



**FROM THE RECTOR**

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my ministry as Rector of this benefice has been a long association with the two schools in our community. It's a pleasure and a privilege to lead assemblies at Erpingham and Aldborough at least once every three weeks, for fifteen minutes standing in front of a room full of faces, engaged in a shared experience.

It seems to me, as a minister of the gospel, that such assemblies should seldom be about telling, still less imposing, but rather an encouraging of young minds to engage in a common theme, where ideas can be shared creatively and thoughts celebrated as we develop the capacity to watch and listen.

For Christians such growth in the things of the spirit does not end when school days are over, but becomes ever more important as we engage in a complex world where simple answers are seldom what they seem.

Jesus taught using parables. Are we open to the idea that the object of his care might in fact be you and me?

Fr Brian

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

Wedding	at St Lawrence Ingworth	2nd April	Lynda Fearn & Nigel Thornton
Funerals	at St Mary's Aldborough	24th March	Mary Denham
	at St Faith's Crematorium and St Mary's Aldborough	30th March	Anne Hammond

**GROUP SERVICE**

**Sunday 1st May, 10.00, at Alby Church**

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

**On Sunday 5th June, 10.00, the Group Service will be at Thurgarton  
(Please note change of venue.)**

Week beginning Sunday

**PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES**

**MAY**

1	Aldborough: Margaret Lilly Way, Tinkers Close
8	Erpingham: Scarrowbeck Road, School Road
15	All isolated farms and cottages in the benefice
22	Erpingham: Blacksmith's Lane & Loke, Butts Common
29	Alby: Alby Hill, Goose Lane, Low Common

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Tuesday 24 MAY - 2.30 -4 pm**

**REUNION WITH ROSEMARY WEBSTER**

**A SOCIAL AFTERNOON FOR MEMBERS AND FORMER VILLAGE FRIENDS**

We look forward to meeting up with our old friend and leader, Rosemary, and will be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to catch up with Rosemary and to find out how she is faring in Harleston, and delight in her humour and no doubt hear a few wise words.

**SPECIAL VENUE: JOHN BROWN'S HOUSE, THE GREEN, ALDBOROUGH.**

Glenys and John Padgham have kindly offered their garden as a relaxing venue for this special afternoon. **LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

## Christian Aid Week 15–21 May 2011



**'I hope one day we will have a school on this land, clean water and latrines'**

For the people of Jinotega, Nicaragua, coffee isn't just a caffeine kick – it's a means of transforming the lives of entire communities. By getting involved in Christian Aid Week, you can help to make this transformation possible.

- £14 could buy enough coffee seeds to plant a 0.7 hectare plot of coffee and start one farmer on the path out of poverty.
- £2,170 could pay for a processing plant, allowing farmers to process the coffee they have grown and then sell it for a better price.



**Help people in poverty out of poverty**

### Pilgrimage to Walsingham

**Saturday 4th June**

**An open invitation to take part in a day pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham**  
Worship in the shrine church, relax in the beautiful grounds, and enjoy a meal in the shrine refectory. To book a place and for more details, contact Fr Brian, 01263 768073.

### THE BIBLE TRAIL

**Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible**

in the churches of the Scarrowbeck Benefice

**3rd July to 7th August**

**INGWORTH CHURCH** – Introduction to the trail, *including a Children's Trail*

**ERPINGHAM CHURCH** – From scroll to book – early Bible manuscripts

**CALTHORPE CHURCH** – Printing changes things – the Bible from Wycliffe to Tyndale

**ALDBOROUGH CHURCH** – The making of the King James Bible

**THWAITE CHURCH** – Taking the Bible around the world

**ALBY CHURCH** – Bibles since the King James version

*During Open Churches Week, 31st July - 7th August, there will be flower festivals and other events at some of the churches.*

We recommend following the trail in the order above, but all the churches' displays stand on their own and any one of them would be worth a visit if you haven't time to visit them all!

