

KEEPING IN TOUCH

JANUARY 2007

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked . M=Matins E=Evensong

JANUARY	Epiphany 7th	Epiphany 2 14th	Epiphany 3 21st	Epiphany 4 28th
ALBY	--	3.30 HC	--	--
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	3.30 E
THWAITE	11.15	--	6.30 E	9.30 M

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth (25th, Conversion of St Paul)

Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (4th HC)

at Erpingham (18th HC, 25th Benediction)

Friday 19th 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

I'd like to say thank you – a thank you to all those whose financial giving has enabled the six churches of this benefice to pay their way during the last year. This is a considerable achievement when one considers the sums involved. Foremost is the cost of the Parish Share: £35,122 has been paid to the Diocese during the last twelve months as our contribution towards central expenses.

As with all things of importance, money isn't everything. We would value the way that we serve one another in our use of time, and in our capacity to understand other people's thinking, to be people whose worship of God is reflected in the way we affirm those with whom we live. Later in the year, at our churches' annual meetings, full statements of account will be made public, so that money and time, concerns and opportunities, can be seen for what they are.



Fr Brian

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

At St Faith's Crematorium 7th December Sylvia Kirk

This edition of In Touch is expected to arrive in the week before Christmas so here is a reminder of

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Friday 22 December	6.30pm	Alby Carol Service
Christmas Eve (Sunday)	10.45am	Prince Andrew Chapel Family Carol Service
	4.00pm	Erpingham Carol Service
	10.00pm	Aldbrough 'Midnight' Mass
	11.45pm	Erpingham Midnight Mass
Christmas Day (Monday)	9.30am	Ingworth Christmas Communion
	10.30am	Thwaite Carol Service



The Rector will gladly bring Holy Communion to any who are housebound.
Please contact him to make arrangements. 01263 768073.

GROUP SERVICE

Sunday 31st December, 10.00, at Calthorpe

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

**THE TWELFTH DAY OF
CHRISTMAS
Saturday 6th January 3.30
Christingle for Epiphany
in Aldbrough Church Room
Carols by candlelight
followed by a tea party
(the last mince pie of the season?)
Everybody invited – bring your friends**



**Carol Singing
meet round the Christmas Tree
on Aldbrough Green
6.00 Wednesday 20th December.**



CPAKs (10 - 14s Group) **Pizza Party on 11th January, 6.00-8.00 at the Rectory** for those who went to Horstead last year and those who are thinking of going in 2007. The weekend chosen this year is the last in **February**, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, **23rd –25th**.

Explanation for newcomers to this area:

- 1) The young people in this group chose their own name which means **C**hristian **P**eople **A**re **K**ool
- 2) 'Horstead' means the former Rectory at Horstead, now used as the Diocesan Centre for young people's activities, including canoeing, archery, rope courses, abseiling, as well as indoor activities such as music and crafts and an opportunity for learning a little more about the Christian faith. The group from this area usually combines with young people from another small parish, they enjoy meeting each other and they all come home bursting with enthusiasm for what they have been doing.

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### **Invitation to Family Service**

- ◆ Short and informal
  - ◆ For all ages
  - ◆ Relaxed atmosphere
  - ◆ With refreshments

**21 January at 11.00**  
**St Mary's Church Aldborough**

**Theme: 'Please' and 'Thank You'**

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WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY

This is always **18 – 25 January**, a week of special focus on unity, but also of encouragement to work and pray for unity throughout the year.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 23 January at 2.30 pm in the Church Room

Come and find out what we have got planned for 2007.

Enjoy informal worship, good fellowship with refreshments and relaxation.

You can be sure of a warm welcome.

ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on **Wednesday 17th January at 2.30** in the Church Room.

Speaker: Mrs Elspeth Allen

Fire and Ice – Iceland. A talk with slides



At the annual meeting in November a review of the last year's programme was presented:- talks, demonstrations, discussion of resolutions, not forgetting social events. Several members attended the Federation's annual meeting at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, the half-yearly Council meeting in Kings Lynn, and the National AGM in Cardiff.

The out-going committee was re-elected en bloc: President, Mrs J. Wheeler; Vice-President, Mrs K. Howlett; Secretary, Mrs C. Carlson; Treasurer, Miss B. Kinghorn.

An interesting programme has been arranged for 2007. New members and visitors will be welcomed at meetings which are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 2.30 in the Church Room. Ring 01263 768280 for further details.

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will be held on
Thursday 18th January at 7.30 in the Church Room.
After the business of the meeting there will be refreshments and
an opportunity for members to socialise. All are welcome.

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 3rd January at 7.30** in the Community Centre.
At the time of going to press the minutes of the December meeting are not yet available

Update on Village Appraisal & Plan:

A small working group has been set up to formulate an Action Plan and to follow up the points that emerged from the Appraisal. One thing that is happening very soon as a result is the delivery of a **textile bank** to add to our recycling facilities. More information will be provided once it has arrived.

