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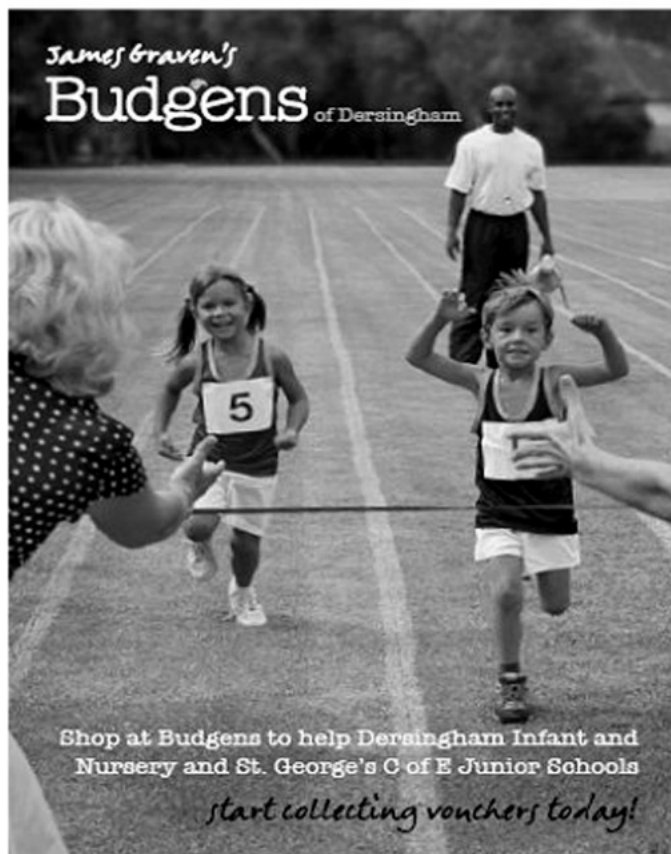
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# Dersingham Village Voice



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## Editor's Notes

The main part of the summer having gone now, with some memorable wet weather, we can gear ourselves up for autumn. It is usually my favourite season with cooler days, lots of colour and less of a nagging feeling that I should be out in the garden instead of putting this magazine together.

As usual our regulars have come up trumps with their contributions but you will see a few new names that I hope will become familiar writers. We also welcome back Bob Tipling who

has produced a couple of pieces.

Steve Davis will be discussing various computer related themes over the coming editions without, he has promised, becoming too nerdy and Keith Stark will be describing some local walks for you to get fit with.

If you have an idea for some articles that you would like to write, please get in touch, new talent is always welcome.

Don't forget to enter the cover photo competition. It's the subject, more than technical excellence, that will attract the judges to a winner. This month's cover picture shows an ever rarer rural scene in the village. When I moved here sheep were still driven down to the marshes along Chapel Road and Station Road and Scoles still ran a slaughterhouse on their premises. There was a septic tank arrangement that collected all the fluids created by their activities and you did not want to be down wind when it got occasionally emptied!

A couple of regulars haven't made it this time - holidays, harvest etc., but it has still been a squeeze to fit everything in although you have been a bit sparing with your letters. Come on - get it off your chest!

You will see below that the list of special events has moved. It was felt that it was not noticed at the back of the magazine. Do let us know of your event so that we can publicise it.

Advance warning now of some of the coming Village Voice Live treats for next year. A return of David Grimes with "King's Lynn part 3" starts the year in January followed by an evening with Pensthorpe in February. TV weatherman Jim Bacon is booked for March and "Winston the singing farmer" is due in April. Village Voice Live is held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Nicholas Church Hall - do come and see for yourselves.

Don't forget that the next issue will be the one to promote any festive activities you may be planning so please get your copy to us in good time. □

*Tony Bubb*

### DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS\*

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
Thur Sept 30	10-12 & 1-3 pm	Dersingham Library	Surf's up club	Library
Thur Oct 15	10.30 - 2.00	Phobbies	Craft Material Sale	St Nicholas Church Hall
Wed Oct 8	10.00 am	English Nature	Fungus Foray	Dersingham Bog
Fri Oct 24	10.00 am	English Nature	Fungus Foray	Dersingham Bog
Sunday Oct 26	7.00 pm	British Legion	Lest we forget concert	Princess Theatre Hunstanton
Thur Oct 30	6-7 pm	Dersingham Library	Spooky Storytime	Library
Thur Nov 6	10 am	British Legion women's section	Poppy Appeal coffee morning	Methodist Ch hall Post Office Rd
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## Dear Village Voice



Just one correction to Dick Melton's interesting dissertation on Fern Hill: There are in fact three properties in Sugar Lane, Hill House plus another house and a bungalow.

It's also worth recording that the large house at the top corner of Fern Hill mentioned by Dick that was called Four Winds was this century renovated, extended and reborn as Mitchell House - a millionaire's retreat owned first by a television celebrity and now by an East Afghan businessman. However, I have to say that, since this reincarnation, I have never seen a sign of anyone actually living there.

**Bryan Tann**

This is a bit of a grumble about a few things I have noted as I move about the village. Firstly the escaping grit, gravel, shingle and pebbles from driveways that makes its way across the pavement into the gutter and onto the road. It can resemble an obstacle course in some instances and as I walk and ride a bicycle it is uncomfortable and could be a hazard. Could all owners of such driveways brush their driveway back where it belongs, please.

Secondly, outside some properties it is getting almost impossible to see the pavement, let alone walk on it, with encroaching shrubs and boundary hedges, plus overhanging 'eyepokers' from, albeit nice, trees but trees untrimmed, and another hazard.

And, thirdly, my biggest hate – car drivers who think they have the right to park half on and half off the pavement or grass verge – WHY?? Vehicles belong on the road, pedestrians belong and, hopefully, feel safe on the pavement. I'm not going to walk in the road around your car. Why should I? You would certainly moan if I scratched your paintwork, however unintentionally. Our roads on the whole are wide enough to park and pass so, please, get off my pavement and back where you belong – thank you.

**Sheila Bryant**

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Sadly our group has shrunk somewhat due to health reasons, so we need new blood. The present members are keen to keep going, but the numbers are too small to make it viable. So please help us to keep going.

We hope to meet on Wednesdays from 10.30 to 11.30. The charges are £1.00 per session plus a share of whatever the hall will cost.

Please contact me on 01485 541425 if you are interested.

**Brigitte Bayley**

I'm seeking to trace relatives of my grandmother, Eva Riches, who was the youngest sister of the Harry and Thomas Riches mentioned by Elizabeth Fiddick in the most recent edition of the Dersingham Village Voice.

Eva married Charles Witney and moved to Australia with my father, an infant, in 1919. Other siblings of Eva, (Fred) Harry and Thomas were Georgiana, George, Edith, (Ruth) May (married Douglas Terrington) and Clara (married Richard Dengate). Their father was George Riches, the builder. Eva also lived with her brother, also George, for some time.

I would greatly appreciate your passing my query.

**Eve Witney**

*Please let me or the office know any information and we will pass it on. Ed.*

## Re-opening of The Feathers Hotel



The Feathers Hotel has been given a new lease of life with three local brothers preparing to take over the business as joint partners.

The Ling brothers, Darren (34), Justin (31) and Steven (28), were all born and grew up in Dersingham.

Darren (not pictured) will play a silent role in the partnership whilst carrying on as an Estate Agent in Docklands, London. After getting a degree at the University of Westminster Darren moved into the property field, where he is the Manager of 4 branches in the Docklands Area. Being a silent partner and having a full time job elsewhere, will mean Darren will only be able to assist at the Feathers at convenient times.

Both Justin and Steven have previously worked at the Feathers Hotel. Justin worked at the hotel for 2 years as an assistant manager but left to go to university at Birmingham University where he completed a degree in Hospitality Management.

After completing his degree Justin became Manager of The Star Hotel in Great Yarmouth for 2 years where he was able to develop some of his skills. Justin further went on to run the Premier Inn in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, but when the chance came up of taking over the Feathers in the local village he couldn't resist.

Steven has worked at the Feathers Hotel since he was 16 years old where he progressed to becoming the manager for several years. During his time at the Feathers he got involved in football coaching with the Dersingham Minors. After enjoying this he completed his football coaching certificate and went to help professional clubs in the East Anglia area.

Emad Salim, an Italian born Chef, has also joined the team to take up the vacant Head Chef position. Emad has been working with Justin for the past year at the Premier Inn in Hemel Hempstead West and previously ran two kitchens at a golf course in Hertfordshire. Emad brings a vast catering experience background and will be using locally sourced produce, freshly cooked.

The Feathers closed for 6 weeks after previous owners Maxine and Tony Martin were declared bankrupt on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. After much deliberation the Ling brothers finally managed to grasp the lease and re-opened on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

After moving into the Feathers they plan to invest in the structure of the building by replacing all upholstery, re-opening the stable tap with a sports theme, bringing the gardens back to their former glory, enabling them to hold weddings, private parties & BBQ's. The bedrooms are also being renovated, and they have plans to increase the number to ten.

The Feathers Hotel is situated just 1 km from Sandringham House on Royal Sandringham Estate. It is a fine carrstone building, formerly a coaching inn, and is steeped in royal history and connections.

The facilities include 3 Bars, a Restaurant, 2 Large Gardens with play area and seating, en-suite accommodation and ample parking (coaches welcome by arrangement). The Hotel and Gardens also provide a perfect setting for a Wedding Reception or private function. Golfing, Fishing, Cycle hire etc can all be arranged within the area.

The Feathers Hotel stands on the site up to 1979 of the former Cock Inn which was perhaps initially known as the Lamb. When it was rebuilt it was renamed the Feathers in 1883. □

*Bob Tipling*

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ROBERT BELL	01.06.1959
JOHN ARTHUR CAMERON BARNES & PAUL VYVIAN DOUGLAS HORNE	21.08.1961
JACK VICTOR SPENCER	03.12.1962
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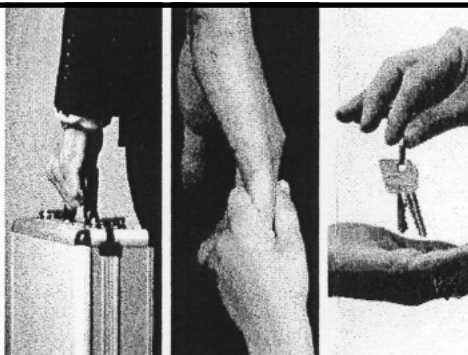
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**William Thomas 'Billy' Clarke**  
**aka**  
**'Billy the Bus'**  
**Died 20 August 2008 aged 63**  
**years**



One of the most popular people in Dersingham, well known as a man who spent many years of his life transporting residents of the village and its surrounds from and to their homes when he was employed as a driver on the buses which run between King's Lynn and Hunstanton, has died at home in August of this year.

Having said that he was popular, it was his time on the buses that earned him the affectionate nickname of 'Billy the Bus,' by which name he was known to many of his friends and acquaintances.

A demonstration of Billy's popularity was given at his funeral at Mintlyn Crematorium on Wednesday 27 August when many of the mourners attending could not find room to sit during the service, as the chapel was packed with those who wished to pay their respects. Billy was born and grew up in Heacham and attended Smithdon High School in Hunstanton, leaving there in 1960. His first job was working for Norfolk Lavender following which he became a digger driver for Broomfields.

He and his wife Maureen were married in 1967 at the Catholic Church in Hunstanton, in what was in fact a double wedding with Maureen's sister, Bridget, and her husband. Following a move to Dersingham, with their children Nettie and Ian in 1975, Billy got a job with the Stantons, working for them for 11 years.

Then, in 1986, he became a bus driver with Eastern Counties, work that he really enjoyed, being very disappointed when, at the age of 59, he had to take early retirement due to ill health. Billy will be remembered by many people in the village for his sociability, he loved being with his many friends at the Coach and Horses where he played Bowls and Darts for the pub team. His cheerfulness and sense of humour was much appreciated by all of those who knew him, and Sheila, landlady of the premises, has said that he was "a really nice gentleman with whom everybody got on well."

Even during the worst stages of his illness his courage and positive attitude enabled him to take one day at a time during the final years of his life. He didn't feel sorry for himself and didn't like being made a fuss of. He was a home loving man and it was the love and strength of Maureen, his children, his grandchildren and other members of the family, which meant that Billy spent the final days of his life at home surrounded and cared for by those he loved.

The funeral service was conducted by the Revd. Michael Brock, Vicar of St Nicholas Church, who has been most helpful in the preparation of this recognition and celebration of Billy's life.

It is certain that many people in the village will wish to send condolences to Maureen and her family in their very sad loss. □

*Bob Tipling*

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## Parish Council report

So autumn approaches, the school holidays are at an end and Hunstanton and it's approach roads are now becoming quieter. Most of the holiday makers have departed, we are back to normal, it won't be long before the pink footed geese return, a sure sign that summer is over. But what has been going on with regard to Parish Council matters?

Well at the meeting of 28 July Sgt Crown supported by members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team delivered a presentation. It appears that the anti-social behaviour by children living in the Holyrood Drive area is caused by lack of facilities. It seems that there is very little anti-social behaviour reported in the Recreation Ground area where the play equipment and skate board ramp is. An area has been identified by the Chair of the Dersingham Sports Ground Committee, to the left of the tennis courts, which could be a site of a multi-use games site and youth shelter. Funding and grants for these will be investigated and the Parish Council agreed in principle to support the games site and shelter. Who knows, if all goes well, the whole of Dersingham could become an anti social behaviour free zone in the future.

