



Village life news



For the fourth year in a row our calendar just gets better
It's something a lot of people look forward to taking part in

A big thanks goes out to all those residents who entered photographs for the 2011 Calendar. We received almost 70 photographs and they were judged by Mr Roy Featherstone of Scunthorpe. He chose the 12 pictures to represent each month in our calendar and the front cover was chosen by you, our village residents.

There was an exhibition to display all the photographs at St. John the Baptist Church, Alkborough on Saturday 9th October and we had a good turnout as almost 90 people came for a sneak peek at the photo's and to pre-order their calendars.

The calendar, organised by Alkborough & Walcot Residents' Association, is the end product of our yearly photography competition among local residents to take seasonal photographs which capture the beauty of Alkborough and Walcot.

This is the fourth calendar we have produced and they seem to be very popular and quite successful, raising money for future projects

Plans are already underway for the 2012 calendar. For entry details and terms and conditions visit our website at



www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk and start taking your photo's now.

Calendars are available to buy for an amazing £5 from The Paddocks Tea Room, Helen Drury or Mark McCorquodale but don't leave it too long as they're selling out fast.

Written by Mark McCorquodale. Photo by Mark McCorquodale

Pie & Pea night was a success

The Mighty Burgage band was great too

There was a great turnout on Saturday 23rd October for the Mighty Burgage Band live music event.

They played a selection of songs, old and new and everyone ended up singing along. A few jokes were thrown in and the atmosphere was great.

Fresh steak pie and mushy peas with gravy was served half-way through the night and everyone enjoyed the food, with plenty of empty plates returned.

If you missed out on this exciting evening, don't worry. We have another one planned for Saturday 22nd January. Come and join us for a Burns Night Celebration. Tickets just £10 available from Gavin Ogg, Sam Roebuck or Helen Drury.



Written by: Mark McCorquodale Photo by: Mark McCorquodale

Helen & Barbara did it!

The Race For Life was no match for them

On Sunday 11 July, Postie Helen Drury and Barbara Dransfield joined in with hundreds of others for the Race For Life event which was held in Cleethorpes.

Both had been training for several months and completed the 5km/3.1m run in just over 30 minutes, which they were very pleased with.

Many well-wishers offered sponsorship which resulted in over £1000 being donated to Cancer Research UK.

Both Helen and Barbara would like to thank those who gave so generously to this worthwhile cause.



Written by Barbara Dransfield. Photo by Helen Drury

EVENTS

Thursday 11th November

Alkborough & Walcot Quiz night at Alkborough Club. 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 13th November

Alkborough Methodist Chapel Bazaar in the chapel at 10am til 12 noon. Cakes, raffle, tombola, fancy goods etc. Delicious refreshments. All welcome. Proceeds will go to Lindsey Lodge Hospice, St Andrews Hospice for Children and Chapel funds.

Sunday 21st November

Alkborough & District Saddle Club in Association with Humberside Police Escorted ride. Starting at Ferryboat Inn, Burton Upon Stather at 12 noon. Ample car parking available for your box or trailer. Everyone is welcome and you can ride or walk your horse for all or part of the route. Book your free place today by calling 07962 116 494 or 07876 753 624 email: alkboroughsaddleclub@btconnect.com Promoting road and rider safety.

Saturday 27th November

An evening of music and songs with Jim Dunn and Diadem in Alkborough Parish Church. Starts at 7pm. Tickets are just £3 including light refreshments. Tickets from Eveline Kelsey on 01724 721048 or pay on the door. Proceeds supporting orphanages in Romania and Ukraine through the "Grain of Wheat Foundation".

Wednesday 1st December

Alkborough & District Saddle Club presents an evening lecture and demonstration with Gillian Higgins at Winterton Rangers Football Club, West St, Winterton. The evening starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 for members or £15 non members, different fees apply on the night, it includes Christmas fair and buffet. Tickets from Wendy Cooper on 01724 721036

Monday 6th December

Alkborough & Walcot Residents' Association in association with Alkborough Choir will be doing our annual carol singing. Come and be merry, all welcome. Finale in the Paddocks Tea Room with mulled wine and mince pies (tea and coffee is available too). Proceeds to go to St Andrews Hospice for Children.

Tuesday 7th December

Alkborough & Walcot Residents' Association meeting. This is the last meeting of the year and it's going to be in the club, with mince pies and a Christmas drink afterwards. Starts at 7.30pm. All welcome. All future meetings will be back in the Coronation Club, Alkborough.

