

# Village life news

*Alkborough & Walcot  
Residents Association*



## Party night turns into a Pantomime

*Oh no it didn't.... Oh yes it did*

Following the success of the Halloween Fancy Dress party in 2007, and the 'Vicars & Tarts' party earlier in 2008, the Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association decided to hold another Fancy Dress party on the run up to Christmas. Typically, the theme, for those who wanted to dress up, was 'Panto'.

And so, the scene was set for one of the more bizarre sights of the year, as Puss-in-Boots, Cinderella with her Fairy Godmother and one of the Ugly Sisters, Wee Willy Winkie, Aladdin, and many more disco-danced the night away down at the Cricket Club.

The difficult task of choosing the winning Panto Characters fell to the very hard-working DJ for the night, Glyn from the Amazing Music Machine. After much deliberation (all the entrants being of a very high standard), he awarded first prize in the ladies' competition to Sue Goldie, who came dressed as Puss-in-Boots, and the first in the gents' competition went to Sam Roebuck, who was one half of the Ugly Sisters.

It only remains to thank the organisers (and those who helped to clear up all the debris, the following day) on behalf of all who attended. A thoroughly enjoyable night was had by everyone.

## Villages in bloom

*40 watt? Not that sort of bulb was planted*

A good time was had by all when a group of willing volunteers planted (supposedly to plan!) approximately 1600 daffodil and crocus bulbs to brighten the verges of Alkborough & Walcot.

This was done in conjunction with North Lincolnshire Councils, Neighbourhood Services Department so hopefully the flowers will not be mown down in spring.



Some of the volunteers with spades ready

## Its a Bazaar time again

**The chapel holds its annual event**

A very successful bazaar was held in Alkborough Methodist Chapel in November.

There was an excellent cake stall, a raffle with almost 20 prizes, a tombola, a fancy goods stall and mystery parcels. Delicious refreshments were also on sale so there was something to tempt everyone.

A magnificent sum of £930 was raised on the day and a donation has been given to the Alzheimer's Society with the rest going to the chapel window fund for the replacement windows.

**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**

## 25 years and going strong Celebrations as Alkborough choir mark a momentous occasion

Alkborough Choir celebrated 25 years of being together in 2008. They had a very successful year entertaining others as well as having fun and donating some £400 to various charities.

They had a very pleasant evening at "The Paddocks Tea Room" when they celebrated their 25th anniversary with a pie and pea evening with desserts and drinks to follow.

They even experienced something new, they sang with the "Isle of Axholme Orchestra" at John Leggot College in November before they started their Christmas celebration.

The year finished on a high with a concert at Normanby Hall to a capacity audience. This was a first for them and one they hope will be repeated.

They are always on the lookout for new members. Anyone interested please ring 01724 721374 for further details or see their page at [www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk](http://www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk)

## Forthcoming events

### Keep yourself busy and have fun in Alkborough & Walcot

#### Thursday 29th January

Alkborough & Walcot Local History Group meets at 7.30pm in the chapel. This months topic is "Countess Close"

#### Thursday 12th February

Alkborough & Walcot Quiz Night. Starts at 8pm in Coronation Club, Alkborough. Get your team of up to 6 people ready and brush up on your general knowledge. £1 entry per person.

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#### Saturday 4th April

Goldstone & Clemmow are back in concert at St John the Baptist Church, Alkborough. Starts at 7.30pm and tickets are now available from Jayne on 01724 720071

#### Thursday 9th April

Alkborough & Walcot Quiz Night. Starts at 8pm in Coronation Club, Alkborough. Get your team of up to 6 people ready and brush up on your general knowledge. £1 entry per person.

#### Saturday 11th April

Jazz Concert in the Church. New Orleans Heat are performing again in Alkborough Church. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are just £10 and are on sale now from David on 01724 721069

#### Friday 15th May

Brigg District Lions Beer Festival. Transport available to and from. A fantastic selection of real ales, lagers and wines. Not forgetting the barbeque. Tickets and info call Ian on 01724 720064

#### 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.

## Rosé cheeks and hiccups

### Wine tasting at the W.I. a success

The W.I. Wine tasting at the January meeting was a great success.

42 people sampled the flavours of 6 different Beaujolais wines. The food provided was a culinary delight.

Thanks to all organisers and those who attended for an excellent evening.

#### 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

## Were they the voices of Angels?

### Funds raised suggest they might have been

The carol singers this festive season were faced with a very wet evening and the decision of do we or don't we go?

However, they set off at 6pm and sang for nearly two hours, braving the elements round parts of the village. Over £100 was raised and donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

Everyone was thrilled at the result and are looking forward to the next time.

