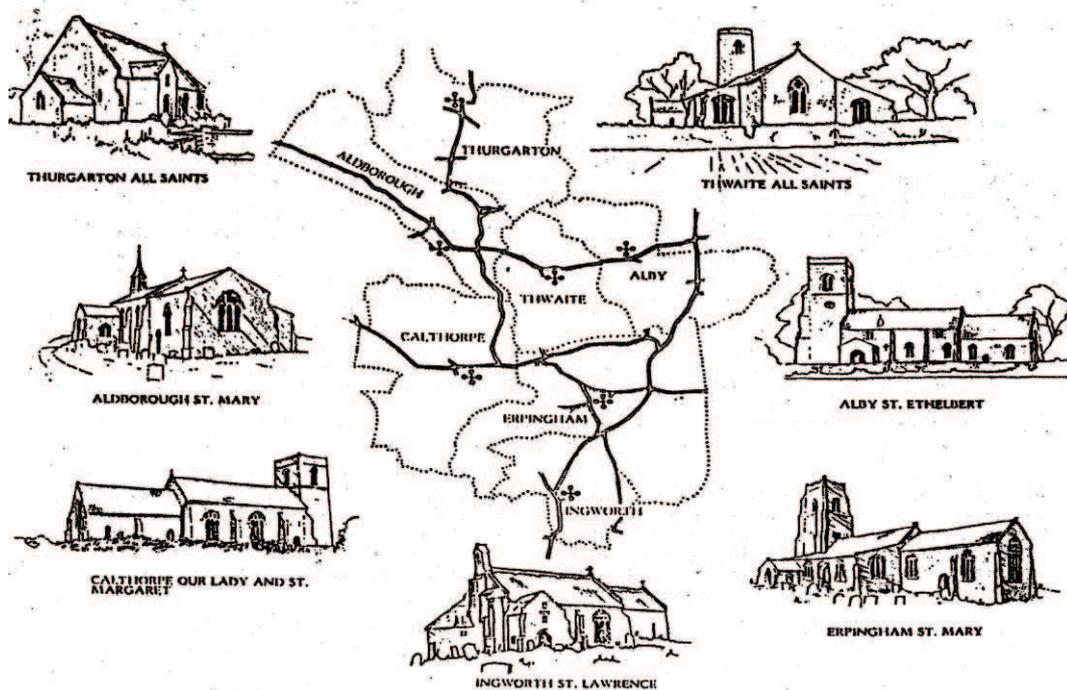


KEEPING IN TOUCH

JANUARY 2010

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



CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong

JANUARY	Epiphany 3rd	Baptism of Christ 10th	Epiphany 2 17th	Epiphany 3 24th	Candlemas 31st
ALBY	↓ ↓	3.00 E (note time)	↓ ↓	--	↓ ↓
ALDBOROUGH	↓ ↓	11.00	↓ ↓	11.00 Family Service	10.00 Non HC, followed by short HC
CALTHORPE	↓ ↓	9.30 (note place)	↓ ↓	--	↑ ↑
ERPINGHAM	↓ ↓	--	Group Eucharist 10.00 (Bp of Norwich)	8.00	↑ ↑
INGWORTH	Group Eucharist 10.00	11.15 M	↑ ↑	9.30	↑ ↑
THWAITE	↑ ↑	9.30 M	↑ ↑	6.30 E	↑ ↑

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth
Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (7th HC, 14th Benediction)
at Erpingham (21st HC, 28th Benediction)
Friday 22nd 9.15 at Aldborough

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

January is the month for sales, when shoppers search for bargains. Surrounded by items slashed to a fraction of their cost, we're tempted to buy. If you are prepared to brave the crowds, I hope you find what you're looking for. It seems to me that spiritually we seldom enjoy the bargains of faith by merely window-shopping. For in Christ, it's not so much what we give, but what we are willing to receive that makes the difference.

May this New Year bring us blessing.

