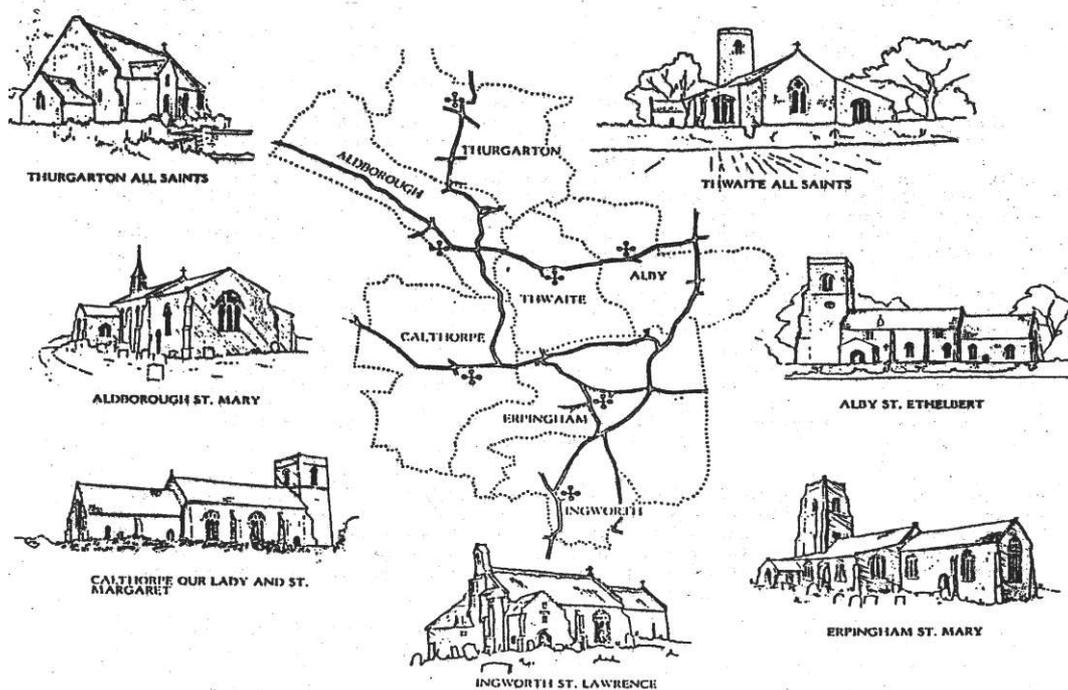


KEEPING IN TOUCH

JUNE 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

JUNE	1st Sunday after Trinity 2nd	2nd Sunday after Trinity 9th	3rd Sunday after Trinity 16th	4th Sunday after Trinity 23rd	5th Sunday after Trinity 30th
ALBY	↓ ↓	6.30 E	--	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	↓ ↓	11.00	8.00	Family Service 11.00	11.00
CALTHORPE	↓ ↓	--	9.30	--	9.30
ERPINGHAM	↓ ↓	9.30	--	9.30	--
INGWORTH	Group Eucharist 10.00	11.15 M	6.30 E	--	--
THWAITE	↑ ↑	9.30 M	11.15	6.30 E	--

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth (not 5th)
 Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (13th Benediction)
 at Erpingham (20th HC, 27th Benediction)
 Fridays 14th 9.00 Messy Church at Erpingham
 21st 9.15 at Aldborough
 28th 9.30 at Alby

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

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www.scarrowbeckbenefice.org.uk



Statue by David Holgate on the West front of Norwich Cathedral

FROM THE RECTOR

Six hundred years ago an unnamed woman had a series of visions of Jesus which she used as the basis of a collection of spiritual writings that have become one of the greatest classics of the Christian world. The woman whom we now know as Julian was an anchoress, whose way of life was consecrated to solitude and prayer. Her home was a room within the church of St Julian in Norwich, which gave her the name by which we know her, Lady Julian – Mother Julian, the lady in the church of St Julian, whose writing ‘Revelations of Divine Love’ is believed to be the earliest surviving book written in English by a woman.



