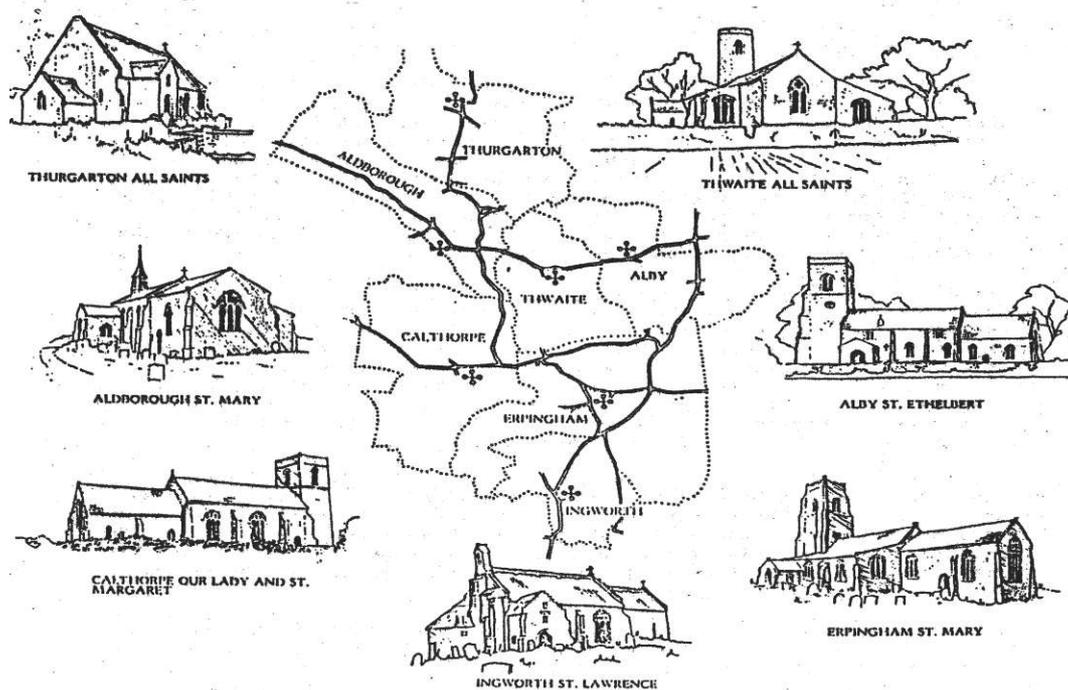


# KEEPING IN TOUCH

# AUGUST 2012

News from the Scarrowbeck Group of Parishes

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



## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong

AUGUST	Trinity 19 5th	The Blessed Virgin Mary 12th	11th Sunday after Trinity 19th	12th Sunday after Trinity 26th
ALBY	10.00 Group Eucharist	6.30 E	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	↑ ↑	11.00	8.00	11.00 Family Service
CALTHORPE	↑ ↑	--	9.30	--
ERPINGHAM	↑ ↑	9.30	--	9.30
INGWORTH	↑ ↑	11.15 M	6.30 E	--
THWAITE	↑ ↑	9.30 M	11.15	6.30 E

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth (not 8th)  
 Thursdays 7.30pm at Erpingham (HC 16th & 30th, 23rd Benediction)  
 Fridays 24th 9.15 at Aldborough  
 31st 9.30 at Alby

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**FROM THE RECTOR**

It was a new experience standing by the roadside waiting for an Olympic torch to go by. As the crowd swelled a party atmosphere began to blossom. Strangers speaking to each other, friendly banter and flag waving, cheers as the procession of support vehicles passed our way. Until a flame came into view and we looked and waved and shouted. This month sees one of the greatest sporting events of our world being hosted in our country. Many of us will watch bits of it on TV, and some lucky souls have tickets. Of course money, big money, has enabled this to happen. Earlier this year Eleanor and I went on a short coach tour of the Olympic Park at Stratford and what we saw was frankly amazing. So much has been achieved in terms of building and landscape. Yet it's people who make the Olympics, people coming together to compete across a wide spectrum of sporting disciplines. People representing almost every country in the world. That surely is a force for good and deeper awareness and co-operation. St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians speaks of the Christian life as a race that we must strive to take part in. Not content just to look, or to talk about, but actively to join in.