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Wednesday 22nd December

Alkborough Primary School are having a Christmas Fayre at 3.30pm. All are welcome.

Saturday 22nd January

Burns Night Celebrations party night at Alkborough cricket club. Doors open at 7.30pm. Disco and food are available, just bring your own drinks. Tickets limited to 48 only and are priced at just £10. Get your tartan out and come join us for another Alkborough & Walcot party night.

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.

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 listing please see Avis or contact her on 720101

Postie's party helps us bloom

Helen celebrates with a Halloween twist

On Friday 29 October postie Helen threw a massive party, open to everyone, in the club. It all kicked off at 7.30 pm with an amazing disco from Abyss.

There was an amazing turnout with so many well wishers and some fantastic Halloween costumes to show off the partying fanatics amongst us.

There was a barbeque with tasty burgers and hot dogs (thanks Gav, Sel and Jules) and everyone had a great time.

Helen would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that helped her celebrate and for the gifts and cards (she needed the extra hour on Sunday to open them all!).

A raffle was held on the night and over £60 was raised, Helen has used this to buy bulbs to be planted around the village again and this will be on Sunday 21st November, meet at the chapel at 10am. All welcome, bring your spade/tools etc..

An Alkborough Choir Update

There is Christmas carol singing and a concert

Just a short update on Alkborough Choir. We have been in operation now for 28 years and we are always on the look out for new members. So, if you enjoy singing give us a call on 01724 721374 and come and see what we do. We practice at Alkborough Methodist Chapel every Friday evening at 7.30pm.

If singing isn't your thing but you enjoy great music then come along and hear us in action. We will be singing on Saturday 11 December at the Baptist Church in Scunthorpe at 7.30pm in aid of The Crossline, which is a Christian Listening Service.

Alternatively you can sample the Christmas atmosphere at Normanby Hall on Tuesday 14th December at 7.30pm, tickets available now, ring 01724 721374 for more details.

Alkborough & Walcot Residents' Association members will be joining the choir for a carol singing evening on Monday 6 December. Start at Alkborough Methodist Chapel at 6.30pm and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies in The Paddocks Tea Room afterwards. Come and be merry, all welcome.

Are you going too fast?

Slow down through our villages

If a child stepped into the road whilst you were driving in this area, would you be able to stop in time?

One of the biggest problems in residential areas is the speed of vehicles. On these roads you are guaranteed to come across hazards everywhere.

At 20 mph you can stop in 12m. At 30 mph this nearly doubles to 23m.

Driving at 20 mph is the much safer option, even though the speed limit is 30 mph.

Give yourself a chance – slow down and think about your driving in residential areas.

North Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. Working together for safer roads.



News from Alkborough Flats

Volunteers helped to plant new reedbeds and more birds are spotted

Wink, wink.....wink, wink. The call of the beautiful pink-footed goose has been delighting our ears again recently as skeins of these geese have been gracing our skies. For many of us the sight and sound of geese as they arrive back from their breeding grounds in early October, signals the start of winter. Most of the pink-footed geese we see and hear in the local area in October and November will continue their migration to their mid-wintering grounds in Norfolk, stopping off on and around the Humber for a few weeks to re-fuel before flying further south.

During the winter months Britain supports all of the pink-footed geese that breed in central Iceland and the south-east coast of Greenland. They travel over 1100 miles to reach their wintering grounds in Scotland, Lancashire and East Anglia. The UK wintering population has now reached in excess of 350,000 birds. This is over 85% of the species' total world population! Numbers around the Humber tend to peak in November with on average around 5000 birds, with numbers reducing to about 1500 birds in December. So wrap up and get out and enjoy the fantastic spectacle of geese moving between local feeding and roosting areas before it is over for another year.

Work on the Heritage Lottery and SITA Trust funded reedbed continues. Having planted 10,000 reed plug plants by hand in July, we've recently been transplanting turfs of reeds into the reedbed from other parts of the site. This is a rather dirty and strenuous job but it is very satisfying and all of our volunteers thoroughly enjoy it! If you don't mind getting dirty and you need some exercise, give us a ring and come help move some turfs. Once all the turfs are in place we'll be able to raise the water levels in the main part of the reedbed which will help the reeds to establish and spread out. A lot of duck and other water birds are already using the channels and pools within the reedbed. Coots, little grebe, mallard and shoveler all bred this year and a lot of mallard, wigeon and teal are using the area at the moment.

