

Village life news

History group draws a crowd As villagers learn about life 'growing up during the war'

On the 28th May 2009, there was a good turn out for the History Group at the chapel. The subject was 'Growing up during the War.' This was delivered by Stuart Brand. Stuart gave an excellent account of his memories as a child in Worksop during the Second World War.

At 11 years of age, Stuart was asked if he would be a police messenger and was given a cloak, a tin hat, a police whistle and a second-hand bike. We heard about the evacuees who stayed in his home and his time in the Army Cadets. Stuart made this sound exciting for a young boy as they had camouflage training in woods and learnt how to fire weapons such as rifles, sub-machine guns and a Sten gun.

There certainly exists a huge difference between Stuart's youth and the over-protection of today, when children are not allowed to play with conkers at school in case of injury. The majority of boys today would, I am sure, enjoy the anti-gas training and training in radio procedure which Stuart experienced. He then joined the Home Guard, relating that he spent happy hours at weekends transmitting to platoons from the top of the tower at Hodsock Priory.

Stuart talked of the comradeship during those times and the queuing, explaining that if you saw a queue you automatically joined it, regardless of the fact you had no idea what you were queuing for. In typical Stuart fashion he kept us entertained with his humour. For example, there was the tale about the bomb which fell 3 miles from his home, killing a cow and leaving one very angry bull.

Stuart, it seems, had people around him who largely protected him from the horrors of war, but this did not stop him from doing his bit for the war effort, even at such a young age. A big thank you to Stuart for sharing his memories with us all.



Children during the war

Written by: Jane Yates

Our future fuel?

Cheap, green forever!

Where's the catch? There isn't one!

Coppicing could provide Alkborough and Walcot with a sustainable source of logs.

Because burning wood emits CO₂ that has been absorbed as the tree grew, it is 100% carbon neutral fuel, the use of which is being encouraged by the government.

This means that funding is available for the production of wood as a fuel. Potentially wood produced in this way could be available to residents very cheaply.

If there is interest in this, the Residents' Association would like to investigate the possibility of establishing a wood supply for Alkborough and Walcot.

To this end, we need to gauge the level of interest. If you are interested would you please complete the slip below and return it to David Dransfield, Sam Roebuck, Ray Dent or Ian Hollingsworth. Alternatively pop it in an envelope and hand it to Postie Helen who will ensure the team gets it. If you require any more information please contact David on 721069, Sam on 721940, Ray on 720847 or Ian on 720064.

Title: _____ Initials: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

I currently burn wood on;

Wood burning stove	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood burning range	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi fuel stove	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please tick all that apply

Would you burn wood if it came from a cheap and sustainable source? **YES/NO** * Delete as appropriate.

Ward Councillors for Burton and Winterton

Linda Cawsey	Tel: 734870
Bernard Regan	Tel: 720821
Alan Smith	Tel: 733364

Alternatively, you may contact councillors at the Labour Office,
Pittwood House, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, Tel: 01724 296348

Forthcoming events

Keep yourself busy and have fun in Alkborough & Walcot

Monday 31st August

WI Bank Holiday Tea Party in St John the Baptist Church, Alkborough. Starts at 2.30 pm. All the usual stalls including a cake stall, tombola, raffle and white elephant. Delicious teas and cakes as always. Proceeds to go to 'Wish Upon A Star' and breast cancer. All welcome.

Sunday 20th September

Alkborough Methodist Chapel Harvest Festival. 4pm. Preacher Mr. Peter Jackson and soloist Gill Jackson in attendance. Apple pie and cheese to follow.

Saturday 27th September

Alkborough & Walcot Local History group meeting. Meet at 2pm at the chapel and enjoy a walk around our villages.

Wednesday 30th September

Closing date for photograph entries to this years photo competition. To be in with a chance get your photo's to Chris Stannard, Mark McCorquodale or Postie Helen.

Saturday 31st October

Halloween disco. Alkborough Cricket Club. 7.30pm Bring your own food and drink. Tickets just £3.50. Fancy dress is optional.

Saturday 21st November

Alkborough and Walcot Wine Tasting Event. Alkborough Cricket Club. 7.30pm. Various wines supplied by Sainsbury's of Scunthorpe. Buffet included in the price. Tickets available now at £8.50

Whist Evening

Every Monday evening at 8pm at Coronation Club, Alkborough. Come and join the fun, all welcome.

Walking Group

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

Cycling Group

Every Tuesday at 7pm, meet outside the chapel and enjoy an evening cycling, all ages welcome.

Quiz Night

For all of you who are missing them, the quiz nights will start again in October.

Watch out, there's a what?

Beware the wildlife

During the middle of May, I was walking my dog around five o'clock in the afternoon between Burton upon Stather and Alkborough. Just before I reached the Maze, I turned right towards Back Street along the path which leads behind the cottages on Back Street. My dog was on the lead and we were walking quite slowly.