For further information please ring 01263 768073 or 768209

## **CHURCH OFFICERS appointed at the 2010 Annual meetings**

(All addresses have Norwich before the postcode. All phone numbers begin 01263)

### **Alby**

Churchwarden & Secretary	Mrs M. Green, Chez nous, Thurgarton Road, Aldborough NR11 7NY	761480
Treasurer	Mrs P. Postle, West End Farm, Ingworth, NR11 6PH	734156

### **Aldborough**

Churchwardens	Mrs J. King, Alice Lambert's Cottage, Chapel Road, Aldborough, NR11 7NP	768077
	Mrs A. Bettany, Greenacre, The Green, NR11 7NR	768681
Treasurer	Mrs Sue Mumford, Greystones, Thurgarton Road, Aldborough, NR11 7NY	768699
Secretary	Mr R. Hayton, Meadow View, Highs Loke, The Green, Aldborough NR11 7AA	768059

### **Calthorpe**

Churchwarden & Treasurer	Mr J. Self, 4 Layers Close, Aylsham, NR11 6BL	
Churchwarden	Mrs G. Self (as above)	
Secretary	Mrs Linda Howard, Pear Tree Cottage, 5 High Street, Southrepps, NR11 8AH	833323

### **Erpingham**

Churchwarden	Mrs H. Burrell, Paigles, The Street, Erpingham, NR11 7QB	768209
Churchwarden	Mr C. Willis, 1 Hall Cottages, Hall Road, Aldborough, NR11 7HU	577288
Treasurer	Mrs M. D'Eath, 1 Hall Cottages (as above)	
Secretary	Mrs Linda Howard, Pear Tree Cottage, 5 High Street, Southrepps, NR11 8AH	833323

### **Ingworth**

Churchwarden	Mr I. Andrews, 2 Victoria Terrace, The Meadows, Aylsham NR11 6HP	732780
Treasurer	Mrs P. Watt, Ingworth Lodge, The Street, Ingworth, NR11 6PD	732690
Secretary	Mrs E. Hamilton, Holman House, Market Place, Aylsham NR11 6EH	732690

### **Thwaite**

Churchwarden & Secretary	Mrs L. Hennessey, Rose Cottage, Low Common, Alby, NR11 7HQ	768023
Churchwarden & Treasurer	The Hon. J. Buchan, White House, Alby, NR11 7PN	768916



### **Prince Andrew's Chapel Aldborough**

*Living the message of Jesus in North Norfolk*



### **You are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 10.45.**

(for about an hour)

We meet as members of God's family,  
to learn how to apply what the Bible teaches to our lives, and to encourage one another.

Tea, Coffee and Conversation are available after the services.

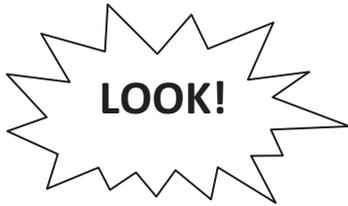
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### **BUZZ CLUB for 5 – 11 year olds** crafts and activities

Every Thursday in term-time, 6.00 – 7.15pm, at Prince Andrew's Chapel

**Buzz Club's 'IT'S A KNOCKOUT!' for children aged 5-11 yrs will be  
on Aldborough Green again on **Saturday, 16th July, 2.00 – 4.00****

A FREE EVENT with drinks & HOT DOGS to end the afternoon!



## **The Big Royal Wedding Breakfast** In aid of the 'Cots for Tots' Appeal for the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital

**Friday 29th April 2011 at Aldborough Community Centre**

Join us for a fun morning and to raise funds for cots that help premature and critically ill babies. We'll be **servicing breakfast (full English or Continental) from 8-11am**, or just pop in for a coffee and cake.

**Face painting and kids tattoos, cake stall, tombola and raffle with fantastic prizes!** Tickets on the door (Adults £5, Kids £3) or in advance from Aldborough Post Office and the SPAR (Adults £4, Kids £2.50).

If you would like to donate produce or prizes, please contact Antonia on 761883. Or to make a donation to the appeal, please visit [www.justgiving.com/harveyandjack](http://www.justgiving.com/harveyandjack)

### **ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB**

All are welcome to the next meeting, on **Thursday 19th May**, at **7.30** in the Church Room.

Anne Harrop : Aldborough School ponds for wildlife

### **ALDBOROUGH PLAYERS**

Come and join us for a summer evening's entertainment featuring some very talented local people dressed in some very glamorous 1920s style costumes.

#### **5th Summer Production**

#### **Noel Coward's 'Hayfever'**

Rehearsals are well under way, sets are being constructed, costumes being stitched and props being sourced.

#### **10th and 11th June**

at Aldborough Community Centre

***Watch out for posters!***

#### **Annual Barbecue on 19th June**

at the Church Room, The Green.

Open to new prospective members, so if you fancy becoming part of this group, please come along, or contact Jane Maguire (761578), Nick Wade (768707) or Alison Haynes (768033)

#### **Storage space**

We are looking for somewhere to house stage props: if you have a garage, shed, or outbuilding you could hire out, please let Jane, Nick or Alison know.

