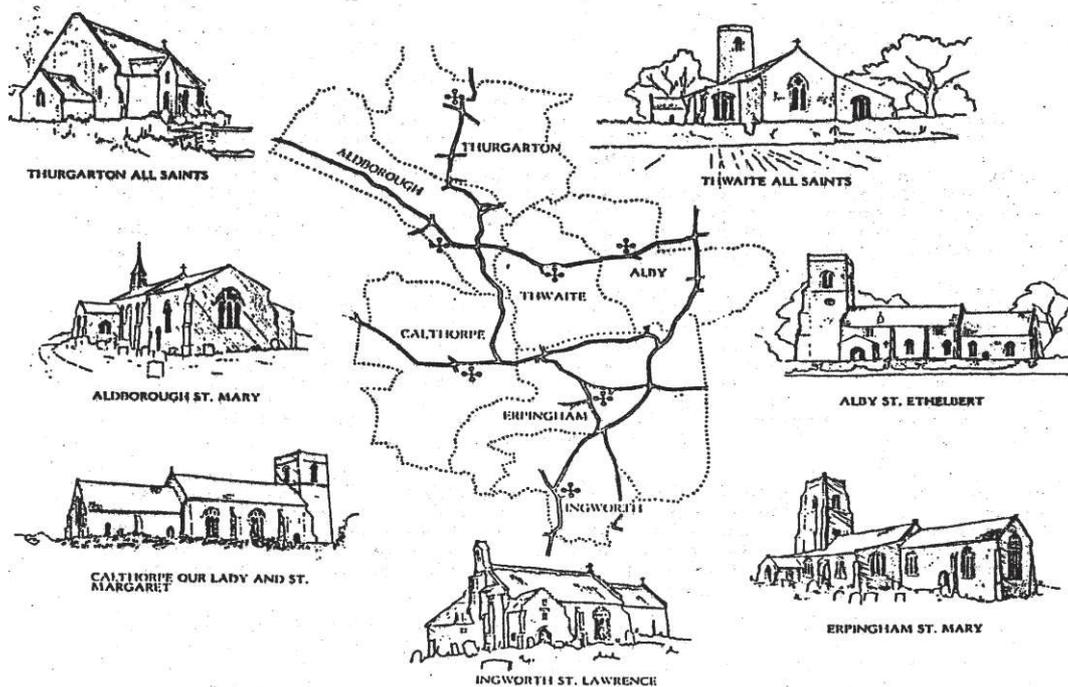


KEEPING IN TOUCH

APRIL 2013

News from the Scarrowbeck Group of Parishes

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



CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong

APRIL	2nd Sunday of Easter 7th	3rd Sunday of Easter 14th	4th Sunday of Easter 21st	5th Sunday of Easter 28th
ALBY	↓ ↓	6.30 E (note time)	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	↓ ↓	11.00	8.00	11.00 Family Service
CALTHORPE	↓ ↓	--	9.30	--
ERPINGHAM	↓ ↓	9.30	--	9.30
INGWORTH	↓ ↓	11.15 M	6.30 E (note time)	--
THWAITE	10.00 Group Eucharist	9.30 M	11.15	6.30 E

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth (only 24th)
 Thursdays 7.30pm at Erpingham (18th HC, 25th Benediction)
 Friday, 26th 9.00 Messy Church at Erpingham
 10.30 HC at Aldborough (note time)

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FROM THE RECTOR

What a marvellous time to be a Christian, as two sister churches with world-wide influence elect new leaders.

In Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin the Church embraces a new day.

It was a joy to be in Norwich Cathedral on the Thursday of Justin's visit to our city, and an immense pleasure to view on TV the scenes in St Peter's Square, as a totally unexpected figure gave blessing to the city of Rome and to the world.

Good leadership inspires, for it is a means by which we learn to work and pray together. Good leadership does not stand alone, but is reflective of the care, commitment and concern by which it is nurtured.

For Christians all leadership points to Christ, in whose name they seek to serve.



Fr Brian

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

At Our Lady & St Margaret, Calthorpe 22nd February Ray Rouse

GROUP SERVICES

Sunday 7th April, 10.00, at Thwaite Church

In May, for one month only, the Group Service will be on the 2nd Sunday, 12th May, at Aldborough Church, as part of 'A matter of Life and Death celebration'.