There will be an interim report on progress at the January meeting of the PC and a full report presented to the Annual Parish meeting in the Spring.

ALDBOROUGH PLAYERS

proudly present

PETER PAN

from 31st January to 3rd February 2007

at Aldborough Community Centre

starting at 7.30 pm.

Ticket Prices are **£4.00 Wednesday & Thursday, £5.00 Friday** and **£6.00 Saturday**

Children £2.00 all performances

Tickets available Tuesday 2nd January from The Spar and The Post Office.

Come along and watch Peter Pan tease the pirates on the Jolly Black Lion, join Tink, the Shadow and the Lost Boys in Neverland and help the Crocodile track down that most tasty of treats - Captain James Hook!

ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM

Sometimes users of the Church Room kindly take cloths and tea towels home to wash – this is greatly appreciated, **BUT** sometimes they forget to bring them back. The W.I. is currently short of tablecloths. If you find any of their seersucker cloths in your kitchen drawer please bring them back.

ALDBOROUGH SURGERY
PATIENT RESULTS

Aldborough Surgery is now providing a new service with regard to patient results. Results will be available daily (Monday to Friday) from the Duty Nurse on 01263 768602 between 11.30am and 12.00noon. Please note that results will not be available from receptionists at any other time.

FRIENDS OF ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL

Working to be one!

The 'Friends of Aldborough School' are a group of parents and teachers who meet together with the aim and intention of aiding the transition between home, school and the community, by making the link between us all. One of their aims is to raise additional funding for the school and the pupils. They also organise events,



include the wider community in activities, support the school's social activities, and by doing so aim to support and enhance the national curriculum. Working as one—and having fun doing so! Social events are always well attended and supported. Meetings are regular, attendance unfortunately has fallen off, so new faces and fresh ideas are very welcome.

Who can be a 'Friend'? You just see one of the committee, teachers or class rep. You will be very, very welcome!

BINGO:- 26th January at 7pm at Aldborough School,

ALL Welcome. All proceeds to the Friends.

Dates for diaries:

1. The next **meeting of the Friends** of Aldborough School will be on Wednesday **7th February at 7pm** at the school. All welcome.
2. **Spring Fair at the Community Centre, 17th March 2007**

Christmas Fair – what a fantastic turn out! The Community Centre was packed to the rafters! Thank you to all those who attended and all the hard working volunteers. The final figure is not yet calculated but at the last count we had £400.00...and counting.

100 club! Odds in your favour—21 chances to win!

The 100 club costs just £10.00 a year to join, you receive a number, three numbers are drawn each half term plus an extra draw takes place at our summer fair, giving you twenty one chances to win your money back. Sadly this year the members list is considerably down on previous years, ideally we would like 100 members, hence the name! So please help us keep the 100 club going by taking part whether for the first time or just try your luck again. Aside from the prize monies this years profit will help pay towards outside play equipment. Forms are always available from the school notice board. Help make a difference. Pia Shell has been running the club but can no longer do so after the end of the summer term, would you like to run the club, if so contact Sarah on 768977 for further details.

The **November quiz night** at the Black Boys Inn raised **£123.00** for the Friends of Aldborough School. Many thanks for organising this and to all who took part.

Erpingham Village Hall

200 Club

<u>Recent results:</u>	<u>£10</u>	<u>£5</u>
	6-11-06 140 T.Sendall	144 G.Gladden
	13-11-06 144 G.Gladden	81 P.Young
	20-11-06 93 P & D Perriss	117 Jon Payne
	27-11-06 43 S.Fretwell	134 T.Warne

QUIZ NIGHT. A capacity crowd crammed into Erpingham Village Hall and enjoyed a happy and sociable November evening. Not only that, we raised **£227.31** towards refurbishment of the Hall (repainting inside and out in February hopefully!!). Thanks to all those who helped make it such a splendid evening - selling tickets, organising the raffle, serving drinks and gorgeous cakes, setting up and clearing away, loan of a microphone,

and collecting in and collating scores on the night. I am very grateful.

H.B.

TABLE TOP SALE
ERPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 20th January
2.00 to 4.00 (setting up from **1.15**)
Tables: £5 pre booked - £7 on the day
Village Hall Stall Tombola
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

To book a table or for contributions to the Tombola or Village Hall Stall
(new, or second hand, plants, cakes or anything that will sell!)
Ring 01263 761704, 768209, or 768655
(In aid of Erpingham with Calthorpe Village Hall)

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On **Wednesday 24th January at 7.30** in the Village Hall there will be a **social evening**. Some members are planning a comedy play-reading!



