

# Dersingham Village Voice

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## *Editorial*

Welcome to the October edition of Village Voice. October is an eventful month – Halloween occurs at the end of the month and the clocks are changed leaving us with dark evenings once again. The leaves are changing colour and the trees are looking bare as the leaves fall. Children are out collecting conkers as they tumble.

Dates for your diaries include: Charity Bingo on 15<sup>th</sup> October and Coffee Morning on 19<sup>th</sup> October at Orchard Close, Coffee Morning at St Nicholas Church Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> October, a Country Music Night at St Nicholas Church on 21<sup>st</sup> October, and a Grand Christmas Bazaar at Dersingham Community Centre on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

You will also find details of a competition for which the Parish Council is offering prizes. It is hoped that illustrations and photographs will be sent in to the office for possible inclusion in the Dersingham Data 2002. We know there is a wealth of talent in the village so if you have any drawings or photographs depicting a village scene please send them in.

Next year is Golden Jubilee Year and a meeting of village organisations was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September. A committee was formed at this meeting and they will be harnessing ideas for some special events in the village to celebrate the Jubilee. If anyone has views and suggestions for ways in which the village can celebrate which will appeal to all age groups ideas should be sent to the Parish Office so that they can be forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee.

Copy for inclusion in the December issue should reach me by 20<sup>th</sup> November. All contributions are welcomed and should be addressed to the Editor, c/o Parish Council Office, Police Station, Manor Road (Tel:541465) or you can drop them in to me at Plot 4, Manor Road.

*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 29<sup>th</sup> October, at the First School, and thereafter on the last Monday of each month*

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### *Seating in the Village*

The Women's Institute have agreed to site a new seat on the grassed area at the junction of Sherborne/Chapel Road. The Council are seeking approval from NCC Highways to site seating at a) the bus stop opposite recreation ground and b) grassed area by the junction of Post Office/Lynn/Hunstanton Road.

### *Road/Street Nameplates*

The Council had carried out a survey of the village and identified sites requiring attention. These requirements are under consideration.

### *Village Sign*

The village sign was damaged by vandalism on 31<sup>st</sup> July – police investigations are ongoing. A quote for repair has been obtained. The matter will be discussed at the next Council Meeting as some ideas have been put forward. For example, there has been discussion about moving the sign to a more central location in the village.

### *Telecommunications Mast in Carr Woodlands*

After strong representation from residents who had thoroughly researched the matter the Parish Council has recommended to the Borough that this application be refused.

### *Notice Board*

A new parish notice board is to be erected on the grassed area opposite Budgens in Lynn Road.

### *Village Hall (Community Centre)*

A working party has been formed to review proposals for a new village hall for Dersingham so that the views of various organisations and all villagers can be incorporated into any plan.

### *St George's Day 2002*

Upon receipt of a request the Communications Committee are to consider the possibility of holding an event in the village to commemorate St George's Day. Any ideas would be welcomed.

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## COMPETITION

The **Dersingham Data** is an information booklet published once a year by the Parish Council for the benefit of Dersingham residents and visitors. It is issued in February and the next issue will be delivered to every household in the village in February 2002.

Each year the booklet has contained photographs and illustrations of Dersingham village scenes. This time it has been decided to hold a competition, where illustrations or photographs of Dersingham village can be submitted for publication in the next issue.

Submissions will be judged and prizes will be awarded as follows :

Juniors – under 16 years of age

For the best photograph £10

For the best illustration £10

Adults

For the best photograph £10

For the best illustration £10

Additionally, the Council will choose an overall winner, whose illustration or photograph will be reproduced on the front cover.

*All work must be submitted on the understanding that it is Council copyright.*

Entries for the competition must be received in the Parish Council Office by 12<sup>th</sup> November in order for them to be considered for publication.

Every illustration and photograph received will be displayed at the Open Day Event in April 2002.

