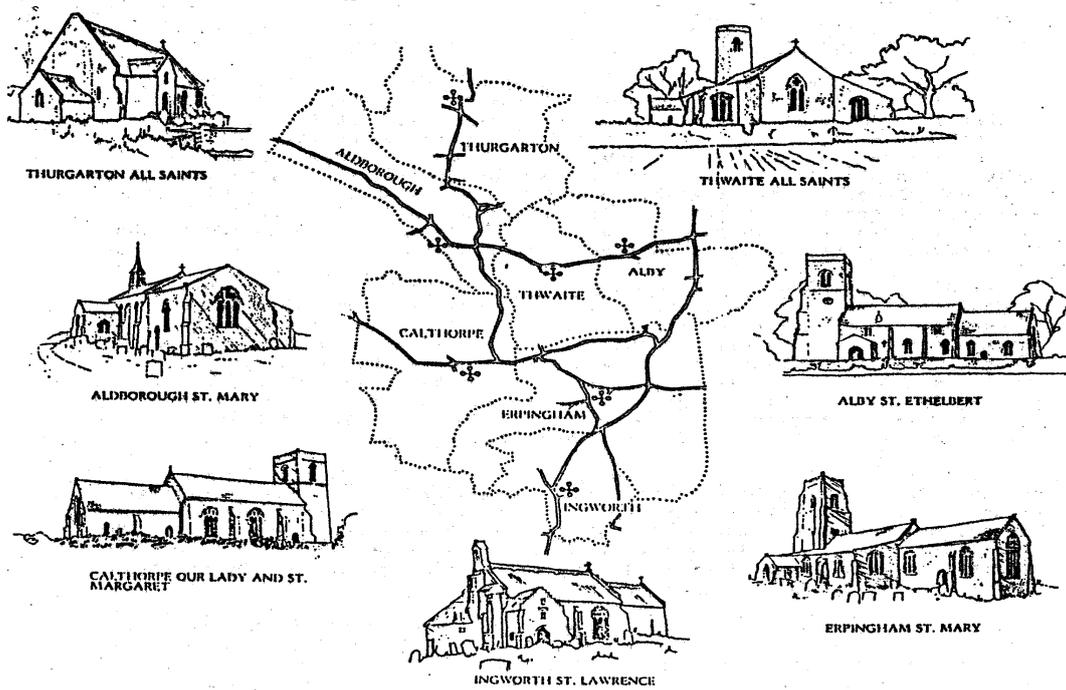


KEEPING IN TOUCH

FEBRUARY 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
 * = an unusual time or place

FEBRUARY	Candlemas 2nd	4th Sunday before Lent 9th	3rd Sunday before Lent 16th	2nd Sunday before Lent 23rd
ALBY	↓ ↓	3.00 E* (New time)	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	↓ ↓	11.00	8.00	11.00 Family Service
CALTHORPE	10.00 Group Eucharist	--	9.30	--
ERPINGHAM	↑ ↑	9.30	--	9.30
INGWORTH	↑ ↑	No service*	3.30 E	--
THWAITE	↑ ↑	9.30 M	11.15	6.30 E

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth
 Thursdays 7.30pm at Calthorpe (HC 6th, Benediction 13th)
 Erpingham (HC 20th, Benediction 27th)
 Friday, 21st 9.15 at Aldborough

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Thomas, The Rectory, School Road, Erpingham
 01263 761110 e-mail: synergyatwork@aol.com

www.scarrowbeckbenefice.org.uk

FROM THE RECTORY

Hello Everyone!



Well, after Sunday 5th January I am well and truly licensed as your new Priest in Charge, in other words your Parish Priest. Those who were in Erpingham Church that afternoon will know what a splendid occasion it was, made all the more splendid by the efforts of all the Parishes with their various contributions. My plan was to acknowledge individuals in this newsletter but there are just simply too many, and I would risk missing vital names out. So, if you had anything to do with the Service, whether it was bell ringing, providing the excellent food and drink, singing in the choir, preparing and cleaning the church, putting together the lovely flowers, playing the organ, handling the logistics of invitations and car parking, providing the sumptuous cake, or simply worrying it was all going to be all right - a huge THANK YOU! A special thank you to all who turned up for the occasion and all who sent good wishes by card, email, or telephone.

