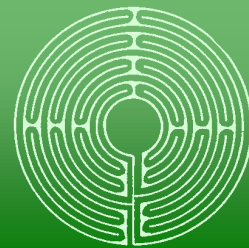


Village life news

Alkborough & Walcot
Residents Association



Alkborough & Walcot hit the information super highway

The Alkborough & Walcot residents Association launch a brand new website to show the world what the villages have on offer to its visitors

July saw the launch of our new website, giving information on services offered within our community and to show the outside world what we have to offer. With pages of information from the neighbourhood watch, women's institute, the Methodist chapel and our Parish Council, but to name a few, it will be a mine of information for visitors and residents alike.

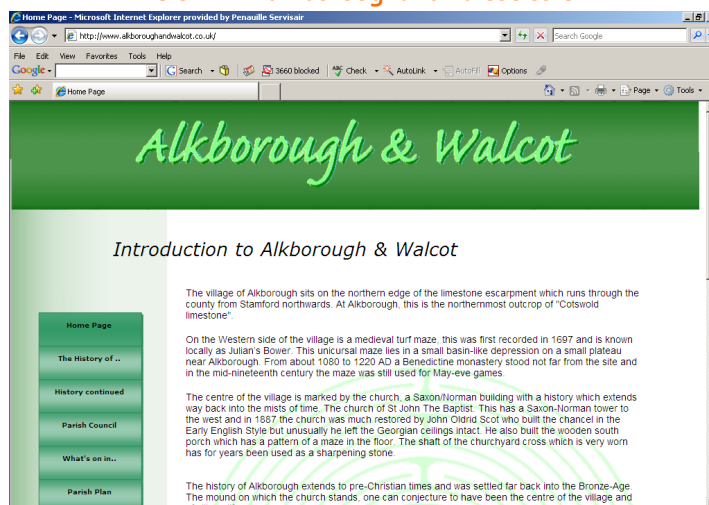
With regular updates from the Alkborough Flats Project team and information on local events visitors and residents will always stay one step in front of all activities. The website will work alongside this Newsletter.

So far, since the site has been up and running, we have seen over 11,000 visitors from all over the world. Already emails have been coming in from

interested people wanting to know how to get to the villages from London, France and Belgium.

Surprisingly the most visitors to the site have been from the United States.

Visit: www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk



Riders and drivers beware

Problems with drivers speeding through the village and horses soiling on Pavements, villagers feel now is the time to act.

When driving through our villages, motorists are asked to take considerable care and watch their speed. It has been noticed that some drivers are not taking any notice of our 30 mph speed limits. After reporting this to the Humberside Police and the council, it has been decided that to combat such offences, the council will be monitoring the speed of vehicles through the villages. Speed check equipment is now in place and this will be monitored on a regular basis.

Horse owners and riders are asked that if they should, for safety reasons, they need to use the pedestrian pavements (to avoid speeding motorists) and their horse should soil the pavement, you could either kick it into the gutters or into the hedge bottom to

avoid pedestrians having to step through or over it.

The villagers totally understand the reasons for using the footpaths and accept that at various points on the public highway, namely on the bend outside the cricket club and by the church, the roads can sometimes be unsafe due to speeding motorists, but by working together everyone can be happy.

UPDATE!! The road from Burton through Walcot into Alkborough is now being resurfaced. Please stick to the 30mph speed limits whilst driving through the works.

College Farm gets underway with the redevelopment of the old workshop and “The Paddocks Tea Room” comes to life.

Now that planning has finally been approved, the tea room begins to take shape with the old roof removed and the new one now in place the interior renovations of the one time workshop on the farm starts to take shape.

Late July saw the start of the renovations to the workshop just at the entrance to College Farm, Back Street. The plans to turn the one time tractor repair shed into a tea room to cater for 40 people were finally passed at the beginning of July.

The Ogg family felt that the village lacked a meeting place for local residents and a welcoming stopping place for visitors, so took it upon themselves to set up “The Paddocks Tea Room”.