A 2007 quality of life survey revealed, so we are told, that Dersingham is relatively crime free and that we who live here are a contented lot, quite happy with all that goes on in our village. Not all villages, or towns for that matter, can boast of that achievement.

Now the matter of the verge at the Chapel Road/Post Office Road junction, what a problem this is. The Borough still want to plant low growing roses, but the Parish Council really would like it to be cobbled with shrubs planted in various positions amongst the cobbles. However, originally the Parish Council wanted wooden posts placed there, like the ones that which have sprouted by the new doctor's surgery. The request for posts was refused, as it appears that they would be too "urban". Our County Councillor is going to investigate as to why one place in the village can have the posts and another can't. So, to cut a long story short, posts, cobbles and shrubs are out (the parish would have to bear the cost of cobbles & shrubs) and low growing roses are in (cost free to the Parish), but as I write the cupboard is bare, although the weeds have gone, unless of course they have sprung up again.

The library sign, if you love it, that's fine, but if you hate, our County Councillor said that the possibility of a more heritage-friendly sign is being looked into.

Perhaps one of the most important items relating to the village and indeed to West Norfolk is the Boundary Committee's recommendation for the option of one unitary authority for the whole of Norfolk plus Lowestoft. Cllr Johnston, Borough Councillor as well as our Parish Council Chairman, gave a detailed report on how this recommendation, if adopted, would affect Dersingham. Would services be as good if power was devolved to Norwich and what about our weekly refuse collections, would we get a fair share of the grant pot, or would the money be channelled into other areas, considered more deprived than ours? The feeling was that residents of West Norfolk should rise up and fight these changes. Have a word with any of your Parish or Borough Councillors should you want more details on what is happening on this subject. Indeed the matter was discussed by the Parish Council in detail at an extra-ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in August.

And so we look forward to September's Council Meeting. □

*Ann Chapman*

We have just learnt, as we go to press, of the sad passing of George Pratt. A parish, borough and county councillor, Dersingham Parish Council chairman for many years, Mayor of King's Lynn and an Alderman of the Borough. There will be a full tribute in our next edition.

*Tony Bubb*

## DERSINGHAM WALKING GROUP

Numbers have held up well for our walks over the summer although the number of new walkers taking advantage of our leisurely evening strolls was disappointing. The weather has been variable and we had to cancel one walk because of continuous heavy rain.

Details are given below of the walks arranged for the rest of the year. You will see that, as usual, we have a walk on the second Wednesday of each month together with a Sunday walk in November. We have included an extra afternoon walk in October. This is on a Thursday to give us the opportunity of walking in Old Hunstanton Park which is open only on Thursdays between 9am and 5pm.



### WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

Start at 2.00pm from Snettisham Common car park (Beach Road) (map ref. L132 / 673 336).  
A 4 mile circular walk around Snettisham led by Elizabeth Fiddick (540940).

### THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

Start at 2.00pm from Old Hunstanton Church car park (50p per car) (map ref. L132 / 688 419).  
A 5 mile circular walk around Old Hunstanton Park and Ringstead led by Keith Starks (542268).

### SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Start at 10.30am from the junction of Peddars Way with the Snettisham/Bircham road (map ref. L132 / 739 328). A 4 mile circular walk to Fring and along Peddars Way led by Elisabeth Fiddick (540940).

### WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Start at 1.30pm from car park opposite the West Lodge at Houghton (map ref. L132 / 777 289).  
A 4 mile circular walk around Houghton and on Peddars Way led by Christine Taylor and Geoff Toop (542807).



### WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

Start at 1.30pm from the car park behind the Dogotel, off A148 at Harpley Dams (map ref. L132 / 772 255).  
A 3 mile circular walk taking in another section of Peddars Way led by Pat Reed (540757).

There is NO CHARGE for these walks: just turn up on the day (wearing suitable clothing and sturdy footwear).

WELL-BEHAVED dogs are welcome provided that they are kept at the rear of the group.

The leaders are happy to organise and lead these walks but stress that each participant must appreciate that there are hazards associated with walking and take responsibility for their own safety.

If you would like any further information please contact me or the walk leader. □

*Keith Starks*

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## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

On a fair and dry summer's evening in August – regrettably, one of the few this year – a delighted audience at Park House Hotel's grounds not only enjoyed a “picnic in the park” but was also entertained by The Chapterhouse Theatre Company to one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The play delighted the audience with such favourite characters and settings as Helena, Hermia, Lysander and Demetrius, the magical land of Oberon, Titania and Puck and of course the theatricals of Bottom, Quince and the rude mechanicals.



The Company, a professional touring group in its ninth season, has a wide range of experience of presenting Shakespeare's plays at 130 theatres and country houses throughout Great Britain and Ireland. A touring company, comprising a talented group of young actors, it rises to the challenge of staging plays in the open air and succeed triumphantly with bringing Shakespeare to life in a most entertaining and exhilarating fashion. Andrew McWilliam, the Director, trained at the Bristol Old Vic, has his own company called the Chorus Theatre and is also the resident director of the Blue Box Youth Theatre. Richard Main, the producer, is one of the few people in the country who has a degree in 'Drama' and 'Villages', an appropriate combination in that he now produces drama, to all intents and purposes, in villages! The cast of nine, pictured above, had studied in a variety of drama training establishments and although young, have already gained an extensive range of experience.

The garden of Park House was the ideal setting for what turned out to be a fairytale evening of entertainment which began with music from the shows sung by that talented group of ladies from Fenland called Cantos. Their harmonious rendition of songs from various shows was met with generous and well deserved applause from an audience that, at this early stage, was settling into an evening of food, wine, music and drama – **the perfect evening.** □

*Tom Morris, Editor Park House News*



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## St. Nicholas Church Desert Detectives in Dersingham

July 28/29/30th & Friday 1st. August



Nearly 50 children enjoyed a 3 day Holiday Club arranged by St. Nicholas Church, Dersingham. As well as enacting stories from the Bible, there were crafts, songs and much more. It was the Desert Detectives Holiday Club. The walls of Jericho are made of cardboard boxes. A solemn procession of children is walking round. There is an eerie silence. As they walk around the seventh time, suddenly there is shouting and trumpets blowing (made of party blowers and card)! And the walls all collapse. The City of Jericho is defeated by the power of God. (See the book of Joshua

chapter 6 for the full story.)

50 children took part in the three days of "Desert Detectives" Holiday Club, and we had some lovely thank you cards and comments, both from children and parents.

As a follow-up we had a Family (indoor) Barbecue on Friday 1st August. Over 60 Children, parents and grand-parents, enjoyed Sausage and Burgers in and around the Church Hall. On a gusty day the children had parachute games, hook the duck target games and a craft activity.

Many thanks to :-

- . Hughes of Hunstanton for supply of a wide-screen TV and Video player
- . Budgens for supply of plastic bags
- . Dersingham Parish Council for financial support

And many thanks to all the many helpers and leaders who worked so hard; and thanks to all who prayed or supported us in any way.

### ALL STARS SUNDAY CLUB

St. Nicholas Church, Dersingham are starting on the 28th September 2008 for children 4 - 11 years in the Church hall, ALL STARS SUNDAY CLUB. All Children of that age are welcome.





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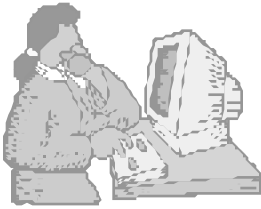
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## From the parish office....

Although traditionally no Full Council meeting is held in August, an extra meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August to enable the Council to discuss the Boundary Committee's recommendation for local government reorganisation. There was a deadline of 26<sup>th</sup> September for responses so Council could not wait for this to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting at the end of September. The Boundary Committee recommend one unitary authority of the whole of Norfolk plus Lowestoft. Council resolved to favour the status quo, ie keeping the present system of Norfolk County Council plus the district councils, which is in our case, the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk. You will find a copy of a letter from our Chairman Roy Johnston to Hazel Blears, Secretary of State, explaining Council's reasons for their decision, elsewhere in this issue of Village Voice. Individuals can also send in their views on the Boundary Committee's proposals.

If you find a streetlight in Dersingham is not working, is on all day, or is on but very dim, please could you report it by phoning the parish office on 01485 541465, or by sending an email to [dersinghampc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dersinghampc@tiscali.co.uk). Several faulty streetlights have recently been reported to Norfolk County Council. Although NCC are responsible for the streetlights on the main road, most of the streetlights in the village are the responsibility of Dersingham Parish Council. Once we receive notice of a faulty streetlight we report it to our maintenance contractor who is usually very prompt at resolving the problem. You can still register to adopt a streetlight, a form is included elsewhere in this issue of Village Voice.

Canvassers will soon be delivering forms for the new Electoral Roll. It is important to complete this form to ensure you are included on the Register of Electors, or you could lose your right to vote.

Please note the next Full Council meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September in Dersingham Infant and Nursery School at 7.00pm. □

*Irene Woods, Acting Clerk*

### **Dersingham Parish Council Office Opening Times**

Monday 10.30 am to 2.00 pm	Tuesday 10.30 am to 2.00 pm
Wednesday 10.30 am to 12.30 pm	Thursday 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

### **The Dersingham Parish Council Office is at**

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## POETRY AT THE PRINCESS

Anyone who enjoys reading or listening to poetry - of any kind, from the very new to classics like Shakespeare or even unconsidered verse such as hymns and popular songs - whatever your taste, you are warmly invited to come along to our next 'Poetry at the Princess' event, to be held as usual in the friendly sea-view coffee bar at the Princess Theatre, Hunstanton, at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2008.

The event, organized by the Princess Theatre Club, is designed to give everyone an opportunity to come and listen to verses old and new, to read their own favourites and, perhaps, to share poems they have written themselves. Less confident poetry-lovers may, if they wish, invite members of the Princess Theatre Club to read for them.

A special attraction this time will be readings from the work of Leslie Coulson, one of the First World War poets, who was educated locally, as a boarder at the Ruskin School (now High House) in Heacham. Leslie was just twenty-seven when he died at a Casualty Clearing Station in France, in October 1916.

Once again, the host of this 'Poetry at the Princess' event will be local author Mary Mackie. Tea, coffee or other drinks will be available from the bar and, though there will be no charge for entry, we shall invite donations to Theatre Club funds. The poetry, the friendship, and the wonderful sea views will be free. □

*'Poetry at the Princess'*

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# SHORT STROLLS IN AND AROUND DERSINGHAM

## 1 - DERSINGHAM WOOD

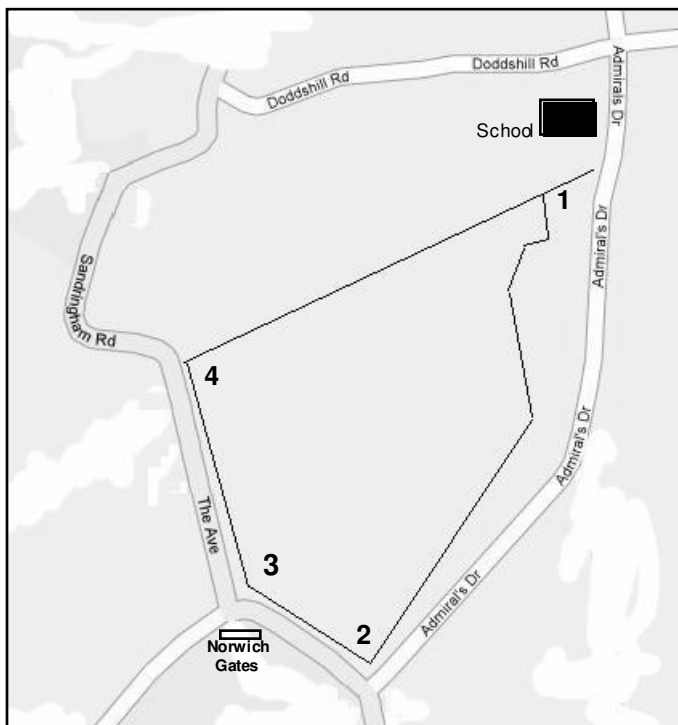
This circular walk is about 1 ½ miles long. It starts from the small parking place off Admiral's Drive south of St. George's Middle School and almost opposite the sawmill.

From the parking place ( **1** on the sketch ) follow the track into the woods for about 100 yards and then take the wide path on the left. Follow this as it bears right until a wide path goes off on the left. Take this path and follow it to a T-junction. Turn right and, where this path is crossed by a wide path, turn left.

Follow this path as it curves right (with a five-bar gate - **2** on the sketch - on your left) to run parallel with the Sandringham boundary wall. After the path bears right again it comes to a T-junction ( **3** on the sketch ).

Turn left into a wide avenue. (See the Norwich Gates on your left.) Turn right and walk down the outside of the row of copper beech trees until a track (with a bar across it) through the wood is seen on your right ( **4** on the sketch ). Turn onto the track and follow it for about half a mile back to the starting point.

NB. Some paths at Sandringham may be closed in the winter because of tree-felling, etc.. □



*Keith Stark*

## DEC Funday 2008

Well the big day has come and gone and, on behalf of the organisers and DEC, I would like to pass on a great big thank you to all who turned up and took part as well as to those who helped the day with sponsorship and funding. Without all of your help this day would be difficult to run and certainly wouldn't be successful.

