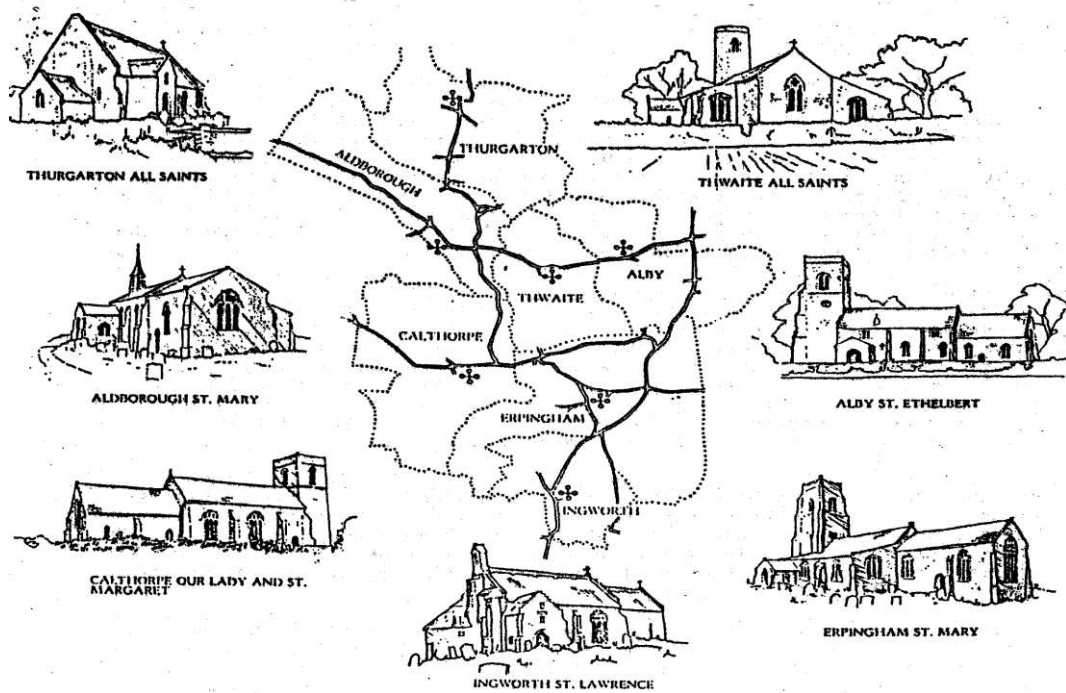


# KEEPING IN TOUCH

FEBRUARY 2009

News from the Scarrowbeck Group of Parishes  
Alby, Aldborough, Calthorpe, Erpingham, Ingworth, Thwaite, Thurgarton



## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong

FEBRUARY	Candlemas 1st	3rd before Lent 8th	2nd before Lent 15th	Sunday before Lent 22nd
ALBY	☞ ☞	3.30 E	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	☞ ☞	11.00	8.00	11.00 Family Service
CALTHORPE	Group Eucharist 10.00	--	9.30	--
ERPINGHAM	☞ ☞	9.30	--	9.30
INGWORTH	☞ ☞	11.15 M	3.30 E	--
THWAITE	☞ ☞	9.30 M	11.15	6.30 E

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth (not 18th)

Ash Wednesday (25th) also 7.30 at Erpingham

Thursday 12th 7.30pm Benediction at Calthorpe

No Friday services this month

Parish Priest: Fr Brian Faulkner, The Rectory, School Road, Erpingham  
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### **FROM THE RECTOR**

In a busy world, periods of silence are for most of us a very necessary balance as we attempt to engage with a wide variety of daily demands and expectations.

For me this month brings a four day period of reflection as, in the company of about 30 other clergy, I shall spend time attending a residential retreat for priests at the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Four days when the only words I speak will be to share in the corporate worship in church - morning and evening, midday and just before going to bed - a monastic rhythm of prayer which has been valued over the centuries by countless Christian souls.