My main task now is to be amongst you, getting to know you, and you me. I think I am a friendly soul, so do make yourself known to me, or pop into the Rectory, or telephone me on 01263 761110. Otherwise, if we bump into each other in any of the many public places, shops, pubs etc., then please introduce yourself.

I shall, of course, be delighted to see you at any of the Services in the Benefice, but if you are feeling decidedly unwell then I can arrange home communion or a visit, just let me know.

I am so delighted to be here where I already feel at home. I am fortunate to be part of a loving and caring community, even if my stay is only for a limited time.

Yours in Christ, Father Paul

The LICENSING of the REVD CANON PAUL THOMAS, OBE,



The Bishop of Lynn, the Archdeacon of Lynn, and the Rural Dean were there to conduct the service. The church was full to bursting and what a joyous service it was.

This was a licensing for a post as Interim Priest in Charge so not such a long service as for a full time permanent rector but wonderful all the same. Father Paul's chosen reading was from the book of James – a favourite of his – and the Bishop in his sermon reminded us that James was a 'doer'. It's no good praying for someone who is ill and then not going to visit them! That is obviously something our new parish priest is going to encourage us to do by example.

The benefice provided a most splendid banquet of food – the tables were groaning – so thank you to all those who cooked the homemade cakes, made the sandwiches, and made sure everyone was served with food and drink.

A thank you too to the bell ringers who provided the welcome to those who approached the church and to the Benefice Choir for the anthem.

Helen Burrell, Churchwarden of Erpingham.

GROUP SERVICE

Sunday 2nd February, 10.00, at Calthorpe

(The Bishop of Lynn was with us for Fr Paul's licensing, so he will not be preaching at this service as was expected in January's Keeping in Touch.)

The Group Service on 2nd March, 10.00, will be at Thwaite Church.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals at St Faith's Crematorium on 11th December Anne Kennedy
on 17th January Doreen Kimberley

Week beginning Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES

FEBRUARY

2	Thurgarton: Bessingham Road, Chapel Road
9	Aldborough: Doctor's Corner and Hall Road
16	Calthorpe: The Street and Wickmere Road
23	Alby: Church Road, Lane End and Middle Hill

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

in Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough

Tuesday 25 February, 2.30-4.00

TOPIC - WHAT PUZZLES ME IN THE BIBLE

At the end of last year one of our members said that she was sometimes puzzled by verses she read in the Bible. So everyone is invited to raise topics from the Bible that have puzzled them, and we'll see if we can fathom them together.

As usual, there'll be refreshments to enjoy too. **ALL WELCOME!**

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

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

HOSPICE ETHIOPIA

**Jamie & Sue Mumford will be giving an illustrated talk
at 7.30 in the Church Room, Aldborough, on Friday 14th February.**

As many people will know, we spent the autumn in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. We were working as volunteers supporting the work of a small charity called Hospice Ethiopia. This was set up 10 years ago by an Ethiopian nurse to deliver palliative care to people dying in their homes. We had a fascinating time working alongside the Ethiopian nurses and teaching doctors and nurses about palliative care, a specialty that is little known about there. We also had the opportunity to travel around this amazing country and visited the 'vanishing' tribes of Southern Ethiopia. If you would like to hear more about our experience you are warmly invited to join us at the Church Room, Aldborough, on 14th February at 7.30 pm.

Refreshments available. Entry free but donations for Hospice Ethiopia would be most welcome.

ALBY CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

Advance notice of

A Grand Easter Coffee morning in Aldborough Church Room
on **Tuesday 1st April, 10.00-12.00.**

More details next month – keep the date free.

ALBY CRAFTS CENTRE IN 2014

After many changes at the centre last year we want to let local people know what's happening here now. The current businesses in the **lower courtyard** are Framed@Alby (picture framing); Keverne Dewick (furniture maker and wood turner); Allbees Beekeeping Supplies and Anglia Clay Supplies; Alston & Brown where Sarah is hairdresser and designer/maker of beautiful clothing.

