

Dersingham Village Voice

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Editorial

Hello to all the readers of Village Voice. The newsletter team are grateful for the positive comments received and also for all your letters and articles. By the time you receive this newsletter Easter will have come and gone and spring is definitely in the air with the lighter evenings, the welcome flowers and glimpses of sunshine.

The Village Voice is distributed to households with the free newspaper, The Citizen. Copies are also made available in Budgens, the Chemists and the library.

Dates you should note for your diaries include: Plant Sale for Tapping House and Bob Champion Cancer Trust on 29th April, Gardeners' Fair on 12th May, Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May, Dersingham Methodist Church Flower Festival from 24th to 27th May – details of all these will be found in these pages.

You will also find a reminder about the millennium mugs. These were purchased by the Parish Council so that every child in the village would have a memento to keep. To date a large number of these have not been collected. Those which remain uncollected will be offered for sale to the general public – there may well be some newcomers to the village who would be interested. Details will be published in the next edition of this newsletter.

The Parish Council is seeking to appoint a Minute Secretary and it is hoped that this vacancy will be of interest. Details appear on p4.

The deadline date for copy for the June edition is 26th May. Contributions should be addressed to the Editor, c/o Parish Council office, Police Station, Manor Road (Tel:541465)

Teresa Southam Editor

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 30th April at the First School, and thereafter on the last Monday of each month

Conservation Areas

Councillors have carried out a review of possible conservation areas in the village. Recommendations will be put forward to the Borough Council.

Parish Notice Board

Sites being considered for the siting of a more prominent Parish notice board or boards include the recreation ground near the War Memorial, the grass area in front of the bungalows opposite Budgens, the Mountbatten Estate, Methodist Chapel.

Restoration Work at Heath Road

The work on the enclosed common should have commenced and is being overseen by NCC. Approximately 4 acres of bracken are being removed to allow the re-growth of heather.

Lease of Dersingham Community Centre

It was resolved to accept and sign the supplemental lease for a term of 5 years commencing on 1 September 2001.

Dersingham United Charities

United Charities have donated £400 towards the Community Car Scheme and request that the Parish meet the costs of £585 for footpath maintenance on the common for the current season. It was resolved to meet the request.

Dersingham Footpaths

Negotiations continue with the Sandringham Estate and we are currently awaiting a response from them regarding some wide ranging access issues. The extension of the old railway line path is still on the NCC agenda and they will contact the developer when the estate nears completion. With regard to Public Footpath No 14 they will arrange for the route to be signed. The footpath which runs beside Semba Trading, which is not signposted, is still on the NCC agenda and the developer will be contacted when the estate nears completion.

Parking in Post Office Road

The Council have supported the suggestion from Highways to provide another 'H' bar marked to define the access to the Methodist Church car park. The 'H' bar will be limited to this access and the access to the adjoining property.

B1440 Chapel Road Drainage

NCC Highways will carry out a survey of the drainage system in the vicinity of the chapel and will arrange for larger gullies as necessary. They will investigate the situation at the traffic lights with a view to including a drainage scheme in a future programme.

Other Requests to Highways

The following requests are still awaiting a response: the drainage at the junction of Post Office Road and Lynn Road and an adjustment of the timing of the traffic lights. These matters are to be taken up by the Chairman.

Village of the Year Competition

It was resolved to enter the competition again this year.

Street Lighting King's Croft

It was resolved to write to NCC requesting that they give consideration to siting a street light near 20/21 King's Croft.

Mountbatten Road

Having inspected the detached footways off Mountbatten Road NCC find no evidence of the surface breaking up. Although there is moss growth in Broadlands Close they feel it is not detrimental to the structural condition of the footway. However, an overlay of the footway will be programmed for the near future.

Parish Review Proposals

Arrangements are being made by the Borough Council to review and revise the proposals through two meetings. The report recommends that there are no changes to parish boundaries and warding in Dersingham.

War Memorial

It is confirmed that the work to clean the surface surrounding the memorial has been programmed.