The sports events were a great success with many more teams turning up than last year to take on the might of 2007's winning teams as they defended their respective honours.

MC Seals had spent the last year thinking up new games and new twists to old games (most of which I understand had a lot to do with water) and all who took part couldn't fail to get wet much to the amusement of supporters and onlookers alike.

It was nice to see a strong competitive edge to the games and that they were all being taken seriously. Congratulations to all the winners – and to those who didn't quite make the grade – you have almost 12 months to shape up. □



*Nigel Kelk*





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## A Guide to Norfolk Home Call

**Norfolk Home Call** has been set up by Norfolk County Council to help safeguard older and vulnerable people in Norfolk, by making sure they don't have to take a chance with a trader picked from advertisements placed in newspapers or telephone books, or someone who comes knocking on the door.

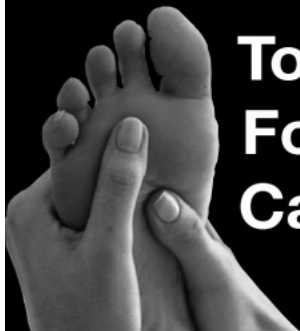
The Norfolk County Council-backed scheme searches for reputable businesses to join the Norfolk Home Call Service. They are put through an accreditation process, which involves them signing up to a strict set of standards, having references taken up and background checks carried out by Trading Standards. They also agree to maintain a minimum of £2 million public liability insurance.

The service started off in South Norfolk in 2001 and expanded to cover the whole county since June 2005. Dawn Flitton, Development Officer for Norfolk Home Call, said "Tens of thousands of older people and people with disabilities live on their own in Norfolk and looking after yourself and your home can become difficult. People shouldn't have to see their home and quality of life deteriorate, and nor should they be in situations that make them vulnerable to bogus callers and dubious traders. Norfolk Home Call makes sure that people have access to services that are professional, reliable and reputable. We want to increase awareness of the service to older people and vulnerable adults, their carers, relatives, friends and neighbours".

It's not only people using the service who recognise the benefits of it. Local plumber Andrew Barr of Andrew James Plumbing in King's Lynn advised "with the constant concerns regarding rogue traders, I felt it important to give customers peace of mind when employing my services. The Norfolk Home Call accreditation informs people that I am reliable, professional and reputable, and above all won't rip them off".

There are several ways that information on accredited providers is available. Norfolk residents can call the friendly, professional Norfolk Home Call team for a chat about which service they are looking for on **01603 495109**. Or if they prefer, printed information on accredited providers can be sent out – an audio tape version is available for the visually impaired. A full listing of accredited providers and their services can be found on the website at [www.norfolkhomecall.org](http://www.norfolkhomecall.org). Likewise, requests by post can be sent to Norfolk Home Call, Norfolk County Council, Adult Social Services Department, 15 Hooper Lane, Norwich, NR3 4ED. □





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## Carole Brown Health Centre

### Patients' Participation Group

#### The New Carole Brown Health Centre.

At last, and close to the date promised, the new Carole Brown Health Centre (CBHC) opened its doors to patients on 29<sup>th</sup> July. And what a wonderful facility it is! A sincere thank you and congratulations is due to all who have been involved with the project.

It seems only yesterday that, following the incorporation into one practice of the CBHC and the Gayton Road Health & Surgical Centre, we had a public meeting of CBHC

patients and staff to indicate to the planners the kind of facility we would wish to have in the village. In fact it was almost 5 years ago! Unfortunately, due to financial constraints within the NHS, the original plans to have two theatres for minor operations and an intermediate care facility with 12 beds were abandoned. However, we are indeed fortunate to have a modern, well equipped GP surgery which should meet most of the needs of patients and staff alike. Pictured is the first patient at the new facility, Mrs Green, being presented by Mr Graham Dickerson, Managing Partner, with an original watercolour of the CBHC.



#### Flu' Jab Days

Flu Jabs will be available to eligible patients on the following days between 8.00 am and 12.00 noon: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the CBHC for an appointment time and don't forget that raffle tickets for the **Grand Draw** will be on sale. The **first prize of £100 and second prize of £50** will help meet those rising utilities bills! There will be many other additional and valuable prizes of course.



**Dr Salima Tariq**

Regrettably, Dr Tariq - pictured left - has left the practice and moved to London to another practice and to be near her family. She was a valuable member of the care team and her skills and dedication will be sadly missed. We wish her well in her new appointment. □

*T G Morris*

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**Friday** Lynnsport  
10-11am

### Babies aged 3mths – 11mths (a pprox)

**Wednesday** Dersingham Scout Hall  
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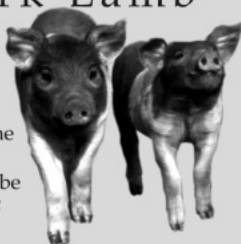


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## The Safer Neighbourhood Team

### Dersingham and Gayton Neighbourhood

I'm sure that you will be aware of the project that we started with our partner agencies to provide a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for the children in the Holyrood Drive area? The SNT discovered a direct link with the number of ASB related calls to the police and ball games on the estate. Simply put there is nothing for the local children to occupy themselves with.....I know "in my day all I had was a tin of buttons and some string"...but times have changed.

Our statistics show that where there are facilities for local children Anti Social Behaviour is rarely reported. It goes as no surprise to learn that the majority of our ASB related calls come from areas with no facilities, areas like Holyrood Drive.

We have sought support and necessary consent locally from Sandringham Estate, The Dersingham Sports Ground Committee and recently sought assistance from the Parish Council with a Youth Forum. The plan is to place the MUGA to the left of the tennis courts on Dersingham sports ground. This area has been studied by the Police Architectural Liaison to ensure that this facility will not affect the area or impact negatively on others living nearby etc. It is an area that will be patrolled regularly by the SNT and will have time constraints applied to its use. There is also likely to be a shelter for local children to meet each other and sit and chat.

There have been national studies conducted around these facilities and it has been established that if the local youths themselves are actively involved in planning there is more of likelihood that the facilities will be better looked after and respected. They will treat it as their own.

Luke Cox from the KLWNBC is working with other agencies and local children to help them set up a youth forum so that funds can be applied for to pay for this facility.

Work is hopefully going to start by April '09. □

*Andy*

Andrew J Crown  
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### Heacham & District Community Car Scheme

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**Pictures must have been taken by the entrant within the parish boundary, not have been previously published and not have been digitally manipulated. However, these do not need to be recently taken photos, as older work is equally valid.**

**The closing date for entries is November 3rd 2008, for publication on the December issue cover. Two runners up will have their entries published inside.**

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## Old Picture Corner

Two views of Post Office Road this time. Orchard Close and the library occupy most of the area beyond the double fronted house and there is now no sign of the property beyond the greenhouse.

The lower view shows the road looking rather unmaked with little evidence of any pavement. There is no traffic either and just one pedestrian. I wonder what it cost to post a letter at the post office? The specialists amongst you may know what model of phone box is shown. It's a K?



## That's my business RED PUMPS GARAGE



Firstly let us introduce ourselves - my name is Martyn and my wife's name is Janet, and we have run Red Pumps Garage for nearly 20 years. Having qualified as a vehicle mechanic at Marley Tiles and working for several transport Companies in the Essex area, I settled down in Braintree, where I met and married Jan. I took a job as a mechanic at a frozen food Company and worked my way up to Transport Manager, responsible for over 200 vehicles countrywide. After 12 years I was made redundant and we decided to 'take the plunge' and open a garage in Essex and work for ourselves. This we did successfully for three years but agreed that the three mile distance between the house and the garage could be improved by moving to a property that incorporated home and work on the same site. Having looked all over the country we were delighted when a property in Dersingham became available as we had spent many happy weekends in our touring caravan around this area. So in 1988 we moved from Essex with our three children Zoe, Stacey and Sean.

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## Adopt a street lamp



The Parish Council are once again asking members of the community if they would assist in the reporting of faulty street lamps. Dersingham has copied a plan used in other villages and that is namely people adopting a street lamp outside their property. All this means is that people living in a street with a lamp post outside or near to their property note the number and report to the office any fault they see with this lamp. You may not realise that we pay the same for electricity whether the lamp works or not, so we might as well get our money's worth.

There are over 230 street lights in Dersingham and for members of the council to keep a watchful eye on them all would prove to be a very hard task, hence the reason for this idea.

The office number is 01485 541465 and is manned Monday to Thursday, an answer phone is available at all other times.

You may like to copy or, heaven forbid, cut this form out if you would like to adopt your own lamp.

### ADOPT A STREETLIGHT SCHEME

Please provide the information requested below and return completed form to Irene Woods, Clerk to Dersingham Parish Council, Police Station, Manor Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6LH.

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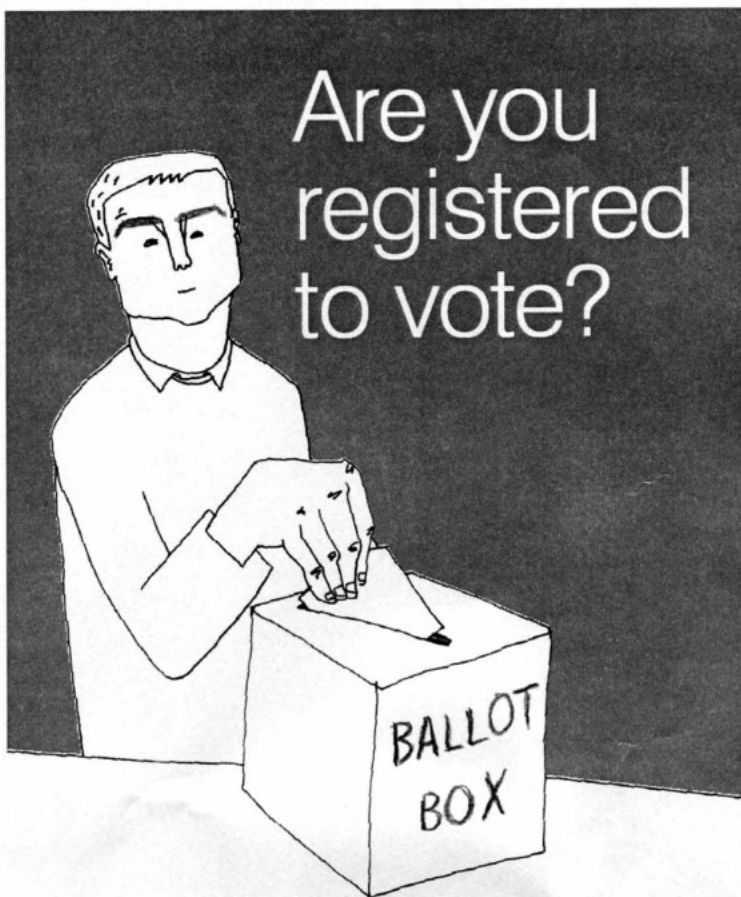
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Location of streetlight:



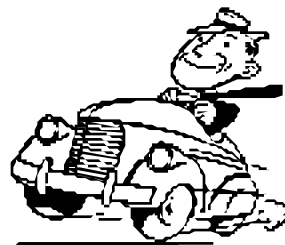
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## Fact. Using brakes wastes fuel.

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For many people, the car is simply the most convenient method of getting from A to B, with radio on, taking in the view or planning the day ahead. Going to the shops, taking a jaunt around the coast or visiting the family. Just climb into the hack, turn the key, auto pilot, just get me there please.

However, for some, when at the wheel of their car, driving becomes their primary role, focusing on technique, efficiency, planning, smoothness and optimising progress. Yes, they are also shopping or holidaying or visiting, but the role of driving is their priority. This driver is usually far more observant, easier on the car and maintains a safe and efficient rate of progress. Passengers like these drivers. Honestly.

My job involves sitting as a passenger with a large variety of drivers. Their speed does not dictate whether I feel safe or not. It's their coolness, observation and mechanical sympathy that creates a safe environment.

If you want to improve these aspects of your driving, a really good starting point is to try to use your brakes less. To do this, the first thing you will need to do is improve your observation. You'll need to see the slowing traffic ahead sooner and ease off the throttle in good time. If you have to brake (other than for the final few mph to a complete standstill) you didn't come off the gas soon enough and since nearly all modern cars use no fuel on the overrun (no throttle), this means you were consuming petrol for longer than necessary.

If you have to brake for a bend, ask yourself, could you have come off the throttle sooner instead? Learn to assess the bend earlier in the approach, maintain a reasonable speed through the curve, therefore requiring less gas on the exit to regain your speed. Less brakes in, less throttle out. More fuel saved. Advanced driver training can help you achieve this.

It's not that I'm being miserly, but the benefits are endless: smoother deceleration, less brake wear, less tyre wear, calmer environment, and bigger safety bubble. Safety bubble? Yes, the "space" you build around your car, in front, to the sides and in particular to the rear.

Has the driver behind seen you slowing? If you brake later and harder, you'll be pinned close to the slowing vehicle in front. You are trapped. Better to lift off earlier, maybe tap the brake pedal to send a brake light to Mr Bumper Hugger, and control the gap to the slower car in front until you are certain the traffic behind is also in control. Early deceleration gives you more space for the unpredictable and, once again, saves fuel.