This means that the **services on the first Sunday, 5th May**, will be

9.30	Erpingham	Parish Communion
9.30	Thwaite	Morning Prayer
11.00	Aldborough	Parish Communion
11.15	Ingworth	Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Alby	Evensong

Week beginning Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES

APRIL

7	Thurgarton: Ringbank Lane and School Road
14	Aldborough: Pipits Meadow, Thwaite Road and Thwaite Hill Road
21	Erpingham: The Street
28	Alby: Town Green, Thwaite Road

CPAK (10 - 14s Group)

15 young people went to the Horstead Centre at the beginning of March for a weekend of outdoor activities, Christian learning and worship, and candle-making (as the theme was Jesus, the Light of the World). A generally good time was had by all. The weather was wonderful, the food was good and canoeing on the River Bure was delightful. Four students from Capernwray Bible College led the teaching sessions and the music and joined in with the group in the canoes, on the low ropes, Jacob's Ladder and the climbing tower. Next door to the Horstead Centre is the church and we were able to walk there by the light of painted jam jar lanterns for our candle-lit service on the Saturday evening.E.F.

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

☐ **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

in **Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough**

Tuesday 23 April, 2.30-4.00

TOPIC: STORIES FROM THE GOOD BOOK

The Bible is full of all kinds of stories. Come and tell us which is a favourite one of yours and why. A few months ago we looked at our favourite Psalms and they were all different choices. No doubt this time we shall find a great variety too.

Do join us for lively discussion, friendship and a good cuppa as well!

[For further information about our group, please contact
Pauline Hill on 768738]



A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH – a celebration!

This is a subject which concerns everyone and always has.

In Aldborough Church on 11 – 12 May there will be an exhibition of memorabilia, records, registers, family mementos, and also an opportunity to seek advice from professionals – an undertaker, a solicitor, a financial adviser, specialists in end-of-life nursing and care, a florist, a monumental mason, an organist, and of course a Rector. (It's in an Anglican Church but will not stress any single religious teaching.) There will be no charge for entry or for the Community Bus which will run at intervals each day from the Black Boys to the Church. Norman Lamb MP will open the event at 10.30 on Saturday 11 May, and the church will be open from **10.00 to 4.00** both days.

Everyone is invited to a

service for the whole of the benefice at 10.00 on Sunday 12 May, the Sunday after Ascension Day.

We hope to serve tea, coffee and cakes for most of the time. For that **we need help**. If you can offer to bake/provide cakes and biscuits, please contact Anne Bettany, 768681, or Ruth Bayes, 768063.



We also need to know if you have items you would be willing to lend – photos of family in mourning dress? jet jewellery? black-edged letters? locket with hair? photos of funeral carriages? There will be lockable cases to keep items secure. Contacts as above.

... before you go would you mind taking part in our customer satisfaction survey ...

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

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

S. Gilbert will demonstrate **Propagation**.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

We have recently had the roof and guttering attended to, the main hall has been decorated and the heating is being sorted - although we are hopeful it soon won't be needed, with Spring around the corner - all quite expensive but necessary. We have an excellent table tennis table, snooker table and a badminton net if anyone would like to use them.

For booking enquiries please email : sue_brian_m@hotmail.com or ring 761310. (NB: not available for bookings until after 5 April because of redecorating.)

ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP

On **Wednesday 10th April at 7.30** in the **Church Room**. Visitors always welcome.

Peter Rushmore and Eden Hannah will talk about Marine Conservation.

ALDBOROUGH and THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Trees on the Lower Green, by the wildlife pond.

Earlier this year the Parish Council decided not to replace the two diseased willow trees that had to be removed. This decision was based on opinions that some local people had voiced. Since it was made public, a number of parishioners have asked the Parish Council to reconsider and to plant one or two trees on the lower Green.

The Parish Council procedures state that when a PC has made a decision, it can't be changed for three months. The first opportunity to reconsider this decision will be at the **Annual Parish Meeting which will be on 22nd April in the Community Centre at 7.30.**

Please let us know your views on whether to plant either one or two trees, or not to re-plant at all. We will consider these views as we discuss this issue again.

Come to this meeting, or write to the Parish Clerk, Mr J Payne, or e-mail him at johnmgpayne@btinternet.com or write to any of the Parish Councillors.