Fr Brian

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Funerals**

At St Ethelbert's Alby	26th June	Mabel Whittred
At All Saints' Thwaite	13th July	Joan Barbara Nicolay

**GROUP SERVICES**

**Sunday 5th August, 10.00, at Alby Church**

**On Sunday 2nd September the Group Service will be at St Giles Church, Norwich, at 10.30.**

The Community Bus will leave Aldborough Green at 9.30 with pick-ups in Erpingham and Aylsham. To book a place on the bus, please contact Fr Brian, 01263 768073.

Week beginning Sunday

**PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES**

**AUGUST**

- 5 All the parishes in the benefice
- 12 Alby: Church Road, Lane End and Middle Hill
- 19 Aldborough: Prince Andrew's Close and Thurgarton Road
- 26 Erpingham: Eagle Lane, Eagle Road, Eagle Close,  
John Franklin Close and Highnoon Road

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP No meeting in August**

**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 meets in term-time, so see you in September!



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2012**

In this benefice the door-to-door collections raised

Alby	91.09
Aldbrough	624.35
Calthorpe	67.24
Erpingham	420.30
Ingworth	13.12
Thwaite	<u>43.35</u>

**£1259.45**

(The 2011 total was £1050.08)

£386 of this sum will attract Gift Aid, which means £96.50 more for Christian Aid.

Thank you for filling in the form.

Many thanks to all involved.

Fr Brian Faulkner, Local Treasurer



**ALBY CHURCH Roof Appeal**

**Delicious cream teas** will be on sale in the Church Room on Aldborough Green on **Thursday 9th August, 2.30 – 4.30.**

Tea or coffee/ Scones - fruit or plain, with jam and cream/ AND Cake

All inclusive for £3 per head!

Home made cake stall & a bonanza raffle

**ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW 2012**

After the most disastrous weather in living memory, it was fairly kind for the Flower & Vegetable Show. This was not so well attended as in 2011, with 47 (52) exhibitors showing 288 (297) exhibits. The cookery classes were down, and the Junior section was only supported by 3 children (an unfortunate clash with the School's summer fair was probably responsible for this). Other classes did well – 16 entrants for Broad beans, 12 for Four roses in a vase, and 10 jars of jam!

<b>Overall Show Winner</b>	The Donald Cup	Pat Freeman
<b>Flower Section</b>	Ron Henshaw Cup	Glenys Padgham
<b>Vegetable Section</b>	Anne Hammond Trophy	Maxine Moody
<b>Cookery Section</b>	Snelling Rose Bowl	Sue Buchanan
<b>Photography Section</b>	Medallion	Sheila Evans
<b>Junior Section</b>	Medallions	Lilly Cubitt (3) Elenor Bray (1)
<b>Best in Show</b>	Maxine Moody	

**The next meeting of the Garden Club:**

The fuchsia judging competition will be held on **Thursday 16th August** at **7.30** in Aldborough Church Room, followed by a barbecue. Members, bring your fuchsias whether they are giants or midgets!

**ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP**

On Saturday 11th August at **9.30am** Colin Dunster will be identifying moths in the garden of John Brown's House on the Green (by kind permission of John & Glenys Padgham). Bacon rolls, coffee/tea available. Donations to the Wildlife Group. Children and non-members welcome.



The **BABY & TODDLER GROUP** would like to thank the Jubilee Committee for their kind gift of £45 – an unexpected and welcome surprise! It was wonderful to see the children enjoying playing with our toys at the Jubilee picnic. Many thanks.

**ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM**

There will be a new Bookings Officer! Ruth Elliott will be taking charge of the diary in September. Phone 01263 761468.

## ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

There has been quite an accumulation of Minutes, the Annual Parish Meeting, the AGM of the Council and an ordinary meeting since. Many items have been overtaken by events which have themselves been reported, so the information will not be repeated here. The full minutes are now available more promptly on the website, [www.aldborough.co.uk](http://www.aldborough.co.uk), and they can also be perused at Aldborough Post Office.

**ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** (Editor's choice) 28 residents present. The meeting began with a delightful presentation by children from Aldborough School, demonstrating their speaking and musical performance skills, with history folders and art work also on display. The School had been declared the "Most Fun School in Great Britain".

