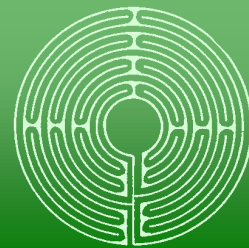


Village life news



LAND GIRL PINNING HOPES ON BADGE OF HONOUR

Alkborough woman shows that it's not just the men that can do hard labour

A local woman is hoping to be among the first to claim an honorary badge marking her time working on the land during the Second World War.

Members of the Women's Land Army (WLA) worked tirelessly in farming jobs to replace the workers who had gone to fight the enemy. And now, the Government has pledged to issue special commemorative badges to honour those who worked to feed the nation.

Among the Land Girl veterans of the 1940s claiming the formal recognition of their work will be Joyce Ogg (nee Barley), of Huteson Lane, Alkborough - now aged 87 - who only joined to keep her brothers happy.

Mrs Ogg said: "I volunteered because my brothers didn't want me to go into the forces. "The doctor said I was letting myself in for some hard work, but I had a good time. "It was hard work for girls who had come out of town, but I am a Country girl, and took to it a little bit better."

Mrs Ogg was billeted to four farms around Lincolnshire over the five years she was a Land Girl, helping pick and pack vegetables. "We used to go out into the fields at four in the morning to pick peas," she said. "Peas are fattest at that time, full of juice, so we got a higher price for them. "Or two of us would pick up eight-stone bags of potatoes with sticks and load them on to trailers."

The working hours were long, from 7am to 5pm with only a half-hour break for lunch, and pay was low at £128 a year.

But there were benefits to all the work, said Mrs Ogg: "We never had to work out to keep our figures, and people on the bus always used to say I looked healthy because I was so brown."
But sometimes she wishes she had joined the forces instead and had seen more of the world.

Mrs Ogg will be applying for the honorary badge to display alongside the certificate she received from the Queen Mother congratulating her for her war effort.

The badge will be the first formal Government recognition of the work the women carried out until 1950.

A ceremony will be held this summer, when Environment Secretary Hilary Benn MP will present badges to some of the veterans. Mr Benn said the WLA made a vital contribution to the country's war effort.

"Supplying the nation with food and timber during the dark days of war was no easy task," he said.

"Their selfless service to the country deserves the recognition that this badge will represent."

Were you in the Land Army? If so would you like help with your application? If so contact a member of the Residents Association who will be happy to help.



Mrs Ogg proudly shows her release certificate

Tarts and vicars caused a stir at the cricket club

With cupid's arrows flying at the valentines disco, did the earth move for you?

On Saturday 9th February 2008 Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association held their second major social event at Alkborough Cricket Club with a valentines buffet and disco.

Again, there was a good turnout of unusual costumes. There were some St Trinian girls, quite a few vicars and then our very own chairman, who came dressed in an unusual combination of both a tart and a vicar.

Prizes were given to the person with the best fancy dress outfit. It was a difficult decision but Lorraine and Sam are to be congratulated for their stunning efforts.

There was a fantastic spread of home made food and the atmosphere was outstanding. Everyone took advantage of the disco, provided again by Glynn Morgan with many vicars (not real ones of course!) strutting their stuff to impress the tarts.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fantastic feast, all those who decorated the hall and who helped to clear up afterwards and those who donated raffle prizes.

There are a few events planned, wine tasting, The "Y" factor and a slave/skills promise auction but to name a few, with the details, dates and venues to be confirmed.



Party goes enjoying themselves

Bus to Brigg could be right up our street

Forthcoming events in our Villages

A new link could provide an escape or an excuse for a shopping trip

Did you know that Winterton Town Council organises a weekly bus trip to Brigg? This has proved quite popular and they are now considering pick-ups in the villages.

Is this something you might use? The bus runs on Thursdays from April to October and stops at the Ancholme Leisure Centre, the town centre (for the market) and the Garden Centre. There would be a modest charge for the service.

You might also consider using this service as a link to Winterton, from where you could take another bus to Scunthorpe, Barton or Hull. There are also trains from Barton to Grimsby.

Please register your interest by contacting Cllr Linda Cawsey on 734870. Alternatively, you can speak to David Dransfield, a member of the Residents' Association, on 721069.

New Year New Body? Do you want to keep fit and get healthy

New for 2008 at Alkborough School is a keep fit/circuit training class. Workout at your own pace and have some fun. Improve your health and fitness in a friendly environment.

For more information and to register an interest contact Postie Helen Drury or Ian Monaghan on 07825 085282

Its bazaar what you'll find at the chapel bazaar

And a great way to get together and raise some much needed funds

A bazaar was held at Alkborough Methodist Chapel on Saturday 24th November 2007. Stalls included cakes, tombola, fancy goods, mystery parcels, books and a raffle. Delicious refreshments were served. There was a fantastic turnout and the event was well supported. Over £900 was raised for the Chapel New Windows Fund and a donation of £150 was sent to the Cheshire Home at Barnetby.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the event.

