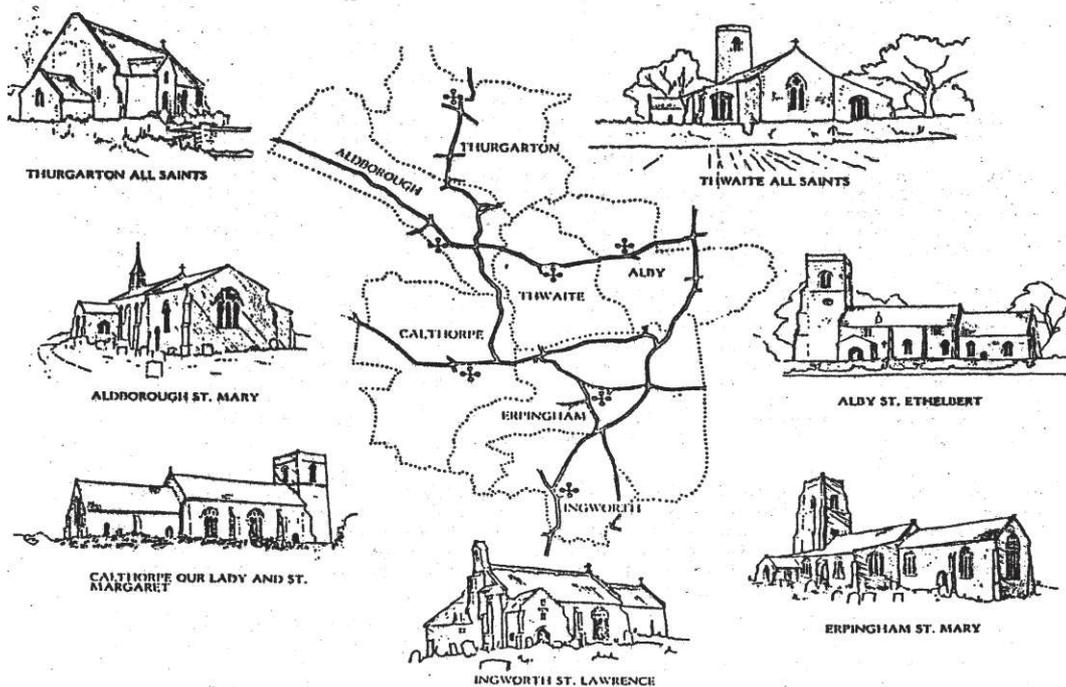


KEEPING IN TOUCH

OCTOBER 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

*=a change from the usual

OCTOBER	Trinity 18 7th October	Trinity 19 14th October	Trinity 20 21st October	Last Sunday after Trinity 28th
ALBY	↓ ↓	Harvest Festival *3.30 E	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	↓ ↓	11.00	*No service	11.00 Family Service
CALTHORPE	↓ ↓	--	9.30	--
ERPINGHAM	↓ ↓	9.30	--	9.30
INGWORTH	↓ ↓	11.15 M	*3.30 E	--
THWAITE	10.00 Group Eucharist	9.30 M	11.15	6.30 E

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays

9.15 at Ingworth

Thursdays

7.30pm at Calthorpe (4th HC, 11th Benediction)

*Friday, 12th October, 9.00am at Erpingham, Messy Church

* No other Friday services this month

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

01263 768073

e-mail: brian-faulkner@lineone.net

www.scarrowbeckbenefice.org.uk



FROM THE RECTOR

Does free speech matter? I would say it does. Listening to what others say and feel, even when it touches us with an intensity that is almost physical. People say everything and anything, especially about religion. Some do not like a Rector having a monthly slot in a magazine of this sort, others feel this Rector does not teach us enough about God. Jesus once asked his disciples what people were saying about him, and then asked them what they thought about him themselves. Peter in response said, 'You are God's Messiah', an answer which, though seen as true in itself, was also inadequate, divorced from the reality that a Messiah must suffer. Do you want to see true religion? Then look to the Cross and to the empty tomb.