You are invited to be part of a group who will meet in **St Julian’s church on Saturday 8th June** and in the adjoining convent, to spend a quiet day together, where a Eucharist celebrated in the space which was her cell, and two devotional addresses during the day, will give us plenty to share in.

We are very fortunate in belonging to a community of faith which has such deep roots, with so much to give us.

Fr Brian

A Quiet Day for this benefice with a Julian theme
Saturday 8th June 10.15 – 3.00 at All Hallows Convent, Rouen Rd, Norwich
(next to St Julian's church)

- Timetable:
- 10.15 Arrival and coffee
 - 10.45 Address given by Pauline Lovelock, followed by silence
 - 12.00 Eucharist in the cell in St Julian's church (Fr Brian to celebrate)
 - 1.00 Lunch - (talking) Bring your own picnic
 - 1.45 Silence
 - 2.30 2nd address by Pauline Lovelock, and concluding prayers

There is no fixed charge: we are asked to make a donation towards the work of the Julian Centre. There is room at the convent for a maximum of 15 people. To book a place add your name to the sheets at the back of our churches, or contact Fr Brian directly (768073).

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding	at All Saints, Thwaite	27th April	Daniel Witham and Genna Attridge
Funerals	at St Mary’s, Erpingham	19th April	Peter Clarke
	at St Mary’s, Aldborough	19th April	Keith Amis
	at St Faith’s Crematorium	10th May	Audrey Houlston
	at St Mary’s, Aldborough	17th May	Elaine Cook

Week beginning Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES

JUNE

2	Erpingham: Blacksmith’s Lane & Loke, Butts Common
9	Alby: Alby Hill, Goose Lane, Low Common
16	Thurgarton: Harmer’s Lane, The Street, Cromer Road
23	Erpingham: Calthorpe Road, Chapel Road, Cromer Road
30	Ingworth: Cromer Road, Priory Lane, Gulgate Lane, West End

HORSTEAD at the RECTORY

Have you been on a Horstead Weekend during the last 15 years?
If so, you are invited to a final BBQ at The Rectory, Erpingham, on
Thursday 20th June, 6.00-8.00
Do come along for the last BBQ. Contact Eleanor on 768073

GROUP SERVICES

Sunday 2nd June, 10.00, at Ingworth Church
and
Sunday 7th July, 10.00, at Calthorpe Church
when we shall be joined by friends from St Giles, our twinned church in Norwich

Prince Andrews Chapel
Aldborough

Living out the message of Jesus in North Norfolk

Sundays @ 10:45 for about an hour

Martin & Ruth (761468) or David and Jean (768416)

www.princeandrewschapel.org.uk

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

in Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough

Tuesday 25 June, 2.30 - 4.00

A SOCIAL AFTERNOON FOR MEMBERS

Time to relax and enjoy each other's company, and enjoy cake!

Also there will be an opportunity to contribute to Hospice Africa -

in time for Sue and Jamie Mumford's return visit to Ethiopia in the autumn.

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

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

On **Thursday 13th June**, Outing to Daisy Cottage, Roughton.

Meet at **6.30** at the Church Room. Christine Carlson 761715 can tell you more.

The Flower and Vegetable Show will be on Saturday 13th July in the Community Centre.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Don't forget the AGM on **Wednesday 29th May at 7.30**. Ring Pauline on 768227 for info.

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ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting on **Wednesday 31st July at 7.30** in the Community Centre.

The **Annual Parish Meeting in May** was attended by 5 Parish Councillors, and 22 parishioners. Mrs Tina Casburn, Head Teacher, came with six pupils from Years 5 and 6 who read, clearly and confidently, their own contributions about aspects of the curriculum. The readers were applauded and the Chairman thanked them and Mrs Casburn for their presentations. Some school work was displayed for inspection later.

