

# Village life news

Alkborough & Walcot  
Residents Association



## Charities benefit well from our slave auction

**Two charities which benefit local people got a share of the profits from the slave auction and will use the money to help change peoples' lives**

The Residents' Association held a slave auction on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at the Coronation Club. Over 28 promises had been donated by some very kind people.

There were a wide variety of promises such as: a limo trip (with champagne); a glider flying lesson; organic vegetables; baking; free-range eggs; family history research; babysitting; dog walking; gardening; a motorbike ride; rock climbing; an art lesson; and various trips and meals out.

There was something to interest most people and once the bidding started by our able auctioneer who did a wonderful job, there was much laughter and good-natured banter, which made the evening a great social event. As well as Alkborough and Walcot residents, the auction was also supported by some people from the surrounding area.

Just over £900 was raised in total, which was an incredible result. £400 of this was donated to The Ann Conroy Trust which helps sufferers of the neurological illness Syringomyelia and associated conditions, whilst £400 went to Talking News, a local charity for the blind. The rest went to the Residents' Association to be used for future events.

There have been many people who have been incredibly generous in donating their time, hard-earned cash and the wide variety of promises which have all ensured the success of the slave auction. It is gratifying to see so many selfless people who are willing to give so much for charity. I'm sure everyone at the benefitting charities is grateful to them.

As well as having a good sociable time at the slave auction, the fun did not stop there, since people have had a good time getting together whilst carrying out the promises. Hopefully, we can have another similar event next year.

The photo shows Jane Yates, a member of The Ann Conroy Trust, receiving a cheque from Jo Malphus presented on behalf of the Residents' Association. Behind them is Sel Yates about to take to the skies for his glider lesson which was bought at the auction and donated by Jo Malphus and the Trent Valley Glider Club.



Jo Malphus presents the cheque on behalf of the Residents' Association to Jane Yates



A good night was had by all at the slave auction.



Helen Drury presents the cheque on behalf of the Residents' Association to Edward Buckley of Scunthorpe Talking News

## The photo's are in... It's the great calendar countdown

**Following on from last years successful calendar competition the photo's are in**

A big thanks goes out to all those residents who have entered photographs for the 2009 Calendar. We have received over 60 photographs and they are currently being judged by Mr Roy Featherstone.

Mr Featherstone will choose the 12 pictures that will represent each month in our calendar but the front cover is down to you, our village residents.

There will be an exhibition to display all the photographs at St. John the Baptist Church, Alkborough on Saturday 11th October at 10am. All the photographs will be numbered and each person will get a voting form on entry. Choose the photograph you favour for the front cover by entering the corresponding number of your choice. The photograph with the most votes will win and be featured on the cover. Entry to the exhibition costs just £1 and will include refreshments.

More details of where to buy your 2009 calendar will be available at the exhibition.

# Forthcoming events

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

### Thursday 9th October

Alkborough & Walcot Quiz Night is back. 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 October

2008 Photograph Competition Exhibition. Coffee morning at Alkborough Parish Church. Starts at 10am til 12 noon. Come and see all the photographs entered including the 12 winners. You get the chance to vote for the cover photograph. Entry fee £1 to include refreshments.

### Thursday 16th October

Bridge Night in Alkborough Club. Anyone interested in playing bridge? Come along to the first session, then every 3rd Thursday in the month. Starts at 7.30pm. All welcome

### Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th October

Alkborough & Walcot Residents' Association Bulb Planting Weekend. We have at 1000 Daffodil & Crocus bulbs to plant on the verges in the villages. Volunteers required. Meet outside the chapel at 10am, bring along a spade/trowel. Light refreshments will be served in the chapel at 12.30pm.

### Saturday 18th October

Alkborough Parish Church concert in the church by Goldstone & Clemmow. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale now. Contact Jayne Watson on 01724 720071 for details and to buy your tickets.

### Sunday 9th November

Alkborough Parish Church Service of Remembrance. Starts at 10.30am

### Thursday 15th November

Alkborough & Walcot Quiz Night. Starts at 8pm in Coronation Club, Alkborough. Teams of up to 6 people. £1 entry per person.

### Thursday 11th December

Alkborough & Walcot Quiz Night. Starts at 8pm in Coronation Club, Alkborough. Teams of up to 6 people. £1 entry per person.

### Saturday 13th December

Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association Fancy Dress Christmas Party. Starts at 7.30pm at Alkborough Cricket Club. Bring your own food and booze. Fun and games to be enjoyed by all. More details will follow soon.