**The Chairman** in his report referred to the development of the Wildlife Pond which has been generally well received. He drew attention to the "Big Breakfasts" initiated by Antonia and Stuart Grey on the Royal Wedding Day, which raised over £1000 for the Baby Care Unit at Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital. The Friends of Aldborough School had organised a Valentine's Day Breakfast. The extension to The Surgery had been opened and thanks were expressed to Dr Philip Wood and his team. The Aldborough Players had produced 'An Alternative Christmas Carol' with an innovative 'catwalk' stage. The village website is being re-built and will include a diary with access for individual organisations to keep their information up to date. The Parish Council now gains extra benefits from recycling so appeals for more paper, cardboard and bottles please.

**There were reports from 18 other organisations, including**

**Police** - 15 Police Officers now based at Cromer Police Station. **The Surgery** - a new waiting area, a new dispensary and a meeting room. The first tranche of year 4 medical students have completed some training at the surgery. Dr Dawson is retiring after 10 years and a successor should be in place by August. **Aldborough Church** - the pattern of services across the Scarrowbeck Group remains the same and attendance numbers seem to be unchanged. **Church Room** - some re-decorations by the Community Pay Back Scheme completed and the hall continues to be well used. **Aldborough Players** - ambitious and successful productions during the year. It is 20 years since Aldborough Players began and Jane Maguire is now researching its history. **Twinning** - The link remains dormant but there have recently been some visitors from Villiers St Denis.

**Community Bus** - a 10% increase in passenger numbers over the last year. New timetables are available. Norfolk County Council have undertaken a survey of passengers and received some very complimentary comments. **History Society** - hopes to publish another instalment in the village's history before the end of the year. **Prince Andrew's Chapel** - Sunday morning attendances are over 20. Buzz Club meets weekly. More than 40 join the Lunch Club in the Chapel once a month. **John Bacon Charity** - A distribution of £10 has been made to each of 5 residents of Thurgarton. **Village Care** - The Parish Council is asked to consider making a donation towards their work. All children at Aldborough School have been trained in the use of the defibrillator. **Garden Club** - now has over 50 members and **Wildlife Group** has 38 members, combining in care and fundraising for the Pond. **Allotments Society** all plots are let, 22 tenants of the 17 plots. **Keeping In Touch** - has now been distributed for 24 years and has grown from an A5 booklet to a 16 page A4 issue.

**AOB. Glyn West** - concern about the increase in dog excrement left lying and about the action that could be taken, as personal confrontation could lead to an assault. The NNDC Dog Warden has visited recently but found no excrement in the areas about which complaints have been made. Anyone witnessing dog fouling without the owner clearing up should call the Dog Warden or PCSO Nathan Jonas. **Glyn West** also expressed his regrets about the loss of the old apple orchard.

**Items from the minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY** (Editor's choice)

**Election of Chairman:** Martin Elliott elected unanimously. **Election of Vice-Chairman** deferred to the next meeting.

**Some matters arising from the April meeting:**

The bench near the Thurgarton notice board had been overlooked - to be treated later this year.

**RE** had held a meeting about the possible production of a footpath map. She has agreed to walk the footpaths and see whether a series of parish walks might be possible including permissive footpaths.

**ME** has informed Tim Knight that parking for the Cricket Club can take place at Prince Andrew's Chapel and the Community Centre. He has also taken up the damage caused to the 5-a-side goalpost.

**The Clerk** reported on his attendance at the seminar on changes introduced by the Localism Act 2011.

**JN** reported on suggestions for practical solutions to the problems arising from inadequate signage in Tinkers Close.

*While the meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak* **Mr David Spencer** introduced himself as a prospective candidate in the next District Council elections.

**Allocation of Responsibilities to Parish Councillors** would continue unchanged for 2012/2013.

**TB - Community Centre** - New caretakers have been appointed and improvements can be expected.

**RE - Planning** - The application for an extension at Greenside has been withdrawn. The application for the change of use to tea room/residential at The Old Bakehouse has been approved. No objections were raised to the application for the erection of a two-storey side extension and the installation of dormer windows at 13 Ringbank Lane, Thurgarton. An Enforcement Officer from NNDC is investigating a possible breach of planning control by the creation of a parking area in the paddock at the junction of School Road and The Street, Thurgarton.

A suggestion has been made that, because of the absence of house numbering, especially round The Green, a map could be produced and displayed at a central location to assist emergency services and other visitors.

**ME** - The 5-a-side goalpost that had been purchased was much larger than the one recently damaged and needed to be fixed down. The Parish Council felt that a smaller one should be purchased. Mr Robert Wright was thanked for providing the new benches by the Wildlife Pond.