THWAITE COMMON Update, December 2006

The proposals to re-instate at least part of the fence around Thwaite Common, in order to permit a resumption of grazing, have been dragging on for many years now, since the previous fence was removed! At present, the Thwaite Common Management Committee is composed of Norfolk Wildlife Trust, councillors and staff from NNDC, plus representatives from Norfolk County Council. The management committee is determined to restore the common to its former glory and is keen to see fencing erected as soon as is legally possible, however over the past year, we have met with one legal obstacle after another. In brief, the proposal to fence part of the common has been put forward because of the need to graze the common; grazing is the only way to retain the wonderful myriad of wildflowers that were once abundant on the common, but that have started to noticeably dwindle since grazing stopped.

Originally, the management committee was advised by DEFRA (Department of Food and Rural Affairs) that it would need to apply for permission to fence under Section 194 of the 1925 Law of Property Act; this governs the fencing of common land in England and Wales. The application was duly made and sent back and forth a few times to clear up minor issues; then, earlier this year, DEFRA advised that it should be possible to fence under the existing legislation that governs Thwaite Common. This is because a standard set of regulations, similar to byelaws, were drawn up to regulate the management of the common when North Norfolk Council took over the common's care in 1970s. The regulations do include references to temporary fencing and a requirement adopted by the Council for them to conserve the wildlife interest of the common.

At the same time, the management committee was also advised that it would need to alter the regulations to allow it to erect permanent fencing, before the application under Section 194 could continue.....I hope you are not lost in legalese now!

In recent weeks, the management committee has tried to obtain more clarity on these points, as we obviously need to ensure that we are acting within the law. At present, DEFRA are unwilling to give us more information, but, all being well, it does seem likely that we will be able to erect temporary fencing on the western part of the common early next year. Beyond this, the application under Section 194 will continue and changes to the regulations are under discussion.

I hope to be able to write with more information soon, but should anyone wish to discuss any of the matters raised here, please contact me at Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Helen Baczkowska, Conservation Officer, Norfolk Wildlife Trust
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FROM the EDITOR'S POSTBAG

We (the O'Tooles) came to live in Aldborough last February, and soon started to integrate ourselves into the vibrant village community. Now the mystery! We are Catholics, and I am sometimes seen with a clerical collar on, and have Rev. before my name. So I must be a retired priest or maybe even a retired bishop. But how can that be? - I'm married! In the Catholic Church we have three ordained ministries, Bishop, Priest and Deacon, and down the centuries we have had some deacons who are called Permanent Deacons - they first figure in the Acts of the Apostles. There have been some notable names in this ministry for example St Francis of Assisi. That's what I am, a permanent deacon, ordained 1979. There is more to it of course, but that's the basics. What do you call me? Ron - very formally Deacon O'Toole, or frightfully formal - Reverend O'Toole - but not Father. If you slip up I won't scream. Where do I minister? the Catholic Parish of Cromer with Fr Peter Brown the parish priest. However Aldborough is just inside the Catholic parish of North Walsham and Aylsham so I help there occasionally...

Now does that all make sense?

R. O'T.

WEA AYLSHAM BRANCH

Spring Term 2007, beginning 9th January.

FROM THE KAISER TO 'LA DOLCE VITA' by Jo Statham

Looking at examples of German and Italian art, literature, architecture, design and film, from the late 19th century to post World War II, we shall trace some of the similarities and differences between these two cultures whose histories have so fatefully overlapped.

Please note that this course runs on **TUESDAY afternoons** for 10 weeks,
2 - 3.30 pm in the **Friends' Meeting House, Red Lion Street, Aylsham.**

Further information from Ann Dyball 01263 732637.

VILLAGE HISTORY – any village

Norfolk County Council has developed a fascinating web site of historical maps and aerial photographs of Norfolk. Anyone curious to know what was there in earlier centuries will find plenty of information on www.historic-maps.norfolk.gov.uk using Norfolk E-Map Explorer. More information next month.

NORFOLK COUNTY TELECLUB

Are you over 65 and looking to broaden your social circle?

Then why not join the Teleclub? We are a new service run by Age Concern and Norfolk County Council that brings older people together for entertainment and support from the comfort of their own homes.

Teleclub is mainly a telephone-based service that offers:

up to three-weekly calls from the club to discuss any topic of your choosing

- chaired phone-in 'coffee morning' discussions
- a contacts service putting you directly in touch with others with similar interests
- birthday and Christmas cards from the club
- a quarterly postcard
- a quarterly newsletter

Membership is £10 per quarter – we also offer a 'holiday cover' service and a 'two for £15' offer with our Teleshopping service. For an application form and further information please contact: **Isobel Smith, Age Concern North Norfolk, Good Companions Hall, 35b Cremer Street Sheringham NR26 8DZ Tel: 01263 823703**

THANKS for donations recently received from readers in Aldborough and Alby, and for the anonymous donation of £5 and a book of first class stamps – all greatly appreciated.

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!