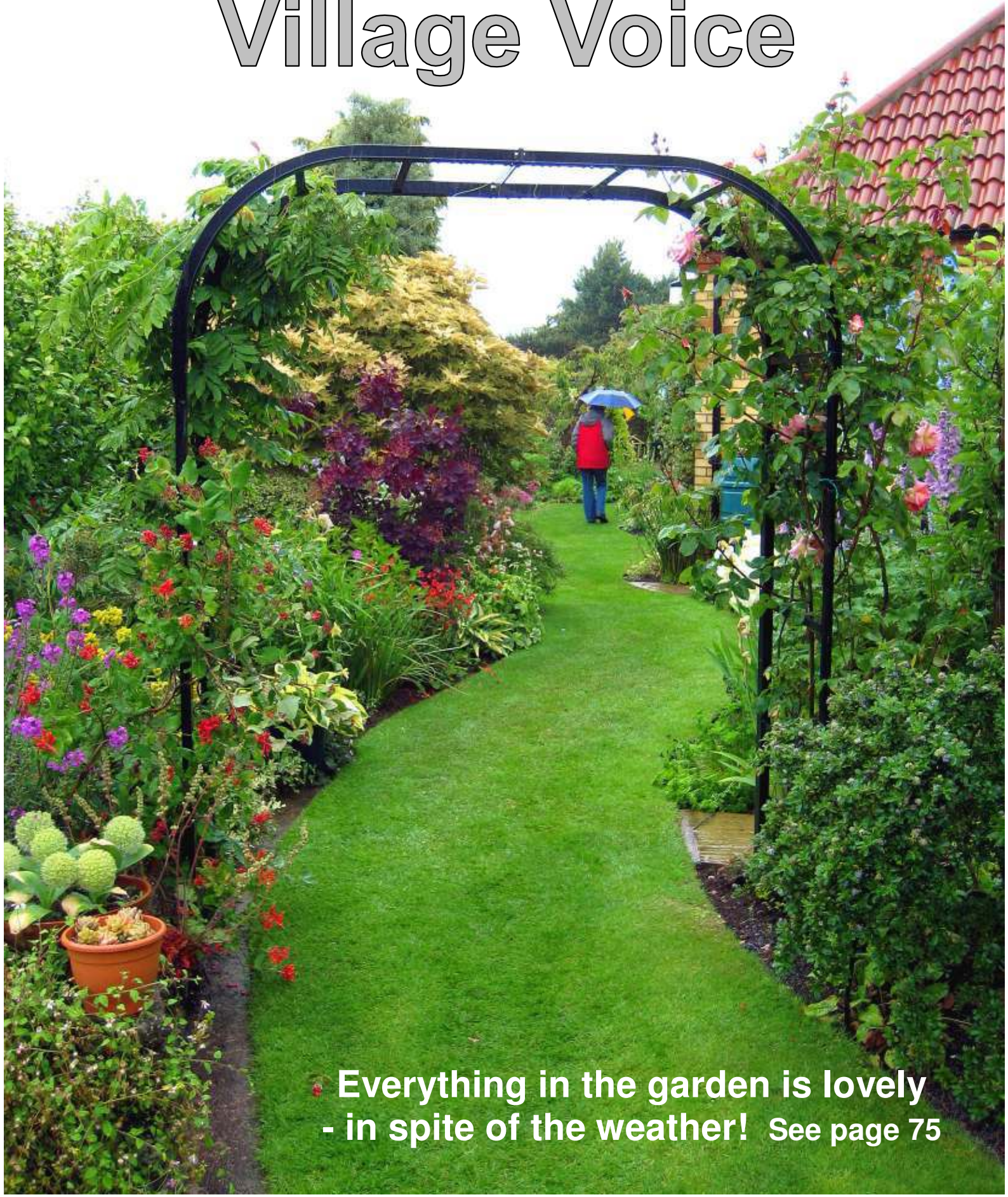


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**Everything in the garden is lovely
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Editor's Notes

I'll start with an apology - it can only get better afterwards. The VV gremlins got to work on Hugh Mullarky's poem last time and swapped e's for o's a few times so that when the title appeared it should have been "Nowness" and the same whenever the word appeared in the verses. Very sorry Hugh!

The keen eyed amongst you will notice that the event listing below has been re-worked. Do let us know about your events so we can fill it and your event up.

Inside this issue we have the last part of Stephen Martyn's sketching series, Trevor Riches has been off on his bike again, two poets have had the muse plus all the regular contributors. Something missing? Then let me know and I will try to fill the gap.

If you haven't tried it yet I can heartily recommend the new tip -sorry - re-cycling facility at Saddlebow. It's clean, well ordered and peopled with very helpful staff and there is even a hut with things that still have some use for sale. It's nice to be able to praise something.

The village website now has a new editor, Steve Davis. If you see something that needs correcting, updating or including - www.dersingham.org.uk - please let him know. I would like to thank his predecessor, Kevin Bristow for all his good work and wish Steve all the best with his new charge.

We are moving, the Parish Council that is, so if you need to find the office it will be at 7a Hunstanton Road after the 8th of August where we will be occupying part of Geoffrey Collings premises. Do continue to drop your articles and adverts in there for inclusion in your magazine.

Once again there has been so much good material supplied that this edition has run to 88 pages. Do keep it coming in but not at the last minute



please! Quarts into pint pots are easy compared with the challenge that some contributors give me.

Late May saw an invasion of Painted Lady butterflies. They come here from the south - really south - North Africa usually, to enjoy our summers. where are they now? I haven't seen one for weeks.

And finally, stealing Steve Davis's thunder a bit, why is the Brownies Logo pink, as seen on page 33, and not brown?

Happy reading. □

Tony Bubb



WHATS HAPPENING*

August

- 2.** DEC Funday. Recreation Ground from 12 noon.
- 6.** Sandcastle Competition. Old Hunstanton Beach 2.30pm
- 8.** A walk on the common 11.30 from the village sign.
- 13.** "There be Dragons" dragon themed stories and activities at the Library 10 -12

- 15.** Be a Norman Knight for the day at the Library 11-12
- 17.** Bike marking & phone safety with the community safety team at the Library - check for times.
- 31.** Cinderella at Park House. 5pm tickets from Park house reception.

Sept

- 5.** Brownies, Rainbows & Guides Centenary Celebration. War Memorial, 2pm.
- 18.** WI MacMillan Coffee Morning 10am at St Cecillas Church, Mountbatten Road.

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Dear Village Voice



Firstly can I say how impressed I am with the quality and the content of the Village Voice magazine. I lived in Dersingham from being a small baby 1963 until I got married in 1982. My mother Joan Schorah still lives in the village and sent the magazine to me.



I was particularly interested to see the photo taken from the end of Station Road. The three concrete post in the recreation ground supported 'monkey bars', which we used to 'swizzle' on as children. I can distinctly remember the hedge that ran along the roadside edge of the ground at that time as a continuation of the one beside the allotments. Most of the playground equipment was at the Bank Road side of the field even in the 1960's, but the small monkey bars gave us the opportunity to run into the rec and have a quick play en route to the Co op store on the corner (now the fish and chip shop).

I had a very happy childhood growing up in Dersingham, and seeing the old photo of Station Road and also that of Thaxters and Rankins helped provoke a trip down memory lane.

Christine Samuels nee Schorah

My name is Antje and I think I am able to give an explanation to "My Patch" by Gardenwatcher. Or better, my cat (Name: Mini Me) can give one regarding the first Friday entry. I attach a picture of Mini Me - oh so cute - when it was taken.

"Friday you say? That must have been me. You see, I am new in the area and my 2-legged friend allowed me to go into the garden for the first time. Well, to tell you the whole story: Once in the garden I first located a bumble bee nest in the garden. Unfortunately I was told off for trying to catch them. So I watched birds flying in and out of a tree at the end of the garden. I decided to have a look and went up. From the 3rd branch I saw a bunny on the neighbour field. Much more interesting. So down I went, over the fence, across the ally way, over another fence, ignoring the call for me from my 2-legged friend and after the bunny. It run off, so I followed and got lost. I mean lost lost. It took me several hours to locate my big friend whom I heard eventually calling my name. I deeply apologize if I have caused you any aggravation.



Do not get startled, I have a big tortoise shell sister, she is very very old now, she might get lost as well. If you spot her, do not approach, she can get nasty."

