

KEEPING IN TOUCH

NOVEMBER 2006

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong
* means that services are not at the usual times

NOVEMBER	4th before Advent 5th	Remembrance Sunday 12th	2nd before Advent 19th	Christ the King 26th
ALBY	--	Following service at Thwaite –see page 2	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	8.00	*10.55	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	3.30 E
THWAITE	11.15	3.30 E	6.30 E	9.30 M

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth

Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (2nd HC, 9th Benediction)
at Erpingham (16th HC, 23rd Benediction)

Friday 17th 9.15 at Aldborough

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

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FROM THE RECTOR

One of our Remembrance Sunday services this year will be somewhat different. You are invited to meet at **Thwaite Church** on **Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, at 3.30.** After thirty minutes of worship we shall be invited to get back in our cars and drive the quarter mile to **Alby Church** to gather around the war memorial inside that church.

This simple ceremony is not just a way of celebrating our common Christian heritage, but also a reminder that we need to cross boundaries if reconciliation within society is to lead to lasting peace.

Fr Brian

All Souls Day

Thursday 2nd November, 7.30pm, at Calthorpe Church.

During this service departed loved ones will be remembered by name.

(Please give names to the Rector, 768073.)

John Smith's licensing as priest in charge of the Roughton Group of parishes.

Saturday 18th November, 6.30 at Roughton Church. All welcome.

Deanery Advent Services

Thursdays 30th November, 7th and 14th December, all at 7.30pm

Prayers & address in three different settings, each with a different speaker.

See notices in churches nearer the time.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

At Our Lady & St Margaret, Calthorpe 24th September Thomas Smith

At St Mary's Aldborough 8th October Craig Grice

Funerals

At St Ethelbert's Alby 19th September Victor Cutting

At St Mary's Erpingham 6th October Jean Howlett

A reminder:-GROUP SERVICE for All Saints' tide, Sunday 29th October, 10.00, at All Saints' Church, Thwaite. Celebrant & preacher: Fr John Smith.

Another reminder:- Joint PCC meeting in the Church Room, Aldborough, on Tuesday 31st October, 7.30. Some decisions and plans affect all parishes so it's important for them to be made together.

"COUNTING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS"

Activities for children of primary school age

Stories, songs, biscuit-making and games for Advent.

Saturday 2nd December, 2.00 - 4.00, in Erpingham Village Hall

Please let Delia Robinson or Eleanor Faulkner know if you can come, 768726 or 768073.

CPAKs (11 - 14s Group) are planning to go to the **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at the Cathedral** this year on **Sunday 3rd December, 6.00pm.**

The community bus has been booked to get us there on time, so please give Delia or Eleanor a ring if you are interested.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting in Aldborough Church Room on **Tuesday 28 November at 2.30.**

Our speakers this month are home grown. Pauline Hill and Jean Cooke will lead the programme under the title: '**Good News from the Good Book.**' All welcome.

ALBY CHURCH

Friday 24th November, 10.30 – 12.00

Coffee morning &

Christmas sale at Grove House (Alby Crafts),
by kind invitation of Mrs Valerie Alston.



THWAITE CHURCH

The Just Jazz Concert in September raised **£469.40** net of expenses towards the upkeep of the church. Many thanks to all, and especially the Withams for supplying the Portaloo.

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB



All are welcome to the next meeting,
on **Thursday 16th November**, at **7.30** in the Church Room.
Mr Barson will talk about Lawns and
'Putting the garden to bed'.

ALDBOROUGH ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Another season is over and time for us to clear our plots and start planning next year's crops. If you like the idea of growing your own produce you may be interested to know we have started a waiting list in case a plot becomes vacant. Please contact Sue 761310.

ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on **Wednesday 15th November at 2.30** in the Church Room.

Annual General Meeting and **Beetle Drive**



NB – this notice will be in time for some readers – the event was arranged too late for the October edition.

Tell your friends!

Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care

Saturday 28th October, 10.00 – 12.30

Aldborough Community Centre



Table top sale, Tombola and Coffee morning

Saturday 25th November, from 10.00

Aldborough Church Room



Tables £5 To book phone 01263 768280 or 761715

THE BLOOD MOBILE will be in Aldborough again on **Friday 1st December**. Please **continue to support this life saving service.**

Dates for next year are 19 April, 8 August and 28 December.

Plant Sale

A heartfelt 'thank-you' to everyone who supported the plant sale in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Purine Metabolic Patients' Association (PUMPA).