Fr Brian



Thwaite Church from the South

GROUP SERVICES
Sunday 7th October, 10.00, at Thwaite Church
and
Sunday 4th November, 10.00, at Ingworth Church



Ingworth Church from the South

Week beginning Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES

OCTOBER

7	Eringham: The Street
14	Aldborough: Pipits Meadow, Thwaite Road and Thwaite Hill Road
21	Thwaite: The Common, Thwaite Hill
28	Alby: Town Green, Thwaite Road

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



Buzz Club continues in the **Autumn Term**, but on a **monthly basis** for the remainder of this year.

We will meet on the first Thursday of each month:
4th October,
1st November,
6th December

at the same time of **6pm - 7.15pm at Prince Andrew's Chapel.**

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

in Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough (*note change of venue)

Tuesday 2 October, 2.30 – 4.00

WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE FOR ST PETER'S WIFE?

1 Corinthians Chapter 9 reads: "Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas [Peter]?" So, what was it like for Peter's wife when he went on his travels, and when she occasionally accompanied him?

We have spent the summer break contemplating this and it should make for a lively discussion.

You too can join us – you will be most welcome.

(Our usual October meeting at the end of the month will be arranged at this meeting.)

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

All are welcome to the next meeting, on
Thursday, 18th October, at 7.30
in the Church Room.

Trevor Harrison from Creake Nursery:
Tender perennials and nursery plants.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday 10th November will be
RACE NIGHT - come and have a flutter and
enjoy a light supper. Tickets will be
available from Spar and the Post Office or a
member of the committee.

Please note, there will be no Dance Party
on Friday 26th October as there will be a
disco at the school that night.

ALDBOROUGH ALLOTMENTS

If you would like to put your name on the
waiting list please contact Sue on 761310.

ALDBOROUGH CHESS PLAYERS

David Buchanan is still looking for people
from round about who would like to play or
to learn how.

Contact him on 01263 768092.

ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM

Please remember that Ruth Elliott is now
taking bookings and is also a key-holder.
She lives at Sunholme on The Green and
her phone is 01263 761468



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET**

in aid of Stepping Stones Pre-School will be
on **SUNDAY, 7th October, 9.30 - 12.30,**
in Aldborough Community Centre.

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

Halloween Treasure Hunt
at Blickling Hall

Saturday 27th October 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Come and enjoy a wonderfully spooky afternoon. Hunt for clues to win some
treasure! Arts and Crafts activities, Fancy Dress Competition, Story telling, Games
and lots more! Hot Food and Drinks available.

Entry: Children £3.50, adults £1.50.

This is a fundraiser for Stepping Stones Pre-School, Aldborough.

01263 768766

ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP

On **Wednesday 10th October**, at 7.30 in the Church Room on Aldborough Green, Chris Knights will be talking about **Wildlife on a Breckland Farm**. Everybody welcome.

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting on **Monday 1st October at 7.30** in the Community Centre.

ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST

MEETING, Editor's choice. Items have been omitted when the topic has been reconsidered at a later meeting or when there is 'no progress'.

Matters Arising

RE produced a sketch plan, prepared by David Cooke, to consider as the basis of a **footpath map**.

RE: work on the map showing the **location of properties** is proceeding.

RE had enquired about appropriate hedging for the **Play Areas** and it was decided that it should be a maximum of 3 feet high, on the boundary with the highway. **RE** and **JN** produced information about picnic tables and the Council agreed to budget £600 for their purchase.

ME had purchased a **basketball net**, to be fixed soon.

Police Community Support Officer's Report

In July, one crime has been reported and there have been seven calls to the police.

Vacancy on the Parish Council

ME had received a letter of resignation from former Parish Councillor Dennis Bacon. He thanked **DB** for his contributions to the work of the Parish Council since his election in May 2011. Unless 10 electors from the parish request an election by 20th August, it will be open to the Council to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct various amendments to Standing Orders are necessary. **The Clerk** had received all the completed disclosure forms and submitted them to the Monitoring Officer at NNDC, who is considering how to make them available for public inspection and display them on the District Council's website. Once that has been done, they will be made available on the Parish Council's website to comply with statutory obligations.

Request to Provide a Bowling Green

ME reported that he had been approached by a parishioner about the possibility of the Council providing a Bowling Green. After discussion the Council decided that, whilst they would support the proposal in principle, it would need to be worked up by the parishioner and other supporters, to include the proposed means of financing the proposal and ongoing maintenance.

