

KEEPING IN TOUCH

MARCH 2008

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked . M=Matins E=Evensong

MARCH	MOTHERING SUNDAY 2nd	5th Sunday of Lent 9th	PALM SUNDAY 16th	EASTER DAY 23rd	2nd Sunday of Easter 30th
ALBY	no service	3.30 E	☩ ☩	8.00	☩ ☩
ALDBOROUGH	8.00	11.00	10.00 Group Eucharist	11.00	☩ ☩
CALTHORPE	no service	9.30	☩ ☩	9.30	☩ ☩
ERPINGHAM	9.30	8.00	☩ ☩	no service	☩ ☩
INGWORTH	11.15 M	9.30	☩ ☩	9.30	10.00 Group Eucharist
THWAITE	☩ ☩	no service	☩ ☩	no service	☩ ☩

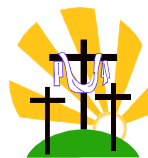
WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth (not 26th)

Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (6th HC, 13th Benediction)

HOLY WEEK 16th – 23rd March

Palm Sunday, 16th March	10.00am at Aldborough	Group Eucharist (The service will begin in the churchyard)
Tuesday, 18th March	7.30pm at Calthorpe	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, 19th March	9.15am at Ingworth	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday, 20th March	11.00am at Norwich Cathedral	Mass of Chrism & renewal of vows (open to all - lifts available)
	7.30pm at Erpingham	Liturgy of the Last Supper and Watch at the Altar of Repose
Good Friday, 21st March	10.00am at Erpingham	Liturgy of Good Friday
	7.30pm at Aldborough	Devotional service
Saturday, 26th March	12 noon at Erpingham	Confessions



EASTER DAY: All services Holy Communion, see above for times

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

The Rector will gladly bring Holy Communion to any housebound communicants if asked

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FROM THE RECTOR



A multicultural society – issues concerning national law and religious minorities – the difficulties of engaging in intelligent public debate. Not a description of recent events concerning an archbishop and Sharia law, but of a week, a Holy Week that leads to Easter.

I'm amazed how words can be so easily taken out of context, and publically used to vilify a good man.

I'm amazed how ignorance and prejudice are twisted into shapes that appear to give simple answers to complex questions.

I'm amazed at the shallowness of much that is deemed newsworthy.

In this very little has changed since the day when a man died in agony nailed to a piece of wood.

Yes, I'm amazed, but I hope not unduly downhearted. For even though Easter in the minds of many is sadly merely a celebration concerning bunnies, I can rejoice that the reality is so much more.

Let the life of Christ, in all its fullness, transform our minds and actions.

Happy Easter!

Fr Brian

GROUP SERVICES



**Palm Sunday, 16th March,
10.00, at Aldborough Church**

The service will begin in the churchyard

**Sunday after Easter, 30th March,
10.00 at Ingworth Church**

Sometimes it's good to do things together – please make the extra effort to be involved.

**FOCUS DAY
open to all**



in discipleship, service and numbers

**SATURDAY 1st MARCH
10.30 – 2.30
in ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM
(lunch included)**

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

As the next fourth Tuesday, 25 March, is the day after the Easter Bank Holiday, we shall hold our meeting a week later on **TUESDAY 1 APRIL** at 2.30 in Aldborough Church Room. The programme will be announced in the April magazine.

New! New! New!

SPRING FESTIVAL

AT ALDBOROUGH CHURCH

A CELEBRATION OF VILLAGE LIFE

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 1.00 - 5.00

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 12.00 - 4.00

FOLLOWING A SPECIAL FESTIVAL SERVICE AT 11.00 TO WHICH ALL ARE INVITED

ARTS & CRAFTS, DISPLAYS, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, MEMORABILIA

REFRESHMENTS (YES, THERE WILL BE A PORTALOO!)

