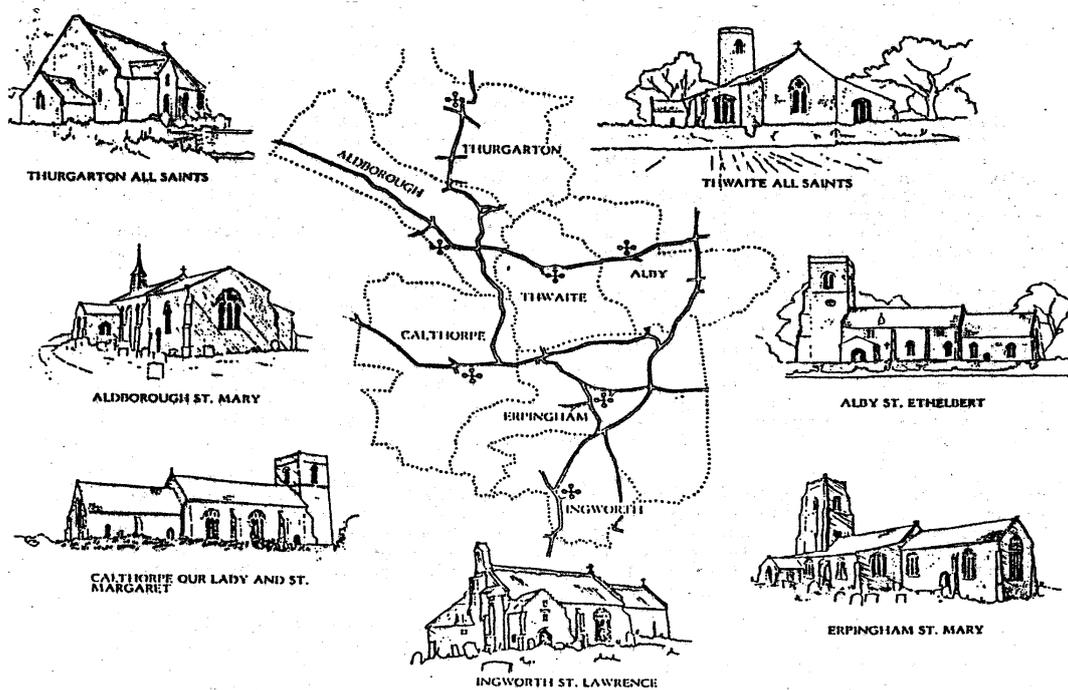


KEEPING IN TOUCH

JULY 2014

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 of time or place

JULY	3rd Sunday after Trinity 6th	4th Sunday after Trinity 13th	5th Sunday after Trinity 20th	6th Sunday after Trinity 27th
ALBY	↓ ↓	6.30 E	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	↓ ↓	11.00	8.00	11.00 Family Service
CALTHORPE	↓ ↓	--	9.30	--
ERPINGHAM	↓ ↓	9.30	--	9.30
INGWORTH	10.00 Group Eucharist	10.00 M	6.30 E	--
THWAITE	↑ ↑	9.30 M	11.15	6.30 E

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth
 Wednesday, 23rd 2.30 Messy Church at Erpingham - end of school term
 Thursdays *6.30pm at Calthorpe (HC3rd, Benediction 10th
 Erpingham (HC17th, Benediction 24th, HC 31st)
 Friday, 25th 9.15 at Aldborough

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 01263 761110 e-mail: synergyatwork@aol.com

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FROM THE RECTORY

Hello Everyone.

First, a bit of looking back and a bit of looking forward. The Fête at the Rectory at the time of writing will not have happened, but for many of you by the time of reading it will have hopefully been enjoyed. So, a big "thank you" to all who came and supported the event and a huge "thank you" to all who have worked so hard to make it such a success. One of the great joys of being here and being part of a country living is events such as these.

Looking forward, the **Group Service in August is at Thurgarton Church on Sunday 6th at 11.00. It will be a Family Communion Service and will be followed by a great Family Picnic** (inside if wet) with games and a truly fun time. Do make a note of the date and time and make an effort to come along, even if you are not a regular church attender.