**And don't forget the Alkborough & Walcot Residents' Association monthly meeting on the first Tuesday every month in Alkborough Club. Starts at 7.30pm. All welcome.**

Fancy a walk around our villages, meet every Tuesday at 10am outside the chapel, enjoy the views and get some exercise.

### 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

# From the Alkborough WI

## News on what's been happening over the past few months

We at Alkborough WI have been rather busy in August and September we had members who went on a Calligraphy course. Two members went on a wine tasting day at York with lunch thrown in. Three members went on a Wolds tour which took in Abbey ruins and visited old Churches in Lincolnshire.

We have started a Tuesday walk which is proving popular walking the footpaths around the area, each week we get another person joining us so that is good. Then of course we had the WI Tea Party which raised the wonderful total of £907 48p all given to local charities.

Four members have just come back from Denman College that's the WI's own college in Oxfordshire. Denman have just been celebrating their 60 years anniversary. Next month five members are going to the Ballet in Hull to watch the Northern Ballet Company perform, as well as the regular meetings in the school each month, so who says that the WI is all Jam and Jerusalem not according to us here in Alkborough.



## Is it a time-machine?

### Local people learn to tell the time the "Alkborough Way"

Alkborough & Walcot Local History Group meets every month to discuss our heritage and history and the meetings go from strength to strength.

So far the group have discovered more about our famous Sarah Gaunt, collected old photographs and memorabilia, started to build a map of the villages with the old field names, started an oral history of Alkborough & Walcot and learned about our church and it's rather rare clock.

The history group gathered on a wet July evening to learn about the unique clock & the history of the Church. Thanks to John Ablott & Stuart Brand for their informative guidance.

The next meeting is at 7.30pm. on Thursday 25th. September in the Chapel. We shall be exploring the history of some of the older houses in Alkborough & Walcot. Please come along & share what you know.



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

# A welcomed rare visitor is spotted on the Flats

## With only 2 or 3 sightings a year in the UK the Wilson's Phalarope certainly ruffled some feathers on Alkborough Flats

Have you seen this person loitering on a street corner near you?



On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September a local bird watcher spotted a rare and unusual bird feeding amongst the mud and grasses of the Flats.....a Wilson's Phalarope.

The message that this bird had been seen on site soon got out to the UK's bird watchers via the internet and messages sent on pagers, causing great excitement.

The Wilson's Phalarope is a North American wading bird which is rarely seen in the UK. Normally there are only 2 or 3 sightings a year.

The birds that are seen in the UK have been blown off course during spring or autumn migration by strong winds such as Hurricane Ike.

They arrive in the UK hungry and tired and spend much of their time feeding and roosting. Unlike smaller American birds which

arrive on our shores, wading birds have been known to make it back to America via Greenland.

The bird spent its days on the Flats feeding in distant pools which made it very hard to see and only the very patient got glimpses of this rare bird.

Despite the elusiveness of the bird hundreds of birdwatchers descended on Alkborough with well over 250 cars and one minibus recorded between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September.

With the help of Chris Stannard, Julia and Ray Dent, and with a much appreciated supply of hot and cold drinks kindly provided by the Spencer family and their neighbours, site staff were able to keep the bird watchers under control both when in the village and when on site.

Thanks are also due to the Ogg family for allowing extra cars to be parked on their beet pad along Whitton road.



## Your opportunity to join the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Living in the areas of North and North East Lincolnshire, Goole and Howdenshire, and East and West Lindsey gives you the right to become a member of the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

As a member you will be able to get involved in the planning of hospital care in the area, receive information about developments at the hospital and be invited to special member-only events. In addition you will be entitled to join the NHS Discount scheme (with discounts of up to 25% on top brands such as Top Shop, Curry's and other leading retailers).

To become a member please phone the office on 01724 387946 or apply on line at [http://www.nlg.nhs.uk/foundation/membership\\_form.htm](http://www.nlg.nhs.uk/foundation/membership_form.htm)

You can download the application form at [www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk](http://www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk) and use the freepost address to send it to the trust.

## Alkborough Residents do it again

### 2008 saw record levels of funds raised for local charities

We had so many fundraising events this year it's hard to know where to start first. We had the slave auction, The "Art in the Garden" event, the "National Open Garden Scheme", the Alkborough WI Bank Holiday Tea Party to name but a few.

The National Open Garden Scheme attracted visitors from far and wide, as did the "Art in the Garden" day in Alkborough and Walcot. Many people visited the villages for the WI tea Party as well as the Church fete.