### **ALDBOROUGH CREATIVE**

An open studio of the work of local artists and crafts people in the Church Room, Aldborough

**on Monday 30th May 2011**  
**10am – 5pm**

See artists at work  
Cream teas available

## ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting on Wednesday 11th May will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 in the Community Centre. (This will be a new Council.)

### Items from the minutes of the April meeting (Editor's choice)

**Matters arising** The cost of emptying each litter bin provided by the Parish Council is £5.60 per emptying. JP and BM would investigate whether it is possible to relocate the existing bin by the telephone box so that it is near to the play areas.

**Possible re-establishment of the pond.** A meeting on the lower part of The Green had taken place that morning and the Norfolk County Council Officer who attended was going to report back about the line of some drainage pipes and the possibility of grants being available.

**Junior goalpost.** After discussions with some of the users, BM proposed not to replace the broken support.

*With the meeting suspended to allow members of the public to speak, Mr Dennis Bacon was informed that North Norfolk District Council had confirmed that planning permission was not required for the installation of the new play equipment and that the play area and its activities are covered by the Parish Council's overall indemnity policy. Mr Bacon asked if the Parish Council would erect a "No Parking" sign at the end of the lobe by The Black Boys to ensure that pedestrian access to the lobe was maintained. JP agreed to look at the situation. Mr Stephen Cushing enquired whether there were any age or time restrictions on the use of the new play equipment and was informed that there were none. He complained about persons using it very late at night and was told that, if such use created a nuisance, he should contact the police. He indicated that the removal of the litter bin was causing him problems as litter is being deposited in his garden. (See 'Matters arising' above.) Mr Bacon suggested that the Parish Council should seek to acquire some land, with the help of a loan, to re-locate the new play areas away from The Green.*

**Police Community Support Officer's Report.** PCSO Nathan Jonas reported that, since the last meeting, no crimes had been reported but that there had been five calls to the police.

**Replacement of Play Areas.** HT reported completion of the installation of the new play equipment, which is now being well used. The proposed hedging is still being investigated and no progress has been made on arranging a formal opening ceremony. The Parish Council recorded their formal thanks and appreciation to SP and HT for their work in taking the project forward so successfully, and also to Dorothy Wedge, Dee Jupp and Lara Williamson, who had all played a big part in the project. The Parish Council, also recorded their thanks to Jason Burton, Michael Biss and Mick Romanes for their immediate response to a call for assistance in removing the spindle for the roundabout and the surrounding concrete. JP reported that he had received the Grant agreement with Norfolk County Council in duplicate for signature, and the covering letter sought a Certificate of completion. The Clerk had obtained a letter from Playdale Playgrounds Limited confirming compliance with BS EN1176, which it was hoped would satisfy the County Council.

**HT – Recycling Banks** – Following the introduction of individual recycling bins, the paper bin does not fill as quickly. The new waste contractor has delivered new glass bins, which occupy more space.

**BM – Planning** – No objections were raised to a planning application for the erection of a front extension and detached car port/store at The Quails, School Road, Thurgarton.

**BM – Allotments** – At the Annual General Meeting, the existing Officers were re-elected. Although the annual site rent will not change, the insurance premium has increased from £100 to £374.50. Volunteers have cleared overhanging shrubs and trees so that the adjacent ditch can be dredged.

### Any other business

BM reported that another piece of glass had disappeared from the telephone box, which is rarely cleaned by BT. The Clerk will report this.

BM referred to the water leak around Doctor's Corner, which he reported some time ago. The Clerk will take the matter up with Anglia Water.

BM drew attention to the first two trees between the telephone box and the Spar Shop that he considers need to be looked at by a tree surgeon. The Clerk will seek a report on their condition.

TB reported the pot holes in Harmers Lane (about half way along) and at the junction of Harmers Lane/School Lane. The Clerk will report them to Norfolk County Council.

JP had been approached by Tim Knight about siting and fixing the Ron Dobbie Memorial Bench on The Green, opposite John Brown's House. The Cricket Club wish to fix the bench to a concrete base. The Parish Council wish to see a written application, to include the dimensions of the bench and the proposed base.

**ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

AGM on 12th May at 7.30 – open to everyone.

**DANCE PARTY - Friday 27th May**



**ALDBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB**

**A general knowledge Quiz for all ages**

at Aldborough Community Centre on the **6th May at 7.30 p.m.**

**Entry £5 per head (includes a ploughman’s supper)**

Quizmaster: Steve Barnes

(Guaranteed max. of 2 cricket questions)



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of The Friends of Aldborough Primary School will be on **SUNDAY, 1 May, 10.00 - 1.00**, in Aldborough Community Centre.

