

# Village life news



## Police monitoring speeding drivers has alarming results

Following on from the report in the September issue of "Village life news" regarding speeding through our villages, the police results are now in and make interesting reading

Speed monitoring strips were installed in both Front Street Alkborough and Main Street Walcot, both 30 mph speed zones. Monitoring was carried out over a five-day period between Friday 3rd and Tuesday 7th August. In Front Street a total of 2117 vehicles were checked with an average daily traffic flow of 423. The average speed of all vehicles was 22.5 mph. Only 7 vehicles (0.33%) exceeded 35 mph.

The results from Walcot, however, are more shocking. The monitoring was carried out over the same five day period in Main Street Walcot with a total of 2981 vehicles were checked with an average daily traffic flow of 596. The average speed of all vehicles was 28.7 mph with the 85th percentile at 33.9 mph. In addition it was found that 462 vehicles ( on average 92 vehicles per day) exceeded 35 mph. Of those vehicles, 388 were travelling at 35-40 mph.

72 were recorded at 40-50 mph and 2 exceeded 50 mph.

Fortunately at this time, there have been no reported road casualties on either location in the past three years.

The results will now be inserted into the North Lincolnshire speed management strategy where all locations are prioritised and the worst offending locations are targeted either by publicity, engineering, safety camera's, flashing vehicle activated signs and/or enforcement.



## Villagers get trigger happy with their camera's

The photo competition proves a success and our 2008 Calendar is born

The calendar, organised by the newly-formed residents' association, is the end product of a photography competition among local residents to take seasonal photographs which captured the beauty of Alkborough and Walcot. Sam Roebuck, chairman of the Alkborough and Walcot Residents' Association, said the calendar was part of "efforts to foster a community spirit."

"We live in a beautiful and historic area, so a small group of residents came up with the idea of a photographic competition to show off our stunning scenery, wildlife and history.

"With 2008 just around the corner, it seemed a perfect time to raise a little money for the residents' association by producing a calendar. The results are very impressive and are a credit to those who entered the competition."

Almost 30 people took part in the contest, judged by professional photographer Roy Featherstone and Tom Dennis of Tom Dennis

Cameras, Laneham Street, Scunthorpe.

Roy Featherstone, owner of Featherstone Photography, Diana Street, Scunthorpe, said the competition was hard to judge.

He added: "For a small community they have turned out some marvellous stuff. They should be proud."



2008 Calendar

# This Autumn was eventful on the flats

## With many changes taking place and the first minibus tours opened up the site to over 100 locals for the first time since work started

It's been quite an eventful few months with many changes taking place on site. Existing footpaths are being improved and new footpaths are being created. The new footpaths will open up much more of the site to the public. We hope that the new footpaths will be created by early January and we will let people know when they are open. Once the new footpaths are open we will be able to install 3 bird watching hides.

One of the biggest changes to the site has been the working and sowing of much of the land. 180 acres of grass has been sown so far with a further 160 acres to be sown in the spring. The grassland will be managed to create a variety of habitats for breeding waders, such as lapwing and wintering wildfowl such as widgeon and geese. A small part of the site has been sown with winter wheat. Maintaining some arable land on the site will provide a variety of habitats for different types of birds. Stubble fields provide food in the winter for a number of birds and many birds nest in arable fields. Pollen strips which benefit bumblebees and other insects and areas of wild bird cover which provide food for birds such as tree sparrow and yellowhammer over the winter will be sown adjacent to the arable land in 2008.

Large numbers of geese have been using the site for feeding and roosting while the golden plover and lapwing numbers are starting to build up and will continue to do so over the winter. One of our more colourful visitors in September was this black-tailed godwit which was ringed this July by the ringing group in Langhus, Iceland (Photos courtesy of Pete Potts and Graham Catley).

October saw the start of some very specialist monitoring on site which brought one of the more unusual sights to the Flats - a hovercraft. The Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies (IECS) who are part of The University of Hull will be studying how and where the sediment which is being brought into the site on high

tides is being deposited, the type of worms that are establishing within the sediment and how the site is being used by fish amongst many other things.