Please do check the Parish Council notice-boards to see what will be on the agenda at meetings. You will then be able to make your views known on the subjects to be discussed. As a Parish Council, we are here to try our best to represent the opinions of a majority of parishioners, and to do whatever is best for our lovely villages of Aldborough and Thurgarton. R.E.

ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

After a length of time, reports and minutes lose their interest and decisions have often been superseded. The minutes of the February meeting were received too late for the March magazine. These notes are Editor's choice. The March minutes have not yet been received. Full minutes on www.aldborough.org.uk and in the PO.

The Clerk is now in discussions with NCC about **kerbing** along the boundary of the play areas, near to the Spar shop and along the middle road on the Green, and possible funding.

With the meeting suspended, Mr David Spencer enquired about gritting in the village and up to the school. The campaign to extend the gritting routes had been successful but the route past the school has low priority so will only be gritted after a prolonged period of snow or ice and then only as resource permit. Mr Spencer also enquired when the County Councillor had last attended a Parish Council Meeting. After discussion, it was decided to write to Mr Norman Lamb MP about this situation.

Finance: NNDC have offered a grant of £745, which will only be available if the Parish Council sets a reduced precept. A reduced sum of £4,405 for 2013/14 was set and the grant was accepted. (This affects Council Tax for all residents – Editor.)

Benches for the play area. The bench that satisfies the needs of disabled persons has been ordered and delivered but needs to be re-sited. It was agreed not to proceed with buying a junior bench.

Community Bus – One of the buses has now been withdrawn permanently.

Planning permission had been refused for a request for changes at Chestnut Barn, School Road, Thurgarton. However no objections were raised by the Parish Council to the formal application to vary condition 2 of Permission 12/0967 to make the same changes.

An ad hoc sub-committee, comprising ME, RE and JH, will visit the site and determine the Parish Council's response to the consultation on the application for planning permission for the erection of a two-storey side extension with a single storey rear extension at Greenside.

The Fair will be arriving on the Green **16 - 17 June** and will be working **19 - 22 June.**

Energy NNDC is launching two schemes with funding from the Department of Energy and Climate Change. Further consideration will be given to the Energy Box Scheme.

An invitation from NCC seeking **Road Safety Volunteers** was noted. A poster will be displayed.

Reduction in frequency of meetings on a trial basis for the remainder of this calendar year

The scheduled meetings for 2013 will now be:-

Monday, 22nd April – Annual Parish Meeting; Wednesday, 15th May – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council; Wednesday, 31st July; Monday, 2nd September; Wednesday, 6th November

Other business: ME reported his concerns about the current state of the Green and two complaints to him about the condition of the accesses across the Green to adjacent properties.

The Clerk reported an e-mail from Secret Gardens and Prestige Properties with their tenders for cutting the lower part of The Green (2 cuts in July and October) for £55 per cut and for the perimeter areas of The Green (approximately every two weeks between the middle of March and late October) at £40 per cut. They are

unwilling to tender for cutting the main areas of the Green in 2013 because of the potential damage to their machinery from the deep wheel ruts on the Green. The Clerk to seek tenders/quotations for making good the rutted areas of the Green and alternative tenders/quotations for cutting the main areas.

The Clerk read an e-mail from Mr & Mrs E Cawdron about the condition of the access to 2nd Slip Cottage. **ME** drew attention to the condition of the access to the Church Room. **JH** indicated that he has some of the "planings" supplied previously by NCC and he will arrange for them to be rolled-in as soon as the weather allows. After considerable discussion, the Parish Council decided to seek tenders/quotations for the erection of posts around parts of the Green and to include an item on the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss the issue of vehicles being driven over and across the Green and being parked there, as well as possible means of preventing the resulting damage. The Clerk was asked to investigate and report back on the feasibility of making new Byelaws and their enforcement.

Various matters require attention on the Green and **RE** will be arranging a working party.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April at 7.30 in the Community Centre. Bar open at 7.00 and after the meeting. See agenda on the Parish Council noticeboard.

HOG ROAST - 18th July, Manor Farm, Aldborough - by kind permission of Mr Billy Hammond.

People have started to reserve their tickets which will be limited.

Payment for tickets is not due until 31st May, so **please book early to avoid disappointment.**

GIFT's Charities 2013: "About With Friends", Village Care and The Grand Order Of Water Rats



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of Stepping Stones Pre-School will be on **SUNDAY, 5th May**

9.30 - 12.30, in Aldborough Community Centre.