Mini Me

Why, with the proliferation of dog poo bins around the village, do we still find the stuff on pavements? Perhaps I could have one outside my house on Lynn Road as there is someone who walks their dog past and allows it to leave a mess - usually spaced apart as if the animal is being dragged along. Bad enough having one pile to avoid - and NO, it is NOT alright to pull your dog onto my driveway either - but several small ones is even worse. If I ever see who it is, then they will be reported. It seems asking SOME dog owners to be responsible and considerate, is asking too much.

Name supplied

I think we have squeezed everything out of this subject that has been exercising many of you. Ed.

Whilst I know that each and every bus ride can be different, I felt I must write to redress the comments made by Mr. Bryan Tann concerning the young people of the village.

I had occasion, a few months ago, to use the 7 p.m. service from King's Lynn, after a long and exhausting day in London. My heart sank when I saw that I would be sharing my journey with a fair number of noisy teenagers. However, they were extremely good spirited and not one of them failed to address the driver in a thoroughly polite and pleasant manner. They each asked for their



particular stop courteously and thanked the driver as they alighted. The experience really lifted my spirits - all the more for being totally unexpected!

Alison Davies



I found this picture from 1991, a view onto Doddshill, the forgotten part of Dersingham. Unfortunately I was unable to find anybody who could take a picture from the same angle in 2009 so far.

Antje Franke

Has anyone else got old aerial pictures we could show? Ed.

Being a regular reader and having read a copy of the June 2009 edition of the Village Voice, my brother, Alan was interested in page 79 and the picture of animals crossing over the highway. He writes:

“Here are some photos of a deer tunnel and the fencing / gates. The fence at this point goes approx. 12 miles on both sides of the four lane highway, at about every 500 yards you come across a gate which has curved bars on it with rounded knobs on the ends and are spring loaded . They will only open when coming off the highway, they will not open for access to the highway they are around 6 feet high and are put there for the sole purpose of protecting the deer and moose, and of course human life, a car hitting a deer (approx. 200 lbs.) or a moose (up to approx. 1000 lbs.) will damage the car but can also kill the occupants. Hope this is of interest to the people who read the magazine, just as reading it is to me. Keep up the good work. Thanks to all, Alan Tipling (New Brunswick Canada)”

An interesting point which Alan has not mentioned in his message is that moose cannot be seen in the dark, as their eyes do not reflect the light as those of other animals would, making them extremely dangerous to motorists. He could not supply photos of the deer and moose using the tunnels as they only tend to cross at night.

Bob Tipling



With reference to Dick Melton's notes about the houses on the common, the man who lived there who used to wear a top hat was Frank Leake otherwise known as the "everlasting bridegroom". He always wore a top hat and tails and spats and always used a walking stick. He was a traveller for the biscuit company, Peak Freans. I believe he had a daughter and I can remember you could see her riding her bicycle in the village and it always looked as if she needed a shave which kind of scared us local kids. I am going back about 70 years so I don't suppose there are many of us left who can remember this. When I started work in 1943 Mr Leake always travelled on the train, as I did, looking like a bridegroom with a buttonhole, mostly a rose or a carnation.

Looking back to those days there were quite a few characters about. The village doesn't seem to have any now - maybe the odd one like Sam Burlingham. Good old days.

Doreen Wright

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David Brooks



Reference the query by Jill Cross on page 7 of your June edition. The lady on the left of the picture is my much loved and respected Grandma, Emma Hooks. Both my Grandad George Hooks and Grandma worked at Sandringham during the reign of Edward VII and George V. They lived at Pleasant Place near the common. I regularly spent holidays with them and loved being with them. I'm 86 now and think of them often. I'm afraid I don't know the other ladies.

Joan James

I am happy to live in Dersingham. I wander in the woods and lanes and am delighted by the flora and fauna. Walking around the village one morning in late spring admiring the gardens, I saw a small green shoot growing up through a lawn - and it wasn't grass.

The owners of the property came out armed with a lawnmower. I explained what I had seen and begged them not to cut it down, as it might be something exciting - perhaps an orchid. The shoot grew and grew and had flowers growing. It was a Bee orchid.

On June 10 I went out walking with a visiting friend. We made a detour to see the orchid, Regal it was with at least 7 flowers growing up its stem. We detoured again on our way back to take another look at the flower. The stem was broken and the flower gone, depriving passers by of seeing this rarity. VANDALISM My disappointment was great.

Perhaps it was the article in the E.D.P. that made it so vulnerable.



Nature Lover

I am hoping that you might be able to help me with my research into Taylor Motor Body Conversions, Sedgeford that was based in Sedgeford between 1957 and 1968.

It was while searching through some old motoring magazines that I came across a number of adverts for the Taylor Bedmobile (photocopy of one enclosed) and thought that the story could make an interesting article for SAHB Times - the quarterly magazine of the Society of Automotive Historians in Britain of which I am the editor - and possibly your newsletter.



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Can any of your readers tell me anything at all about Taylor Motor Bodies? The sort of detail I am interested in is as follows: Where were the conversions carried out? Who was the proprietor? How many people worked for the company? Are there any surviving relatives of the employees? How many vehicles did they build? I would also like to find some photographs of the workshop.

Although my family has been spending holidays in and around Hunstanton for over 25 years and I therefore know the area fairly well, until this recent discovery I had no idea that a company like Taylor Motor Bodies existed in Sedgeford.

My wife and I will be staying in Snettisham from 19th to 26th September and we would be delighted to come and chat to anyone with information during that time if they thought it might be helpful.

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Tony Beadle



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Several items in June Village Voice caught my eye. On P5 The story associated with Mrs Durrant of the Shrubbery in Manor Road was very interesting. As a lad in the mid forties I was living at Kingswood, and remember Mrs Durrant out and about in Manor Road. The Shrubbery as I remember it was set back from the road and trees and shrubs surrounded the house making it seem rather dark and forbidding. P 15 In the photo of the War Memorial and the recreation ground the question asked was what are the three concrete posts. Answer is that they are the supports for two sturdy horizontal metal poles. The structure was in fact a children's amusement for acrobatic activities. I often played about on it. P26 i) The funeral of King George VI. I was in the sixth form at the Grammar School on 11.2.52, and the Headmaster Mr A Sleight arranged a bus to take the sixth formers to Sandringham to line the route of the funeral procession on the way to Wolferton station. It was a memorable sight indeed. After it had passed we returned to the school and joined the whole school in the playing field to see the funeral train pass by on its way to London.

P26 ii) Dick Melton mentioned people he remembers living in Heath Road in the fifties. I recall them too since my home Kingswood until 1946 was at the start of Heath Road. I can add a few recollections. Miss Lydia Mann was well known to my mother Maisie Linford (nee Terrington) and my grandmother Terrington who lived next door in Fern Villa. As a lad I thought the name "Miss Mann" was rather funny! The man who wore a top hat on Sunday was mentioned. I think he wore it on other days too because we nicknamed him "the every day bridegroom". The carpenter's wooden building can be seen in the photo of Heath Road. The carpenter's name was Mr Hudson as I recall.

Does anyone remember a family Edrich who lived in Manor Road about halfway up on the right going uphill. A boy Edrich joined me and friends sometimes on our way up to the common to play cricket. He was very welcome because he had a cricket bag with lovely new boy sized cricket gear in it. Much better than our old stuff.

Finally something about King George V's chauffeur. He retired to "Cromarty" in 1939 with his wife Margaret. He was Oscar Humfrey (not Humphreys). He was not a Scotsman as was believed by everyone, including myself, despite his broad scottish accent and house name. He was in fact a son of a tenant farmer Heber Humfrey of Odstone Farm, Ashbury, Berkshire. His wife Margaret was however Scottish. My belief is that he trained as a motor engineer in the late 1800s early 1900s, and was given the job of delivering a car to a man in Scotland. There he met Margaret and they were married in London in 1906. He was obviously well qualified to get the job of chauffer to the Prince of Wales in 1908 (King in 1911). After the King's death in 1936 he continued as

chauffeur to Queen Mary until 1939. The Queen used to visit him at Cromarty sometimes and I remember the big Daimler parked in the road outside the house. Margaret died in 1950 and his niece Mary Fraser came to be his housekeeper. She was a very sociable person and joined in village activities as I remember. Oscar died in 1972 aged 93. Oscar and Margaret are buried in Sandringham churchyard. Mary Fraser eventually sold Cromarty and moved back to Scotland.

I enclose a photo of Oscar with two Scottish relatives taken in 1964 at Cromarty. Presumably Mary Fraser was the photographer.

Pat Linford (Old Dersinghamite)



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The programme for August and September is:

WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST

Start at 6.00pm from the old railway station at Dersingham (map ref.L 132/680 308). A 4.5 miles circular walk around Ingoldisthorpe and Dersingham led by Steve and Lindsey Davis (543138).