**A selection from Correspondence received:**

A 'Freedom of Information' request from Councillor Denis Bacon with regard to the title deeds for The Green: the Clerk's reply points out that the Parish Council's legal title to the ownership of The Green is registered at the Land Registry and that the copies of the entries in the Land Register, produced last year to Councillor Bacon, are the title deeds. A copy of the conveyance to the Parish Council dated 29th September 1990 was also enclosed with the response.

Councillors Ruth Elliott, Jenny Nichols and Jean Wheeler were appointed to attend an Initial Training Course at County Hall organised by the Norfolk Association of Local Councils at a cost of £35 each.

An e-mail from Fresh Air Fitness about the provision of outdoor exercise equipment and a source of lottery funding for such equipment. The Clerk to investigate further and report back.

A request on behalf of Aldborough Players to assist in the purchase of new stage extensions for the Community Centre was noted, pending consideration by the Community Centre Management Committee.

**Financial Matters** Renewal of the Parish Council's insurances: the premium, with no claims discount, has increased to £449.56. The Parish Council decided to enter into another three year agreement to reduce the premium to £427.08.

**The Clerk** reported that Mr Robin Gilkes had completed the internal audit for 2011/2012. The Parish Council considered and approved the accounts for 2011/2012 and the Clerk and Chairman signed and certified the necessary statements and returns under The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.

**Any other business** **TB** suggested that the Parish Council should make a donation towards the expenses of producing "Keeping in Touch". This was agreed by the Parish Council, who decided the donation should be £75.00.

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

**Matters arising from the AGM:** The Clerk has written a personal letter to the Chief Executive of Victory Housing Trust about maintenance of the land outside 1 to 6 Thurgarton Road, Aldborough and re-painting of the garage doors in Margaret Lilly Way.

**ME** - the updating and simplifying of the parish website has now been completed by Norfolk Computers. **ME** has inspected the textile recycling bank again and taken steps to stop it rocking. **JN** - the licensee of the Black Boys will fix two "no fouling" signs to his premises. **ME, JN** and **JW** all confirmed how much they had benefitted from the Initial Training Course that they had attended. **JW** - the Community Centre Management Committee considered that if Aldborough Players wish to proceed with new stage extensions, they will belong to the Players and have to be stored by them away from the Centre. It would not therefore be open to the Parish Council to provide the assistance sought. **ME** - the holes left in The Green following the removal of the goalposts had now been filled by the Cricket Club. **The Clerk** confirmed that a donation had been made to "Keeping In Touch", and that he had received a letter of thanks and appreciation with the receipt.

**Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** **ME** - very successful and well supported. **ME** described an incident that occurred shortly after midnight on the evening of 4th June. When the band, engaged to provide music until 11.30 pm, was still playing very loudly, he had disconnected the electricity supply for a short time. The band claimed that its power sound mixer had been damaged as a direct consequence of the unexpected loss of power. No claim has been substantiated or submitted. The Jubilee Committee made an ex gratia offer to the band to settle their claim and this was accepted. Thanks were expressed to Eve O'Connor and all her team of helpers for making the Celebrations such a success.

**Code of Conduct** Under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011, the Parish Council is required to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by adopting a Code to deal with the conduct of its members and co-opted members when they are acting in that capacity. Copies of the NNDC's Code of Conduct and of one drafted by the Clerk, based on a model produced by the National Association of Local Councils, had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. **The Clerk** considers that the draft Code based upon the NALC model is more easily understood and recommended its adoption. **The Parish Council** agreed. As a consequence it is necessary for all members to report all "disclosable pecuniary interests" so that they can be registered by NNDC. Copies of the Register of Interests have to be shown on the websites of NNDC and the Parish Council. Failure to disclose pecuniary interests, or participating in any discussion or vote when a member or co-opted member has a pecuniary interest is a criminal offence and could result in a fine of up to £5,000.

**Parish Councillors' Responsibilities**

**JN – Community Bus** –currently investigating whether to include the North Walsham Garden Centre on their schedules.

**TB – Village Care** – The AGM will now take place on 26 September. The financial situation of the organisation is worsening. The Parish Council agreed to consider Village Care when they discuss possible grants at their meeting on 7th November .

