

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

APRIL 2012

News from the Scarrowbeck Group of Parishes

Alby, Aldborough, Calthorpe, Erpingham, Ingworth, Thwaite, Thurgarton

## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked. \*=an unusual time or place E=Evensong

| APRIL      | PALM SUNDAY<br>1st       | EASTER<br>SUNDAY<br>8th | EASTER 2<br>15th | EASTER 3<br>22nd        | EASTER 4<br>29th |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| ALBY       | ↓ ↓                      | 8.00 am*                | --               | --                      | --               |
| ALDBOROUGH | ↓ ↓                      | 11.00                   | No service*      | Family Service<br>11.00 | 11.00            |
| CALTHORPE  | ↓ ↓                      | --                      | 9.30             | --                      | No service*      |
| ERPINGHAM  | Group Eucharist<br>10.00 | 9.30                    | --               | 9.30                    | --               |
| INGWORTH   | ↑ ↑                      | No service*             | 6.30 E*          | No service              | 9.30*            |
| THWAITE    | ↑ ↑                      | No service*             | 11.15            | 6.30 E                  | --               |

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth (4th and 25th only)

Thursday 7.30pm at Calthorpe (5th only, HC)

at Erpingham (26th only, Benediction)

Friday 27th 9.30 at Alby

No Friday service at Aldborough this month

## HOLY WEEK

|                            |          |                    |   |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------------|---|
| Palm Sunday, 1st April     | 10.00 am | Erpingham          | Group Eucharist   |
| Tuesday, 3rd April         | 7.30 pm  | Calthorpe          | Stations of the Cross   |
| Wednesday, 4th April       | 9.15 am  | Ingworth           | HC  |
| Maundy Thursday, 5th April | 11.00 am | Norwich Cathedral, | Mass of Chrism & renewal<br>of ordination vows (Open to all.) |
|                            | 7.30 pm  | Calthorpe          | Liturgy of the Last Supper & Vigil                            |
| Good Friday, 6th April     | 3.00 pm  | Aldborough         | Prayer, Music & Readings                                      |
| Easter Eve, 7th April      | 12 noon  | Erpingham          | Confessions (or by arrangement)                               |
| Easter Day, 8th April      | 8.00 am  | Alby               | HC  |
|                            | 9.30 am  | Erpingham          | HC  |
|                            | 11.00 am | Aldborough         | HC  |

(Sorry, no service at Ingworth as no priest is available)

*Please ask if you need transport for any of these services.*

The Rector will gladly bring Holy Communion to any housebound communicant. Please ask.

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### **FROM THE RECTOR**

Most of us think we can plan our future, be it in terms of employment, housing, or the care and sharing of life with family and loved ones. We invest much energy and concern and opportunities that come before us as we seek to be faithful to the demands.

But plans can hit brick walls of health and change, and even the most dedicated of souls will question their way forward.

It's in that context that I invite you sincerely and genuinely to explore the mystery revealed in the week that Christians call 'Holy'. That drama of salvation which begins on Palm Sunday, continues in the intimacy of the Upper Room, seems to end at the humiliation of the Cross, yet in the joy of Easter lives in a new and powerful way.

Allow that faith to shape your own future. In this I believe we will not be disappointed.

Fr Brian

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

|              |                         |               |                                |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Holy Baptism | at St Mary's Aldborough | 26th February | Joshua Edward Naiborhu Padgham |
| Funeral      | at St Mary's Aldborough | 1st March     | Doris Marrin                   |



### **GROUP SERVICE**

**Palm Sunday, 1st April, 10.00, at Erpingham Church**

The next Group Service will be on **Sunday 6th May at 10.00 at Aldborough** when the celebrant and preacher will be the Bishop of Lynn. All very welcome.