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

Start at 10.30am from Green Bank, Ringstead (off the Ringstead/Holme road) (map ref.L 132/708 420). A 6.5 miles circular walk to Holme and Thornham led by Elizabeth Fiddick (540940). **BRING A PACKED LUNCH.**

WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

Start at 2.00pm from Fring Church (Map ref.L1 32/735 348). A 5 miles circular walk around Fring and along Peddars Way led by Christine Taylor and Geoff Toop (542807)

If anyone else would like to lead a walk or has any ideas for other routes, please let me know.

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Keith Starks (542268)

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Applications are invited from all parts of the community but I have a particular need for anyone able to speak an Eastern European language.

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The Sandringham Newsletter

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The first swifts and swallows have appeared on the Estate and cuckoos have also begun calling in the Park. Ground nesting birds have begun to hatch their young and the pied and grey wagtails which nest under the eaves of the Estate Office at York Cottage have returned once again – spring really is well on the way.

The wild Rhododendron ponticum which lines so many of the local minor roads produced banks of purple flowers for miles around the Estate, and rhododendrons also took centre stage in the Gardens this month, with the Woodland Walk and the lakesides full of vivid colours.

The Head Gardener led one of the two guided garden walks we offer each year to RHS members; the theme for this walk was “Gardening on a Grand Scale”, covering garden machinery, pruning techniques and composting – all the basic tasks that need to be done to keep the Gardens at their best. There will be another RHS walk in October, looking at the trees and autumn foliage, but in the meanwhile we also continue to offer guided garden tours all through the season on Fridays and Saturdays at 11am and 2pm; no booking necessary, just turn up and join in (£2.50 supplement on garden admission ticket).

At the Visitor Centre, our new Gift Shop Manager is beginning to introduce new lines with a very local emphasis – ranges produced in Norfolk will be beginning to take centre stage alongside our own Sandringham souvenirs, large and small. We have also welcomed a new chef to our team in the kitchens at the Visitor Centre Restaurant, where of course we already try to use as much local produce as possible, including Red Poll beef reared on the Estate and vegetables in season grown in the Walled Garden.

On the Fruit Farm, fruit set for both apples and blackcurrants looks promising and there has been no frost damage at all this year. Areas of red clover have been planted around the blackcurrant

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fields to encourage bees and other pollinating insects, and trees and shrubs overhanging ponds close by have been thinned out to allow more light through, again to encourage insects and other wildlife. A recent diversification measure on the Fruit Farm, the establishment of a small organic truffiere (truffle plantation), was inspected recently by an expert from Truffle UK to see how the truffle micro-rhizomes were developing on the roots of the trees there; they are rather sparse on oak tree roots, but establishing well on hazels.

A charity horse ride across the Estate in May attracted 200 riders and raised over £2000 for the church funds of Sandringham and West Newton Churches.

After a generally warm and sunny spring, the gardeners are having to irrigate beds and borders, particularly in the drier parts of the Gardens around the Woodland Walk. This is generally done using water from the lakes within the Gardens in the early mornings before visitors arrive; last year was so wet that it didn't have to be done at all. The lakes themselves are kept topped up by an ingenious piece of Victorian engineering: long before "rainwater harvesting" was invented, the architect of Sandringham House designed a system of drains that takes rainwater from the roof gutters and feeds it down to the lakes.

The Driving Trials took place in Sandringham Park at the end of June as usual, and we were blessed with hot and sunny weather for the whole weekend. This three-day event is completely free to attend and is always well worth seeing; the speed of the horses and the skill of the competitors are quite breathtaking.

At the Visitor Centre, regular visitors will have noticed that the wooden statue of St Felix and the beaver has been relocated, from its hard-to-find position deep within the woods, to mark the start of the new Sculpture Trail through the Arboretum. Around a dozen wooden statues have been set among the trees, with more to come each year. The legend of St Felix is one with a very strong local connection; he sailed from France to East Anglia in around 600AD to introduce Christianity to Eastern England, and was said to have been shipwrecked while traveling inland up the river Babingley. He was rescued by beavers – one of whom he later made a bishop, as the story goes, and this is commemorated in this statue of the saint with his coracle on his back and a beaver at his side, and also in the Babingley village sign, recently restored and re-carved by David Andrews.

Sandringham Estate is delighted that two apprentices whose studies it has sponsored have recently won prizes at the College of West Anglia. An apprentice carpenter and an apprentice electrician have won Apprentice of the Year and the Kevin Clarke Memorial Award.

May's Church Fete attracted many visitors to browse stalls heaped with home-made cakes and home-grown plants, play old-fashioned games and watch a dog show with a difference; there were more than a hundred entries in categories such as "Dog with the waggiest tail", "Dog that looks most like its owner" and "Dog the judges would most like to take home". Almost £4,000 was raised for the funds of the six churches within the Sandringham group of parishes.



Finally, Sawmill customers will probably know that most of its staff are former Yachtsmen from the Royal Yacht "Britannia", and its shingled parking area with the anchor centrepiece looks distinctly like an ocean foreshore. This year, it clearly isn't just humans who think so – an oystercatcher has made her nest in the centre of the yard, and Sawmill staff are hoping to see her successfully rear a family there. □

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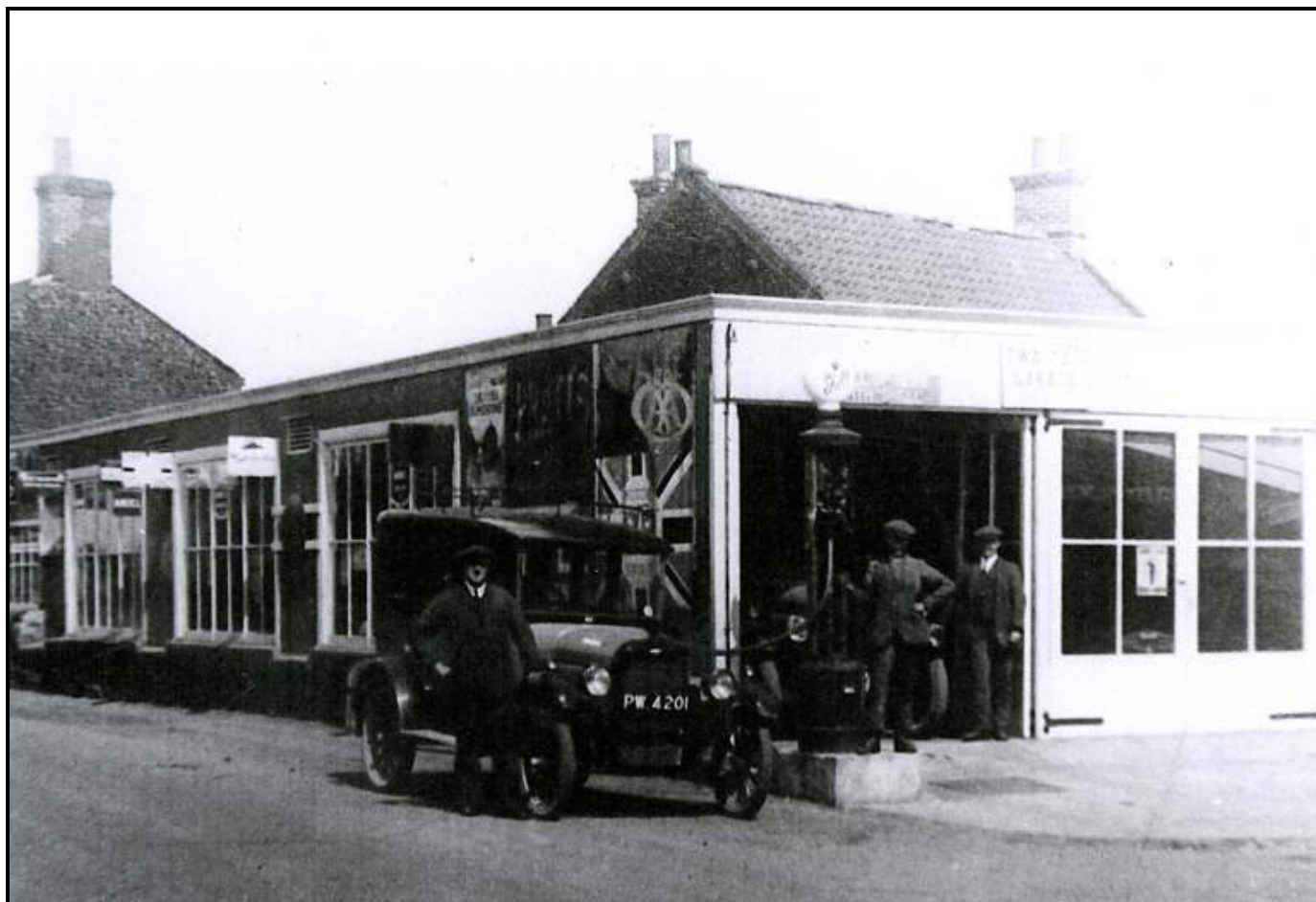
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Old Picture Corner - past and present

Quite a lot of the old pictures we have are of places that have now changed a lot. This 20's view of Twites Garage has completely gone to be replaced by Chambers Court. However most old photos unlike this one still have some recognizable features as future issues will show.



