

Village Services

The definitive guide to local services for Alkborough and Walcot is available on the village's website; go to www.alkboroughandwalcot.org.uk and follow the local services link. Additions and amendments to any entries to this directory are reported in this section of the newsletter.



Music at The Coronation Club

During the next couple of months the Coronation Club will be holding two live music events. On Saturday 13th February a female duo, "Devotion" will be performing and on Easter Saturday 26th March the local Burton band "Generations" will be appearing. Both evenings will be 8.00pm till late.

Fish and Chip Van

The visits of the Fish and Chip van on a Tuesday evening over the last few weeks have become steadily less patronised. Please remember it will only come to the village if there is adequate trade. Use it or you may lose it! Michelle at the Coronation Club invites people waiting for the van to visit the Club to have a drink and stay in warm surroundings until orders are ready. Why not take your meal into the Club and enjoy a drink with your fish and chips? Michelle will be happy to supply cutlery.



Religious Services

Parish Church Services

7th February: Holy Communion. 11.15am.
14th February: Holy Communion. 9.30am.
6th March: Mothering Sunday Service. 11.15am.
13th March: Holy Communion. 11.15am.
25th March: Good Friday Ecumenical Devotional Service. 10.00am.
27th March: Easter Morning Service. Time to be announced

Methodist Services

7th February: Mr. M. Joyce. 4.00pm.
14th February: United Service at Winterton. 10.30am.
21st February: Rev. H. Croft. 4.00pm.
28th February: Mrs. M. Jacklin. 4.00pm.
6th March: Mr. S. Lewis. 6.00pm.
13th March: Rev. H. Croft. 6.00pm.
20th March: Mrs. M. Jacklin. 6.00pm.
27th March: Rev. H. Croft. 6.00pm.
3rd April: Rev. H. Croft. 6.00pm.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to worship either in the Church or in the Chapel. Numbers are very low in both Church and Chapel and new blood would be appreciated.

Dates For Your Diary

9th February: Residents' Association meeting in the Club. 7.30pm.	8th March: Residents' Association meeting in the Club. 7.30pm.
11th February: Residents' Association quiz in the Club. 8.00pm.	10th March: Residents' Association quiz in the Club. 8.00pm.
12th February: School closes for half term	17th March: Book Club in the Coronation Club. 7.00pm.
13th February: Valentines Night at the Club. 8.00pm.	21st March: Neighbourhood Watch AGM at the Club. 7.30pm
16th February: Mobile Library in Alkborough.	24th March: School closes for Easter Holiday.
22nd February: School reopens after half term.	24th March: Countdown in the Club. 8.00pm.
25th February: Book Club in the Coronation Club. 7.00pm.	26th March: Live music at the Club. 8.00pm till late
25th February: Countdown in the Club. 8.00pm.	29th March: Mobile Library in Alkborough.
2nd March: Parish Council meeting in the Chapel. 7.00pm	9th April: Goldstone and Clemmow concert in the Church. 7.30pm.
8th March: Mobile Library in Alkborough.	12th April: School reopens after Easter Holiday

This newsletter is published by the Alkborough and Walcot Residents' Association.

The next edition is due out at the end of March/beginning of April. If you have any events coming up which you would like including, or have any items which you think may be of interest to villagers, then please email them to mpdean1@yahoo.com or post them to Mike Dean, Stonecroft, Cross Lane, Alkborough. Telephone 720097. The cut off date for submissions for the next issue is 25th March 2016. Constraints on space available may mean articles being edited or held over to the following newsletter. Apologies if this occurs to your item.



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Aspirations for the Church



A meeting was held at the Coronation Club on Wednesday 27th of January to inform villagers of the proposals being prepared to maintain and make modifications to the Church. Around 30 people attended. Alison Pledger introduced the Archdeacon for Stow and Lindsey, Mark Steadman and also the architect appointed to put all ideas together, Brian Foxley, to the meeting. St John's Church is a grade 1 listed building which is in need of some repair and perhaps interior alteration. One of the principal concerns is the current absence of chiming of the clock caused by observed excessive thinness of the clock bell. A full peel of the three church bells has not been heard since the turn of the millennium and even then, the bells could not be fully swung as the oak frame supporting them has not been able to fully support such actions. Taylors Bell Foundry of Loughborough has been asked to carry out a survey of the bells and support framework to ascertain the full extent of refurbishment needed. Mark Steadman emphasised the Church as being an intrinsic part of the community and as such should be seen

as a central theme of the village. He asked the meeting for its ideas about what concerns should be addressed. Specific items mentioned were:

- Heating system - not efficient and makes too much noise
- Lighting - needs improvement
- Access - Alterations needed to front path steps to allow proper wheelchair access
- Refreshment provision. - some thought has already been given to making changes to the layout next to the vestry to provide some serving counters and more sociable seating.
- In addition there is an aspiration to turn the base of the tower into a heritage centre to explain the history of the Church and the village.

