

KEEPING IN TOUCH

MAY 2007

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong

MAY	Easter 5 6th	Rogation Sunday 13th	Sunday after Ascension 20th	Whit Sunday 27th
ALBY	--	6.30 E	--	--
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

Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (3rd HC, 10th Benediction)
at Erpingham (17th,31st, HC; 24th Benediction)

Thursday 17th – ASCENSION DAY - 9.15 at Aldborough
7.30pm at Erpingham

Friday 25th 9.30 at ALBY



FROM THE RECTOR

In days gone by this was the time of year when church-going came out of doors, in more senses than one. With priest and churchwardens leading the way, parishioners circumnavigated the paths and fields of their parishes, to 'beat the bounds', that is, to mark out its boundaries – this hedge outside the boundary, that tree within. Public awareness of place and responsibility was impressed upon everyone in an age when only a few could read, let alone read a map. Prayers were said at key points on the walk, as God's blessing was asked on the fields which were ripening daily towards harvest. In such days the fields of the parish largely fed the people of the parish: today that link is no more. In some places at Rogationtide a modern day equivalent of the old village walks is attempted. In many places, on the nearest Sunday to the Rogation Days, the congregation at worship will be asked to go out into the churchyard for a moment, to focus on the landscape and community of which we are a part. Patterns of observance come and go, but our need of belonging remains, belonging to one world, where all are brothers and sisters.

Fr Brian

Rogation Sunday Walk in Aldborough

On **Sunday 13th May** starting at 3pm
from just outside the **Aldborough allotments on Chapel Road**,
there will be a Rogation walk and treasure hunt.
The walk will take about an hour, and will end up at the Church Room
where there will be a cup of tea and piece of cake to revive everyone.
The walk and treasure hunt are free, and the walk is suitable for most ages,
but will involve going across some rough ground.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Also at the Church Room, will be sunflower growing packs, in aid of
The Children's Society.

Everyone will be welcome to take a pack, and grow a sunflower.
You then need to get as many people as possible to sponsor your sunflower per centimetre (or inch!)
Keep measuring your sunflower and see how high it grows.
All sponsor money should be given to Glenys Padgham by the end of September.

GROUP SERVICE

A reminder: The Bishop of Norwich will be at Calthorpe Church to preach and to celebrate Holy Communion at Calthorpe Church on Sunday 29th April at 10.00. Everybody welcome.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP – ANNUAL OUTING

Tuesday 22 May. Members will meet at 2 pm
outside the Church Room, Aldborough
As yet, it is a magical mystery tour.
Details will be announced at the April meeting, and will later be available from
Pauline Hill - 768738

CONFIRMATION COURSE

Beginning on **Friday 4th May, 4.45**, at the **Rectory** (School Road, Erpingham)

Please contact the Rector (01263 768073) if you would like to join this course, which is open to people of any age.

THWAITE ALL SAINTS

will hold a fete at The White House on 16th June

Make a note of the date!



ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

All are welcome to the next meeting, on **Thursday 17th May**, at **7.30** in the **Church Room**. There will be an illustrated **talk about daffodils**, by Mr P. Payne.

ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on **Wednesday 16th May**, when there will be Lunch and discussion of the annual Resolutions.
For more details, ask one of the Committee.



Reg. Charity No. 1078121

Quiz night. Thanks to all involved in this enjoyable and successful event at the Black Boys in March. A total of **£102** was raised.

Annual General Meeting. All are welcome to attend this meeting to be held on **Wednesday 23 May** at **7.30 p.m.** in the **Church Room, Aldborough Green**. As well as feed back on finances and established activities, there will be a report on the **new Helping Hand Initiative**.

Wine and cheese will be available after the formalities.

STEPPING STONES NURSERY

The Easter Egg Hunt at Barningham Hall was a phenomenal success: there were about 200 cars parked and the total raised was **£2450**. Many thanks to everyone for their support.

ALDBOROUGH VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

AGM on **Thursday 24th May** in the **Church Room** at **8.00pm**

Peter & Rosemary Salt (who came last year) will be showing slides to illustrate **'Changes in the countryside'**

Free refreshments

Free admission

Rochelle Mortimer Massingham has been working on a booklet commemorating the 100th anniversary of Aldborough School's move into its present building in October 1907.