Matters arising from the minutes of the 2012 APM -The doors on the garages in Margaret Lilly Way have still not been re-painted. The Parish Council will continue to press Victory Housing Trust about this and about the condition of the road in Tinkers Close. Following the appeal at the last APM, the Parish Council has donated £100 to Village Care.

Chairman's report – Martin Elliott said highlights of the past year had been the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, organised by Eve O'Connor and her team (a good example of the village working together), and the formal opening of the village pond. The village website had been revamped by Gary Frary, but an editor/moderator is needed to keep the website updated. During the year benches and picnic tables on The Green have been refurbished through a Community Payback Scheme, but one of the benches in Thurgarton had been overlooked. The shared use of The Green for cricket and football appeared to have functioned without problems, although the same does not apply to damage caused by misuse of vehicles. There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. He thanked the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their support .

The Green – 1) Damage The Chairman reported extensive damage over the last year by car parking and vehicles being driven across various parts. The Parish Council has received (but not yet considered) a quotation of £600 for repair work. He asked whether parking areas should be created to accommodate the numbers of vehicles parked around The Green. This was not supported unless there was a means of very clearly delineating their extent. **RE** spoke about the actions proposed re posts around the Play Area. **The Chairman** said an application was being made to NCC under the Parish Partnerships Scheme for a grant towards the costs of kerbing parts of The Green and the erection of posts in vulnerable locations. The meeting made the following suggestions relating to prevention of damage:- Enlist police help through the PCSO/ Encourage parishioners to help in identifying the culprits/ Provide reminder no parking notices/Revive the practice of placing plastic piping posts around vulnerable areas (an offer was made to help with this)/Plant trees around the edges/Erect signs to the Community Centre car park/Pursue claims against persons doing damage/Have a whole-hearted tidy up campaign.

2) Replacement of diseased trees

Christine Carlson confirmed that both the Garden Club and the Wildlife Group are in favour of replacement planting. She suggested that two hornbeams be planted on one side of the pond and two field maples on the other side. She recommended that six foot trees, available at £17 each, be purchased for planting by the Wildlife Group in November 2013. With one exception, all present at the meeting were in favour of the replacement. The Chairman indicated that this matter would be considered at the July meeting of the Parish Council. **Christine Carlson** made a plea that the proposed cutting of the lower part of The Green be postponed from July until August this year, to preserve the wild flowers.

Vacancy on the Parish Council **The Chairman** reported that this could be filled by co-option. So far only two applications have been received. He asked the meeting to encourage further applications from younger people to enable the Parish Council to make a co-option at the meeting in July.

Reports on Parish Councillors' Areas of Responsibility

JW – Recycling Banks – They are very well used and are generally very tidy. She encouraged their greater use because of the cash benefits generated for the Parish from recycling credits, which amount to about £700 p.a.

RE – The Green – Apart from vehicle damage, the main problems are dog fouling and litter. She appealed to dog owners to clean up and to all others to use the litter bins. In the Play Area there is a new picnic bench made of recycled solid oak, which has still to be put in its final position. She expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Wildlife Group for looking after the pond.

RE –briefly outlined the **planning applications** referred to the Parish Council in the last year.

TB – Community Centre – Lettings have increased by 10% in the past year which has been an expensive year with exterior repairs to help cure the dampness problems, decoration of the main hall and new stage curtains. The AGM is on 29th May at 7.30 pm.

Footpaths – were wet but are now dry. JH is not aware of any problems.

In the absence of County Councillor Diana Clarke and District Councillor Norman Smith, there were no reports. Disappointment was expressed by the meeting about the non-attendance of both these Councillors, with no reports submitted. The Clerk was asked to write to them both.