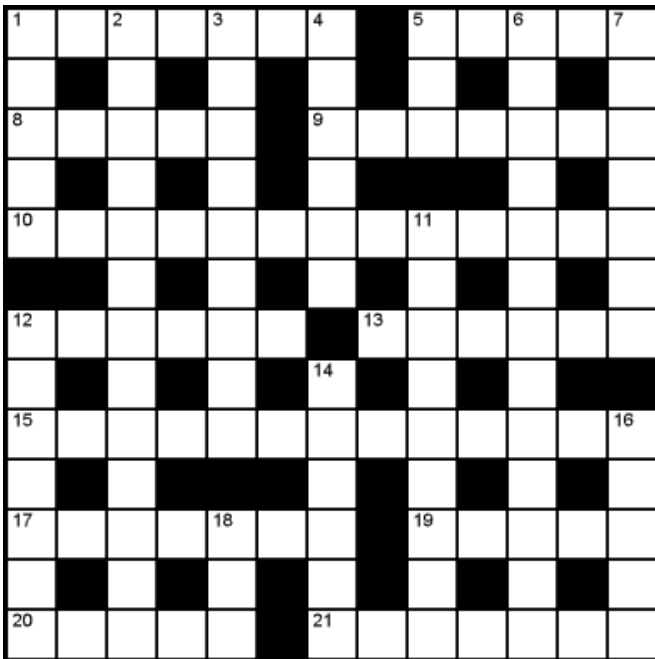
So far well over £3500 has been raised for local charities.

A huge thank you goes to everyone that has supported our events this year and we look forward to your continued support.



*Our gardens attracted so many visitors on the Nation Open Gardens Scheme day.*

## Puzzle Number 5 (Answers in next newsletter)



### Across

- 1 *Brightly coloured beetle* (7)
- 5 *Particular adroitness* (5)
- 8 *Tree with orange-red fruits similar to berries* (5)
- 9 *Forward movement of ball created by player* (7)
- 10 *Ferry destination from Harwich* (4,2,7)
- 12 *TTFN* (3,3)
- 13 *Bespoke* (6)
- 15 *Traditional children's party game* (9,4)
- 17 *Eccentric* (7)
- 19 *Furious* (5)
- 20 *Egyptian city on the east bank of the Nile* (5)
- 21 *Unpaid* (7)

### Down

- 1 *Walk with unsteady gait* (5)
- 2 *New York stock exchange indicator* (3,5,5)
- 3 *Scottish mountain whose name means "Beacon Hill"* (3,6)
- 4 *Former "House Party" award* (6)
- 5 *Z's* (3)
- 6 *Urban landscape* (7,6)
- 7 *Realm* (7)
- 11 *US state whose abbreviation is a US city* (9)
- 12 *Layer of earth above bedrock* (7)
- 14 *Herbaceous perennial plant with showy flowers* (6)
- 18 *To broadcast* (3)

Solution to Puzzle No 4, June Issue.

**Across:** 1; Discovered 6; Urdu 9; Scapegoats 10; Spud 12; Sweet and Sour 15; Patriotic 17; Irate 18; Leech 19; Abstinent 20; Commensurate 24; Neil 25; Borderline 26; Step 27; Second mate

**Down:** 1; Dish 2; Seal 3; Over weighted 4; Evoke 5; Entrances 7; Reprobates 8; Underneath 11; administered 13; Applicants 14; Streamline 16; Transpose 21; Rodeo 22; Lima 23; Mere



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**

Recently, some residents received a warning from the police regarding parking offences. You may not be aware that it is an offence to:

- *Park facing the wrong way (to the direction of traffic) at night*
- *Park with two or more wheels on the footpath, causing an obstruction*
- *Park within 10 metres of a road junction*

If you commit any of these offences you may attract a **£30** fixed penalty notice. These are absolute offences and a warning is not a requirement.

Please be aware of where and how you park.

## Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Mark Knapton has recently resigned from the Parish Council due to the additional responsibilities of a new job, having served as a councillor since 2003. As a result, there is a vacancy, which is to be filled by a local resident. The method of appointing a councillor is as set out below.

An election will be called if ten or more local electors write with a request to North Lincolnshire Council. The details for this are on the Parish noticeboard on Cross Lane and the deadline is 8 October. If there is to be no election, the Parish Council will co-opt someone. Applicants will be invited to apply in writing to the Clerk, stating why they wish to be considered. The address for applications is:

**Mrs H Hindess, Hunters Moon, Whitton Road, Alkborough DN15 9JG.**

If anyone is interested in the role of parish councillor and would like more information, they could contact the Clerk or any of the councillors listed: John White (Chairman), Simon Spencer (Vice-Chairman), Jack Clark, Shelley Fell-Bowers, John Gaunt, Nick Harland, Dave Roberts.

## 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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