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- The bins in the Recreation Ground and War Memorial are emptied by a private contractor.
- There was no additional charge for this service.

New System

- The Borough Council will empty a total of 8 bins without any additional charge – if we want more bins emptied, there will be an annual charge of £78 per bin (this was originally £50 but the cost has increased since April 2009).
- The concrete bins are no longer suitable as they do not comply with Health & Safety regulations.
- The concrete bins must be replaced with the new style bin, as already in use in Hunstanton and King's Lynn. The Borough Council will provide 3 of the new style bins. The Parish Council will have to pay for any additional bins – the cost is £402.05 + VAT.
- The Borough Council will operate a 2-tier system of emptying both the new and old style bins until April 2010. After this date, the Borough Council will only empty the new style bins.
- The Environment Committee purchased a new style in from the 2008/09 budget, so in total we have 4 of the new style bins.
- The removal and disposal of the concrete bins is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

As a result of the above:

- For the 2009/10 financial year Dersingham will have 8 bins emptied by the Borough Council – 4 new style and 4 of the old style concrete bins.
- The bins in the Recreation Ground and the War Memorial will continue to be emptied by the private contractor
- The Environment Committee will review the impact of the reduction in bins, and make recommendations for what should happen after April 2010.
- There will be some old style bins available, free of charge, to any organisation in the village. Please contact the Parish Office – the offer is on a first come, first served basis.

We would like to thank Sylvia Hopp, from the Waste & Recycling Department of the Borough Council for her help. □



An old style bin

Community Lunch

The third Community Lunch sponsored by Hawkins Solicitors, represented by Paul Speerin, took place on the 25th June 2009 at the Dersingham Village Social Club, which proved to be a very popular venue with the 42 guests present.

The club was represented by Committee Member, Lee, and an excellent finger buffet was prepared by Kerry.

As a means of contributing to the Social Club's funds, a raffle had been organised, with many gifts being provided by attendees at the lunch, resulting in the sum of £76.00 being raised, a magnificent effort!

The speaker on this occasion was Roger Poll, Chairman of Dersingham Cricket Club who advised those attending the lunch of the Cricket Club's activities and achievements, as well as encouraging them to be present on match days to support the various teams.

It is now becoming apparent that the Community Lunches are being welcomed as a form of integration of local businesses and organisations and for creating a forum for networking, and I would once again ask for any business, club or other organisation to contact me if they have not been included in the past – contact is by e-mail at communitylunches1@btinternet.com or by telephone to 01485 541347.



Lunches planned for the future are to take place in September and November, the first to be sponsored by Saint George's (CE) School and held on their premises on Thursday 17th September from 12 noon to 1 pm. The November lunch is to be held at a date and venue which have not as yet been finalised, and will be sponsored by Tim Rounce of 'Rounce and Evans Estate Agents' and Luke Loades of 'Norfolk Lets' property management agency.

Before I close, I would like to correct an omission from my last report, when I failed to thank and congratulate the volunteers at Dersingham Methodist Church who made our lunch in April so successful thanks to their efforts, what a hard-working team they are! □

Until next time, regards to all – Bob Tipling, Co-ordinator, Dersingham Community Lunches

New Councillor Shirley Rumens introduces herself

I was born into a large family in London where there was never a dull moment, or indeed a quiet one. I then moved to Harlow when my first son was born where I lived for 17 years, moving to Dersingham in 2000.

I have three Children and One Grandson. Which bring me on to the wonderful time I spent as a Governor at Dersingham Infants school. This was a roll I enjoyed very much and I was the Governor with responsibilities for Special needs.

I have joined the Parish Council as I believe I can help the Council continue to make the Village a safe and good place to live. □



Dersingham Open Gardens

Just over four hundred people chose to explore some quiet byways and hidden gardens in Dersingham on the Sunday and Monday afternoons of the Spring Holiday, instead of enduring the slow traffic heading for the busy coast. The annual Open Gardens event enabled visitors to visit eight lovely gardens – some large with stately trees and grand views, and some small with interesting hidden corners and welcoming seating areas for rest and reflection. Some of the gardens were in the traditional cottage garden style while others reflected more recent trends in gardening. Opening, as it always does, on the end of a week of televised coverage of the Chelsea Flower Show, our Open Gardens event gives people who have been enthused by that coverage a chance to see for themselves, in less crowded and artificial conditions, real living gardens that can inspire us and give us achievable ideas for our own plots.

Happily, the weather was kind to us on both afternoons, with some real summer sunshine. Light summer clothing and straw sun hats were seen everywhere, rather than people wrapped in raincoats and battling with windblown umbrellas, as in some previous years. There is something about the indomitable British spirit that makes us determined to endure bad weather with resolve and cheerfulness, but how much better it is when the sun shines!

A busy team of church volunteers served teas in the Church Hall. A selection of superb home-made cakes and traditional cream teas were available. The well-stocked book room had a large selection of books, on various subjects, available for sale at modest prices.

For the second year, also in the Church Hall, there was an exhibition of paintings and other craftwork by local artists reflecting some superb local talent. Many of the pictures portrayed the lovely features and views of north west Norfolk. It is planned that this exhibition will be a regular attraction at this event.



The members of the parish church, who organised this event to aid church funds to the tune of £1900, are extremely grateful to all who contributed so much time and energy to make this weekend so successful.

Visitors to Dersingham were also able to visit the annual Methodist Church Flower Festival which also included a variety of stalls and refreshments.

Now is the ideal time to turn to the forward planner in the back of your diary and note the dates for next years Open Gardens which co-incides with the Spring Holiday again (30th and 31st May 2010). Please tell your friends and bring them along. □

The Grumpy Bit

It is two and a half years since we moved into Dersingham and we have no regrets for leaving the crowded Medway towns behind. We have enjoyed making many friends and joining in village activities. I love going round and reading the notices about all the meetings, craft fairs, garage sales, etc. which are to take place.

My moan is that people are very good at putting up these notices but rarely seem to take them down. There is a partially legible but very dog-eared one on a telegraph pole near the newsagents advertising an event in September 2008. They get ripped, fade and spoil the look of our lovely village.

Please, if you put up a poster, go back and take it down after the event. □

Saffron Building Society celebrates 10 years of local service in Dersingham

The Saffron Building Society celebrated 10 years of local service in Dersingham at the same time as the Society's own 160th anniversary.

To mark the occasion, a reception was held in Snettisham Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 12th May in the presence of the past Deputy Borough Mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Bill Daws, the past Mayoress, Sheila Johnson, and other guests, which included Staff and Agents of the Saffron Building Society and representatives from a local Dersingham charity Phobbies. The Society was pleased to make a cheque presentation to the Charity to help its wonderful work in the local community.

As many of you know, Phobbies is a club for physically handicapped people where they learn and practise a variety of hobbies and meet weekly on Thursdays at St. Nicholas Church Hall in Dersingham.

Saffron Building Society is a Regional Building Society that understands your needs. It prides itself on being a mutual organisation, which means it is owned by the members, and exist solely for the benefit of its members. The Society is represented throughout East Anglia and has an agency network of which we are a member of that agency network.

In 1994, the original local agency was established with Steve Hammond at Torc Financial Services in the Market Place at Snettisham, who helped establish two further representations in

1999 at Profile UK, Jubilee Court, Dersingham, and in 2007 at Sutton's Estate Agency, High Street, Heacham.



Cheque presentation from Saffron Building Society to Phobbies Club.

Left to Right: -

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AMBITION ACHIEVED

I was standing some ten metres back from the edge of a one hundred metre high cliff. It was a bright day and the northerly wind was blowing quite strongly in my face. The adrenalin was running high but I felt numb, oblivious to the sights and sounds around me. My son, who was 9 years old at the time, repeatedly tugged at my sleeve.

"Dad! You're mad! Don't do it! I don't want you to die!"

But it was too late – my mind was made up. I leaned into the wind and began to run forward towards the edge and the sheer drop below. Faster now, until I reached the edge – then I jumped out into space.