In 2014 there will be more emphasis on learning, with the addition of 'Learn.Create.' a classroom dedicated to 'hands on' learning and Keverne Dewick running more one-to-one wood turning courses.

One workshop/studios is still available for rent.

The main hub of the centre in the **upper courtyard, the tea rooms**, will be under new management and re-opening in the Spring. Not forgetting, of course, the 4½ acres of **Valerie's Gardens**, beautiful as always.

We hope to welcome you to the centre soon to see for yourselves what's new.



ALDBOROUGH PLAYERS

proudly present

EXCALIBUR

the greatest sword on earth

This is the story of Arthur's battle to keep Excalibur out of the clutches of his scheming wicked sister Morgan le Fey. You will witness the formation of the Knights of the Round Table – aided by the bumbling magic of an inept wizard, Merlin. Standing stones will walk, cackling witches will incant and the Lady of the Lake attempts to bring some sort of order to the chaos.

Not to be missed!

Performances on 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th February 2014 at The Community Centre, Aldborough.

Tickets held at last year's prices are available from the Spar and PO.

Wednesday 5th £5, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th £6, Saturday 8th £7.

Children (16 and under) half price.

LOOKING BACK FOR A MOMENT

Each Christmas Aldborough Village Green is adorned with a large tree which is an important feature of Santa's visit as well as giving cheer to all who pass by - and each year a band of helpers spend a couple of hours erecting it and fitting lights. They deserve a big thank you from us all. This year special thanks must also go to the villagers who gave their time on Christmas morning to re-erect the tree which had blown down during the strong winds before carols could be sung round it and also thanks to the amateur electrician who got the lights to work. We are so lucky to have such public spirited people in our midst. SM

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

All are welcome to the next meeting, on **Thursday 20th March at 7.30** in the Church Room.

D. Andrews will tell **ALL about DAHLIAS.**



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of Stepping Stones Pre-School will be on **SUNDAY, 2nd February, 9.30 - 12.30**, in Aldborough Community Centre.
There will be markets on the first Sunday of each month.

ALDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Monday 31 March** and will be the **Annual Parish Meeting** for all residents.

The new Clerk of the Council is Mr Lloyd Mills, 14 The Paddocks, Aylsham NR11 6LH. 01263 732430

ParishClerk@aldborough.org.uk

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

Matters arising The former Clerk, John Payne, will progress the situation regarding the land opposite the Community Centre. He had written a letter to Victory Housing regarding the garages on Margaret Lilly Way but had yet to receive a reply.

The order had been placed for kerbing and posts around parts of the Green being undertaken by Norfolk County Council under the Parish Partnerships Scheme. The actual start date is not yet known. An additional post is required to protect the SW corner of the Green, which is being driven over by the recycling trucks. The Clerk to investigate if the PC can commission such additional work and related costs.

Approximately 10 tons of "planings" will be required to repair the unmade access roads around the Green. The cost would be in the region of £300. (JH will arrange for them to be laid once they have been obtained.)

Bottle banks. Clerk to seek replacement providers for this service from the start of financial year 2014/15.

The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak. Concerns were expressed re Telegraph poles on The Green, opposite Longstop Cottage (Clerk will contact UKPowerNetworks) and by two parishioners regarding the possible loss of garages at Margaret Lilly Way. Victory Housing to be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

Charitable Donations agreed: 'Keeping In Touch' £75; Aldborough Parochial Church Council £300 (for maintenance of churchyard); East of England Air Ambulance £200; Norfolk Citizens' Advice Bureau £50; Village Care £200.

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 31 March, items to be put on agenda: Garages at Margaret Lilly Way (Victory Housing to be invited); Bottle banks; Parking of commercial vehicles on the Green.

Reports from Parish Councillors on their Responsibilities

Play Areas – PW is now undertaking weekly inspections and reporting to **ME** with copies to the Clerk.

TB – Community Centre – Defibrillator being Installed. A training evening will be organised by **Village Care**.

RE – Planning – App LA/13/1442, Thurgarton Lodge, School Road, Thurgarton. Support agreed.