THE COMMUNITY BUS WILL PROVIDE A SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM THE GREEN TO THE CHURCH

LOCAL ARTISTS AND CRAFTWORKERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WORK AWAY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND WHO DON'T OFTEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS LOCALLY,

ARE INVITED TO BOOK A SPACE (NOT VERY LARGE BUT NO CHARGE)

PHONE RUTH NOW ON 768063

HELPERS WILL BE NEEDED - VOLUNTEERS PLEASE - TO MAN THE CHURCH AND SERVE TEA, ETC.,

IN THE MARQUEE. OFFERS OF CAKES, SCONES, BISCUITS, PARTICULARLY WELCOME!

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### **It must be Spring! It's the time for ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS.**

Every church must have one, for the election of church officers for the coming year. Anyone who is on the Parliamentary Electoral Register for the parish where they live can take part in the election of churchwardens for that parish. Those who are on the church's electoral roll vote for that church's Parochial Church Council who appoint Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Rector is Chairman. Other appointments can be for one year only - not for life! Be ready to share responsibility for the future well-being and development of your church.

The first meeting in this benefice will be that for **Thwaite Church** on **Tuesday 11th March** at **7.30**. All the others are after Easter and will be listed next month.

**THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER** this year is on **Friday 7th March**. The service this year has been prepared by the women of Guyana in the Caribbean. Services in Aylsham and Cromer will be advertised in the local press, but even if we can't get to a service we can still join in this great wave of prayer which starts at dawn on an island in the Pacific and goes right round the world.



### **ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Meeting on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at **2.30** in the Church Room.

Speaker: Mrs E. Allen

Topic: The Barrier Reef - Sydney Opera House

## ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

**SATURDAY 1st March** is when the **UGLY DOG BAND** will be playing.  
Tickets **£4**, available from Spar, the Post Office or a committee member.

Next committee meeting **Wednesday 12th March 7.30pm.**

Diary Dates: **Friday 18th April - Quiz Night** with supper - teams of 4 - £3 per person - tickets available from Post Office and Spar or ring 768280. Keep up to date with local news ..... you may find it useful on the night !

The **AGM** will be held on **14th May** and, as always, new faces are always welcome - *the more the merrier, many hands ... etc. etc.* please consider getting involved in helping out at this excellent village amenity. A reminder: there is **badminton and table tennis equipment for hire** and also a full-size snooker table - please ring 768280 or 768749 to book.

## ALDBOROUGH VILLAGE FETE AND PICNIC - SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

The Community Centre Committee is planning a great **FUN DAY** - pet show, races, competitions, tombola, etc. A village event (not on the scale of the well remembered Aldborough Shows, but just for fun). There will be stalls : contributions are asked for W.I. tombola, Church stall bric-a-brac, old china for a 'smashing' shy, books for the Village Care stall - start collecting now.

More details next month

## ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

*Items from the minutes of the February meeting –Editor's choice*

The full minutes will be on the village website when they have been approved: [www.aldborough.org](http://www.aldborough.org)

- The **refurbishment of the village sign** was now complete and ready for re-installation but the base needs some repair work. It was proposed that an application be made to the Holt Partnership for a grant towards the costs. Wayland Prison cannot make a charge for the refurbishment, so a donation of £200 to Quidenham Hospice was proposed. Once the sign is back in place there should be a re-dedication with some small appreciation gifts.
- Police Community Support Officer Simon Berrisford stated that **no crimes had been reported** since 3rd December 07.
- **The Youth Club** is now up and running, with 8 attending the first meeting. 3 computers with software are now available and ideas have been submitted for future activities.
- Mr John Hammond had attended the Holt Partnership Meeting in December and intends to make **grant applications for re-surfacing the Church Room access road and repairing the base of the village sign.** Julie Suter (NNDC) is meeting him about the applications.
- **Planning applications:** Meadow View, The Green, single storey rear extension approved.  
The Haven, Thwaite Hill, erection of single-storey rear extension/conservatory, sunroom, front porch and conversion of garage to annexe approved subject to condition restricting the annexe from use as a separate dwellinghouse.  
I Dunno, Thwaite Hill, – erection of first floor rear extension refused.  
5 Old School Cottages, Thwaite Road, – erection of replacement garage – no objections.
- Complaints has been received about **dog fouling on the Green and in the village.**
- District Councillor Peter Willcox had received confirmation that there is a long waiting list for automatic speed surveys, which cost £600.00 each. Agreed that the Clerk would write to request formal inclusion on the list. He handed over 20 **smoke alarms**, some explanatory leaflets and a form that needs completing for each installation. (If further information about these is needed, ask Tony Baillie.)
- **Future meetings: Monday 3rd March: Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 9th April:** Annual Parish Meeting  
**Monday 12th May:** AGM of the Parish Council  
All at **7.30** in the **Community Centre.**