**RE – Planning** – The application for the erection of a two-storey side extension and the installation of dormer windows at 13 Ringbank Lane, Thurgarton, has been approved, subject to conditions. No comments were made on an application for the erection of a wind turbine with a hub height of 25m and a height to blade tip of 34m on land to the south of Town Green, Alby.

**Financial Matters** **The Clerk** reported that he had discussed with the representative of the Fair the possibility of introducing a lump sum to cover the overall licence fees currently charged to the individual operators.

**Any other business** **ME, JN** and **JW** discussed the positive outcomes of their recent Training Course and some of the lessons learned. **The Clerk** – agreement with a representative of the Fair that the generator would be sited on the main part of The Green in future years, so that there would be no cables across the highway and no need to block its use.

## **ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**RACE NIGHT** - a date for your diary : **SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER.**

Enjoy an evening of fun, food and a flutter on the horses ! More details next month.

## **ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL**

'Back to the Good Old Days!' It sounds as if I am an advocate of Michael Gove but in fact I am referring to the 2012 Aldborough School Summer Fair. The last one was in 2009, months before the builders came and started building our wonderful new school. It wasn't until Saturday 14th July that we realised just how much we had missed the Fair! It was great to see some people from the village share in one of the best Saturday afternoons (weather wise) this summer! We really appreciated seeing you, especially after the Flower & Vegetable show earlier in the day. We all had a fabulous evening with singing from Dave Morrison and Carmine De Grandis, the children's stalls (fabulously imaginative and thankfully lucrative) and the Friends of Aldborough BBQ and Cream Teas. Thank you to everyone who came along to make it so lovely.



**Finishing touches** - During the school holidays the windows on the front of the school will be replaced. Windows were out of the budget for the new build but we have decided to invest this year. I know some people have commented on the state of the horrid dormer window so we hope it will soon be looking great.

**Sports Day** – Yes, it rained all afternoon so our BBQ lunch was indoors, but the races went on outside with just a few changes. The sprints were changed to FAST Walking, as was the relay. It was all taken in such good spirit by parents, staff and of course the children. Some children even rated it 'the best ever!'

**Finally** - Thank you to everyone who supported our Art Gallery for a Day. You can read all about it in our School Summer Review which is out in the shops and at the surgery. I do hope you get to read a copy soon.

Tina Casburn



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of Stepping Stones Pre-School will be on **SUNDAY, 5th August, 9.30 - 12.30**, in Aldborough Community Centre. **There will be markets on the first Sunday of each month.**

## **ALDBOROUGH SURGERY NEWS**

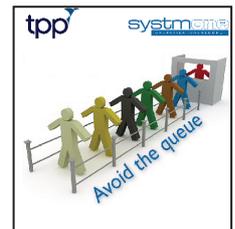
We are pleased to announce the arrival of : **Alexandra Reid** - Assistant Practice Manager, **Samuel Cotgrove** - Receptionist/Dispensary Assistant, **James Queripel** - Receptionist/Dispensary Assistant and **Dr Sarah Baker** who will be starting on **1 August and undertaking 6 sessions per week.**

**SystemOnline** is a new website service available to patients upon receipt of a form of patient identification and the provision of a mobile telephone number and e-mail address.

This service enables the patient to

1. Make an appointment with a GP.
2. View appointments past and future.
3. Cancel an appointment.
4. Change personal details.
5. Order repeat prescriptions
6. Ask NON URGENT questions for the attention of clinical and administration staff
7. Complete questionnaires as available from the surgery

If you are interested in this service, please pick up a leaflet or chat with a member of the reception or dispensary team who will be happy to help.



**The SELF CHECK IN SCREEN has been up and running for quite some time and we would like to thank many of our patients for using it. However, could we please request that it is used as much as possible, as the time saved frees up the Reception Team for other important patient related administration. Please note that it can only be used for pre-booked appointments. If you would like a demonstration, please ask one of the receptionists who will be happy to help.**



**This does not mean that you cannot speak with a reception team member, but it does help with congestion and time spent waiting at the desk during very busy periods.**

## **MEDICAL STUDENTS**

Dr Mark Fleming will once again be teaching medical students, Year 4 Grade. From September 2012 this will be on a Monday and will continue indefinitely. As part of the teaching process students will be invited to attend GP consultations; you will be asked for your consent for the student to attend - if you do not wish for this please advise the Receptionist or GP before the consultation begins. This will not affect your care in any way.