The first volunteer day was spent clearing scrub on the escarpment below the maze. The Maze Committee asked us to do this to open up the views available from the maze. If you want to join in with future tasks the volunteer group will be undertaking the next days are 17<sup>th</sup> December and 19<sup>th</sup> January. For more information contact Sarah Pimm on 721269.

Finally, we held the first minibus tours of the site on the 29<sup>th</sup> September and the 1<sup>st</sup> October. These dates coincided with the highest tides of the year. The tours were a great success with 107 local people taking part over the two days. It gave people a chance to see the site, to hear about the changes that are going to take place and of course to ask questions. If you missed the tours we will be arranging more in due course when there have been further developments on site.



Black Tailed Godwit

## All Hallows' eve? It's just an excuse for a party surely?

### The Halloween barbeque and disco was a great success and saw some unusual Creatures come out for the evenings entertainment

On 27<sup>th</sup> October Alkborough and Walcot Residents Association held their first major social event. More than 60 people celebrated Halloween at Alkborough Cricket Club with a BBQ and disco and what a night it was.

It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. "A BBQ in October?!" said one person, "you must be joking" - but it was a lovely warm evening, some people were in t-shirts while cooking.

The fancy dress was exceptional. More than three quarters were ghosts, ghouls, witches and little devils. This really added to the atmosphere.

The food was excellent, with many compliments about the meat from Winteringham butcher. Many thanks to all those who made salads to accompany the meat.

Glyn Morgan's Disco, Music Machine, ensured that the dance floor was full.

"It was the best night I have had in ages" said one reveller, "I was on an absolute high" said another, "I lost the next day".

"When's the next event?" Well its on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - see you there. Tickets are available in the new year, get yours early numbers are limited.



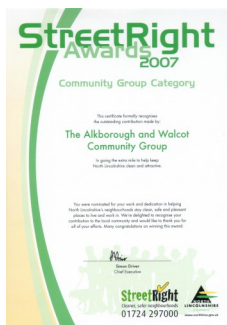
Party goers enjoying themselves

# Community group wins an award for keeping our village clean

## Litter picking gets our community noticed

The Alkborough and Walcot Residents Association won the Community Group category of the 2007 Street Right Awards by helping to keep the streets of Alkborough and Walcot clean.

The community group was nominated for their work and dedication in helping North Lincolnshire's neighbourhoods stay clean, safe and pleasant places to live and work in. North Lincolnshire Council recognised the community groups contribution to the local community.



Just a quick reminder for those of you that enjoy our quiz nights at Alkborough Club... The next ones are on Tuesday 18th December and Tuesday 15th January. Both start at 8pm and the entry fee is just £1

## The Paddocks Tea Room is nearing completion

After months of hard work the finishing touches are now being applied and preparations for the first guests are underway

The last few months have been tiring, what with a complete new roof, new windows, litres of paint and an insulated concrete floor but to name a few tasks in the progression from workshop to tea room. Facilities such as a ramp at the main entrance and toilets suitable for wheelchair access have now been installed.

The ground around the building has had to be levelled to accommodate ample parking and exterior lights help guide you across in these dark evenings.

The interior design has been created to enhance visitors comfort with natural colours, stained wood, ambient lighting and central heating.

Other facilities include a widescreen TV with live video links to the Alkborough Flats and computer connections to enable use

## Remembrance Day Service

The remembrance Day service and wreath laying was held this year on the 11th November at Alkborough Church. The congregation met at 10.30am for the service. The Royal British Legion came to lower the flag while the Last Post was played. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the British Legion, Parish Council, Women's Institute and The Residents Association.

This year over £350 has been raised from the local poppy appeal.

## Are they the voices of Angels?

As we approach the festive season it could well be

Alkborough Choir are a mixed group of 20 people who enjoy singing for pleasure and meet every Friday at 7.30pm in Alkborough Chapel.

We sing unaccompanied, and our choir mistress is Mrs Jayne Keys from Burton Upon Stather.

The choir is always looking out for new members, so if you enjoy singing and would like to come along and see what we do, you would be most welcome.

Our next concert is at Burton Chapel on December 14th at 7.30pm. Please come along and support the event.

There is a carol singing evening on Monday 10th December. We will meet at Alkborough Chapel at 6.00pm. If you are interested in joining us for the evening contact Joan Stocks on 721374 or see our friendly postie - Helen.

with laptops for presentations.