The **Family Service at Aldborough Church at 11.00 on 22nd April** will be like no other! The Rector will be on holiday, the service will be organised by the congregation and the address will be by a speaker from Christian Aid, Anne Clarke. All those who have helped/intend to help with Christian Aid Week collections are warmly invited to come along. This year Christian Aid Week is **13 – 19 May**. There will be coffee! (**More collectors will be needed this year – contact Enrica, 01263 761216.**)

Week beginning Sunday

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES**

|              |    |   |
|--------------|----|---|
| <b>APRIL</b> | 1  | Aldborough: Pipits Meadow, Thwaite Road and Thwaite Hill Road |
|              | 8  | The whole of the Scarrowbeck Group                            |
|              | 15 | Alby: Town Green, Thwaite Road                                |
|              | 22 | Thwaite: The Common, Thwaite Hill                             |
|              | 29 | Aldborough: Margaret Lilly Way, Tinkers Close                 |

### **CPAK (Group for young people) at Horstead in February 2012**

Fourteen children and teenagers from as far away as Stratton Strawless collected in glorious weather at the Horstead Centre on Friday, February 24. We were lucky enough to have a group of British and North American students from Capernwray Bible School in Lancashire and they led us in bible study and supervised our activities. Those included rock-climbing, crate-stacking, Twister and canoeing on the river, where not everybody capsized. Martha and I ran a tuck shop for charity. We ended up on Sunday with a play on Matthew 6 ('the lilies of the field') and sang "Shine, Jesus, shine!".

Everybody had a great time.

Rose Buchan



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**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

in Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough

Tuesday 24 April - 2.30 - 4.00

Speaker: PAULINE HILL Topic: NEW DISCOVERIES

A very informal session, because members want to know what Pauline got up to recently in Australia, and some seem to think she really will have made some new discoveries!

YOU are welcome to join us - and join in the chat - over the usual cuppa!

**Prince Andrews Chapel**  
Aldborough

*Living out the message of Jesus in North Norfolk*

*We are part of God's family - ordinary people who believe that what the Bible teaches is relevant to each one of us.*

*Want to find out more? - You are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings @10:45am, for about an hour, where we learn together from the Bible about God's love for us all.*

*For more info, call Martin & Ruth (761468) or David & Jean(768416)*

[www.princeandrewschapel.org.uk](http://www.princeandrewschapel.org.uk)



**CLUB** for 5 - 11 year olds

**CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Thursdays in term time

6 pm - 7.15 pm at Prince Andrew's Chapel

**ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB**

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

Clive Mitchell is going to talk about 'A Very Peculiar Garden'.



Don't forget the **Open Gardens Day** on **Sunday 10th June** ! It's in aid of the **Wildlife Pond**.

**FESTIVAL OF MARRIAGE at ALDBOROUGH CHURCH, 10th June**

As part of the Open Gardens weekend, the Church wants to display wedding memorabilia, photographs, historical documents, and floral decorations. Some interesting items have already been promised, some from other parts of the world, but there will be room for more. Anyone who would like to offer a wedding dress, bridal veil, bridal garter (!), or any other treasure is asked to tell Ruth Bayes, 01263 768063. There will be some lockable display cases and the Church will be manned all the time that the exhibition is open.

For visitors, the Community Bus will be including the Church on its circular route all day.

**RECENT SUCCESSFUL EVENTS** The 'Beat the Blues' evening in February was a very good idea - good fun, good company, an excellent meal, and it raised over £900 for Aldborough Church funds. Thank you to all those came and all who helped to make it such a success.

**Dozens of pancakes** were cooked and consumed in the Church Room on Shrove Tuesday after the races on the Green; again, thanks to all who helped.

**ALDBOROUGH ALLOTMENTS**

We may have a half plot available soon - if you would like to have your name on the waiting list, or want to know more, please ring Sue 761310.

**ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM**

A bookings secretary is still needed, to help with the job initially and to take over in July. Please ring Mavis Waite to find out more - 01263 768597

## **ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

Next meeting on **Monday 2nd April** at **7.30** in the Community Centre.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on **Monday 23rd April**, also in the Community Centre.

(Watch out for posters.)

*Items from the minutes of the March meeting (Editor's choice):*

**Matters arising.** **RE** reported that the Probation Service will be refurbishing the benches and tables from The Green and decorating the two back rooms at the Church Room, 16th -18th April. This project will be one of the last to be undertaken free of charge.

**ME** will arrange for Pegg Electrical to carry out a check the box on The Green before the arrival of the Fair. **RE** reported that she has spoken to the Probation Service about the possibility of them surfacing the footpath to the School. She has also contacted County Councillor Diana Clarke to ascertain whether Norfolk County Council will provide the materials.

**ME** outlined the proposals of Norfolk Computers, who are based in Tinkers Close, for updating and simplifying the Parish website. Norfolk Computers are willing to do this and to maintain it free of charge apart from reimbursement of the costs incurred, estimated to be £30 - 50 per year. **ME** was authorised to finalise arrangements with Norfolk Computers.

