

KEEPING IN TOUCH

AUGUST 2006

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong

AUGUST	Transfiguration of Our Lord 6th	Trinity 9 13th	Trinity 10 20th	Trinity 11 27th
ALBY	--	'Songs of praise' to end Church Fete at Grove House, Alby Crafts	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	8.00	11.00	11.00 M	11.00
CALTHORPE	--	9.30	--	9.30
ERPINGHAM	9.30	8.00	9.30	8.30
INGWORTH	11.15 M	9.30	11.15 M	6.30 E
THWAITE	11.15	--	6.30 E	9.30 M

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15am at Ingworth (not 16th or 30th)
Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (3rd HC, 10th Benediction)
7.30pm at Erpingham (HC 24th only [St Bartholomew]
Benediction 31st only)
Friday 25th 9.30 at Alby
No Friday service this month at Aldborough
No Prayer Group at Prince Andrew's Chapel in August

Parish Priest: Fr Brian Faulkner, The Rectory, School Road, Erpingham. 01263 768073
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Curate: Fr John Smith, 01263 734761 (evenings and weekends only)
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FROM THE RECTOR

August is a month we tend to dream about – the chance of a holiday, or at least a break in routine.

I'm looking forward to a few days exploring the tidal creeks of Morston and Blakeney, which, even at peak holiday season, can be quiet and beautiful, if you know where to go to escape the crowds. A picnic on the marshes, with our dinghy close by, is one of my favourite ways of spending a few lazy hours.



Fr Brian

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding

At St Mary's Aldborough 24th June Kyli Haynes & Mark Timmins

Blessing of marriage

At St Mary's Erpingham 4th June Rob & Rene Ward

Funerals

At St Mary's Erpingham 11th July Evelyn Howes

18th July Alan Buller

At St Faith's Crematorium 27th June Barbara Way

FREE!

The big treasure hunt at Prince Andrew's Chapel

FOR ALL CHILDREN of primary school age

9.50 - 12.00

Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August

Race to get the treasure!

Quizzes - videos - games - refreshments

Mums, Dads, Grans, Carers welcome too!

(Prize-giving at the chapel, 10.45, on Sunday 6th August)

More details and forms from Martin or Ruth, 761468



DO YOU CYCLE?

DO YOU WALK?

Can you ask your friends and relations to sponsor you?

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

Enjoy a day or an hour or two in the open, visit beautiful buildings and raise money to help maintain churches and chapels – any denomination.

Church 'sitters' will also be needed and they can be sponsored too.

Local organisers will have more information soon.

**Special for August :- No meetings of
Christian Fellowship, Aldborough Garden Club, Women's Institutes.
No Prayer Group at Prince Andrew's, no Friday Holy Communion in Aldborough**

Come back refreshed in September!

GARDEN PARTY
 in
ALBY CRAFTS GARDENS
 Sunday 13th August
 2.00
 Teas Games Stalls etc
 Everyone welcome

IN AID OF ALBY CHURCH

 concluding with informal
Songs of Praise in the garden

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

JUST JAZZ!



Concert and supper in THWAITE CHURCH
on Saturday September 16th,
7.00pm
tickets at £10 available from
Rochelle, Stonecroft,
The Green, 01263 761398
in aid of this lovely round tower
church



HEDGEHOG RESCUE OPEN DAY

With many thanks to all the contributors, all the helpers and all the visitors Hedgehog Resue raised **£2648.05** on their Open Day.

Sandra Craske

MEDIEVAL FAIR

What a wonderful occasion! Adults and children flocked to the grounds of Erpingham Church on 1st July, many dressed in period costume. We were entertained by the Medieval Minstrels Gallery and may pole dancing by the children of Erpingham School. Many displays kept us all fascinated and stalls invited us to buy. Delicious lunches and teas were available all afternoon and Sir Thomas Erpingham arrived as promised on horseback in full armour.

A gap from 4 to 7pm (to watch England lose to Portugal!) and we returned for the evening hog roast with salads and strawberries (both donated). The Minstrels played for us followed by the Skiffle Band until 11pm and a very jolly and happy time was had by all - village folk taking the opportunity to get together.