With the introduction of brand new tractors with excellent service records the workshop just wasn't being used as much these days and the idea came from the results of the parish plan, in which many residents said they would like to see a development of this kind.

The project will enhance the appeal of the village by inviting visitors to explore the villages historical treasures and get a bite

to eat and make a day of it instead of having to move on elsewhere. Combined with the opening of the Flats Project on the Humber and Trent banks, the historical points of interest in and around our villages and the beautiful country walks, visitors will be able to enjoy ample off street parking and a comfortable place to rest between sights.



Soon to be The Paddocks Tea Room

Residents Association sets the sights for village integration

Since the Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association was formed, following on from the Parish Plan Steering Committee, they have succeeded in bringing together residents from the villages will similar interests.

Following on from the success of the 2007 Parish Plan, the Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association has been formed and is growing from strength to strength. The Association is the next step to completing the tasks outlined in the Parish Plan, working closely besides the Parish Council to achieve the goals set.

The Residents Association meets every month to discuss the points in the plan that were earmarked for their involvement and to discuss how best to move the plan forward.

Several sub groups have been created to attack various parts of the plan, such as ; Planning and Development, Environment and Conservation, Recreation, Leisure and Tourism, Community Health and Safety, Transport and Services for our Elderly Residents. There are also other groups of interest such as a photography group and local history group.

Residents have joined forces to try to get savings on home Insulation for all residents, better public transport to and from the village, and a cleaner, safer environment for everyone.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Coronation Club, Alkborough and all villagers are welcome. If you feel you can help in anyway or just want to find out what's happening within our community, then come along.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30pm



2007 Parish Plan



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**

Village notice board gets a makeover and helps to keep the community informed

After years of looking old and shabby the village notice board gets a new lick of green paint and has already started to attract some interest

At the corner of Huteson Lane and Whitton Road the notice board was looking, well, a little sorry for itself. The paint had faded and it was rarely used or even spotted. The Parish Council kindly donated it to the Residents Association and it has since gone through an extreme makeover of its own.

Now freshly painted in vivid green with white borders the notice board has finally come to life. Already several organisations within our village and from neighbouring villages have already put it to good use.

With lots to offer from the Women's Institute, regular updates from the Neighbourhood Watch, exciting clubs to join or activities to take part in, our notice board is certainly the centre of attention.



Village notice board gives information

Parish Council wants to renovate a vandalised village treasure

Alkborough & Walcot Parish Council sets its sights to bring Low Wells back to life but funds prevent the work

It has recently been brought to light that the Parish Council is the owner of the area known as Low Wells. Set in a peaceful location, Low Wells, a freshwater spring once renovated with its own seating area for walkers to rest their legs, it has been subjected to repeated acts of vandalism and is now badly neglected. The Parish Council has obtained a quote from a builder to restore the well and its seating area but its way beyond their budget. Although a local builder has offered to supervise volunteers in the work at no cost to the council, other than materials.

Can you volunteer a few hours at the weekend to work on this project? As well as the actual building work, there are brambles and bushes to clear from the site. If you think you could help, contact Helen Hindess, Clerk to the Parish Council on 01724 720484 or Helen.hindess@tiscali.co.uk



Low Wells as it is now

Its all change down on Alkborough Flats

Since the Environment Agency started work on the breach of the tidal wall back in September 2006 the landscape together with its flora and fauna is ever changing

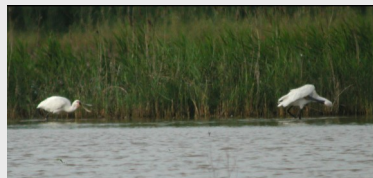
With every passing season comes a new visitor to Alkborough Flats. It has attracted lots of visitors, even though the site isn't officially completely open. Walkers and bird watchers alike have been pleasantly surprised by the visiting birds.

During the winter months flocks of Golden Plover, Lapwing and Peregrine Falcons visited the site along with Pink-footed Geese and hunting Barn Owls.