**The Clerk** reported that the bridge by the noticeboard in Thurgarton had been damaged as well as the bridge near the School. Both have been reported to Norfolk County Council but the repairs will not be carried out until the next financial year owing to shortage of funds.

**The Clerk** reported that BT have now confirmed that 18 of the incorrect addresses in The Phone Book will be corrected in the next Issue, but **the remaining 12 subscribers will need to secure the correction through their own providers**. They are advised to do so. [The Editor is one of the 12: if anyone succeeds in getting a sensible reply from TalkTalk please let her know!]

**The Parish Council** discussed various possible sites to plant an oak tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. Further discussions will take place at the next meeting.

**TB** reported that the suggestion for a commemorative bench near to the Wildlife Pond was for a very basic structure without a back or arms.

**\*\* Local tradespeople are invited to indicate any interest in making and/or providing such a bench.\*\***

*At this point the meeting was suspended to enable members of the public to speak. **Ms Eve O'Connor**, with support from **Ms Cathy Davison**, reported on the first meeting about organising an event on The Green to celebrate the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**. On 4th June, it is hoped that there will be a band, a children's procession and the lighting of a beacon. On 5th June, various activities for adults and children, including races, tug-of-war, sugar beet shot-put, 5-a-side football, cardboard castle making, and possibly the formal opening of the Wildlife Pond. **The Parish Council** gave their permission for these various activities on The Green and asked the Clerk to check cover under the PCs Public Liability Insurance. **[See below for more information about the celebrations]***

**Wildlife Pond on The Green** Construction is now complete and it is filling well. S W Witham & Sons have submitted an invoice: this needs to be paid and the receipted invoice sent to NCC for payment of the approved grant. NCC have already inspected the construction and are very satisfied with the work carried out. Mrs Christine Carlson and Ms Anne Murat, representing the Aldborough Wildlife Group, confirmed that plants have been ordered and will be collected in about ten days. The Wildlife Group will then carry out the planting. **ME** felt that the outfall should be raised to allow the water level to reach the red markings on the ground. He is looking at this matter with Mr Robert Eke. **The Parish Council** considered the Risk Assessment document that had been circulated by **ME** prior to the Meeting and approved it. A copy will be forwarded to the PC's insurers for their awareness. Mrs Carlson and Ms Murat indicated that the Wildlife Group may wish to erect a Board, similar to the one at Plumstead, containing information about the Wildlife Pond, its planting and its future residents. This was agreed in principle, subject to details of design and location being submitted for approval. **The Clerk** read a letter that he had received from **DB** enclosing a copy of a letter from DEFRA which confirms the legal position known to all Parish Councillors before the meeting on 11 January 2012.

A quotation of £1120 from Secret Gardens and Prestige Properties for grass cutting of The Green in 2012 was compared with the price of £1096 paid in 2011. **The Parish Council** decided to accept the quotation. **The Clerk** was expecting a further quotation from the same firm for the cutting of the lower part of The Green as the Pond will necessitate changes to the line of the mown footpath.

**MORE ABOUT THE JUBILEE** The planning group met again to decide on more detailed and practical arrangements. Financial backing is still uncertain – **there is now a collecting box in the Post Office and all donations will be welcome**, large or small. There is also an appeal for large boxes (the kind that can be flatpacked and re-taped) to use for the Cardboard Castles, and any left-over emulsion paint, also for the castles. **The next planning meeting will be on Monday 26th March, 7.30, in the Community Centre – everyone is invited, especially if they come with good ideas!** Currently it's planned to begin the celebrations with **fancy dress** at 6.00 on the Monday and with a **dog show** at 11.30 on the Tuesday. Marquees, band, bunting, lighting – all booked. Contact Eve O'Connor [yoconnor007@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:yoconnor007@yahoo.co.uk) or Julie [info@floribunda-workshop.co.uk](mailto:info@floribunda-workshop.co.uk) or Peter at the Post Office.

#### **ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

We will be holding our **AGM on Wednesday 9th May, 7.30** in the bar room. As well as representatives from village clubs we also have several public members on the committee. If you would like to become involved in the running of this village amenity you will be made very welcome. Alternatively, if you would like to give occasional support (ie putting out chairs/tables or making coffee on Tuesday evenings for bingo players) please come along to the meeting or contact Tony 761597 or Sue 761310 find out more.