## **ALDBOROUGH SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

Our next PPG meeting will take place at **6.00pm on Wednesday 22 August**.

If you would like to attend please contact the secretary, Nita Good,  
on 01263 761580 or at [goodnita@hotmail.com](mailto:goodnita@hotmail.com)



### **RECYCLE FOR VILLAGE CARE!**

**Donate your empty inkjets and old mobile phones** to raise funds for Village Care so that our services can continue to be available for all who need them.

All you have to do is put them in the box at Aldborough School or ask for a Freepost envelope at the Post Office or the Spar. **Recycle 4 Charity** will donate up to £1 for inkjet cartridges and 50% of the market value of your old phone. (NB – not Epson or Kodak.)

Village Care were invited to submit names to represent them at **the Queen's Jubilee Garden Party at Sandringham on 12th June** this year! Tony Baillie ( treasurer ) and Anne Murat (transport co-ordinator ) were lucky to have been nominated, and off we went in our best bibs and tuckers! For once the sun shone down, and a lovely day which we will always remember took place. We were entertained with 4,000 others with canapés and fruit juice. The Queen, bless her heart, smiled graciously, escorted by Prince Andrew, and we had a close view of all the proceedings, all most interesting. To complete the day we were delighted to see and hear the Beating of the Retreat played by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines. A.M.

### **G.I.F.T. - THE GOOD INTENTIONS FUNDRAISING TEAM**

**Hog Roast, 19th August, at Park House, Sandringham, Tickets, £12.50**

Please contact Yvonne on 01263 768076 or email [davidgtiffany@aol.com](mailto:davidgtiffany@aol.com)

**There'll be another Great Show on 23rd September at 2 p.m. at the Auden Theatre, Holt. Tickets just £5**

### **NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL - MOBILE GYM SERVICE**

We are at the Church Room, Aldborough Green, **every Wednesday from 10-00 to 2-45** with this programme: **Tai chi 10-10-45**. A gentle exercise class to suit all abilities. It reduces stress and lowers blood pressure, and totally relaxes the body - a must to try.

**Nordic Walking 11-00-12-00ish**. This burns up to 90% more calories than normal walking and is suitable for all abilities. This is a low impact exercise for most people and we go out for walks 3 - 4 miles in and around the village enjoying the countryside views as we walk.

**Gym 11-00-1-00**. We have two fully qualified Instructors who are with you in the gym all the time and we provide personal programmes to suit your needs and ensure that you are exercising safely and having a good time socially and for yourself, a great way to meet new people and get fit at the same time. Our gym has all the equipment that you need to get yourself in shape.

**Zumba Fitness 1-30-2-30**. Dance the calories away with this fun packed Dance class. Loose clothing is advisable and water to drink as you will get warm during this class. Not suitable for people with knee injuries or hip problems.

**Please come along and support this project as it could lead to you having a permanent gym facility in the village with day and evening sessions.** We need more people to come along and try our service.

Some people feel that a gym 'is not for them' but our aim is to make people feel as comfortable as possible when exercising and the emphasis is on having fun when exercising.

For more information please pop in and see us or call Wyn on 01263 516305/07795265671 or e-mail [wyn.nurse@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:wyn.nurse@north-norfolk.gov.uk)

**ERPINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL** Items from the report of the July meeting .

**Under matters arising - highways:** the HGV sign has been installed and pothole works have been completed as requested; further information is awaited from NCC on parking at Alby f/station. The Clerk had reported the altered 30 mph sign on Eagle Road and this had been rectified. **On village signs** the Erpingham sign is now installed and the Chairman reported a very positive feedback. The Calthorpe sign is in progress and the Calthorpe Parochial Church Council has given their approval of a potential location. The Clerk would acknowledge Fr B Faulkner's letter and place this as an item for a decision at the September meeting. The Clerk had requested a roadside furniture permission form if this is required. **On footpaths** some have deteriorated from spring growth and were reviewed; one member agreed to try to get the path to Alby f/station cleared. The Clerk had contacted the Calthorpe resident who had offered to run the **Parish Council website** and discussions are ongoing. The Council's Annual Report had been prepared and distributed to all households with thanks to the Keeping in Touch distributors.

**On planning** the Council had no objection to the extension at Tizzit, School Road, the extension at 16 The Street, Calthorpe , the sun lounge at Ash House Barn, School Road, the entrance extension at Erpingham Lodge or the proposed wind turbine height amended application. The application at Erpingham Lodge had received consent and the wind turbine application had been withdrawn.