Three paintings of the Fair on the Green have been donated to the History Society: they are in process of being restored.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

At **7.30** on **Wednesday 16th May** we will be holding our **AGM**. Everyone is welcome to attend and the bar will be open following the meeting.

On **Saturday 19th May** there will be an opportunity to **enjoy the taste and sights of India**. There will be a meal followed by a photographic tour and talk by Nita and Keith Good following their recent visit to that country. Guaranteed to be a colourful evening. Please look out for posters or ring 761310.

ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the minutes of the meeting on 2nd April (Editor's choice)

Police Community Support Officer Simon Berrisford was welcomed. 12 calls were made to the police from the Parish since the beginning of February.

Matters arising: The bottle banks have been emptied. The roundabout is painted. The Cricket Club have decided that their portable nets will not remain on the Green after use but will be removed and stored elsewhere.

Highways have confirmed the replacement of road signs: there may be a delay if some need to be ordered.

An alder tree has been planted by Rochelle Mortimer Massingham at the bottom of the Green in memorial to Ida Impson.

A small plaque is to be erected at the base of the tree.

North Norfolk District Council advise that the entire length of Chapel Road is in Aldborough, not Thurgarton. Clerk to write requesting a detailed map to show the division of the two settlements, with a copy of the letter to Cllr Peter Willcox.

Football and Cricket Congratulations to Aldborough Lions who have been promoted. They are not happy with the drainage problems on the Green: the possibility of grants for works is being examined.

Planning The appeal for the certificate of lawful use for the caravan at Aldborough Hall has been withdrawn. A planning application for the caravan has been submitted.

48 Margaret Lilly Way – planning permission granted.

Studio, Kent's' Loke, The Green – planning permission granted with conditions.

Bridge Farm, Thurgarton – planning permission granted.

6 Thwaite Hill Cottages – erection of summerhouse, no objections.

Water Board radio mast, Thurgarton Hall Road, Thurgarton – no objections.

John Brown's House – Solar panel to rear single storey roof – no objections.

Benches on the Green A new bench is in place on the play area, provided by Mrs C Seed.

Allotments The end of year report was presented. The allotments are in their third year and enthusiasm remains high.

They are to be open this year as part of the Open Garden Scheme in June, in aid of the Red Cross.

Play area The old bench is being restored and will be repositioned on the Green near the Post Office.

Village fete and picnic. The Community Centre committee will take over the planning of this event which will not take place until next year.

Village Care have established new duties, but only for Aldborough and Thurgarton. They can be contacted on a dedicated mobile phone, 07 900 061 243, or through Aldborough Surgery, 768602.

Village diary. David Robinson to be contacted, 768982.

Poppyland Partnership. Clerk to contact with a view to applying for a grant for new benches around the Green.

Community Bus. At the recent Traffic Management meeting it was agreed that Aldborough will receive a new one. The

Correspondence

K Gray's **Fun Fair** have written requesting use of the Green and confirming the dates – arriving 17/18th June, opening **Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd June.**

Adam Brown has written on behalf of the **Aldborough Lions who wish to hold a fundraising village sports event** in aid of a reserve team.

AOB

The **seesaw** to be re-painted. Purchase of **flowering bulbs** in the Autumn recommended. Some **residents of Villiers St Denis** will be visiting Aldborough soon. Rochelle Mortimer Massingham has completed an entry for the Village for the **EDP Pride in Norfolk Awards.**

As it is the end of this Council, Chair Jane Maguire expressed her thanks to all Councillors for their hard work and the establishment of sharing roles. All Councillors expressed their thanks to JM for her chairmanship over the past 3 years.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

on Monday 14th May at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

This will be the first meeting of the new Council, when the Chair will be elected and other responsibilities shared out.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP OF ALDBOROUGH GREEN

Saturday, 28th April

from 8.30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join in and help to weed and generally tidy the Green.

Any contribution of time/effort is really appreciated – no matter how little.

Bring along spades, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc, if you can.

If you live on the Green it would be greatly appreciated if you could help by tidying up outside your own property.

ALDBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Aldborough Primary School is preparing to have a wildlife pond. The School has been an Eco School for 6 years and currently has a Silver award, acknowledging its commitment to involving the whole school and community in environmental issues. The children, through activities of the Eco Committee, have requested a wildlife pond with a birdhide/field classroom in an area of the school grounds. They have been fantastically encouraging staff, governors and parents to help fund-raise and plan for the pond, which we now hope will begin this year. Please go and look at the plans displayed in the school foyer: they show a pond, a wildflower meadow and small woodland area, enclosed in a safety fence. A large birdhide overlooks all the area. Children and parents will be involved in creating and managing the area which sits beside a wild area already used for mini-beast excursions. The pond area will be used, supervised, at breaks and after school and especially by the Eco Club. The birdhide will have free access. Pond-dipping events for all are already planned, following on from successful moth and bat evenings and mini-beast events.

We are busy fund-raising and applying for grants, with money from the Spring Fair being donated by the Friends of Aldborough School and the children growing and selling plants at school. If you can help support this project which we are all very excited about we would love to hear from you.

Anne Harrap (Pond project manager) and Sara Geere (Friends)

THE FRIENDS OF ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL report that the Spring Fair raised over **£500** which will go towards developing the pond: many thanks to all supporters. The next event, to be written in diaries please, will be the **Summer Fair on Saturday 30th June, 4.00 – 6.00.**



SCHOOL FOOTBALL

In March Aldborough Primary School football team went to Greenwich to take part in the South-East Regional Finals of the English Schools' Football Association, representing Norfolk. They finished at the top of the league and go through to the National Finals at Keele University on 16th June.

HEARTSTART AT ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL

Would **you** know what to do in an emergency?

Aldborough School, as an affiliated member of the British Heart Foundation Heartstart UK, **invites you to a workshop** to learn the skills of emergency life support. (ESL). You could save someone's life! ESL is a set of actions needed to keep a person alive until professional help arrives.

We are holding **Heartstart and Healthy Living Day on Friday 25th May at the school** and ESL workshops will be available for anyone interested. In return we ask you to take part or **sponsor our Skipathon** to help raise funds to purchase a defibrillator for the community.

For further details or to book a place in a workshop please contact the school office, 01263 761264. Watch out for our posters too.

ALDBOROUGH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

There were visitors from Villiers St Denis in the village briefly a week or so ago. They are anxious to keep communication open and refer to our respective associations as 'sleeping'. Anyone who would like to make a wake-up call, please talk to Jane Maguire (761578). Their school in particular would like to strengthen links, and, with primary school language teaching on the agenda again in this country, twinning at this age will be particularly relevant.

Where is the wine-press? (This was a gift from Villiers to the village at the official twinning ceremonies.)

It was suffering from being out of doors on the Green, and there was a health & safety issue too, so Mr Billy Hammond has found it a home at Manor Farm where anyone can see it whenever they wish: it's in the first building in the yard and the door is open.

CONGRATULATIONS to Beth Mumford who, with 9 others from Norfolk, has been chosen to join 60 young people aged 15-18 for a day at Lambeth Palace with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

G.I.F.T. (Good Intentions Fundraising Team) Run by some former Aldborough Show Members. This year we are supporting Aylsham St John Ambulance, Mundesley Scouts, LAMS (M.S. North Norfolk) and The Grand Order of Water Rats.

- 1) **Charity Dinner Dance** with **Guest Speaker Roy Hudd** and friends from the Water Rats (subject to professional commitments) on **Saturday 5th May** at the **Links Hotel**, West Runton, 7.30 for 8.00 start. Tickets £20 from 01263 768076.
- 2) On **Saturday 27th May** a **Norfolk Night Out** at **The Auden Theatre, Holt**. Tickets £5 from 01263 768076. A show by talented Norfolk acts.
- 3) **Quiz sheets** are available at **£1 each** from **Aldborough Post Office** and **Aldborough Surgery**.

John Filby

ERPINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Open **Sunday tournaments** will start on **6th May**, weather permitting.

Please arrive **before 1.50pm** to book in. New members welcome.

For more information, ring George Craske, 761577, or Daphne Nicholls, 761704.