Last month I said I would welcome enquiries for Baptism, both for children's and adults' Baptism and I can report a very pleasing result. We all look forward to the Baptisms in the coming weeks and months.

I continue to enjoy meeting and visiting people across the Benefice, it is such a joy to be with you. Do please continue to let me know if you would like a visit or if I can be of any assistance to you. Naturally I will be particularly delighted to see you at any of the services in any of our churches. So much is happening across the villages, thanks to the hard work by so many. I am particularly thankful to those mums and children who are supporting the Wednesday after school tea and play gatherings at the Aldborough Church Room. They are well attended, with the outside play provision well used in the good weather. In bad weather there are inside games and storytelling, so, Aldborough mums (and dads), if you've not been so far, you are very welcome to join us!

I would like to mention again the plans to run some simple refresher sessions about the Christian faith, probably in October/early November which will also serve as Confirmation preparation for those wishing to explore that possibility. If you think you would like to know more about this, just give me a ring.

Meanwhile, I hope and pray you will all enjoy the summer, and your holiday if you have one planned.

Fr Paul

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings	at Ingworth	24th May	Aimee Grice-Venour and Jonathan Wood
	at Erpingham	7th June	Georgia Gibbard and Henry Randall
Funeral	at Aldborough	19th June	Victor Ernest Surridge

GROUP SERVICES
Sunday 6th July, 10.00, at Ingworth Church
On Sunday 3rd August, Family Communion at 11.00, at Thurgarton Church,
followed by a picnic. Please note the time!!

Another change of time to note: Thursday evening services in Calthorpe and Erpingham Churches will be at **6.30** from July onwards. This will leave time for meetings to take place at 7.30pm if required.

LOST PROPERTY – After the last Group Service a purple-ish spotted 'onesie' was left in the porch of Aldborough Church. Please claim it!

Week beginning Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES

JULY

6 Ingworth: Cromer Road, Priory Lane, Gulgate Lane, West End
13 Ingworth: Banningham Road, Butts Common
20 Aldborough: The Green
27 Calthorpe : Aldborough Road

**Prince Andrew's Chapel
Aldborough**

Living the Message of Jesus in North Norfolk

Sundays @ 10.45 for about an hour
All are welcome to join us as we worship God
and study the Bible together

John & Jenny (577624) or David & Jean (768416)
www.princeandrewschapel.org.uk

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY 22 JULY 2.00 – 4.00

at Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough

TOPIC: SPORT FOR GIRLS IN NEPAL

SPEAKER: CHULI SCARFE

Chuli is a Mission Partner with the Church Mission Society. Like many Sri Lankans she has a passion for cricket. But she also wants to bring the joys of sport to the young girls of Asia, who sometimes are not encouraged or even allowed to play sport. Chuli herself is a mean spin bowler. Come and find out how all this sporting activity links with spreading the good news in Nepal. [Did you know that Christianity is growing at a very fast pace in Nepal right now?]

We don't promise a full cricket match tea, but there will be light refreshments.

[Contact: Pauline Hill – 768738]



This year's house-to-house collections raised a total of **£1370.52** in the villages of this benefice:

Alby	£104.84	Aldborough & Thurgarton	£588.09	Calthorpe	£51.70
Erpingham	£538.21	Ingworth	£10.73	Thwaite	£76.95

Gift Aid will add about £130 to the total.

Many thanks to all donors and collectors.

'ACROSS THE SEE' (the Diocese's free glossy magazine) has been sadly missed this month. There won't be another issue until September, but the monthly prayer leaflet can be downloaded from the Diocese of Norwich website. www.dioceseofnorwich.org. Ask a churchwarden if you need help with this.

THWAITE CHURCH 50/50 SALE, Saturday 23rd August, 10.00 – 4.00 Wine & Nibbles

If you have any items to sell please contact Lesley Hennessey 01263 761873 or lesley.alby@gmail.com (can collect) More information next month.

ALDBOROUGH and THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting on **Monday 21 July** at **7.30** in the Community Centre.

Items from the May meeting (Editor's choice). This was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Four Parish Councillors were present and four members of the public. Nominations were invited for the appointment of Chairman for the ensuing year and Martin Elliott was duly re-elected. Apologies were received from Ruth Elliott, Jenny Nichols, PCSO Phil Berkeley, Co Cllr John Timewell, and Dist Cllr Norman Smith. Following some discussion it was agreed not to appoint a vice-chair for this year.