Reports from other organisations

Ruth Bayes for the Reverend Brian Faulkner reported that church attendance numbers are down as several regular worshippers are no more, and she informed the meeting that Aldborough had to find over £8,000 this year for its Parish Share. The work to the drainage in the churchyard has to be completed on the south side and substantial additional funds are needed for this. The Rector is retiring in October 2013 and some organisational changes are likely. She drew attention to the Celebration – A Matter of Life and Death to be held in the Church on 11/12 May 2013, to be opened by Mr Norman Lamb MP, and to the 100th Birthday of the Church Room, with a party on The Green on 20th July, 1913 dress invited.

Jane Maguire – Aldborough Players – 2012 marked the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Aldborough Players. The summer production, “The Importance of Being Earnest”, was a great success. In February, there was another very successful pantomime. A new team of scriptwriters is working on the next pantomime.

Joe Buxton – Cricket Club – Tim Knight has stepped down from his position as Chairman after many years. The Green is being prepared for the summer season. There will only be one senior team and one Sunday team this year. Coaching courses are held on Thursday evenings, and the Under 11s mixed team is now playing in the league. Changing facilities are now available at the Black Boys.

PCSO Nathan Jonas had sent a report on the 16 crimes notified in the past year, outlining them briefly.

Robin Gilkes – Community Bus – An acceptable location has now been found for parking the Bus at the Community Centre. Some changes will be introduced to the Monday route to include Buxton.

Jane Maguire – Twinning – Is still in abeyance but the paths remain open.

Keith Good – History Society – The Society is dormant and is being wound up. The draft of the History of Houses in the Village and their Occupants has been deposited with the Norfolk Record Office. The Parish Council has accepted custody of the remaining archives of the Society which will continue to be stored in the loft of Prince Andrew’s Chapel. £574.63 was left in the Society’s account and KG presented a cheque for this amount to the Chairman, to ensure the ongoing provision of the annual Christmas Tree.

Keith Good – Allotments Society – It has been a successful year with all the plots let, although currently there are two vacant. The insurance of the building may not be continued after the end of this calendar year because of the increasing size of the premiums.

Dee Jupp – Village Care – This registered charity, serving the catchment area of Aldborough Surgery, has been in existence for over 25 years. There is a Lunch Club on three Tuesdays each month with about 50 persons every time. The Transport Scheme provides transport to medical appointments at the Surgery, Cromer Hospital and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. Both schemes are subsidised by Village Care who are actively increasing their fund-raising efforts. They are one of three organisations nominated by GIFT to benefit this year and a number of special activities are being planned. They also hope to make a contribution to the cost of purchasing and installing a box for the defibrillator outside the Spar Shop to permit access at all times. More volunteers would be welcome.

Christine Carlson – Garden Club has 40 members, who meet for talks and demonstrations. Two visits are also planned. The Flower and Vegetable Show is on 13th July.

ME – Prince Andrew’s Chapel – Sunday morning attendances average 25 and they meet for Prayer on Tuesday evenings. The Buzz Club for 5 to 11 year olds is struggling for leaders. Last year’s ‘It’s a Knock Out’ on The Green proved very successful. Luncheon Club continues to run on the third Tuesday of each month.

TB – John Bacon Charity – A distribution of £10 has been made to each of 4 residents of Thurgarton. The next meeting of the Trustees is in September 2013, when consideration will be given to the next distribution.

Ruth Bayes – Keeping In Touch – 785 paper copies are distributed each month and more copies sent by e-mail. She still has problems getting details of forthcoming events and she gave some examples, including no previous knowledge of the visit of the Mobile Police Station on 4th May this year. The Chairman’s expression of thanks to Ruth for her hard work as Editor was greeted with immediate acclamation.

Christine Carlson – Wildlife Group – Has 35 members. The Open Gardens Day last year raised £1,500.

Peter Wedge – The Surgery – Now has over 3,000 patients. The Patients Participation Group is holding its Annual Meeting on 14th May and further members are sought as well as volunteers for the Committee.

