

# Dersingham Village Voice

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## Editorial

Time rushes by – here we are on the August edition of Village Voice. We hope you all enjoyed reading the last edition. The newsletter is distributed via The Citizen but we have heard that some parts of the village do not receive this newspaper. If you know of any areas this applies to please let me know and alternative arrangements can be made for those areas. Also we would like our readers to give us their views regarding the newsletter as your comments would be most helpful.

This month's issue includes a very old photograph of the Dersingham Football Club. Does anyone recognise any of the players? Any facts or stories would make interesting reading. Other old photographs of the football teams are in our hands and these will be published as space permits.

Last month the St Nicholas Flower Festival was held in the church and there were some magnificent displays enjoyed by the many visitors who attended. As usual the Flower Festival was hugely successful thanks to the very hard work of all concerned in the organisation.

We hope that the villagers who attended the Millennium Garden Party and the events in the Community Centre enjoyed the afternoon in spite of the disappointing weather.

*Teresa Southam, 68 Mountbatten Road, Editor  
Tel: 542392*

## **Parish Council News**

*All meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public. The full meetings begin at 7.15 pm and are preceded and terminated by a 15-minute session for parishioners to raise any matters. The next meeting will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the First School.*

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### ***Chairman's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday***

George Pratt has celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and the Parish Councillors extended their best wishes for his trip to Burma later in the year.

### ***Norfolk PACT (Partners Against Crime Taskforce)***

The 'On Your Bike' mobile motorcycle project is co-ordinated by Pact in partnership with Norfolk Youth & Community Service. They can visit anywhere in Norfolk where there is a group of up to 12 young people aged between 14 and 17 and channel their natural interest in motorbikes in a safe and controlled environment. The programme lasts for 10 weeks, one evening a week over a two-hour period between 4 pm and 9 pm. It is free apart from a small charge to participants. The area for practice must be a suitable area of clean concrete or tarmac slightly larger than a tennis court together with a small room, a power supply and washing facilities. Cllr Len Matthews has offered the use of the facilities at St Cecilia's. The Clerk will now liaise with Norfolk Pact.

### ***Parking of Vehicles on Pavements***

A letter had been received about the problems caused by car owners parking on footways. The letter was referred to the police to deal with.

### ***Dersingham Litter Pick***

This took place in April. The organisations which participated included Evening WI, W Norfolk Conservation Volunteers, St George's (CE) Middle School, 1<sup>st</sup> Dersingham Rainbows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dersingham Brownies. The Evening WI and the W Norfolk Conservation Volunteers did not wish to compete for the Sandringham Motors Shield. Of the 3 remaining entrants, St George's Middle School collected the most litter and will be presented with the shield. The presentation date/time/venue to be arranged.

### ***Community Car Service***

Bill Watt, Co-ordinator, is retiring from this position but will remain until a replacement is found. Details appear in this issue of the newsletter.

## ***Dersingham Summer Sports Group - Village Sports 2000***

Jo Eames addressed the Council to explain the sports that would take place for Dersingham under the Village Sport 2000 initiative which is supported by the Borough Council. Under this scheme several activities had been planned for a week in August for young people. The council resolved to make a grant of £100 towards this scheme to help with costs involved. It is hoped that as many young people as possible were able to take part in the activities during the week.

## ***NCC Planning & Transportation***

The Council were informed that additional buses on Service 411 – King's Lynn – Sandringham – Hunstanton will run on Sundays until 24<sup>th</sup> September.

## ***Bottle Banks for the Village***

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk have said that they cannot justify sites of just one bank as it is not financially viable. However, they would consider a site of three banks providing a suitable location could be found. It is felt that bottle banks would be of benefit to the village and a suitable location is being sought by the Council.

## ***The Millennium Garden Party – 22<sup>nd</sup> July***

This event was held on the Pastures with the permission of Richard Stanton. In spite of the inclement weather attendance was extremely good throughout the afternoon. The arena activities were superbly introduced by the Master of Ceremonies, Terry Finbow. The Evening WI ladies organised 3 of the events which were well supported. The Horticultural Society ran an active tombola stall and the Methodist Church amused the children with a very wet and hectic game. There was a mini roundabout provided which proved very popular with the village children. The event drew to a close with an exciting tug of war between The Feathers and the Army Cadets and the letting off of the balloons for the Balloon Race. Three local shops, Budgens, Thaxters and Krusty Loaf, kindly donated prizes for a lucky programme.