Reports from Parish Councillors on their

Responsibilities

JH – Footpaths - are generally in need of cutting. NCC will only be making one cut this year.

JW – Recycling Banks –Additional notices to be fixed to the bins as they are sometimes reversed on emptying. **JN** enquired about the possibility of an additional glass recycling bin being provided near the Black Boys Public House. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to make enquiries about this.

RE – The Green –had received a letter from the owner of The Teacozy tea room asking for permission to place two A3 size advertising signs on the Green near the property. Agreed.

RE – Planning – The application for the erection of a wind turbine on land to the south of Town Green, Alby, has been withdrawn. The creation of a parking area in the paddock at the junction of School Road and The Street, Thurgarton is a breach of planning control and requires planning permission. NNDC have written to the owners inviting a planning application.

Correspondence

An e-mail from NCC Highways Dept enquiring about issues needing investigation. Attention to be drawn to a gully in Chapel Road, near the former Methodist Chapel, and the deteriorating carriageway in School Road, Thurgarton outside Manor Farm House. Information about the EDP Pride in Norfolk Awards 2012 was produced but the Council decided to take no action on this occasion.

An e-mail from Secret Gardens and Prestige Properties with a quotation to cut the hedge near the telephone box and remove clippings in the sum of £75. The Clerk was asked to invite Richard King to provide an alternative quotation. Arising from this, the Council decided to hold a **Village Tidy-up** for two hours on Saturday, **13th April 2013**.

An email from NCC about the changes in Public Rights of Way management.

E-mails from Holt Area Partnership, which has been dissolved following the withdrawal of their funding by NNDC. Any remaining funds will be distributed equally between the 21 local councils in the Partnership Area - the distribution is likely to be tens of pounds rather than hundreds!

A letter from Cromer Town Council about proposals to cut the levels of ambulance services in North Norfolk; it was agreed to support Cromer Town Council in their efforts to have the proposal reconsidered.

Health and Safety Matters The recent Play Areas Safety Inspection Report indicates that the site is well maintained with no issues to be addressed.

ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, Editor's choice.

Matters Arising

The Parish Council will accept Richard King's quotation of £30 to cut the hedge near the phone box and dispose of the cuttings.

Cromer Town Council has arranged a meeting with the **East of England Ambulance Service** on Wednesday 17th October at 7.00pm in Cromer Parish Hall. The Parish Council appointed **ME** and **JW** to attend.

While the meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak, Mrs Christine Carlson stated that the willow trees on the lower part of The Green are infected with a fungal disease and should be removed. She made some suggestions for replacement planting but the Council were of the view that no such planting should take place unless it is a condition of the NNDC's consent to effect the removal. Mrs Carlson also expressed concern about the grass cuttings that had been left following the recent cut. The Clerk was asked to obtain estimates from the usual contractors for the removal of the willow trees and of the grass cuttings.

No crime was reported in the last month and only one call to the police.

Vacancy on the Parish Council

It is now open to fill the vacancy by co-option. Applications in writing should be sought and submitted to **ME** or the Clerk **by 24th October**. **ME** will consult all members on the applications received and bring a recommendation to the meeting on 7th November.

[See page 6 for details on how to apply – Editor]

Christmas 2012

The Council had been paying £25 to the National Trust for a Christmas tree for a number of years and **ME** suggested that the price paid should be increased to up to £50. This was agreed and also that the tree should be erected on 1st December in the usual position on The Green. The visit of Father Christmas should be arranged for 8th December at 3.30 pm.

JN reported that, following the appeal in "Keeping In Touch", Mr John Gardener from the Black Boys Public House had agreed to sponsor the cost of providing the bags of treats for the children. The Carol Singing will take place on 19th December at 6.00 pm.

Reports from Parish Councillors on their Responsibilities

Clerk for JH – Footpaths - The footpaths have not yet been cut by NCC, but he has cut them where possible.

JW reported that a parishioner had indicated that the footpath to the Church across the orchard had not been re-instated. **ME** agreed to speak to **JH** about it.

RE – Planning – No comments were made on the following applications for planning permission:-

- Erection of two storey side and rear extension at Cricketers Rest, The Green, Aldborough; and
- Conversion and extension of redundant agricultural building to residential dwelling and erection of cart shed garage at Chestnut Farm, School Road, Thurgarton.