Matters arising: Planning - Site Allocations have not been changed since 2011. Bottle bank at the Black Boys - Clerk had written to NNDC Planning but with no satisfactory response yet. Road surfaces - planings had been received and potholes filled; the Council recorded its thanks to Aldborough Farms. Grays Fair 2015 - the Clerk had not yet contacted them.

Planning: App no. 14/0439, Land at Arandora, Chapel Road; erection of one and a half storey dwelling and detached garage. The Council agreed to support this application.

Police Liaison Officer's Report: In the absence of PCSO Berkeley the Clerk tabled the report.

Public participation: The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

a) *Some disquiet was expressed by members of the Wildlife Group regarding a draft paper circulated by the Chairman. There was some feeling that the path through the area is too wide. It was emphasised this was only a discussion document and that it would be considered further.*

b) *Parking of commercial vehicles: Council was asked to bear in mind that people need to earn a living.*

c) *As the Clerk had reported no change in the Site Allocations Document there was some discussion regarding the effect of the Localism Bill on Parish Councils' powers.*

Internal Audit Report: This had been previously distributed to all councillors and after consideration it was agreed that all recommendations will be actioned.

Annual Return: The Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for 2013 -14 were approved and adopted.

Financial Matters agreed: To renew the Council's **insurance** with Aviva for a further year; to place the **electricity supply** to the 'Brick Kiosk' on the Fixed Price Plan offered by E.On for one year from 31 July ; to **pay accounts** totalling £1254.08.

The Green: Parking of commercial vehicles -the general feeling seemed to be that whilst commercial vehicles do not always look attractive there is very little that can be done considering the lack of alternative parking facilities. Council also agreed that people do need to earn a living. It was agreed to take no further action. Hard standing areas: Following on from the previous discussion Council felt that there is a need for further parking areas. Parish Partnerships work: the Clerk had not heard from NCC regarding the recent work - he will continue to follow this up. Wildlife Area: The Chairman distributed a draft paper containing proposals for an agreement between the Parish Council and the Aldborough Wildlife Group about the upkeep of the Wildlife Area. A letter had been received from Faith Broadbent regarding its size. There was some discussion as to how the area should be managed. This topic would be on the agenda for next meeting.

Correspondence: from Dennis Bacon regarding the use of Surrey loam on the cricket square, plus a request to view any deeds held by the Clerk regarding the ownership of the Green. Clerk instructed to reply that the Council authorises the use of Surrey loam as it enhances community enjoyment of the Green. Clerk also to explain that he only holds documents regarding registration of the land with the Land Registry.

Play Area Maintenance: The annual RoSPA survey would be undertaken next month. Peter Wordingham conducts a weekly safety check and reports to the Clerk. It was agreed that once a suitable contractor has been found PW is delegated (in consultation with the Clerk) to contact them to remedy any problems which compromise public safety. In the meantime he is to continue to liaise with the Clerk and Chairman.

Information: John Hammond has had to relinquish his post as Parish Councillor. Notices of Election have been published. The Chairman was asked to write to Mr Hammond thanking him for all his work on behalf of the parish. *(Please see note at bottom of page 9 regarding co-option as a Councillor.)*

ALDBOROUGH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

organised by Aldborough Garden Club

Saturday 19th July in the Community Centre

Entries must be received between 8.30 and 11.00 prompt. The show opens to the public at 2.00 when refreshments and raffle will be available and the Garden Club plant stall will be outside the Centre. Admission 50p – children under 10 free. Schedules are in the shops now. *(The Editor is reliably informed that certain people who 'always win' in certain categories will be away this year, so it's an open field . . . Do follow the detailed instructions on the schedule- it's a shame to be disqualified because, for example, your miniature garden is a ½ inch too big.*

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

At the first meeting of the new management committee the following officers were elected : Jean Wheeler (Chair), Sue Metcalf (Vice-Chair & Bookings Sec), Eeve Reynolds (Secretary), Bob Eke (Treasurer), Bob Botwright (Bar Manager). The committee expressed their appreciation to the outgoing Chairman (Tony Baillie) and Bar Manager (Steve Barnes) for their dedicated work over the years. For the benefit of those who may be unaware, the committee consists of representatives of all clubs and organisations within the village as well as six public members. If you would like to consider becoming involved in the running of the Community Centre please contact Eeve on 768384 for more information.