Any other business RE thanked all those who helped with the Christmas tree last year, including JN, who produced the children’s goodie bags, and the Black Boys, who provided refreshments. The National Trust can no longer provide a Christmas tree so a new source will be needed. RE also reported on the very successful Christmas Celebration in the Community Centre, arranged jointly by the Church and Prince Andrew’s Chapel. RE outlined the work that she had been doing to produce a map identifying the locations of properties in the parish to assist emergency staff and others. Draft plans could be inspected after the meeting and she invited comments. It is hoped the final version of the plans will be put in the window of Village Antiques.

John Padgham reminded the meeting that the village barbecue is available for use by parishioners – apply to him.

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ALDBOROUGH SCHOOL is delighted to be welcoming the head teacher of our partner school in Malawi. Fanny Msangambe arrives on 18th June and will be staying for one week. It's going to be a busy week, but for sure we will pop into the Spar and Post Office on a trip to the village. I think Fanny will be quite surprised to find classes of 26-32 (that's a huge class these days) when at Kalinyeke school the norm is upwards of 200!

Two teachers from Aldborough (Mrs Morgan and Mrs Lawson) will be visiting Malawi during half term, to discuss our shared learning projects. This is thanks to a British Council 'Connecting Classrooms' Grant. The pupils have completed a range of work for their friends in Malawi to read and they are eagerly anticipating some work from the learners in Malawi.



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of Stepping Stones Pre-School will be on **SUNDAY, 2nd June, 9.30 - 12.30**, in Aldborough Community Centre.

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

ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP will be going to the **Cley reserve** on **Saturday 8th June**. For more information, contact Anne Murat, 761597, or Christine Carlson, 761715.

THE GOOD INTENTIONS FUNDRAISING TEAM

SHOWTIME VARIETY SHOW

Sunday 9th June 2.30 at Aldborough Community Centre

Tickets just £5 - available from John Filby or Yvonne Tiffany 01263 768076

Hog Roast at Manor Farm, Aldborough, 12.30, 14th July

Gentle reminder to all those who have reserved their tickets: payment of £12.50 is now due.

Please see or contact John Filby. A few tickets remain – act quickly!

GIFT's Charities this year are Village Care, About with Friends and The Grand Order of Water Rats

Erpingham Café Church at the Village Hall

Sundays, 2nd June and 16th June

We conclude our exploration of: The Journeys of Paul in Acts.

each followed by shared tea together in the hall.

Please join us for these informal times.

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

Tony and Jacky Peacock (☎ 768041)

ERPINGHAM SCHOOL

Messy Church on **Friday 14th June, 9.00** at Erpingham church. Families are invited to join in.

GARDEN FETE AND DOG SHOW

in the garden of the Rectory, School Road, Erpingham, on Saturday 29th June, 2.00 - 4.00.

Entries for the Fun Dog Show to present themselves, plus £1 entry fee, by 3.25.

Classes for:- Most Handsome Dog, Prettiest Bitch, Golden Oldie,

The dog the judge would most like to take home.

Phone 761321 or 761702 for more information.

There will also be a meringue sculpture competition!! What animal, bird or structure can you create using homemade meringue and possibly a little cream for adhesive purposes?

Bring your creation along on the day.

Contributions for stalls would be welcome: cakes, produce, plants, quality bric-à-brac, books.

Bouncy Castle and other activities for children.

Tombola, games and raffle as always, and refreshments on the lawn. Free entry.

Contact Eleanor with any queries 768073 Proceeds for Erpingham & Calthorpe Churches

ERPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

200 Club Results - The Big Draw

<u>£150</u>		<u>£100</u>		<u>£50</u>	
57	N. Filby	188	M. Clark	2	J. Devine
		<u>£10</u>		<u>£5</u>	
15-04-13	158	Carol King	19	S. Saunders	
22-04-13	84	Jack Payne	98	D. Clayton	
29-04-13	116	Mr & Mrs Hardingham	16	Miss A Reynolds	
06-05-13	52	A. Payne	157	Mrs Gibbard	

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

Another lovely month for this WI. The long, short and Nordic walking groups all ventured out in much better weather at last, and we are able to enjoy the gorgeous colours of fresh leafy foliage and today, the rich blue of the bluebells at Blickling.