All of a sudden something shot out of a small tree behind one of the cottages and landed against the left side of my neck with such a force it knocked me backwards. Initially, I thought someone had kicked a football at me. It happened very quickly, and as I put up my hands to get it away, the ball shape uncurled and leapt off me, leaving scratches down my neck. It scampered off towards Countess Close. It was then I saw I had been attacked by a squirrel.

I do not believe, however, that we need be concerned that we have living in our woods a breed of bushy-tailed, violent ambushers lying in wait for unsuspecting walkers. Rather, this was a squirrel that did not look before it leaped and was possibly as shocked as I was. Perhaps we should set up a school of etiquette for our local wildlife to ensure injuries to humans are kept to a minimum!



The grey squirrel

Written by: Jane Yates

THIS IS NOT A TICKET



2009 ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT

THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY
ALKBOROUGH & WALCOT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
SAINSBURY'S - SCUNTHORPE

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21
7.30PM
£8.50/PERSON**



**ALKBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB
WEST HALTON LANE**

www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk



Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association

HALLOWEEN DISCO

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER
31**



Tickets £3.50 and are on sale now
And available from;
The Paddocks Tea Room
Helen Drury (Postie)
Chris Stannard

Bring your own food & drink
Fancy dress is optional

Alkborough Cricket Club, West Halton Lane,
Alkborough

Doors open at 7.30pm

Looking for a guardian angel

Mystery gentleman with safe hands

On the evening of Thursday 12 March Joyce Newman fell near the Sheffield Arms in Burton Upon Stather. A young man, who said he was from Alkborough, immediately went to her aid. Calling an ambulance, he stayed with her the whole time until it arrived. She was unable to thank him at the time but Joyce would like him to know she is eternally grateful for his help. If this person was you, or you know who he is then please contact either Chris Stannard or Mark McCorquodale as Mrs Newman would like to thank her guardian angel in person.

And so the sun shone

Church fete was blessed with fine weather

The Alkborough Church Garden Fete was held on a sunny June 7th and there was a huge turnout. People from all over Lincolnshire and beyond came to sample the teas and cakes and our "Alkborough and Walcot hospitality".

There were the usual stalls and summer games that all ages enjoyed.

A grand total of £1450 was raised which will go along way to help towards the costs of alterations needed to meet legal specifications for people with reduced mobility.

The organisers would like to give their sincere thanks to everyone who helped and for the continued support.

The church desperately needs funds to pay for repairs and alterations. If you would like to make a donation there are several ways. There is a collection box just inside the church (emptied daily), you can send cheques or postal orders to; Church donations, The Treasurer, Low Wells Cottage, Alkborough North Lincolnshire, or you can use a debit/credit card online at www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk and click on the PayPal donate button on the home page (you do not need a PayPal account).

Art in the Garden

Where did the sun go?

Someone turned the sun off, but it was a successful day. Eight gardens were open, thanks to Alkborough residents.. We were privileged to take a look at Jane Yates studio, and several artists were painting in the gardens.

The Art exhibition was better than ever, with over a hundred paintings.

Delicious Teas were served in the Church.

All proceeds went to the Alkborough Church, Chapel & School.

Alkborough Club Funday

Saturday September 5th 2009

Coronation Club, Alkborough

Starts at 1pm

Table top sale from 1 to 4pm

Cake stall and raffle

Fancy dress competition - Adults and children

Judging starts at 3pm

Free Jukebox



2009
ANNUAL
PHOTOGRAPH
COMPETITION

COMPETITION ORGANISED BY
ALKBOROUGH & WALCOT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
ROY FEATHERSTONE PHOTOGRAPHY

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 30

WINNING PHOTO'S WILL APPEAR ON
THE 2010 CALENDAR

3 PHOTO'S PER ENTRY
50P FEE PER PHOTO
HAND YOUR PHOTO'S AND FEE TO
HELEN DRURY (POSTIE)
CHRIS STANNARD
MARK MCCORQUODALE

WRITE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF EACH PHOTO

www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk

Open gardens another success

Many visited Alkborough gardens

This years National Open Gardens attracted lots of visitors from far and wide. There were a selection of gardens opened for the day and the weather stayed good with the sun visiting intermittently.

A grand total of £833.50 was raised on the day and this will go to local charities and good causes. A big thank you to everyone that supported.

A change in fees at the cemetery

The Parish Council has increased fees for plots in the 'new' cemetery. Fees have not been adjusted for four years and are still considerably less than in cemeteries administered by North Lincolnshire Council.

The standard fees are applicable to people who were resident in the parish at the time of death, or who had left no more than ten years previously.