Also, congratulations to the carol singers. 20 people attended and raised £110 which also went to the Cheshire Home at Barnetby.

Just a quick reminder for those of you that enjoy our quiz nights at Alkborough Club... The next ones are on Tuesday 18th March and Tuesday 15th April. Both start at 8pm and the entry fee is just £1. So get your team together and come along... Its a great night out!

Keep yourself busy and have fun

Tuesday 4th March 2008

Coffee and chat at Julian's Bower (bungalow) with N & E Kelsey at 2.30pm. If anyone would like to host a coffee and chat at their home, please contact E Kelsey on 01724 721048 and choose a date and time which suits you best.

Thursday 13th March 2008

Alkborough & Walcot Neighbourhood Watch AGM at Alkborough Chapel, Front Street at 7.30pm. Come along to your local meeting. This is an opportunity to air your views and concerns about neighbourhood safety. We also have a talk from the police about drugs and drug awareness - update your knowledge.

Saturday 29th March 2008

Rhapsody in Spring with Goldstone and Clemmow at St John the Baptist Church, Alkborough. Starts at 7.30pm. A popular programme to include Rhapsody in Blue and "The Barber of Seville" overture. Contact Jayne Watson on 01472 720071 for more details.

Saturday 19th April 2008

New Orleans Jazz Concert by New Orleans Heat at St John the Baptist Church, Alkborough. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £ 9.50 and includes light refreshments. Contact David Dransfield on 01724 721069 for more information or to buy your tickets.

Village youth could get a boost from our more senior villagers

Jo Malphus is liaising with Tina Barrett, the new Head at Alkborough Primary School, to arrange visits for some of our older generation in our villages to spend time with the children at school.

This might be to have lunch together, at the school, or for the many generations to chat about their different lives. The children can sing or play music for their visitors or the visitors can look at the work that the children are doing, perhaps do some art or craft work together in a joint effort.

The head is putting forward these ideas to the school staff to see how these visits might be fitted into the school working day.

If you would be interested in joining on one of these visits or just for more information, contact Jo Malphus on 01724 721851

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, telephone number 296348

Local history group uncovers some gems

With the group meeting regularly history is being brought to the future

28 people attended the last meeting. June Ellis gave a comprehensive account of the life of Sarah Gaunt.

This was an amazing insight to the life of a very busy lady. She had thirteen children, acted as midwife and nurse, was involved in local politics and campaigned on many subjects for the good of the village.

At the next meeting on March 27th 2008 7.30pm in the Chapel we hope to show an interesting array of photographs and Memorabilia.

Plans are afoot to start an oral history project and to produce an illustrative map of our villages.

If you would like to get involved with the history group contact Avis Ablott, Sharon Mawer or just come along to the meetings.

Pub lunch outings on track

And coffee mornings at the tea room

Pub lunch outings will continue to be held every 4 weeks on a Monday (12 noon at the pub) At the Butchers Arms, Winterton. All are welcome to join. Next dates are; March 10th, April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd.

Coffee mornings at The Paddocks Tea Room, Alkborough, are every Thursday morning at 10.30am. Come for a coffee (or tea) and a chat. Those with cars might offer to take friends in the village who find it difficult to walk there.

For more information on either events call Jo on 01724 721851 or Joan on 01724 721374

Everyone is welcome and don't forget... Thursday morning is coffee morning at "The Paddocks".

Volunteer to look after play area

Lets try to keep it safe for our children

Now that the days are getting longer, we hope that children will enjoy using the play area situated on the School field. The area is checked every week by volunteers, but we should warn parents that broken glass has occasionally been found there, so please be aware! If you find any problems please contact me straight away and I will make sure action is taken.

We would welcome more volunteers to join our rota for checking the equipment. If your children use the play area, or if you regularly walk your dog along Hutson Lane, perhaps you could consider helping out in this way.

Helen Hindess, Clerk to the Parish Council
Tel: 720484

Alkborough Flats staff getting busy with volunteers

With successful volunteer days and many people helping the changes are finally showing.

Alkborough Flats staff has been running a monthly volunteer day to help with the maintenance and conservation of the site. Since October there have been three volunteer days; undertaking all sorts of different tasks.

In October, despite the difficult terrain, most of the scrub obscuring the view from the Maze was cleared. It was incredibly rewarding, for both the workers and the onlookers, to look out over the Flats and see the breach. There is however, still more to be done to get the view cleared before the end of spring.

November was a wash out and had to be called off. But in December they soon got stuck in clearing small sections of scrub out. This was to make way for the new footpath from Whitton to Alkborough which will be opened later this spring.

In January they were tidying up membrane left over from when the new tracks were constructed. This was incredibly hard work but they pressed on and cleared half a mile of track during the day.