Our Events Programme for 2010 is nearly over. Our last event, mini-bus tours on the 13th November, is already fully booked. The 2011 Event Programme should be finalised by late December or early January and will be available to download from the Alkborough and Walcot website:

www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk

If you want more information about the site, please contact the site staff on 721269.



A group of volunteers, transplanting reedbeds.

Written by: Anna Moody Photo by: Anna Moody

Situations Vacant

A place to find any vacancies

Grasscutter required for Alkborough Cemetery

Alkborough Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council are looking for a reliable person to mow the Cemetery, beginning Spring 2011. A petrol mower and strimmer will be provided, plus protective clothing as necessary.

An honorarium is available which is currently £475. This is subject to annual review. All petrol expenses will be reimbursed.

Further information is available from Mrs L Knapton, Low Wells Cottage, Churchside, telephone 720918. Applications should be made to Mrs Knapton.

Grasscutter required for Low Wells

Alkborough Parish Council is looking for a reliable person to mow Low Wells, beginning Spring 2011. Equipment and protective clothing will be provided as necessary.

An honorarium is available, which is currently £250. This is subject to annual review. All petrol expenses will be reimbursed.

Further information is available from the Parish Clerk, Mrs H Hindess, Hunters Moon, Whitton Road, telephone 720484. Applications should be made to Mrs Hindess.

Broken window replaced

With a little help from the residents

Members of Alkborough Chapel were extremely grateful for the kind donation of £50 given to them to help repair one of the new Chapel windows that had been mysteriously broken.

The new windows cost the Chapel £1300, which took a lot of hard work to raise, and the correct glass may get difficult to obtain in the near future.

The Chapel members urge residents of Alkborough & Walcot to support the organisation when possible.

Monthly pub lunch outings

Something different for the new year

Our monthly pub lunch is still proving to be a success and is very popular. Eleven people attended our last lunch.

Please note that some changes have been made. We now meet at The Sheffield Arms at Burton Upon Stather, 12 noon on the first Monday of every month. We decided a change of venue was called for and they offer a two course meal for only £4.95.

We always welcome any newcomers, young or old, to our group. A car sharing scheme enables anyone without transport to get a lift.

For more information ring Jo Malphus on 01724 721851 and hopefully we will see you next time.

Written by: Jean Brand

Written by: Jo Malphus

Alkborough and Walcot Neighbourhood Watch

Dogs, Highways, Environment, Animals, Fireworks and Explosives. The connection?

Well, they all have legislative Acts. Read on.

Dog Fouling

Would you choose to step in it, have your children fall in it, have it smeared into your clothes when you lie on the grass, or even take it home with you to spread into your own floor surfaces? How about if it causes blindness to your child? Yes, we are talking about dog poo and no, you wouldn't choose for any of the above to happen to you. It is not the fault of the dog, but the irresponsibility of the owner, either by allowing their pet out alone, or by failing to clean up after their dog once it has fulfilled the purpose of taking it for a walk in the first place. The clearing up process does not take long, any old plastic carrier bag will do, then either dispose of the package in a public waste bin with a lid or take it home for disposal. Flinging bags of such matter into the trees is disgusting and lazy. ('Witches knickers' is the name given to such tatters blowing from branches where I used to live.) It was obvious at the last NHW Meeting that much passion is aroused by dog fouling, so much so that consideration is being given to the installation of CCTV in prolific areas of dog waste. You know whether you clear up after your dog. How responsible are you? Or would you like to appear on CCTV with your pet, potentially providing evidence which could lead to a fine or prosecution? You must clean up the mess under the Dog Act 1996.

Horse Manure

Dog mess frequently gets up peoples' noses (and on their shoes) but why do we seem to tolerate the cannonball size deposits of horses on our footpaths?

Under the Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/961), dog fouling is specifically stated as an item of refuse to which the duty under Section 89 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 applies. It must therefore be removed from relevant land. (See also the Dog Act 1996.) Other types of animal droppings, such as horse manure, are not covered by this Order.

So we must learn to live with horse poo on our doorsteps, though hopefully not literally, and accept the compromise that this (waste) matter is going to be visible to us, it is the countryside after all – but do we want to be treading in it whilst walking on pavements and footpaths?

The following was found on the British Horse Society's web site:

Footpaths:

Are for people only to walk on. You shouldn't ride a pony on this type of path.