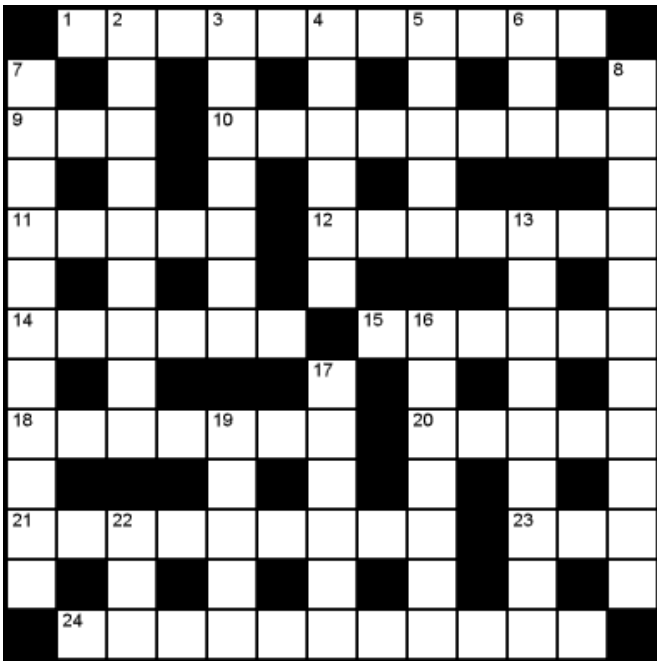
The only exception would be for people who had left to go into residential care, as this is not available in the parish. For all other people, the fees are trebled.

Grave plot - £100.00 Re-opening a double grave - £40.00
Cremation urn plot - £40.00 Reserving a plot - £25.00
(renewable after ten years)

All arrangements and correspondence must be with the Parish Clerk, Mrs Helen Hindess, Hunters Moon, Whitton Road, Alkborough, Scunthorpe DN15 9JG. Telephone 01724 720484.

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

Puzzle Number 8 (Answers in next newsletter)



Across

- 1 Oh, tragic pop (anag.) (11)
- 9 Day before (3)
- 10 With more reason (Latin) (1,8)
- 11 Forbidden (5)
- 12 Comprehensiveness (7)
- 14 Powerless (6)
- 15 Tabernacle (6)
- 18 Showy annual garden plant (7)
- 20 Ionian island, popular holiday destination (5)
- 21 Multiple projectiles from cannon (9)
- 23 Sick (3)
- 24 Met doubt, too (anag.) (8,3)

Down

- 2 To extremes (9)
- 3 Having a successful run (2,1,4)
- 4 Equilateral parallelograms with oblique angles (6)
- 5 Old news network (5)
- 6 Artificial language, simplified version of Esperanto (3)
- 7 Gaggle flute (anag.) (4-7)
- 8 Guilty horse (anag.) (11)
- 13 Gerard ---, French actor (9)
- 16 Aroused (7)
- 17 Work out (6)
- 19 Stealing (5)
- 22 In the past (3)

Solution to Puzzle No 7, April Issue.

Across: 1; Banff 4; Cabaret 8; Damp squib 9; Man 10; Devil may care 12; On song 13; Quebec 16; Get rich quick 19; Opt 20; Typically 21; Solomon 22; Eight

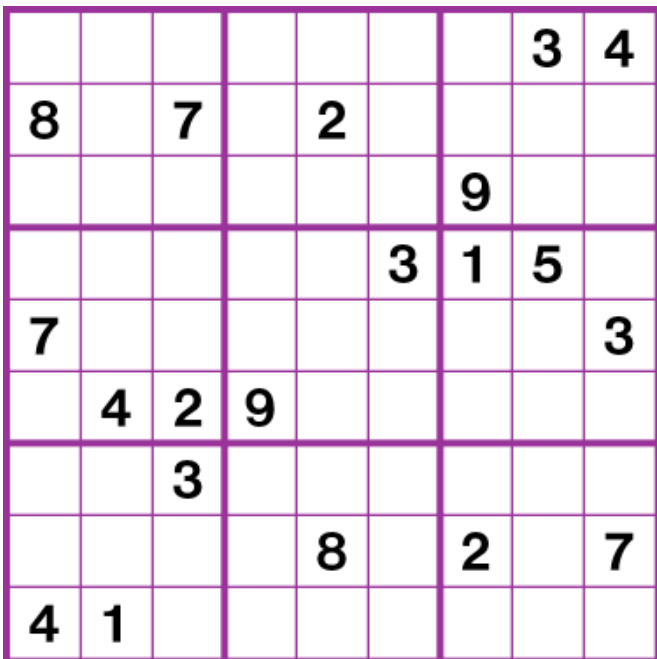
Down: 1; Body 2; Numbers 3; Fashion victim 4; Chummy 5; Bobs your uncle 6; Rumba 7; Tendency 11; Gorgeous 14; Backlog 15; Chopin 17; Total 18; Cyst



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**

Sudoku No 2



Is there something puzzling you?

I asked at the Residents Association meeting in February if anyone has a preference to what puzzle is put on the back page of our village newsletter. I didn't realise how popular the crossword had become but people asked for a Sudoku too. So, here is our first one. If there is a particular puzzle you would prefer then let us know.

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.
- Residents Association meets on the first Tuesday in every month at 7.30pm at Coronation Club, Alkborough.
- 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.

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