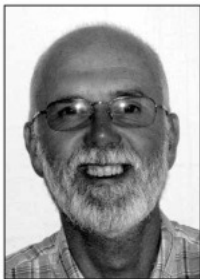
Clearly, it's not always possible to use no brakes at all times, but if this article means you end up using them less and plan ahead more, then it's objective achieved as far as I'm concerned.

Mr Sporty may think this style of driving is for dawdlers. Well he's wrong, very wrong. Some of the best performance training I've done involved fast laps on track without being allowed to use brakes. It's all about planning, confidence and understanding your car so you can maintain a good but safe corner speed.

No brakes. Try it. It's fun, environmentally friendly, challenging and strangely satisfying. Make driving your primary role when behind the wheel. You owe it to yourself and to those around you, both in and out of the car. If driving takes a secondary role, then take the bus where you're less risk to the rest of us!

*OBC*

PS. There's always someone who takes things too literally, so for the sake of clarification, please use brakes when you have to! □



Steve Davis

## Google – It could be bigger than you think!

You cannot get very far into the Internet without encountering the ubiquitous *Google* – undoubtedly the most successful World Wide Web browser search engine ever. To *Google* something means to type in any words, names, numbers or phrases relating to something of interest into the *Google* search box on the screen and in seconds we will be presented with a whole host of links to appropriate websites.

Set up in the mid 1990s by two students Larry Page and Sergey Brin, *Google Inc* is now a major American company with some 20,000 full-time employees worldwide earning vast revenue from the advertising that appears liberally throughout the pages that are presented to you the user, each advert carefully targeted according to topics you are searching for; so be careful what you enter! But where did the name *Google* come from? Well, it is actually a misspelling of the word *Googol* coined originally in 1938 by the young nephew of a famous mathematician to mean the number represented by a one followed by a hundred zeroes. Actually, the proper name for such a number should be *ten duotrigintillion* but that is somehow not quite so catchy! Anyway, it is a pretty big number; twenty zeroes more than the estimated number of atoms in the observable universe, though curiously twenty zeroes less than the estimated possible different games of chess! Now if you still have any head left for all of this, that same mathematician went on to further define a *Googolplex* to be the number one followed by one *Googol* zeroes, an unimaginably large number, just this side of infinity! And what do you suppose they called the headquarters of *Google Inc* located in Mountain View, California? You guessed it: *the Googlexplex* to take the misspelling one stage further.

*Google* doesn't just look for websites containing the words, digits or phrases entered without performing a little analysis on what the user might have meant first. If you include certain words such as *define*, *book* or *film* when searching, it will cause it to search and phrase results in certain ways and it recognises calculations too. So entering  $5.26 + 7.85$  would return  $5.26 + 7.85 = 13.11$  or type *60 mph in feet per second* and it will tell you  $60 \text{ mph} = 88 \text{ feet per second}$ . Some like to play games with *Google*; the writer Dave Gorman popularised the notion of achieving a *Googlewhack* whereby you enter just two words that cause *Google* to return with exactly one result. This may sound easy but is surprisingly hard to achieve. I entered *Dersingham aardvark* and got forty results!

So much for the original *Google* search engine, but look along the top of the *Google* web page (that's [www.google.co.uk](http://www.google.co.uk) for us) and you will see links to [Images](#), [Maps](#), [News](#), [Shopping](#), [Mail](#) and [more](#). The [Maps](#) feature allows you not only to locate street maps of just about anywhere in the world from just a place name or postcode but to zoom in on a satellite view of a location just like they do on the TV News. Try looking at the satellite view of Dersingham or even your street. It has very recently been updated and you might even see your car in the drive! *Google Maps* is part of a more sophisticated package called *Google Earth* that can be downloaded from [earth.google.com](http://earth.google.com) and is truly mind-blowing to see and navigate around.

I think that to get the most from *Google* though, you should really set up a *Google Mail* account, all completely free; similar in some ways to a *hotmail* account but, in my opinion, more elegant and straight forward to use. Of course, you will probably already have some form of email account chosen or allocated invariably in haste when you set up your home Broadband so that you do not have quite the slick email address you were hoping for, and many find the way they have to access their email is a little cumbersome too. Well, try clicking on the [Mail](#) link at the top of the *Google* screen and then the [Sign up for Google Mail](#) link towards bottom right-hand corner. You will be required to fill in a fairly simple on-screen form of course, but now you can take your time choosing a suitable username before clicking the *Check Availability* button. Why not be a little

adventurous? You do not have to settle for some scrambled arrangement of your name with a few digits tagged on the end. Try something unique that relates to you. I wanted the username *davista* to match the [www.davista.co.uk](http://www.davista.co.uk) domain name that I already owned (before incidentally *Windows Vista* had been thought of). Unfortunately *davista* was not available, so in the end I settled for *ukuleleboy*! Whatever you do choose will then have [@googlemail.com](mailto:@googlemail.com) or simply [@gmail.com](mailto:@gmail.com) added to the end to form your new email address. Just think; you could be [dersingham.ranger@googlemail.com](mailto:dersingham.ranger@googlemail.com) ! It was available when I last checked!! Whatever you choose, you can now sign in to your new *Google Mail* account. It may take a little getting used to, but is relatively straight forward and there is a useful [Help](#) link available at the top of the screen. If you venture into the [Settings](#) link you will find, amongst other things, that you can actually manage other email accounts you have through the same system.

Once you have your *Google* account, you will find many other services that you can link into, and all free of charge. The [Documents](#) link gives you a facility for creating and manipulating *Microsoft Word* compatible documents, *Excel* compatible spreadsheets and *Powerpoint* compatible presentations. There is a [Calendar](#) link that enables you to set up and maintain a calendar/diary that will send you email reminders as appointments, birthdays etc arrive. The [Photos](#) link will enable you to download the very easy to use *Picasa* software to manage all your digital photos both on your computer and, if you wish, as online *photo web folders* for others to view either publicly or by personal email invitation only. Please feel free to view mine at [picasaweb.google.com/ukuleleboy](http://picasaweb.google.com/ukuleleboy). One big advantage of any document files, calendar/diaries or photo web folders that you set up through *Google* is that they are available to view from any online computer that you (or any users you nominate) have access to, anywhere in the world. Click on the [more](#) and [even more](#) links and you will indeed see all the more, just how big *Google* has become with the services it offers.

Lastly, for the budding short video producer, *Google* took over the successful *YouTube* website, enabling accounts in each to be linked together. I was never bothered by the *YouTube* concept at first, certainly not as a contributor. Now I am hooked and derive immense satisfaction from monitoring the number of times my little videos, mostly of the RSPB Snettisham reserve where I am a volunteer, are viewed and occasionally commented on by users from around the world. You are welcome to view them at: [www.YouTube.com/bovrilman](http://www.YouTube.com/bovrilman); alas both of the *YouTube* usernames *davista* and *ukuleleboy* were already taken so in the end I settled for *bovrilman*!

So if are you feeling inspired please send me an email at the address below, and I especially look forward to hearing from [dersingham.ranger@googlemail.com](mailto:dersingham.ranger@googlemail.com) or maybe even [dersingham.aardvark@googlemail.com](mailto:dersingham.aardvark@googlemail.com)!!

Happy Googling! □

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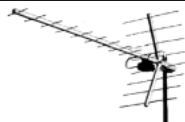
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## Dick Melton

At the time of writing this we are right in the middle of the samphire season. No doubt a lot of you will say, "samphire what is that?" Well, it is an edible sea grass, and the word samphire means, in French, Saint Peter's herb; it is very good for you as it is full of iron. There are many acres of it on Wolferton marshes, but it grows in a lot of places around The Wash including Terrington Marsh, Holme, and Brancaster. It is not easy to get to down Wolferton as Sandringham estate has had to erect gates across the roadways to stop the theft of their farm



machinery. When I was a lad my father, my Uncle Sid, and myself would bike down to Wolferton pumping station, then walk across the marshes until we got to the samphire beds. We would pull it up by the roots, put it in a sack then, on the way back, we would wash it in one of the many creeks that we had to cross, the largest of which was Boathouse Creek. This creek came right up to the pumping station; also in this creek at low water we would butt pick or butt drag for flat fish like butts, flounders or dabbs. In the early nineteen sixties about 300 acres of this marsh were reclaimed from the sea, the work was done by a civil engineering firm by the name of French-Kier and I remember a lot of local men worked on it. In those days you could roam wherever you wanted all over the marshes and the shingle pits. The Wolferton pumping station was built in 1946 and it was opened in 1947 by His Majesty King George the Sixth.

There are a lot of people who live in the village who do not know about the shingle pits, the old jetty and the samphire beds, but it is not wise to go down there on your own. It is best to go with someone who knows their way around and also the tides. The samphire season only lasts about six weeks, but a lot of people used to pickle it and put it in jars so they could have some in the winter months. As some of you no doubt already know Dersingham used to be a fishing village and the sea and the beach were right on the edge of the village where the by-pass is now. There were many big floods and on the 16th of February 1735 the sea came up as far as the church. In 1762 a whale that was nearly sixty feet long was washed up on the beach. Then eventually the land that is now Dersingham Marshes was reclaimed and the sea and beach were pushed back to where they are today.



## Prince John

A person who lives in Dersingham had been up to Sandringham church, looking around the graves when he found a memorial to Prince John. So he rang me up and asked me what I knew about him. Well of late there has been a programme about his life on the television, called 'The Lost Prince', but I will tell you all a bit about him here that I have picked up over the years. Prince John was the sixth and youngest child of King George the Fifth and Queen Mary; he was born at York Cottage, Sandringham in July 1905. When he was only four years old he developed severe epilepsy and in those days it was an untreatable condition. He then was moved from York Cottage to Wood Farm, just down past the church in the village of Wolferton, and lived there with his nanny who he called Lala Bill, her



proper name being Charlotte Bill. She was never married but the royal family always referred to her as Mrs Bill. Prince John passed away after suffering a fit in January 1919 at the age of thirteen. After the Prince passed away his nanny Lala Bill moved around a bit, then she eventually settled down in a grace and favour bungalow in West Newton.

### Harvest time

It is harvest time again and this always brings back a lot of happy memories for me as we used to spend most of our days of the summer school holidays chasing and catching rabbits in the harvest fields. We would set off in the mornings on our bikes and armed with a good stout stick to find out where the corn was being cut. It was all done those days by a binder that was pulled along by a tractor, though I can still remember Billy Smith from Hill Farm using horses until the early fifties. I think the first farm where I saw a combine was Newcome-Bakers at Sedgeford. We would choose which farms and fields that we went to; some of the farmers did not like us on their land, as they wanted all of the rabbits for themselves. We would look out for the gamekeepers, as if you caught a lot they would take them away from you to sell them. We always made sure that we gave the men on the tractors and the binders some. If a gamekeeper was on a field and he started taking them away from us, we would hide them in a hedge or under a stook of corn and go back for them later. I will always remember one day on the Sandringham estate farm, we were in a field near the wood yard, it was teeming with rabbits, and between us we caught over 300 this day. We did give some to the gamekeeper, as we did not know what to do with them all. A lot of people stopped eating rabbits after they caught myxomatosis but I still eat them to this very day in the winter time. I eat two a week, you cannot beat a nice roast rabbit with plenty of fresh vegetables; a rabbit is the leanest meat you can find and it also makes the best gravy.

### The Terrington family

In the August no 53 issue of Dersingham Village Voice there is a very good letter from a William Turner about the Terrington family and other things. Now first the picture with the ladies and their prams: I have not been able to place any of them, but the picture was taken outside a house called Kia-Ora in what was then Lynn Road and is now Hunstanton Road. The tall building on the right is an old bam that stood in the yard of the White Horse public house; the building further down on the left is what used to be the fish and chip shop and is now the Chinese take away; the building right in the distance is Mrs Ewer's old shop. I do not know too much about Mr Ralph the photographer, but at one time he lived at No 38 Lynn Road.

Now a bit about the Terrington family. In 1906 Frederick Terrington was a butcher, Henry Terrington was a shoemaker and Douglas Terrington lived in Fern Villa, which I think was in Heath Road. In the 1929 edition of Kelly's D and M Terrington were butchers, Reginald Terrington was grocer and Walter Terrington was shoemaker. When I was a boy I can remember Mrs Terrington keeping her grocer's shop in Manor Road, but by then, just after the war, I think her husband must have passed away. In the late fifties or early sixties Mrs Terrington sold this shop to a family by the name of Hancock and half of it was turned into a ladies' hairdressers and the shop was called Hanfords. In 1965 there was E M Terrington living in a house called



Avonlea in Lynn Road. The Mr Terrington who kept the butchers shop on the corner of Manor Road and Heath Road gave this up at the end of the Second World War, it was then taken over by a Mr Kerry.

Mr and Mrs Terrington then went to live at No 3 Heath Road, a house with a very large orchard that went right through to Senter's Road and in the late fifties this orchard land was built on. I can find no trace of Walter Terrington the shoemaker after 1929. As far as I know there are no members of the Terrington family about in the area now, but I do believe that they were related to the Lindford family, so maybe some one will be able to add to this story. By the way I think I am right in saying that my old mate Bernie Twite lived in a flat over Mrs Terrington's shop in Manor Road when he first got married, but it could have changed hands by then.

### **Commons**

A chap I met the other day commented on how much Dersingham Common had changed since we were boys, and how right he is. When I was a lad I only lived fifty yards from the open common to Lynn Road so I spent a lot of my spare time up there with my mates.