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

Another successful Big Breakfast!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended the 'Mothering Sunday Big Breakfast' at Aldborough Community Centre. We are thrilled to announce that the event raised over £750 for Stepping Stones Pre-School, and more than 150 breakfasts were served. A fun morning was had by all with a fantastic raffle and tombola, face painting and tattoos, and the most beautiful gift stall!

Without the support of the village this event would not have been possible, so thank you so much to all those who donated produce for the breakfast or tombola and raffle prizes, and a very special thank you to our hard working team that helped set up and run it, especially the incredible kitchen crew who cooked the most fabulous breakfast!

Julie, Cathy & Antonia

Stepping Stones Pre-School Open Day on Saturday 27th April 10.00-12.00 As well as fun activities for children, there will be an opportunity to look around the Pre-School and talk with staff and parents and to take a peek at Aldborough Primary School. Everyone is welcome to drop in, so if you have a child or grandchild who is between 2.5-5 years, we would love to see you!

Children have access to a wide range of resources both inside and outside, during their sessions at Stepping Stones, including sand and water play, art and craft activities, musical instruments and quiet time with stories and songs. Children aged 3 years and over are entitled to government funding and can access up to 5 free sessions per week.

For further information about the Open Day or about Stepping Stones Pre-School ring 01263 768766.

[Editor: This item might be seen in time by some readers – delivery of the magazine will only just have begun.]

Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day Saturday 30th March, 11.00-3.30 at Barningham Hall, Matlaske

In aid of Stepping Stones Pre-School. This is our biggest fundraiser each year, attracting families from across North Norfolk. Help your children hunt for chocolate eggs whilst exploring the beautiful grounds of Barningham Hall. As well as the Easter Egg trail, children will be able to enjoy fun craft activities and face painting. Stalls, games, a fantastic raffle and tombola, and refreshments throughout the day.

£3 for children, £2 for adults, including the chocolate eggs and craft activities.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING.

Wednesday 10th April at John Brown's House, Aldborough Green. Please bring boxes between 11.00 and 1.00 for tea, coffee and a chat. If this isn't convenient please bring your box before this date to help our treasurer. We look forward to seeing you. Glenys Padgham

ERPINGHAM and CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is proving to be an ideal venue for children's parties as well as for family gatherings, dinners and dances. Very reasonable rates - £8 per hour in the winter months and £6 per hour between 1st May and 30th September. There are reductions in the rates for regular users. Please contact Yvonne Moore (Booking Clerk) to make a booking and for further details. 01263 768358 e-mail mrsyvonnemoore@yahoo.com

A new yoga class is starting here on Monday 8th April. See Pia's advert on the back page

Erpingham & Calthorpe Village Hall 200 CLUB - recent results

21- 01-13	176	G. Dancaster	2	J. Devine
28- 01-13	41	B. Pegg	179	A. King
7- 02-13	108	T. Bliss	42	A. Argent
11- 02-13	144	G. Gladden	192	E. Payne
18- 02-13	41	B. Pegg	62	V. Nichols
25- 02-13	101	Y. Moore	20	J. Cooper
04- 03-13	188	M. Clark	45	Abigail Payne
11- 03-13	53	Sarah Adams	120	S. Green

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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



At our February meeting we were all very interested to see what our Bursary winner of 2012, Lynn Bryan had learnt on her silk screen printing course. We were not disappointed: Lynn demonstrated various techniques, producing amazing results which many of us can't wait to try. The competition was for a silk or satin item and had many lovely entries. One of the winners was a magnificent silk dress.

This month the walking group has been very active and the swimmers have been making an effort, but we are looking forward to better weather. The members of the bowls team continue to improve. Craft competitions are progressing well and biscuit tasting at sub group events is proving a big attraction!

Dates for your diary: 1) We will be holding a **WI Quiz and Pudding** night on **Friday 17 May** in the Village Hall. The event is open to all, and more details will be in the May 'In Touch.'

2) The WI will host an Open Gardens event based at the Village Hall on **2 June 2013**. Details in May.