ERPINGHAM & CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

200 club results

	£150	£100	£50
	22 R.Rayner	79 M.Dennis	121 S.Mollard
	£10		£5
26-2-07	81 P.Young	114 Alan Witham	
5-3-07	41 B.Pegg	14 R.Dancaster	
12-3-07	194 L.Oliver	64 A.Ellwood	
19-3-07	144 G.Gladden	14 R.Dancaster	
26-3-07	160 S.Jex	122 M.Fish	
2-4-07	136 Y.Franklin	33 M.Argent	
9-4-07	95 S. & T. Mollard	82 H.Payne	
16-4-07	48 T.Mollard	195 Mr & Mrs Warner	

"A WIND ON THE HEATH"

John Snape's beautiful film of our local heathlands

Friday 11th May at 7.30 pm

in Erpingham & Calthorpe Village Hall

(Proceeds to Village Hall funds.)

Light refreshments will be included in the ticket price of **£5** (under 18s free).

John will talk about how birds sing and will play tape recordings of the songs of wellknown birds.

There will be a photographic quiz to test how well we know our birds and a lucky ticket prize.

OPEN GARDENS IN ERPINGHAM AND CALTHORPE

Saturday 14th July, 1.00 to 5.00

We now have 6 - possibly 7 - volunteers to open their gardens, including one in Calthorpe which is great. We shall offer a shuttle service between the two villages so another volunteer from either village (especially Calthorpe) would be welcome. Ring 01263 768209 if you think you can open *your* garden.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on **Wednesday 23rd May, 7.30**, at the **Village Hall**

Mrs P. Mockridge will talk about *Weathervanes*, with slides.

(The Editor apologises for her very senior moment in advertising last month's meeting and hopes that nobody missed the talk on medieval Norwich.)



FORTIES FAIR

Saturday 30th June, in and around Erpingham Church

(for funds of Erpingham and Calthorpe Churches)

Following the very successful Medieval Fair last year, we were asked to consider having another themed event this year and we have begun putting together plans for a **1940s fair**, arranged in a similar way.

But . . . we need your help.

1940 to 1949: From the darkest hour of the Second World War, through the Battle for Britain, austerity measures, evacuees, Dads' Army, the Land Army, victory celebrations, the home-coming of those who had fought, the remembrance of those who did not return, to the rebuilding and restoration of our lives and communities.

What we need:

With your help we can put together a memorable occasion for all, even if you were not born then.

We would like to hear from anyone who has photographs of the villages and villagers of the time or memorabilia that we can display in the church itself. Most of all we would like as many people as possible to dress the part.

We are already planning live 1940s style music and song, and a victory party. Church bells were silent during the war but were rung throughout the land to mark its end, so we will arrange a short victory ring. Catering will be homely - there may be some Spam sandwiches somewhere around. Classic military vehicles, model aircraft, shipping???

Can you advise? Can you add to the list?

Can you help? Contact David Davison, 01263 761560, or Alan Witham, 761156.

News from Erpingham School



Erpingham Primary School opened its extensive grounds with new boardwalk and pond-dipping platform, to the public during the Easter Holidays. Two Outdoor Learning Days were held which were attended by families from Erpingham, Aldborough, Aylsham and surrounding village, who enjoyed exploring the area to learn about wildlife and nature, through activities organised by the school's early years teacher and outdoor learning expert, Miss Louise Ambrose.

Children enjoyed a wildlife Easter egg hunt and camouflage games, as well as investigating life in the huge school pond. They were also able to make woven birds' nests and elder-wood jewellery, while munching fruit. There was no charge for either day. Headteacher Deborah Leahy said, 'The purpose of these days is twofold. We want to encourage children to learn about the rural community in which they live, and also, we see ourselves as a community facility and welcome people to see what we do and share what we have.'

The event is part of the school's commitment to encourage respect for nature and to help children realise their obligation to look after and protect our environment. The two days also helped children to meet new friends and work and learn together. More days are planned for future school holidays.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the report of the March meeting – Editor's choice.

The Welcome leaflet for newcomers has been printed and distributed and a contribution towards funding received from The Saracen's Head.

Planning – extension at 2 Aldborough Road, extension at Hill House, a swimming pool at Tollgate house, all approved; barn conversion at Jerigal refused. The enforcement appeal at Eagle House has been withdrawn.

Funding for the Heartstart programme at Erpingham VC Primary School – to be debated at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Dog bin at the Village Hall – Following a request from their committee, the Council decided to pay 50% of the collection charge.

Village Hall Management Committee – The AGM had been well attended and the accounts are in balance. A Parish Council representative is needed – item for the May meeting.

Recent road flooding – This may be due to the drain on the Common being blocked. The Inland Drainage Board to be contacted.