Spirituality, traditional or experimental, is today rightly much more on the public agenda. You don't have to be a monk or a vicar to value our spiritual heritage, as we seek to connect with and use those customs and disciplines that speak to us individually. One such custom is the observance of Lent which begins this year on Wednesday 25th February.

Why not join others in prayer on that day? or on the first Sunday in Lent when we gather at Thwaite? As Christians focus on a source of grace ever new yet ever old, why miss out?

Fr Brian

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

<b>Funerals:</b>	2nd January	Ray Stiles	at St Mary's, Aldborough
	9th January	Richard Craddock	at St Lawrence's, Ingworth

### **GROUP SERVICE**

#### **for Candlemas**

**Sunday 1st February, 10.00, at Calthorpe**

This festival celebrates the Presentation of Christ in the Temple by his parents, according to the Jewish custom. (Luke 2, vv. 22 - 40) 'One last look at Christmas, and now, turn towards the cross!'

(The next Group Service will be at **Thwaite Church at 10.00 on 1st March**, the first Sunday in Lent.)

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES**

Week beginning

February

1	Erpingham: Eagle Lane, Eagle Road, John Franklin Close and Highnoon Road
8	Aldborough: Mill Lane and Church Lane
15	Erpingham: Jubilee Close, Birch Court, and Lowlands
22	Alby: The Common, Blacksmith's Lane and Church Lane

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – the beginning of Lent, this year on **25th February**.

**Holy Communion 9.15am at Ingworth and 7.30pm at Erpingham**

**SHROVE TUESDAY** - Pancake Day, 24th February, after school.

**Pancake races outside the Church Room, or fun and games indoors if the weather is too wet, followed by a pancake tea (with fresh pancakes!!).**

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN PAN!**

The **LENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will begin on **Thursday 5th March**. Venues and details will be announced next month.

## ANNUAL VISIT TO THE HORSFORD ACTIVITY CENTRE

20 young people (aged 11 - 16) from this area will be going to Horsford for the weekend of 20 - 22 February, with their adult leaders. They will be enjoying all kinds of activities, indoor and outdoor, and getting to know each other in different circumstances. We always hear about the climbing and canoeing, and archery comes high on the appreciation list.

[Horsford caters for older people too, for days and half-days as well as longer periods. What about it? There's no upper age limit!]

### New Prayer Initiatives

There are now monthly **Prayer Pointers** available to help us to focus on local people, events and situations in our own prayer time. They will be given out at each Group Service on the first Sunday in the month. Spares will be placed at the back of each church for those unable to attend the Group Service.

Also available is a small **Prayer Card with a seasonal prayer** on the reverse. These will change as each season begins.

A **Prayer Chain** is forming. This includes anyone willing to pray for people/situations as they occur. It would involve making one phone call to pass a request on and a commitment to pray for that person/situation. Anyone wishing to be included should please contact Helena 761246 for more details.

A **Weekly Prayer Group** meets in Erpingham at 2pm each Wednesday, lasting about an hour. All welcome - please ring Helena 761246 for more details.

**Prayer Requests** If you would like us to pray for someone/something please contact Helena 761246. Please ensure you have a person's permission for us to pray for them.

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OPEN MEETING

On TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY in the CHURCH ROOM 2.30 pm \*\*

TOPIC: PRAYER

SPEAKER: HELENA TRZEBIATOWSKI-PUMFORD

- ◆ Helena is the author of the new monthly prayer sheet, and she's coming to tell us about her inspiration to produce this and how she has seen the effects of prayer at work in other communities.
- ◆ \*\*As this is Shrove Tuesday, when there will be various pancake events from 3.30 pm in the Church Room, we can join in the fun and refreshments, after our shortened meeting.



for 5 - 11 year olds

SPECIAL HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

THURSDAY 19 February 10 am - 12 noon

Led by Leslie Moore

at PRINCE ANDREW'S CHAPEL

\*\*\*STORIES \*\*\* GAMES \*\*\*ACTIVITIES\*\*\*

\*\* MUSIC \*\* FUN \*\* FOOD \*\*

## ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

All are welcome to the next meeting, on **Thursday 19th February**, at **7.30** in the Church Room. Mr Le Grice will be talking about the **care and pruning of roses**.