The next meeting on Wednesday 24 April at 7.30pm at Erpingham Village Hall will feature **"Feet are our Foundation"**. The speaker will be Ian Sadler. The competition is 'Interesting footwear'

Ladies, have you ever considered joining the WI?

If so, come to one of our meetings, which are held at The Village Hall, The Street, Erpingham at 7.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. **Visitors are always welcome.**

ERPINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

The new outdoor bowls season will start on the 28th 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 home-made 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 a wide age range so why not come as a family.

Please note that we welcome players from all local villages. More information from Angela, 768655 or George, 761577.

From the Editor's Postbag:- DOG MESS ON SCHOOL ROAD, ERPINGHAM

A reader reports an excessive amount of mess being left on her drive, front lawn and the verges surrounding her home. She filled 21 bags a few days ago! Parents of children who walk to school agree that it's a nightmare when a car comes, as the children have to go on to the verge.

If you are a dog owner, **please clear up after your dog!**

Anyone seeing a dog owner who neglects to clear up can report that person on the non-emergency police line (now just **101**). You do not have to give your name when doing this.

Not clearing up after your dog has a fixed penalty of £80.

Erpingham Café Church at the Village Hall

Sundays 7th and 21st April

New Series: The Journeys of Paul in Acts

Each session followed by shared tea together in the hall.

Please join us for these informal times.

Both events start at **5:00pm, with tea around 5:45pm.**

Tony and Jacky Peacock (768041)

ARTS AWARDS AT ERPINGHAM SCHOOL

Twenty two students from Erpingham Primary School spent an entire week in February working incredibly hard in order to achieve their **Arts Award Discover certificates**. The school ran a special arts week and students aged 7 - 11 tried out a variety of new art forms in several artist-led workshops, including illustration with Freya Henderson, modern dance with choreographer Neil Paris, land art with Nicola Poole, voice and singing workshops with Charlotte Sayer, and Warli Indian painting and Carnival costume workshops with Caitlin Howells. The Arts Award Discover is the first of a progressing range of Arts qualifications for young people aged 7 - 25. The Arts Award Discover certificate shows that pupils have taken part in a variety of new arts activities, researched artists and art forms and held a sharing event where they passed on what they had discovered to others. It aims to inspire students to try a wide variety of art forms and to start to understand how varied the arts are.

Erpingham students recorded everything that they did, researched and learnt in special log books, keeping a written, photographic and drawn record of their creative journey.

The whole school also visited the Sainsbury Centre of Visual Arts, going on specialised guided tours and researching, sketching and photographing many of the exhibits.

The final afternoon of arts work saw families invited to school to enjoy a sharing celebration presented by the students where they exhibited their work, shared their log books and performed.

Everyone worked extremely hard and had an exciting and inspiring week. Well done!



ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL Items from the report of the March meeting.

Matters arising. Highways: The Clerk was passing a request to NCC for kerbing in The Street to reduce water run-off towards some houses. On the village sign for Calthorpe the Clerk confirmed that he awaited NCC's reply to the Street Furniture Application he had submitted. On footpaths - nothing further to report but the finger post in The Street was awaited. The Parish Council website is now available and is being up-dated regularly.

Planning. The application for a shower block & 5 pitches at Little Haven Caravan Park had been permitted; the Council had no objection to the roof alteration at 1 Birch Court or the extensions at 21 Jubilee Close.

Finance. PAYE was to go on to real-time input. To obtain some bank interest the Council agreed to transfer MUGA funds between accounts.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear views from those present, particularly the MUGA project team. The Chairman outlined progress to date and how the Parish Council role would impact the work in the future. It was stressed that the funds are for a capital project, should be ring-fenced and credit given to donors in any report; unspent monies would need to be returned. The project team had sought three quotations to comply with the Council's Financial Regulations and were to have an early meeting with the preferred contractor to prepare an agreed contract which would be circulated to all members and then put before the Council. Arrangements were in hand to allow all members to see a finished MUGA in Norwich. G Gladden would be the Project manager for the group and would be invited to all Parish Council meetings to ensure liaison. The Clerk would investigate the insurance options for the Council. The meeting resumed.