#### **CARETAKER NEEDED**

The Community Centre is looking for a paid caretaker. The duties would include all matters relating to the running of the centre and its maintenance. This person would be the main contact when problems occurred. If you are interested please contact Tony Baillie 01263 761597 or Steve Barnes 01263 768749.

#### **ALDBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB**

There will be a **Quiz at the Community Centre on Friday 20th April at 7.30** in aid of the Mower Fund. Steve Barnes is to be Quizmaster. Tickets **£5 per head** (pay at the door). Teams of **4, maximum please. Hot supper and Raffle. Bar open.**



in Aldborough Community Centre, Mondays at 7.30pm  
Beginners welcome. £4 for a 55 minute class. Mary 07780880477

#### **ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP**

**Wednesday 11th April, 7.30 in the Church Room.** Everyone welcome  
David MacFarlane Enjoying Nature

The pond on Aldborough Green is filling nicely (partly thanks to a leak in the water supply at the top of the Green) and there have been a few feathered visitors. Planting is to begin soon.

#### **NEWS FROM ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL**

We are delighted with the number of villagers who now come into school to hear children read. It's a super link to have and the children thoroughly enjoy the experience. Thank you.

Our latest **Reading Cafe** at school introduced our parents to Story sacks.

These are sacks (very nice ones) which contain a story book and some sewn/knitted characters which appear in the story. If anyone (or maybe a few together) would like to do a story sack based on the story called 'The Hungry Caterpillar' please contact the school. The hungry caterpillar eats his way through all sorts of fruit and food items (they can be plastic sewn, crafted etc) It could be fun creating this and the children would love it. Perhaps there is another story that takes your fancy.

**Cross Country and Football Successes:**In March, 16 children took part in the North Norfolk Cross Country event at North Walsham. Five children ran the race of their life and were selected to take part in the finals at Eastern College (yet to be run). Our football team too competed against other small schools at Sheringham and won. Sport and competition is very much alive in our school!



## **FRIENDS OF ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL**

Aldborough Farmers Market has now been taken over by the Stepping Stones Pre-school. Friends of Aldborough Primary School would like to thank all customers for the support of this market over the last few years and we hope that everyone will be able to continue supporting it under the new management.

The 'Friends' would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Valentines Big Breakfast – we thoroughly enjoyed the event and hope that you did too? The morning raised £510 for new play ground equipment at the school.



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of the Stepping Stones Pre-School will be on **SUNDAY, 1st April, 9.30 - 12.30**, in Aldborough Community Centre.

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

## **Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day at Barningham Hall**

Families from across North Norfolk are invited to an *Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day* at historic Barningham Hall on Saturday 7th April, between 11am and 3.30pm.

As well as an Easter Egg trail, children will be able to take part in activities such as crafts and face painting. A hog roast will be served at lunchtime with teas, coffees and home-made cakes available throughout the day.

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> annual *Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day* at Barningham Hall and is raising **funds for Stepping Stones Pre-School based at Aldborough Primary School.**

Photo by David Doak



Entry is £3.00 for children and £1.50 for adults and includes entry to the egg trail and craft activities.

## **ALDBOROUGH SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

Peter Wedge has agreed to Chair this group which is beginning to identify some initial activities. Anyone wanting to become involved or wanting further information could come to the next meeting, to be held **between 6.00 and 7.00 on Thursday 26 April** at the Surgery. Nita Good, secretary, would welcome enquiries on 01263 761580 or at [goodnita@hotmail.com](mailto:goodnita@hotmail.com).

**Staff changes** We are pleased to welcome **Judith Tizzard** to our Nursing Team. Judith is an experienced Practice Nurse - her area of interest is respiratory medicine.

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to two members of the clinical team - **Dr Sarah Dawson** is leaving the practice in early May in order to spend more time with her family and her cows!! **Nurse Anne Holdgate** will also be retiring in early June. We shall be organising a card and a present for Dr Dawson and Nurse Anne: if you would like to contribute in any way or to sign the card, please advise a member of the reception team.

**New Mums and Under 1s Group** The surgery is starting a new group in April to be held **12.30 - 2.00 on the first Wednesday** of every month. It will be run by the local Health Visitor with input from other healthcare professionals on request. There will be an opportunity to discuss any concerns, weigh baby, discuss baby immunisations, breast feeding etc - also to have a general chat and meet other new and young mums.