**On finance** the Clerk advised that the Internal Audit had been completed and that the Annual Return had been submitted to Mazars, the external auditor. He had banked £250 received from the Fitzmaurice Trust for use on the MUGA project. Payments due were approved for the annual report printing, dog bin collections, grounds maintenance, the internal audit and the Erpingham village sign materials and sign work.

**Under the Localism Act 2011** a draft new Code of Conduct had been circulated to members being the code adopted by North Norfolk District Council. The Council agreed to adopt this format and all members present signed the Code. The Clerk distributed 'Members' Interests' forms provided by NNDC to those present which were required to be completed by members and returned to NNDC

**In members' reports** the council heard about the successful series of events during the Diamond Jubilee all of which had covered their costs and raised money for the Village hall and the Women's Institute. The council planned to have a marquee for the Ingworth Trosh on 9.9.12 to promote village organisations. There was concern that the Village Hall and the field surrounds have become very overgrown. For the Council the Clerk would contact Norfolk County Council about better cutting of the playing field corners and the new car park area. There was concern that the Norfolk County Council councillor does not seem to have contact with the village or meetings. The issue of visibility due to parking at the junction of the The Street/Eagle Road was raised, and the Clerk was asked to alert BT about the accessibility of the phone box.



### **TEAS during OPEN CHURCHES WEEK at ERPINGHAM CHURCH**

Teas will be available on

**Saturdays 4th and 11th August, 10.00-5.00**

**Sundays 5th and 12th August, 2.00-5.00**



Come and enjoy a drink and a homemade cake whilst you look around our beautiful church

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

***Sunday, 19th August, 5:00 - 5:45***

This month we start a new series: **The Parables Jesus told.**

Described as "verbal hand grenades" by one minister, the Parables are often hard- hitting teaching in the disguise of apparently light-hearted stories.

Please join us for this enjoyable, informal, time as we look at our first parable:

***The Wedding Banquet***

- and stay for the shared tea together afterwards!

## ERPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

### 200 CLUB - recent results

11-6-12	31	S. Lee	34	K. Harrison
18-6-12	171	A. Sharpe	184	Dr. K. Harrison
25-6-12	56	S. Newman	120	S. Green
2-7-12	178	Rhona Shanahan	13	Harry Payne

## ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

President: Yvonne Moore, 01263 768358 Secretary: Clare Wilson, 01263 761350

Meeting on **Wednesday 22 August 2012** - The Garden Meeting.

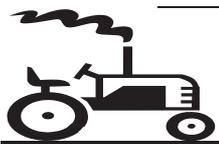
### **IT'S OFFICIAL!**

Recently the Erpingham with Calthorpe WI received the 'Advisers' Accolade', an award from the Norfolk Federation that recognises our enjoyable monthly meetings, an interesting programme of speakers and events, community involvement and friendly members.

The recent Jubilee bank holiday meant that we were able to demonstrate some of that friendly welcome and community involvement as the WI provided prodigious amounts of wonderful food during the Tuesday Open Gardens event run from the village hall. WI Members sold sandwiches and a splendid selection of cakes provided by the membership and supporters. Customers commented on that friendly atmosphere as well as on the quality of the baking.

Recently, the Erpingham and Calthorpe WI have welcomed several new members, including some from the surrounding towns and villages.

**Ladies, have you ever considered joining the WI?** If so, come as a visitor to one of our meetings, which are held at Erpingham village hall at 7.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month (**next regular meeting in the village hall will be Wednesday 26 September**). We would be delighted to see you.



## INGWORTH TROSH

9th September, from 1pm

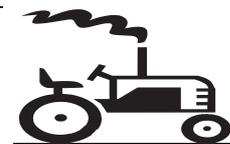
Entrance £4 per person – children under 16 free  
Threshing bagging and baling wheat as it used to be done  
Vintage tractors (ploughing and static) and machinery  
Refreshments and barbecue Stalls\*\*  
Medieval display – bread making and archery  
Farmers Market Young Farmers  
Sheep shearing - Alpacas - Pony rides  
Gun dogs scurry etc etc  
Side shows and attractions for all the family

\*\*Cakes for the refreshment tent and the cake stall – plants and produce for the plant stall – books - would be very welcome.