Bridleways:

Horse riders, horse-drawn carriages, walkers and cyclists can use Bridleways. Motor cycles are not allowed. If a pony rider needs to pass a cyclist they must give way and let the rider and pony past.

Byways:

Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) is used for horse riding or cycling. Like a bridleway it is also used by horse-drawn carriages. Motor vehicles can use Byways, unless they are Restricted Byways, in which case they cannot be used by motor vehicles

Furthermore, the next directive appears on the official UK government website for citizens (www.direct.gov.uk):

You MUST NOT take a horse onto a footpath or pavement, and you should not take a horse onto a cycle track. Use a bridleway where possible.

To conclude, it's good to walk side-by-side, but sometimes we need to keep to our own parallel tracks.

It will not be long now before the following celebration features in our lives again. Remember, on Halloween, the worm may turn, the resident may play the trick on the inconsiderate reveler. I have done this myself, so if anyone wants any ideas ...

Bonfire Night

Bonfire Night celebrations now seem to last for anything up to a week before the 5th and a week after. Read the following to ensure that your celebrations go with a bang but that there are no explosive flare-ups with your neighbours.

Halloween

Halloween tricks have recently involved throwing eggs or flour at houses where no treat has been offered. Be considerate. Take care that your children respect those who choose not to celebrate Halloween. Don't get carried away with tricks - this could be viewed as anti-social behaviour. Police have warned that young people who throw eggs on Halloween risk having a criminal record.

Bonfires and the Law

There are no specific laws against having a bonfire or when you can have one - but there are Acts that deal with the nuisance they can cause.

Burning domestic waste

It is an offence to get rid of domestic waste in a way likely to cause pollution or harm to human health, including burning it. Burning plastic, rubber or painted materials creates poisonous fumes. These can have damaging health effects. This is covered under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Danger to traffic caused by smoke

Under the Highways Act 1980, anyone lighting a fire and allowing smoke to drift across a road faces a fine if it endangers traffic.

Fireworks

In Regulations made under the Fireworks Act 2003, it is an offence for under 18's to possess fireworks in a public place and for anyone to let fireworks off during night hours (11pm to 7am) except on 5 November (until midnight) and Diwali, New Year and Chinese New Year (until 1am). It is an offence under Section 80 of the Explosives Act 1875 to throw or set off fireworks in any highway, street, thoroughfare or public place. Under Section 4 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 it is an offence to cause any unnecessary suffering to any domestic or captive animals.

News from the co-ordinators meeting.

Julie Dean from North Lincolnshire Councils' Trading Standards was guest speaker at the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators meeting on 7 October. Julie answered questions regarding travellers' rights subsequent to the disruption to flights following the 'ash cloud' earlier this year, consumers' rights upon returning goods to shops, informed of an individual's rights in respect of 'door step or telephone cold-calling' and various other relevant topics.

Julie handed out leaflets offering advice and guidance on how to contact Trading Standards, how to keep control in doorstep sales situations, how to avoid becoming victims of scam and guides for consumers.

During the meeting, concern was voiced about a vehicle being driven through the village in the early hours, window down and playing loud music. It has also been observed that notices are being defaced or taken from village notice boards.

On a positive note, viewers of the Alkborough and Walcot Residents' Association website will notice that the Neighbourhood Watch page has a new columnist. Throughout the year, Nicholas Thyng will offer seasonal advice to help the community keep itself safe and secure.

The next meeting will be the AGM to which all members of the community are welcome; this will take place at the Chapel on 3 March, 2011 at 1930 hrs.

Alkborough and Walcot Health & Safety Check

Fire

Smoke detectors are available, free from your local fire service. Contact 01724 295900 to arrange a visit and installation of all your required smoke detectors.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Heaters that burn gas, coal, oil or wood can give off poisonous carbon monoxide if they are not working properly. Look for a suitable detector with the kite mark and European standard number BS EN 50291.

Keep your home safe

Lock doors and windows, even when you're home. Hide keys and valuables from view. Always ask for identification when answering the door to people you don't know. If in doubt, ask the caller to wait outside until you have checked with the company they are representing. A genuine caller will wait. Use safety catches and door chains, if necessary invest in a key safe. Contact Supra UK on 01905 770333 for further information.

Difficulty getting out and about?

The voluntary car scheme operates a service to get you to appointments and local shops. There is a nominal charge for this service. Contact 01652 636292 Monday to Friday 9.30am—12 noon for more information or to book.