The exhibitions in the Community Centre were well attended and very successful .

It was disappointing that more of the village organisations had been unable to participate but all those who were involved worked hard both before and during the afternoon to provide the activities.

~ Dersingham First & Nursery School ~

When you get to read this, the school term will be over and holidays well under way. It has been a very full and varied summer term, lots of outings and events happening within school. Some children have taken part in the District Sports at Hunstanton, a dance party for schools and the Village Garden Party. Thanks once more to the Churchwardens for allowing us to use St Nicholas for our end of year celebration.

Thank you to all who collected vouchers for the school. We have now sent off for new maths equipment and books along with accessories for the school computers. Tetley tokens still roll on so when you have a brew over the summer please cut the tokens off and save them for September.

Our new wildlife area is taking shape – the pond liner is in and the walkway constructed. We hope to have a wildlife club in school to look after the new area when it is completed in the Autumn.

If the news of my departure has not reached all parts of the village, I am sure it soon will. I will be leaving as Headteacher in December to take up a new post at Clackclose Community Primary School at Downham Market. I have been at Dersingham for 15 years, the last 10 as Headteacher. The village community has supported the school well since I took over as Headteacher and I would like to thank all individuals and organisations and hope you will continue to do so. I will obviously miss the staff and children but I will not be moving house so will still be in the area.

If you have a child and you wish them to attend the Nursery at this school, will you please make sure you register them. Forms are available from the school office and, I think, also through Playschool and the Mother & Toddler leaders. It is never too early to register, although it does not give you any advantage when it gets to the point of entry to the class. If you do not wish to register for Nursery but want your child to come to main school you do, again, need to register. Registering pupils avoids the disappointment and frustrations we have had this year.

Parents may visit the school. Please phone and book a time with Mrs Briscombe or Mrs Sarsby in the office (01485 54022).

*J Ward*  
*Headteacher*

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**Another Dersingham Marathon Runner!**

Martin Holland completed the London Marathon in April and raised money for the Barnados House Project (Housing the Homeless) in King's Lynn. We offer our heartfelt congratulations.

## Village Clubs and Societies

### *The Bridge Club*

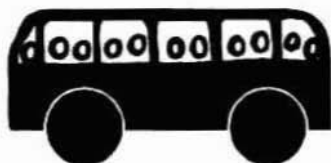


The Bridge Club resumes in September at the Church Hall, Dersingham. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7 pm. New members made very welcome – partners not necessary. If you would like to know more about the Club come along to a meeting or ring Don Sadler (542117) for details.

### *Dersingham Seniors*

Dersingham Seniors meet every other Friday in the Church Hall at 2 – 2.30 pm and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June was their Midsummer Meeting. The Chairman, Mr Terry Finbow, opened the meeting and announced several birthdays and one Golden Wedding anniversary and one Diamond Wedding anniversary,

The members then took part in six games of Bingo which was followed by the midsummer treat of sandwiches, strawberries and ice cream, all of which was arranged and provided by the Committee.



In thanking the Committee the members were also able to express their appreciation to Mrs Nancy Cable for arranging the excellent Mystery Tour that took place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

The coach, carrying about 50 members, took a round tour through the beautiful Norfolk countryside eventually ending up at Denver Mill where the members were able to look around the new Visitor Centre and a few hardy souls climbed the stairs!

Everyone was delighted with the tuna, chicken and egg rolls that had been prepared for them with the ever welcome cup of tea and the extra surprise of strawberries and scones.

The coach then made its way back to Dersingham by the more direct route with the members being informed that theirs was the first coach party that Denver Windmill had received.