RE – The Green – Small "no parking" signs have been produced and are available. Four trees have been planted around the pond at a cost of around £100. **AGREED** to donate £50 to the Wildlife Group. The outlet pipe of the pond is in need of some repair – this is in hand.

The **map of the village** should be laminated before it is put up. Cost may be £50.

The edge of the **Wildlife Area** has been defined. **JH- Footpaths** - very muddy!

District Council and County Council Reports County Councillor John Timewell reported that the new system of government is being implemented.

On behalf of District Councillor Norman Smith, **ME** informed the meeting that the oil bulk buying scheme was now operating in Aldborough too. **(For details see page 9.)**

Correspondence, selected items:

A letter from Village Care proposing an 'Aldborough Arts Day' be held on **Sunday 29 June 2014** on The Green. **AGREED** to support and form a working group to be co-ordinated by **JW**.

Letters from Citizens Advice Bureau and Norfolk Age UK asking for donations. CAB already agreed (see above). No donation to Age UK.

Health and Safety Matters

The Christmas tree fell down and there was some broken glass which was cleared up. Thanks were expressed to James Wright, Robert Wright, Peter Davidson, and Steve Cooke who reinstated the tree.

Forthcoming Events

Village pantomime – 5-8 February Farmers' Market - 2 February

Further information

RE wished to thank **JN** for doing the Father Christmas bags. She also wished to thank Robert Wright for providing transport for Father Christmas. **The Parish Council** added their thanks.

RE reported that she had spoken with Felbrigg National Trust about obtaining future Christmas trees and she had obtained a list of other suppliers.

ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP

On **Wednesday 12th February** in Aldborough Church Room at **7.30**.

Tony Escritt will talk about his Travels in Jordan. Everybody invited to come.



THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE · TALK & DEMONSTRATION

Stress is a major problem in today's society and massage is a great way to relieve stress and tension in your life. Join us for a free talk and demonstration, and enjoy a relaxing cup of tea and homemade cake whilst learning about the benefits of massage.

3pm Saturday 1st March, CHURCH ROOM, ALDBOROUGH GREEN

Please RSVP to Elena Beimborn elena@beimborn.com 01263 768887 or 07776138125



VILLAGE CARE has lots to report this month!

First of all we say a massive thank you to **GIFT** for their fantastic fund raising efforts on our behalf during 2013, to all the members of Village Care for all their hard work baking, selling tickets, promoting and volunteering at events and to the village for their support.

Our **Annual General Meeting** saw some changes in the Committee with farewells to Philip Wood and Anne Murat. Both had served for very long time and we thank them for their tremendous contributions over the years. We welcome Alison Haynes and Jane Maguire

to the committee. After a break without a Vice Chair we are now pleased to have Maxine Wood in this role. Jane has taken over the co-ordination of the **Village Transport Scheme** - contact her on 761578.

Some of you may have noticed a new box fixed to the outside of the Community Centre. It is for the **village defibrillator** which has been overhauled and will be installed shortly. Watch out for the official launch and briefing sessions on its use.

Village Care Lunch is getting a little make-over. It is to be called **Village Lunch** and we hope to attract a wider age group for this weekly get together, enjoying good food and good company. Next month's 'Keeping in Touch' will have more details – so watch out for this too.

We were one of Waitrose's community causes in December- thank you everyone for putting their green tokens in our box. We don't yet know how much this raised but December was a bonanza month. Thank you Waitrose.

WHAT NEXT? VILLAGE CARE is planning a fund-raising

'ALDBOROUGH ARTS DAY' on Sunday 29th JUNE 2014.

We hope that lots of groups and/or individuals in the village will want to help us make it an enjoyable and successful event on and around Aldborough Green. There will be an initial planning meeting on **Monday 17th February in the Community Centre at 7.30pm** (bar open from 7.00pm). Please come and share ideas for the day or contact Maxine Wood on 761954.

FOR DOG OWNERS

There is increasing concern amongst those of us who live in The Aldborough Mill area about a few dogs not on leads. On recent occasions dogs have raced across our properties, terrifying cats and causing some damage to gardens. Our main worry, however, is that one day there could be a small child or an elderly person either on the footpath or in our gardens and, with the proximity of the stream, there could be a serious accident.