There are so many people to thank but especially Alan Witham and David Davison (and their many helpers) who were magnificent in getting it all off the ground. Thanks also to Billie from the Spread Eagle for the evening bar and to local business people for their generosity in sponsoring the event. Thank you to Father Brian for letting it all happen!

The profit from this venture to be divided between Erpingham and Calthorpe Churches is £2,571. 57.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

200 Club recent results:	£10	£5
19-6-06	80 N.Dennis	134 T.Warne

26-6-06	13 Peter Sandy	55 K.Ayres
3-7-06	107 P.Plumpton	160 S.Jex
10-7-06	67 E. Faulkner	76 D.Harrison

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGES

FUTURE EVENTS

HARVEST SUPPER Saturday 23rd September A two course meal, as far as possible from local produce (probably vegetarian in nature). Desserts made with orchard fruits. Numbers will be limited, so be sure and get your tickets early. Details of the evening and how to get your tickets will be in next month's edition and on notices in the villages. Reserve the date today! The supper will precede the **HARVEST FESTIVAL** at Calthorpe Church the following day at 9.30am.

QUIZ NIGHT Friday 17th November at 7.30pm By popular request for what is now becoming an annual event!

VALENTINE BINGO NIGHT Monday 12th February 2007. A fun evening with a Valentine flavour!

TREASURE HUNT Around Easter time. An event for all the family to join in.

OPEN GARDENS WITH A DIFFERENCE! Early July. Not just the gardens but plenty of things to do and see. We hope to make this into a day to remember. If you think you can open your garden we would like to hear from you!

All these events are being arranged by your VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE with help from Billie at the Spread Eagle for which we are very grateful.

There will be no Village Hall meeting in August but the next meeting to which everyone is welcome is on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30pm This is an opportunity for everyone to be involved. **Come along and make a difference!!**

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the July meeting:

- Village newcomers *Welcome pack* is progressing towards printing. Any businesses wanting to support with advertising should contact Stephen Green on 01263 761350.
- A second **village noticeboard** will be sited at the Spread Eagle, and a suitable site for a village sign is being sought.
- **PC Dawn Crane** introduced herself as the Parish Liaison Officer. Discussion centred on speeding traffic; she undertook to follow up information from the public (i.e. number plate identification. Telephone numbers on the Parish Council noticeboard.
- The **Council can co-opt two more members.** Anyone interested in joining the Council should contact a councillor or the Clerk (01263 834551).
- Seven **planning items** on the agenda. The Council objected to the application for a 2-storey extension at Mill House, School Road, commenting that it was out of keeping with the existing building.
- A request for financial support for a **health project at the school** was deferred.
- **Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005:** the Council decided to notify NNDC that for **dog control** the same conditions as present should prevail, i.e. no dogs on the playground and no dog fouling on the fields around the Village Hall or in any other public part of the village. The new regulations will allow for **spot fines**.
- **Bus shelters.** A new site is needed for Erpingham. This would be resolved before progressing the Calthorpe site.
- Graham Gladden had attended three meetings of the **Village Hall Management Committee** which was undertaking successful fund raising. Insurance and other financial issues were being resolved.

- County Councillor Peter Moore told the meeting about possible charges for post-16 student transport. [Editor's note: please see below for more detail about this in the item for Aldborough Parish Council, sub-heading 'Reduced transport support'.]

News from Erpingham School



Our visit to Cromer

On Tuesday 27th June 2006 Class 1 of Erpingham Primary School went to Cromer. We got there by mini bus. We had some apples outside the Cromer museum before it opened. When it did open, a lady called Victoria showed us around. We went to the education centre. There we had a talk about some spades and we had to describe how they were old and new. Then we made a time line using swimming costumes from old to new. Then we drew a picture of an old object. After that we had a look round the museum.

After that we started to walk towards the pier and the promenade. We sat on the promenade and had a picnic. After lunch we went on the pier. We looked over the edge of the pier and watched a fishing boat being pulled in.

Then we walked further down the pier to get to the lifeboat station. We had a look at the lifeboat. A man called Paul, he was the mechanic of the lifeboat, came to join us. Paul showed us the crews changing room. The gear was a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, Wellington boots, life jacket and a helmet. Then we watched a video of the lifeboat being launched.