### **~ Day Centre ~**

Members and helpers will be returning at the beginning of September after a six-week summer break following a successful year. The Day Centre meets on Wednesdays at Dersingham Community Centre and caters for elderly people, with limited mobility, who have little opportunity for social contact. Transport is provided and a hot meal is served mid-day. Activities include craft workshops, bingo and aromatherapy and for anniversaries and special occasions professional entertainment is hired. In June an outing to Sandringham for lunch was followed by a countryside tour. Helpers recently raised over £100 at the Scout and Guide Fete to help fund entertainment.

There are vacancies for new members, subject to recommendation by the surgery or Social Services. Contact 01485 542930 for further information.

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### **~ Dersingham Playgroup ~**

The children are enjoying a new play cube thanks to money raised at Easter with a sponsored Easter Egg Hunt. The children were sponsored to find mini eggs and raised £280. The Playgroup put in the extra money and bought the £340 play cube. It has 5 sides of activities so is ideal for group play.

The next fund raising for the playgroup is a photo session by H Tempest which is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2 – 4 pm, so bring your children and family along and help the Playgroup boost funds.

The Playgroup meets at the Community Centre Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9 – 11.30 am.



## ~ Dersingham Flower Clubs ~



Our Junior Club had an overwhelming success at the Chelsea Flower Show with all 8 entries of a collage, a "Painted Plate", being selected to go on display, with 4 gaining bronze awards. The standard was very high. Of 120 entries, 64 went on display at Chelsea. Congratulations to Victoria Powles, Jasmine Boughen, Jessica Moore and Hazel Brown for getting to the finals, and to Phillipa Seville, Katie Rudd, Christina Chilvers and Anna Pamplin for gaining Bronze Awards.

Hopefully most of you will have visited St Nicholas Flower Festival and will have seen the collages on display, also the reconstructed exhibit of "Expression of Faith" by Lorraine Brown and Doreen Asker. Unfortunately, we were not medal winners, but we felt very privileged and honoured to represent our club and village. We thank Dersingham village people, businesses, the Parish Council, and Friends of the Flower Club for the generous donations, help, encouragement, and good wishes. We were overwhelmed. Without the support of so many we could not have done it. The experience was something we will never forget. The coach outing to Chelsea was also a great success – this may be repeated next year.

Both clubs have had a busy year. In April the juniors with 2 leaders took part in the village litter pick. In May flowers were arranged at the Methodist Flower Festival. In June at the Scout and Guide Fete we raised money for the Fete fund by running Pots Luck, also a Tombola Stall to raise money for the First School Greenhouse fund, also helping the Horticultural Society to run a gardening tombola at The Millennium Garden Party. The Greenhouse Fund swelled with the proceeds of a garage sale at the home of Alice Davis, with members donating and helping.

Members of both Flower Clubs will be entering Snettisham Gardening Show, Sandringham Flower Show and the Dersingham Surgery Horticultural Show in September.

The Flower Club meets on the first Thursday each month at the Church Hall, 7.30 to 9.30 pm and the Juniors on the second Wednesday each month, 5.30 to 7 pm, also at the Church Hall. Contact any member or phone Doreen Asker (01485 540601).

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### **Millennium Mugs**

Please note that the millennium mugs for children, whose details have been notified to the Council, should be available for collection from the Parish Council Office, Police Station, Manor Road, from the end of August.

✠ Dersingham Methodist Church ✠

*Please make a note of these dates in your diary*

*August*

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> to  
September 1<sup>st</sup>

Holiday Club – “Stargazers”

*September*

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Supper

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Festival

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Coffee Morning

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm

United Harvest Praise at Hanover Court

*October*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

Coffee Morning

*November*

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Quiz Night in aid of DY2K

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Shoebox Coffee Morning

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Fayre

Please also remember the weekly coffee mornings at 9.45 pm each Thursday with the Jigsaw Club every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month.



CAN YOU HELP?



**Dersingham Community Car Scheme**

This scheme is providing a much-needed form of transport for essential journeys for people without access to a car and where there is no suitable public transport. It is run by a volunteer co-ordinator and a team of volunteer drivers. Bill Watt is the present volunteer co-ordinator but he is retiring shortly.

Is there anyone who would be willing to take over as co-ordinator? It involves liaising with the volunteer drivers when car trips are requested.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk at the Parish Council Office for details.