Do join us, you don't have to be a good singer as we also need people to collect for us as we go along.

## Is it a bird?.. A plane?

### Strange sightings over Lincolnshire hint at an alien encounter...

UFO enthusiasts are claiming damage to a Lincolnshire wind farm turbine was caused by a mystery aircraft.

The turbine at Conisholme lost one 66ft (20m) blade and another was badly damaged in the early hours of Sunday.

County councillor for the area Robert Palmer said he had seen a "round, white light that seemed to be hovering". Mrs Lesley Whittingham of Alkborough also sighted the white light and strange glow in the skies. She reported the sightings and was taken on a whirlwind journey to the site for a closer look. After being interviewed by national and local news teams they were happy to be home. Mrs Whittingham says she doesn't believe in aliens even though the whole experience has been an exciting one.

Ecotricity, which owns the site, said while investigations continued they were not ruling anything out - but the extent of damage was "unique".

The turbine is one of 20 at the Conisholme site, which has been only been fully operational since April 2008. The broken blade has been recovered and is being examined.

Local ufologists said they had received many reports of activity in the area and had teams searching for clues.



Strange lights seen over Alkborough

# Remembrance Day Service

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, the fallen of two world wars and many other conflicts around the world were remembered at the Service of Remembrance at Alkborough church. The moving service was taken by the Rev. Peter Hearn, and included readings of the poems 'Soldiers' and 'Remembrance Day' by their authors, Alice Knapton (age 11) and Ellen Knapton (age 7), who's confidence and talent very much impressed all present. These poems are reproduced below, with the Knapton family's kind permission.

At 11 o'clock, the congregation joined with members of the British Legion and local ex-service personnel, to fall silent in tribute to the men and women who had paid the ultimate price while fighting for their country.

Afterwards, a wreath was laid in front of the Memorial in

the Churchyard by Rob Lack of the British Legion, along with wreaths placed by the following:

June Ellis, on behalf of the Women's Institute  
Jack Clark, on behalf of the Parish Council  
Ethel Ashley, on behalf of the Ashley family  
Sam Roebuck, on behalf of Alkborough & Walcot Residents

The whole of the Winterton district, which includes Alkborough & Walcot raised a record £4,300 from the 2008 British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Lastly, Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in the Service, and particularly Ethel Ashley who spent a lot of time and effort, (not just this year, but for many years,) to make sure everything was in place and ran smoothly on the day.

## Remembrance Day by Alice Knapton

Poppies waving in the cool breeze  
Blushing brightly whilst looking at ease.  
Swaying in rhythm with their yellow corn hair  
The flowers fair on a meadow once bare.

Remember the unfortunate soldiers who once fought in that place  
A terrible challenge they did face.  
The poppies that flowered are an emblem today  
To ensure we don't forget them on this Remembrance Day.

They died for our freedom and not in vain  
If they had not given their lives the world would have not been the same.  
So let's pray for peace and for the end of war  
Loss of life by fighting no more.  
Each year ...

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

## Soldiers by Ellen Knapton

Soldiers fighting in the fields  
Trying to protect themselves with things to make shields.  
We must remember the young men and women  
Who pass away every week and every day.  
Remembering them on the 11th of November  
Just as we remember Jesus on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December.  
Remember them now and forever  
Remembrance day is when we will remember them together.

## The Knights Templar's Here? It's not just "The Da Vinci Code" then

At the history group meeting held on 27th November, Mr John Ivory from Glentham was the guest speaker.

Mr Ivory had come to the meeting to speak about the origins of Julian's Bower. He spoke about the meaning of the name and had some interesting theories about why the maze had been placed here at Alkborough. He had obviously done extensive research which also included the Knights Templar's.

One major point he made was that the maze is actually a labyrinth - one way in, one way out. He also invited us to look closely at things around us so we can see them clearer.

Mr Ivory gave several examples of this and demonstrated how patterns of the stars can be found elsewhere.

He certainly gave us plenty to speculate about and obviously whetted some appetites as several purchases of his booklet were made.

The evening finished as usual with tea, coffee and biscuits.

Anyone who would like to join our group would be very welcome. Our next meeting is January 29th at 7.30pm at the chapel. The topic this month is "Countess Close" presented by Sam Roebuck.