In them days the area next to Pleasant Place was flat and clear of bushes and trees; this area was called Hoddy's Hole as years before an old man by that name had lived in a hovel (small miserable dwelling) in the far corner. We mainly played football on there with some goal posts made from birch tree branches that we cut down on the Shut-Up-Common. We would also play a game called "tin can". When we played cricket we would play this on the top of the common near the old concrete block as there was much more room up there.

There were very few trees or whin bushes (gorse) on the top of the common, just grass and heather. There was also a see-saw and some seats. The whin bushes were all around the edge of the common and Hubby Cross along with his dog Toby would cut these back with a slasher to keep the footpaths accessible. The open common was a haven for wild life, especially birds like linnets, whitethroat, red back shrike (the butcher bird), long tailed tits and chaffinches and lots of skylarks. A lot of these birds are no longer to be seen there.

Over the other side of Heath Road, just past the old dump in the middle of the Shut-Up Common, we built a cycle speedway track. We would find old bits of bikes on the dump and put them together to make track bikes. Also a lot of the men from the village would go on the Shut-Up-Common to cut the bracken for their tater graves and cut the birch trees for pea and bean sticks. A lot of people used both commons those days and the fen, they were all good places to be on. □



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## **Local Government Reorganisation.**

*The Government is intending to introduce a major reorganisation of local government in a number of Counties, including Norfolk and Suffolk. The changes envisaged are as great, if not greater, than those made in 1974 and will affect every Parish in the County. The idea is to introduce a single Council, based in Norwich, to run the whole urban and rural structure. The Boundary Committee for England has been instructed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (The Rt. Hon. Hazel Blears) to recommend to her a Unitary structure to suit Norfolk, (and another for Suffolk). The Committee has operated in an extraordinarily high-handed manner and is being challenged as to the legality of its operation. Together with the other districts of Norfolk, with the exception of Norwich itself, The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk is opposed to both the manner of the Committee's working and to the recommendations it has so far put forward, feeling that there is no need to introduce any changes at all and that any such changes would be excessively expensive and remove much of the democracy from the people. The Parish Council has passed a Resolution to support the Borough in its campaign, as it feels that this is in the interest of all Parishioners. It should be emphasised that this stance is supported by all parties in the Borough Council and all M.P.s in the County. There is no need for these proposed unrealistic changes and their likely adverse effect on Council Tax, quite apart from the loss of local representation as we know it now. The letter below has been sent directly to the Secretary of State and sets out the main broad reasons for opposition to the proposals. The details are complex and are not yet properly costed, but all signs are that there would be no savings at all, but considerable additional costs. I urge you to support your Councils in their endeavours to stop this madness by a government determined to introduce central control right down to the individual level. The proposals are not good for Norfolk and not good for West Norfolk.*

**Roy Johnston**

Dear Secretary of State

### **Local Government Reform**

At its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008, the Parish Council of Dersingham, Norfolk, resolved that it will support the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk in its endeavours to oppose the proposals of the Boundary Committee, made on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The Parish Council supports the retention of the existing two-tier system for the County.

The basis for this resolution was as follows:

The Council believes that the proposed changes are unnecessary and that the Boundary Committee should have been allowed to consider proposals for the status quo and receive representations from individuals as well as stakeholders, in order to preserve the democratic process. We understand that this situation has now been rectified but at a point late in the process.

The methods by which the Committee carried out its review were fundamentally flawed. There was no provision for public consultation and Parishes were only consulted after the Committee had considered the submissions of the Local Authorities and arrived at a preferred proposal bearing no relation to any of those submissions and ignoring the reasoned arguments put forward with them.

A single unitary authority would effectively place a large amount of power in the hands of a relatively small number of people based some 40 to 50 miles from the western and north-western edges of the County.

The idea that Norwich as the engine for growth of the County, ignores the entirely separate sub-regional economy based around King's Lynn. A strong focus on Norwich would inevitably mean insufficient attention on King's Lynn and the other towns and rural communities of the west of the County. The momentum behind the recent regeneration of King's Lynn and the surrounding area, built up over the last few years, would be lost.

There is no specificity in the Committee's report to explain how a council of this scale, second only to Birmingham, would respond to local issues, prioritise spending or effectively lead or represent a wide range of rural and urban communities, which differ greatly in their social and economic make-up. It would be too big and too remote, notwithstanding the proposed institution of 21 Community Partnership Boards, whose constitution remains nebulous.

It seems that the Committee has also ignored the fact that Birmingham is primarily an urban conglomerate, whilst Norfolk is largely a dispersed rural community with only pockets of urbanisation.

The influence of Cambridge and Peterborough on the west of the County is equally as great as that of Norwich. The development of King's Lynn has seen its sphere of influence extend beyond the boundaries of West Norfolk, a fact that has been overlooked by the Committee.

The creation of five planning, licensing and scrutiny areas, together with 21 Community Partnerships between Parish and Unitary authorities, each with their own budgets and officer support would mean two additional layers of bureaucracy, in other words, building back extra layers to replace District and County authorities that already exist.

We believe that democratic representation at Unitary level would be drastically reduced and the role of the new Council body, having up to 120 members, would be too large for the degree of coverage currently provided by ward councillors. We understand that the County Council's proposals would suggest that each councillor would require a paid caseworker and an assistant in order to manage the increased workload. This would have significant cost implications and in effect would replace elected and accountable volunteers with a large number of paid bureaucrats.

The proposed variable constitution of Community Partnership Boards with unelected members present would materially affect the democratic process in a negative manner. This is regarded by the Council as a serious breach in local democracy.

That the proposal unites the county without the imposition of what might appear to be artificial boundaries is inconsistent with the position for Suffolk, where Lowestoft is being artificially extricated from its county and also fails to appreciate the way Norfolk works based around the two economic sub-regions of King's Lynn and Norwich.

The proposal indicates that funding resources may be ring-fenced for or diverted to Norwich from other parts of the County. We feel this would result in funds not being spent fairly across the County, for example in areas such as King's Lynn, Thetford, Yarmouth and the fens where there are equally high levels of deprivation. The draft proposal produces no evidence that it has the capacity to deal with the challenges of urban and rural deprivation or educational under-attainment. Education is currently a County provision and it is difficult to understand how this will be achieved through a costly and highly disruptive restructure.

Finally, with little evidence of financial savings to be made, especially in the light of the structure as put forward in the draft proposal, standardisation of services such as waste collection is not seen as contributing any resource savings. We fear, for instance, that such a system would bring an end to West Norfolk's highly valued weekly refuse collection in favour of the universally unpopular fortnightly collection which operates in the rest of the County. The Parish Council is not convinced that the expected savings would be delivered by the new arrangements and believe that the effect on Council Tax would lead to unacceptable increases.

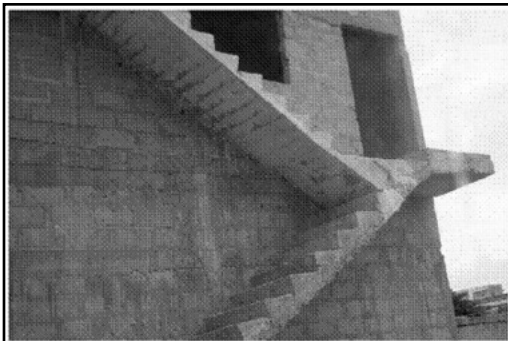
The Council remains convinced that, despite a number of consultation meetings of late, the outcome of the proposed Unitary structure would in no way improve efficiency or generate cost savings and would decrease the local democratic process through ultimately remote central control. In reality it would lead to an expensive, undemocratic system with a high level of local taxation and remotely controlled services.

*R.D. Johnston, Chairman, Dersingham Parish Council*

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Or whether she should  
Whatever if ever  
The true likelihood

But what if she shan't  
And what if she can't  
If she can't or she shan't  
Or she won't if she could?

Perhaps now she will  
Perhaps now she won't  
And which is the better  
She do or she don't?

But alas the poor girl  
Couldn't make up her mind  
She woke up in the morning  
The next day to find

That the pretty dawn chorus  
Had become the dawn roar  
Of a double-bass fog-horn  
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To make your property stand out from the crowd it has to be well presented, the price has to be right and in a sought after position. We are finding that properties that meet this criteria are selling albeit in smaller numbers than last year. It remains to be seen if the Government can give some impetus to the market but after the recent debacle over stamp duty we remain sceptical. Many large builders have closed their new building sites and therefore the Government's target of 3 million new homes by 2020 is falling further and further behind. So we know the demand for new homes is there but until the lenders start to release mortgage funds this demand will not be met and the market remain weak.

The property rental market is enjoying a busy time with a good demand from a variety of quality applicants with the mid to large houses renting particularly well at present. If you are thinking of renting out your home make sure it is through a well established and reputable agent who is member of ARLA or NAEA. This will give you the assurance of a professional body and an agent who will guide you through the strict regulations.

I am optimistic that demand for homes to purchase in West Norfolk will recover and remain strong in the long term and the market will continue to tick over in the meantime. □

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It has been reported that this was the biggest Ordination in the Diocese for over a decade with nine curates of different ages and backgrounds entering the ministry.

To celebrate this joyous day, Anthea and Adrian invited parishioners to an informal lunch in the Church Hall after morning service. □

Pictured is Rev'd Adrian  
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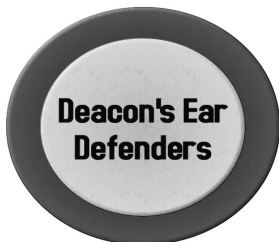
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## Dersingham Library

### Coming Soon to Dersingham Library

'Dersingham Past and Present' - A local history month event from Saturday 20 September - Monday 29 September  
Come along and help us identify photographs of the village and find out how you can add your photos and memories to the **Remember Norfolk** website

Following the success of our Surf's Up clubs earlier in the year, we are running 2 more courses, for a maximum of 6 on each. If you are over 60, have never used the internet before and would like to find out more about surfing, emails and online shopping, then this could be for you! The courses will run for four consecutive weeks starting on Tuesday 30th September, either from 10-12 or 1-3 pm. If you'd like to know more, give Alison or Karen a ring at the library on (01485) 540181 and we'll try to find you a place.

Spooky Storytime on Thursday 30 October from 6-7 pm  
Suitable for over 7s. Please reserve your place by calling 01485 540

Our Bookstart Crawl for pre-school children is back on Thursdays from 10.30-11.30 am on 25 September, 23 October, 6 November, 27 November and 18 December. Meet other parents, share stories and rhymes and a simple craft activity.

Dersingham Reading Group is on 3rd Monday of the month at 6 pm.  
New members welcome.

And the National Year of Reading continues so if you haven't visited the library in a while, why not pop in and see us. □



## Dersingham Task Force

Have you a couple of hours to spare?

We are a small, friendly group of residents meeting on a Wednesday once or twice a month clearing footpaths, weeding, tidying, etc.

New volunteers would be very welcome.

Ring Suzanne on 543870.



The Task Force in action

## David Bingham

### Hundreds of moths and a butterfly



Ennomos Alniaria

Most birdwatchers are at least reasonably skilled at identifying butterflies and dragonflies but only a few take an interest in moths. I'm not sure why this is but suspect it is because butterflies and dragonflies are around in the day when birdwatchers are out and about. Another reason could be that moths are a very diverse group with around two and a half thousand species recorded in Britain, making it far harder to become a moth expert than a bird expert.

In the past I avoided looking too closely at moths for both these reasons and whenever I've ventured close to a group of moth enthusiasts (mothers?) gathered around their ultraviolet moth traps it was a bit offputting to see them studiously leafing through thick

scientific tomes trying to identify some small drab moth. For me, this all changed with the publication of the 'Concise Guide to the Moths of Great Britain and Ireland' by Martin Townsend and Paul Waing that contains amazing life sized illustrations by Richard Lewington of nearly all of the 874 'macro' moths found in this country. I bought this book late last year and the first moth I managed to identify was a large yellow underwing I discovered flying around the house. I've since found this species to be by far the commonest moth in Dersingham. I also found a November moth in the house actually in November, which helped in the identification and was a useful lesson because our moth population changes throughout the year with different species having different flight periods. Our house isn't particularly moth infested and so to see more moths I needed to make up a light trap, which I managed to do by begging, stealing and borrowing bits of equipment (with thanks to Martin at Red Pumps for donating a more than adequate old car battery). I'm not sure of the scientific explanation as to why moths are attracted to the light. The ancient Greeks used the same word *psyche* to mean both moth and soul so they probably had their own view on the subject.

I started moth trapping in the spring and was amazed at the number and diversity of moth species that haunt Dersingham by night. There were loads of massive privet and poplar hawk moths and others with intriguing shapes like the buff tips that mimic broken birch twigs and the Chinese characters that actually resemble bird poop. Some had intriguing names such as setaceous Hebrew character, uncertain (there is also a confused but I didn't find any of these) and flounced rustic. While others had romantic names - heart and dart, maiden's blush and true lover's knot. The range of colours easily matched those found in butterflies. Amongst the most colourful were the canary - shouldered thorn (see photo), ruby tiger, coxcomb prominent, buff mine, yellow shell, rosy footman, scalloped oak and the brimstone moth. To be honest there were usually more moths than I could cope with and I tended to pick and choose those that took my fancy. My favourite so far has been the drinker, which have a comical appearance and a confiding nature - sitting quietly on my finger and making no attempt to fly away. Others were very skittish and took off at the first opportunity. Popping them in the fridge for an hour or so usually slowed them down. I wasn't very

popular when a batch escaped and my wife found the fridge full of moths taking a stroll across the Lupak! Not all of the moths I caught were local and both the angle shades and silver Y are known to be immigrants from the continent.