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

Are you concerned about home security or worried about the threat of crime? PACT may be able to help you by installing a range of security measures in your home including window locks, door chains, security bolts, etc. You may be eligible for a FREE service in certain areas if you are aged 60 years or over, or in receipt of means tested benefits, or disabled.

For information contact Norfolk PACT on 01603 276306.

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Dear Editor

May I, through your column, thank the local council for their understanding and co-operation in placing some warning lines outside our church, indicating that it is unhelpful to park across the entrance to a car park and parking spaces.

At first this appeared to gain the understanding and co-operation of local people, but sadly this seems to have vanished. Just today three people decided it was OK to park across both the spaces and the car park entrance at the precise time when it was obvious that young parents and toddlers were trying to use the car park. This meant that young children were having to be unloaded well away from the premises. If you are a parent with three toddlers you will understand that this is no mean feat to accomplish in safety. All because people thought they would park across the car park. (I was sad to note that these were local people not holidaymakers). This was not an isolated instance either – it is happening with increasing frequency again.

Please, can we work together to try to avoid this congestion in the interests of safety, wherever possible.

#### **IS YOUR LIFE**

**losing – or has it lost – all**

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Dr Andrew Fielding

24 Station Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6PR

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Recently co-opted onto the Parish Council, Richard Stanton is married with young children. He is one of the few remaining farmers in the parish. His interests include the rural economy, countryside matters and youth policies.

## Garden Notebook by Greenish Fingers

*A lovely reminder of summer!*

1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August. Martins were flying low in last week's heat, but this week has been rainy with a cloudburst in the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup>. Frogs are delighted! Cosmos 2<sup>nd</sup> early potatoes are a good size now, and the Painted Lady runner beans, red and white-flowered, are swelling. I believe the variety Diana, white-flowered and stringless, is also a good choice.

10<sup>th</sup> August. The hedgehog comes each evening now for its supper of cat food, just a good spoonful. As it is so small, we're hoping to supplement its slug-and-worm diet to make it fatter by hibernation time. We leave plenty of clean water out, too, as milk is not supposed to be good for the little creatures.

Last fortnight of August. Variable temperatures, some very hot days. Painted Lady butterflies, peacocks, red admirals. The bumblebees which built a nest under our fixed bonfire site have vacated the nest at last. The new queens and males will mate and the males will then die, leaving the new queens to hibernate, while the old queen and all the workers will have died by the end of summer ...

*With apologies to Greenish fingers – lack of space has forced us to omit July. Editor*

### We Hear You – Loud and Clear!!

*by Kathy Jordan © 2001*

You are full of information  
With Parish News to tell  
Which may cause a sensation  
Or on quiet topics dwell.

More filled with facts than fiction  
And future diary dates  
With such vivid apt descriptions  
Of local fairs and fetes.

You point out helpful advisors  
And holy institutions.  
You thank all those advertisers  
(And need their contributions!)

You tell us tales of dragonflies  
And notes by Greenish Fingers.  
Your trusty recipes for pies  
Their tempting fragrance lingers...

Letter or verse you like to print.  
Many readers like them too.  
If not, they should grab pen and ink  
And write their point of view.

The Editor she gives away  
The knowledge that you store.  
Most households welcome what you say  
And can't wait to hear some more.

To proof and type so many words  
Is tedious to do.  
Don't worry if an error occurred  
Or you missed a line or two!!

Then through the letter box you go  
We hear you – loud and clear!  
For every other month we know  
The Village Voice IS HERE!

*Editor's Note: In your penultimate verse you refer to our unfortunate mistake in the last issue when 2 important lines were omitted from your poem for which we apologise. When space permits that poem will be published in full in a future issue*

## **Dersingham Surgery Horticultural Society**

In general, the quality of the speakers at our society is consistently high. We do get the occasional dud, but rarely do they achieve the exceptional quality of the speaker at our August meeting. To add to our good fortune this was our own secretary, Walter Blaney. He and his wife, Jane, visited India last year and by means of some stunning slides and a fascinating and illuminating commentary, tinged with humour, Walter was able to paint for his audience a picture of the richness of Indian life from its abject poverty to the sumptuous splendour of the Maharajahs' palaces, via the spirituality of its temples, the sacred Ganges river and the serene beauty of the Taj Mahal. Walter said once there "India comes to you – it was an experience". His audience were very appreciative that he shared it with them.