Fr Brian

On **Sunday 17th January** the **Bishop of Norwich** will be at **Erpingham Church** at **10am** for a very special reason. During the Group Service he will dedicate a window given in memory of the late Nicolas Corbin, depicting an incident in the life of St Nicholas. All are warmly invited to be there. The window will be a permanent memorial to a man who, as well as being a faithful churchgoer and churchwarden, contributed so much to the care of the fabric of many Norfolk churches.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

At St Mary's, Erpingham 13th December Hannah Thornton
Phoebe Green

GROUP SERVICES
Sunday 6th January, 10.00, at Ingworth Church
Sunday 17th January, 10.00, at Erpingham Church
(See above)
Sunday 31st January (Candlemas), 10.00, at Aldborough Church
This will be a non-Eucharistic 'all age' act of worship,
followed at 10.45 approx. by a short Communion Service for those who stay behind.
A new idea for the New Year.

Week beginning Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES

JANUARY

- 3 Aldborough: Doctor's Corner and Hall Road
- 10 Calthorpe: The Street and Wickmere Road
- 17 Alby: Church Road, Lane End and Middle Hill
- 24 Aldborough: Prince Andrew's Close and Thurgarton Road
- 31 Erpingham: Eagle Lane, Eagle Road, John Franklin Close and Highnoon Road

CPAK (10 - 14s Group)



A MEXICAN WRAP PARTY at the RECTORY
on Thursday 7th January at 6.15pm.

All who went to Horstead last year or who would like to go in 2010 are welcome – please let Eleanor know if you plan to come, 768073.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - Tuesday 26 January - 2.30 -4 pm

in Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough

THEME: 'FAMILIES'

This has been inspired by one of our members, June Hannant. We shall share memories - the sad and the joyful -and give thanks for all of these.

Bring photos, if you want - the more to share, the merrier.

ALL WELCOME - guaranteed a good 'cuppa' as well.



CLUB for 5 - 11 year olds

CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday 7th January 6 pm - 7.15 pm at Prince Andrew's Chapel

All are welcome to join in

FAMILY WORSHIP at PRINCE ANDREW'S CHAPEL

on Sunday mornings at 10.45

The Bible topic for the first two Sundays in January is : **NEW BEGINNINGS**

3rd January

The Revd Roger Billings

10th January

Mr Michael Graves

The Bible topic for the next three Sundays is: The **RELEVANCE of the OLD TESTAMENT**

17th January

Mr Martin Elliott

24th January

Mr Gavin Struthers

31st January

Mr John Graveling

Tea and coffee is served after these services.

ALBY CHURCH COFFEE MORNING in December raised **£205.82** for Church funds.

'Thank you to all who helped and supported us at this event. Special thanks to Aldborough Church Room for letting us use their facilities. Monica & Ann.'

ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM New tables in October and now new chairs! Thank you for all the fundraising that has taken place over recent years.

Bookings for use of this much appreciated hall should be made with Mrs Mavis Waite, 01263 768597.

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

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

Speaker: Graham Mac Donald, of North Walsham Garden Centre

Topic: The care of fruit trees and bushes.



ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It is always sad when a long-running organisation closes. The A. & T.W.I. have been holding their meetings in the Church Room for 91 years, an achievement in itself.

I joined in January 1957 along with 70 others. Although the village has doubled in size over the past 50 years, interests and the way of life have changed. In those days few people had a car so interests were more focused on the village.

With the retirement of the present committee we were unable to find a new one and W.Is cannot function without a committee. So, with regret, we have closed.

Over the years we have enjoyed demonstrations of cookery, flowers, various interesting speakers, outings, garden meetings, ladies' football, fund-raising events and the V.I.P. speakers at the A.G.Ms in Norwich. Most of all we have enjoyed the company of some lovely people. Many are no longer here and old age creeps up on all of us.

Last month we left the Church Room after an enjoyable Christmas party with happy memories of our time there.

K.H.

ALDBOROUGH SURGERY

1. Patients who normally have a seasonal flu vaccination need to make their appointments as soon as possible.
2. Swine flu invitation letters are being sent out currently, asking people to attend in the government specified priority groups.
3. If you are eligible for a swine flu vaccination you should also have a seasonal flu vaccination.
4. Appointments for swine flu and seasonal flu vaccinations are available on set Thursday evenings for those who find it difficult to attend the surgery during normal opening hours.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year from the Surgery.

INTRODUCING ... DR MARK FLEMING - New GP Partner for Aldborough Surgery

After a period of working with Dr Skipper, Dr Wood took over the single-handed practice in 1992, moving into new purpose-built premises in 1994. He is now the last single-handed GP in North Norfolk, but this will change in February 2010 when Dr Mark Fleming will join as a new partner.