### **G.I.F.T. (Good Intentions Fundraising Team)**

This year's chosen charities are: Aldborough Surgery, Motor Neurone Disease (North Norfolk), North Norfolk Radio "Families First" and The Grand Order of Water Rats.

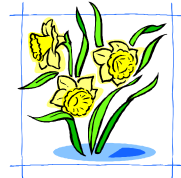
**Quiz Sheets** are now available at £1 each from Committee Members, John Filby, Yvonne Tiffany, or by ringing 01263 768076. **Cash prize for the winner. Closing date for all entries 28th February 2008.**

**QUIZ NIGHT with buffet - Thursday 6th March 7.30pm  
in Aldborough Church Room.  
To book your team of 4 or more please ring 01263 768076.  
£5 per person to include buffet.  
Come and support the local charities and enjoy a great night out.**

### **ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB**

All are welcome to the next meeting,  
on **Thursday 21st March**, at **7.30** in the Church Room.

Speaker: Julie Geere Wright - Spring flowers



**ALDBOROUGH PLAYERS** entertained the village right royally with their 15th pantomime, 'The King's Clothes', again demonstrating the great variety of skills in our community and providing four evenings of delight. 40 people on stage and nearly the same number behind the scenes – they must have felt rewarded for their weeks of rehearsal by the laughter and applause from the audience. High standards of music, set design, costume and, of course, acting. It must be rare for a parish magazine to be quoted before it's published! To put the record straight, "you have to be ever so clever to appreciate the unique nature of the fabric", but we can all appreciate the unique nature of the Aldborough Players.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Members of Aldborough Village History Society, Aldborough Twinning Association, Aldborough School French Club, and many other friends and colleagues have been saddened by the death of **Keith Entwistle** after a long illness. Although he lived in Gresham he had a great influence on aspects of life in Aldborough and Thurgarton – without his skilled editorship the book, "A Century of Faces and Places", would not have been such a success.

A celebration of his life took place at the Oulton Chapel. He had chosen the music and readings himself, including some of his own writings: it was his 'farewell' to us as much as ours to him. R.B.

### **ERPINGHAM PARISH CHURCH FUNDRAISING**

We are grateful for all the contributions which have raised our total now to £37,000. Over £21,000 has been given or promised by local or national charitable trusts. We would especially thank the John Jarrold Trust (based in Norwich) who recently gave us £1,000. We hope to have raised the last £8,000 by July this year which will enable us to finish the drains and gutters on the south side of the church. S.B

### **ERPINGHAM YOUTH**

Thanks go to Father Brian, Alan Witham and Rob Goodliff for giving some of the children and parents a taster on the ropes bell-ringing last month. Everyone who came and had a go had great fun time .

### **ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

The next meeting will be the Birthday Meeting of this Institute, on **Wednesday 26th March** at **7.30** in Erpingham and Calthorpe Village Hall. Mrs June Baker will give a demonstration of **Flower arranging**.



### **ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th March, 7.30, in the Village Hall

*Erpingham with Calthorpe Village Hall*

The Street, Erpingham, Norfolk NR11 7QD  
Registered Charity no. 1009281

**Annual General Meeting  
in the Village Hall  
on Wednesday 5th March 2008 at 7.30pm.**

As well as receiving reports and accounts for the year, the Meeting will elect the Management Committee for 2008. In addition, we propose to set up a sub-committee to advise on the refurbishment of the kitchen and are looking for volunteers.