Speed Reactive Fibre Optic Signing

It was resolved that the Council consider ways of financing one sign for 2001/2 into Dersingham and that they request NCC to reconsider a 30 mph speed limit on the complete stretch of the B1440 from Ingoldisthorpe to Dersingham.



TREE WARDEN

Mr Anthony Bubb has accepted the appointment of Tree Warden for Dersingham

Parish Council Minute Secretary

Dersingham Parish Council is seeking a Minute Secretary to attend full meetings of the Council and subsequently produce the Minutes in Word or similar format.

The Council meets on a Monday evening once a month, usually for around 2 hours. A fee of £30 per meeting will be paid for producing the Minutes, which will normally be required within 2 days of the meeting.

The initial contract will be for a trial 3 meetings.

Anyone interested is invited to contact:

The Clerk

Dersingham Parish Council

Police Station

Manor Road

Dersingham PE31 6LH

(Tel: 541465)

MILLENNIUM MUGS



If you registered your child or children for a millennium mug please arrange to collect it/them from the Parish Council Office before June. Mugs not collected by then will be offered for sale to the general public. The office is open Mon – Thursday 10 am – 2 pm.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Everyone Welcome!

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, 14th May, at St Cecilia's Church, 7 pm. The Council will present its financial accounts and a full report of its activities throughout the year. The public can speak and vote at this meeting.

CURTAINS CALL

By Hugh Mullarkey

The curtains rise upon another day
The prologue of another unknown play.
You have the central role and come what may
The show goes on in its inexorable way.

Whatever characters await their cue
The audience is there, and part of you
Will join them to observe the action due
And then will witness and review.

A wayward script will force you now to improvise
Each scene it seems is riddled with surprise.
And those rehearsals you purported to despise
Are lost – as with the dawn you realize.

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Dersingham Surgery Horticultural Society

Bill Le Grice, of Le Grice Roses, was the guest speaker at our February meeting. His talk on a topic of great interest to most members got off to a somewhat inauspicious start as his delayed arrival was followed by the projector bulb fusing! However, these mishaps proved of little consequence as Bill delivered an interesting and authoritative talk which ranged over the early history of the firm founded by his father at Roughton in 1921 and the many aspects of propagation and cultivation of the many types of rose which are now available.

Our society has received several delightful letters from pupils at the First School thanking members for their donation to the Wildlife Garden. Anne Fletcher, their teacher whose idea it was to create the garden, kindly invited representatives from our society, along with others, to visit the garden in late March.

Our March meeting saw a return visit of Anita Carpenter whose subject was "The History of Gardens", interspersed with humorous anecdotes from her experiences as an official speaker for the National Trust. Her talk, which was illustrated with some excellent slides, covered the subject from the earliest known garden in ancient Egypt to the present day and, as is usual with all of our speakers, proved of great interest to members.

"Our society is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and in their newsletter the RHS advises cultivating the social side of gardening clubs to encourage growth. This has always been of paramount importance to our Dersingham group and the large and growing membership is proof of the wisdom of this advice." This is a quote from the Society's March newsletter, which is so ably edited and produced by Ruth Mountain. I feel sure that it is because of this diverse approach, social events, visits and meetings that, at our March meeting, our Treasurer was able to announce a further increase in our membership which now stands at 116.

Our regular monthly meetings are held at the First School on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm and our events organisers, Jane Blaney and Cherry Tann, have arranged speakers for as far ahead as March 2002, and visits to Stody Hall, the NEC Gardeners' World and Elsing Hall Rose Garden – and don't forget our Gardeners' Fair to be held in the Surgery Car Park on 12th May, 11 am to 12.30 pm. Plants – cake stall – white elephant stall – raffle – tombola – refreshments.

David Clark

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The Wash & North Norfolk Coast European Marine Site

The Wash and Norfolk coast is one of the most important marine sites in Britain. In recognition of its internationally important wildlife and the habitats on which they depend the area has been designated a European Marine Site (also sometimes known as a Special Area of Conservation).