Mark, who lives locally, trained at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London. He had originally decided on a career as a surgeon, and is still a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. However, three years ago, whilst undertaking research, he decided on a change of career, moving to Norfolk and re-training as a GP. He has worked at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, Birchwood Surgery in North Walsham and Cromer Medical Practice. His wife, Mondanna, also works as a GP in North Norfolk.

Mark and Mondanna, with their two young children, have themselves been registered as patients in Aldborough and already have first-hand knowledge of the care it offers. He also knows of its reputation for combining the traditional values of a small practice with a willingness to embrace new ideas. It is envisaged that his appointment will itself allow the practice to move in new directions, possibly as a teaching and training practice, and certainly able to offer new services to patients.

In addition to his surgical expertise, Mark has an interest in dermatology and will be undertaking one session a week in the Dermatology Clinic at Cromer Hospital. His other interests are gardening, DIY and mountain biking.

He is looking forward to working here, and Dr Wood and his colleagues are delighted to welcome him as a member of the team.

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the minutes of the December meeting. (Editor's choice.)

Matters arising

Village Correspondent A parishioner has shown interest in the post and will be given further information about the duties.

The Clerk has notified North Norfolk District Council of the proposed works to be carried out to **trees on The Green** as they are in a Conservation Area.

Replacement **warning notices** have been fixed to the **goal posts**.

New Play Areas Tender documents are out with invited firms. Planning permission will be required.

Police Community Support Officer's Report

One crime had been reported since the last meeting - a motor vehicle was stolen and found burnt out nearby. There have been six other calls to the police.

Risk Assessment

The Parish Council considered a written report from the Clerk, previously circulated. The report has annexed to it a series of sheets showing certain of the Parish Council's functions or areas of responsibility and seeking to score the risks for these. Councillors considered the scoring suggested by the Clerk and they amended a small number. No other functions or areas of responsibility were proposed for inclusion. Subject to those amendments, the Risk Assessment for 2009/2010 was approved. Once the amendments have been made, the Risk Assessment will be made available on the Village website (www.aldborough.org.uk). This process will need to be undertaken annually.

Reports by Parish Councillors on their Responsibilities

TB – Community Centre – Work upstairs is continuing. Plans are being considered for the provision of a disabled toilet within the overall area of the existing toilets.

BM – Planning – The District Council have notified the Clerk of **another public consultation** of the amended proposals for ALD01 and ALD07, which were reported at the previous meeting. The actual dates of that consultation have not yet been made known.

ME – Health and Safety – Reported on a visit from an Environmental Health Officer made following a complaint from a parishioner about the potential dangers to footballers of the Christmas Tree and the stakes for the guy ropes. **ME** produced a **Risk Assessment** which shows that some action will be required if the Football Club confirm to the Clerk that some matches are proposed whilst the **Christmas Tree** is up. Councillors agreed that the two stakes closest to the football pitch should be removed or relocated to reduce to an acceptable level the risk of injury to footballers.

BM and **HT** had attended an open meeting of the **Holt Area Partnership** whose newly appointed Administrator had indicated the availability of grant funding for specific projects that met the set criteria. Councillors discussed suggestions for possible projects but decided that all would need substantial public support in order to proceed. **HT** agreed to consider how such support might be engendered and to report back.

Dates of meetings in 2010:

Wednesday, **6th January**;

Wednesday, **10th February**;

Monday, **1st March**;

Monday, **29th March**;

Monday, **19th April** (Annual Parish Meeting);

Wednesday, **12th May** (Parish Council AGM);

Monday, **7th June**;

Monday, **5th July**;

Wednesday, **4th August**;

Monday, **6th September**;

Monday, **4 October**;

Wednesday, **3rd November** ;

Wednesday, **1st December**;

and Wednesday, **5th January 2011**.

THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of The Friends of Aldborough Primary School will be on **SUNDAY, 7th February, 10.00 - 1.00**, in **Aldbrough Community Centre**.

There will be no market in January.



Aldborough Players proudly present

The Mummy

A Panto in Ancient Egypt

Wednesday 3rd to Saturday 6th February 2010

Prices: £4.00 Wednesday and Thursday; £5.00 Friday; £6.00 Saturday
Children under 16 years £2.00 all performances.