Because of declining membership, the management committee has taken the decision to discontinue the 200 club. Rules state that if membership falls below 150 prize money must be reduced pro-rata, therefore has now taken place. Thanks go to all who have supported this fundraiser over many years. Any ideas for a similar scheme would be most welcome.

ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM A growing number of parents/carers/children are enjoying the benefits of the Church Room for after school activities (and cake) on Wednesdays, and there is still room for more. The hall is also available for hire for children's parties – ring Claire Knight, 768051.



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of Stepping Stones Pre-School will be on **SUNDAY, 6th JULY, 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 Big Breakfast on Fathers Day. Once again, we had a fantastic turn out, and around 140 breakfasts were served! Children had fun with face painting and other activities while parents tucked in to a fry up or continental breakfast, so an enjoyable morning was had by all. The kitchen team did an amazing job at serving so many people so quickly. The event will have raised around £700 for Stepping Stones which is fantastic news.

Most of all we need to say a HUGE thank you to everyone in the village that came, and a special thank you to those who donated eggs, as well as raffle and tombola prizes. We couldn't have done it without you, and greatly appreciate all the support.

G.I.F.T. (Good Intentions Fundraising Team)

Don't be late for the Hog Roast at Manor Farm, Aldborough, on Sunday 13th July – 12.30!

More information next month about the 1940s evening at Aldborough Community Centre on 19th September, and Variety Show at Auden Theatre, Holt, on 21st September – or ring Yvonne, 768076

ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP Members have been having a very busy time with outings this summer: there will be no more meetings until September.

ALDBOROUGH TWINNING ASSOCIATION Ghislaine and Raoul, two of the founder members of the Association, were in Aldborough for a few hours during half term week. It was a pity so many were away from the village (or on grandparent duty) that week, but some of us enjoyed exchanging news of old friends, and it was particularly interesting to get a French view of the European elections. An Aldborough wedding in September will be toasting the couple in champagne from Villiers St Denis.

Wikipedia now has an informative article about the village.

RB

THE ALDBOROUGH SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Aldborough PPG Committee is currently a small group and would welcome some enthusiastic new members. It meets at the Aldborough Surgery on the third Tuesday of every other month at 6.00 pm for about one-and-a-half hours. Other meetings during the year are planned on an ad hoc basis.

The Committee acts as a liaison between the patients and the Surgery to improve patient care and communication. By giving patients a voice the Aldborough PPG is trying to have an influence on the future development of effective healthcare services in our community. If you feel that you could make a contribution and have the time to attend the bi-monthly meetings, please contact us.

Jim Spiller (Chair): jim.spiller@zen.co.uk. Tel: 01263-834815

Nita Good (Secretary): goodnita@hotmail.com. Tel: 01263-761580

Erpingham Community Church

On **Sunday 6th July**, we will be concluding our look at the book of **Nehemiah** and its relevance to us today. **Sunday 20th July** sees the start of a new series looking at "**What is Church?**", focusing on **Acts of the Apostles**.

Both meetings will start at **5.00** and last about 45 minutes or so. A warm welcome is offered to everyone to join with us for these occasions in the **Village Hall** in **Erpingham**. Our gatherings are informal, yet hopefully informative and challenging, as we seek to understand more about what it means to live out our Christian faith today. We enjoy afternoon tea together at the end of each meeting.

Please Note: On **Sunday 3rd August**, our time together will start at **10:30am**, NOT 5pm - more details in next month's edition!

For more information, please contact us. Come along and try it - you'll enjoy it - and we don't usually sing!

Tony and Jacky Peacock (768041 - or tonyandjacky@btinternet.com)

CALTHORPE Parochial Church Council urgently needs a **Treasurer**.

If you think it's for you please contact Fr Paul Thomas as soon as possible.

01263 761110 or synergyatwork@aol.com.