Please bring on the day, or if you need them collecting please ring 01263 768209. If you have items for the tombola, please take to Daphne Nicholls, Greenacre, The Street, Erpingham. 01263 761704.

If you would like to have a stall or have vintage machinery to display then please ring

Alan Witham 01263761156



**A response from Aldborough's new website** I was pleased to see the pond returned. I remember the old one when I was with my brother and mother, staying at the Barbaras' in Thurgarton, in 1944. I went to Alby School for a short time while we stayed. I was four and a half years old. I still remember my first day, I bawled my head off when I arrived! I am looking forward to see how the plants are faring around the pond, the next time I visit.  
Richard Whitten, La Romieu, Gascony, France.

## **THWAITE COMMON WALK**

On a blustery but sunny Saturday afternoon in June, a party of over twenty residents of Thwaite Common, Aldborough and further afield enjoyed a guided botanical walk on this glorious and precious common. We were led by Norfolk Wildlife Trust's Helen Baczkowska who has done so much to restore the grazing management of this incredibly rare wildflower meadow. Over 95% of these meadows together with their associated butterflies and other insects have disappeared in the last 50 years. Helen explained that the wide diversity of plants is due to a long history of mixed grazing, the absence of any chemical sprays, a mix of clay and calcareous soils as well as blocked drains which allowed water to flood the west end.

Our visit was watched with some curiosity by 18 munching cattle which are now an essential part of the management of the common. Orchids were prolific almost everywhere but the most spectacular array of flowers was to be found in the boggy area, west of the common and included such gorgeous gems as marsh valerian, brook lime, ragged robin, Southern marsh orchid, red campion, lady's smock, herb Robert, figwort and yellow flag. Perhaps the crowning event of the afternoon was when Helen's daughter, Kate, aged 8½, spotted a buzzard hovering over the common, followed shortly after by a barn owl hunting for an evening meal. John Snape

## **THE TRANSIT OF VENUS**

The transit of Venus, a sight to behold,  
Through clouds that were formed like a cotton wool fold.  
Distinct in the distance but miniaturised,  
This once in a lifetime appearance was prized.

Early dawn camouflage mist spoilt the view,  
But hope rose with each puff of wind as it blew.  
More fleeting the glimpses, perplexing the mind.  
Would clarity salvage the sight of the blind?

In upside down lands where the sky's ever blue,  
Where knowing for sure that the show starts on cue.  
Eye shields were needed. Protection required.  
As slowly emerging, the disc was admired.

I watched and I waited transfixed to the spot,  
As the size of the planet reduced to a dot,  
Moved slowly and eerily eastwards on time,  
Confirming that knowledge was truly sublime.

Its passing well plotted and duration known,  
How many were sharing what I watched alone?  
A trompe l'oeil. An illusionist's dream.  
Makes astronomers feel like the cat's got the cream.

This planetary show was then over at last,  
As it travelled on constantly, far away fast.  
A giant ever moving, propelled to go on.  
Then with spiritual grace, I accepted. It's gone!

David Brooks, 6th June 2012

## **RIDE & STRIDE!**

### **Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride & Walk**

Cycle or walk, visit churches and chapels anywhere on

**Saturday 8th September, 9.00 – 5.00.**

About 815 places of worship in Norfolk will be open (including some interesting ruined churches). Sponsorship forms are now available. Why not cycle as a family group for a day out? Or plan your walk that day to include a church or two? Or combine your exercise with blackberry picking? Refreshments available in most churches. If you go to Aylsham there are several churches in a small area – better still in Norwich! It's a very enjoyable way to raise money for your church or chapel.



**A NEW FACILITY IN ALDBOROUGH – the tea cozy** on the Green, for light lunches, home-made cakes, sandwiches, tea, coffee, cold drinks. open 9.15 - 4.30. Already appreciated by local walkers!

**In Erpingham there's another glass recycling bank at The Erpingham Arms**, raising money for the Village Hall.



presents a lunch time concert in St Michael's Church, Aylsham  
on **Thursday 16 August at 1.00pm**

Ivan McReady Cello Vivaldi, Fauré, Ravel, Brahms

Helen Leek Piano

Entrance £7, children free. Refreshments available for £4 from 12.15–12.40

**THANKS** for donations recently received from readers in Aldborough and several books of stamps. Donations are always welcome, especially as printing costs have escalated.

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