After that, we left the pier to go to the lifeboat museum. We tried on some safety gear. We put our faces in some fishermen's faces! There was an old lifeboat at the museum. We went into a small room. It was a bit like a lifeboat. We pretended to ring people.

Then we left the museum and walked to the Victorian Tea Room. We had a squash and an ice cream!

After that we had 3 minutes at the playground. Then we got back on the bus and went back to school.

We had an excellent day visit to Cromer. I enjoyed visiting the lifeboat station best!

Jake Morris

FRIENDS OF ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL



Despite the football and various other local events the Friends of Aldborough School raised **£1500** for school funds

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to all those involved, especially to the Spar Shop and Lanham Butchers for their generosity and support. This year we were entertained by local band 'The Sharps' who played during the fair and gave a fantastic performance.

STEPPING STONES PRE-SCHOOL would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of their recent coffee morning, those who gave to the stalls and those who bought. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

NEWS from VILLIERS ST DENIS

Although official twinning events between Aldborough and Villiers St Denis have ceased for the time being, informal contact continues. We were delighted to be included in the wedding celebrations of H  l  ne Marchant on 15th July. We have known H  l  ne and her family for more than 10 years and some will remember her helping at Aldborough School in summer 1997.

H  l  ne and Bruno's marriage began at the town hall in Chateau Thierry where the legal proceedings were completed. With much blowing of car horns the wedding party moved to the church in St Cr  pin in the town, decorated with flowers grown by her father Alain as were the orchids in H  l  ne's bouquet. The nuptial mass eventually got under way about 15 minutes late when everyone had had the chance to say hello to each other. The service lasted over an hour but was surprisingly informal with people keen to take photos throughout the proceedings.

Afterwards the congregation left the church first so that we could throw rice and rose petals over the newly weds as they left.

We moved on to the reception which was held in the beautiful ruins of Chateau Nesles. Again it was pretty informal with no speeches (what a bonus!) or wedding cake.

The celebrations stretched on into the night and much champagne was consumed. With a gentle breeze and not a cloud in the sky it was a magical evening.

We wish H  l  ne and Bruno all the best.

J & SM

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meetings on **Monday 7th August** and **Monday 4th September, 7.30** in the Community Centre.

From the minutes of the July meeting [Additional information inside this kind of bracket has reached the Editor from other sources since the meeting.]

- **A new Clerk to the Parish Council** has been appointed and will take over at the August meeting: Clare Thomson, The Croft, The Green. Tel. 01263 768694;
E mail maryclarethomson@yahoo.co.uk
- **NN District Council Planning Policy.** Mr Mark Ashwell gave an excellent talk on the proposed plans for housing in North Norfolk. A full document will be issued for public consultation in early September and there will be several workshop events, including one in Aldborough. The two main priorities are that there should be a proportion of affordable housing and that the environment should be protected. ‘Affordable’ in this context means shared ownership, housing association or social rented and it is proposed that the private housing should fund the social. Aldborough has been selected as a suitable village for some further development because of its very good local facilities. Further information is available on the NNDC website. www.northnorfolk.org/ldf

[The consultation period for the Core Strategy and Site Specific proposals is a statutory 6 week period and will be from midday Monday 25 September to midday Monday 6 November. There will be exhibitions in various venues, and the public will be able to view the documents on-line, in local libraries and at Council offices. If internet access is not an option, most information can be provided in hard copy – phone 01263 516321 or 516318, or write to Planning Policy, NNDC, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN]

- **Children’s play area – improvements project.** The scheme will cater initially for 8 – 11 age group and results of a community survey plus data from the village appraisal will be used to help in deciding what form improvements should take. A committee including two councillors and young people will carry forward the necessary applications for funding.
- **Allotments.** All plots taken and growing well.
- **Reduced transport support in 2007 for students 16+.** County Councillor Peter Moore raised this issue. The proposal would result in an increase of £2.80 per academic week.

[The consultation period ends on **18 September**. To find out more about the proposal, possible concessions and how to express your views, contact 01603 223391, or go to www.norfolk.gov.uk Meetings are being held across Norfolk for people to ask questions and some schools and colleges are holding drop-in sessions for students – use the same contacts to find out where.]