The repairs and modifications are to be the subject of a submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to fund any work. The Architect is to take account of the suggestions made and make proposals to the Parochial Church Council who in turn will go through the Diocesan Advisory Committee to develop the application. Another public meeting will be arranged in due course when more detailed work has been done.

The Two Pianists

Cynthia Stockdale writes: Caroline Clemmow and Tony Goldstone have again kindly agreed to delight us with another concert.

Their programme will be on two pianos, including Beethoven's mighty "Emperor" Concerto and the evergreen "Blue Danube" by the Waltz King, Johann Strauss.

This will be at 7.30 pm on Saturday 9th April 2016, in St John the Baptist Church at Alkborough.

Tickets are once again £15.00 which includes a glass of wine and a light supper. The proceeds are as always for Church funds. Without these concerts we would really struggle to keep the Church bills paid.

I do hope you can join us. Tickets can be obtained from Lesley - 01724 721170; Patricia - 01724 720084; Sue - 01724 720033 or me on 01724 720128.



LENT LUNCHES

Come into the Church for a mug of homemade soup and a bread roll.
12.00pm to 1.00pm.
Wednesday 10th February.
Wednesday 17th February.
Wednesday 24th February.
Wednesday 2nd March.
Wednesday 9th March.
Wednesday 16th March.
Everyone most welcome.
Donations to The Forge, Scunthorpe.



Your Village Needs YOU

Due to ill health the current compiler/editor of the Alkborough and Walcot Newsletter is having to step down from this post over the next few months. The Residents' Association is actively looking

for someone to take over the publishing of this document.

Previous experience is not necessary, only a general interest in the goings-on in the village.

If you would like to take over this publication then please contact the chairman of the Residents' Association, Sam Roebuck on 721940.

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What Are You Giving Up For Lent This Year ?

Joan Stocks writes: Members of the chapel are supporting WATERAID this year.

All we have to do is put loose coppers or even the price of a bar of a chocolate for the six weeks leading up to Easter in a jam jar. Its surprising how it all mounts up.

The proceeds will then be sent on to WATERAID where it will be sent on to places where clean water is unheard of. I am sure you will all agree that this is something we take for granted.

If you feel you would like to support us in this project please contact Joan Stocks 721374.



There is an increasing number of people who are turning to CCTV to increase security in and around their premises. This is a mini guide to CCTV and contains helpful information which you should take into account when considering CCTV. When installed correctly and used for the right purpose, CCTV can be an effective tool. It can discourage anti-social behaviour and reduce crime because offenders don't want to be caught on camera.

CCTV and the law. The main laws surrounding the use of CCTV are contained within the Data Protection Act 1998 but these do not cover domestic residences. It is perfectly legal to install CCTV to protect your property against intruders and trespassers, subject to any Planning and other considerations.

The Human Rights Act covers our right to privacy. The right to respect for private and family life means that your CCTV cameras should be sited so that they only observe activity on your property and not your neighbours. If you wish to film just outside your property onto the public realm (anti social behaviour / crime), you must seek the advice of the Information Commissioner's Office. Otherwise this could amount to harassment and potentially give rise to prosecution under the Public Order Act / Protection from Harassment Act.

If in rented accommodation, written consent of the Landlord is needed for CCTV installation. Cameras can only be installed on other people's property with written permission. If agreement is given it can be sited on buildings, etc., but may need planning permission.

You need to have a clear idea of what you want the CCTV system to do and how it should perform. This should include exactly what you want to see and where. e.g. your rear garden, your front door, your driveway at the side of your house, etc. This process is called an Operational Requirement and will assist you to choose what equipment you need.

Any recording equipment should be placed in a secure area with restricted access; if you suffer a break-in one of the first things likely to be stolen is the hard drive so any evidence gathered would be lost.

There should be sufficient hard drive storage to record all incidents for at least a 7 day period. If downloaded, all recordings on discs should be kept in a secure place. If an incident occurs the images should be copied onto a CD-R that can be seized by police and used as evidence. Signs depicting CCTV in operation can be displayed to warn that CCTV is in use to act as a deterrent. The signs should be large enough to be easily seen.

A suitably qualified company should be engaged for the installation. Both the National Security Inspectorate (NSI) and the British Security Industry Association (BSIA) list companies that meet essential satisfactory standards.