The craft group, not resting on their laurels, are finishing the 5 pieces of work entered in the 'Tomorrow's Heirlooms' competition that will become our own WI treasures in due course.

This month's big news is the success of our 10 Pin bowling team, a modest group who would describe themselves as 'developing'. After a season of competition they find themselves in the final of the competition for the Plate, one of 2 trophies to be played for in the County.

STOP PRESS! They won in their final against Wreningham on Thursday 26 May! And brought home a magnificent silver plate. Congratulations, ladies!

It is not all work, however, and members enjoyed a great meal at the Erpingham Arms restaurant during May, something we think will become an annual event. It was a convivial evening: the food, wine and company were all excellent.

The April meeting provided an insight into our feet. The speaker, Ian Sadler, a podiatrist, gave the talk, entitled 'Feet are your Foundation'. It was so interesting he talked beyond the usual time, although there was still time for the competition, with the most unusual footwear, a pair of children's shoes provided by Carol.

Our next meeting will be at The Erpingham with Calthorpe **Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 26th June** when the speaker, Brenda Bowler will talk about '**Colours that Suit You.**' The competition will be for a piece of jewellery.

Guests and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in finding out about the WI, join us at one of our meetings which are always on the **4th Wednesday of every month.**



ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the report of the **Annual Parish Meeting** in May (Editor's choice)

Rob Goodliffe was in the Chair and welcomed those present. **Chairman, Mr N Smith had sent his report:** This past year has proven quite interesting. The Council met on six occasions. The most controversial planning proposal was a wind turbine in Alby and as an adjacent Parish we had to be consulted. There are those who think that wind-generated electricity is the way forward, and of course they are entitled to their opinion, and there are others bitterly opposed, who also are entitled to their opinion. The application was withdrawn following questions raised in connection with aviation. The Jubilee celebrations seem to be light years away. I must most sincerely thank those involved for all that happened over the four days, considered by all involved to be well worth the months of planning. Sir Thomas Erpingham accompanied by a trusty Monk put in an appearance and unveiled the new village sign. There has been a group of local people working over the past six or seven years in order to try to raise funds to construct a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). In October last year the Parish Council received the first substantial grant, to be followed in December by the award of an even larger grant to enable the project to go forward. It will be managed by the Parish Council with the MUGA team undertaking the day-to-day running. I know that I speak for all the Parish Councillors when I congratulate all those involved in the fund-raising as their belief and dedication paid off. The funding became available in the year of the Olympics when we were all encouraged to promote and provide more sporting facilities; again I know that I speak for all my fellow Councillors when I express the wish that the new games area will provide facilities for the younger and more energetic members of our community and encourage them to become more involved in village life. May I conclude by thanking all the Parish Councillors for the time they give for the benefit of all those living in our area and for the unstinting support given to me. Unfortunately Gilly Thorne, decided that involvement with the Parish Council was not for her. May I thank her for her enthusiastic support since becoming a Parish Councillor; we shall miss her bubbly personality at our meetings. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to extend our gratitude to our Parish Clerk for his contribution to the smooth running of our Council and his very professional guidance.