**There will be markets on the first Sunday of each month.**

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**CHILDREN’S SOCIETY COLLECTING BOXES** raised **£225** this year. Glenys wishes to thank all those who have a box and commends this way of raising money for an excellent cause. Contact her if you would like to have a box – 01263 761309.

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**ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP**

On **Saturday 21st May** an early start!

A visit to the Wildflower Centre at Bayfield **to hear the dawn chorus.**

Car sharing at **6.30am** please!

**ALBY CHURCH COFFEE MORNING**

The April event raised **£264.40**

We would like to thank all those who helped and supported us. Special thanks to Aldborough Church Room for letting us use their facilities. Monica and Ann.

**ERPINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on **Wednesday 11th May, 7.30**, in the Village Hall.

**ERPINGHAM BOWLS CLUB** The new outdoor bowls season will start on **1st May** with our regular Sunday open roll-up, **1.45pm** at Erpingham Bowls Club, The Street, Erpingham, cost **£2.50** to include tea/coffee and cake. New members are welcome. Coaching and sets of bowls are available for beginners, but please wear flat soled shoes or trainers. For further information tel. Angela, 768655 or George, 761577.

**ERPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL**

<b>200 CLUB - recent results</b>		£10		£5
21-2-11	75	M.Miles	179	Angela King
28-2-11	125	B.Carder	166	A.King (jnr)
7-3-11	97	H.Burrell	115	Luke King
14-3-11	21	D.J.Nichols	118	M.Payne

The Erpingham with Calthorpe **Village Hall Management Committee** next meets on **Tuesday 3rd May** at 7.30pm.

As always, this is an open meeting.

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

President: Tel. 01263 768279 Secretary: Tel. 01263 761350



This year Erpingham with Calthorpe WI entered the Cator Cup for the second time. The theme for the craft competition was 'A Night at the Movies' which we interpreted through the film 'Pirates of the Caribbean'- see the photo attached. The team turned up at the Norfolk Showground on Saturday 9th April to see the display of 39 entries to discover that we had come first!!

As I write this, a few hours later, my feet have still not touched the ground. The 8 members who collaborated have had great fun since Christmas designing and working on our entry. We do it because we enjoy it and we would love it if others who enjoy arts and crafts would like to join us for our next effort. We are a very friendly group and extend a warm welcome to visitors. CW



Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 25th May, 7.30, in the Village Hall**. There will be a discussion of the Resolutions on the agenda for the AGM of the National Federation of WIs, followed by a Quiz.



## **ERPINGHAM SCHOOL**

We would like to share some of the great things we do at our school and invite you, the local community to future school productions, carol concerts, school fetes, forest school open days, monthly messy church, and weekly "Stay and Play" & toy library sessions.

It is so important for the children to take part in and contribute to the local community and for the people in our village to feel warmly and fully engaged with our local school.

We are not asking you to be part of a formal committee nor are we after your money! If you are able - and willing - to give time or share your talents, with the school on a regular or occasional basis we would love to hear from you. If you would just like to be kept informed about the school and invited to events, then we would also love you to get in touch.

Some of the events take place at school, in the church, village hall or local community and we understand that some of you went to this school yourselves in the distant past! So here is your chance to revisit this beautiful Victorian school once more.

Your friendship matters to us, and we would be delighted to hear from you. Your name or e-mail address would be added to our circulation list in order to communicate with you more readily. Please contact the school at [office@erpingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@erpingham.norfolk.sch.uk) or phone: 01263 761365 for more information.

## **SUMMER TERM AT ERPINGHAM SCHOOL**

School starts on 3rd May and the children will be treated to a **Multiskills sports day on 16th May** - everyone is invited to come and try a sport, 1.15 - 3.15pm. **On 3rd May** Blickling Hall has kindly invited some of our children to take part in a 'crumble rumble' cookery time. We look forward to the results! 😊

## Erpingham Stay and Play

An exciting free 'Stay and Play' session for children aged 6 months to 4 years at Erpingham Primary School.

Every Tuesday from 9:30 until 10:30.

Phone 01263 761365 for more information

### *Erpingham Café Church at the Village Hall*

*Sunday, May 15th at 5:00 p.m.*, lasting roughly an hour, is the next informal time together.

Come and enjoy time to chat and to listen to a brief DVD, talk or discussion time, usually with a video clip or two, and a couple of modern songs of praise and worship, followed by a shared tea together.

The emphasis will be on informality and helping people to find out more about, or deepen, their Christian faith.