Thanks to the organisation by Derek and Doreen Asker, the exhibitors and the willing help of members, our thirteenth Annual Show continued its tradition of success. Once again the quality of entries was very high and this was commented on by our Mayor, Councillor George Pratt, who, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, presented the trophies to our winners. He especially congratulated the exhibitors in the Children's Classes for their excellent entries. He then emphasised the importance of this event in helping to foster the spirit of a village community.

Our thanks to all who exhibited and to all our visitors who so generously supported us – in the end it is you who guarantee a successful show.

Many readers will be familiar with Simon Massen's collection of local historic postcards through the talks he has given to local groups and the publication "Dersingham – Then and Now: Portrait of a Village". However, this in no way detracted from the enjoyment and interest displayed by his audience at our September meeting.

Simon's slides, most of which were of postcards originated by local photographers in the early 1900s, were accompanied by an illuminating commentary which took us on a short tour from King's Lynn to Snettisham.

That such seemingly ephemeral material can give such a deep insight into the architectural and social history of the period was quite fascinating.

In brief, our ever increasing membership, which currently stands at 131, has necessitated moving our monthly meetings to St Cecilia's Church from January 2002.

A few copies of the original 1000 printing of the Dersingham book mentioned above are still available. All profits go to cancer charities and Tapping House. Details from co-author, Walter Blaney (Rel:544733)

*David Clark (543182)*

**The Child Still Lives**  
*by Hugh Mullarkey © 2001*

The child still lives  
Though autumn turns to winter  
The days more quickly pass  
Yet simple tasks demand  
A slower pace.

The child still lives:  
The infant year  
That struggles into spring  
Foreshortened now  
By memory.

The child still lives  
While seasons swing  
Irrevocably pendulate:  
An inevitable movement  
Inevitably transient.

The child still lives  
And while it lives  
The childlike dreams remain:  
A winter garden  
Where the sun can't set.



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one of these specially commissioned mugs please apply  
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### **The Reptile**

Three weeks at sea via various ports of call had brought us to our place of residence for the next few years – Singapore! All passengers disembarking were asked to assemble in the ship's main salon for a briefing about the island. This covered information on the climate – generally 80 degrees with 80% humidity – which called for drinking copious quantities of water with salt tablets and keeping out of the sun! We were told about the local population; a mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and European. The general topography was covered and the fact that whereas 50 years earlier there had been jungle and even a few tigers there was now little forest left and certainly no tigers! There were numerous insects such as spiders, flies and beetles, with geckoes (small lizards) who would share our homes and catch the insects! It was also mentioned that there were still a few snakes on the island but during our period of residence we would be very lucky indeed to encounter one!

Briefing over, we prepared to disembark and board buses that would take us to our temporary accommodation. My wife, young son and self were to be billeted in a transit guesthouse called "Yoks Garden" with its proprietor, Mr Hahn. This was standard practice, while our hiring at Bukit Panjang was made ready for occupation. After an interesting drive through Singapore City we were delivered to Yoks Garden, which was a large old colonial style property in private grounds. We were greeted by Mr Hahn and a member of staff who helped us with our bags and escorted us to two adjoining rooms. It was a clean and comfortable establishment. We began to unpack our immediate requirements from our overnight cases.

Our son, who had celebrated his sixth birthday on the journey out, decided to explore the grounds with its selection of "frangipani" and "flame of the forest" trees and other tropical plants; he imagined that he was the "White Hunter". It was 6.30 pm and as we soon came to expect, approaching dusk. Mr Hahn had arranged a meal for us. Sadly, this proved to be an English meal prepared by a Chinese cook and would doubtless have been better if he had made a traditional fried rice which we were later to greatly enjoy (and still do!)