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

Meeting on **Wednesday 18th February** at **2.30** in the Church Room.

Speaker: Mrs Anita Pye, with a Cookery Demonstration



### **!! ALDBOROUGH PANTOMIME !!**

#### **Hansel and Gretel**

At Aldborough Community Centre at 7.30 on:

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

£4 for Wednesday and Thursday, £5 for Friday, and £6 for Saturday.

Children up to 16 are £2 for all performances.

(The same prices as last year - what a bargain!!)

Tickets at the Post Office and the Spar

Come and enjoy the fun, the tension and a great night out.

**Don't miss it!!**



presents a basic

#### **First Aid Demonstration**

by St. John's Ambulance

**in the Church Room, Aldborough**

**on Wednesday, 11th February 2009**

**7.30 to 9.30 p.m.**

Light refreshments. All interested parties are welcome.



### **The GOOD INTENTIONS FUNDRAISING TEAM**

This year **G.I.F.T. 's chosen charities** are United Norfolk Renal Dialysis Patients (including North Norfolk), Aspergers Syndrome and The Grand Order of Water Rats.

There is a great **quiz sheet** currently available - **closing date 11th February 2009**, with a cash prize for the winner. This is an easy quiz with 100 questions and we have even given you the answers, **but** there are 101 answers. The Quiz Sheets are £1 and are available from John Filby or Yvonne Tiffany on 01263 768076.

Also a date for your diary - **12th March - QUIZ NIGHT**- 7.30 P.M. - Aldborough Church Room - £5 per person to include buffet - **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINK AND GLASSES**. This is a popular event, so to register your team, please phone 01263 768076.

On the **9th May** we shall be holding an **Old Time Music Hall** at the Auden Theatre, Holt. We are looking for acts for this show - if anyone would like to be considered for this show, singers, dancers, speciality acts etc., then please contact Yvonne. **Auditions are being held on 22nd February.**

The annual **Hog Roast** will be held on **Sunday 19th July** at Manor Farm, Aldborough, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs W Hammond. To reserve your tickets please call 01263 768076. This is limited to 120 people and is very very popular, so please book early

**ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL** - Next meeting on **Wednesday 11th February** at 7.30

**Items from the report of the December meeting** - Editor's choice. This was a shorter meeting than usual, and some of the items discussed have been overtaken by events, so are not referred to here.

**Matters Arising** - The application to **register the title to the Village Green** has been lodged. **Use of Dovehouse Lane by heavy goods vehicles** - the views of the NCC Highways Engineer were noted.

The report to the Holt Area Partnership in respect of their grant towards the costs of the **Village Sign** has not yet been submitted, because the contractor who repaired the base has not submitted his account.

**Petition for an Additional Street Light** - Further consideration was given to the petition, which bore 33 signatures, in the light of comments made by the principal petitioner whilst the meeting had been suspended. The Chairman explained the background and reminded members of the estimated costs of installation. Each of the members described his/her own view before the Council decided unanimously that no additional street light should be installed at present.

**Police Community Support Officer's Report** - In the absence of PCSO Nathan Jonas, the Clerk said that there had been no crimes reported since the last meeting.

**Reports:** Materials, especially bottles, are still being left in bags at the back of the **recycling banks**. Martin Elliott reported that one of the broken footpath signs has been replaced, the other is still outstanding. ME also stated that the posts and guy ropes for the Christmas Tree are considered to be an acceptable risk.

**Any Other Business:** Damage has been caused to the Green from vehicles parking for events at the Church Room:- letters to be sent to the School and to the Church Room seeking their assistance. In addition, some appropriate signs will be erected to try to stop the problem. The owner of a hedge by the bridge is to be approached about cutting it back.

**Items from the report of the meeting on 7th January** (Heather Tamplin in the Chair) Editor's choice

**The Parish Council's minutes are deposited at the Post Office and are also displayed on the Aldborough website.**

**Children's Play Area Funding** HT has now met Catherine Wedge-Clarke and Dawn Travers and confirmed that the Funding Applications can go ahead. She proposed that one of the applications should be made by Village Care and the Parish Council confirmed their agreement to this proposal. After some discussion about the possible engagement of someone to write up the applications, it was agreed to defer this pending the submission of further information about the costs of doing so.