To look after the wildlife of this important marine site a management scheme is being produced. The draft of the scheme will be available for public consultation in early June. The aim of the public consultation is to make sure the management scheme covers all known activities practised on the site and to involve as many people as possible who live and work in the area in its production. Anyone with an interest in the site is invited to comment on the draft management scheme or to join one of the Advisory Groups which help facilitate its production.

The management scheme will seek to make sure the good condition of the wildlife is maintained or where necessary enhanced by ensuring suitable management measures are in place. The management scheme will not stop people from using the Wash or North Norfolk coast. There is no intention to prevent human activities, such as recreation, or other traditional activities such as wildfowling. The scheme is concerned with promoting the sustainable use of a living, working coast and for most people it will make no difference on a day-to-day basis.

The majority of activities undertaken around the area will be unaffected by this management scheme as they have no effect on the conservation interest of the site. However, where an activity seriously affects wildlife then it will need to be managed in some way. In such circumstances an assessment will be undertaken with all interested parties so as to find a way of minimising impacts. The aim will then be to prevent damage occurring through voluntary measures, such as codes of practice. Only when voluntary methods do not achieve the desired results will other methods of management be introduced.

The draft management scheme has been produced with the aid of local authorities, Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, the Environment Agency, English Nature, the Ministry of Defence, Internal Drainage Boards, Common Right Holders and Advisory Groups. The Advisory Groups consist of local people and organisations such as fishermen's associations, jet ski clubs and the RSPB. The Advisory Groups enable local communities to become involved in the management of the site. The Groups are open to anyone with an interest in the site and are held in Boston, King's Lynn and Wells-next-the-Sea.

For further information contact Diane Mortimer, Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, 6 North Lynn Business Village, Bergen Way, King's Lynn, PE30 2JG Tel: 01553 772020

Dersingham's Weird and Wonderful, Wackiest Thing?
by Kathy Jordan



As it landed from space one dull Monday morning
(Folk said they'd been given scant previous warning)
Unexpectedly dumped in the midst of the road,
The 'tardis' delivered its mysterious load,
Then loitering and lurking at each garden gate
They caused such commotion and much heated debate –
Fred on his face had a wry grimace cemented
'The worst thing' he said 'since the wheel was invented'
Sally ranted and raved and fuming was Sadie
(She preferring to be a 'plastic bag lady').
Frank didn't find them the least little bit funny
He thought them a sight and they cost so much money.
And frail Mrs Frame couldn't pull it when empty
'How shall I manage when it's filled up with plenty?'
'Don't worry, my dear, for we'll give you assistance
'To quell all your fears' (and deter resistance).
Janice thought them just great and then so did Jessie
'They're twice as hygienic and not half so messy'.
'A green box' enthused Gail 'for tins to recycle –
'Holds paper and card – cutting waste to a trifle'.
Fifty pence for those 'weed sacks' Tom thought rather pricey,
Bargain compost bins though would do him just nicely.
Coming home in the dark Dave knocked his right over.
He cursed as it dented his precious new Rover.
Norwich fills theirs with all sorts for theirs are gigantic.
In go pots and pans and leylandii gone frantic!
Will this new collection to our Parish appeal?
Or will wheels for disposal be disposable wheels?
You may think them a godsend or think them a sin.
Or Dersingham's weird and wonderful, wackiest thing.
Time will tell if they're rosy or leave a bad smell.
This wheelie bin heaven or wheelie bin hell!!



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NB The names mentioned in this poem are entirely fictitious and do not refer to anyone in particular

Note from the Editor: Sincere apologies are offered to Kathy Jordan for the error in the last edition of The Village Voice when a letter written by her about a walk to the sea was inadvertently attributed to another.

Right of Way to the Sea

Note from Editor: We are very grateful to Mr Dick Melton for his trouble in sending us this informative letter

Dear Editor

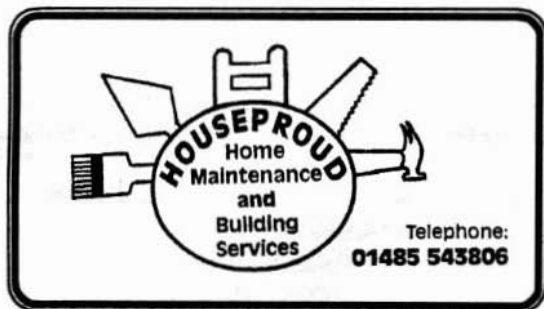
I was very interested in the letter and comments in the February issue of Village Voice about the right of way to the sea across the marshes. First of all, Dersingham does not have a beach as the parish boundary stops some 500 yards short of the sea wall.