I always have a camera handy when moth trapping and email photos of any moth I can't identify to one of my new friends in the moth world. Receiving an instant reply that just says 'nut tree tussock' makes me think there is a hidden 'obviously' but this may be my imagination. The only famous moth fanatic was probably the

writer Vladimir Nabokov. Nabokov spent his youth chasing moths around rural Russia and at the height of his fame worked as curator of Lepidoptera at the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology. He even discovered a new species of moth *Eupithecia nabokovi*. The first line of *Lolita*, 'Lolita light of my life', is actually a moth related pun.

If you feel the urge to dip your toes into the world of moths the UK moths website at <http://ukmoths.org.uk/> is a good place to start and this site contains a link to 'Anglian Lepidopterist Supplies' where you can order a light trap. The site is well on the way to cataloguing photos of all our moths but I would still recommend the concise guide. The moths I catch don't



Canary Shouldered Thorn

come to any harm, apart from being denied a night of freedom and possibly spending an hour or so in the fridge, and I release them in the morning. There has always been a new moth to identify in my light trap and I haven't even started to look at the 'micro' moths.

Understanding all the moths in one garden in Dersingham would probably take years.

I thought I knew how to tell a moth from a butterfly but now I'm not sure and there are even moths that have evolved to look exactly like homets. I did, however, see one definite butterfly flying across the garden one sunny morning when I was busy with my moth trap. It took a few seconds for it to register that this was a white admiral, a species I had only previously seen in nature reserves. I was planning to claim this as a first for Dersingham but was told that someone saw one in the village two days earlier and I've since learnt that one was seen in a village garden several years ago. So, I'm only just holding onto bronze medal position. Feel free to knock me off the podium if you have seen a white admiral in Dersingham recently. □

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## Hunstanton & District Lions Club.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of August we held our first **“Open Bowls Tournament”**. This was at Old Hunstanton Social Club and a very successful weekend it turned out to be. On the Saturday there were 32 entries for the “Singles” knock-out competition and despite the really atrocious weather they all played, maybe spurred on by the 15 real ales on sale in the clubhouse in their “O.H.S.C. Beer Festival”.

On the Sunday better weather prevailed and 20 “Trebles” teams turned out for a good day’s bowls. The winner of the “Singles” was Mick Harris with Dave Ruddle runner-up and the “Trebles” team headed by Neil Kenny with Peter Dennis and Lee Driver won on Sunday. Runners-up were led by Chris Holt, with D. Wilson and Dennis Ralf.

Throughout both days special “bowling for a pig” competitions were held which produced a rather surprising number of bowls on the green at one time. On both days we had a Bar B Q, and a raffle.

The weekend raised over £500.00 for charity and everyone enjoyed themselves. Our thanks go to the Old Hunstanton Social Club for allowing us to use all of their facilities freely, and specially to Dave Shaw who made sure that the greens were in perfect condition for both days, and of course a big “thank you” to all who turned up to play and support us.

All the 599 tickets for our **“Yamaha Bike Raffle”** were sold, and the winner was drawn on Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>, at the bandstand. We will publish the winners’ name in the next edition but if you wish to check if you knew the lucky one look at our website “[lions105ea.com/lionsclubs/hunstanton](http://lions105ea.com/lionsclubs/hunstanton)”.

In December we are holding a **“Craft Fair”** in the Town Hall in Hunstanton on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This will coincide with our very popular childrens **“Grotto”**, also being held in the basement of the Town Hall this year. There are still a few stalls available for certain dates.

If you would like further information please call 01485 533 108. Everyone is welcome to visit the stands on any of the above dates and get some rather special gifts for Christmas, please call in and see us.

There are still a few tickets still available for our “Friends of Hunstanton Lions” 200 club draw at a monthly reducing price. The winners in August were:-

Unsold ticket – Club wins.

Gareth Kent.

Jackie Harriman.

Mr. A. Woodhouse.

September and October winners will be published in the December edition of “Village Voice”.

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## NEWS FROM HUNSTANTON LIFEBOAT GUILD

What the lifeboat has been up to.

### Lifeboats

**July 16.** At 19.34 The Lifeboat (DJS Haverhill) and the Hovercraft (The Hunstanton Flyer) were alerted and launched to assist the Police, and the Coastguards from both Hunstanton and Wells, in their search for a missing person between Old Hunstanton and Holme. The missing person was subsequently found by the Coastguards and the search was called off and the Lifeboat and Hovercraft returned to the Lifeboat Station.

**August 1.** At 15.26 the Hovercraft was launched to assist a stranded Jet Ski on a sandbank. Two young and inexperienced persons escorted back to Hunstanton. At 17.25 the Lifeboat was launched to assist the Police at Kings Lynn with a possible 'jumper'. On return the Lifeboat was sent to Brancaster to assist a Kite Boarder.

**August 7.** The Lifeboat launched at 9.00pm at the request of the Coastguards who had lost contact with a boat that had become marooned on a sandbank. The search was called off just before midnight when the casualty was located at Boston.

**August 9.** The Lifeboat was launched at 4.00pm to assist a windsurfer in trouble off Hunstanton. The lifeboat recovered the surfer and board and brought him back to the boathouse where he was given a hot drink and warmed up. The casualty was most grateful to the crew as he was very cold and exhausted.

**August 16.** The *Hunstanton Flyer* was alerted and launched to assist an injured horse rider east of the harbour at Thomham. The hovercraft brought the casualty back to the Boathouse to a waiting ambulance and taken to the QE2 hospital. A paramedic was on board the Hovercraft during the incident.

**August 18.** Yarmouth Coast Guard (CG) requested the launch of the Hunstanton Lifeboat to go to the aid of a sailing dinghy capsized off Hunstanton. Person was having difficulty righting the vessel. On arrival at the scene the Lifeboat crew got the casualty on board the Lifeboat. The casualty had hurt his arm and was unable to right his vessel. One of our crew entered the water and righted the vessel which was then towed back to the promenade. Both were then handed over to the care of the local CG unit.

**August 30.** This afternoon (Saturday) Yarmouth Coastguard (CG) requested an immediate launch to persons cut off by the tide on the Sunk Sand. H-003 was launched on service. On arrival it was established that a local jet ski had assisted the three persons back to the beach at Hunstanton to the care of the local CG. The persons consisted of a mother and two teenage boys from Wellingborough. The tides this week are big springs and big ebbs, therefore a lot of sand will be showing. The temptation to wade out is very inviting, but can also be very lethal. Holiday makers to the area should take extra care when on the beach and marsh areas as the tide flows very fast and they can soon be cut off.

**August 31.** Yarmouth CG requested the launch of our Hovercraft on Sunday afternoon to two teenage girls who were reported to be out on the tideline at Snettisham beach. Their grandparents had lost site of them and dialled 999 to the CG. The hovercraft located the two teenagers and brought them safely back to the beach to their waiting grandparents. This incident highlights the warning that to go right out to the low water on big ebbs is not to be recommended as the tide comes in at a fair rate of knots, and persons can soon be in trouble, proving the worth of a Hovercraft being stationed at Hunstanton.

**September 1.** At 14.15 hrs BST Yar CG requested launch of Hunstanton L/Boat to go to the aid of the 30 ft yacht Peter London that had ran aground on the outer west knock sand between the old Lynn channel and the Wisbech channel. As the tide was ebbing he laid over being a single keel boat, two persons on board, the fishery protection vessel was standing by, Hunstanton L/boat arrived on scene and rendered assistance to the crew and stood by until tide floated the vessel off the bank. The Lifeboat then escorted the Peter London into the mouth of the Nene, where the vessel was going up river to Wisbech, L/boat left the vessel at No 4 Buoy at 17.15 hrs as she was happy to proceed to Wisbech. Hunstanton Lifeboat left the scene to return to station. □

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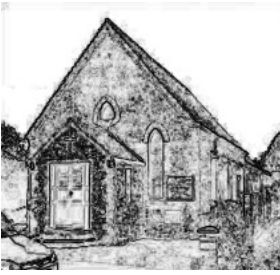


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## Greetings from the Manse

Harvest greetings from the manse, Many of us believe that if Adam and Eve hadn't blown it in Paradise, we wouldn't have had to work for a living and we'd be on easy street in Eden. Unfortunately, that biblical interpretation is fanciful. For if you read Adam and Eve's story more carefully, you'll discover that God always intended for human beings to work and for work to be a joy. Consider Adam's soulful occupations: to name all living things after studying them and to tend a beautiful garden. In the beginning,

work was meant as a gift.

Most of us do not consider our work a personal form of worship. Work is worldly. Worship is withdrawing from the world to focus on God and spiritual things. But could there be a more beautiful way to honour the God our Creator than by contributing to the re-creation of the world through our gifts? This is what we're called to do each day through our work. Yet it is very difficult to get even a glimmer of the holy when we are harassed, unappreciated, over-whelmed, frazzled, and burned-out.

The American writer and counsellor Marianne Williamson believes that the workplace is "but a front for a temple, a healing place where people [can] be lifted above the insanity of a frightened world." Once, when she was working as a cocktail waitress - years before she answered her calling to become a spiritual guide, she realized that people only thought they were coming to a bar for a drink. Really the bar was a church in disguise and she could minister to people with warmth, conversation, and compassion.

"No matter what we do, we can make it our ministry," she writes in her illuminating *A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of a Course in Miracles*. "No matter what form our job or activity takes, the content is the same as everyone else's; we are here to minister to human hearts. If we talk to anyone, or see any one, or even think of anyone, then we have the opportunity to bring more love into the universe. From a waitress to the health professional, from the council worker to the care assistant to the land worker, there is no one whose job is unimportant to God."

It's easier to imagine that our work could be our worship if we could perceive the sacred in how we spend at least eight hours of the day. Perhaps the secret to coming to this awareness, no matter what our present circumstances, is to discover the work we would *love* to do. But until we do, we need to learn to love the work we're presently doing. The mystical poet Kahlil Gibran tells us; "When you work, you fulfil a part of earth's fondest dream assigned to you when that dream is born." Fulfilling your part of the earth's fondest dream occurs when you work from the heart.

Today you can begin to transform your workplace and your working style by considering how much you have to be grateful for. If you have a job, even one you dislike, it's a safety net as you take a leap of faith toward your authenticity; if you're out of work, the path already has been cleared for you to answer your authentic calling. And if you are retired, as our Lord said, "well done thou good and faithful servant!" With every blessing, □

Kim Nally



Two photos from the May Flower Festival at the chapel.





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We would like to apologize for missing out The Jamie Griffin Memorial Cup for the club person of the year from the presentation list. This went to Debbie Dack.

We have held two fund raising Tournaments this year .

### **July 6<sup>th</sup> was mini sixes which featured boys and girls.**

The winners and runners up are as follows:-

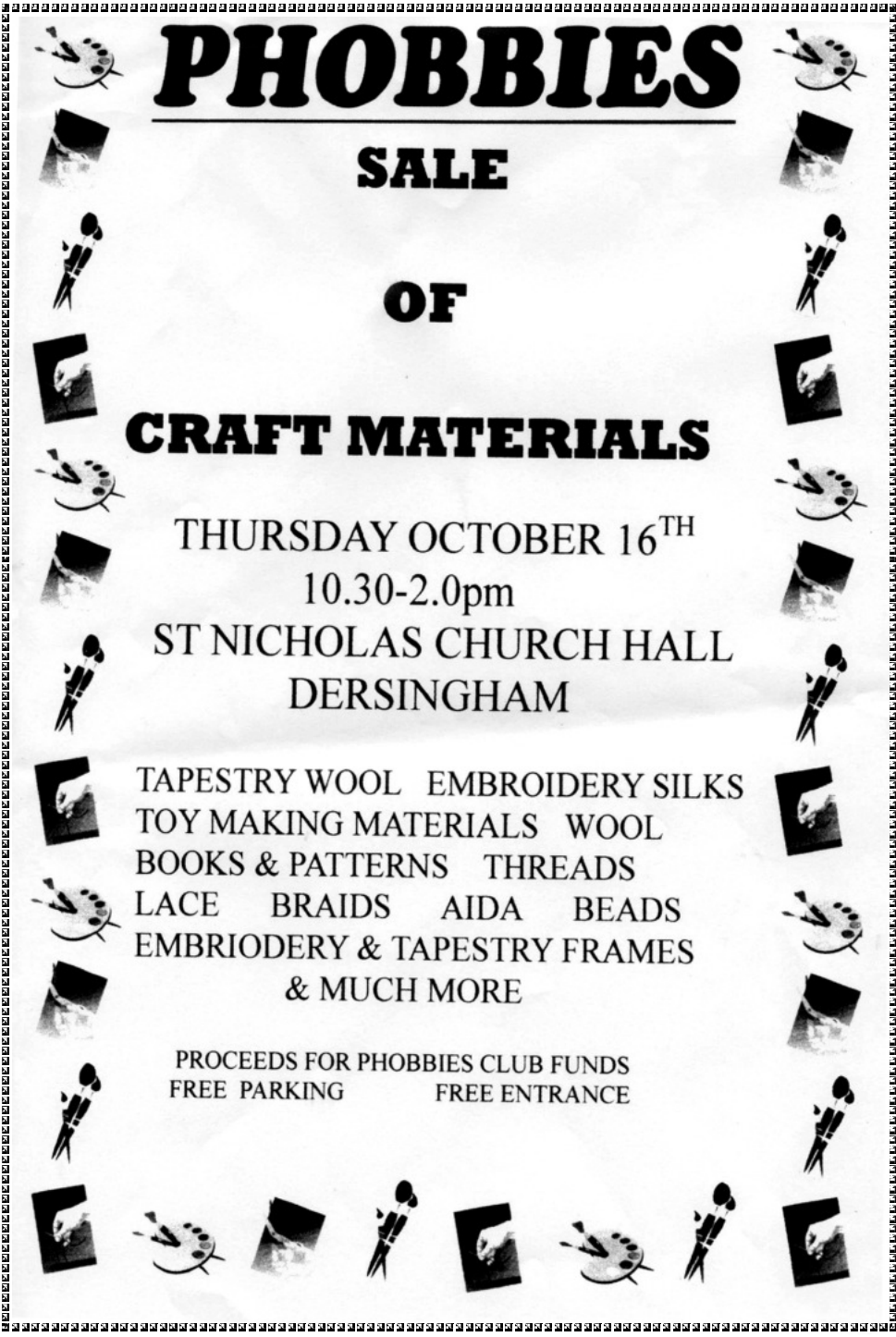
Under 11 girls winners Hungate runners up Chatteris  
Under 13 girls winners Dersingham runners up Wisbech St Mary  
Under 15 girls winners North Lynn runners up Whittlesey  
Under 12 boys winners Dersingham runners up Wisbech St Mary  
Under 13 boys winners Dersingham runners up Walpole  
Under 14 boys winners Refflay runners up West Winch