**General Practice Assessment Questionnaires.** Thanks to those who completed these forms which will be analysed and the results and actions to be undertaken made available via the notice board in the main reception area. As part of our mission to improve communication between ourselves and patients, **we have developed a leaflet 'What you may not know about us'**, also available in the Waiting Area.

**Other questionnaires circulated by 'Ipsos Mori'** with the heading **Patient GP Survey**. These are not from the surgery, but it is **very important that they are completed and returned** so that we continue to receive funding towards patient care.

**Travel Vaccinations** If you are travelling abroad, could you please return the Travel Risk Assessment Form at least six weeks before your travel date to ensure adequate time to undertake the necessary research and book the required appointments for vaccinations /drugs required. **We ask that any private prescriptions for malaria prophylaxis are requested and paid for in advance of ordering and that notification is given to the surgery at least two weeks before travel.** Forms from the dispensary or reception desk.



**REMEDIAL WORK (Snagging)**

It is nearly six months since we moved into our new extension and as part of the build process we need to undertake 'snagging' to ensure that the building is properly completed and compliant with current regulations. This process will take place during March/April and we ask that you bear with us during this time. We will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum.

*If you would like further information on any of the items shown, please ask a member of the reception team.*

**VILLAGE CARE TRANSPORT SCHEME:** announcing our NEW approach.

Firstly, big thanks to the people who have responded with generous donations following the news that the transport scheme needed funds to meet rising costs.

However, Village Care needs to be transparent about the actual amounts required to cover the cost of the scheme if it is to be sustainable. So in our new information we are suggesting contributions which reflect the distance travelled by Transport Scheme passengers. Details are available from the Surgery and from Transport Scheme drivers.

**From 1st April** a new envelope scheme will be introduced to minimise embarrassment for both passengers and drivers. Donations will continue to be voluntary.



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

***Sunday, 15th April, at 5:00***

for roughly an hour, is the next informal time together.

Come and join us for a Songs of Praise and Worship time, followed by a shared tea together.

You'll enjoy it!

**ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

President: Yvonne Moore, 01263 768358 Secretary: Clare Wilson, 01263 76135

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 25th April**, at **7.30** in the Village Hall

Helen Bocking: **Making and tasting Sushi**

Visitors welcome



**ERPINGHAM BOWLS CLUB**

**The new outdoor bowls season will start on the 29th April** with our regular Sunday open roll-up, starting at 1.45pm at Erpingham Bowls Club, The Street, Erpingham, cost £2.50 to include tea/coffee and cake.

**New members are welcome. Please arrive 1.35 pm.** Coaching plus sets of bowls are available for beginners but please wear flat soled shoes or trainers.

Erpingham is a very friendly club with one of the best greens in the local area. Bowls is a game that can be enjoyed by all age groups - come and see if this is the game for you.

For further information tel. Angela, 768655 or George, 761577

## **ERPINGHAM & CALTHORPE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Items from the report of the meeting held on 14th March 2012 (Editor's choice)

Rob Goodliffe took the Chair in the absence through illness of Norman Smith. The Chairman's Report described the year as typical for a Parish Council dealing with highways, footpaths and planning matters. A grit bin had been provided, acquisition of land for an extended car park at the Village Hall, a footpath monitoring initiative, a successful representation at the Trosh and progress towards new Village Signs in Erpingham and Calthorpe had all contributed to a busy year. The widely varying events at the Village Hall depicted a vibrant community in which large sections of the village were actively involved. The Chairman concluded by thanking all those involved with the Parish Council over the past twelve months.

In a report for the **Village Hall** Stephen Green described 2011 as a satisfactory year defined by expenditure on improvements coupled with greater use of the Hall. Income increased from £5000 to nearly £8000. Income generators included fund-raising, coffee mornings, theatre events as well as grants from the Norfolk Community Foundation and the Townland Trust, as well as recycling receipts and the 200 Club. Improvements included new heaters, chairs, a PA system, tablecloths and the extended car parking area. The play area has a top-up of surfacing bark.

CLlr D Clarke (**Norfolk County Council**) in a written report described her parish work as being focussed on Highways, through the engineer Phil Reilly, broadband and individuals' issues. She is available to help wherever possible with any other matters, particularly if 'cuts' are impacting the villages.