MESSY CHURCH The end of term Messy Church will be in **Erpingham Church on 23rd July at 2.30**. This is the last day of term after which the children will go home so we hope to welcome as many parents/carers as possible. Pre school children and their parents/carers are very welcome too.

ERPINGHAM and CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

<u>Latest winners</u>		<u>£10</u>		<u>£5</u>
12/05/2014	146	M. John	136	B. Smith
19/05/2014	167	A. Payne	169	M. Matthews
26/05/2014	110	B. & D. Brooks	153	J. Witham
02/06/2014	14	R. Dancaster	10	L. Brett



Coffee Morning

In Erpingham Village Hall every Wednesday, 10:15 - 12:00

Coffee morning on **Wednesday 16th July** will be another "charity day". On this occasion, all the income will be given to the **Ligusa Crossroads** charity, helping to improve the lives of children and adults in a village in Kenya.

Come along and enjoy a drink (and maybe a cake or legendary scone!) and take time to chat and relax with friends.

*Have you heard?? It's **FREE** to play at*

Erpingham Multi-Use Games Area

(next to the **Village Hall** on The Street, NR11 7QD)

Perfect for Tennis*, Cricket, Football, Basketball ...

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Haven't played soccer for years?

*Why not try **Walking Football** - a slower version of the Beautiful Game:*

Get Fit and Have Fun at the same time (Mondays, 7.30pm)

MUGA Open 9am 'til 8pm every day – even longer on weekdays: 8am 'til 9pm

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ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

Summer with a vengeance, and the perfect weather for the WI garden meeting. Our members are always busier in their own gardens at this time of year so some of our other activities are curtailed.

The walking group are continuing with walks in the area to make the most of this lovely weather. We have recently been lost in Holt Park and are soon to hit the seaside. From July we will meet a little earlier for our walks to allow a little more time in the tea shop afterwards.

Our July meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd, in the Village Hall at 7.30, when Anna Ovenden will be demonstrating how to make jewellery. New members and visitors are always welcome.



Some houses will have received this edition of Keeping in Touch in time for **a reminder: Erpingham with Calthorpe Summer Fête and Fun Dog Show at the Rectory, School Road, Erpingham at 2pm on Saturday 28th June**



ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

At this year's Annual Meeting Norman Smith was re-elected Chairman and R Goodliffe was re-elected vice-Chairman. A Witham will continue to represent the Council on the Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) committee.

Finance. Accounts for 2013-14 were adopted, Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return 2014 were approved, as was the Budget for 2014-15; from the Chair Mr Smith paid tribute to the Clerk's work during the last year to ensure the finances for the MUGA were managed smoothly. Mr K Benford was re-appointed as the Internal Auditor and the Clerk was re-appointed as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer. Payments due were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes of the March meeting. Members noted the request for a road improvement at Calthorpe should be considered along with a current planning application.

On this **planning** item, conversion of workshops to residential and access for Mrs J Cooper, the Council had no objection but had given comments and concerns on access issues. On the extensions at Laurel Cottage, School Road the Council had no objection and the application for extensions at By The Way, Eagle Road, Ingworth had been permitted.

Parish website. This has been completely revamped and alongside Parish Council business features events, local groups, facilities, the MUGA and Agincourt 2015. All interested parties are asked to check their information and advise changes by 'posting a comment'. The Council thanked Philip Watson for all his hard work.

Members' reports and open session. The Council heard about a hedge, now cut back, the possibility of part of the Village sign being redesigned for Agincourt 2015, that 'walking football' at the MUGA would be featured in Active Norfolk this year and **the Rural Run is scheduled for 14th September.**

HEDGEHOG RESCUE OPEN DAY



Saturday 19th July at Arcturus, The Street, Erpingham 10.00 - 4.00pm

(Admission free with ample car parking at the farm opposite)

The hedgehog hospital will be open and we would like you to come and see the work we do. We will be having all our usual stalls:- tombola, bric-à-brac, plant and book stalls with refreshments - fresh filled rolls, cakes, etc.