The planned opening is now Thursday 10th January 2008, a little later than originally planned.

The opening hours for the winter season will be Thursday to Monday 9am to 5pm.



The Paddocks Tea Room



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**

## Tell us what you think of our village newsletter, we value your input.

This is the second newsletter and we would appreciate some feedback.

Having received funding from Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire to enable us to produce this newsletter we thought it would be good to get some feedback from the people who read it.

We plan to continue to produce a quarterly newsletter to highlight interesting and useful information to everyone that live in the villages. We intended it to work alongside the website to inform people in the villages who don't have access to the internet of up and coming events and interesting news articles.

If you would like to comment on the newsletter please do so by writing to :

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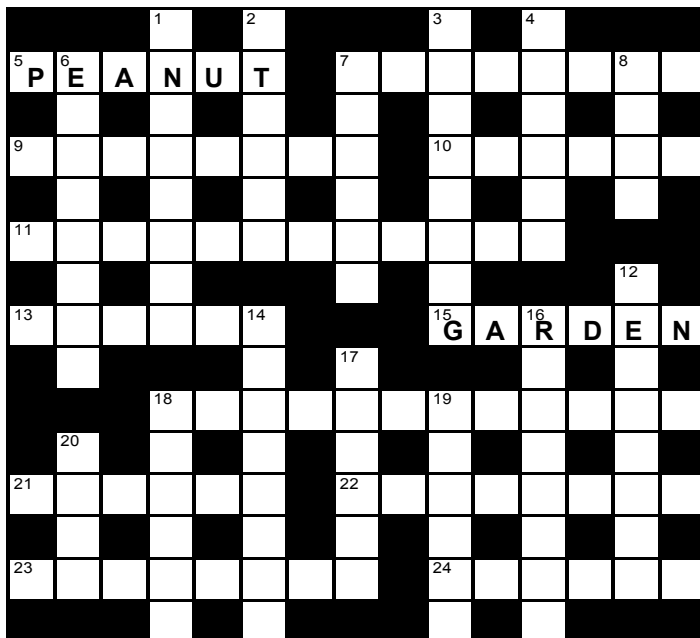
Alternatively you can email:

[enquiries@alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk)

Many thanks

## Puzzle Number 2

(Answers in next newsletter)



### Across

- 5 Edible seed. (6)
- 7 Unsympathetic. (8)
- 9 Chain. (8)
- 10 Pestilence. (6)
- 11 Lamponer. (12)
- 13 Flipped. (6)
- 15 Allotment. (6)
- 18 Discourse. (12)
- 21 Prizes. (6)
- 22 Archivist. (8)
- 23 Whilst. (8)
- 24 Vexes. (6)

### Down

- 1 Wounds. (8)
- 2 Lines of verse. (6)
- 3 Jumping rope. (8)
- 4 Baby. (6)
- 6 Lift. (8)
- 7 Convenient. (6)
- 8 Gaudy. (4)
- 12 Convalescence. (8)
- 14 Extinct creature. (8)
- 16 Timid. (8)
- 17 Rifle. (6)
- 18 Grabbed. (6)
- 19 Communal. (6)
- 20 Follow. (4)

Solution to Puzzle No1, September Issue.

**Across:** 7; Similarly, 8; Proof, 10; Pioneers, 11; Occupy, 12; Edge, 13; Explodes, 15; Profits, 17; Flashed, 20; Umbrella, 22; Fate, 25; Answer, 26; Bitterly, 27; Knelt, 28; Submarine.

**Down:** 1; Fires, 2; Listed, 3; Basement, 4; Blushes, 5; Precious, 6; Completed, 9; Hoop, 14; Prominent, 16; Farewell, 18; Lifetime, 19; Harbour, 21; Lard, 23; Theory, 24; Blink .

# 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.
- Sunday school shared with Alkborough Parish Church, Starts around 11.15am but times may vary. Leaflets available from the chapel or church.
- Saturday 9th February Valentines Party & Disco, Alkborough Cricket Club. Starts 7.30pm. Tickets on sale now at just £7.50 per person. Buffet and Disco, bring your own plate, cutlery and drink. See Helen Drury, Chris Stannard, Mark McCorquodale or Gav Ogg for details or to buy a ticket.



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