There were two shingle pits running parallel with the foreshore with a roadway through the middle – the one on the left was called Wolferton Pits and the one to the right was Snettisham Pits. In the big flood on the night of Saturday, 31st January 1953, the roadway was washed away and the two pits were joined to make just one. The roadway between the foreshore and the pits was also washed away that night and neither roadway was repaired.

The concrete roadway from the station as far as the last bridge was laid down at the start of World War 2 to give farmers better access to their land. This roadway has been a right of way for a lot of years and it is marked quite clearly on a lot of old maps. Another right of way is from the top of Manor Road, down the Drift past the little wood, past Decoy Wood, then along the side of the old sea wall to the pumping station. This track from the pumping station to the concrete road was only a footpath until 1949/50 when the pumping station was built and opened at that time by the late King George VI. Also, this footpath and a track that went from Decoy Wood to the Wolferton Road was used by members of the British Ornithological Society as they had a bird trap in the Decoy called a helegoland trap where they would trap and ring birds for their records.

The beaches and foreshores around the British Isles are managed and looked after by the Crown Estates and with some of them, like the beach at Hunstanton, the shell fish and the mineral rights come under the Lord of the Manor, but none of them is private. I hope this information is of some use to you and your readers.

Dick Melton, Hunstanton



This article was sent in by Gp Capt RAF (ret'd) J A V Short. Interesting articles are always gratefully received for inclusion in the newsletter

INTEGRITY

We always thought it an ethereal quality, my wife and I! And so it must be. There are no external signs, no badges of declaration, no emblems to prove one's membership of the clan ... and yet, and yet? Certain incidents in our lives indicate that perhaps we unwittingly generate an aura of this quality – integrity!

Having completed training as an Air Gunner and posted to RAF Chipping Warden/Edgehill near the lovely town of Banbury to join a crew destined for Bomber Command, the town became my off-duty haunt. Thus, when the opportunity arose to revisit Banbury 55 years later on our way to the west country, I grabbed it. It was market day and my wife and I strolled around the stalls being set up. Outside the entrance to the indoor market one stallholder had just established his attractive display of kitchenware. Always interested in kitchen utensils, we dawdled around his stand. "Can I help?" he asked. "No thanks, just looking" we replied. "Eh, are you doing anything for a minute?" he asked, "only I was going to have a cup of tea to start the day and I need to buy some sugar. You couldn't keep an eye on things for a minute could you, while I pop to the shop – I'll only be 5 minutes". "What about the stock?" my wife asked. "It's all priced" he responded. "If you can sell anything, go ahead", and with that he disappeared into the throng, leaving us, complete strangers, in charge of his substantial kitchenware stall!

The 5 minutes became 10 and my wife by then was deep in the process of making a descriptive sales pitch to an interested lady for a set of stainless steel saucepans at the displayed price, when the stallholder re-appeared with his acquired bag of sugar. He was warm in his thanks for our attention to his market business. We shook hands and departed to enjoy the remainder of the market and wondering, why us? Whilst he turned his attention to the housewife considering the purchase of saucepans!

Following our night stop in Banbury, we set course for our journey to Lands End. It was autumn and our drive west was easy and uneventful. After a midway night stop we arrived around 11 am at the private hotel where we had booked a room for 2 nights. It was in a delightful location just off the headland of Lands End overlooking Whitesand Bay. We booked in and the charming male owner explained that apart from ourselves the hotel was empty. We took our bags to the room allocated and returned to the entrance hall to familiarise ourselves with the hotel routine. We again met up with the owner who asked had we any intention of going out. Upon hearing our reply "No" he presented us with our second opportunity of running a business! He explained that his wife was in Penzance Hospital and would be available for collection at 2 pm. Would we be willing, he asked, to hold the fort for a couple of hours whilst he made the round trip car journey? My dear wife, forever erring on the cautious side, asked about personal or telephone bookings. "Take them", he said, "here's the book, make a note of the date(s), the charges are there". He pointed to the display board "and apply your own judgement and personality!". Confident of our response, he said "OK?". We looked at each other and, as competent 'market stallholders', agreed to manage the hotel until his return! We had an uneventful spell in charge, which was followed by an enjoyable stay.