### **August the 3<sup>rd</sup> Preseason Mini Soccer**

Under 7's winners Hungate runners up Clenchwarton  
Under 8's winners Fakenham runners up Taverham  
Under 9's winners West Winch Black runners up East Coast (Sheringham)  
Under 10's winners Wasps (Whittlesey) runners up Dersingham  
Under 11's winners Gorleston runners up Clenchwarton  
Under 12's winners Refflay runner up Wisbech St Mary

The organisers and the committee would like to thank Mssrs Edward and Richard Stanton for the use of the field for our car park, Richardsons equipment company for the supply of fridges, Gary and Natalie {Bouncy Castles}, De Photo, Anita (Ice cream), Colin and Josie (BBQ) for all turning up to make both days great for all the teams taking part, all the advertisers in the programmes and the spectators.

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## News from St Cecilia's Catholic Church in Dersingham

The roses at St Cecilia's are looking good, but the rain which has kept the lawns so green played havoc with fund-raising activities.

The Strawberry Fair was very well supported by Dersingham folk and raised more than 700 pounds. The Parish fete and barbecue at Hunstanton on 2 August looked as though it would be washed out, but the clouds gave way to an evening of sunshine and 150 people from both churches enjoyed a very successful BBQ, raising 1095 pounds over the day after expenses.

Eleanor Dale returned from Australia after a memorable World Youth Day in the presence of Pope Benedict. She visited both churches to describe her experiences.

We look forward to the Sponsored Walk in September and Harvest Supper in October.

The Edwardian painting behind the altar, or *reredos*, is to be installed permanently at St Cecilia's after a survey of parish opinion gave it their overwhelming support. Outdoors, wooden fencing and a gate have been replaced and a new door purchased for the garage. Repainting earlier in the year restored the window frames. St Cecilia's is now in good order to withstand the autumn winds.

Fr James Fyfe and his hive of bees have settled happily in the village. He sends his best wishes to everyone in Dersingham and thanks them for all their support at our fund raising activities. □



Helpers at the Strawberry Fair enjoy a cup of coffee before the rush.



Dersingham residents Rene Whittaker, Pauline Kelly and John and Bernie Fitzpatrick line up at the BBQ.



Hanne MacMahon ran a very successful children's stall at the Parish Fete.



Visitors to the Strawberry Fair included Sr Margaret Carolan, Shirley & Alan Brooks and Anna Grant.



Eleanor Dale represented the Parish at the World Youth Day in Australia.

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## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION DERSINGHAM AND SANDRINGHAM BRANCH

We all enjoyed our Strawberry Tea on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, finishing with a very good raffle.

Some of our members are already donating gifts for our troops in Afghanistan as suggested in The Citizen on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Our Chairman Mrs. Ivy Hawkins has agreed to store items at her home.

This year Our Standard was paraded at the Royal Norfolk Show and will also have been on display at St. Mary's Church in Stalham on 14<sup>th</sup> September for the "County Songs of Praise".

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

We will be holding our Annual Coffee Morning in aid of the Poppy Appeal on 6<sup>th</sup> November at the Methodist Church Hall in Post Office Road. We hope that as many of you as possible will give your support for this very worthy event. We will be having many interesting stalls to tempt you and hopefully bargains you cannot resist. The event starts at 10 o'clock. □

## Village Voice Sudoku No 2

Compiled by Rob Smyth

4			6					
2				7			8	
	3					1	6	
	9	5			4			
6				9		7		2
				3		4		
8		7			6	9		
	2			1	5			8
				2		6		5

A Sudoku puzzle is solved by completing the empty squares so that each of the numbers from 1 to 9 appear once in every row, every column and every 3 x 3 mini-block.

The same number must not appear more than once in any row, column or 3 x 3 mini-block.

No zeros are used.

No guessing is needed, only a little logic—and patience.

The *solution* will appear in our next issue.

Happy puzzling!

### Village Voice Sudoku No 1 Solution

5	2	3	8	4	1	7	6	9
7	8	9	6	3	5	1	2	4
4	1	6	2	9	7	3	5	8
1	6	7	3	8	9	2	4	5
9	5	8	7	2	4	6	3	1
2	3	4	1	5	6	8	9	7
3	4	2	9	1	8	5	7	6
8	7	5	4	6	3	9	1	2
6	9	1	5	7	2	4	8	3

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## My Patch

By Gardenwatcher

*Thur.* Late July, and unlike previous years, the Rowan tree still has it's berries and they are actually red. Normally our resident blackbirds strip the tree at the first signs of the fruit turning colour. Perhaps it is all the extra food that she is putting out for them. There certainly isn't any extra food put out for me! Raa.

*Mon.* Had a good roasting in the sun last week but then the rains came to perk up the flowers. He has a huge Tomato crop coming and his Runner Bean plants are bearing fruit, a net has appeared on the Cabbages to keep off the butterflies and their progeny, so there are few disasters to make my life interesting. I must content myself with the sight of his second crop of Spinach bolting direct from germination just like the first.

*Thur.* Had a slight twinge in the left front on Tuesday so I limped a bit. This was spotted by the staff and I got noticeably better treatment verging on concern, so I will spin this out as long as possible - 2 days so far. I must remember which side to favour.

*Sat.* They have lost interest in my limp, callous swines! The planting of flowers for cutting is giving me much mirth. Their daily visit to the site is rewarded with just green leaves, not a bloom in sight.

*Wed.* He looked under the fleece at the cabbages today only to find all had been eaten by caterpillars with just the stalks remaining. Made myself scarce lest he blamed me in some way for this ~~triumph~~ disaster.

*Fri.* Better weather today so sauntered round the patch to see what was good. The Smoke Bush has put on a lot of growth and he is attempting to layer a cutting from it. Mediterranean origins or not, the Lavenders and Rosemary seem to like the wet summer weather. At last the scruffy Tradescantia has been ripped up from the rockery to make way for something better - Nepeta perhaps? Moving on, some of the "milkmen" bulbs are putting on a good show, pity we don't know what they are, still if milk came from the nursery they might be nonplussed at a request for semi-skimmed, horses for courses etc!

*Mon.* She has griped about plants interfering with her laundry so he was grudgingly moving some Cosmos this afternoon. Their death seems almost certain but, ignoring the obvious, he has cut them back and watered them in, confident in their survival. I might just see how deep they are planted! On a brighter note the new planting of Cabbage seeds has shown up above ground and is being circled by cabbage whites as I write, posing the question of how big do they need to be for the butterflies needs? Watching them is tiring work, I am exhausted after nearly 10 minutes study.

*Thur.* I have just been called "the laziest cat in the world". It's nice to have one's achievements recognised, I will try not to let standards slip.

*Sun.* I was disturbed by a lot of grunting and sloshing from the big pond area. A plank had been placed across the water and he was pulling out great handfuls of weed - Elodea Crispa if I am not mistaken. However, this interruption to my beauty sleep can be forgiven as I can now see the fish an awful lot better.

*Mon.* Went to a lot of trouble last night. I braved the torrential rain, caught a mouse and brought it in for them at around 1am. I called out to let them know that it had arrived and found myself propelled out of the kitchen and was shut in the lobby for the duration. Such ingratitude will not be forgotten.

*Wed.* Second in a run of reasonable days weatherwise but not quite warm enough to get me out for a kip in the sun. Amused myself by inspecting the newly planted alpine in the rockery where the Tradescantia had offered so much resistance to weedkiller and eventually was rooted out manually. A pleasing variety of little plants is now dotting the area. The service had better improve around here or they are coming out!

*Thur.* Came off a poor second in a skirmish with the vacuum cleaner today. The beastly thing crept up on me when I was investigating a ripe smell near the kitchen bin. So great was my concentration that the mega-decibel shriek of the device passed unnoticed until my tail got sucked in to the snake bit. Set a new personal best for exiting via the cat flap - worth a gold medal at least! □

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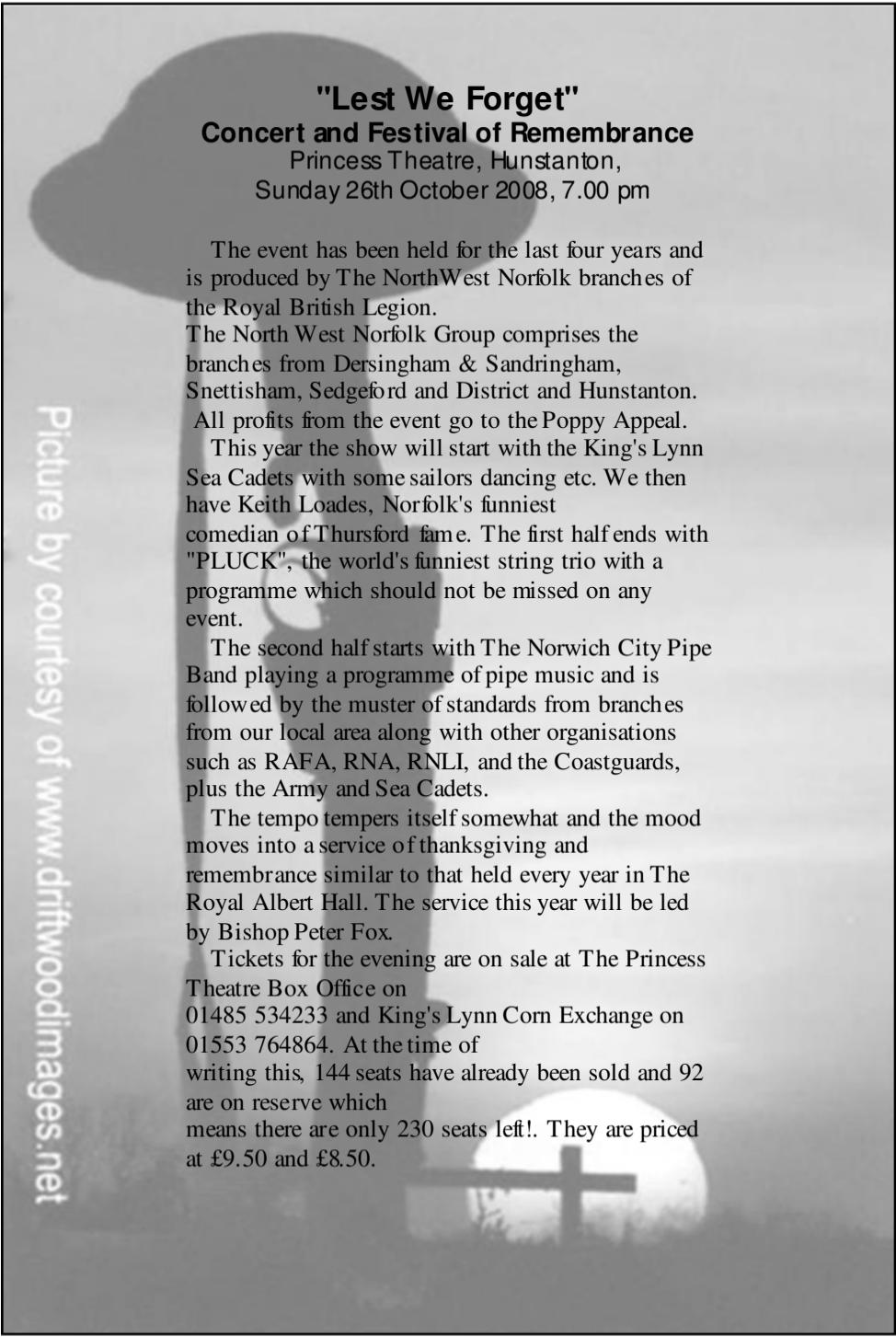
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**"Lest We Forget"**  
**Concert and Festival of Remembrance**  
Princess Theatre, Hunstanton,  
Sunday 26th October 2008, 7.00 pm

The event has been held for the last four years and is produced by The NorthWest Norfolk branches of the Royal British Legion.