Need support and or care at home?

You can get help and support in your home from your local council, the NHS, voluntary organisations and private agencies. Contact 01724 297979 for an assessment for services, e.g. meals on wheels. Contact 01724 298010 for an appointment for advice and assessment for equipment and adaptations.

On your own?

A personal alarm can provide peace of mind to the individual living alone and to their friends and families. Knowing that help can be summoned quickly should there be an emergency is reassuring for anyone living alone. Contact Age UK on 0800 77 22 66 or 01724 279900 for further information. Please note there is a payment for these services.

Prevent slips, trips and falls

Keep floors free of trailing flexes, rucked up or fraying carpets and other obstructions, e.g. bedding, particularly when you first get out of bed. Good lighting is important. Keep your stairs clear, avoid storing things there, even temporarily. Make sure you wear well fitted footwear. Eat a healthy diet and maintain your fluid levels.

These are just a few things to keep you safe over the course of the year. Please see our Local Services Directory for more contact numbers and other services available to you in this area. The Local Services Directory can be downloaded from the village website or if you have lost your copy contact a member of the Residents' Association who will arrange for a copy to be delivered.

Saddle club celebrates its first birthday

One year on and it's proving a success, with more activities and tips for safer roads

The club celebrated its 1st birthday with its AGM held earlier this week and a cake decorated in the club's emblem. Having a successful initial membership of 30+ adults, it is now proud to boast of some key achievements; those being 2 fun rides held both last Christmas and this Easter, members regularly buddy up together to enjoy ride outs and have held several events this year promoting topics in equine feed management both with Spillers & Simple System Feeds. Where their nutritional experts gave talks on how best to feed and weight score your horse/pony.

The 1st Horseman's evening event hosted at the Bay Horse pub in Winterringham was attended by 50 people despite a heavy downpour of rain all that day. Guest speakers Joni Bentley - Equi adds, Garry Bosworth - Intelligent Horsemanship, David from Westgate Labs (worm counts) along with a selection of new products supplied by M&K Saddlery at Keadby.

Forthcoming Christmas special event on 1st December at the Winterton Rangers with guest speakers Gillian Higgins-Horse inside out talk, Hannah Dawson-equine clicker trainer, Garry Bosworth - Intelligent Horsemanship training method's to name just a few. There will be a selection of trade stalls and Wendy's now famous raffle featuring a 1st prize of a ride in a stretch limo with afternoon tea for 4!!

The Saddle Club is now working its way to becoming affiliated to the BHS and then will be able to host its own affiliated events locally.

In association with Humberside police, we will be hosting a fun ride out on Sunday 21 November, with two of their mounted police officers as our escort. This event is to promote a better understanding of equine and rider road safety awareness to all road users and promote a better relationship and community spirit. The hosting/starting venue will be at The Ferry House pub at the bottom of Stather Road, Burton Stather at 12pm! with safe off road parking next door at the old Wantons wharf with kind permission of owner Mr Bob Gray.

There will be a room with information on all aspects of road safety and a member of the local BHS will also be there. We are contacting the NFU to invite them to send a local representative, along with the police. We are also inviting the fire animal rescue department and both Winter Swan and Race veterinary practices to come along as they both have an equine ambulance service.

There will be hot food and snacks available at the pub which is child and family friendly pub.

We will be offering the sale and fitting advice of horse and rider high viz merchandise via a local tack shop on the day along with a raffle. We are expecting a lot of media interest as my police contact has already informed me of this being the case when they have supported such events in the past. All this I am sure you will agree goes a long way in developing good community relations and public awareness within our local communities.



A group of members from Alkborough & District Saddle Club enjoying one of their regular buddy rides out.

Written by: Wendy Cooper Photo by: John Awty

Another success for local rider

Second at a major show, well done!

Jamoon Flying Officer (Jaffa), owned and ridden by Liz Lloyd, managed to come away with a place in this year's Horse of the Year Show after qualifying in "Search For A Star" at the Vale View equestrian event in Leicestershire.

It's a dream come true, and another success for Liz who keeps Jaffa at Willowcroft Livery in Alkborough.

Following on from this success, Liz came second out of ten competitors at the Horse of The Year Show in Birmingham on 7 October. What an achievement, well done from all.



Horse of the Year Show 2010

Written by Mary Lambert Photo by Mary Lambert

Alkborough ladies tea party was another success

20 years and still going strong, this year was a special one

This year was our 20th celebration of "Bank Holiday Tea Party". When it came to choosing a charity to support, it was unanimously decided to help "Dylan's Dream".