A cheque for £150 was sent to each charity.

K.F.

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting on **Wednesday 8th November** at **7.30** in the Community Centre (giving precedence to pantomime rehearsals on Mondays for the next few months).

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that our **Christmas Tree** will be arriving on Friday 24th November **for the traditional “putting up” on Saturday 25th November.**



Able-bodied assistants will be very welcome at **10 am.**

It is also expected that **Father Christmas will be arriving on The Green on Saturday 2nd December at 2.30pm** to try and illuminate the tree lights. But he will need the help of all children for this task.

Our usual **Carol Singing round the tree** will take place on **Wednesday 20th December in the evening.**

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Will new planning approaches in this area affect YOU?

Before you say ‘No’, think about increased traffic, exits and entrances on narrow roads, places at the school, surface drainage, etc, **or** about more customers to keep local businesses viable, more volunteers to call upon for our local organisations, families kept together through availability of affordable housing. Opinions are never just black and white but several shades of gray.

Your opinion matters, and the location of any development matters.

Only comments received before midday 6 November will be accepted for consideration.

If you want to comment or suggest alternative sites, DO IT NOW! Next week will be too late.

The consultation documents are available to view at NNDC offices, or on-line at www.northnorfolk.org/ldf, and are also available in paper copy or as CD ROM, from NNDC offices, at your local N.Norfolk Library, or by post. Further information or guidance on 01263 516321 or 01263 516318, or from your local Parish Councillors, who are aware that there is strong opinion and will be available to anyone who wishes to approach them. (Names and phone numbers on the Parish Council noticeboard by the phone box on the Green. The Parish Clerk is Clare Thomson, 01263 768694.)

The Local Development Framework (LDF) has been the principal cause for concern at **Parish Council meetings.** Having had a recent Village Appraisal is proving very useful. (Only 6% of respondents want 10 or more properties per site.)

The **Open meeting** at the end of September introduced the ‘ground rules’: the Core Strategy is expected to last until 2021 if accepted but is still open to discussion, observation and objection.

Aldborough is classed as a ‘service village’ because of its many amenities. When approached in 2000 on the possibility of an allocation of 15 houses, the Parish Council had advised that it would consider development but did not specify sites and preferred 3 sites for 5 properties or 5 sites of 3 properties.

NNDC now highlights 2 preferred sites for development of 20 houses, 12 on the Manor Farm site, 8 at Pippits Meadow behind the garage. At planning application stage restrictive clauses could be included. A full description of ‘affordable’ housing is very complex and open to interpretation.

When asked how many people support the NNDC proposals as they are, none voted for and 36 against. (There were 52 people present.) 27 people considered that Aldborough should have some form of development by 2021.

Details of the parish Council’s submission to NNDC can be read at the Post Office.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE on the Green

Maintaining and caring for the Green is a continuing responsibility for the Parish Council and this year several areas have been repaired and re-seeded, at public expense. In order for the seed to grow some areas a Parish Councillor erected protection, in his own time and at his own expense. Someone saw fit to break the stakes and throw them in the hedge, and the rope was cut in several pieces.

The police are investigating this as criminal damage and would like to hear from anyone with information.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

200 club The winners at the big draw in October were:

£150 George Farrow **£100** Ian Wright **£50** Jane McCartney
£10 Tracey Hemmant **£5** David Buchanan

The full list of winners can be seen in the window of the Community Centre.

A new session has started, with a few spare numbers – if anyone would like a number (£5), please see Jean Wheeler or Steve Barnes. We collect at Bingo every 4 weeks – Bingo is on Tuesday evenings and everyone is welcome to come and play. If there is a Budding Bingo Caller out there willing to give up a Tuesday evening occasionally and help with the calling, please come and see Steve Barnes.

We are raising funds for the extension and we are selling books in the foyer. If you have any books you no longer want, please drop them off at the Community Centre or give them to a committee member.

V.B.

Saturday 17th November - A evening with Barry Lee - singing , dancing and entertainment. Tickets £5 from Spar, Post Office or at the door.