The **NNDC Local Development Framework Working Party** would be undertaking a series of visits to view potential development sites on Tuesday **13th January** and had invited the Parish Council to appoint a representative to meet them - **HT** and **BM** appointed.

**Village Appraisal and Plan (2005) – Review of Action Points** There were a number of comments about progress - to be summarised for further consideration at the next meeting, before discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th April 2009.

**Police Community Support Officer's Report** PCSO Nathan Jonas said that there had been no reported crimes since the last meeting, but there had been three calls reporting incidents, which were described. His report also described the current Local Priorities.

**Reports by Parish Councillors**

**TB – Community Centre** – Next meeting on 18th February. New carpet tiles laid in the entrance hall.

**TB – Village Care** –£1,000 is ring fenced for the Play Area. The Christmas Lunch was well attended.

**BM – Planning** – Planning permission has been granted, subject to conditions, for a single-storey side extension at Amarante, Chapel Road, Aldborough. **BM** also described the action that he had taken with regard to possible planning contraventions discussed at the two previous meetings and mentioned that the change of use for the former butcher's shop to residential use also required planning permission.

**JP – Allotments** – no spare plots at present.

**Correspondence**

The **Land Registry** confirmed that the application to register The Green is being processed, but they require a Commons Registration Search - to be obtained from NCC.

Mr P G Lambert confirmed that his surface water **drainage** is not connected to the foul sewer and that he already receives a rebate. He seeks the Parish Council's support in requiring Anglian Water to fit a non-return valve at his connection to the sewer and also an assurance that no new developments will be connected to the sewer. The Parish Council agreed to ask Anglian Water to fit the non-return valve but connections from new developments are not within the control of the Parish Council.

A telephone **enquiry from the Health and Safety Executive** about the alleged danger of guy ropes for the Christmas Tree on The Green. The Clerk had informed the Executive that the matter had been considered by the Parish Council and deemed an acceptable risk. He had also invited the Executive to visit the site but he was not aware whether they had done so.

A letter **from NCC** about the **Review of the East of England Plan to 2031**. The County Council have been invited to test four growth scenarios for the County and their Districts and to advise on the most appropriate spatial strategy. There will be an opportunity for the Parish Council to comment later this year.

A letter **from NCC** in response to the request for additional kerbing around the Green, suggesting a site meeting in the Spring - the Clerk was asked to make arrangements.

An invitation from **North Norfolk Community Partnership** for representatives to attend their Annual Stakeholder Conference on 26th February - **HT** and **BM** authorised to attend.

**Finance** The financial position at 31st December 2008 was compared with the Budget for 2008/2009. The Clerk was asked to remind the Cricket Club that no payment had been received for the 2008 season.

**The MOBILE POLICE STATION** will be in Aldborough, outside the Spar shop,  
on **Wednesday 28th January – 10.00 - 12.00.**

### **ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Committee members, please note date of next meeting : **Wednesday 18th February, 7.30.**

**On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February The Ugly Dog Band** will be playing.  
**Tickets £6** – available from the Spar, Post Office or on the night.

### **ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL**

Registered Charity no. 1009281

**The Annual General Meeting** will take place in the Village Hall  
on **Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm.**

As well as receiving reports and accounts for the year, the Meeting will elect the Management Committee for 2009.

The Meeting is open to all residents of Erpingham and Calthorpe and refreshments will be served afterwards. The Committee would value any input from residents for activities that they would like to see in the Village Hall in the future.

Welcome to  
***ERPINGHAM PAST AND PRESENT***  
**Friday 27th March, 7.30pm at**  
**ERPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL**

### ***LOCAL HISTORY SLIDE SHOW***

from Tom Mollard's vast collection of slides

A fascinating journey into what Erpingham was like years ago  
and changes that have happened over the years to the area and the people.