If you have anything that we can sell it would be appreciated. (Please no electrical goods unless new and in box.) Thank you. Sandra Craske 01263 761577

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the Report of the Annual Meeting in May (Editor's choice)

Annamarie Gibbons welcomed those present and was duly re-elected to the post of Chairman. Jane Steed was re-elected vice-Chairman. There was no nomination to co-opt a member to fill the vacancy on the Council so this item was deferred to the next meeting. (See item on page 9 re co-option.)

River Bure. A site meeting with the Environment Agency had been arranged for later in June and on **Wednesday 2nd July in the Reading Room at 7 pm** there would be **a talk from the National Trust** about the current River Bure programme. *All are welcome to attend.* The Council then considered the suggestion from National Trust that they would licence the Parish Council to use the riverside area opposite the Reading Room for community use. The pros and cons of this plan were widely discussed. It was agreed to form a working party of members and others to identify all the issues of concern and implementation to ensure the Council is fully briefed before any agreement is placed before it, at the next meeting. The Clerk would keep National Trust advised and request immediate access to cut the grass pro tem, and contact the insurers about any premium change.

Other business. The Council heard about the plans to build a **maize processing plant** near Aylsham so the Clerk would advise Broadland District Council of the Council's concern over potential traffic implications in Ingworth and that the Council would seek to be a consultee.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 1st September.

ALBY with THWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING *Items from the minutes of the meeting in May.*

Present: Cllr Steven Wade, Cllr Harry Woodcock, Cllr David Joyce, Cllr John Mims, Sheila Vince – Clerk, three parishioners, and visitor Markus Hankinson.

1. Cllr Wade gave his **Chairman's report for 2013-14**.
2. Markus Hankinson, Project Officer for N Norfolk Community Transport, discussed the **Flexibus and Medicar scheme** and how it may be able to help local people in addition to services already available.
3. **Public participation** - carried over to the Parish Council AGM that followed this meeting.
4. **Any other business**. District Councillor Norman Smith has informed the committee that an application to fence the majority of Thwaite Common for grazing has been made by the Management Committee to the Secretary of State. Mr David Williams, Housing Development Officer from NNDC had visited the last Parish Council meeting to discuss the benefits of affordable housing and the housing exception scheme which allows development in the countryside. Alby Town Green area had been mentioned as a potential site but no land has been offered for this purpose. Local residents and the Parish Council thought that the proposal would have an overbearing impact on a small community and that local facilities and public transport in the area would not be adequate. The discussion concluded with some support for the idea of affordable housing in the area but on a site with suitable infrastructure.

*This meeting closed at 7.40 pm and was followed by the **AGM of Alby and Thwaite Parish Council** - Items from the minutes of the AGM (Editor's choice).*

Election of officers: Chairman - Mr S Wade; Vice Chairman - Mr J Mims;

Thwaite Footpath Officer - Mr S. Jordan; Alby Footpath Officer - Mr B Platt

Matters arising: Planning Application PF/14/0490 Hill House, Pack Lane, Alby, NR11 7PL. Erection of single-storey link extension to existing annexe, raise roof and installation of cladding - unanimous decision of no objection or comment.

Footpaths 1) The landowner has provided a permissive path for walkers to avoid vehicles working on the line of the actual footpath which runs directly in front of the potato drying buildings/storage barns. The new path will not supersede the original right of way.

2) Goose Lane to Thwaite Church. The footpath sign at the Thwaite end still needs repair. Clerk has already reported this to the County Council.

Public participation. 1) Concerns were expressed about who is responsible for thinning out or clearing the ponds on Thwaite Common - to be discussed with District Cllr Norman Smith.

2) What is the Precept used for? The financial statement for 2013-14 was made available.

3) In response to a request for the full minutes of the last meeting, a full copy was provided.

AOB. The **defibrillator** in Erpingham, Cllr Norman Smith had asked about volunteers to be a contact for communicating when this facility may be needed. Questions were asked about the liability and safety issues. These will be returned to Cllr Smith.

Dog waste bin. Due to the increase in the dogs being walked on Thwaite Common in the summer months a request has been made to have a dog waste bin installed - Clerk to enquire about installation costs and emptying contract cost.

The bus shelter needs to be cleaned inside and out - Clerk to find someone to maintain cleaning several times a year and to get a quotation for the cost.

*NB- These Notes are informal and not comprehensive - to see the full formal Minutes, please make an appointment with the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sheila Vince 01263 761818.