Information about Erpingham and Calthorpe will be supplied to the Griffon Partnership for their website.

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Erpingham & Calthorpe (contd)

The **Annual Parish Meeting**, followed by the **first meeting of the new Council** would be held on **Wednesday 16th May** in the Village Hall, beginning at **7.00pm**.

The next ordinary meeting will be on **11th July**.

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on **Thursday 17th May** in the **Reading Room** at **7.00**, followed by the **first meeting of the new Parish Council**.



AYLSHAM MUSIC presents the **BYLAUGH ENSEMBLE**

Roland Roberts – Violin

Jane Carwardine – Violin

Rona Murray – Viola

Ivan McCready – Cello

Mozart – Hunt quartet

Schubert– Death and the Maiden

St Michael's Church, Aylsham, Thursday 17 May, 1.00

£6, children free

Refreshments from 12.15

STATELY CAR BOOT SALE

at

HOLKHAM HALL

Saturday 5th May, 10.30 – 3.30

Admission **£5.00 per person** (children under 16 free)

Ample free parking Pitches by invitation only

Bring & Buy, Cakes and Produce Stall

In aid of the Norfolk Churches Trust

MUSICAL SOIREE

at

WOLTERTON HALL

on Saturday 5th May, 7.30pm

£15.00 includes drinks/canapés

Music from opera to light musical

with talented local singers

In aid of Norfolk Autistic Society

Advance notice of AUTUMN SALE

The **Friends of Daybreak**, who support the work of the Daycare centre of the **BREAK** organisation in Sheringham, are holding their Autumn Sale **in Sheringham** on the **22nd September**. One of the stalls we shall be running will be selling Video tapes, CDs, DVDs, Cassettes, Jigsaws etc. If you have finished using any of these items please call 761580 and we shall be delighted to collect them.

Keith Good

Clashing of dates: A great deal of effort goes into planning events in our villages, and it is very disappointing when the organisers realise that there will be competition just a mile or two down the road, but by then it may well be too late to alter arrangements. Aldborough Parish Council is supporting a Village Diary on their website – David Robinson (768982) or Claire Knight (768051) must be told, and it's up to organisers to check dates (there are now enough computers about for this to be easy, even if there isn't a computer in every household).

A differently organised website is being proposed – until then go to www.aldborough.org

'Keeping in Touch' will advertise dates well in advance, *if the Editor is told*.

This magazine came into existence to encourage involvement in **things that are going to happen**. The conventional press does a good job in reporting things that have already happened but this can be frustrating for people who would like to join in, if only they knew about activities in advance. If space in 'In Touch' is tight, preference is given to the future, with one exception – people always want to know how much has been raised in any fundraising event.

ALDBOROUGH VILLAGE FETE AND PICNIC

It's too late to organise it in 2007, but please **note this date now: 29th June 2008!**

KWIK CRICKET on Aldborough Green will begin after the half-term holiday – watch out for posters.

OPEN GARDEN in THURGARTON

The garden at Thurgarton Lodge will be open in aid of the British Red Cross on

Sunday 1st July, 2.00 – 5.00

CLASSIC CAR RALLY on Aldborough Green early on **Sunday 8th July**. Ring 761378 (Alby Horseshoes) for more information.

From the Editor's postbag:

1) There's a new tree on the lower green. Aldborough and Thurgarton Parish Council has kindly allowed me to purchase and plant an alder tree in memory of Ida May Impson, 1906 – 2002. Many of you used to know her: she was born in the Stone House next to the Spar shop, and between 1914 and 1982 she lived in Olden in Chapel Road, just off the Green, before moving to Margaret Lilly Way. I hope the tree will flourish and be beautiful and enjoyed by us all. R.M-M.

2) Thank you, my dear friends of Aldborough and all those others who are thinking of me. All keep well and happy – I'll send messages when I can. I've been away a lot longer than I expected to be, but I'm making real progress now and hope to be back soon. Love from Hilda (Collins).

Christian Aid Week

Growth for poor communities
throughout the world

13 – 19 May

We believe in life before death

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and, if you are a taxpayer, please make use of the Gift Aid facility

THANKS for donations recently received from readers on Alby Common and the Aldborough & Thurgarton W.I.

THE NEXT ISSUE Copy please by **Monday, 14th May**.

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