Entry £3 (including light refreshments), under 16s free  
Tickets at the door or ring 01263 761704 or 768209 to be sure of a seat!

On **Saturday 25th April**  
 we will be holding a  
**LOCAL INTEREST EXHIBITION**  
 in **ERPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL, 2pm to 5pm**  
 If you have something of interest that could be displayed at the exhibition  
 then we would like to hear from you.  
 Perhaps photos or artifacts, articles to illustrate your group or hobby.  
 Please ring Daphne, 01263 761704

**VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB - recent results**

<b>£10</b>			<b>£5</b>	
1-12-08	146	M.John	144	G.Gladden
8-12-08	149	A.Wood	137	S.Gladden
15-12-08	88	A.Alston	81	P.Young
22-12-08	82	H.Heslin	115	Brian Alderton

**ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

Items from the minutes of the **January** meeting - Editor's choice

**Matters arising** NCC will trim back the overhanging hedge opposite the Spreadeagle. The Council was advised that a group was forming to arrange a public meeting about the Multi-Use-Games-Area proposal at which the views of the village could be gauged. On **allotments**, the Clerk read the Calthorpe Townlands Trust Secretary's helpful reply which set out the policy, and as there was a vacancy the Clerk would post a notice on the Parish Council notice board. The **new Alby bus shelter** had been erected.

**Vacancy on the Council** – anyone interested should contact the Chairman or Clerk.

**Planning** - the change of use at Highnoon House is permitted with the exception that a free standing sign is refused; however the Council objected to the application adjacent to Rosebank, Eagle Road on access grounds.

**Finance** - the Clerk's salary was reviewed to reflect the recent pay award. A £50 donation to the North Walsham Citizens Advice Bureau was agreed and payments made to the Information Commissioner for registration, to Alby with Thwaite PC as a bus shelter contribution, and to the Society of Local Council Clerks for the annual subscription.

**Grass cutting of verges in Jubilee Close** - following NNDC's withdrawal of their share of the costs; the Council agreed to monitor the situation over the summer when the NCC would still undertake five cuts.

**Grass cutting contribution from the Football Club** was still outstanding and new glass for the noticeboard at the Spreadeagle PH was still to be fitted.

**Village Hall Committee** - Pauline Wright continues to be the Parish Council representative until the Annual Meeting of the Council.

The Clerk passed a computer disk of **Council files** to the Chairman for off-site safekeeping.

Cllr **P Willcox (NNDC)** advised that he had been involved in allocating **sites for affordable housing**, one being in Aldborough which would be subject to consultation in due course; and Cllr **P Moore (NCC)** referred to the **street lighting replacement** programme, a new **'green' de-restriction sign**, restructuring of the **Fire Service**, recent **fur import restrictions**, improved **bus information at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital** and a reduction in the sale value of **recycled waste**.

From the public came concern that the consultation over the MUGA picked up all views (both for and against). The common was becoming very wet so the Clerk would contact the Inland Drainage Board with this concern, keeping Alby w/Thwaite PC advised

**ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

There will be a **Social Evening** on Wednesday **28th January** at **7.30** in the **Village Hall**.

**No meeting in February**, but the **Annual Dinner** will be on **Friday 6th March**.

Contact a committee member for more information.



A one day workshop, Saturday 14th March, 10am - 4.30pm,  
a great opportunity to learn about....

**RAG RUGGING**

in Erpingham Village Hall

Re-use those unwanted clothes and fabrics and turn them into beautiful rugs and wall hangings.  
Our experienced tutor, Yvonne Autie, is an authority on Rag Rugging and great fun to learn with.

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**INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

Items from the report of the **December** meeting (Editor's choice):

Chairman Ros Calvert welcomed those present and reported the resignation of D Ducker, paying tribute to his long service as a parish councillor

**Matters arising:** Some highways work had been carried out or was scheduled. The Clerk would seek clarification on the junction improvement on Cromer Road and request that Banningham Road is scraped/swept. Grass had been cut as requested at the Anglian Water pumping station. A questionnaire was being drafted as part of the **Reading Room consultation**. Norfolk County Council has advised that **responsibility for making safe barbed wire on a footpath** lay with the landowner.