Would YOU like To Be A Parish Councillor?

Two of our local Councils are wishing to co-opt a new member, so if you are over 18 and live in **Aldborough and Thurgarton** or in **Ingworth**, now would be a good time to volunteer. There will be an election of new Councils next May, so anyone co-opted now would only have a commitment for 10 months instead of 4 years – enough time to experience what is involved. Contact Martin Campbell, Clerk of Ingworth PC , 01263 834551 nparishes@tiscali.co.uk , or Lloyd Mills, 01263 732430 ParishClerk@aldborough.org.uk (by 11th July).

MANNINGTON HALL www.manningtongardens.co.uk

Summer Sundays at Mannington, music, art, crafts and sports. Displays in two rooms of the medieval hall, activities in the grounds.

20th July at WOLVERTON Country Day and Hall open

27th July at MANNINGTON Music Day

31st July at MANNINGTON Evening Nature Walk with Countryside Warden

HELL AND HUMOUR IN THE TRENCHES

Wednesday 6 August at 7.30. This fully staged show in **Aylsham Town Hall** will be complemented by an exhibition of local WW1 connections in St Michael's Church. After my short introductory film about the importance of the natural world to soldiers in the stress of active service, local actor Hugh Lupton will read poems by Sassoon, Owen, Thomas and others. TV and radio presenter Helen Mc Dermott's readings will recall the often forgotten torment of the women left behind to cope with chronic anxiety, loneliness and grief. The Iceni Choir will sing some of the evocative trench songs whose saucy wit and humour gave courage to the soldiers long before the age of counselling and valium.

Tickets at the door £12 to include wine etc, children free, or in advance from Barnwells of Aylsham £10, or phone 01263 768441. Proceeds to 'Help for Heroes'. John Snape

FUTURE EVENTS - please make a note of the dates!

The annual **Ride and Stride** for the Norfolk Churches Trust will take place on **Saturday 13 September between 9am & 5pm.**

This date should be in everyone's diary, whether you cycle, walk, ride, or whatever non-motorised means you use, or act as a 'sitter' at a church. Please join us on the day; visit these unique and wonderful buildings, and help to sustain what we are all proud to have around us. Sponsorship forms should be available soon.



INGWORTH TROSH will be on Sunday 14 September, 1.00 – 4.00



Profits in aid of Alby, Erpingham and Ingworth churches. Aldborough church will be having a stall. A lot of help will be needed, in setting up and clearing away as well as on the day. More information next month. Last year's event was bedevilled by bad weather and even worse forecasts so we hope for sunshine and calm this time.

BATS IN THE BELFRY?

The problems bats bring to buildings and furnishings and the headaches for the people who have to clean up after them have been well aired in recent weeks, but would you have guessed that this topic was only a small part of more than 2 hours of debate in the House of Lords on the value of the parish church? and only a minute or so of the Bishop of Norwich's 13 minute contribution to the debate? When a Radio 4 newsreader played a clip and said 'that was the Bishop of Norwich', those who know his voice could only say 'Oh no, it wasn't!'. (Hansard still prints accurate verbatim reports, now easily accessed on the web.) Our Bishop was more concerned to talk about new uses for the buildings and their space – as food banks, night shelters, post offices, credit unions, farmers markets, and by other worshipping communities, as well as for concerts and drama, as in the recent mystery plays at Bergh Apton. He commented on the value of our wonderful buildings to the tourist trade, and the lack of government support – less in the UK than in countries without an established church. RB



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On **26 July at 7.30** the ever popular Norwich Baroque return to Aylsham with an evening of Baroque gems from Handel to Boyce to Mudge. This concert in **Aylsham Church** is dedicated to Alison Snape's memory.

Tickets to include wine etc £15 from Prelude Records, 01603 628319 or at the door.

John Snape writes: We raised over £3,000 for *Sistema in Norwich* as a result of Alison's memorial concert. This wonderful achievement means that a lot of children who could never have dreamt of such a thing will now have a chance to play a musical instrument, possibly changing their lives for ever. Thank you all for so much support and generosity.

THE NEXT ISSUE Copy please for the August edition by Monday 14 July.

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