- **Increased fees for NCC adult education courses.** The art class in the Community Centre has seen term fees double to £81 for 10 weeks (no concessions for pensioners). The Clerk to write a letter of protest to the NCC and copy to Norman Lamb.
- **Goalposts on the small green.** Youngsters should be encouraged to play with the goals in north-south direction to minimise the chance of balls going in the road.
- **Cricket.** The Club would like to pursue the option of a permanent pavilion. There is also a proposal to have nets on the small green during the cricket season. The Club to be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss.
- **Risk management.** Richard King had attended a Playground Safety and Risk Assessment event. A draft hazard identification document will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- **The Green.** NCC Highways will do work round the Green this summer. The Clerk has sent tender documents regarding work on the Church Room road and matting to May Gurney. A drainage contractor will be coming to survey the Green.

- **AOB.** i) A request received for a proper **footpath between SpringHouse and the end of Margaret Lilly Way.** A letter will be sent to Highways.
- ii) Complaints regarding **Sanders bus services** not turning up. A letter to go to Sanders with a copy to Passenger Transport Unit at NCC.

RECYCLING CREDIT

Aldborough Parish Council has received **£669-21** this year. This is extra money for the Council to spend for the benefit of the parish. Well done! Please go on taking your glass to the bottle bank, and your newspapers to the paper bank (not cardboard or shredded paper please).

THE BLOOD MOBILE

will be in Aldborough on **Tuesday 1st August, 1.00 –3.10, 4.30 – 6.45.**

Appointments are recommended and can be made on 0845 7 711 711

Please make every effort to attend as some regulars may be away on holiday - it's very important that we keep the numbers up.

SPEEDING

There is no possibility of a 20 mph limit around the Green (change in NCC policy - Aldborough is no longer in the right category).

Here are some statistics to persuade people to stick to a voluntary limit:

If you hit a pedestrian at 20mph there is only a 2.5% chance you will kill him/her. Chances alter as follows: at 30mph a 20% chance of killing; at 35mph a 50% chance and **at 40mph a 90% chance.**

(From Dept of Transport booklet "Speed - Know Your Limits")

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY BUS

the second in a series of tales

Tuesday's bus to North Walsham

This is a popular day - usually 3 or even 5 passengers board in Aldborough at 9.15 a.m. Then it's across the A140, past Gunton to pick up our regulars at Suffield, Colby and Felmingham arriving at Sainsbury's at 9.50. We then head off to the town centre at 10.30. Not everyone shops; some have to visit the hairdresser or doctor but nobody has to worry about parking or carrying heavy shopping. Athletic drivers help with loading up and for most passengers it's a door to door service, arriving back at Aldborough Green about 12.10. It's friendly and for over 60s it's **FREE!** We have room for a few more passengers. Come & try it.

DANCE PARTY

I would like to thank Kevin Batch, Stephanie Riches-Smith, Graham Gladden, Tash & Emily for all their hard work and support in making the Dance Parties such a success over the past few years, and to the children for the chocolates, wine, flowers and lovely cards.

I have enjoyed organising this monthly event but now both my daughters will be attending High School I wish to take a break and hand over to new, fresh faces.

In order for the **Dance Parties to continue Stephanie and Kevin need your support**, so if you can spare a couple of hours on a Friday evening, once a month (during term time) on a regular or occasional basis please call me on 768 366. **THANK YOU**, Emma Hunt

The success of this popular monthly event for children over the past two and a half years has been mainly due to the dedication and commitment of Emma Hunt and a band of regular volunteers - and our grateful thanks go to them all. However, since announcing that she is standing down, **NO ONE** has come forward to take over - which seems amazing as its loss will

be felt by over 40 local children who regularly attended. One can't help wondering, when the dark days of winter are here, just how much this will be missed.

If, after reading this, you feel inclined to get involved to aid its revival, please contact either Sue 761310 or Ann 761587. We'd be pleased to hear from you. S.M.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday 28th August the Rockin' Billy's band will be making music - tickets available from Spar.

Saturday 2nd September 10am - Table top sale. To book please ring Ann 761587 or Sue 761310. £5 a table - proceeds towards extension fund. Refreshments will be available.

Saturday 21st October - another popular **Race Night** will be held.

A reminder that we have a table tennis table, badminton net and full-size snooker table available for hire. Please ring 761587 to book.