RE – The Green – Her suggestion that a working party should be established to undertake minor maintenance works on The Green, including the Play Areas, was welcomed by the Parish Council.

District Council and County Council Reports

In the absence of District Councillor Norman Smith and County Councillor Diana Clarke, there were no reports. Some concerns were raised about the absence of these Councillors from the meetings and the lack of regular reports if they are unable to attend.

Correspondence included

A letter from T T Jones Electrical Ltd offering a new 4 years contract from 1st October 2012 with an option to extend the contract for a further 2 years until 30th September 2018 on the same terms as the existing contract was noted. After careful consideration of the costs of going out to tender and the terms of the offer, the Parish Council decided to waive their Financial Regulations relating to contracts and accept the offer of the new contract. In doing so, the Parish Council were aware of the Clerk's recommendation to do so.

Recent and Forthcoming Events

The Farmers' Market was held on 2nd September but there were only 4 stalls.

Village Care AGM will take place on 26th September.

Any other business

JN reported that the defibrillator at the Spar Shop is only accessible during their business hours (8.00 am to 8.00 pm). It could be made available at all times if an appropriate box was fitted to the exterior of the shop at a cost of £800. The Parish Council agreed in principle to make a contribution towards the cost if a fund-raising exercise is started.

ME indicated that the new website diary pages are little used. His suggestion that an encouraging message for other activity organisers should be inserted in "Keeping In Touch" was agreed. **[See below.]**

ALDBOROUGH & THURGARTON VILLAGE WEBSITE << aldborough.org.uk >>

The **village website** has been rebuilt and is more accessible and easy to modify. If you are a **budding editor** wanting to build your media skills, or **run a local organisation** that would benefit from including dates in the village diary (blog style), then please contact Martin Elliott (761468) to find out how you can contribute to keeping the site up to date.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

There is currently a vacancy on Aldborough & Thurgarton Parish Council, which it is intended to fill by co-option. To be eligible, you need to:-

- be aged 18 years or over; **and**
- be a British subject, or a citizen of the Irish Republic or a member state of the European Union; **and**
- be a local government elector for the Parish; **or**
- have been an owner occupier or a tenant occupier of property in the Parish for at least a year; **or**
- have been resident in the Parish or within three miles of it for at least a year; **or**
- have had your principal or only place of work in the Parish for at least a year.

If you meet these criteria, and would wish to be considered for co-option as a Parish Councillor until May 2015, please write to me, at the address below, indicating why you wish to be considered, what you would bring to the Parish Council and details of any relevant experience.

Do not hesitate to contact me or the Chairman of the Parish Council, Martin Elliott, if you would like to discuss the role and responsibilities of a Parish Councillor or what will be expected of you.

Applications should be received no later than Wednesday 24th October 2012.

John M G Payne, Clerk to the Council, 22 Abbey Park, Beeston Regis, Sheringham NR26 8SP
Telephone: 01263 826823 E-mail: johnmgpayne@btinternet.com

ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL

Aldborough School has a **vacancy for a governor**. If you are keen to support the school this may be for you! Do visit our website www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk and if you are interested to find out about governance please give me a ring at the school, 761264. Tina Casburn, Head Teacher



The Help Tibet Trust

The early bird catches the worm!

GRAND CHRISTMAS CHARITY SALE

at Aldborough Community Centre

on Saturday 17th November – 10.00 -3.00

More details next month.

All proceeds to www.help Tibet.org.uk Registered UK Charity No. 801800
For more information phone 01692 538302 or email cox.skeyton@tesco.net



COME & PLAY

Fledgeling music classes are friendly, dynamic, energetic and fun. In the Church Room, Aldborough, on Thursdays, 9.30 – 10.15, for children 4 months to 4 years.

Free taster class. Members pay £4 half termly, younger children £2, babies free. www.fledgelingmusic.co.uk

ALDBOROUGH CRAFT AND SOCIAL GROUP

will meet again on Thursday 27th September at 2pm in the Community Centre, and in future months. Contact Jean Wheeler for information. 01263 768280.

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL MOBILE GYM SERVICE.