### ✠ The Friends of St Nicholas Church ✠

The committee meet to raise money to contribute to the upkeep of the historic St Nicholas Church. They meet every couple of months mainly to organise the next fund-raising effort.

Country and Western Evening     24<sup>th</sup> September 2000  
To be held in the Church

Any further information – please contact Mr Nigel Sisson, (Tel: 540081)

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### ✠ The Vine Prayer Fellowship ✠

Our meetings are at 24 Station Road, Dersingham, and are basically informal and friendly.

We have no set pattern or liturgy and people pray as and when they feel able. Our prayers include personal, local, national and world-wide situations according to the needs at any particular time.

We aim to finish by 9 pm. Tea and coffee are served at the end of the meetings.

You are warmly invited to come to any of our meetings – 7.30 pm every Tuesday. For further details please contact Dr Andrew Fielding (Tel: 540520)

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The Surgery	540463
Moss Chemists	540792
Citizens Advice Bureau	01553 774719
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	01553 613613
Age Concern	579077
Tapping House	5543163

### Community Centre Rooms

The Centre consists of 5 rooms of varying sizes including a good-sized main hall. There are excellent kitchen facilities. All rooms are available for hire

### **Competitive Rates**

For further information:

Tel Ian Stockwell (01485 840638)

### **Dersingham Youth Club**

#### **Can You Help?**

Person required from September to help run the Youth Club on Monday evenings 7 - 10 pm in the Community Centre.

Also required:

#### **Coffee Bar Assistant**

Details from Lesley Nurse:

Tel: (Home - 01485 544841, Work - 01553 773568)

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"- Dersingham was a tract covered with ling, brushwood, and short grasses, where large flocks of sheep wandered and browsed -"  
*'Sandringham, Past and Present' - Mrs Herbert Jones (1883)*

For most of its history Dersingham had very few trees. The large flocks of sheep - which were the mainstay of the medieval economy in Norfolk - would have browsed down any saplings that tried to establish themselves on the heath. Since the middle of the nineteenth century major changes have taken place in the rural economy around Dersingham that has resulted in the growth of extensive woodlands, particularly to the south of the village. Firstly, there has been a dramatic decline in sheep numbers, those that remain are on grass pastures rather than heath. Secondly, trees have been planted on the Sandringham Estate for game cover and amenity. Rhododendrons were introduced from the Himalayas as game cover. Unfortunately they have proven rather too successful and are difficult to control here and on other large estates around the country. Thirdly, following the 1914-18 war the need for the country to be self sufficient in timber was seen as a priority. This led to the extensive planting of conifers particularly on land that is of marginal value to agriculture - including our heaths.

Most of the trees that surround Dersingham today - probably more numerous and of greater variety than at any time in history - are therefore of recent origin. The only exceptions are the silver birch trees that have light wind blown seeds and some of the oaks which are possibly descendants of our native forests. Commercial conifer plantations of Scots pine, Norway spruce, Corsican pine and larch make up a high percentage of our woodland. They are grown for their timber as are hardwoods such as beech and oak. Amenity trees, from the magnificent copper beeches around Sandringham House to the humble horse chestnuts in the centre of Dersingham, were also planted for a purpose. These trees contrast with the self sown colonising woods dominated by silver birch and Scots pine - with an understorey of bracken, gorse and rhododendron - that have sprung up by accident not design. They also contain some sycamore, oak and sweet chestnut. Silver birch and Scots pine quickly colonise neglected ground on our light sandy soils. Specimens over fifteen feet tall were growing on the site of the Sandringham View development within five years of it ceasing to be an arable field. A wave of mixed silver birch and Scots pinewoods followed in the wake of the retreating ice sheet as it moved north at the end of the last ice age. Local silver birch woods are an echo of these pioneering forests.