Art Class - Wednesdays 10.00 – 12.00 (10 weeks starting **20th September**). Please contact Sue 761310 for more information

ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM

The **Tuesday evening Yoga class** with Pia Shell will begin again on **12 September**. and the **Thursday morning Yoga class** with Geraldine Entwistle will run again. These two are independent classes.

HARVEST SUPPER

In response to popular demand there will be a Harvest Supper **in the Church Room** this year, on Michaelmas Day, **Friday 29th September**. More details next month.

The **Church Room Committee** will soon be submitting an application for **lottery funding** to enable lighter tables to be bought. If we are successful our older users will find this a great improvement.

Are you looking for a **meeting room for a small group** of people? The back room is suitable for up to 10 people, at the modest charge of £2.50 per session. It's easily heated (or cooled) and there are some quite comfy chairs!

THWAITE COMMON

An email was received from NNDC the other day:

The management committee has reconvened as set up from the end of the last committee. The Application to the Secretary of state is progressing, with an unknown outcome. So far Defra have queried a few points. I have prepared a fencing spec. ready for the moment we can fence (we hope). We have the team progressing and we are currently moving along with the process as quickly as we can.
Rob Goodliffe.

THWAITE COMMON WALKERS

Numerous baby toads (or frogs) about 1" long, scrambled and hopped off the Weaver's Way as I approached early one morning. Where had they spawned? There were no ponds nearby Can anyone throw a light on this?

Butterflies and grasshoppers are suddenly appearing and the many different grasses give a wonderful variety of hues, from soft pinks and browns to greens and golds.

Where the grass is short along the paths, purple self-heal, red clover, white yarrow and yellow goatsbeard are all in flower. The sound of popping gorse-pods, buzzing flies and bees and chirping grasshoppers fill the summer air, and there's a heady scent of willow herb, meadowsweet and mint when you brush against it. Happy walking !!!.

Ragwort. Thwaite Common can congratulate itself. 15 years of regular pulling has paid off! ragwort is greatly reduced. However if any is seen by walkers please pull it up and burn it! The ground will be clean for the grazing animals when they appear.!!

The **Open garden** at **Thurgarton Lodge** raised approximately **£800** for the **British Red Cross**. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Gilkes, the singers, the tea-servers and cake-makers, and also to Charles Matts who opened his workshop and new showroom and the lovely path through his woods to get there.

INGWORTH 'TROSH'

Following the great success of last year's event there will be another Trosh on **Sunday 10th September**. Keep the date free. More information next month.

AYLSHAM MUSIC presents **JUST JAZZ**
Sunday 2nd September in Aylsham Church at 7.30pm

on



CAN YOU HELP?

Chauffeurs required on a rota basis to drive disabled man to work in a Volvo estate car from Thurgarton to Norwich . Pay/expenses negotiable. Phone 01263 761597.

MANNINGTON HALL OPEN DAY

Sunday 3rd September

Gardens 12.00 – 5.00 House 12.30 – 4.30

Charity stalls Refreshments Pavilion Big Band
in aid of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign

HANWORTH COMMON

Thursday 10th August 2.00pm – Children's treasure hunt

Please support our neighbours.

The recent Open gardens day was most enjoyable and financially successful – but there is still a long way to go to meet legal expenses.

OPEN CHURCHES WEEK in the Norfolk Broads and Rivers Area, **6th – 13th August**.

Events planned include church history tours and jazz festivals. An opportunity to visit some of the oldest and most interesting buildings in the country.

CALLING WOMEN IN NORFOLK!

Imagine getting the help you need to find a rewarding job or to start your own business. And then, imagine it was free and available nearby. The Women's Employment Enterprise Training Unit (WEETU) offers all that and more.

Looking for information, advice and training to help improve your employment potential? WEETU are holding workshops across Norfolk in August and September to give you a head start.

We are also pleased to offer a unique workshadowing programme giving you the opportunity to find out what it's like to work for local businesses.

WEETU helps more than 2000 women each year. Maybe we can help you. Courses are free and some child-care and travel expenses are paid.

To find out more call Debra on 01603 216185.

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THE NEXT ISSUE Copy please by **Monday 15th August.**

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