*Could we, therefore, please request **any dog owners whose dogs will not always walk to heel** to respect the signs that are in place and to put their dogs on leads whilst walking along the path that goes through our properties.*

ALDBOROUGH CRAFT AND SOCIAL GROUP meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Community Centre 2.00-4.00. Why not join us with your own craft? or just come for a cuppa and chat. Details from Jean Wheeler 768280

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Dance Party on Friday 14 February, 7.00 - 8.30, for children in Year 3 to Year 6.

50p entrance fee with sweets, fruit and drinks to buy. Music, dancing and prizes to be won.

200 CLUB REMINDER - Payments are now due – the present session is nearing the final week.
(Apologies to those the above does not concern - thank you!)

Numbers are available to new members @£5 for 20 weeks, and for present members who may wish to increase their stake !!!! Please support YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE. Details from Jean Wheeler 768280

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

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW in Aldborough Church Room on Sunday 2nd March

The winner(s) will be asked to perform in the Annual Variety Show at the Auden Theatre, Holt on 21st September 2014. Entry will be just £1 per person.

Open to all age groups, musicians, singers, speciality acts, comedians, Choirs, Groups etc.

For an entry form please email tiffany.265@btinternet.com. Closing date will be the 28th February.

We hope to see as many people as possible - come and support the acts.

QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 7th March in Aldborough Church Room at 7.30 for a prompt start

Teams are invited to join us ,price £5 per person to include a buffet supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. To book a team please call Yvonne on 01263 768076 or email tiffany.265@btinternet.com

We would welcome as many of you as possible to this popular event – we promise the questions will be easier than at the last one in October!

The charities for 2014 are Parkinsons Disease, About with Friends (Cromer) and The Grand Order of Water Rats.

ERPINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meetings this month are on the **2nd** and **16th** of **February** at **5.00**, with shared afternoon tea at approximately 5.50. A warm welcome is offered to everyone for these informal, yet hopefully informative, meetings **in the Village Hall** in Erpingham.

We also meet on a **Wednesday evening at The Ark**, in Erpingham for an opportunity to learn more together about living out our faith, in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ, on a day-to-day basis. If you are interested in joining us, and everyone is welcome, give us a call, or speak to us at a Coffee morning in the Village Hall on a Wednesday.

The second of our **soup and bread lunches**, will be on **Wednesday 5th February** at **12:30**, straight after Coffee morning finishes. After lunch, **Paul Rosier** will give a talk entitled "Much Ado About Nothing" (with apologies to, and nothing remotely like, Shakespeare). Paul lives in Cromer and is well known as both a humorous speaker and a retired Minister.

Please join us for these lunches – come for the morning, or just for lunch, or just for the talk, or any combination!

Tony and Jacky Peacock

MESSY CHURCH at ERPINGHAM CHURCH, with ERPINGHAM SCHOOL

Friday 31st January at 9am and Friday 7th March at 9am. All preschool children and their parents/carers are very welcome to join us. Plenty of craft activities to enjoy.

For further information please ring Helen Burrell on 01263 768209

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

<u>200 CLUB RESULTS</u>	<u>£10</u>		<u>£5</u>	
25-11-13	23	J Warne	156	G. Craske
02-12-13	132	C. Argent	60	S. Dennis
09-12-13	72	T. Moore	5	Mrs M. Allen
16-12-13	11	Mr & Mrs S. Casimir	182	Mr M. Allen

There are still spare numbers available for anyone wishing to join the 200 Club or add to their existing numbers. Ring Jan Jeavons on 01263 761620.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the village hall bottle collection. The proceeds from our bottle bank and the one at the Erpingham Arms have contributed hundreds of pounds to village funds. Unfortunately the district council will discontinue this charity recycling scheme as from April but we intend to continue our bottle bank provision through a commercial recycling company and very much hope residents will keep on emptying those bottles!