Look out for **FLORAL & COOKERY DEMONSTRATION** posters - early December (date not fixed at time of going to print but a mid-week evening)- £5.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY BUS

The Monthly Wednesday Run (the 5th in our series of tales)

How lovely are the Norfolk Broads - and in the heart of them, ticking away day in and day out is Wroxham, also known as "Roy Town". On the 2nd Wednesday in the month the bus leaves The Green at 9.00, usually with four or five regulars chatting away. Stops follow at Suffield, Colby, Banningham and onward to Felmingham, Skeyton and Coltishall. A lovely scenic ride before running into Wroxham Centre. Alighting at Roys Car Park behind the store, all make their way inward. It's a shoppers delight, with anything from cards to dinner plates, carpets to cameras, clothing and cosmetics, or to the food hall for treats and bargains galore. Time for a neighbourly chat, a cup of coffee and a cream cake in the café. Then bags laden, pockets light, where have the two hours gone? We leave from the Car Park at 12 noon for the country ride back to Aldborough, arriving at about 1.00. Why not try it? You'll love the experience.

Good wishes to Arthur Houlsten

After 12 faithful years as treasurer of the Aldborough Community Bus, Arthur has decided to hang up his abacus in favour of his slippers! We shall miss you Arthur - happy retirement.

MORE BUS JOY

Norman Lamb has passed on a letter from the Passenger Transport Unit stating that the new bus companies operating *the two school/college buses are registered as local buses* and that we may use them! This reverses the decision from the Passenger Transport Unit at the beginning of September. Marrets Chariots operate the no 5 leaving Aldborough at **7.45** via Aylsham to North Walsham (handy for trains), returning to the village at 5 pm, and Bluebird runs the **8.15** to Aylsham High School returning at 4 pm. Although these buses only operate in term time they are a welcome addition to the service. R.M..M.

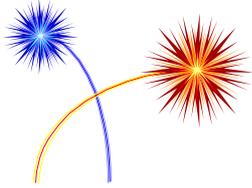
ALDBOROUGH POST OFFICE now has a cash machine. There is a charge for withdrawing your money, but probably less than the cost of petrol and car parking to get to your bank.

AYLSHAM COUNTRYSIDERS are going from strength to strength with several new members being brave enough to come along to **Aldborough Community Centre** and see what we are getting up to - and enjoying themselves! There has been a change to the published programme of events:

The next meeting will be the **Hockey practice** on the **9th November**, which has been swapped with '**Just a Minute**' which is now being held on the **23rd November**.

The **Winter Competitions day** is being held on the **26th November at Easton College** and will be attended by members from the 12 Senior Young Farmers Clubs and the 12 Countrysider Clubs from all around the County. Look out! The competition will be fierce and lots of fun! For more information on YFC activities please contact the County office on 01603 731307.

ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM is now available for hire on Saturday afternoons as the footballers have a new arrangement with the Black Boys. (People who have hired it for children's parties tell us that it is ideal for this purpose.) To book a date, ring Ruth Elliott on 761468.



ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL
BONFIRE NIGHT!

FRIDAY 3rd November

Gates open 6.00 Bonfire lit at 6.30 Fireworks at 7.00

Hog roast & wine Family tickets in advance £7.50, on gate £8
(Single tickets also available)



THE JELLYS - Mother & Toddler Group meeting in Aldborough Community Centre on Fridays, 9.30 - 12.00.

There are now a few places available. Mums, Dads, Carers are invited to come and play and chat with other local families.

Ring Diane Knight on 01263 761105 - or just come!

(The other Mother & Toddler Group meets in Aldborough Church Room on Tuesday mornings - ring Sarah Wilson, 01263 761767.)

VILLAGE CARE is extending its sphere. See the first item under Erpingham Parish Council, page 7.

THE TROSH

for Ingworth & Erpingham Church funds

What a great day! Perfect weather. People came in droves, at least 3 times up on 2005. Nostalgia is very strong in Norfolk it seems.

Sincere thanks to all:- the Witham family and their friends who were responsible for getting it all off the ground, the ploughing exhibition, vintage exhibits, Peter Spink for the use of his land, Bill van Poortlievet for the corn sheaves, and Brian Sarsby for cutting them, the hard working folk of both parishes for tirelessly manning the car park, running a variety of stalls and the much-needed refreshments, and Fr Brian for his support.

The excellent proceeds of **£3131.04** will be shared by the two parishes.

After this great triumph, will it all happen again in 2007?

J.D.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Wednesday 23rd November, 7.30, in the Village Hall

AGM Business meeting, followed by a Social evening.



The **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** in Erpingham Village Hall in September raised **£328**. A big 'thank you' to all who gave money and to all those who worked so hard to make this event a success.

M.M.

ERPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

200 Club - recent results

	£10	£5
1-09-06	94 B.Riches	71 P.S.Lunnon
18-09-06	88 A.Alston	156 G.Craske
25-09-06	117 Jon Payne	185 B.Clayton
2-10-06	23 J.Warne	199 P.Saggers

ERPINGHAM WITH CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 17th November

7.30pm

Form a team of four or come on your own and join a team

Coffee and cakes available

Raffle

Tickets £2 a person available from

01263 768209, or 761704, or 768655

All profits from the Quiz night towards refurbishment of the Village Hall

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Items from a report of the September meeting:-

- The Chairman introduced Peter Wedge and Elaine Hayton of Village Care to the meeting and the Council heard about the activities of the charity based in Aldborough – a weekly lunch, home visits for minor DIY and transport to medical appointments. Village Care is seeking to broaden its area of cover to surrounding villages and encourages residents in Erpingham and Calthorpe to make contact as participant, user or volunteer.
- A new noticeboard is now operable on the wall of the Spread Eagle. Contributions totalling £120 had been received towards costs.
- With no candidates present, co-option to fill the vacancies on the Council was deferred to the November meeting. Those interested are asked to attend.
- Graham Gladden had attended a Village Hall Management Committee and reported that insurance was in place and the risk assessment would be updated. Dog fouling was a concern.
- Alan Witham asked about visibility from School Road towards Calthorpe: the Clerk to contact NCC Highways.
- Flooding in The Street is still a problem. The Clerk to contact NNDC about the likelihood of the new drain project being brought forward' Noise nuisance in The Street was discussed.

News from Erpingham School



Pupils step back in time!

The old Victorian school bell rang out across the village of Erpingham on Thursday 4th October, as children came through the school gates and lined up in the playground, ready for another hard day's learning - just as they would have done 130 years earlier.

The difference is, this is 2006, and the pupils of Erpingham Primary School were learning what Victorian school life would have been like.

Key stage 2 children and staff dressed in traditional Victorian costumes, the classroom was set out in a traditional Victorian way, and lessons occurred as they would have done all those years ago. Children learned about Victorian money, toys, employment and homes, as well as looking at the difference in life styles between the rich and the poor.

Molly Platten, dressed as a rich Victorian girl said "I would like to be alive in Victorian days, as there were servants to do the jobs." Whereas Holly Alexander, dressed as a chimney sweep, stated "I would hate to live then. They had hardly anything to eat."

The day culminated in the children presenting an assembly to parents, explaining all they had learnt about Victorian life.

ERPINGHAM VC PRIMARY SCHOOL is selling the **Ultimate Plum Pudding for Christmas, £4.99** for a luxury 1lb pudding (suitable for vegetarians). Purchase directly from school, or at the Craft Fair in **Aylsham Town Hall on Saturday 18th November**, or at the Charity Stall in **Aylsham Market Place on Saturday 25th November**.

THE SPREAD EAGLE, ERPINGHAM

Billie writes to give warning that the pub will be **closed on 1st December** and will **re-open on 2nd January**. The whole building has to be re-wired. She continues, "I have come to an important personal decision. After nearly 30 years behind bars and with time needed for recovery from an operation in October, I am looking to take life a little easier ... I will be moving to my bungalow so I'm not leaving the village, but the pub is on the market, there is also leasehold, so if any of you fancy stepping into my shoes, please come and have a word. I would like to think I can find managers so that I can keep hold of the reins and continue with plans for the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the faces that have become friends and that have made my life in this business such a happy and interesting one! I owe more than I can say to my loyal staff that has become a second family... As the Spread Eagle will become my local I hope to see you all in there for a drink from time to time..."

THE MOBILE LIBRARY

Visits are going to be more frequent and there will still be no limit on the numbers of books borrowed.

Every three weeks **from Thursday 2nd November** the library will be in

Alby

Buck Brigg, 9.20 – 9.30

Low Common, 9.35 – 9.50

Erpingham

Spread Eagle 1.00 – 10.15

Aldborough, Doctor's Lodge 10.25 – 10.45

The Green, 10.50 - 11.25

Margaret Lilly Way, 11.30 – 12.00

Howett's bungalow, 12.05 – 12.15

Thurgarton Corner 12.20 – 12.30

Starting in October and continuing on **Monday 13th November** and every 3 weeks after

Thwaite Common 11.20 – 11.40

Calthorpe Corner 11.50 - 12.00

Ingworth,

Telephone Box, The Street 2.20 – 2.40

Farm 2.45 – 3.05

LOCAL TALENT - Books by local authors and artists, published in time for Christmas

1) A Gospel of Wild Flowers, by Anthony Footitt, with illustrations by Pat Albeck.