The North West Norfolk Group comprises the branches from Dersingham & Sandringham, Snettisham, Sedgeford and District and Hunstanton.

All profits from the event go to the Poppy Appeal.

This year the show will start with the King's Lynn Sea Cadets with some sailors dancing etc. We then have Keith Loades, Norfolk's funniest comedian of Thursford fame. The first half ends with "PLUCK", the world's funniest string trio with a programme which should not be missed on any event.

The second half starts with The Norwich City Pipe Band playing a programme of pipe music and is followed by the muster of standards from branches from our local area along with other organisations such as RAFA, RNA, RNLI, and the Coastguards, plus the Army and Sea Cadets.

The tempo tempers itself somewhat and the mood moves into a service of thanksgiving and remembrance similar to that held every year in The Royal Albert Hall. The service this year will be led by Bishop Peter Fox.

Tickets for the evening are on sale at The Princess Theatre Box Office on 01485 534233 and King's Lynn Corn Exchange on 01553 764864. At the time of writing this, 144 seats have already been sold and 92 are on reserve which means there are only 230 seats left!. They are priced at £9.50 and £8.50.

As summer slips into autumn and the vivid contrast between the purple, blooming heather and lush green leaves fades and merges into a more subtle blend of browns and yellows, the reserve is once again transformed. The lively songs of the summer migrant birds that make up the soundtrack to the summer give way to the more melancholy, less energetic sounding songs of the autumn. The dominant song becomes that of the robin, as both males and females begin singing to mark out their winter feeding territories.

At this junction between summer and winter, before the autumn migrant birds begin to arrive in earnest and following the departure of the summer migrants, the heath can feel deserted and desolate. However, a closer look will reveal a set of changes no less profound and exciting than those which herald the coming of spring. This is the season of the mushroom!

For me, the start of the autumn is normally marked by a flurry of telephone calls reporting the presence of dead

bodies in the undergrowth. The conversation normally follows a standard pattern.

Reserve visitor says "I've just got back from the reserve and thought I should let you know that there is a dead animal causing a horrible smell. I think it maybe a deer." To which I ask "Did you actually see the body" and to which the concerned visitor responds "No, but it smells like it is very close to the path and has been dead a while". Almost without fail, the dead body turns out to be the fruiting body (toadstool) of a Common Stinkhorn. Sometimes, the smell of rotting flesh conjures up a more extreme image and on one occasion, I was told that there were two human corpses rotting in the woods – Midsomer Murders has a lot to answer for!

The common stinkhorn

is one of our most distinctive fungi and, even prior to Midsomer Murders, its phallic shape has given nourishment to the body of folklore revolving around fungi. In medieval times, a sudden appearance of stinkhorns in a spinster's garden would be liable to result in her being bumed as a witch – the theory been that the toadstools were the physical evidence of procreation with the devil.

To the Victorians, the shock of being greeted by a specimen, such as that photographed by Konnie Robertson, was all too much. Etty



The common stinkhorn *Phallus impudicus*



*Amanita pantherina*



*Geastrum triplex*

Darwin (granddaughter of Charles), "so despised stinkhorns that she mounted an antifungal jihad with the aid of gloves and a pointed stick." She was noted to have burnt the stinkhorns in secret to protect "the purity of thought among her female servants" (Money, N.P. 2002).

In actual fact, the toadstool is just the fruiting body, designed to distribute the fungal spores (the fungal equivalent of seeds) as far as possible. As such, it forms a tiny fraction of the organism, the remainder (the hyphae) being hidden underground.

Stinkhorns have evolved a truly incredible method of transmitting their spores. Unlike many fungi, the spores of the stink horn are arranged around the outside of the toadstool, rather than in gills/pores under a cap. The spores are enveloped in a



*Macrolepiota procera*



Birch bolete

gelatinous substance

which emits a pungent smell of rotting flesh. This attracts flies to the toadstool which land on the sticky cap. The spores then stick to the flies' feet and when the fly moves on, they are conveyed away from the toadstool. To me, the fact that an organism with no sense of smell (in the conventional sense), such as the stinkhorn, has evolved to produce a smelly attractant to flies and maximises the chances of its spores sticking to the flies' feet by creating a glue around the spores is truly astonishing.

To find out more about the fungal wonders that occur at Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve, why not come along to one of our guided walks in October? Further details are included below. □

Ash Murray

Money, N. P. (2002). *Mr. Bloomfield's orchard: The mysterious world of mushrooms, molds, and mycologists*. New York: Oxford UP. 208 pp.

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008 & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008:

### An Autumn stroll – Fungus foray of Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve

An introduction to the fascinating and colourful world of fungi. Learn more about these fascinating organisms by joining Ash Murray, as he looks for species such as the Foxy Spot, Fly Agaric, Deceiver and Ear Pick Fungus.

Both walks will last for approximately two hours and will start at 10:00 am. Please bring sturdy footwear, warm clothing and waterproofs.

For bookings and further information, contact Ash Murray on 01485 543044.

***The events are free of charge. Please note, however, that availability is limited and, therefore, booking is essential.***

# SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW

## 30 JULY 2008

The most perfect summer day was enjoyed by 22,000 people who attended Sandringham Flower Show on Wednesday 30 July.



Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall arrived at the show at 11am to the National Anthem played by The Central Band of the R.A.F. They spent more than two hours touring the Royal Marquees, visiting stands, and meeting members of the public and exhibitors.

The Large Showgardens Competition was won this year by Narborough Hall, with the Peoples Choice Award going to Seven Acres Garden Design. A new Courtyard Gardens Competition was introduced this year with slightly smaller plots and Giles Landscapes achieved both the Judges Award for Best in Show and The Peoples Choice Award in this category.

In all there were 14 Showgardens at this year's show. In the Horticultural Clubs Competition for small garden displays, Dersingham Horticultural Society won the trophy for Best in Show in this class. The theme set for the clubs this year was "Tranquility"

The Royal Marquees featured some amazing displays with Large Gold Awards going to Peter Beales Roses, The Plant Lovers, Rougham Hall Nurseries, Choice

Landscapes and Norfolk Lavender, and with Gold Awards going to Allwoods and to Jonathan Hall Garden Design, for his EDP Norfolk Garden in association with Fakenham Garden Centre.

In the Horticultural Trade Marquee, Best Display award went to Thompson & Morgan for their amazing "Flower Tower", a 20 foot high pyramid of trailing pansies.

The Victorian Steam Fairground made a welcome return to the show this year and captivated audiences, with most of the riders on the steam gallopers re-living their childhood.

The Yakovlevs four aircraft aerobatic team gave a display that left people gasping, and the Main Arena Events included a quad bike stunt team, The English Mongrels Dog Display and Ye Olde Redtail Falconry display.

With over 200 trade stands, horticultural stands, a craft marquee and gardening talks by Chris Beardshaw and Alan Mason, there was something for everyone on the showground, including all the much-loved regular attractions and familiar faces which make Sandringham Flower Show such a unique event.



The show is run by a Committee of volunteers, and the profits from each show are donated to local charities. Since 1977 the show has donated over £391,000. The profits from this year's show will not be known until October.

Planning is already underway for the 2009 show which will beheld on Wednesday 29 July 2009. □  
*Paul Murrell*



## Village Voice publication dates

We love getting your reports of events and meetings, advertisements and advance details of forthcoming attractions. To make sure you hit your targets please note the publication dates of this magazine:-

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Issue 58	Wednesday 29th April 2009	Thursday 21st May
Issue 59	Wednesday 8th July 2009	Thursday 30th July

The earlier you get your copy to us the more we like it and the better position it gets.

## DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Every Monday	2.00 pm	St. Cecilia's Church	Rosary Group	St. Cecilia's Church
3rd Monday of month	6 pm	Dersingham Library	Dersingham Reading Group	Library
Every Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri	9.00 to 11.30 am	Dersingham Playgroup	Playgroup Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
Every Mon & Fri in Term Time	9.30 to 11.00 am	Puddleducks Toddler Group	Toddler Group Meeting	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
Last Monday in the Month	7.15 pm	Dersingham Parish Council	Full Council Meeting	Infant and Nursery School, Saxon Way
Every Tuesday	5.30 to 7 pm	2nd Dersingham Brownie Guide Group	Meeting for girls aged 7 – 10 years	Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road
Every Tuesday in Term Time	8.30 to 11.15 am	Parent & Toddler Group Meeting	St Nicholas Church Hall	St Nicholas Parent & Toddler Group
Every Tuesday	8 pm	Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes	Sandringham Lodge Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
1st or 2nd Tuesday in the Month	2.15 pm	Royal British Legion Women's Section	Dersingham & Sandringham Branch Meeting	Orchard Close Community Room
1st Tuesday of the Month	7.30 pm	Village Voice 'Live'	Presentations by Guest Speakers	St Nicholas Church Hall
1st Tuesday of the Month	7.30 pm	Dersingham Methodist Church	Art Club	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
2nd Tuesday in Month	7.30 pm	Royal British Legion	Branch Meeting	Feathers Hotel
Every Wednesday	10.00 am to 4.00 pm	Dersingham Day Centre for the Elderly	Recreation & Leisure and Mid-day Meal	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
Every Wednesday	10.00 to 11.00am	Music+Movement	Pre-school Music, Dance & Drama	Dersingham Scout & Guide HQ

Every Wednesday	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Dersingham Methodist Church	Carpet Bowls	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
Every Wednesday	6.00 to 7.15 pm	Beavers	Meeting for children aged 6 - 8	Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road
Every 2nd Weds of the Month	10.30 am	St Nicholas Men's Group	Men's Group Meeting	St Nicholas Church Hall
Every 2nd Weds of the month		Dersingham Walking Group	Circular walk	See programme for details or contact Keith Starks 542268
Every 2nd Weds of the Month Sept to April	7.30 pm	Albert Victor Bowls Club	Prize Bingo	Albert Victor Bowls Club, Manor Road
3rd Wednesday of the Month	7.15 to 10.00 pm	Dersingham Evening Women's Institute	Meeting	St Cecilia's Church Hall
Every Thursday	10.3 am to 3.00 pm	North West Norfolk Phobbies Club	Meeting	St. Nicholas Church Hall
Every Thursday	4.00 to 5.15 pm	1st Dersingham Rainbow Guide Group	Meeting for girls aged 5-7 years	Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road
Every Thursday	5.30 to 7.00 pm	1st Dersingham Brownie Guide Group	Meeting for girls aged 7-10 years	Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road
Every Thursday	7.00 to 7.00 pm	1st Sandringham Guides	Unit Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre,, Manor Road
Every Thursday	7.00 to 9.00 pm	1st Dersingham Scouts	Group Meeting	Scout & Guide HQ
Every Thursday	7.00 to 9.30 pm	Norfolk Army Cadet Force	Sandringham Detachment Meeting	The Drill Hall, Dodds Hill
Every Thursday	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Church	Badminton Club	St Nicholas Church Hall
Every Thurs Sept -June	2 pm	Park House Hotel	Rubber Bridge	Park House Hotel
1st Thursday of Month		Dersingham Flower Club	Meeting	St Nicholas Church Hall
2nd Thursday of Month	7.30 pm	Dersingham Horticultural Society	Meeting	St Cecilia's Church Hall
3rd Thursday of the Month	9.30 to 10.30 am	Dersingham Methodist Church Jigsaw Club	Meeting	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
Every Friday	6.30 to 8 pm	1st Dersingham Guide Unit	Unit Meeting	Scout & Guide HQ
Every Friday	6.45 to 9.15 pm	Dersingham Carpet Bowls Club	Club Meeting	St George's Middle School
Alternate Fridays	2.15 to 4.30 pm	Dersingham Seniors Club	Entertainment and Outings for the over-60s	St Nicholas Church Hall
1st Friday of month	10.00 am to 12 noon	St Nicholas Church	Coffee Morning	St Nicholas Church Hall

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It must be pointed out that the editor encourages contributions but reserves the right to amend and edit as necessary. Any contributions received will be accepted on the understanding that, unless a specific request is made that names, addresses, etc are not used, these may be included in the publication and may be maintained on the Parish Council's database.

Due to limitations on space it is possible that some items received may not be published, or may be held for publication at a later date. Contributors should also be aware that published material might appear on the Parish Council's Internet web site. The editor does not necessarily agree with opinions that are expressed, or the accuracy of statements made, by contributors to the Village Voice.

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# VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday October 7th

## FUNGUS

Jonathan Revett

will tell us all we ever  
wanted to know about  
mushrooms and toadstools

**Do bring sample fungi along for identification!**

St Nicholas Church Hall, Manor Road, Dersingham.  
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# VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday November 4th

## BEES & BEE KEEPING

An illustrated talk by  
**Terry and Lorraine Gibson with  
a demonstration of equipment  
and a honey tasting.**

St Nicholas Church Hall, Manor Road, Dersingham.  
7.30 pm Admission £2.00 including refreshments. Raffle