As weary travellers we made ready for bed. Excited though he was, our son soon succumbed to his tiredness and drifted to sleep. We also prepared for bed, which called for very little apparel and just a sheet as a bed-cover. My wife made her final visit to the bathroom next to our bedroom to complete her ablutions, whilst I sat on the bed reading the information booklet about

Singapore. Suddenly there was a muffled cry at the door of our bedroom and my wife's face appeared. It was ashen and her speech incoherent. Her hand had an outstretched finger pointing towards the bathroom and a single word was uttered "SNAKE!" My response was "don't be ridiculous, dear, the booklet says we'll be lucky to see one over a period of years and we have only been on the island eight hours!" But she insisted saying, "Come and look, it's on the cistern down-pipe! Come and get rid of it, I want to go to the loo!" This called for the maximum demonstration of courage by an Armed Services Officer; to remove a live snake! I climbed off the bed in my boxer-shorts with my mind picturing a 3 ft cobra. Happily, this wasn't.

I entered the bathroom with my wife close behind pointing vigorously towards the offending reptile. And there it was, seemingly content, curled around the lower half of the down-pipe. The snake was pale fawn and about 18" long. As a new arrival to the island I considered it sensible to seek advice and assistance from a native of Singapore. I called Mr Hahn from his private quarters. He was reluctant to believe we had encountered a snake and even less willing to accompany me to the scene. He did, however, provide me with a broom as a defensive weapon! As we reached the bathroom Mr Hahn was immediately behind me and so close that we moved in unison. I felt confident with a Singaporean as back-up. Alas my confidence was misplaced, for as soon as he saw the snake he began pushing me from behind and said "Welly bad, you killy Mr Short, you killy!" He made no response to my question as to whether it was poisonous or harmless, he just shouted again "You killy Mr Short, you killy!" Holding the broom tightly I advanced and attacked the creature. After a half dozen strikes with the broom head I managed to dislodge the snake from the pipe and once on the floor a single blow with the side of the broom dispatched it. Now lifeless on the floor of the bathroom I bent down and gripping the snake behind its head picked it up ready for disposal. This action produced a citation from Mr Hahn to the effect that "I was a welly brave man, welly brave". With the snake dangling from my hand I looked to Mr Hahn for a receptacle. He set off outside Yoks Garden with me in tow, up the entrance slope for almost a mile until we reached a major 3 ft deep storm drain where he directed that I dispose of the inert snake. Mr Hahn was doubtless ensuring that his premises would not gain a reputation for harbouring snakes!

Local experience would later confirm that the unfortunate reptile was only a grass snake!





## Country Music Night

St Nicholas Church

Saturday 21 October 7 pm to 11 pm approx



The Friends of St Nicholas Church are holding a Country Music Night at the church on Sunday 21 October.

The celebrated singer, *Johnny Marks*, and *New West Duo* will be performing a wide range of Country Music.

Refreshments will be available.

Tickets at £5 are obtainable in advance –

Telephone: 01485 609099 or 01353 861008.

Last year's concert filled the church – so all fans are advised to book early!

## The Married Man's Prayer before retiring to his Bed

by John Smart © 2001

If I should die before the dawn  
I ask you Lord to mow the lawn  
To paint the house all gleaming white  
To mend the door and fix the light  
I ask for I'll be done with life  
So it's up to you to please the wife.

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Before the dawn if I should die  
I wish you more success than I



## Dersingham First and Nursery School

We have welcomed several new children, staff and their families into our school this term. The children had been enjoying playing on the new trim trail funded by the Friends of the school. It has really enhanced their playtime fun. The Friends are now embarking on Stage 2 of the project and are hoping to raise £2000 to extend the trail.

The Rev Pam Bayliss led our Harvest Assembly in our school hall and this was a lovely occasion.