The Meeting is open to all residents of Erpingham and Calthorpe and refreshments will be served following the meeting. The Committee would value any input from residents for activities that you would like to see in the Village Hall in the future – for example, we have a **Harvest supper and Ceilidh/barn dance planned for 26th September** – make a note in your diary now!

**!! BINGO !!**

A return of this popular event  
Come and enjoy an evening with friends

SATURDAY MARCH 29TH  
7.30PM

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL  
To guarantee a place and for further information  
ring 01263 761704 or 768209  
(Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall refurbishments)

KEITH SKIPPER

THE PRESS GANG

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 19th April

7.30pm - 10.30pm

Tickets £10 - to include light refreshments

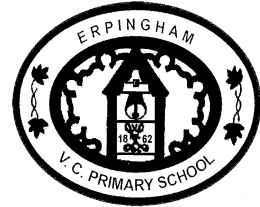
Tel. 761704

Book soon as tickets are going fast!!

**200 Club Results**

|          |     | <b><u>£10</u></b> | <b><u>£5</u></b> |
|----------|-----|-------------------|------------------|
| 13-12-07 | 57  | N.Filby           | 149 A.Wood       |
| 7- 1-08  | 14  | R. Dancaster      | 86 B. & D. Foord |
| 14- 1-08 | 51  | A.Payne           | 27 Mrs A Goreham |
| 21- 1-08 | 148 | T.Denniss         | 70 D.Alston      |

# News from Erpingham School



Praises galore reigned down on Erpingham VC Primary School, one of the smallest schools in Norfolk, with only 20 children on roll, as it underwent an inspection by OFSTED. Chair of Governors, Father Brian Faulkner, said, "We are delighted that the good quality of our school has been seen for what it is as we look forward to the future."

Rigorous discussions and intense evidence-gathering resulted in the school being judged 'a Good School' with some outstanding features. The quality of the curriculum and pupils' personal development were both judged outstanding – a remarkable accomplishment for such a small school and a positive endorsement of Norfolk County Council's commitment to offering a diverse range of Educational Provision within the County.

"We are absolutely delighted," smiled Headteacher Deborah Leahy proudly. "We have a very happy and successful school here where each child is taught to individual needs. It is wonderful to have our commitment and achievements endorsed and dedication to each child recognised."

The Report states that 'Pastoral care is exemplary,' 'Academic Guidance is excellent,' and that 'staff share an exceptionally strong commitment to children's enjoyment and achievement.' Further comments show that 'teachers are highly skilled at planning learning through links between subjects,' and 'they successfully balance challenge with support.'

"We love coming to school," stated Eden Callingham, Chairperson of the School Council, "School is always fun, even when you have to work really hard."

Naturally the Report has identified a couple of areas for development - the school has already implemented strategies to rectify these.

"This is such a unique little school," smiled parent Jolander Ayling, "I am so proud that my children come here." What more can we say – well done Erpingham!! The school will be holding an informal celebration on Thursday 21st February at 2pm – please contact the school office if you wish to attend: everyone will be very welcome. A full copy of the report can be obtained from the school office, or from the Ofsted Website from the 1st March 2008.

*If you require any further information please contact Serena Tuffin on 01263 761365 or email [office@erpingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@erpingham.norfolk.sch.uk)*

## **INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Council will be on **Tuesday 17th March.**

Please note that this is a revised revised date.

### **CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU**

has a monthly session in Aldborough Community Centre

The next will be on Monday **17th March, 1.00-4.00**

Open to residents of all local villages.

Ring 01692 405847 for an appointment

## **FORMATION OF POETRY CIRCLE**

Is anyone interested in forming a Poetry Circle purely for us "hobby poets" to discuss our little efforts and offer encouragement to each other? We could meet about once a month but the initial meeting would be to discuss the way forward and arrange dates and venues, etc.