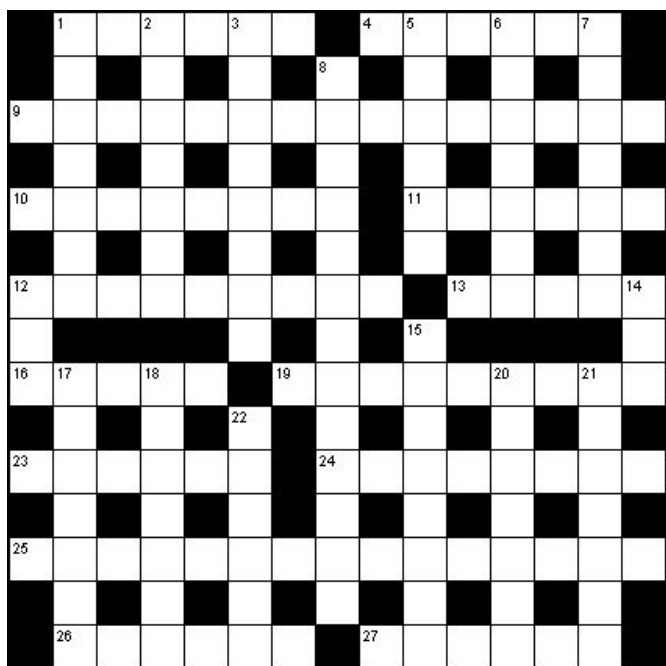
And if all that sounds a bit too much like hard work there are some tea and biscuit breaks too.

If you interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Sarah on 721269 to find out more.



Some of the photo's taken on volunteer days.

Puzzle Number 3 (Answers in next newsletter)



ACROSS

- 1 Dress supporter in a flurry (6)
- 4 Heartless Rabbi contributes to account of Semitic language (6)
- 9 Comely union sure to be broken informally (15)
- 10 Completely remake tiny reel (8)
- 11 Bring about what is said to be unlawful (6)
- 12 Avoids being photographed despite easy charm perhaps (6,3)
- 13 Restore rates of lacrimal secretion (5)
- 16 In Malta, choose a counter for revolution (5)
- 19 Lose one's smile - act opposite to 9 across (9)
- 23 Badly mauls you first in refuge (6)
- 24 Became complex when moved forward (8)
- 25 Poorness is a life restored when you make it pay (15)
- 26 In some offices exists a discriminatory individual (6)
- 27 My son has one remodelled to produce muscle protein (6)

DOWN

- 1 Very good Aussie has an easy windfall (7)
- 2 Lacks microorganisms which can't reproduce (7)
- 3 The French enigma confused faithful follower (8)
- 5 Ark is lost when attacked by one of these? (6)
- 6 Gold cross found in small portion of ore (7)
- 7 Miner needs a dog, right? (7)
- 8 Comply to a rich mixture of many colours (13)
- 12 Approximately in position by family pet (3)
- 14 She is to seek redress (3)
- 15 Ian who kept getting Nev up found it enchanting (8)
- 17 One reverts emphasis but states boldly (7)
- 18 Message follows bad hail in capital of Nova Scotia (7)
- 20 Utterly perplex with "no" to new addition (3-4)
- 21 Walks over spouse's offspring (7)
- 22 Entertains us in same arrangement (6)

Solution to Puzzle No 2, December Issue.

Across: 5; Peanut, 7; Unkindly, 9; Sequence, 10; Plague, 11; Caricaturist, 13; Tossed, 15; Garden, 18; Conversation, 21; Values, 22; Recorder, 23; Although, 24; Annoys.

Down: 1; Injuries, 2; Stanza, 3; Skipping, 4; Infant, 6; Elevator, 7; Useful, 8; Loud, 12; Recovery, 14; Dinosaur, 16; Retiring, 17; Search, 18; Caught, 19; Social, 20; Tail.

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.



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**

British Gas could be warming our village

With the price of oil set to increase, why not?

We are investigating the possibility of having mains gas supplied to the village. Are you sick of seeing those unsightly bright red gas bottles? Are you just fed up with how expensive bottled gas and oil is becoming? Are you interested to find out whether we could have piped gas? If so, complete the slip below. We need to get at least 60 households interested before they will hear our argument or quote a price for connection.

Please return your slip before Monday 31st March to :

Alan Mawer, The Olde Library, Back Street, Alkborough.

YES I am interested in gas coming to our villages.

Title: _____ Initials: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____



Putting the Environment first: This newsletter is printed on 80% recycled paper. When you have finished reading it, please recycle it.

Printed by North Lincolnshire Council



Published by: AWRAMEDIA, Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association, 2 Manor Farm Cottages, Whitton Road, Alkborough, North Lincolnshire DN15 9JG

AWRA MEDIA is a subgroup of Alkborough & Walcot Residents Association

Email: enquiries@alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk

www.alkboroughandwalcot.co.uk

© **AWRA MEDIA**

Funded and supported by Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire

