that Graham Bull is no longer with us. Martin Pettifer (also at the council offices) now represents the common and is very concerned to see progress. Maybe a little encouragement from those who share this concern would help move things along !

HANWORTH COMMON is another common in difficulties and residents are having to raise a large sum to fight their cause. They too are disillusioned with the Open Spaces Society. 'They live in a different world' writes Mrs Jean Price, 'Cloud cuckoo land'. **Please support our neighbours.** The next fund raiser will be on **Sunday 9th July, 11.00 – 4.00**, visit the **Open gardens and other events.**

AYLSHAM MUSIC presents a **lunch time concert on Thursday 20 July, 1.00, in St Michael's Church.**

Refreshments available at 12.15. Entrance £6 – children £2.

Felicity Devonshire - mezzo-contralto, Alison Snape – soprano, John Wilkinson – clarinet and basset-horn, Caroline Bull – piano, with music by Purcell, Mozart, McFarren, Mendelssohn & Offenbach.

AYLSHAM COUNTRYSIDERS

The number of members attending the new club is consistently over 20 - which is amazing. How lively and enthusiastic they are!

Their 2nd meeting was an evening of making music with the handbell ringers. The countrysiders were so engrossed they transformed from a wild bunch to completely gripped children counting 1,2,3,1,2, ching! Desperately trying to get their 'ching' in the right place! We had to run off some of the steam with some lively games afterwards.

The following meeting was rounders out on the green. Eleven-a-side with some amazing batting that kept the fielders busy! We followed rounders with taking names for the Rally Competitions Day - the biggest event in the Young Farmers calendar where there are approximately 120 competitions, every club in the County is there and it's taking place on 9th July. There were many hands up for everything including the Mr & Mrs Cave Man! (Let your imagination do the rest!)

Their first taste of Stock Judging will be at Mr J. Papworth's farm, Felmingham. This is an excellent introduction to the art of public speaking - without them realising it. They will learn how to assess the stock - beef in this case, and then how to relay their observations in a certain style to a judge within 2 minutes. This is a lot of fun and always quite a challenge. Next dates will be a competition night, **6 July**, and Sandcastles & chips, **20 July**.

THANKS for donations recently received from a reader in Cromer

THE NEXT ISSUE Copy please by **Monday 17th July**.

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