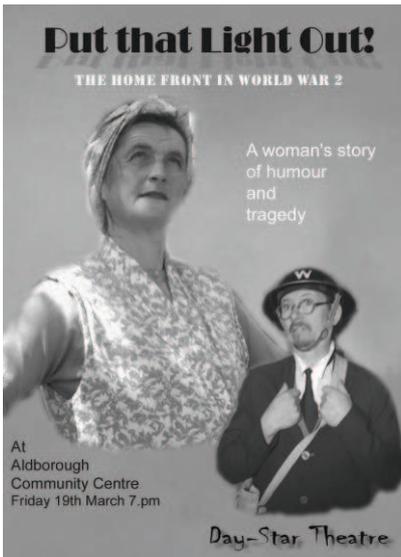
Tickets on sale at Spar and Post Office from Saturday 2nd January

Come and join us and leave the cold of a February evening behind. Be transported back in time to Ancient Egypt and visit the court of Ramshackle the First. Watch as the evil Nemesis tries to marry the beautiful princess and take over the kingdom with the help of – The Mummy. There are songs to be sung, villains to boo and lots of laughs as well!

STOP PRESS! for a note of appreciation for the two dramatic events that took place in the Community Centre on the last Tuesday of term.

In the morning the children of Key Stage 1 at Aldborough School presented a delightful Nativity play, the narrative presented by very competent readers on the platform, while splendidly costumed groups of children represented angels (including lively groups of dancing angels), shepherds, wise men, and the central group of Mary, Joseph and the donkey – with special mention of the donkey’s back legs. It was appreciated by grandparents, parents and younger siblings alike - innovative, imaginative and very joyful.

In the afternoon all the rest of the school were involved in the school pantomime, The Pied Pipers (3 of them) of Hamelin. Scope for Rats, more Rats, and Bats – some readers may not know how powerful bats can be in delaying progress with building school extensions and these delays provided the theme of the plot. Many people used considerable skills in costume making, scene painting, choreography, music, lighting and, of course, script-writing. The cast are to be congratulated – some had very demanding parts and were going to give two more performances. They were enjoying themselves, and so did we. If you missed it, a DVD will be available next term. R .B.



A performance at the Community Centre, open to everyone, to raise funds for extra activities for children at Aldborough Primary School.

Make a note of the date **NOW!**
Friday 19th March

More details later.

DRIVERS – PLEASE NOTE!

If you are driving in School Road, Chapel Road and Alby Hill, **PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE.** While the Aldborough School building work continues and the Community Centre is being used for some lessons, there may be groups of children walking to and fro during the school day. Recently children were badly frightened by a driver who did not slow down.

ERPINGHAM WITH CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

The **Committee** next meets on **Wednesday 6th January** at **7.30pm**.

200 CLUB - recent results

	<u>£150</u>		<u>£100</u>		<u>£50</u>
35	Mrs A. Witham	40	B. Pegg	117	Jon Payne
	<u>£10</u>		<u>£5</u>		
2-11-09	173	Miss A. Alden	168	C. Wilson	
9-11-09	179	A. King	6	Mr Albert Sharpe	
16-11-09	33	M. Argent	177	J. Compston	
23-11-09	12	P. Grafton	190	J. Hartley	



ERPINGHAM VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday 9th December nearly 100 people gathered in Erpingham village hall to see a performance by the whole of the school of Alice in Wonderland. "This was the best musical yet that I have seen put on by the children of Erpingham VC Primary School," said one of the governors.

There were amazing costumes worn by the children made by the parents. School teaching assistants had transformed the stage into a wonderland with fantastic scenery. There was also a lucky programme, designed by the children, and a Greens! sale [the school business run by the children] selling Christmas tree decorations that they had made in class, helped by Loretta Chaplin. We raised just over £180 during this performance! By Molly Ede, year 4.



LITTER PICKING. ERPINGHAM & CALTHORPE AND THWAITE.