The village hall and grounds are a great asset for the village. The hall was used on over 200 occasions last year for a wide range of purposes including birthday parties from 7 to 80 year olds, keep fit classes, film shows, dinners, U3A meetings, school lessons, WI, community church and coffee club. The grounds include the children's playground, which is maintained by village hall helpers, as well as the Bowls Club, football pitch and new Multi Use Games Area.

Our management committee has struggled this year to recruit sufficient members and the resignation of our treasurer has created an urgent vacancy for what is a key role. My previous appeal in these pages for new committee members was unsuccessful and now the need is even more urgent. If you are able to volunteer to help in any way I really do need to hear from you soon. Please get in touch.

Tony Moore, Chairman, Erpingham and Calthorpe Village Hall Management Committee..... Tel 768358.

Yoga with Pia

Erpingham Village Hall from 7 to 8.30 on Thursdays.

A quiet, mindful practice including physical exercise, breathing practice, meditation and relaxation techniques. Yoga builds strength, balance and flexibility, immersing yourself in various sensations to bring about sensitivity and self-trust. All are welcome.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

President: Christine Jope 01263 768665 Secretary: Judith Harden 01263 761238

The walking group got off to a great start to 2014 by inviting our lovely husbands and partners on the annual New Year's Day walk followed by a bring and share lunch. We have also resumed regular Nordic walking up to 2 days every week to help shed the Christmas excess. The craft group had a fruitful first meeting to plan the latest projects for up and coming competition entries.

We are hoping to restart the 10 pin bowling, the swimming group, and to develop other activities this year, perhaps cycling, or reading, and we will be seeking suggestions from our members, for other things we could do. Our meeting programme is underway, and outings and visits anticipated including a Norwich based event in February ahead of International Women's Day.

We would love to welcome new members to our WI who might have ideas for other activities we could all enjoy. If you would be interested in taking a look at the WI we welcome visitors at our meetings which always take place **at the Village Hall, on the 4th Wednesday of the month, at 7.30.**

The next meeting will be on **26th February** and the speaker will be Gill Lewis on 'A view from the Loo'.

KEEP FIT for FREE in 2014 !!

The **Multi-Use Games Area next to Erpingham Village Hall** is now **open** and **free** for everyone to use, from 8am till 9pm daily (weekends 9am till 8pm). **Drop in** and use the MUGA whenever you feel in need of a little exercise!! SatNavs will find it NR11 7QD.

Afternoon / Evening sessions may be floodlit at a cost of £5 per hour: buy your meter cards whenever you are in the Erpingham Arms or Martin Service Station on the A140 at Alby.

(Grateful thanks are due to these outlets for supporting our community in this way ... please remember to support them too!)

If you prefer to book the MUGA for the exclusive use of your group, reservations can be made for any time on weekdays during term-time (with the exception of 3pm - 6pm, when everyone is welcome to play).

Check availability on the calendar on the Parish Council website,

<http://erpinghamwithcalthorpepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/category/local-services/> or email erpinghammuga@yahoo.co.uk

It's **YOUR MUGA** - please use it !!



AGINCOURT 2015

MONDAY 10th February 2014 is the date for our next meeting to discuss and arrange events and projects for **SIR THOMAS ERPINGHAM YEAR**

to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt when he led the archers under Henry V.

Various activities have now been suggested:-

- A medieval fair and banquet
- A dig of the old manor house
- A long bow archery and bowls demonstration afternoon
- A performance of Shakespeare's 'Henry V'
- A concert by Medieval Minstrels
- A battle re-enactment
- An Open Gardens day with relevant activities
- A Thomas Erpingham exhibition at the church

plus other ideas and other organisations expressing an interest.