For the **Erpingham Parochial Church Council** Fr Brian Faulkner reported that both Erpingham and Calthorpe churches remain open throughout the year, working as one congregation and his ministry is supported by lay readers, Churchwardens and Church Councils. Some events in 2011 included twinning of the Scarrowbeck Group with St Giles Church in Norwich, very well attended Harvest Supper and Christmas Carol Service, the successful Trosh and the continuation of the monthly Messy Church involving Erpingham School. There will be a Jubilee service on 3rd June and a Church Garden party on 14th July.

In a written report from the **Erpingham V C Primary School**, the school had enjoyed a positive year working hard to address the challenge of maintaining standards whilst tackling falling roll, school viability and long term sustainability. Successes have seen the roll double to 27 with children in every year group, Stay and Play sessions, completion of the Log Cabin project within the Forest School development which has enhanced our reputation. Flexi-schooling allows a combination of home education and school placement. Increased and embedded Church and school links have seen the messy church and a successful Easter pilgrimage. The school enjoys strong support from staff, parents, governors and members of the church and parish resulting in a teaching approach which is designed to meet each child's individual needs. The school's 150th anniversary on 1st May will be celebrated with a visit by the Bishop of Lynn; members of the parish will be able to join in.

From the **Multi-Use-Games-Area Group**, A Witham reported that applications had been made to secure funding for the project, with one of £1000 having just been received this month.

For the **Bellringers**, R Goodliffe reported that following a 'clapper' repair the group is thriving and would welcome any newcomers to join them on a Tuesday at 7.30 pm at St Mary's.

**In the general discussion** the Chairman explained the Community Speedwatch scheme and awaited more volunteers to make it viable. The meeting heard about bids to receive some or all of the available Section 106 award of £3000; the carpet bowls group needing £1060 to obtain new mats; the Village Hall are looking to enlarge the storage area and to upgrade the changing facilities for the Football Club (an initial £300 'seed' money was requested); the MUGA group seeks any additional support as they will have a large target to achieve; a petanque pitch had been proposed requiring approx. £500. The issues associated were aired and the Parish Council members present were therefore well briefed on each request. **In electors' items** the Parish Council were asked to accurately reflect the current climate of limiting Council Tax increases when reviewing the precept. There was no further business and the meeting closed at 19.50.



with the **Mobile Gym in Erpingham Village Hall** on **Wednesdays**, 5.30 – 6.30  
Gym 1.30 – 5.00                      Nordic walking 2.00 – 3.00

## ERPINGHAM & CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

### **200 CLUB - recent results**

|          | <b>£10</b> |                       |
|----------|------------|-----------------------|
| 23- 1-12 | 186        | P. Clarke             |
| 30- 1-12 | 131        | C. Brindal            |
| 6- 2-12  | 72         | T. Moore              |
| 13- 2-12 | 93         | Mr. & Mrs. D. Perriss |
| 20- 2-12 | 105        | K. George             |
| 27-2-12  | 139        | D.J.Nichols           |
| 5-3-12   | 28         | Carol Skipper         |
| 12-3-12  | 85         | M.Morrison            |

|     | <b>£5</b>         |  |
|-----|-------------------|--|
| 59  | G. Craske         |  |
| 2   | J. Devine         |  |
| 97  | H. Burrell        |  |
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| 96  | A. Harden         |  |
| 152 | T. Young          |  |
| 192 | E. Payne          |  |
| 195 | Mr. & Mrs. Warner |  |

### **THE BIG DRAW**

**£150**

9 V.Warne

**£100**

171 Albert Sharpe

**£50**

70 D.Alston

## **ERPINGHAM SCHOOL LIBRARY PROJECT**



As many will know we have recently had built and opened our LOG CABIN. If you haven't seen it, do come and take a look. We will be delighted to show you around. Before this the room known as 'The Library' was used as a staff room, teaching space, resources area, assembly room and library!

The lovely Log Cabin has relieved the pressure and we now want to revitalise the library. At present, as a result of the library area having so many functions, it is not an attractive area. The bookshelves are dour and fixed in position. We have a lot of books but many are 'well past their best.' We want to transform it from its existing situation to one that is accessible and attractive to children and their parents. We want to transform a dead area into the 'beating heart of the school' where books are enthusiastically pored over in a comfortable, stimulating learning environment.