In October the children will be learning how to share what we enjoy with other people by supporting a boy called Mohan through Action Aid. The children will have the opportunity to have breakfast in school to raise funds to send to Mohan.

Maybe you would like to help your local school? If so, here are just one or two suggestions.

- Offer to help in school with a range of activities to suit you and the children
- Save Nestlé tokens for us as each is worth money this year
- Support fund raising events organised by our Friends' group – watch out for more details

Finally, one or two dates:

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Book sale in our school hall. Lots of quality children's books for sale
22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed for half term
29 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed for staff training
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening 4 – 6 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening 6 – 8 pm

Local residents are welcome to pop in and look round the school on our Open Evenings.

For further information, please contact me at school on 540022

*Jackie Austin*  
*Headteacher*



## In Formation on the Super Flyway

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Imagine a giant letter Y the size of the world. Place the top left hand corner in arctic Canada - the top right hand corner in Siberia - then drape the upright around the western coast of Europe and Africa. This is the 'East Atlantic Flyway', a route taken by hundreds of thousands of waders and wildfowl that breed during the brief, but productive, arctic summer. They come to us during the winter to take advantage of our mild climate - warmed by the Gulf Stream - and rich feeding grounds. The Wash is on the flyway and holds up to three hundred thousand waterfowl during the winter, making it this country's most important estuary for birds. Some of these birds stay with us all winter while others move between wetlands across Britain, Europe and West Africa - all of which are vitally important for their survival. Two of the most numerous species found on The Wash during the winter come from the extremes of the flyway. Knots are famous for gathering in vast swirling flocks at high tide and breed in Canada and Greenland. The larger bar-tailed godwits come from their breeding grounds in Siberia. Both species arrive in the autumn at a time when

many are still in their rich red breeding plumage - that camouflages them against the lichens of the treeless arctic tundra - they then moult into their grey winter colours.

Dersingham's favourite birds, the pink-footed geese, will soon be arriving back from their breeding ground in Iceland. They fly in chevrons to save energy and to gain the most benefit from this technique each bird needs to keep a precise position in relation to its neighbour. They have trouble doing this, as can be seen by looking at the formations that sway, break and reform while passing over the village. Their navigation skills are similarly impressive but not perfect. Birds do get lost and our pink-footed geese are sometimes joined by snow geese that should be wintering in New Mexico after flying down from Canada - but accidentally hang a left in New England! In 1852 a small wader arrived in East Anglia that would have normally been on the same flyway as the snow geese. It was an Eskimo curlew, a smaller relative of our own curlew with

cinnamon coloured underwings and a striped head. At that time the Eskimo curlew was probably the most abundant bird in North America, millions bred in Canada each summer.

*Among the many joyous bird notes which greet one while crossing these grounds...none seemed more familiar or pleasanter than the prolonged mellow whistle of the Esquimaux Curlew (Mc Farlane 1891)*

They migrated south to Argentina for the winter in enormous numbers that would put our knot flocks in the shade.

*They flew in that peculiar manner which distinguishes curlews from all other birds in flight, a sort of wedge shape, the sides of which were constantly swaying back and forth like a cloud of smoke wafted by the lightest zephyr...Long, dangling lines either perpendicular or horizontal, the lower parts of which whirl, rise or twist spirally while the apex of the flock is seemingly at rest. (Turner)*

Eskimo curlews tasted good and were killed at an incredible rate to supply the commercial market, including wealthy east coast restaurants. On Cape Cod during

the 1872 migration two hunters reportedly shot 5000 Eskimo curlews.

*In the fall I found them in large numbers at the delta, as well as the wet meadows on either side of the river. At this season they are plump and well flavored, and afford most excellent sport. (Mc Lenegan 1889).*

The population could not sustain these losses.

*As it left, the curlew gave a call... It flew to the southeast and disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean. (LE Williams in Weston and Williams 1965)*

This was the last confirmed sighting of an Eskimo curlew and they are now presumed extinct.