We are in Aldborough Church Room every Wednesday so pop in and see us and you may find you want to join us. We are there from 10-00 until 2-30 each Wednesday and the sessions include:

Gym 10-00 - 1-00: Fitness equipment and personal programmes to suit your needs with fully qualified instructors Wyn and Karle.

Nordic Walking 10.00 - 11-00: Join Wyn for a walk in and around Aldborough and beyond, with Nordic poles which are provided. Normally we walk about 3-4 miles. It's a nice way to meet new people. All abilities welcome.

Tai Chi 1-45 - 2-30: Join Karle for this stress-busting session, a lovely way to relax and exercise to calming music. It's very good for reducing blood pressure and stress and it's suitable for cardio-rehab patients.

All classes are just £2-50 per person ,and if you do two classes on the same day it is just £4-00.

For more information please contact Wyn 01263 516305/07795265671

or e-mail wyn.nurse@north-norfolk.gov.uk

BALLET CLASSES in ALDBOROUGH – a REMINDER that they are now in the Community Centre.

Contact Clare Parle for more information 01603 871413 / parleposse@talktalk.net.

GOOD INTENTIONS FUNDRAISING TEAM

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 12th October in Aldborough Church Room

This is our last event of the year for this year's charities which are Shocking Now, Park House & The Grand Order of Water Rats.

Please reserve your Team of 4 in good time by contacting Yvonne on 01263 768076.

Still £5 per person to include buffet.

We would like to thank all those who travelled to Sandringham in August for the Hog Roast. It was a huge success, despite the heat.

Also, thank you to everyone who has supported GIFT throughout the year 2011/12.

A full list of events for next year will be published in good time for you all to note in your diaries. We are pleased to announce that one of the charities for next year will be Village Care - we do hope you will be able to support us throughout 2012/13. We are always looking for people to help us with cake making, selling tickets plus of course "manpower".

FLU JABS It is recommended you have an influenza vaccination if you are:

- Aged 65 or over
- Pregnant
- Main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill
- Have a serious medical condition, i.e.
 - Asthma
 - COPD
 - Heart disease
 - Chronic Kidney Disease
 - Chronic Liver Disease such as hepatitis
 - Diabetes
 - Chronic Neurological Disease – stroke or TIA
 - Weakened Immune System – HIV
 - Treatments that suppress the immune system such as chemotherapy

Please contact your surgery if you are eligible for a flu vaccine 01263 768602 or 768184

ALDBOROUGH SURGERY will have its first morning clinic on **Saturday 6 October** when we hope to undertake approximately 250 vaccinations. Other clinics are available after this date.

OTHER SURGERIES will be having flu jab clinics too – now is the time to make your appointment!



INGWORTH TROSH

A beautiful day led to a wonderful afternoon on the fields in Ingworth for the Trosh. This now annual event was



probably the best so far. The tractors and the threshing machine were as popular as ever and this year, with grateful thanks to the Norwich and Norfolk Medieval Association, www.14century.co.uk, some of the threshed wheat was turned into a very acceptable flat bread. Their encampment proved a great success and many watched as children enjoyed a sword fight with Sir Thomas and went on to enjoy candle-making, archery etc. As well as thanking this organisation we must also thank others for giving their time for us. Thwaite Common alpacas came to delight us, and to raise money for us in their raffle .See www.oaklealpacas.moonfruit.com . The Seal and Bird Rescue Centre charmed us with their owls and raptors and we were treated to some flights by their beautiful birds as well. Thank you to the Thwaite Common Riding Stables for providing pony rides and the Northrepps Model Flying Club for flying their aeroplanes despite a rather strong breeze. Other stalls too displayed crafts of various sorts or supporting charities and this year a line up of Land Rovers! This all augmented by a farmers market and other stalls selling a variety of products.

But none of it would have happened without the many people who helped in so many ways – on the car park, in the refreshment tent, on the stalls, on the barbecue, setting up, clearing away but in particular we must thank Alan Witham and his family and friends and Peter Spink who so generously loans us his fields. The enormous task which is the Trosh is in many ways down to them. Words are inadequate. Final bills and receipts are not yet in, but **we expect to have raised about £5,500 which will be distributed to Alby, Erpingham and Ingworth churches.** As you may know, Alby church roof is badly leaking and needs urgent repair, Erpingham church windows are in urgent need of attention to try and address the on-going problem of damp, and Ingworth Church too is having to have repairs to its thatched roof. But as well as the financial benefits from the Trosh, the coming together of so many people from the villages and beyond to make the afternoon such a success was one of the great joys of the day. Thank you to everyone involved.