*The Crossbill*

Wildlife abounds in all our local woodlands. The birds include jays, treecreepers, nuthatches, woodpeckers, goldcrests, tits, warblers, finches (the rare hawfinch is occasionally seen in the Country Park), owls, sparrowhawks and many more. In winter flocks of crossbills fly in from the north to feast on the pine cones. They are specialist feeders using their crossed parrot like bills to extract seeds from the cones. Male crossbills are handsome birds with scarlet plumage but they can't match the dazzling crimson, yellow, blue and gold of the male golden pheasant. These birds are shy but can sometimes be seen venturing out from the cover of the rhododendrons where they breed. This is a very exotic sight particularly when the rhododendrons are in flower. Deer are plentiful with roe, fallow and the strange little muntjac. Muntjacs are recent introductions and are spreading throughout the country. They measure about seventeen inches at the shoulder and are rather dumpy with short thin legs and tusks - I said they were strange. Muntjacs can cause problems particularly in ancient woodlands where their taste for bluebells is doing a lot of damage. Red squirrels once lived in our area, sadly they have now been replaced by their American cousins. Wildflowers are not plentiful beneath the trees, due to the shade and poor soil, but fungi certainly are - most obviously the colourful and dangerous fly-agaric.

The woods around Dersingham attract wildlife, soak up carbon dioxide and other pollutants, soften the outline of new housing developments and create employment. However, woodland needs careful management to maintain all the good things and prevent it spreading across areas where it could damage more sensitive habitats. A truly rich landscape would be a mixture, combining the shelter and lushness of woodland with the colour of open heathland - bright with purple heather and yellow gorse.

*David Bingham*

## **DERSINGHAM CRICKET CLUB**

Welcome to season 2000. Now that summer is here we once again hear the tantalising sound of leather on willow, or is it the sound of rain on a pantile roof? However, against all the odds, we have had a few games at the time of writing.

The first team has enjoyed two wins and a winning draw thus far in the league matches – not a bad start. The second team has a win under its belt after rather a poor start due to most of the players being involved in football finals, but we shouldn't moan about the length of the football season. At least it means some of the older members of the club get a chance to 'don the whites' and make fools of themselves!

A disappointing loss in the first round of the Carter Cup means the first team is now competing for the plate on some Sundays. A good win against Acle, however, sees us playing against Vauxhall Mallards in the Biss Cup, the other first team Sunday competition. The second team Sunday 'Junior Cup Matches' have not got going yet due to our 'summer sport' yet again being hit by our winter weather. By the time you read this mid May will be just a distant damp memory!

If you have an interest in cricket come along and watch. You don't have to be a member – the club is open to everybody, villager or holidaymaker. We would like to thank all of you who responded to our 'How to Help' flyer in April and June. All income is being targeted at the provision of practice facilities for the young cricketers of the area.

We are very interested in anybody who has any information about the early days of Dersingham Cricket Club. In particular old photographs would be appreciated.

**DON'T MISS THE PRESIDENT'S MATCH – 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2000**

11 am at The Pastures, Dersingham  
Everybody welcome

## **The Dersingham Football Club**

### **1922-23 Team and Officials**



The Captain was Fred (Cheddar) Walker, who later joined York City, Tottenham Hotspur and King's Lynn. He is seated to the left of the president, the late Mr R H Stanton. On his right is the late Dr A C M Coxon, son of a Mayor of Lynn. This photograph appeared in the Lynn News 25.1.74.

*The following recipe has been sent in by June Stephenson, 22 Centre Vale*

**~ Savoury Summer Pie ~**

An easy meal for four people after a day out, as most of the preparation can be done beforehand.

2 large cans baked beans, the sauce drained from them  
1 large onion, chopped  
250 g/8 oz sliced carrots  
250 g/8 oz sliced button mushrooms  
500 g/1 lb sliced tomatoes, or 1 large can chopped tomatoes  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
About 1 kg/2 lb cooked potatoes, mashed  
About 100 g/4 oz grated cheese, any tasty variety  
Pepper, and a little salt if you like

To prepare beforehand:

Cooked, mashed potato, cooked sliced carrots, grated cheese.

Leave all these covered in the fridge after cooling the vegetables.

40 minutes before you want your meal:

Chop the onion and fry it in a tablespoon of oil for 5 to 10 minutes.

While the onion cooks:

Drain the baked beans.

Slice the mushrooms.