David Bingham

Dersingham's connection to the flyway, the pink-footed geese, fly over the village from their night time roost on the Wash during the winter. They will have left their breeding grounds in Iceland by now and are probably somewhere in Scotland - watch out for



## **The Queen's Golden Jubilee 2002**

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At a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September a committee was formed whose task it will be to organise special village events to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. Edgar Cooper was appointed

Chairman of the Jubilee Committee at the meeting.

It is hoped that events which will appeal to all age groups can be planned for next year. The committee invite anyone in the village to contribute ideas for consideration. Please send such items to Edgar Cooper, c/o The Parish Council Office, Police Station, Manor Road. The committee will meet again this month.

More information will appear in the December issue of Village Voice

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### **Transport in Dersingham**

Individuals and associations concerned with people with physical disabilities may be interested to learn of specially adapted transport available in the village and surrounding areas.

Local businessman, Alan Garrett, has a new purpose-built people carrier with wheelchair access. The vehicle will take a wheelchair and five passengers or seven able-bodied people and is available for hire for any length of journey.

Mr Garrett can be contacted on 01485 540329.

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### **Where are You?**

Dark nights are coming. Can your visitor find you? Can the doctor, ambulance, heating engineer or carrier find your home? Can your house number be seen from the driving seat of a car? It's no good saying that your number is on the wall if a great big bush is hiding it, or that it's on the gatepost if it blew down last month. Do not rely on next door having one – theirs might have gone as well.. Your visitor may be at risk from following traffic whilst searching for you, or have valuable time wasted hunting you out. So go outside and have a look. You know where you are but others may not.

*Tony Bubb*

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## Village Sport in Dersingham 2001

For the third year running, Mrs Jo Eames of Dersingham has voluntarily organised the popular Village Sport activities for youngsters in the village during the school holidays. She was helped by Councillor May Davey, the Council Clerk - Mrs Kim Dunford, Tracey Melton and helpers from Dersingham Evening Women's Institute, friends and parents.

Dozens of local children enjoyed tennis coaching, swimming trips to Kings Lynn, multi-sport afternoons on the cricket field, line-dancing in the Community Centre, a nature trail on the Common and a trip to Strikes ten-pin bowling alley between Monday 23 July and Tuesday 21 August.

All the 200 or so places were taken up. There were always at least two adults on duty in Dersingham and several more volunteered for trips involving bus journeys and swimming. Children under 7 years old were accompanied by their parents. These parents played a very important part in helping to see that the children were safe and enjoying themselves. Their participation was much appreciated.

The Dersingham Parish Council gave £100 towards expenses and held another £60 in reserve should costs not be covered. But it was all a great success. With help from the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council's Sports Development project towards coaching costs, the programme broke even. Activities cost as little as 50p per session for the multi-sport afternoons to £3.00 for the visit to Strikes. The aim was to make the activities available to as many children as possible. Application forms and programmes were distributed through the local schools, in the Library and some shops.

Liz, Alan and Sarah Stockley led 36 children on a very successful nature trail through the woods on Dersingham Common. They pointed out many types of plants on the outward journey and organised a treasure hunt on the way back. The WI members thoroughly enjoyed the ramble too. This was so popular that it will certainly be included in next year's programme.

Mrs Eames has a full-time job with an increased training commitment next year, so she will not be able to organise the activities in 2002. However, the Borough Council wants Dersingham to form a local committee and take advantage of funds that are available for village sport activities. There are grants of up to £5000 a year per village. The Committee could broaden holiday activities to include art and drama workshops. And parents have requested more tennis coaching sessions during the holidays, for instance.

Councillor Davey is happy to co-ordinate this committee and apply for funds in good time to meet the Borough Council's budgetary requirements. Parents whose children have enjoyed this year's activities as well as other youth leaders in the village will be approached soon to give their support with organising next year's programme.