It was that interesting ethereal quality again!



WILDLIFE GARDENING

Wildlife brings colour, movement and interest into a garden. Wildlife gardens also attract predators - such as hedgehogs, thrushes and beetles - these will help control pests, without the need for harmful chemicals.

Before creating a wildlife garden it would be useful to know what plants grow wild in the area and see if any can be incorporated into your design. Local plants will grow well in our soil and will not need to be watered or fed. The local wildlife will also be well adapted to these plants and be able to take advantage of the new opportunity you are offering them.

A valuable source of information is an Internet site - www.nhm.ac.uk/fff - here it is possible to key in your postcode and get a full list, with many photographs, of every plant ever recorded in this area. If you do not have a computer try the library, or consult *English Plants for your Garden* published by Frances Lincoln. The Internet site identifies garden worthy plants and the PE31

postcode produces over 300 of these.

A word of warning; our postcode covers an area from Dersingham to Burnham and includes mudflats, saltmarshes, shingle beaches, sand dunes, acid bogs, woodland, downland and heathland - plants from some of these habitats will not grow in the gardens of Dersingham. Therefore, some extra research will be necessary to identify those that will.

A good bet for sunny positions are the heathland plants such as bell heather, heather and broom. In shadier areas, try bluebells, foxgloves, lily-of-the-valley, wood anemone, and ivy. Some colourful, hardy, sun loving and drought tolerant plants can be seen on the shingle at Snettisham beach during the summer. The shingle plants include yellow-horned poppy, viper's bugloss, houndstongue, weld, wild mignonette and hoary mullein.

Creating a shingle garden on our light sandy soils should be easy.

Shingle plants are often dramatic with bright contrasting colours. The sand dunes in Snettisham Coastal Park have my favourite local plant the sea holly – which has ice blue leaves and flowers – this is another hardy coastal plant worth trying in the garden.

In addition to the flowering plants, that are so important to insects in the summer, a few local shrubs that produce berries for wintering birds should be planted. Try hawthorn, sea buckthorn, holly or spindle. All wild plants are fully protected by law and must be left alone. A number of specialist suppliers of wild plants can be found in this area. It is important to ensure the plants originate from local sources because imports may be slightly different from our native species. This could lead to cross pollination and a loss of diversity.

A less purist approach, which can have excellent results, is to look for plants that grow in dry, sandy and nutrient poor soils in other parts of the world. Plants growing around the Mediterranean are particularly useful and include some familiar herbs such as rosemary, thyme and basil. They will grow well in our gardens attracting butterflies, bumblebees and hoverflies and have the added bonus of their use in the kitchen. Fennel does very well; a

specimen in my garden grows from the ground to over seven feet in a matter of months. The flowers of fennel are very attractive to hoverflies – they also attract wasps but these are so addicted to the nectar that they never cause a nuisance to anyone in the garden.

West Norfolk is famous for its lavender. This is another Mediterranean plant attractive to nectar feeding insects.

Plants that are more exotic in origin can have a place in a wildlife garden. Shrubs such as the cotoneaster offer wintering birds plenty of berries. The buddleia is also a must for attracting numerous species of butterfly.

In general, it is best to avoid plants with double flowers because they make it difficult for insects to reach the nectar. Hybrids, such as the hybrid-tea-rose, are also less attractive to wildlife - except greenfly!

The best possible use for all the water you will save in your wildlife garden is to create a wildlife pond. This will be the subject of my next article.

David Bingham



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Do you fancy a pleasant afternoon at the tables? We play rubber bridge on Thursday afternoons at Park House, Sandringham, from 2 pm – 5 pm, with a short break for tea and biscuits.