I fell.

Quickly at first, until I heard a reassuring 'thock', followed by a fluttering noise above and behind me and I was carried skywards above the edge of the cliff. This was it! What I had dreamed of and worked for over the last few weeks. I was hang-gliding! Everything was calm, beautiful and safe.

Tentatively I pulled the control frame gently to the right and the hang-glider, with me suspended from it, moved quietly but definitely to the left, along the cliff edge where the wind was blowing upwards and keeping me safely aloft. I realised that the cliff face would soon 'run out' and simply turn into a gentle hill. 'No updraughts there' I thought. Should I turn into wind again and fly out straight, and gently descend, until I landed in the fields ahead? No, I was enjoying this too much. I would attempt to turn through 180 degrees and fly back along the edge in the direction I had come from. It worked!

So it went on, 'beating' (as hang-glider pilots say), up and down the cliff-edge until tiredness set in and I was ready to fly out and away from the cliff to the green landing fields below. This had been the most memorable experience of my life.

It all started when I read an article in Readers Digest entitled 'Hang on; you're flying' (yes, I can still remember that piece some forty years on). It was to provide the spark that would fire up my lifetime's ambition to fly without powered assistance.

Conventional gliding would, of course, have sufficed; but that was a very expensive sport in those days and anyway the conventional glider is always winched, or towed, up into the air to start a flight. That seemed like cheating to me.

Many years after reading the article, I met a man who was equally as enthusiastic as myself about the prospect of hang-gliding. He was an Engineer, as I was. So we purchased a set of plans; vast quantities of aluminium alloy tubing; high tensile steel nuts and bolts; and masses of red and blue rip-stop nylon sheeting. With the aid of my wife's sewing machine (which was never the same again!) we built the McBroom Argos hang-glider; quite a big beast, suitable for pilots not exceeding 12 stone. Then came the day to try out not only our wonderful machine, but also ourselves. It was the toss of a coin that made me the first to leap – literally – into the unknown and subsequently reassure my son that his father was not quite as mad he thought he was! □

Steve Nowell





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The closing date for entries is September 2nd 2009, for publication on the October issue cover. Two runners up will have their entries published inside.

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SHORT STROLLS IN AND AROUND DERSINGHAM

6. Life Wood, Ingoldisthorpe Common and the old Railway Track

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From the old railway station (1 on the sketch) walk up Station Road to its junction with Pansey Drive on the left. Go down this section of Pansey Drive and take the first turning on your right. After a few paces, turn left into the 'private' stretch of Glebe Road. At its junction with Woodside Avenue, turn right for a few paces, then left into Woodside Close. Walk to the end of Woodside Close and the entrance to Life Wood faces you. (2 on the sketch)

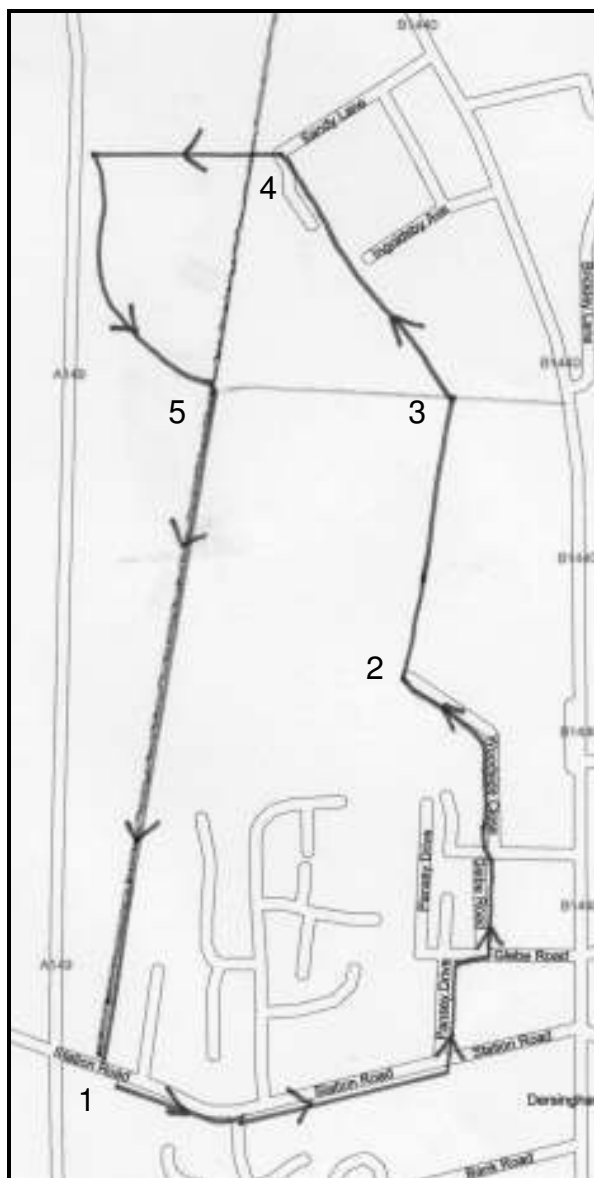
Enter the wood and follow the path as it bears slightly to the right, then to the left, before reaching a point where you have a choice of three paths (3 on the sketch)* Take the path ahead but to the right towards a field. Follow this path and keep right at each fork so that it takes you behind some bungalows and then curves left, then right, to take you onto an open space with a ditch running along its far side. Turn right along the open space, crossing a bridge over a ditch, to a metal six-bar gate. Go round this and turn left. (4 on the sketch)

A second six-bar gate faces you. Go round this and take the track straight ahead passing a poultry yard on your right. Continue on this track towards the bypass (A 149) and stay on the path as it bears left and meanders roughly parallel to the bypass. Where it divides, keep to the right which brings you back to the fence by the bypass. Continue on the same path as it turns away from the bypass (the stretch here is often very muddy and ankle-turning hardcore has been put down in places) and follow it till the old railway is reached (5 on the sketch).

Turn right and follow the path back to the old railway station from which the walk started.

* Should you wish to shorten the walk to about 1.5 miles, at point 3 on the sketch, take the path on the left which follows the bank and ditch which marks the edge of Ingoldisthorpe Common until you cross a bridge and reach the old railway track. Turn left and follow this path back to the old station. □

Keith Starks





Dick Melton

I was asked what was in the centre of Dersingham, Centre Vale,

before all the modern houses and bungalows were built. Well, the answer is not much. In 1905 there was just the row of 26 semi-detached and terraced houses on the right as they are today and as you approached these cottages on your left was the farmhouse called Blackheath Lodge. There was also a

house called Blackheath Lodge in Chapel Road. The Jackson family lived in Blackheath Lodge in 1905 and Mr Jackson would ride around the village on a tricycle, a three-wheel bike. In 1929 the house name was changed to The Farm Centre Vale, then in 1964 the name was changed once again to 'Lowcroft'. The Jackson family did not farm all of the land; some of it was farmed by the Balding brothers. The first bungalows were built in Centre Crescent in the late fifties, and then starting in the early sixties all of the other bungalows and houses were built.



From Centre Vale



Blackheath Lodge

One man, who came to live there in 1962, used to walk all the way round by Lynn Road to use the Albert Victor pub in Manor Road as there was a large dyke between the estate and the backyard of the Albert Victor. So the landlord of the pub at that time, Mr Peter Rogers, built a bridge over the dyke from railway sleepers and for many years people used this as a short cut to the Manor Road shops and to get to the common and woods.

When I was a boy and used to go down the beach with my dad, we often used to see old bits of metal sticking out of the mud over the creek and beyond the jetty. My dad said they were the

remains of aircraft that crashed in The Wash during the war, so the other day I started to look into this to find out about these crashed aircraft. I could only find out the details about one and that was a B17 in the summer of 1944. On its way back from a bombing mission over Germany, it had been hit by flak but managed to get as far as The Wash. The pilot ordered the crew to bale out, which they did, and he stayed with the plane and brought it down on the mud. He then got out and walked across the



Can we find any names for these people outside the Albert Victor?



B 17

mud to safety; he was very lucky not only to survive the crash but also to get through the minefield and wartime defences that were along this stretch of coast during the war.

These are the only details of any wartime crash that I could find, but I do know there were four 6-inch guns positioned at the top of Wolferton Hill. They were manned by the men of the Newfoundland Artillery Regiment, so did these men shoot down any enemy aircraft that may have crashed in the area. If any one knows of such events can they please let me or the Dersingham

Village Voice know.

In the June issue of the Village Voice I wrote about the people who used to live in Heath Road, Dersingham and I said that one of them was a retired school teacher called Miss Robinson. I am afraid I got this wrong; her name was Miss Jeffery. In that issue I also asked if any one could remember the name of a gentleman who lived in a house that was called Twinberry at the top of Heath Road, overlooking the common, who always wore a top hat to go to church on a Sunday. Well, Dennis Wright rang me up to say the gentleman's name was Major Edward P Northfield and he was in the church choir with Dennis. Did he wear his top hat in church? Well Dennis did not say.

I try to get to Dersingham at least twice a month and on Thursday the 25th of June I attended a community lunch at Dersingham Social Club. This is the third of these lunches that has been held and, thanks to Bob Tipling, two more are in the pipeline. These community lunches are a very good way of meeting people who have lived in the village for a long time and the new arrivals.

Many of the newcomers to the village ask me about the beach and how to get to it. Well, as I

explain to them, Dersingham does not have a beach. The parish of Dersingham covers 3,573 acres: the eastern end of the boundary is Ling House; and the western boundary is Boathouse Creek, that is the last large river/drain where the concrete road ends at the bottom of Beach Road about 200 yards before you get to the old sea wall. The land between this and the beach is in the Parish of Snettisham and it carries on to the south until it joins the Wolferton boundary. The Parish of Snettisham covers 5,592 acres of land, 16 acres of water (the Shingle Pits), 37 acres of tidal water that is the water between the Creek and the foreshore, and 1,342 acres of foreshore. This foreshore stretches from the Heacham boundary, just to the north of the rifle range and south as far as the North Wootton boundary, which is why Wolferton with 2,947 acres of land has no foreshore. This may sound a bit complicated but I hope it explains why the parish of Dersingham has no beach.

By the way I had some samphire, first of the season on the 27th June from just to the south of the old jetty and it was very good.

See you all in October, all the best. □



The old jetty



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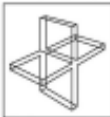
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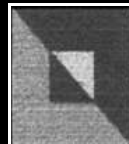
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2ND DERSINGHAM BROWNIES CHANGING THE WORLD CHALLENGE

In the run up to the launch of the Girlguiding UK Centenary celebrations on the 5th September 2009, all units are involved in a "Changing the World" challenge. 19 charities have linked up with Girlguiding to encourage activities, and to raise awareness and funds for their causes. The 2nd Dersingham Brownies have supported the "Help the Hospices" and in particular THE NORFOLK HOSPICE – Tapping House in Snettisham.

The Brownies have been involved in a number of activities to emphasise caring and helping others. They painted flower pots and then planted herb seeds, recorded a cassette tape of songs with accompanying programme, visited Park Farm at Snettisham to see how animals are cared for and produced a "Thank you" collage.

Julie Boyd from The Norfolk Hospice visited the Brownies to share a meeting and talk briefly to the girls about Tapping House. She was presented with the pots of herbs and the tape of Brownie songs. (See picture)

The Brownies held a Coffee Morning on Saturday 16th May to raise funds for the Hospice and made £125.00. □

Lynne Wheeler (Brownie Guider - 01485 544753)



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We do energetic games, craft, story, song and prayer. We have a few spare places for 5 – 11 year olds, so do join us !

We are also running a **Holiday Club** on Monday 27th /Tuesday 28th /Wednesday 29th July 10am – 12.30 in the Church Hall ;
and a **Family Barbecue** in the Vicarage Garden on Friday 21st July at 4pm.

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All Stars Sunday Club for 4 – 11 year olds in term time
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Our programme for Sundays in August and September is

Sunday 2nd August 10.30am bags with pictures/crayons/games provided

Sunday 9th August 10.30am Family Service (with children's activities)

Sunday 16th August 10.30am Children's Summer Club
– meet in church and go over to Hall.
Creche in church

Sunday 23rd August 10.30am Children's Summer Club
– meet in church and go over to Hall.
Creche in church

Sunday 30th August 10.30am bags with pictures etc. provided

Sunday 6th September 10.30am Children's Summer Club
– meet in church and go over to Hall.
Creche in church

Sunday 13th September 10.30am Family Service (with children's activities)

It's All Stars Sunday Club again on Sunday 20th and 27th September.

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ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED March 2009

Membership of the Trustees is limited to nine volunteers who manage approximately 100 acres of land in Dersingham. This land is divided into farm land, fuel allotments (commons) and field gardens (allotments). Revenue from the land is used to provide funding for general benefit to the poor and those suffering hardship and in assisting persons who are preparing for a trade. During the year two obligatory committee meetings are held on the second Thursday in May and November, with interim meetings taking place as and when required. Regular meetings take place with representatives from Norfolk County Council and English Nature to oversee work on both commons and the Fen.

Following a bout of illness, long standing Chairman Mr Alan Cross was unable to continue in this office. He continues as a representative trustee appointed by the parish council. Mr Alan Hayward, a trustee since April 2000 was appointed Chairman. He, Mrs Jean Riches, Mrs Sarah Harmer, and Mr Simon Davidson are also appointed by the parish council and serve a four year term. The death of Mr Eric Riches, a trustee since 1997, created a vacancy due to be filled in May. Other trustees (co-opted) are Mrs May Davey and Prof. Walter Blaney who serve a five year term. Revd Michael Brock vicar of the parish of St Nicholas is the ex officio member, an automatic appointment as Ecclesiastical head of the parish.

Annual accounts are produced at the end of March and sent to the Charity Commissioners. These are published in the Village Voice booklet delivered to every household in the village. Charity donations are distributed to local charities and individuals whose criteria meet the requirements detailed in paragraph one. Dersingham Day Centre for the Elderly, Dersingham Seniors Club, Dersingham First Responders and Orchard Close Community Group have benefited in the past year. Donations are made upon application, which should be received by the clerk of the trustees by 1st November each year, for consideration by the committee, for December distribution. Norfolk County Council manages Dersingham Fen and maintenance is progressive. The area is an important conservation site, being one of the few acid valley mires in the country. Rare species of moss and lichens grow there and it is vital to keep an open site. Maintenance of public footpaths and fire breaks is the responsibility of the D.U.C and is ongoing on both commons. New board walks were constructed on the 'shut up' common. This work was carried out and funded by Norfolk County Council who provide invaluable support in maintaining the area for residents to enjoy.

All allotment tenants now belong to the Allotment Association which organises working parties to maintain access, ditches and boundaries. The site was visited by local writer Diana Thompson who has compiled a book on Norfolk Allotments. In her opinion it is one of the best maintained in the county. The current trend to 'grow your own' has resulted in a long waiting list for plots. □

Ruth Mountain



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A Walk on the Common

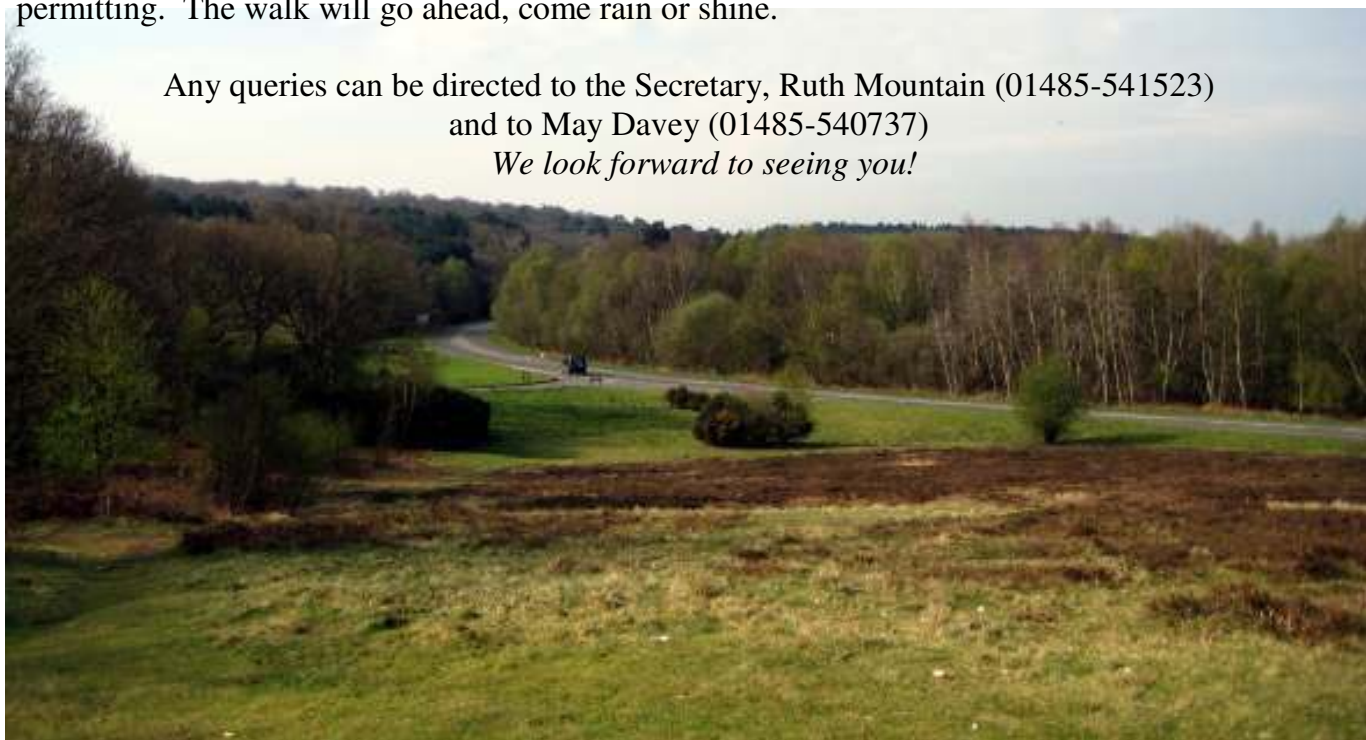
All Dersingham residents, young or old, are invited to join the Trustees of Dersingham United Charities for a walk on the Commons.

