



Village life news



And so, this years photograph competition comes to an end

This is our fourth year of holding our photographic calendar competition. We have seen some marvellous things captured on film over the years. In all we have received over 500 photographs ranging from people to pets, buildings to bushes and all sorts of flora and fauna. This year was no different. The photographs were judged again by our friend and professional photographer, Mr Roy Featherstone. Roy has retired from commercial photography now, but he looks forward to his annual phone call asking him to be our judge. This year, we asked him to be quite strict. Only one entry per person was allowed to win, giving more people a chance. We also asked him to try to capture the essence of our villages within the photographs. Hopefully, this years calendar will be the best so far.

We had nearly 80 photographs submitted, and looking at the quality of them we can only imagine how difficult it was to choose 12.

This year, £1 from the sale of each calendar will go to Macmillan Cancer Support, so hopefully we will have good sales and raise as much as we can for a great charity.

The calendars are still only £5, available from The Paddocks Tea Room, Julia Dent (Chapel Cottage, Walcot), Helen Drury (Postie), Mark McCorquodale (2 Manor Farm Cottages) or online at www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk



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News from the Neighbourhood Watch team

Alkborough and Walcot Neighbourhood Watch would like to become more open to all individuals in the community. There are currently a team of Co-ordinators who endeavour to spread the word, forewarning the community of issues regarding crime, scams, security matters, etc. Such information is usually made available to me by Ken Bates based at Safer Neighbourhoods in Scunthorpe. However, villagers themselves may see something which rouses suspicion, or experience cold-callers at their doors trying to sell some 'dodgy' service. This information needs to be spread round the community quickly so that we can all avoid becoming victims of criminal activity.

All residents in Alkborough and Walcot are welcome to attend the Alkborough and Walcot Residents' Association meetings held in the Coronation Club on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Amongst other group-news from the villages, Neighbourhood Watch issues are mentioned and can then be taken away and spread by word of mouth.

Neighbourhood Watch meetings are less frequent, the next one being on Thursday, 19 April 2012 at 7.30pm in the Chapel; this will be the AGM which anyone can attend.

I am inviting residents to forward their e-mail addresses to me so that as and when I become aware of information, the knowledge of which I feel would benefit the community and help to keep it safe, I can then share easily to more people who can pass it on socially in the Paddocks, at the Club, to fellow members of WI, the Church, Chapel, outside the school, etc, or by any other means convenient to them. This way, matters of concern can be spread round the villages more quickly and present a less onerous task to those currently spreading the word. Such information will also be made available by way of the village web-site, village fliers and newsheets and notice boards.

If you would like to help keep your neighbourhood safe from criminal activity, which is on the increase in rural areas, please forward your e-mail address to me. (Please note that unless you tell me otherwise, when I use your e-mail address, it will become visible to other e-mail recipients. I will, of course, only use your e-mail address for the purposes mentioned above.)

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EVENTS

Thursday 3rd November

Games evening in Alkborough Club. This months featured game is Countdown (as seen on Channel 4). Get into teams of up to 6 people and play against each other. It's great fun and prizes are up for grabs. Raffle on the evening. £1 per person entry fee.

Thursday 10th November

Alkborough & Walcot Quiz night at Alkborough Club is back... Starts at 8pm so get your teams ready. Entry fee £1 per person.. And don't forget our roll-over bonus question. All welcome (teams of 2-6 players only)

Saturday 12th November

Alkborough Methodist Chapel annual Christmas Bazaar. Starts at 10am and finishes at noon. There will be the usual attractions of cakes, tombola, raffle, refreshments etc. Proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the chapel and of course will support a charity, which is to be decided. Please come along and show your support.

Thursday 17th November

Alkborough Choir joint concert with Brigg Singers to be held at John Leggott College, Scunthorpe at 7.30pm.

Sunday 4th December

Christingle at Alkborough Church. Starts 3pm. All welcome

Monday 5th December

Carol singing. Meet outside the Chapel at 6pm. We will walk around the villages singing our favourite carols. If you can't sing, you can collect money. All funds will go to charity.

Friday 9th December

Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association Christmas disco. Alkborough Club at 8pm until closing. Disco and nibbles available. Everyone is welcome

Sunday 11th December

Carol service at West Halton Village Hall. 2.30pm—Chapel and Church combined. All welcome.