H.B.

PS. Would the gentleman who enquired about his raffle ticket and a bottle of wine please contact Joyce Duffield on 01263 761356?

Richard King writes about the Land Rovers: We clashed with a massive event at Peterborough and a trial at Glandford, so we lost a lot of true Land Rover Nuts who would have come along. We had about 20 Land Rovers of all ages from 1950 onwards over the day. In the gazebo we did a "vintage farming " scene with some old tools and my period Land Rover stock trailer... plus "Buttercup" badged as Land Rover number one.....with period brass Land Rover badge.



"Thank you" from me to my young helpers over the weekend ... Nice to have some young people offering to help just for a reward of enjoyment, good will and thanks in return. it was a very long weekend and I and others would have struggled very much without them all.

There will be more photos on the benefice website – eventually. www.scarrowbeckbenefice.org.uk

Film Nights return to Erpingham with Calthorpe Village Hall

For details of the films to be shown and dates and times, see the Village Hall Notice Board or telephone or email Tony Peacock.

All films shown are FREE to watch.

There will be a brief half-time interval with opportunity to enjoy tea or coffee together

Tony Peacock: tel. 768041; email: tonyandjacky@btinternet.com

QUIZ NIGHT AT ERPINGHAM WITH CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

16th November starting at 7.30 p.m.

Teams of up to 4 people

Tickets cost £3.50 per person, and include refreshments
and a chance to win a bottle of champagne and other prizes.

All proceeds will go to Erpingham with Calthorpe Village Hall

For further information, and to book tickets, please contact Anna Osgothorpe on 01263 761987
or annaosgo@gmail.com

Erpingham Café Church at the Village Hall:

Now meeting twice a month!

Sundays: October 7th and 21st from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m., approx.

This month we continue the series: **The Parables Jesus told.**

On the 7th: The workers in the vineyard

On the 21st: The Good Samaritan.

Please join us for this enjoyable, informal, time
as we look at these parables - and their implications for us today
- and stay for the shared tea together afterwards!

Tony and Jacky Peacock (tel. 768041)

ERPINGHAM WITH CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

presents ***Something Happened*** giving a performance of their musical sketches entitled

“Let’s misbehave”

A hilarious musical investigation into the way the war of the sexes has changed over the past 100 years.

Terence Blacker and Derek Hewitson combine songs from the past
with original material of the present to prove that, when love is in the air,
hopeless misunderstanding between men and women will never be far away.

7.30pm on Friday 12th October

Tickets: £8 in advance (£10 on the door) To book, ring Eleanor: 01263 768073 or Stewart: 01263 768992

Refreshments (including wine & beer) will be available for purchase during the interval

age suitability: 16+



ERPINGHAM SCHOOL will be enjoying **Messy Church** in
Erpingham Church on **Friday 12th October at 9.00 am.**

All welcome.



WHAT IS MESSY CHURCH?

It's the church's attempt to be church for families who might want to know more about Jesus, belong to their local church and bring up their children as Christians, but can't cope with traditional Sunday morning church services. Many churches find inspiration from the Messy Church idea and adapt their own local version. Young artists are likely to be in evidence! Come along to Erpingham Church and find out what we are up to!

ERPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL 200 Club Results

06-08-12	173	Nicola Purdy	151	Mr. & Mrs. K.Codling
13-08-12	58	S. Craske	111	O. Witham
20-08-12	99	T. Peacock	63	I. Saggars
27-08-12	108	T. Bliss	65	J. Bell

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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



The August Meeting was the much anticipated Garden Meeting.

Lovely late summer weather meant that we were able to sit out in the splendid garden of one of our members. We enjoyed a ploughman's supper before being sent off with a quiz, the answers of which could be discovered only in the garden. We also enjoyed an indulgent cream tea to fortify us for the formalities of the meeting and raffle to follow.