Meeting Place: The Dersingham Village Sign
Time: 11.30am
Date: Saturday 8 August 2009

Trustee Sarah Harmer, a specialist in environmental studies, will be on hand to answer questions about the plants and insects on the two Commons, which lie above and below the A149 at the entrance to the village. The Chairman of the Trustees, Alan Hayward, will explain how the Trustees manage the Commons and what is being planned there.

Please bring a drink and something to eat as we hope to have a little picnic at the end, weather permitting. The walk will go ahead, come rain or shine.

Any queries can be directed to the Secretary, Ruth Mountain (01485-541523)
and to May Davey (01485-540737)
We look forward to seeing you!



Dersingham United Charities

A vacancy has arisen for a Representative Trustee of Dersingham United Charities.

The Trustees manage some 100 acres of land which provide funding for projects in Dersingham that benefit the sick, disabled, elderly, isolated, students on practical apprenticeships or those suffering hardship.

The appointment is part of a four year term due to end 2011 and will be made by **the Parish Council.**

Any competent person, resident in Dersingham, who does not hold any interest in property belonging to the Charities, may apply for the office.

Applications should be in writing to **the clerk of Dersingham Parish Council,** Police Station, Manor Road, Dersingham by 31st August 2009

The appointment will be made at the next meeting of the Parish Council, following the closing date.

Signed.

Clerk to Dersingham United Charities Dated June 2009

THE EFFECTS OF CONSERVATION AREA DESIGNATION

Many years ago the Parish Council invited the borough to look into creating a conservation area within Dersingham. Here are the guidelines they work to supplied by the Borough Conservation Officer. This is just the beginning of the consultation process, as many opinions as possible are needed.

“ A Conservation Area – “An area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance”

The historic environment contributes to our quality of life by providing an attractive environment in which to live, work or relax. With this in mind, conservation areas were introduced by the 1967 Civic Amenities Act and Local Authorities were required to identify and designate conservation areas. This duty is now part of the 1990 Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act. The Act also requires the review of existing conservation areas, and where appropriate, the designation of new ones.

The quality and interest of a conservation area depends upon a combination of factors:- the relationship and architectural quality off buildings, materials, spaces, walls, trees, and other landscape features, together with views in and out of the area. Conservation Area designation increases the Council’s powers. In particular, planning applications are judged by their impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area as well as the normal planning criteria. There are greater controls over demolition and the rights that owners have to do work without Planning Permission (Permitted Development Rights) are reduced

The Borough Council uses the following statutory and discretionary powers to fulfil this responsibility on behalf of the community:-

- Outline planning applications for new buildings are not acceptable. Full details must be submitted in to give the Local Authority, consultees and the general public the opportunity to consider the likely impact of the proposals on the site, its immediate surroundings and the overall character of the conservation area.
- Permitted Development rights are reduced (e.g. domestic extensions less than 70 cubic metres do not normally need permission. In a Conservation Area this is reduced to 50 cu.m). See Guidance Note No.4 “Extensions to Dwellings” for details.
- Permitted development rights may be removed entirely by means of an Article 4 Direction. Such directions do exist for a number of Conservation Areas so please check before proceeding with any development
- Planning applications in conservation areas must be advertised on site and in the local press for 21 days to give people the opportunity to comment
- Total or substantial demolition of a building in a conservation area and with a volume of 115 cubic metres or more requires Conservation Area Consent.
- Applications for demolition and/or development in conservation areas are referred to the Borough Council’s Conservation Officers and may also be referred to the Conservation Area Advisory Panel.
- Trees, hedges, grass verges and boundary walls are important character feature and should be retained. New tree planting should be of an indigenous species.
- Trees in conservation areas are also protected. You must inform the Borough Council in writing, at least six weeks before you wish to carry out work and get approval in writing before you start. This is to give the Authority the opportunity to carry out an inspection and decide whether the tree is of sufficient merit to require the protection of a Tree Preservation Order.

The Borough Council's Landscape Officer in the Planning Policy Service can advise.

- Small grants may be available towards the cost of historic buildings in conservation area. Details are available from the Conservation Team.
- The Borough Council has a statutory duty to protect and improve the appearance of conservation areas through enhancement schemes. Partnership with the local communities concerned is a key aspect of this work, and Parish Councils with conservation areas are encouraged to discuss enhancement projects with Borough Council officers who will be able to give help and advice for improving their areas.

Please Note:-

- Anyone interested in carrying out any development or tree work in a conservation area should seek advice from the Borough Council before starting work or making a formal application.

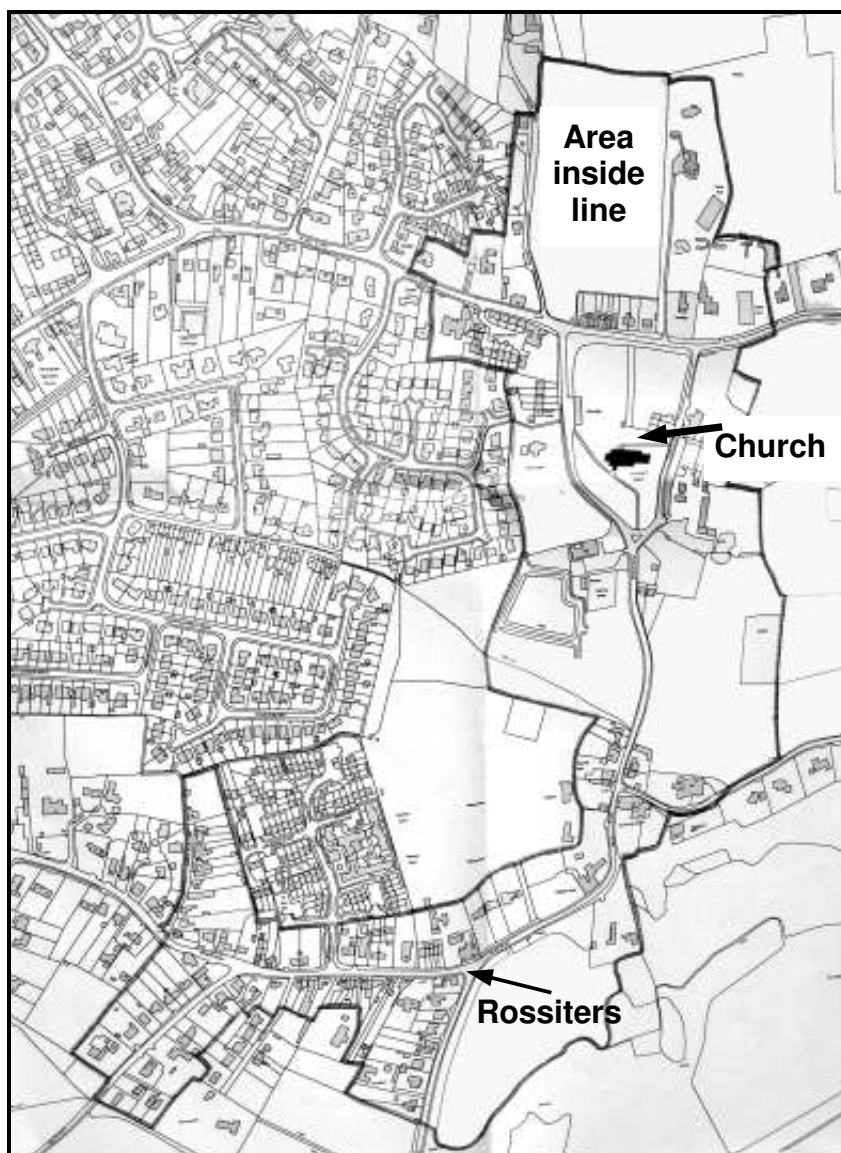
NB. It is a criminal offence to carry out unauthorised work to buildings or trees within a conservation area and you and your contractor could be prosecuted if you do not obtain the necessary consents.