In an item on the **Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA)** project the Clerk had prepared a short paper to brief the Council. He advised that the Council holds a fund of £101,250 from six donors. On VAT previous practice of advice from HMRC is now not available but published Notices do give copious advice for Community projects; these have been studied and the conclusions are that the parish council as a Section 33 body can recover VAT as long as it is non-business activity. This view has been run by the VAT consultants used by most district authorities in the East of England, who have cautioned the Council to observe their responsibilities; they are available to give advice should claims for VAT meet any queries by HMRC. On its responsibilities, the Clerk advised that the Council must place the orders, receive the supplies, have the invoice addressed to the Parish Council, and pay bills from the Council's own funds. It was agreed, nem con, that the MUGA Project Group would continue to manage the project on a day-to-day basis, referring to the Council as necessary. On long-term management implications these were identified as – the facility is managed by the parish council - insurance is arranged by parish council – the facility is the ultimate responsibility of the parish council – there should be no charges for the MUGA; from this it was clear that a MUGA group would need to continue to secure funding to ensure the project remains cost-neutral or the Parish Council must precept to cover its costs.

Business continued by considering the NNDC Energy Box and the Chairman described this initiative by the district council to give a resource which helps householders to reduce their energy bills.

In members' reports the council heard about the issues associated with the installation of a defibrillator at the Erpingham Arms. A member offered to trim the Village Hall car park hedge. In open business the forthcoming County Council elections on May 2nd were publicised.

The next meeting would include the Annual Parish Meeting on May 8th, commencing at 7.00 pm.

ALBY with THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL - Items from the Minutes of the March meeting

Erpingham Caravan site. Erpingham PC have supported planning application for shower block and 5 additional caravan units. Clerk visited site's owners to discuss proposed bridge across beck from Erpingham Caravan Site on to Thwaite Common. The owners had consulted Planning Services about this, but had been told that permission would not be granted.

Road markings – A140 Following a recent accident near Alby Hall, concerns had been expressed about inadequacy of road markings. Clerk to contact Highways.

Bus shelter cleaning Chairman reported that southbound shelter was fairly clean, but northbound was dirty as it was closer to the road. Brian Platts to look into cleaning them himself.

New Parish Clerk Clerk Reg Simpson to stand down on 31st May. PC were delighted to appoint new clerk, Sheila Vince (who attended meeting).

Speeding vehicles, Thwaite Common Following letter from local resident, Clerk had contacted Steve White, Highways, whose opinion was that a) the majority of traffic was local, b) 30mph signs would be detrimental to the appearance of the area and c) signs would incur significant cost. He suggested that PC promoted a "Please drive carefully" campaign via Keeping in Touch and flyers posted through local letterboxes. To be discussed again at next meeting.

Proliferation of signs on A140 Following contact by clerk expressing concerns on lack of enforcement, Norman Lamb MP wrote to Shelia Oxtoby, chief Executive NNDC, seeking an immediate response. Still awaiting reply. Steven Wade, James Buchan, Cllr. Norman Smith and Deb Struthers (NNDC Enforcement Officer) met local businesses (only those on eastern side of the A140 at this stage) to discuss profusion of signs. Traders encourage people to slow down and visit their businesses and this has led to poor quality random signs along the Alby and Erpingham stretch of the A140. The Planning Enforcement Officer informed meeting of the maximum aggregate sign area allowed on a forecourt, and said a lot of the signs on the roadside were not allowed under planning regulations. James Buchan suggested the erection of single amenity signs with simple pictorial/generic descriptions of all the local services available, in exchange for the removal of the current signs. The new signs could be located north of Alby Hall, and south of Alby Crafts. This was supported in principle by the traders but the Enforcement Officer would not give any indication that this would receive planning approval. Norman Smith is to continue dialogue with the traders and planners.

AOB

1. Report of damage to banks & verges, Hall Road, by very large manure spreaders during the snow.
2. Leakage from old septic tank, Thwaite Hall. Effluent appears to be flowing over lane onto the common, causing concern. Clerk to write to owners.
3. Weavers Way, east end of Thwaite Common has become overgrown. Clerk to contact Footpath Officer.
4. Alby noticeboard needs attention.

Date of the Next Meeting - Wednesday 15th May 2013

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

Cal Cannon confirmed her resignation as Chairman and reported the resignation of Alison Burns from the Council. Annemarie Gibbons was proposed and seconded as the new Chairman and duly elected nem con. To fill the vacancy on the Council the Chairman had sought and received the agreement of Andrew Houghton to be co-opted; this was agreed nem con.