So if you have an idea, or would like to be involved in any way at all, then please come to the meeting in **Erpingham Church at 7.30pm on 10th February. For further information ring 01263 768209. H.B**

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

My name is Sasha Gilbert, I am a social work student at UEA and I live in Erpingham. Through university I have been given the opportunity to volunteer with Childreach International and help to build a school in the Moroccan Atlas Mountains in July 2014. The Berber tribes that live there are cut off from civilisation because they do not speak Arabic or French- the two main Moroccan languages. By building this language centre, we will be giving 92 children the chance to learn these languages so that they can carry on with their education and improve their lives. I feel very privileged to be part of this project as I am passionate about promoting education. I need to fundraise enough money to go on this trip. I have planned fundraising events at university and I plan to sell friendship bracelets that I make and also do some car boot sales. I work in a pharmacy in my spare time so I am hoping the extra money I will earn over university breaks can be put towards this trip. Although I am working hard to raise the money, I would be extremely grateful for any donations that anyone be so kind to give. They can be donated at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sashagilbert1> or my email address is sasha.gilbert@hotmail.co.uk I, and the children, would be extremely grateful. Although this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me and my fellow students, the impact the project will have on the Moroccan children will be extraordinary. I am so excited to be part of this fantastic project! (Giving on line allows for Giftaid.)



ERPINGHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL , NR11 7QY Headteacher: Mr Simon East
head@erpingham.norfolk.sch.uk www.erpinghamprimaryschool.co.uk

Stay and play continues every Tuesday afternoon, 1.30 – 2.30

Forest Friends continues Wednesdays and Thursdays 10.30 – 12.00; please phone 01263 761365 to reserve your place.

Messy Church sessions are at Erpingham St Mary's Church: Everybody welcome:
Friday 31st January, 09.00 and Friday 7th March, 09.00.

THWAITE COMMON The drop-in session for residents to discuss the management of Thwaite Common, originally booked for 1st February, has been moved to **Saturday 22nd February** between 10:00 and 12:00 in Erpingham Village Hall.

A reminder (some copies of Keeping in Touch will have been delivered but not all).

THWAITE COMMON TOAD PATROL is meeting on **Friday 24th January at 8pm at Paigles, The Street, Erpingham,** to fix the rescue rota!

If you cannot come please ring Stephen Burrell on 01263 768209.



ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the report of the January meeting – Editor’s choice

Matters arising: Highways - the Clerk relayed the advice from Norfolk County Council about the removal of a tree trunk from the roadside on the Erpingham/Calthorpe boundary; a highway inspection visit is due shortly. He confirmed that he had been in touch with the police regarding the theft of the grit bin on the A140. He was asked to arrange the purchase of a replacement and to ask NCC if its siting could be nearer to the A140 carriageway, which might improve security. The Clerk was preparing names of volunteers to add to those from Ingworth to try and establish a local Community Speedcheck team. Anyone interested should contact the Council. **The MUGA** (Multi-use-games-area) the line marking is not expected until the Spring as their installation is weather-dependent. An Agreement on the MUGA for the Village Hall Committee was presented to the meeting. The trees for planting to comply with the planning condition were expected imminently.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear from members of the public. Helen Burrell talked about possible activities to be associated with the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt, in 2015, including a medieval banquet, an archaeological dig, school involvement, a Henry V play, a re-enactment society event and a display at St Mary’s church. There were two main objectives – whole village involvement and restoration of St Mary’s church, a Grade 1 Listed building. She sought involvement from the Parish Council and the Chairman thanked her for her briefing.

Planning the change of use from agricultural to office at Calthorpe Farms and the side extension at Fairview, The Street had been permitted.

Finance: the Clerk reported that he had received the contributions from both the Football Club and the Village Hall towards the grass cutting. The Council had been registered with the Information Commissioner for another year. The Clerk had established that the electricity bills for the MUGA are being over estimated by 50%. He would advise the MUGA team of the payments made to date. The Chairman withdrew from the Chair and R Goodliffe chaired an item where the Clerk had received a request from the Chairman to support **the new fuel scheme**, now with 35 members, by reimbursing him the £20 membership fee to the Rural Community Council; the Council agreed. With N Smith resuming the Chair, the Clerk read a letter from the Erpingham Parochial Church Council regarding high churchyard maintenance costs and the Council agreed to make a grant of £250.

The Council discussed a member’s report on **the Parish Council website** and its development; it was envisaged that it would have a more inviting ‘front page’ and include more links to such as the Village Hall and the Church. These would appear as soon as they were prepared.

In his report the Clerk advised the **dates for scheduled meetings during the year** - March 12th 2014 - May 14th 2014 - July 9th 2014 - September 10th 2014 - November 12th 2014. In a member’s report from the December Village Hall Committee meeting a permanent Trustee from the Council is sought; they wished to formalise the site grounds maintenance so the Clerk would arrange for a site meeting with Norse, involving one member.

SAVE MONEY ON HEATING OIL

The information in the December issue about the community oil buying scheme established in Erpingham with Calthorpe created a considerable amount of interest in other Parishes too. At the time the scheme covered just Erpingham with Calthorpe. Following discussion with the Norfolk Rural Community Council who promote the service I have arranged for the scheme to cover the NNDC district which I represent, this being the Scarrowbeck Group of Parishes, Wickmere, Hanworth and Colby with Banningham. **Membership is free to all those in the district.** For information my email is smith-norman@btconnect.com telephone 01263 768665. Norman Smith.

AN ANDROID APP FOR CHURCH VISITING

There is now an Android app for people who like visiting Church of England churches - maps and links to lots of useful information, plus an indication of whether the church is normally open or locked. It costs £5.00 and can be downloaded from play store in the normal way.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cbnewham.keyholder>

Aldborough Church Room

This hall has been serving the village as a meeting place for over 100 years. Perhaps you didn't even know it existed? It's an ideal size for meetings and events catering for comparatively small numbers, especially for children's parties, local societies and classes.

Recently it has lost some regular bookings – the Mobile Gym has taken its benefits to another village in North Norfolk, Pia Shell's yoga class is now in Erpingham, the Blood Mobile is no longer so mobile and is using fewer centres. Without bookings it will not survive.

Essential overheads – insurance, business rate, water rate, electricity, cleaning, repairs and maintenance cost a minimum of £2000 a year. Hours of time are given by volunteers in many capacities. Because there is a Community Centre in the village there are no District Council grants available for the Church Room. The last 'outside' money was an 'Awards for all' Lottery grant in 1999 when the kitchen was re-equipped. From then until 2008 all Aldborough Church's fund-raising was for the Church Room. The two accounts are quite separate, and the Church Room is a 'restricted fund', which means its money can't be used for anything else. There is no profit-making. But the Church Council also has another building to look after, a Listed Building Grade 2* on Hall Road, and financial liabilities there have rocketed in the last few years.

Please advertise the availability of the Church Room as widely as you can.

The Hire Charges are very reasonable and reflect the awareness that the Church Room does not have the same facilities as Aldborough Community Centre or Erpingham Village Hall, but for smaller events it has an intimacy that hirers appreciate – ideal for private parties, children or adults.

Hire Charges

Sales for charities by local organisations	£20 (If the room is needed the day before: £22)
Commercial organisations	£22
Children's parties – up to 3 hours	£20 For more than 3 hours, £5 per hour
Other users – per session	£17 (based on 3 hours, morning, afternoon or evening)
Small committee room - per session	£8 (10 people max.)
Other hiring times negotiable	No charge for church organisations (any church)

Bookings to Mrs Claire Knight Telephone:- 01263 768051 Email:- claire@folio.uk.com



In December 2013, the generosity of local people enabled the Cromer & District Foodbank to

- issue three-day food parcels for 382 people in North Norfolk (in December 2012, it issued 177)
- contribute food to 100 Christmas parcels distributed by the Salvation Army
- provide food for 50 victims of coastal flooding
- give 40 additional Christmas food parcels to families nominated by its voucher holders ('front-line professionals' such as health visitors, family support officers and social workers)
- use donations given for the purpose to buy presents for the children of seven families who would otherwise have had none at Christmas

There are collecting boxes in Aldborough and Erpingham Churches, Prince Andrew's Chapel, The Cut Hut – and probably several other places in our villages. (The Editor doesn't know everything!)

The Methodist Hall in Cromer is the **central collection** and distribution Centre, open on **Thursdays** 1.30 - 3.00, and at other times by appointment. From pasta to puddings, please give in-date non-perishable food, and remember non-food essentials such as toilet paper and toothpaste.

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See www.cromerdistrict.foodbank.org.uk for a very informative website.



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