Also during August the walking group clocked up mileage around Itteringham and Cley, continuing the theme of the Great Outdoors. Join us back indoors at Erpingham Village Hall for our next meeting, on **Wednesday, 24th October**, when **Mrs Crystal Dyball** will have **"Fun with Flowers"**.

Marsham WI will join us on this occasion.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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

In the absence of the Chairman who sent apologies, R Goodliffe took the chair.

Matters arising. The **Village sign at Calthorpe** was progressing with the proposed site now agreed; the Clerk would obtain the highways permission paperwork. The Parochial Church Council had confirmed its support for a seat to be placed near the Church in Calthorpe. On **footpaths** the Clerk had circulated the recent policy document from Norfolk County Council. A working group was set up to progress **the creation of a Parish Council website**, and the Clerk had circulated a copy of the new Code of Conduct to each member. **The Chairman adjourned the meeting** for brief discussion over the role of principal authority members when attending a parish council meeting; the consensus was that these were good opportunities for two-way contact between councils.

Planning. The s/storey extension at Tizzit, School Road had been permitted.

Finance. The external audit had been completed. The notice of completion had been posted. The Village Hall had made their usual contribution to grass cutting and dog bin emptying; however the Council had now received a rebate from North Norfolk District Council in respect of the latter and a small refund is due to the Village Hall. The Clerk had supplied financial information to the Multi-Use-Games-Area group to allow them to pursue a grant application.

Reports. The Council heard about a Coastal Issues Forum at North Norfolk District Council and the parish is invited to send representatives. The path opposite the Erpingham Arms is becoming restricted again – the Clerk would contact Norfolk County Council. A member showed the Council two fine montages of the unveiling of the Erpingham sign and the Jubilee day, which would be presented to the Village Hall Committee. The Multi-Use-Games-Area group are organising a 5 km run/walk on 23.09.12. The Chairman passed his thanks to the organisers of the successful Ingworth Trosh. There would be a play 'Let's Misbehave' on 12.10.12 at the Village Hall; and the Council heard about village funding opportunities given that new Norfolk County Council schemes are being announced.

ERPINGHAM ARMS CHARITY QUIZZES have raised almost £500 since March 2012 for various national and local charities. Half of the winnings go to charity and of the remaining half 50% will be first prize, 30% second prize and 20% third prize. The charity for the forthcoming quiz is chosen by the winning team.

Next music quiz (donations to Brain Trust) – **Wednesday 3rd October** at 7.30pm

Next general knowledge quiz (donations to Save the Children) – **Wednesday 17th October** at 7.30pm

If you would like food (available at half time for only £4.50), please let us know when booking your team's table - give us a call on 01263 761591. The quiz nights are popular so please book as places are limited.

ALBY with THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

From the Minutes of the August Meeting

Queen's Jubilee Total cost of commemorative tree planting: £77.93

Deer's Glade Caravan Site The Licensing manager informed the Clerk that site owners had not applied to increase licensed units from 125 to 127 to cover the two new 'camping pods'. Asked how he viewed the four static 'pods' in relation to the site's licence as a touring site, the licensing manager said that the pods were units as were tents and caravans. There had been no mention in the application that the pods would be furnished and have TVs.

Grass verges – Aldborough School To be discussed in detail at next PC meeting.

Church Farm, Alby The section of white roof on the drying barns is a solar panel.

Footpath sign, Buck Bridge Lane No action as yet. Sarah Price, NCC, informed Clerk that responsibility for footpaths has been taken over by Highway Rangers, but it will be some time before there is any response. Clerk to contact Customer Services.

Proliferation of signs on A140 Phil Reilly, Highways, stated that as all signs are on private land, they fall under NNDC planning regulations. Clerk to contact Deb Struthers, Enforcement Officer.

Alby Church Clock Mechanism has been damaged and repair would cost £800-900. The PCC have been informed. To be discussed at next meeting.

Double white lines, A140 outside Alby Hall Casualty Reduction Team, NCC, carried out safety audit and did not recommend any changes to road markings.

Bus shelter cleaning PC owes window cleaner £84, to include newly instigated interior cleaning. Some members felt this was excessive as cleaning was poorly done. Clerk to check cost for previous year. On request, the car wash people had attempted to clean the southbound shelter, but encountered technical difficulties. Options to be discussed at next meeting.