Highways: The Clerk read replies from Norfolk County Council about clearing a drain and National Trust about overhanging trees. On footpaths one path was identified as having not been cleared for many years. On street signs the Clerk relayed the follow up information from Cllr N Smith (NNDC) about Butts Common.

Planning: The extensions at The Cottage, The Street had now been permitted, with conditions. In a brief adjournment, the Council heard about associated parking issues. The meeting resumed. On planning business the Council reviewed the consultation process as described in the Standing Order. The Council considered the current process, and how to improve the visibility of the Council, involve all members and provide applicants with a better way of presenting their proposals. The Council agreed to suspend the planning applications procedure in the Standing Orders for the rest of 2013, asking the Clerk to call a short meeting for applications when received.

Finance: The Council had not made any adjustment to the precept demand as the nett result would have been minimal. PAYE was to go on to real-time input so would be another change for the Council.

The Rural Community Association at Blickling had decided to close; a member gave a brief account of how the association had impacted Ingworth families and the Council expressed their regret at this decision.

The Clerk had attended the Sea Palling exhibition about **Flooding and the role of Emergency Planning**.

The National Trust had advised that the **Reading Room** was to be repainted on the outside.

Members' reports: The playground gates were to be repaired. It was suggested that the playground be improved by introducing a 'swing-seat'; members would review options, select a suitable product and advise the Clerk so funding contributions could be sought. The council received a report on River Bure issues where the Environment Agency was focussing on collecting historical evidence of flooding so specific areas could be targeted in future maintenance work.

The next meeting would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm on May 13th 2013.

INGWORTH - Help please!

The Environment Agency would be grateful to receive any documentation that can help record historic flooding events for the River Bure in the Ingworth area.

We would like to receive any data, i.e. photos or dates of flooding, when and how long for. Any documents would be copied and returned. This is to assist the Environment Agency with their maintenance work and river flood modelling work that is currently under way.

If you do have anything that you think could assist the Environment Agency please contact Annmarie Gibbons on 01263 739999.

Archdeacons' Charge at Raynham Hall near Fakenham on Bank Holiday Monday 6 May at 11am

Time to get your sponsorship sorted! Choose a length of walk or run that YOU are comfortable with, from as little as 3 to as much as 10 miles. Half of the money raised by runners or walkers will go to the AIR AMBULANCE and half to YOUR LOCAL CHURCH. Aldborough's parish share was reduced by £160 last year— it's well worth doing and fun.

So far £40,000 has been raised by this enjoyable activity, enough to keep the helicopter flying for two days, or pay for half a priest for a year. **What about organising a benefice team of walkers and runners?** Each participant has to register individually so contact Sharon Costello (the Archdeacon of Lynn's Secretary) on 01362 688032 or sharon.costello@norwich.anglican We are invited to take a picnic to enjoy in the grounds after our exertions.

Power to the People!

The Big Switch & Save - cheaper energy bills supplied by people power.

North Norfolk residents could save money on their energy bills thanks to a new scheme being introduced by the District Council. A website (www.bigswitchandsave.co.uk) has been set up where residents can submit their details to be included in a 'reverse auction' to find the cheapest energy tariff for those householders. By grouping hundreds or even thousands of households together, it is possible to negotiate much lower energy tariffs than if an individual was changing supplier. Schemes elsewhere in the country have seen residents save an average of £171 per year on their bills!

After the scheme closes for online applications on 8 April, energy suppliers compete in the auction to make the best offer to those customers who applied. The best deal is then offered back to those who signed up, who will then see how much they could save compared to their existing tariff, and be able to make a decision on whether to change to the new tariff. If the householder opts to change, the switch of supplier will be carried out automatically.

The more households who join, the stronger the bargaining power. You can help by spreading the word among your friends and family, but **it is also possible to register up to five households on the same email address**, which means neighbours and family members could help each other sign up too. If you want to benefit from the scheme **sign-up online before 8 April** via www.bigswitchandsave.co.uk Registering is quick and easy - all you need is a recent energy bill (one year's worth of bills for best results).

For residents with no access to the internet, it is possible to apply over the phone or arrange an appointment at the council offices to get help to register, **up to the end of March**. Call **01263 516044** for more details.

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Maundy Thursday , 28th March	7.30 pm	Erpingham	Liturgy of the Last Supper & Watch
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