To this end we have allocated school funds towards the refurbishment and have applied to the 'Norfolk School Library Service Better Libraries Project' in the hope that we may add to this. Hopefully with extra funds we can:-

- Audit and replenish existing stocks providing a broad range of interest and age related books from pre-school to upper age key stage two and beyond.
- Complete refurbishment of the existing room to include new carpets, removal of existing fixed bookshelves, wall shelving, storage cupboards, redecoration and existing furniture replaced.
- New attractive mobile shelving to support book collections that can be taken to classrooms. Clear and attractive organisation of books e.g. book boxes and signage.
- Attractive seating and tables that can be used flexibly to create areas of interest within the room whilst still allowing it to be an assembly room and teaching space as required.



If we can complete our project we can envisage by September 2012 a library visited by children and parents daily where they can borrow and return books. **We hope the local community will also be able to borrow books and research information via the Internet.** Parent and community helpers will be invited to volunteer to support 'open library sessions.' Watch this space!

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**CONGRATULATIONS –The Forest School area has won a 1st prize of £100 from a competition for schools run by the Aylsham Wildlife Society.** They hope to use the money for a web cam to watch baby birds in their nest boxes. The AWS was most impressed by all that goes on at our Forest School.



**A VACANCY FOR A COMMUNITY GOVERNOR  
at Erpingham School**

A Community Governor has recently resigned. If you are interested in joining a group of local people helping the school to thrive then the job could be for you. For further information as to what is involved please contact the school on 01263 761365. We would be delighted to hear from you.

**ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

The ordinary March meeting took place on the same evening as the Annual Parish Meeting reported on page 8: information will not be repeated. Editor's choice of items.

Rob Goodliffe was in the Chair.

**Matters arising:** on **highways** the HGV sign for Blacksmiths Lane had been re-ordered. Recent works by Anglian Water at Thwaite common had further damaged the corner which is unsuitable for long vehicles. On **Village signs:** the Erpingham one was being constructed and Norfolk County Council had asked the Council to liaise with EDF as there is a high voltage cable in the vicinity. An opening notice and structure permission would also need to be completed. The Clerk was asked to progress these. The proposed design for Calthorpe awaits the agreement of the working group.

**Footpaths:** There would be a village walk in April for familiarising and monitoring purposes.

**Planning:** There was no objection to the extensions at Laurel Cottage, School Road.

**Finance:** A grass-cutting contribution had been received from the Football Club, as had a £1000 award from the Brig D V Phelps Charitable Settlement following an application on behalf of the Multi-Use Games Area project.

**Website:** The Council were keen to have a website and the Clerk outlined the work involved and the likely costs. The Clerk will identify the web domain name issues and costs while members will see if anyone in the village would like to be the administrator to save on running costs.

**The Section 106 award** and the comments from the Annual Parish Meeting were reviewed with the four areas of application considered. The Council were agreed that Carpet Bowls group be advised that the £1060 bill for the new carpets would be covered by the fund, and that the MUGA Group and the Village Hall request would be the recipients of £1000 each at the appropriate time to facilitate those schemes, and subject to more information becoming available. The petanque proposal was left in abeyance.

**Village sign.** The Council heard that the piece of land adjacent to Calthorpe Church where the new sign and possibly a seat could be located was unregistered. It was agreed that the sign and seat should progress with the agreement of the Parochial Church Council which would then be encouraged to register the land. The Council was minded to make a contribution to upkeep in the future.

**Police.** Following a review police responsibility for the parish remains with PCSO Spinks.

**The next meeting** would be the Annual Meeting of the Council on May 9th.

**In members' reports,** the Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for the recently acquired land at the Village Hall to be included in the grass cutting contract. The Council heard that there is a vacancy for a Community Governor at Erpingham School. Anyone interested should contact the school (tel 761365). There was concern that large vehicles parked on the road side at the petrol station were a visibility hazard.

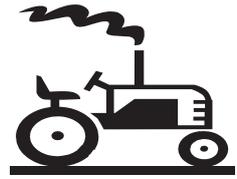
The meeting closed at 20.55.

## INGWORTH TROSH Sunday September 9th from 1pm

Yes – we know it seems a long way off but we need to get the date out there in order to get good stalls and exhibits for this year.

If you would like – or know anyone else who would like – a stall at the Trosh then put the date in your diary and ring Alan on 01263 761156 to book a pitch.

Last year's Trosh had record crowds and again we are looking to book local people in particular and especially if they are connected with country pursuits. Only if you are selling things is there a £20 hiring charge but please note you will need your own tables and cover and remember it will be in fields! Also, anyone who has vintage tractors/agricultural machinery then please contact Alan if you can bring them along. Thank you.