## The Paddocks a year on Village tea room proves a success as it celebrates its first birthday

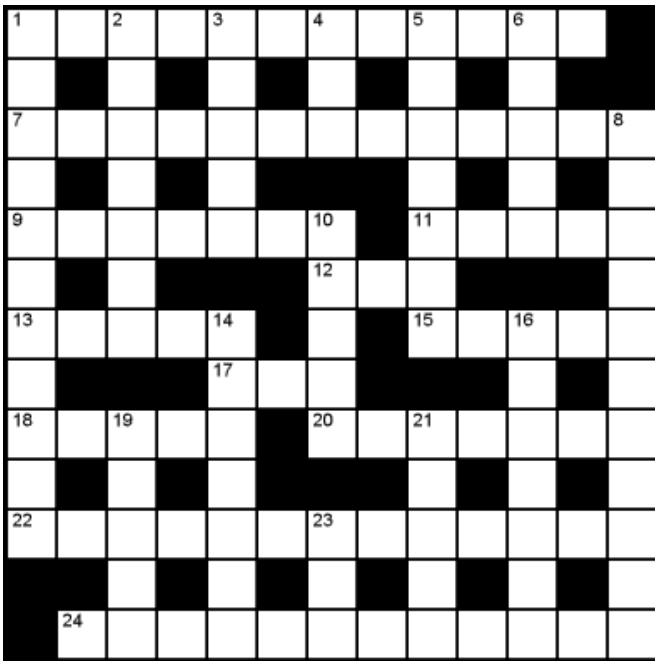
This year see's "The Paddocks Tea Room" celebrate its first anniversary. It was opened on 10th January 2008 and in just its first year it welcomed 10,500 visitors from all over the world including France, Canada and the USA.

Veryan, Carole, Di, Gav, Steph and Johnny would like to thank everyone in the village that has supported them over the past year and they look forward to serving you in the future.

We have some exciting events this year in conjunction with the flats project so keep checking the village website for more details.

Don't forget we're open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 0900 - 1700 and Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays 1000 - 1600

## Puzzle Number 6 (Answers in next newsletter)



### Across

- 1 *Beyond toleration* (12)  
 7 *Ever since it started* (4,3,4,2)  
 9 *"Three-day measles"* (7)  
 11 *Capital of an African Republic on the Mediterranean coast* (5)  
 12 *Whopper* (3)  
 13 *WW1 antipodean military group* (5)  
 15 *Indian city in Bharat* (5)  
 17 *Rowing blade* (3)  
 18 *In Greek mythology, fluid said to run through veins of the Gods* (5)  
 20 *\_\_\_\_\_ Louise Ciccone, pop star born in 1958* (7)  
 22 *Not open to discussion* (13)  
 24 *See 1 down* (12)

### Down

- 1 *The internet* (11)  
 2 *The entertainment industry* (7)  
 3 *Calamitous* (5)  
 4 *Female Sheep* (3)  
 5 *Took in - took up* (7)  
 6 *Burdened* (5)  
 8 *Noisy battle (anag.)* (11)  
 10 *Consternation* (5)  
 14 *Funeral procession* (7)  
 16 *Medieval English weapon* (7)  
 19 *Follower of dominant Indian religion* (5)  
 21 *Performance of an action* (5)  
 23 *Vocal expression of surprise* (3)

Solution to Puzzle No 5, October Issue.

**Across:** 1; Ladybug 5; Knack 8; Rowan 9; Topspin 10; Hook of Holland 12; See you 13; Custom 15; Blind mans buff 17; Oddball 19; Angry 20; Luxor 21; Amateur

**Down:** 1; Lurch 2; Dow Jones Index 3; Ben Lomond 4; Gotcha 5; Kip 6; Asphalt Jungle 7; Kingdom 11; Louisiana 12; Subsoil 14; Dahlia 16; Foyer 18; Air



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**

## News from the Parish Council

### Parish Council Precept -*what's that?*

The Precept is the money which is claimed each year by the Parish Council from North Lincolnshire Council. It is added to the council tax that each household pays. Councillors try to keep the precept as low as possible, whilst ensuring that there are adequate funds to meet their commitments and to allow funds for contingencies.

Each January, the Parish Council considers the budget for the next financial year and sets the precept. This year, it was decided to keep the precept at £3750. How will this money be spent?

Insurance for the play area, village signs and benches, plus public liability, takes a large chunk of the budget. Another big commitment is to keeping the parish tidy and attractive through grass cutting, grants towards the public flower beds and emptying bins. There are also administrative costs for meetings, correspondence and the annual audit.

If you would like more details, a full statement of Receipts and Payments is issued at the Annual Meeting in May. Otherwise, you are welcome to contact the Clerk for further information.

Helen Hindess, Clerk to the Parish Council Telephone 720484

## 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.
- Keep fit every Wednesday at Alkborough Primary School. Starts 6.30pm

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