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If interested, please contact the Secretary of Bridge at Park House on 01485 571092.

Regretfully, we are unable to take beginners.



† St Nicholas Church †

We extend a warm welcome to our new vicar, Ron Elverson and his wife, Jenny. We wish them every happiness in their new home in Dersingham.

† Friends of St Nicholas - Coming Events †

The AGM is on Thursday 17th May at 7.30 pm in The Gamekeepers. The business meeting will be followed by a social get-together with wine and nibbles.

Following on from the success of the garden party at 22 Station Road in 1999, we are organising a Sandringham style concert on 14th July in the afternoon. Although we're hoping for the glorious sunshine of two years ago, this venture will take place whatever the weather. You will also need to bring something to sit on! The proceeds are going to be shared equally between the Friends and the Surgery Patient Participation Group.

There will be another Country and Western Evening at the church on 21st October.

NANCY

In nearly every edition of the Village Voice Nancy Cable wrote a piece about her activities. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her in the village and who appreciated her total commitment to helping others.

St Nicholas Flower Festival 2001

With Nancy's sad loss this year's Flower Festival will take on a new team. If you feel able to help please contact Edgar Cooper (Tel: 540865)

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There have been dry and sunny spells in January and February, though we tend to remember the cold and rain. This is partly why a garden "pottering" diary is helpful: it reminds you of the good days (most of the time!).

5th January. The ground is sodden, but dianthus still in flower and wallflowers budding. Blackbirds are taking leycasteria berries, sparrows devouring seed and crumbs. A troop of ten or eleven long-tailed tits, comically plump, agile and pretty, fed on two fat-balls in the buddleia.

8th January. Chilly! Thirteen collared doves called in for breakfast! Heartsease in flower. Cut down some of the spent perennials, but left seeding linaria, feverfew and lemon verbena, amongst others, for the birds.

15th January. Cold and sunny. A high-pollution day. "Rescued" an injured hen pheasant from the middle of Manor Road, by the Church Hall bend. It was just sitting there, like a hen on a nest, waiting for the inevitable death blow. Its plumage was heart-stoppingly beautiful, seen so close to. It died, of course, and I buried it in the garden.

17th January. We may have a mole, but nothing would persuade us to use one of those vicious traps we've seen on sale. Do folk buy them? Have they no imagination, no feeling for the creatures we share our gardens with?

20th January. Renewing water containers most days for the birds. We've seen song thrushes hopping and scurrying around in the undergrowth on three occasions this month, and once a mistle thrush visited. Aconites are in flower and snowdrops in bud. There are many different types of snowdrop: I keep meaning to learn more about them.

4th February. Rain, sleet and local flooding!

7th February. Lots of frogs leaping around! Goldfinch taking lavender seeds. Four robins cavorting under the trees. Are they a family unit, not yet separated? No signs of animosity. Blackbirds have been sparring for days, yo-yo-ing beak to beak or playing their smooth-running hide-and-seek games amongst the bushier plants. A great tit came to the nuts. Two lone geese flew southwards.

19th February to the end of the month. Much preparation of vegetable beds. Dug and manured potato beds, forked garden compost into onion beds, limed for roots and brassicas, composted all weed debris.

1st March. Sleety showers and some sun. Feeling sad as I look at our beautiful spring bulbs, thinking of yesterday's train crash near Selby, Yorkshire ...

The Coach and Horses Football Team

The Coach and Horses Football Team have made history by making the Final of the Norfolk Senior Sunday Cup; their opponents - Camden Tavern from Gt Yarmouth. The game took place at Carrow Road, home of Norwich City, on 8th April. Unfortunately this newsletter went to print before the result could be published.

The team were unbeaten for over a year and unsurprisingly top the King's Lynn Sunday League. A large number of the team are from the village having come through from Dersingham Minors.

The route to the final:

R1	Norwich Utd (Away)	won 9-2
R2	Poringland (Away)	won 4-0
R3	Sprowston (Home)	won 6-1
Quarter Final	Yeoman (Away)	won 4-0
Semi Final	Marlborough (Home)	won 2-1

Congratulations to all the players!