Finance Total balance: £89.48. Completed annual report has been posted.

Correspondence

1. *Planning application at Oaklea, Thwaite Common.* Unanimous PC objection on grounds of size and lack of clarification on the plans, to show the orientation of the elevations in relation to site layout.

2. *Wind turbine south of Town Green, Alby.* Application withdrawn.

3. *Extension to agricultural building, Church Farm, Alby.* Approved, with advisory points.

4. *Extensions at Home Farm, Middle Hill.* Approved.

5. *Cromer Town Council* wrote, seeking support against proposed cuts to Ambulance Service. PC agreed;

A.O.B. 1. Hedge at top of Blacksmith's Loke is overgrown. Clerk to contact NCC.

2. Weavers Way overgrown across Thwaite Common [now resolved] and down the side of Alby Church. Clerk to contact NCC.

3. Concerns expressed about speeding vehicles around Thwaite Common. Mr Wade suggested erection of 'Slow down in our village' type notices. Clerk to contact Phil Reilly.

4. The Clerk, Reg Simpson, informed the council that he was intending to stand down from May 2013.

Members expressed their thanks for his contribution to the PC over a number of years.

Date of the Next Meeting **26th September 2012**

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INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the September meeting

The Chairman, Cal Cannon, welcomed her fellow councillors and members of the public; apologies were received from R Calvert and N Smith (North Norfolk District Council). There were three vacancies on the Council to be filled by co-option and the Council agreed to co-opt Mhairi Bunce and Alison Burns who signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council.

Matters arising. Highways: the Clerk read the letter of reply from the NFU, and further problems in the use of Banningham road by large vehicles were reviewed; the Clerk had made further representation to the police and Norfolk County Council and gave their responses. It was hoped however that the route taken by some large agricultural vehicles may now be varied to avoid using Ingworth Bridge.

Footpaths: the Clerk had circulated the recent policy document from Norfolk County Council.

The Annual Report was produced and thanks were due to members who arranged the distribution to all households.

Planning The Council had no objection to the new porch at Erpingham Lodge, Butts Common and the application had been approved.

Finance. The Clerk had arranged for the Internal Audit and made the submission of the Annual Return for the External Audit, which had been completed without comments for the Council to consider. The Notice of Completion had been posted. The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation which was signed off. There was need for a third bank signatory and this was agreed so the Clerk can now make the necessary arrangements. The budgets for 2012-13 and first draft 2013-14 had been circulated to members so the Clerk explained their construction for the benefit of the new members. Following discussion the budgets were adopted. The Council agreed to set the parish precept for 2013-14 at £2290, an increase of £100 on the previous year; the demand was signed by the Chairman and two members; the Clerk would notify NNDC in due course. Payments due were approved for the annual report printing, grass cutting, the internal audit fee, electricity, the external audit fee, and the Clerk's pay and expenses.

Code of Conduct. Following the enactment of the Localism Bill a new code, being that adopted by NNDC, had been circulated to members. The Council agreed to adopt this format with all in favour and all members present signed it. **The future direction of the Parish Council.** This had been placed on the agenda given the difficulty in establishing a full Council; a flyer to all households had been distributed and the Council reflected on the alternative options and their implications, particularly in respect of maintaining a local voice. Members reported views they had heard within the village and the Clerk outlined the procedural options available to the Council; but given the two co-options and an expectation that a third would be available to come forward at the December 3rd 2012 meeting the Council took the view that they would pursue the 'status quo'.

Clerk's report . NNDC had invited parishes to attend the new Coastal Issues Forum. Cllr N Smith (NNDC) had advised the Clerk that the Reading Room had been reprieved as a Polling Place, and would be used on November 15th for the Police Commissioner election. The Clerk reminded members of the meeting the next day with the EA to discuss river maintenance of the Bure.

In Members' reports the nuisance caused by waste burning was raised.

In open session the speeding traffic in the village was again becoming a concern and there is some interest in developing the Community Speedwatch scheme. The Clerk would endeavour to obtain refuse bin stickers which members can offer to householders whose bins are regularly displayed prominently.

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG:

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