A thought-provoking portrait of native wild flowers by the recently retired Bishop of Lynn, who is now environmental officer for the Diocese and an adviser on the care of churchyards, which are often the only places where some plants survive. Pat Albeck's name is associated with her work as a designer for National Trust shops, but in Aldborough she may be better known as our neighbour, Pat Rice.

This is a delightful book. Each opening features a different flower in the annual seasonal cycle from snowdrop to mistletoe, the origins of their names, stories from folklore and church history, their symbolism and spiritual significance, and each flower is accompanied by its colourful portrait, not botanical illustration so much as highlighting the essence of the plant, with butterflies, birds, and even a frog for good measure. The text is wide-ranging in its references, from 17th century John Donne's 'No man is an island' to Robert Persig's 'Zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance'; the illustrations, including the endpapers, are sheer joy of colour and design. It will be published on 24th October, ISBN: 0-7153-2572-8, 120 pages, a bargain at £9.99 hardback, obtainable from bookshops.

2) Words on Wildlife: inspired by Nature, by David North, who lives in Thurgarton. These are short poems and excerpts from longer ones, 'inspired by Wild Norfolk' and illustrated by photographs of unusual subjects or taken from unusual angles, encouraging the reader to look more closely and to reconnect to the nature all around us. Perhaps there should be a competition to identify the spots where the photos were taken? This would make an ideal stocking-filler for a lover of Norfolk and is obtainable from the author at Birdseyeview Books, Villa Farm, Thurgarton, 01263 761450.

ISBN 978-0-9547927-1-8. £4.95.

These books were given to me for review on successive days, so different and yet complementary. R.B.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Can you fill an ordinary shoe box with small gifts for a child? Last year Samaritan's purse in the UK sent out over 1.8 million gifts to children across Eastern Europe and Africa, sending a message of hope to children in desperate situations. The gifts are given to children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs, requiring nothing of them, their families or communities in return. They go to hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighbourhoods.

For advice on what and how to pack, ask Anne Bettany (01263 768681) for a leaflet – there are some leaflets on the table at the back of Aldborough Church. She is willing to act as a drop-off-point for your boxes - please act before 18 November. Erpingham Primary School is also acting as a drop-off-point.

FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE POETRY COMPETITION

Prizes for the first placed winners of the groups for 7-11s and 12-15s are a box of Divine Chocolate to share, with £30 of book vouchers for the writer and £30 of Christian Aid resources for their school or group. First placed winner of the 16+ age group will win a month's supply of chocolate + £30 of book tokens. There are 2 runners up in each category.

Poems, in any form - sonnet, limerick, epic, whatever ... should put the best case for why to support Fairtrade and choose Divine Chocolate. They should feature either chocolate or Fairtrade (or both) and aim to put an argument no-one could say no to.

For entry details and other information go to: www.divinechocolate.com or www.christian-aid.org or www.globalgang.org **Closing date: 20th December.**



AYLSHAM MUSIC presents **A CONCERT FOR OBOE AND PIANO**

at St Michael's Church on Thursday 16th November at 1.00pm

Cathy Wilcock - oboe

David Dunnett - piano

Vivaldi, Ronald Binge, Poulenc, Matthew Arnold

Entrance £6 (Children under 16 £2)

Refreshments available from 12.15

WIND BAND SOUNDS of NORTH NORFOLK

Can you play a wind instrument? You might like to join us for friendly informal music making on Thursday evenings, 7.30, at The Music Centre, Cromer High School.

We play all types of music, from classical to film & show music. Learner or experienced, old or young, you will be very welcome. For more details contact Barry Bryant, 01692 650093

NORWICH CATHEDRAL

The annual **RoadPeace** service will be on **Sunday 19th November, 3.30.**

Anyone who has suffered as a result of a road accident is invited to attend, especially anyone who has suffered bereavement.

From the Postbag:

Marcelle wants to thank all those who contributed to the £167 collection for Aldborough Surgery at John Eyles' funeral.

THANKS for donations recently received from a reader in Aldborough, from Alby & Thwaite Parish Council and Aldborough Community Centre.

Thanks to all the advertisers, especially the new ones!

THE NEXT ISSUE Copy please by **Monday 13th November.** While every effort is made to include late copy, it is not always possible.

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STOP PRESS ---- HOORAY FOR HANWORTH!

Congratulations to all those who have worked so hard for the sake of the Common.