Dersingham Methodist Church FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Annual Flower Festival will be held
from Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th May.



The theme this year is 'Praise and Thanksgiving' and the 20 displays illustrate hymns used to enhance our worship. From 10 am to 5 pm on Thursday to Saturday there will be stalls - cakes, crafts, books, coffee, lunches, teas.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

Part 3 – the final section from Joan Scorch's recollections of the village

Early February 1963 my father died very suddenly in his mid-fifties in Yorkshire. I was feeling far away and very sad when one day out of the blue came a very friendly Mrs Olive Norris to invite me to join the Young Wives Club – what an angel she seemed – the first person to call on me. I went along and it was the start of all kinds of interesting things and friendships. The first meeting I was a little taken aback when chatting to two other young mums. I mentioned I was new and they said “Yes, we haven’t been here long, not very friendly the people in Dersingham”. My heart sank “Aren’t they” I said, “Where did you come from?” “Heacham”. Goodness – I thought there wasn’t much hope for me then. However, the Young Wives had lots of good times. We put on a concert and a pantomime amongst other things. Through a speaker from the NSPCC at one of the meetings I became involved with fund raising for them. Newly appointed and anxious to find willing helpers to have the odd coffee morning etc he asked if anyone would start something up in a small way in Dersingham. As young mums it touched a lot of hearts and I along with Olive Norris started a small committee. The Young Wives were invited once a year to Mrs Stanton’s at Manor Farm to have a raspberry tea in the garden. All the young mums trundled along with babies, prams and toddlers and had a great time. Mrs Stanton, the present Mr Stanton’s grandma, was always so friendly and kind making us all welcome. I’m sure we must have helped but can’t remember the details.

Early Spring, I went to a coffee morning at Mrs Mapus Smith’s on Station Road in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind – I felt a little odd as I was the only person with young children but I was made very welcome and ultimately got involved with fund raising for Guide Dogs for the Blind. In those days we had little garden parties with stalls in people’s gardens. It was all very low key and relaxed but we nevertheless made enough money to buy two dogs over the years. There was a framed photograph and a small brass guide dog on a plinth, both of which were in the Post Office window for many years.

April 63 – in a bid to feel part of village life, I thought I ought to go along to the Evening WI which was held in those days in the Forester Hall on Manor Road. This I did and was staggered by the lovely food on display. As I listened to an interesting speaker I thought this seems a good thing to join – only later I found it was their first birthday party, hence the goodies. However, I still went along the next month and joined them – and I am still a member! The interesting things I have been involved with through the WI are far too numerous to mention. Let it suffice to say membership has proved a great source of friendship and fun for me over the many years.

I never forget how lonely it could be when you are new and as Valley Rise began I started informal coffee evenings in aid of Oxfam for newcomers to drop in once a month to get to know each other – we even darned socks and did running repairs as we chatted. It wasn’t such a throw-away society back in the 60s.

Back in 1962 there was no King’s Lynn by-pass and to get to town you had to go through Castle Rising along a winding road via Onion Corner. The road from Castle Rising joined the Hunstanton Road much nearer Babingley than at present. There was great excitement when the new by-pass opened in December 1965 – 6 miles from Hardwick to Babingley with three roundabouts. Hopefully it was going to solve all our hold-ups to and from the coast. Such is life!

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**Bobby Charlton Soccer Schools & Soccer Theme Park
Coming to Dersingham!**



Venue: The Pastures near Feathers Hotel
Date: Thurs 30th and Fri 31st August
Time: 9 am - 4 pm approximately each day
Price: £25 2 days 6-16 yrs, girls or boys

**More information: Contact Karl or Julie
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Dersingham Phobbies Club

Dates for your Diary

11th August 2 pm - Raffle - Stalls - Games - Tea/Coffee
14 Heath Road, Dersingham

24th November Sale of Work, 2 pm
Christmas presents - Cards - Paintings - Cakes -
Raffle - Tea/Coffee

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SUMMER GARDEN CONCERT



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