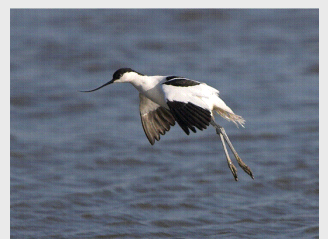
The Spring is a very busy time of year in the bird world seeing the last of the winter visitors moving on to northern climes and a huge number of summer migrants arriving to breed. With the familiar sound of the first Cuckoo and the first Swallow seen early in April, came large numbers of Grey Herons, a family of Spoonbills and a Little Egret. Scarcer visitors to the area were a Pintail, a drake Red-breasted Merganser along with three Egyptian Geese adding a touch of the exotic.

Mammals were much in evidence throughout the Spring with regular sightings of Stoat, Roe Deer, Fox, Weasel along with the more common rabbits and hares.

For more information visit www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk and click on the Alkborough Flats link.



A pair of Spoonbills



An Avocet



Capture the spirit of our village in a photograph and see your pictures published on our 2008 calendar.

THE CATEGORIES ARE:

UNDER 16'S

16'S AND OVER...

ENTRY FEE: 50P PER PHOTO, 3 PER ENTRY

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2007

OPEN TO ALKBOROUGH + WALCOT RESIDENTS ONLY.

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THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE OVERALL WINNERS OF EACH CATEGORY.

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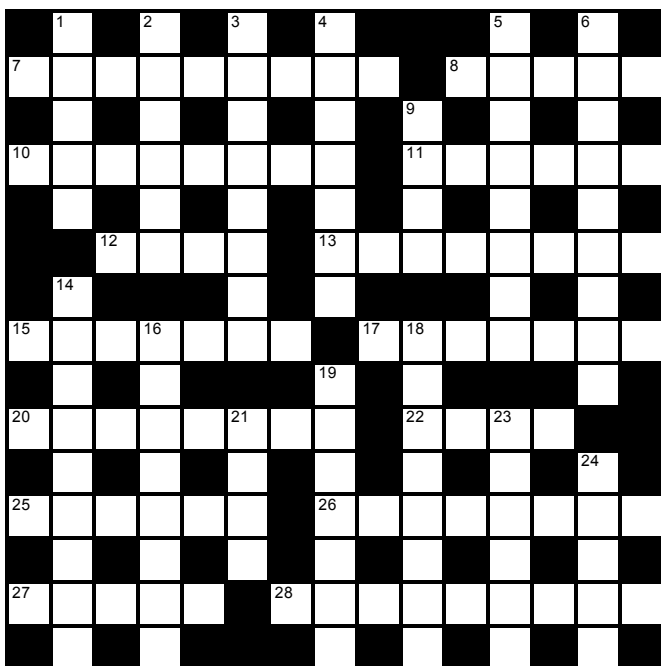
What's On

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.
- Fancy Dress Halloween Ball on Saturday 27th October, Starts 7.30pm. Tickets on sale now at just £10 for adults. Barbeque, buffet and disco. Bring your own, plate, cutlery and alcohol. See Helen Drury, Chris Stannard, Mark McCorquodale or Gav Ogg for details or to buy a ticket.

Puzzle Number 1

(Answers next month)



Across

- 7 By the same token. (9)
- 8 Corroboration. (5)
- 10 Pioneers. (8)
- 11 Invade. (6)
- 12 Sharpness. (4)
- 13 Discharges. (8)
- 15 Dividends. (7)
- 17 Coruscated. (7)
- 20 Aegis. (8)
- 22 Lot. (4)
- 25 Rejoinder. (6)
- 26 Acrimoniously. (8)
- 27 Genuflected. (5)
- 28 Bread roll. (9)

Down

- 1 Conflagrations. (5)
- 2 Itemized. (6)
- 3 Vault. (8)
- 4 Colours up. (7)
- 5 Cherished. (8)
- 6 Executed. (9)
- 9 Circle. (4)
- 14 Famous. (9)
- 16 Au revoir. (8)
- 18 Duration. (8)
- 19 Take in. (7)
- 21 Embellish. (4)
- 23 Hypothesis. (6)
- 24 Nictate. (5)



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