**Planning:** the Council had supported an extension at Church Cottage - permission granted.

The **national interim salary award** for Council Clerks would apply forthwith.

County Councillor P Moore reported on the **'Unitary' timetable**, a new **speed deregulation sign** and the current **street lighting renewal** programme.

District Councillor P Willcox had attended a **Local Development working party** which was beginning to specify sites for **social housing** and described the broader house building situation in North Norfolk, where last year 10% of development was 'social'. Work on the **new water main** from Aylsham would continue until March. Members' reports covered the possibility of **allotments** being provided in Ingworth, and further information on the **new water main** works;

**Highways issues** were revisited along with the suggestion, in open meeting, that there should be a **footway to Aylsham**.

**Dates of meetings in 2009:** March 9th, May 11th, September 7th and December 14th.

**AYLSHAM  
COUNTRYSIDERS  
CLUB**

for 10 to 16 year olds

In Aldborough Community Centre, 7.00 - 8.30, unless stated otherwise



**THURSDAY 29th JANUARY**

A fun night of  
Martial Arts!

**QUASAR CHALLENGE COMPETITION:**

Sunday 15th Feb, Norwich

**SWIMMING GALA COMPETITION:**

Saturday 31st Jan 6 - 9pm

@ Victory Pool, North Walsham

**THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY**

**AYLSHAM'S GOT TALENT**

What's your talent?

Come along prepared!

**THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY**

Let's welcome Simon  
and his FERRETS!!







at **Aylsham Parish Church, Thursday 19 February, from 1.00 to 2.00.**

Entrance **£6**, children free. Refreshments available from 12.15 for £4.

<b>Suzie Walker</b>	Horn	<b>Bach, Mozart, Franz Strauss, Bozza</b>
<b>Jason Koczur</b>	Horn	
<b>David Morgan</b>	Piano	

#### **IN THE SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY . . . . .**

**St Valentine's Day, 14th February**, is probably the best known Saint's day in the calendar, which is strange when very little is known about him except his name and that he was buried at the Via Flaminia north of Rome on that date in AD 269. Many of the current legends about him were invented in the fourteenth century in England, notably by Chaucer and his circle, when this feast day first became associated with romantic love. He is not just the patron saint of happy marriages but also of beekeepers!

**It remains a popular day for proposals and wedding planning. Those thinking about getting married in church may not be aware of recent changes to relax some of the regulations.** The Church of England is responding to changing social conditions and in particular to the increasing mobility of society today. This does not affect the existing right of parishioners. A couple continue to have the right to be married in the parish church of a parish where one or both of them are resident or entered on the electoral roll.

The changes will mean that an engaged couple are welcome to be married in church in a parish, not only if one of them lives or worships there, but also if just one of these applies:

- one of them was baptised or prepared for confirmation in the parish;
- one of them has ever lived in the parish for six months or more;
- one of them has at any time regularly attended public worship in the parish for six months or more;
- one of their parents has lived in the parish for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- one of their parents has regularly attended public worship there for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- their parents or grandparents were married in the parish.

(All of these refer to Church of England services. The changes do not apply to Church of England cathedrals and will not apply in Wales.)

The **fees** for weddings are now **£254 + £22 for banns**. These fees are set annually by the Archbishops Council and apply to every Anglican church. 'Extras' may be set locally. Here the fee for an organist is currently £40.

**Consult the Rector early in your planning, especially about the date!**

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"Many retired people neglect to fill in Gift Aid declarations on the assumption that they do not pay tax when in reality they are taxed on bank interest or dividends. Because what they pay is not income tax, they falsely assume that they are ineligible to make the declaration."

From the Charities Commission website.

If you are a taxpayer and give to any charity, including churches, please take advantage of the government's scheme to pay to the charity *the tax you have already paid*. It will not cost you any more. Church Treasurers have the necessary forms and envelopes.

**THANKS** for donations recently received from readers in Erpingham

**THE NEXT ISSUE** Copy please by **Monday 9th February**. (Early, but this is a short month)

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