Sunday 18th December

Carol service at Alkborough Church. Starts at 11.15am. All welcome

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day communion at Alkborough Church. Starts at 10.45am. All welcome

Thursday 29th December

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Walking Group

Every Tuesday at 10am, meet outside the Chapel and enjoy a mornings stroll with us. All welcome.

Please be reminded that Avis Ablott keeps a village events diary at her home on Front Street. If you have any events you would like

Post Office service

Don't forget there is a post office service offered every Monday in Alkborough Club.

From 2pm until 4.30pm. Some grocery items are also available.



Celebration For Christmas

After the success of the recent 'United Songs of Praise' held on 1st October at West Halton village hall, we have decided to hold a 'United Celebration For Christmas' afternoon on December 11th at 2.30pm, again in West Halton village hall. The reason for the venue is that we can get more people in comfortably. The invitation is extended to all, particularly those who would love to come along and sing carols but wouldn't feel comfortable going to church. The Alkborough Choir will be there to entertain as well as helping to sing your favourite carols. Seasonal refreshments will be served at the end. Anyone requiring transport or requesting a favourite carol should contact Joan on 01724 721374 or any chapel member.

Air Ambulance gets a boost from us

Following on from the success of the St Georges Day/Easter Extravaganza we had the opportunity to present a cheque for £200 to the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

In September, Mr Trevor Cherry, who represented everyone involved with the Air Ambulance, was presented with the cheque on behalf of all of the residents. They would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the support we have given over the years.



Oil Syndicate

As a result of the recent oil delivery, we are able to donate a total of £37 to the Macmillan Cancer Support from the donations received. That makes a total of £79 for the year. Many thanks to all and your suggestions for charities to donate to is always useful, give your ideas to Joan Stocks.

A huge thanks

Paul, Kate and Dorothy would like to thank all our many friends in and around Alkborough for your kindness, prayers and help during Chris's illness. We have been overwhelmed by the kind words, cards, flowers and baking that we have received. The donations and collection at the funeral raised £1654 for Brain Tumour UK. A magnificent total. A big thank you to you all. We feel very proud to be part of such a caring and special community.

Local girl wins "Find Our Star"

Emily Childs age 20 from Alkborough recently successfully auditioned and won the Lincs FM "Find Our Star" competition held at the Skegness Embassy Theatre on Sunday 16th October. She will now be playing the role of 'Fairy Fortune' in the pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' held at the Skegness Embassy from 14th to 31st December.

Shocked Emily and her family were absolutely delighted when she was announced the winner in front of a live audience and the four judges; Jamie Marcus, the producer, Frazer Hines (ex Emmerdale and Dr. Who star) who is playing Muddles and directing the show, Rob Hammond, a Lincs FM radio presenter and Richard Kort, a West End agent.

Whittled down from 70 hopefuls from all over Lincolnshire, the finalists all had to sing 2 songs and act a piece from a script to win the contract to play 'Fairy Fortune'. There will be 20 performances and anyone wishing to watch Emily can visit the website www.embassytheatre.co.uk or telephone 08456 740 505 for further details.

If transport is a problem, we are planning to hire a minibus. Anyone wishing to go please ring Sue Childs on 01724 720758 or 07900430472

Local history group visits Scawby

In August, Scawby Hall, home to the Nelthorpe family, was the meeting place for the local history group.

Several members met to enjoy a conducted tour of this grade 1 listed Jacobean manor house. The tour guide, by way of portraits hanging in various rooms, introduced us to members of the Nelthorpe family. Richard and John seemed to be very popular names in the Nelthorpe family. She also drew our attention to many of the features within the hall.

Our guide was able to keep us informed of who was who and which member of the family had been responsible for expanding the estate. She also announced who had introduced the paintings and other artefacts into the hall. There are several paintings by George Stubbs as well as original etchings for visitors to enjoy.

Regular visitors to the hall included Rudyard Kipling and Kate Greenway.

Attached to the house is a walled Victorian kitchen garden, which used to supply the hall with flowers and produce. Visitors are encouraged to wander around the garden where a variety of fruit, vegetables and plants are for sale.

The hall is open for 30 days annually. Dates for 2012 are to be announced. Admission charges apply. The gardens are open, free of charge, 9am - 4pm Monday to Friday throughout the year.