The weather was kind to us and the event proved to be extremely successful. The sale of the raffle tickets, home made cakes etc., "white elephant", tombola and "local produce" was brisk and probably the highest number of people sampled the home made refreshments in the church.

Dylan was accompanied by his mum, grandmother and little brother. Also the Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph came to publicize the event. Dylan was indeed the star of the day and had a great day meeting everyone. We are pleased to be able to donate £1000 towards the cost of his operation.

Many, many thanks to everyone who made donations and worked to make the day such a success and a huge "Thank you" to everyone who supported us by coming along to enjoy the afternoon at Alkborough Church.

Written by: Jo Malphus

Local history trip in time

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight visit

What an honour in this 70th year of the Battle of Britain to be able to get up close to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, but that was what a group from Alkborough did when we visited the "Flight" earlier in the year at RAF Coningsby.

We were very lucky to have Richard Sills as our guide. Richard, who is one of the official volunteer tour guides, arranged for the sort of access not normally given to the general public. We were able to peer into the cockpits of Hurricanes and Spitfires and actually stood under the open bomb doors of the only surviving Lancaster in the UK. Richard told us many interesting facts, being a mine of information. We also heard about the history of the different planes including tales of exploits and disasters.

What a day! Many thanks to Richard for our special tour. The photo below shows the group standing beside one of the Spitfires.



And discovers an old map

The history group met at the Chapel on Thursday 30th September and parish maps were the topic for the evening.

Several members had brought along various maps of Alkborough and Walcot villages and the surrounding area. There appears to be many surviving copies of the maps produced in 1927, when the residue of Alkborough and Walcot estate was auctioned.

A recent discovery of a map showing the names of the fields in the parish has been made. This created a great deal of interest, as some of the group have been trying to research this. The group are considering producing prints of this for sale.

The next meeting is on Thursday 25th November in the school. Meeting starts at 7.30pm and admission is £1 to include refreshments. The topic will be "finding out about history using the internet". Taking a look at various sites that allow us to find out about our history, including Wikipedia. All welcome.

Written by: Sel Yates and Sharon Mawer Photo courtesy of Sel Yates

Our church needs our help

Major repairs are required to the church

The Church is in need of some major repairs in the next few months which will be costly. Repairs are required in the vestry following flood damage, the windows need specialist repairs and the stone work needs re-pointing in places. Safety measures need to be installed for the clock weights and electrical work is required.

The full cost of these repairs has to be paid by the Parochial Church Council in addition to the annual running costs of around £12,000. There is no central fund to draw on, the P.C.C. raises the money from concerts, fetes and others events during the year and we are very grateful for the generous support of the parishioners at these times.

We are now setting up a Fund to raise money to help pay for some of the necessary repairs. If you can help us in any way, please contact Lorna Knapton (Treasurer) at Low Wells Cottage, Church Side. Donations will be gratefully accepted at this address, anonymously if preferred.

It is our hope to keep the Church well maintained, in good condition and available for Sunday services, other religious ceremonies and open for other organisations in the village to use.

Thank you for your help in keeping our listed building in good repair.

Written by: Lorna Knapton

Anniversary celebrations

Methodist chapel is 170 years young

Alkborough Methodist Chapel celebrated 170 years on the weekend of Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June 2010.

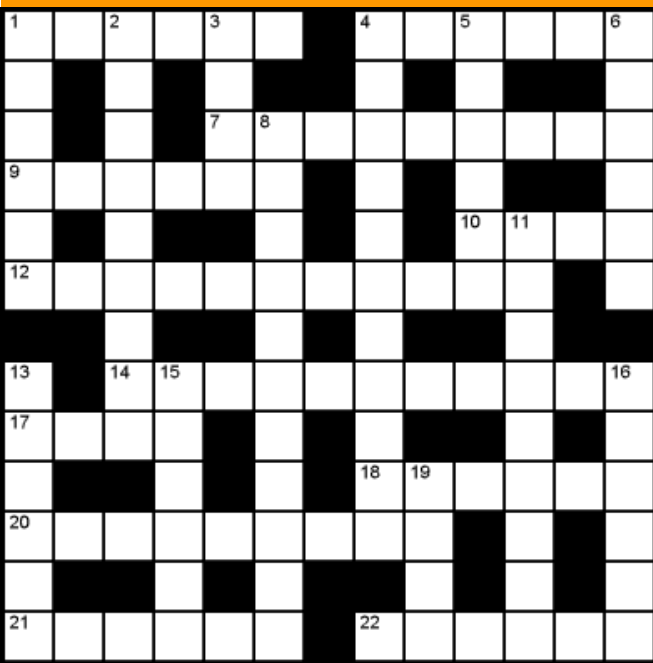
On the Saturday evening there was a musical concert given by Diadem. This group consists of two guitars, a drummer and a professional singer. There was beautiful harmony in the singing and feet were tapping to the rhythm of the music. £100 was raised for the hospice.