## **ALBY with THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Items from the Minutes of the February Meeting. (Editor's choice)**

Thwaite Common a) *Management of the common.* An update was given by Helen Baczkowska, the Norfolk Wildlife Trust representative on the NNDC Common Management Committee. Options proposed a balance of grazing and cutting appropriate to each of the different areas of the common. Grazing of the West end for the coming season has been put out to tender and will be subject to an agreement that specifies numbers of cattle, length of grazing season and limits to permitted work such as topping. Concerns about gates and notice boards will be addressed. Questions from members of the public present were answered. NNDC councillor Norman Smith is the liaison between local residents and the management committee (01263 768665.)

b) *Bridge over new drain.* Still on hold pending permission from Paul Ingham, NNDC.

c) *Verges.* The verge fronting a property on the common was being obstructed. Clerk to pass matter to Highways.

d) *Toll Bar Cottage planning application (permitted on 28/1/12).* Although the PC approved the proposed building itself, they were unhappy about its siting. The owners had contacted Norman Smith about these comments. Chairman has contacted NNDC Planning Services to clarify situation.

Proliferation of signs on A140 There had been no response from Deb Struthers at NNDC. PC was considering meeting local businesses to discuss problem.

Felling of horse chestnut tree without notification It was the view of Simon Case, NNDC Landscape Officer, that evidence produced by the owner confirmed that the tree was in poor condition and not subject to notification.

Grit bin outside Aldborough School No response to request for assistance in meeting cost of £72.50. Clerk to contact school.

Deer's Glade Caravan Site Environmental Protection Team will investigate complaints of noise. Local residents to contact them for monitoring at individual properties. Clerk to contact caravan licensing manager.

Potato store, Church Farm No feed back from Environmental Health re investigation of noise from fans. Clerk to contact owner.

White lines A140 outside Alby Hall Highways to look into concerns about inappropriate road marking.

Planning a) *Lamp Cottage, Thwaite Common.* Unanimous support of planning application for conservatory.

b) *Alby Hill Farm barns conversion* application withdrawn.

AOB a) *Bus shelters* appear to have not been cleaned for months; Clerk to contact cleaner

b) *Footpaths* - signs missing on path from behind Downtide Marine to Buck Bridge Lane; Clerk to contact Footpath Officer

c) *PC insurance* - premium is based on estimate of clerk's wages which could be inaccurate; Clerk to contact Zurich and two other insurers.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 16th May 2012.

## **WATCH OUT – THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT!**

**MISSING from The White House, Alby: Two (2) green Gallagher PowerPlus B160 battery-powered electric fencers. Police informed. Tel: 768916**

## **INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

Items from the report of the March meeting (Editor's choice)

The Chairman wished District Councillor Norman Smith well in his illness whilst expressing her concern that the attendance by principal authority members had become so infrequent over recent years. There were no candidates to be considered for a vacancy on the Council.

**Matters arising** -The Clerk had alerted the NCC to Banningham Road and Butts Corner issues and relayed their comments. He would advise NCC of the land owner, and ask them to give feedback on a previous request for improvements to School Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the local NFU representative asking that consideration be given to less use of lanes in Ingworth, particularly Banningham Road. On footpaths the Clerk was asked to contact NCC about hedge encroachment on the track to the east of School Lane. On the **Playground** The Clerk had arranged for the annual inspection. Equipment was checked regularly; the Council discussed its condition and would await the report.

**Finance** The Clerk outlined the basis for shared costs (at 25%) with three other councils which the Council accepted. There would now be a payment due to HM Revenue and Customs for the income tax deducted from the Clerk's pay.

**The next meetings** would be the **Annual Parish Meeting** followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Council** at 7.30 pm on **May 14<sup>th</sup> 2012**.

**AOB** Following re-organisation PCSO Spinks still has responsibility for Ingworth. Bonfires were observed of a source of likely nuisance particularly if non-garden waste was included; as this was a matter for NNDC Environmental Health residents with this concern should contact that Council direct.

### **THE GOOD INTENTIONS FUNDRAISING TEAM**

2012 charities: 1st Responders "Shocking Now", Park House, Sandringham and The Grand Order of Water Rats.

**Saturday 14th April**

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**There's no need to wait until the last minute!**

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