It would be good if nobody ever threw any litter down but, when they do, someone has to pick it up. One Thwaite stalwart has been regularly picking up litter from around Thwaite Common and others have done The Street in Erpingham more recently, but it would be a lot more fun, and less effort, if more people joined in. Some people may already do outside their own houses, but what about extending that? There is a suggestion that we could have a joint effort on a specific Wednesday of each month, with people having a designated patch and starting when they like, but all ending up at the Village Hall during the regular coffee morning for a well-deserved cuppa (and maybe a cake!). I am willing to coordinate just to ensure which areas are covered and that nobody is duplicating. Could volunteers please call me on 761350? Many thanks. Stephen Green

ERPINGHAM WITH CALTHORPE PLAY AREA

We have a very good play area in Erpingham, next to the Bowls Green and near the Village Hall. It's popular and well used by children and young people and adults, some from miles around! The area is inspected every week to ensure everything is working properly and is safe. Two couples have been doing that inspection for the past four years, and would welcome other people to share that duty with them. It only takes about ten minutes, and if we get a few volunteers we could organise a rota so that nobody has to do every week. Could you join us? Please phone Clare and Stephen on 761350 or Helen and Stephen on 768209. Thank you.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting on Wednesday **28th January** will be a **Social Evening** in Erpingham & Calthorpe Village Hall at 7.30.



REMEMBRANCE DAY COLLECTION

On behalf of the British Legion, we would like to thank everyone in Erpingham and Calthorpe for their donations. We collected **£219.83**. Many thanks. Dennis and Phia Perriss

THWAITE COMMON - TOAD PATROL

A planning meeting for the toad migration will be held on **FRIDAY 22nd JANUARY** at 'Paigles', The Street, Erpingham, at **8pm**. All previous and any new members are very welcome to come to arrange the rota, the timing of the patrols, and a new system of data recording based on our experience of the 2009 season. Please let me know if you can come. (If the drive is full please park at the Village Hall.) Stephen Burrell, 01263 768209.

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**G.I.F.T. (Good Intentions Fundraising Team)** Cash prizes for the right answers! Quiz sheets (£1 each) now available from Committee members. (Try 01263 78076/761782)

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Meg Foster has some new craft workshops planned, rebranded as *The Father's Garden* but retaining charitable status as a Community Interest Company.

Dyeing to Stitch

Saturday 30th January 10.00 - 4.00

Exploring different dyeing techniques, stitching & layering with fabrics & paper at The Jubilee Family Centre, Aylsham.

Price £25 includes basic materials and a light lunch.

For further information & booking please contact Meg Foster, 01263 768015 or email meg@megfoster.co.uk

Meg needs Witney style woollen blankets, sheets, yarns, men's shirts and woollen jumpers. The condition of these doesn't matter as they will be cut up & dyed for recycling projects.

Quiz Night & Pudding Evening

in aid of

Breast Cancer Research UK

At Erpingham Village Hall on the **23rd January**.

Doors open 7.00pm, quiz starts 7.30pm.

Maximum of 6 in a team.

All profits raised will go towards Breast Cancer Research.

£5 per person (any extra donations most welcome!)

For tickets please contact Jake (age: 11) on 01263 768088 or 07747193539.

Advance ticket bookings only.



SAVE A LIFE! GIVE BLOOD!

BLOODMOBILE on Aldborough Green Thursday, 7 January, 1.00-3.10 & 4.30-6.55 Appointment only. Call 0845 7 711 711 to make an appointment.

A NEW SERVICE at MARTIN SERVICE STATION

(ex Alby Filling Station) An ATM cash machine (FREE OF CHARGE CASH WITHDRAWAL) will soon be installed



presents a lunchtime concert at **Aylsham Parish Church**,
Thursday 21st January, 1.00 to 2.00. Entrance £6, children free.
 Refreshments available for £4 from 12.15

Mai Piano Trio

Mai Kawabata	Violin	Beethoven, Fauré
Anton Lukoszevics	Cello	
Christopher Green-Armytage	Piano	

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THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE Tutor: GLENN BARRETT

Lives and contributions of great scientists Institutions such as the Royal Library of Alexandria, the Royal Society and the Royal Greenwich Observatory. Natural selection, special relativity, general relativity and quantum physics. Scientific and mathematical skills will not be needed.

Friends' Meeting House, Pegg's Yard, Aylsham, **WEDNESDAYS at 2.00 - 3.30 p.m.** from **13th January.**

Fee for 10 week course £43.50. All courses are free to those on certain benefits and to asylum seekers and refugees. You are welcome to try the first session. Contact: Ann Dyball 01263 732637.

THANKS for donations recently received from G.I.F.T. and from readers in Aylsham, Southrepps, and a former resident of Erpingham.

THE NEXT ISSUE Copy please by Monday **18 January** for the February edition. Please send copy early.
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