Prepare the fresh tomatoes or open the can of chopped ones.

Next:

Add all the other ingredients except the cheese and potato.

Simmer, with a lid on, for 5 minutes.

Transfer the lot to a big pie dish, top with mashed potato, sprinkle on the grated cheese, and bake in a pre-heated oven at 180 °C/350 °F/Gas Mark 4, for 25 minutes.

Serve with a green vegetable, such as broccoli or cabbage.

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6<sup>th</sup> June. A cockchafer hiding in soil near the cabbages. Too squeamish to kill it, I transfer it to the hedge bottom in the hope a bird fancies it. It's certainly too big for the paid of coal tits trawling the old apple tree.

7<sup>th</sup> June. I limed the raised beds destined for sprouts and carrots. We practise a rather haphazard form of companion planting, the theory being that one type of plant responds to the proximity of another. After 25 years of vegetable gardening, we've found that carrots like growing near 'greens', and vice versa. But beans are not happy with onions! None of them thrive with hollyhocks or fennel nearby, but they'll tolerate small clumps of calendula, larkspur, feverfew and heartsease.

11<sup>th</sup> June. The female sparrowhawk has reappeared. I suppose it's the one that used the apple tree last year as a dining room or, more accurately, as a slaughterhouse. After plucking her prey she flies off with it, presumably to feed her hungry young. Today I disturbed her in mid operation. She took off, leaving behind a pile of feathers, the neatly plucked torso and the head, a young blackbird's. I think. Stupidly, I wrapped the remains in newspaper and put the grisly parcel in the dustbin. Of course, back she came! 'Sorry, mate' I muttered, as she hesitated, did a swift about-turn and shot away through the gap in the hedge. I can't help finding her rather beautiful.

17<sup>th</sup> June. The sparrowhawk hasn't returned. No feathers about. Which is just as well for the great tits feeding their young in her dining room. It's suddenly turned very warm, very humid. I've been pruning shrubs that have finished flowering, including, better late than never, the lilac. I've fed them with liquid seaweed and mulched than with our hundreds of eucalyptus leaves, which won't rot down for compost or for leaf-mould.

24<sup>th</sup> June. Yesterday's raindrops are spattered like jewels on the delicately scalloped leaves of lady's mantle.

28<sup>th</sup> June. Bonfire day, as it's windless and sunless and the material to be burnt has been drying under cover. Better to keep a bonfire as smokeless as possible as the smoke's so anti-social, so harmful to breathe. (The flames were hot, quickly devouring all the uncompostable debris we'd collected).

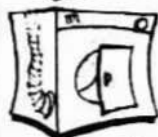
7<sup>th</sup> July. A foraging robin keeps me company all day. It crams its beak with tiny insects, moths, aphids, spiders, all for its fledglings in the conifer hedge. Once, it pauses for thought on my shoe. Maybe it thinks I'm a moving bush ...

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*Pam Bowers sent in this interesting piece reproduced from 'A Year in the Country' by Alison Uttley*

### **A Country Craft - Candied Flowers**

A friend came to see me in April carrying a great bunch of cowslips from a meadow at Hambledon on the Thames. She candies cowslips to decorate her home-made cakes, and when I went to see her at Henley Vicarage, she brought from her pantry a christening cake with white icing and a circle of candied cowslips round the edge, golden and fresh as if newly picked. Her method is similar to the old way of preserving flowers, using gum-arabic in water, dipping the flowers within, shaking them, and finally dipping in sugar, and drying on a string.

#### *Method*

3 teaspoonfuls of gum-arabic in crystal form (this is important). It is put in a bottle and covered with 3 tablespoonfuls of orange flower-water. Leave 3 days to dissolve, shaking it often. Use a small paint brush to cover the petals of the flowers, the calyx and all parts accurately. Then dredge lightly with caster sugar, and gently shake off the loose sugar. Dry in a hot cupboard on paper and store in a box.

Daisies, cowslips, forget-me-nots, narcissi – all of these flowers were used to decorate the cakes I saw and tasted. They had a fairytale look, as if some magic had been at work to catch and crystallize the flowers.



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