On Sunday the preacher was Rev. Henry Dubois who used to be a Methodist Minister in this area but is now working in Hawes. He gave a very uplifting service and there was a delicious tea to follow.

There will be a second chance to hear Diadem when they perform with Jim Dunn in Alkborough Parish Church on Saturday 27th November 2010 at 7pm. On this occasion all proceeds will be supporting orphanages in Romania and The Ukraine through the "Grain of Wheat" Foundation.

Written by: Eveline Kelsey

Puzzle Number 13 (Answers in next newsletter)



Across

- 1 African republic, formerly Nyasaland (6)
- 4 Educate (6)
- 7 Contiguous (9)
- 9 Spud (6)
- 10 Wheel shaft (4)
- 12 One-act G&S operetta (5,2,4)
- 14 Very close together (5,2,4)
- 17 Darts line (4)
- 18 Shun (6)
- 20 Second-in-command (9)
- 21 Tablecloth fabric (6)
- 22 Mentally unstable (6)

Down

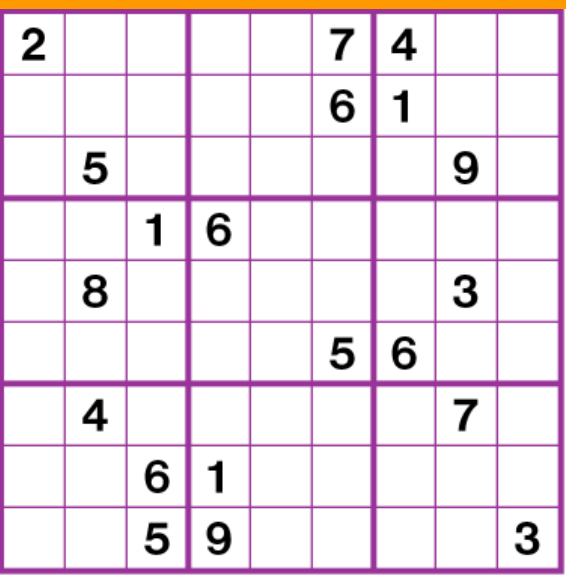
- 1 Stupid person (6)
- 2 As a final recourse (4-5)
- 3 Pardon? (Less politely) (4)
- 4 Non-public markets operator (5-6)
- 5 Aviation repair building (6)
- 6 Lumberman (6)
- 8 Very fast (6,5)
- 11 Percussive musical instrument (9)
- 13 Chicken (6)
- 15 Exodus from hostility (6)
- 16 Subdued (3-3)
- 19 Lip ---; where voice and picture correspond (4)

Solution to Puzzle No 12, July 2010 Issue.

Across: 1; Adagio 8; Jehovist 9; Jilt 10; Objet D'Art 12; Tutorage 14; Nike 16; Vibe 17; Jubilant 19; Clockwork 20; Cujo 21; Taj Mahal 22; Yum Yum

Down: 2; Djibouti 3; Gut 4; Ojibwa 5; Wheeze 6; evidently 7; Statue 11; Honeycomb 13; Gnu 15; Kinkajou 16; Vacate 17; Ja Wohl 18; Bar Fly 20; Cwm

Sudoku No 7



Fascinating fact...



A recent survey found that many UK residents are so out of touch with nature, they have Problems identifying even the country's most common trees.

Five per cent of those questioned could not correctly name any tree. The oak was recognised by 68 per cent, but almost a quarter (23 per cent) did not know they produced acorns.

An oak tree takes a year to grow approximately 60cm as opposed to bamboo which can grow the same amount in one day.

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 Paddocks Tea Room, 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.
- Whist evening every Monday evening at 8pm in Alkborough Club.
- 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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Alternatively, you may contact councillors at the Labour Office, Pittwood House, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, Tel: 01724 296348

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**