**Details of how you can help will appear in *Village Voice*.**

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## Village Sport 2001

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*The photographs show children receiving some tennis coaching and enjoying a multi-sports afternoon on the playing field*



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## Dersingham Community Centre

The centre is used by a number of user groups, diverse as could be reflected in a community the size of Dersingham. The age of the groups is also as varied, with the play group at one end of the spectrum and the Day Centre at the other end, which incorporates the more mature members of our village. The user groups comprise mainly voluntary youth and community groups, as well as some commercial/business groups. Over 400 people use the centre in a week. The centre is suitable for courses, meetings, hobby groups, clubs and social functions. There are 2 halls, the larger of which will seat over 100 people, the quiet room (comfortable seating – an ideal meeting room), craft room (including pottery wheels and kiln), a coffee bar and 2 fitted kitchens, plus a large car park/playground and raised grassed area.

New users are welcomed. For further enquiries or to view, please ring Andrew/Rhona Seal on 540234.

Rates are very competitive as the following scale of charges shows:

Classification	Rental Charges per room hour Monday – Friday	Weekend room rental per hour
Youth groups, Scouts, Guides, Brownies	£3.00	N/A
Community groups	£3.00	N/A
Commercial/Business, aerobics, line dancing etc	£6.00	N/A
Private parties, weddings etc	£4.00	£6.00

The Community Centre is still looking for a Secretary. If you feel you would be interested in applying for this position, please contact Andrew Seal on 540234



### GRAND XMAS BAZAAR

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## Coffee Morning



Home-made cakes, pies etc  
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at

St Nicholas Church Hall

on

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 10 am to 12 noon

Admission: 50p to include coffee and biscuits

Next year 2002 is the  
Golden Jubilee of the reign of  
Queen Elizabeth II.



The Flower Festival (note change of date from 18<sup>th</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> July) to celebrate this event will be special. The coffee morning detailed above is the first fund-raising event towards this major display at St Nicholas. Please come along and support it.

**Orchard Close - Forthcoming Events**  
In aid of the local Alzheimer Support Group

**CHARITY BINGO**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. 7.30 pm.

**CHARITY COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. 10 am to 12 noon.

Bring and Buy, Raffle etc

*This poem was received from O Joan Adams of Centre Crescent, Dersingham is fortunate is having so many talented poets.*

### **In Praise of our Village**

I'm glad we live in Dersingham, it's not far from the sea,  
Surrounded by grand countryside, it's just the place for me.  
It has three churches to attend and fields for recreation  
Where youngsters safely play football, and shout with jubilation.

Our village is a friendly place, where all will get a greeting,  
Or passing wave, or welcome chat, at an unexpected meeting.  
Our neighbour is Royal Sandringham attracting crowds to see  
The famous house, and lovely grounds, the home of royalty.

The coach-loads of the visitors come here from far and near  
To see the churches' flower shows, so splendid every year.  
Our Dersingham was quite small, not so, today, I fear.  
More bungalows and houses are built here every year.

When people come to Dersingham, from city or from town.  
Their one desire – to buy a house right here, and settle down.  
They love the woods at Sandringham, the walks upon the heath,  
Where air is unpolluted still, and where a man can breathe.

*O Joan Adams*

*Letter from Jessica Smith, Care Service Officer, Orchard Close*

Dear Editor

Several residents of Orchard Close (sheltered scheme for elders) have asked me to write on their behalf concerning the growing problem of irresponsible dog-owners allowing their dogs to use our open plan grassed areas and even residents' flowerbeds as a dog toilet.

May we remind this minority that, although open plan, the grassed areas do in fact constitute part of each resident's front garden area. Would YOU like your front garden abused in this way? If dog owners could keep their dogs on a short lead while walking through Orchard Close we feel a lot of the problem would be resolved

Turning to the other side of the coin, we are on extremely good terms with villagers in general and have always appreciated their help and consideration. Thank you all for the support and friendship that you continue to offer us.

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