Hanoi Burglaries

There has been a small number of reported Hanoi burglaries in nearby areas. Hanoi burglaries are where premises are broken into with the express intent of stealing car keys and thus the car. Please do not leave car (or any other keys) in sight of windows. Make sure they are adequately secure from prying eyes.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Alkborough and Walcot Neighbourhood Watch is scheduled for Monday 21st March in the Coronation Club at 7..30pm. All residents are invited to attend.

New Coordinator/Chairman Required

Due to ill health the present coordinator/chairman is standing down and a volunteer is required. If you are interested in taking over then contact Mike Dean on 720097, email mpdean1@yahoo.com for further details. The issue will be discussed at the forthcoming AGM.

Use of CCTV

Parish Council News

Community Ward Officer

A new Community Ward Officer - Mark Thornborough - has been appointed by North Lincolnshire Council. He will act as a "one stop shop" for communication between the Parish Council and North Lincolnshire Council.

West Halton Lane Footpath

This footpath has been patched but still awaits further work to be carried out. The Community Ward Officer reported that there was strict budgetary control which was stopping a macadam slurry layer being put over the top of the existing surface.

Parish Paths Partnership

As reported in the last issue of the Newsletter, the Parish Council has been asked by NLC to take over the day to day maintenance of the footpaths in the Parish. Councillors have raised a number of concerns about this change in responsibility amongst which are the possibility that there could be an increase in insurance premiums, could NLC be passing onto the Parish Council some badly maintained footpaths and where does the responsibility for safety lie?

Provided the Parish Council gets reasonable clarification on these points it has been agreed that, in principle, it will take over footpath maintenance.

Footpaths Update



The stile on footpath 5 (which runs from West Halton Lane to Hutson's Lane) has now been removed and the installation of a kissing gate is now awaited.

The uneven ground on the footpath leading south from Julian's Bower has still not been dealt with. The Parish Council is to communicate

with Natural England in order to progress the matter.

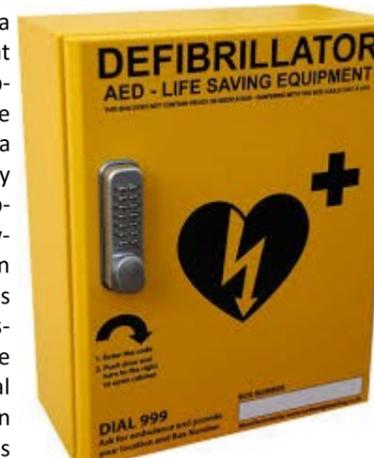
PC Website

The grant application for funding the development and maintenance of the Council website has now been sent off to the National Association of Local Councils.

Defibrillator Latest

The Council is still seeking a site somewhere near the centre of the village to install a defibrillator. (This is a separate machine to that at the School).

The Chapel local authorities have been approached with a view to the possibility installing one on a Chapel wall. There are, however some difficulties in the way. The building is grade 2 listed so permission would have to be obtained from the local planning authority. In addition, The Chapel's



regional office in Manchester would have to be approached to get its permission and this could take up to 2 years. Also because the machine would need to be connected to an electricity supply, approval in accordance with Building Regulations would have to be sought.

In view of these problems the Council is trying to identify another position for the machine. One suggestion is on the wall of the Coronation Club. and the Club Committee will be approached. However it may be that the Club is a listed building in which case fitting of a defibrillator would be very difficult. It may be possible to fit a machine to a lamp post in the centre of the village. Of course, wherever the defibrillator is positioned will be subject to there being an adequate mobile 'phone signal which can be non-existent in parts of the village.

School Playing Field

The Council has agreed with the school to fund on a 50/50 basis, a dog waste bin near the school playing field. The cost for a bin is just under £120 with an installation cost of £60 to fit it to an existing concrete post. Emptying will be done free of charge by North Lincolnshire Council.



Village Sign Planters.

It is noted that more plants have been stolen from all of the village sign planters (with the exception of West Halton Lane). If anyone has any information about these thefts please contact the Council.

Church Path Trees

Planning permission has now been granted by North Lincolnshire Council so work can start immediately. However the De Minimis permission granted by the Diocesan Authority runs out in March so there is some urgency to get the task finished.

Enforcement Officers

North Lincolnshire Council employs a number of Civil Enforcement Officers whose responsibilities, amongst other things are to decrease dog fouling, fly tipping and littering. These individuals are able to patrol villages if requested by the Parish Council and help keep areas tidy.

Allotments Available

There are a total of three and a half allotments in Burton Stather available for rent from the beginning of this year. Please contact the Alkborough Parish Council Clerk on 733752 if interested.



Precept

The Parish Council has decided to keep the precept at £4000 for the financial year 2016/2017.

Next Meeting

Next normal meeting of the Parish Council will be on 2nd March 2016 in the Chapel.