Following the visit to the hall the group walked to St Hybalds church for tea, coffee and cake. An enjoyable and informative afternoon was had by all. *For more information about Scawby Hall visit www.scawbyhall.com or telephone 01652 654272*



And on Thursday 29th September the history group met, where field walking and archaeological finds were the subjects Alison Williams, Historic Environment Officer for North Lincolnshire Council, came to speak to the group about.

Alison explained how the field to be walked is divided into sections and each walker examines their allocated section. All finds, including the area they were found, are recorded.

Archaeological finds have dated back to pre-Roman times. There are many Roman items amongst Saxon and Norman finds. The medieval period is also very much in evidence.

The group were invited to examine some of the finds that Alison brought along. Many more items, including a Roman vase found at Walcot, are now kept in Scunthorpe museum.

It is evident that the Alkborough and Walcot area has been inhabited for several thousand years., which just goes to show what a lovely area it is to live.

An apology from the editor

Dear readers,

It appears there were a couple of mistakes found in the last issue of Village Life News, and for this I felt I should issue an apology.

As most of you know, this is a free newsletter, written by the residents, for the residents. We are not owned by Rupert Murdoch or News International and so we can't blame rogue reporters for our mistakes. Due to the fact we had no phone lines for nearly the whole month of July we can't even blame 'phone hacking'. All the mistakes made, were made by us and for this we would like to say a huge sorry.

We would especially like to apologise to our Ward Councillors whom we omitted from the July issue of the newsletter, instead we printed their predecessors. Again, we are deeply sorry.

We sadly lost one of our most valuable members of the team in July of 2011. She was a formidable woman, an inspiration to everyone who ever came into contact with her. Without her determination, passion, insight, hard work and motivation the Residents' Association and the village in general wouldn't be the way it is today. She was always only a phone call away, and she always found the energy and time to help in any way that she could. Any task seemed effortless to her and she provided great inspiration to others to encourage a great outcome. She regularly checked the newsletter for mistakes and corrected them with ruthless efficiency, which made it the newsletter it is today.

With this in mind, we will put into place a similar checking system to ensure the newsletter doesn't get produced with too many mistakes in the future.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has worked with us on the newsletter, for all the articles and entertainment we have featured every quarter, and for reading and enjoying it. The last 3 years have been good, lets keep it that way. Ed

As winter approaches, take care

With winter round the corner and the cold weather bringing fall hazards, we would like to urge our residents to take care. Everyone can slip or fall but those who are elderly or with medical conditions are more vulnerable. If you suffer from Osteoarthritis and Osteoporosis, Parkinson's Disease or have suffered strokes, if you're on medication that sometimes makes you dizzy, all these can make you more at risk of trips and falls. In addition to the afore mentioned conditions, the risk of falling increases with age. Approximately a quarter of a million people over the age of 75 fall each year.

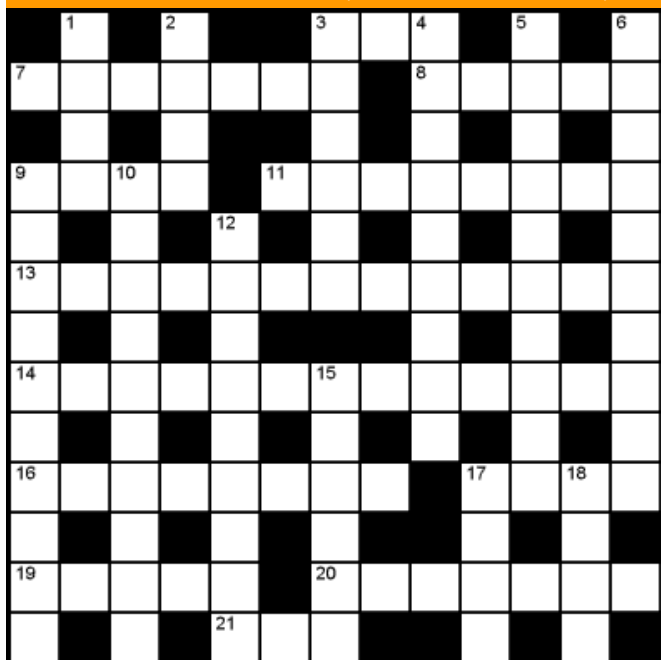
These are some tips for reducing the risk of having a fall at home; wear well-fitting, non-slip footwear. Remove or secure loose rugs or carpets. Clean up spills as soon as they happen. Use bright light bulbs. Always switch on lights at night. If possible, get firm handrails fitted to both sides of the stairs and grab handles at the side of your bath and toilet. Keep stairs and walkways clutter free. Store regularly used items within easy reach.