In other reports the **PCSO** had advised of six offences over the previous month. The **Village Hall** and grounds have been put to good use for parties, community meals, musical and theatrical performances, quizzes and educational meetings as well as regular use by the Coffee Club, Café Church, WI and Carpet Bowls, the School and Erpingham United Soccer Club. In particular in this Diamond Jubilee Year the Hall and grounds were used for village events in association with the Parish Council. Some use was made of the Hall on 55% of the days since the last report. All necessary risk assessments and safety checks have been completed with regard to both hall and playground. Repairs have included a new gas heater (thanks to funding from the Town Lands Trust), repainting the external front and west end of the hall, improvements to the electrics, repair to the concrete steps and altering the entrance to the ladies' toilet. The Management Committee has to generate its own funds in order to sustain and develop this community resource. Income from Hall hiring was a record £4,119, 18% up on last year – it was encouraging to see the Hall so well used by the community. The 200 Club remained a most valuable source of funds, bringing in £1000. Significant expenditure included £1284 for the supply and fitting of the gas heater; £850 for Calor gas; utility bills totalling £2155 and £482 for Play Area bark. The cost for repairs to entrance steps and treatment of timber cladding had been kept down by members of the Committee providing voluntary labour. The closing balance was £11201.

The newly elected County Council member introduced himself; then the WI reported that they had held 10 meetings and use the Village Hall for entertaining and informative events, including the birthday meeting and a Christmas lunch. The WI took a significant role in the Jubilee events, supporting the Open Gardens day. The membership is 23 and the new notice board gives information about future events in 2013. The meeting heard that the bell ringers continue to meet on Tuesday evenings and will always welcome new members.

This meeting was followed by the Annual Meeting of ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE Parish Council.

Rob Goodliffe was in the Chair and welcomed those present; Mr N Smith was re-elected as Chairman *nem con*. In his absence R Goodliffe continued in the Chair and was re-elected vice-Chairman. Representatives of the Council to other bodies were agreed.

Finance the Council adopted the Accounts for 2012-2013, then approved Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return 2013, followed by the Budget for 2013-2014. Mr K Benford was re-appointed as Internal Auditor for 2013 and the Clerk was re-appointed Responsible Financial Officer. **Planning:** the Council had no objection to the roof alteration at 1 Birch Court, the annexe change to holiday accommodation at Field View, Eagle Road or garage block & studio at The Limes, The Street; the extensions at 21 Jubilee Close had been permitted.

The Council reviewed the **Multi-Use-Games-Area** project, considering administrative details before agreeing to issue an order for the provision of electricity to the new site.

In his report **the Clerk** advised there was interest in inviting a senior member and officer from NNDC to attend a Parish Council meeting so he was asked to arrange this. He had received advice that the '**newcomers guide**' would need a new co-ordinator so he was asked to link this to the website. Following the recent resignation, notices for a **Vacancy** would be posted shortly.

Traffic safety: a member asked the Clerk to investigate the possibility of the mobile speed indicator device, seen recently in Colby, being used in Erpingham.

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

From Reports of the Annual Meetings for Ingworth held in May.

At the Annual Parish Meeting Chairman Annmarie Gibbons welcomed those present and in a brief report thanked her fellow Councillors and the Clerk for all their work over the last year; she paid tribute to Cal Cannon who had relinquished the post of Chairman only recently. There were no other reports and in the open meeting a number of local issues were raised including the condition of the Village Sign. It seemed that the link to the Clerk from the Parish website was not working and on traffic matters there was concern over parked cars near the Priory Lane/The Street junction; also there was renewed interest in establishing a Community speedcheck scheme.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council Annmarie Gibbons welcomed fellow members and members of the public. She was proposed and seconded and duly re-elected Chairman, nem con. Jane Steed was elected vice-Chairman. Two representatives were agreed for the Aylsham Area Forum.

On **finance** the accounts for 2012-2013 were adopted; Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return 2013 and the Budget for 2013-2014 were approved. Mr K Benford was re-appointed as Internal Auditor for 2013 and the Clerk was re-appointed Responsible Financial Officer. Payments due were approved.

There was an opportunity to co-opt a seventh member to fill the **vacancy on the Council** but as there was no nomination this item was deferred. .