Anyone interested please contact David on 01263 768669 or email me at [davidstacey@excite.co.uk](mailto:davidstacey@excite.co.uk)



## Activities for young people



Norfolk County Council's Children's Services has built a website (<http://www.norfolkblurb.co.uk/>) which, amongst other things, helps young people to find out about local activities. Aylsham High School is trying to support the development of this website by asking local organisations to record details of their activities on the 'Things to Do' section and by encouraging young people to explore what is there.

**If you are a member of a local organisation** (such as a club, society, group or a private company) **offering an activity suitable for young people** (aged 0 – 19 years) **please check to see if your details are listed** at: <http://www.norfolkblurb.co.uk/thingstodo.php>

**If they are not listed on Norfolk Blurb, please add them** by clicking on the 'Add Activity' button on the right hand side of the screen to open up a simple data entry screen. **There is no charge for doing this.**

**If you are a young person** (or parent/carer) **wanting to find out about activities** (or check that those you already do are listed), please use the 'Your Search' screen at: <http://www.norfolkblurb.co.uk/thingstodo.php>.

You can search for activities up to 2, 5, 10, 20 or 50 miles away from where you live, search for things suitable for your age group and/or search for a particular type of activity.

If you are a young person and would like to share your thoughts about your club or activity then open up the activity profile and click on 'Send us your comments'. Your words may then be published with the activity.

**If you want to find out more** about Norfolk Blurb (or need a bit more help in adding an activity), please contact:

Sally Finn - Things To Do Admin Assistant,  
Norfolk Blurb  
e-mail: [sally.finn@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:sally.finn@norfolk.gov.uk)  
Tel: 01362 654054

or Jonathan Reeve - Out of Hours Learning  
Administrator, Aylsham High School  
e-mail: [thefamilyreeve@btinternet.com](mailto:thefamilyreeve@btinternet.com)  
Tel: 01263-733744

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Do you enjoy the friendly service and convenience? Then enter it into the EDP Shop Here Awards 2008 and give it the recognition it deserves. Visit [www.edp24](http://www.edp24) for details.

### **DO YOU LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE?**

Then enter the EDP Community Awards 2008. Say what's great about where you live in no more than 400 words. Entries close **21 April**. Visit [www.EDP24.co.uk/prideinnorfolk](http://www.EDP24.co.uk/prideinnorfolk)

## AYLSHAM COUNTRYSIDERS

Meeting in Aldborough Community Centre

### THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

We're going  
BOWLING!  
@ Strikes North Walsham  
Minibus leaves at 6.20pm  
Back about 8.45  
£5 pls



Competition: TEN PIN BOWLING

### SUNDAY 9TH MARCH

At No.10, Bowthorpe, Norwich  
1.15 registration. Approx end 3.30pm



AYLSHAM MUSIC presents a lunchtime concert  
In St Michael's Church at 1.00pm on Thursday 20 March  
Baroque and sacred music with readings for Maundy Thursday  
Vera Cooke Mezzo soprano William Fergusson Piano  
Cathy Wilcock Oboe Canon Michael Butler Reader  
£6, children free Refreshments available for £3 from 12.15



### THURSDAY 13TH MARCH

Stockjudging @ Papworths  
Plus a surprise!?!  
You'll have to be there  
To find out what!  
Minibus leaves at 6.30  
Just £2 as usual 2nt  
*Bargain!*

EASTER HOLS 24TH MARCH - 4TH APRIL  
EDP SPRING FLING Thursday 27th March



COUNTRYSIDERS BALL  
FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

*Tickets in advance only!*

**THANKS** for donations recently received from readers in Aldborough.

**THE NEXT ISSUE** Copy please by **Monday 10th March**. The shortness of February seemed to catch people by surprise! This month Easter holidays mean that it has to be another **early** copy date.

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Happy Easter!