When walking out and about this winter, take your time. Always allow more time than needed to get anywhere. More information is available for help with all the things mentioned. Contact Sharon Mawer on 01724 721214 for details.

The Paddocks Book Club

There are some spaces available if you would like to join our book club. See Veryan in The Paddocks or Louise Dean for more information.

Puzzle Number 16 (Answers in next newsletter)



Across

- 3 Brief swim (3)
- 7 Portable rocket launcher (7)
- 8 Friend (Spanish) (5)
- 9 Chief (4)
- 11 Deceive (8)
- 13 Primitive building material (6,3,4)
- 14 Resident in possession of property (5-8)
- 16 Dark volcanic glass (8)
- 17 Ancient Peruvian (4)
- 19 Inhabited (5)
- 20 Advocate (7)
- 21 Longing (3)

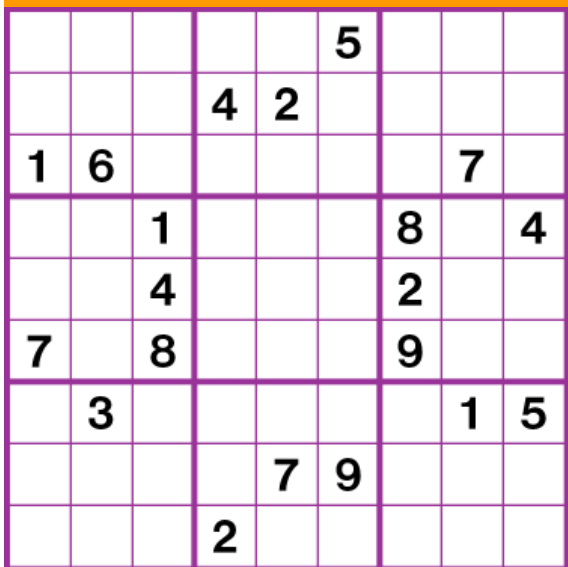
Down

- 1 See 2
- 2/1 Hangman, for example (4,4)
- 3 US area occupied by the Sioux (6)
- 4 Ballet dance for two (3,2,4)
- 5 Legal proceeding (10)
- 6 Australian bird also called laughing jackass (10)
- 9 Fuss (3-2-3-2)
- 10 Said so, then (anag.) (10)
- 12 Flamboyance (9)
- 15 Gutless (6)
- 17 See 18
- 18/17 Very robust (4,4)

Solution to Puzzle No 15, July 2011 Issue.

Across: 1; Buddhism 5; Thor 8; Extra 9; Cowpoke 11; Fata Morgana 12; Sou 13; Llandudno 15; Pox 16; What Have You 19; Offered 21; Ideal 22; Null 23; Majestic
Down: 1; Beef 2; Dutiful 3; Head Teacher 4; Moo 6; Hoo-Ha 7; Rievaulx 9; Camp David 10; Worldly Wise 12; Show Down 14; Opulent 17; Awful 18; Bloc 20; Elm

Sudoku No 10



Alkborough and Walcot operate a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Should you notice anything strange or if you have any concerns let your local co-ordinator know as soon as possible.

Remember, by working together, we can help keep our community safe.

For non emergencies call **0845 60 60 222**

In an emergency dial **999**

What's On

Your quick guide to what's on in Alkborough & Walcot.

- Women's Institute meets on the second Wednesday in every month at 7.15pm at Alkborough Primary School or the Chapel.
- Residents' Association meets on the first Tuesday in every month at 7.30pm at The Coronation Club, Alkborough. Everyone is welcome, why not come along and give us feedback on local projects or help out with our social events.
- Sunday Service at Alkborough Methodist Chapel, Front Street at 6pm every Sunday.
- A prayer group meets at the Chapel each week at 8.30am every Friday.
- The walking group meets every Tuesday at 10am outside the Chapel.

If you have any articles or news stories that you would like to see featured in *YOUR* newsletter, please post them to:

Mark McCorquodale, 2 Manor Farm Cottages, Whitton Road, Alkborough

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