The Council discussed **River Bure issues** and the Chairman gave an update on providing historic flood records to the Environment Agency, which had been a help in their flood modelling exercise. The EA provides briefings on current work. Meter reading locations may need to be revised and dredging issues were discussed; it is understood that the EA will reconsider the correct boats to be use for dredging.

In his report **the Clerk** had received further correspondence about the retention/loss of the name of Butts Common. He would keep the parishioner informed about efforts made by Cllr Smith (NNDC) to get a solution. In other reports sighting of red deer was mentioned and the Chairman indicated that in future public views would be sought before parish council meetings begin.

THWAITE COMMON - where next for wildlife and people?

Refreshments and exhibition 2.00-5.00, Saturday 22nd June. Guided walk 2.30.

Thwaite Common is a wonderful place for people and for wildlife and very special to local residents. But many of you will know that the management committee faces some challenges in caring for the site! Much of it is too wet to cut for hay mechanically and if we leave cut material on the surface, it smothers fragile wild flowers - yet, we cannot extend the grazing on the site without permission from the Government.

The management committee would like to share ideas and options for the future management of the common with local residents and so ask you all to come along on 22nd June. We will be on the central section opposite the riding stables. The event will be informal, so drop in to chat to us and find out more.

Further information Helen Baczkowska at Norfolk Wildlife Trust - 01603 62550 or admin@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

ALDBOROUGH FAIR

will be arriving on the Green, 16 – 17 June and will be working 19 – 22 June.

THWAITE COMMON TOAD PATROL - 2013 MIGRATION REPORT

Yet again an atypical Spring! We did 58 days toad patrolling but only moved toads on 15 days, i.e., on 75% of the days we had none. This was because of the cold dry winter and spring with easterly winds continuously. In March, from 15th to 18th the winds came from a westerly quarter producing a small migration of 30+ toads, but then the winds turned to easterly and temperatures dropped to near freezing until 10th April and we had nothing. From then on we had migration until 23rd April. It was warm and dry and that was when most amphibians went to their ponds and then returned. During the whole period we only had 9 wet nights and a total of 3½ inches (84mm) of rain –about half the normal rainfall. (April has been very dry – only 7mm up to 23rd). Despite this oddity of weather, 17 volunteers rescued 1441 toads, 38 frogs and 19 newts. Only 49 toads were recorded dead and good activity was seen in all the ponds.

Many thanks to all concerned.

Stephen Burrell

NEW PARISH CLERK for Alby & Thwaite Parish Council from 1st June:

Sheila Vince, Larksfield, Rectory Road, Suffield, Norwich NR11 7EW. 01263 761818

Norwich fights back on 'Most Godless City' tag

Church attendances in the Diocese have grown an impressive 9% in a year in the latest annual figures – the second highest figure in the whole of the Church of England.



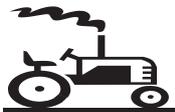
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"We can make sure no child goes to bed hungry. We can save lives. IF we challenge our leaders to take action. IF they listen to us." Desmond Tutu

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Dates for your diaries:



INGWORTH TROSH - Sunday 15th September from 1.00.

Lots of energetic help needed - let Alan on 01263 761156 know if you can help.

THWAITE CHURCH

ARTS & CRAFT EXHIBITION - Saturday 31st August & Sunday 1st September from 10.00 – 4.00.

RIDE & STRIDE

Sponsored cycle ride for Norfolk Churches Trust on Saturday 14th September

From the Editor's Post Bag

Ray Cook would like to thank his friends and neighbours for their kind messages, flowers, and help and support in his recent sad and sudden loss of Elaine.



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By the beginning of May this Food Bank had helped over 700 people in crisis. Please help.

Recent requests have included UHT fruit juice, tinned puddings, tinned vegetables, jam.

Food can be left in our churches at a Sunday service or given to a churchwarden.

Cromer is the reception centre for Sheringham and Aylsham food banks too.

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