## THWAITE COMMON TOAD PATROL

This year mirrored 2009 in that there were only three nights out of 46 when it was raining. It was often cold with no migration for example in the first two weeks of March. The best night for moving toads was at the beginning of the season on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> when we saved 470. The second best was on 21st March when it was dry and warm (11°C) when 149 were helped. 14 volunteers working on a rota moved a total of 1662 toads (600 fewer than 2011), 63 frogs and 16 newts. The number of toads killed, at 143, was still less than 10% - a considerable achievement. The two new ponds and Goose Lane Pond were the most used: Thwaite Hall had very little movement (this pond does dry out every year) and Alby Crafts ponds are now fenced off so there was little movement there.

Many thanks to our volunteers for their time and energy. At least we mainly kept dry this year! We are still looking for new members – give me a ring before February 2012(!) on 01263 768209. Many thanks to Alan Witham for putting up the notices. Further details of toad patrols are on [www.toadpatrol.org](http://www.toadpatrol.org) (for Norfolk) and [www.froglife.org](http://www.froglife.org) (nationally)

**AYLSHAM  
COUNTRYSIDERS  
CLUB**

USUALLY MEET: Fortnightly on Thursdays, 7 - 8.30pm,  
at Aldborough Community Centre (unless otherwise stated).  
For 10 to 16 year olds, £2 per meeting, new members first 2 meetings FREE!!

### THURSDAY 5th MAY

We're off to the

Bidwell's Quest Woop Woop!!!

Minibus leaves Aldborough Community Centre at 6.15, back approx 9.15pm.

### **GOOD INTENTIONS FUNDRAISING TEAM**

proudly present "**SHOWTIME**" on **Sunday 15th May** at 7.30 pm **Auden Theatre, Holt**

Starring: Simmons & Simmons (Stars of Seaside Special 2009/10) and

Guests including Pat Nearney, Doreen Reed, Lowestoft Signing Choir and many others

Tickets £7.50 or £5 for concessions, available now from 01263 768076 - tickets will be limited.

Tickets for the Hog Roast **on Sunday 17th July** are now being reserved and are going fast. Please note if anyone wishes to reserve tickets, they must be paid for by the end of May. If payment is not received by this date, tickets will be offered to people on the waiting list. Date for diaries: Sept. 25th Annual Variety Show - Auden Theatre, Holt

#### **LIBRARY DAYS this month**

In response to the inevitable cuts, there are changes in the mobile library service, so the library vans will be coming at longer intervals – usually every 4 weeks instead of 3.

If you have used the mobile library on Mondays (Thwaite, Calthorpe, Ingworth), you can now expect it on **Wednesdays**, beginning on **18 May**. It will be on Thwaite Common at 11.45, Calthorpe 12.10, Ingworth 14.40 at The Street Phone Box and 15.15 at the farm. The other route in our villages will still be on **Thursdays** (Alby, Aldborough, Thurgarton, Erpingham) with the next visit on **12 May** and times **just 5 minutes later** than the ones we are used to. **Despite the cuts, Aldborough will have an extra visit in the afternoon, 16.20 - 16.55, on The Green.** (This could be a very useful time for young people coming home from school and college.)

#### **SAVE A LIFE! GIVE BLOOD!**

BLOODMOBILE on Aldborough Green

**Tuesday, 24th May**, 1.00-3.10 & 4.30-6.55. Appointment only.

Call 0845 7 711 711 to make an appointment.

*Please don't leave it to someone else!*

#### **NORFOLK OPEN STUDIOS, 21ST MAY – 5 JUNE.**

Each year for the last 16 years, hundreds of artists scattered across the county have opened up their studios, homes, garden sheds and outhouses to the public to create a unique and personal visual arts event. Some of them are in 'our' villages and are eager to welcome 'the locals' as well as visitors to the county.

The scheme gives the public a chance to meet artists in an informal setting, see and buy or commission artwork and discuss the techniques and processes used to create the work. It gives artists the chance to connect with their audience and in many cases the public can watch as they work in their studio setting.

In 2010, an estimated **35,000 members of the public** roamed the county to visit over **350 participating artists** in **223 venues** and an estimated total of **£245,000** worth of art was sold. For more information go to <http://www.nnfestival.org.uk/Norfolk-Open-Studios>.

**RUNNING for CHARITY** is a fashionable way of supporting worthwhile causes. There are currently collecting boxes on the counters of Aldborough's Spar shop and Post Office to encourage Charlotte Dyball (one of Spar's friendly young part-time staff) in her run for the cancer research charity, '**Race for Life**', on **15 May**. Please look out for the boxes and help to fill them.