- Conservation Area designation cannot be used as a tool to stop development.

- Conservation area designation is about the built environment and the spaces between and around the buildings. It is not about large areas of open space e.g. commons and agricultural land. They are already protected under their own designation within the Boroughs Local Plan.

And Finally:-

- Draft Conservation Area Character Statements are in place for most of the existing conservation areas in West Norfolk. Finalised versions will be produced when all the draft statements have been completed.
- New conservation areas will also be looked at. Villages which have actively sought conservation area designation will be dealt with first
- New conservation area designation must have community support and public consultation is a legal requirement.



This is just an initial suggestion of a conservation area. If you would like more included or a different boundary please comment. A copy of this map is held in the PC office.

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The form is intended for the present occupiers of an address. The name of anyone expected to be resident at the address on 15th October and who is already 18, or will reach that age by 30th November 2010, needs to be on the form and the names of anyone no longer at the address crossed out.

Forms received by owners of properties which are either already empty or are expected to be so on 15th October simply need the "Property empty on 15th October" box ticking and returning. This will avoid the issue of reminders.

In the event of any queries when the form arrives, householders can telephone 01553 616773 and any of the electoral staff will be glad to help.

Early return of the form or, better still, confirmation by freephone, internet, or SMS (details on the form) will avoid the need for reminders and help to keep costs down.

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News from the RSPCA

Sue Levings, Supervisor, reports on what's been happening at the East Winch Wildlife Centre:

As you would expect at this time of year, we have been getting more and more busy with young animals. Over the last couple of months we have admitted a number of birds from Dersingham, including a thrush, ducks, wood pigeons, collared doves and a house sparrow. These have mostly been victims of cats or cars.

Our first seal pup of the season was admitted on 28 June 2009, and has been named Simmo. The PT Cruisers UK have chosen us as their charity of the year, and members have paid to name seals. Then early in the morning of 3 July we received a call about 2 pups in trouble on Snettisham beach, with the tide due in within the hour. We got to the beach in time and rescued both pups – Khromie and The Shiner. All 3 pups are in our Isolation ward, and doing well.

Common seal pups are born between June and August. If you find a lone pup on the beach, it is not necessarily in trouble and its mother may be keeping her distance because people and/or dogs are



nearby. The advice is to monitor, from a reasonable distance, and to keep dogs away.

A healthy seal will keep its distance from people, and it is not unusual for a seal to be on the beach. **Never** put a seal into the water – it will go there if it wants to.

A seal in difficulty may have dry squinty eyes, or be hump-backed. If you are concerned about a seal, please contact the RSPCA's 24-hour number on 0300 123 4999.



Our Open Day on 5 July was a great success, with a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. It was lovely to meet so many people interested in our work. We managed to build an impressive towel mountain – we asked people to bring along a towel, tea towel or flannel, as we always need them. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came along, all our volunteers who helped out with the all the work before during and after. We raised just over £5,500, which is a record amount – this money will be used for aviaries at the Centre. □



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Start Sketching - 3

This time I'm back with the final part of my series of How To Sketch articles, which I hope will inspire you to have a go yourself! I'm looking at the possibilities of taking your sketching one stage further, with the introduction of using watercolour paint.

When sketching outdoors, I usually use watercolour in conjunction with ink. The initial drawing is done as described in the previous articles, and then the watercolour washes are applied afterwards. The ink drawing can be as simple as a line drawing, or it can be done with a pen containing waterproof ink. When the ink is dry, which usually takes about 10 minutes, the watercolour can be applied without any smudging.



Of course, to do this you will need some watercolour paints. You don't need a lot, but they should be contained in some sort of portable box, which also doubles as your mixing palette. I have included a drawing of watercolour materials in one of the illustrations accompanying this article.

Watercolour paints are available in many different brands, but the trouble is they usually contain far too many colours, which can be overwhelming. Better is to buy an empty box (plastic is cheap, but metal is much nicer) and fill it with the colours you need.

The paint itself is sold either in tubes or small cakes called pans. For outdoor sketching, pans are very convenient. For larger scale work in my studio I use tubes. I strongly recommend that you use paint from one of the big two manufacturers, Winsor & Newton or Daler-Rowney. To save on cost they both have so-called student ranges, but I always use the "artist's quality" range.

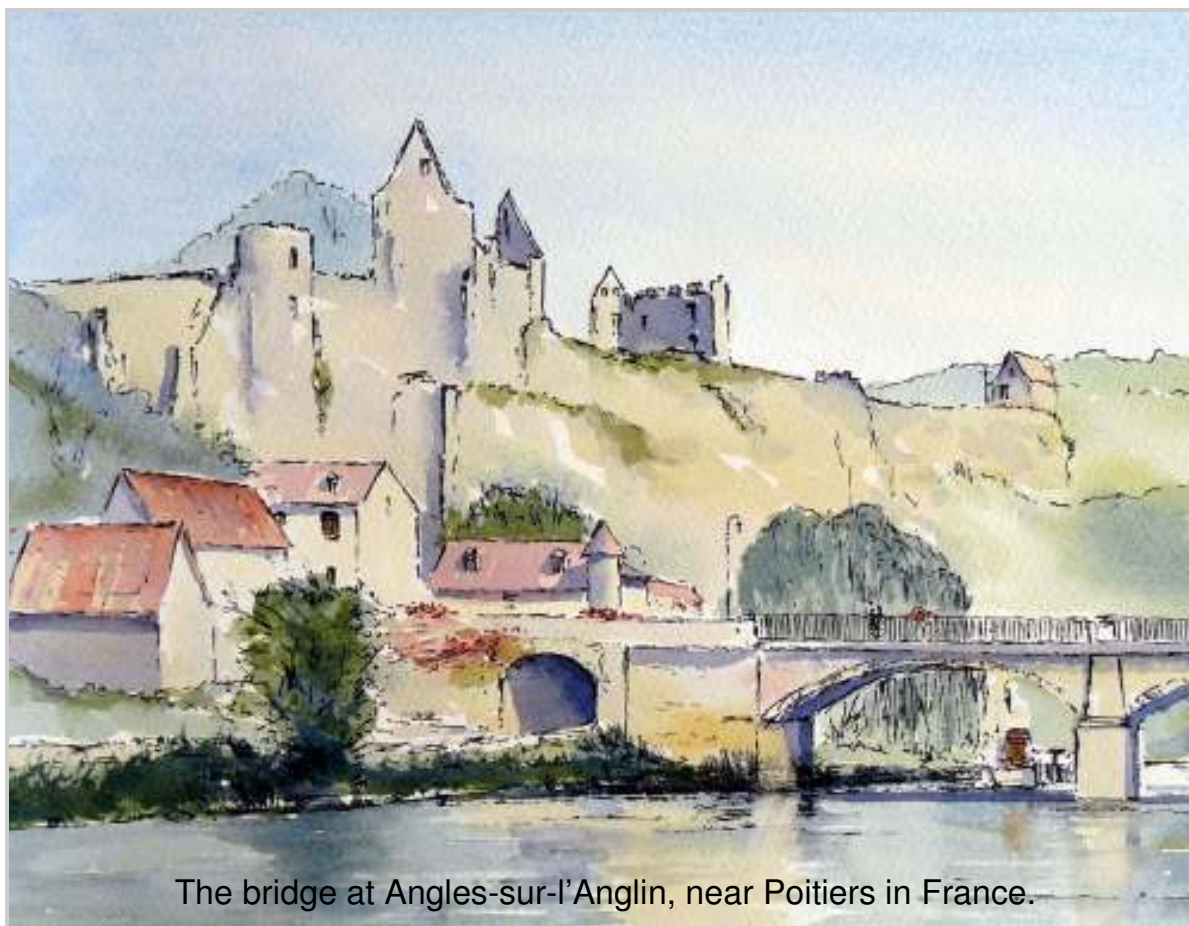
As for the actual colours, I find that about half a dozen are all I need for any sort of landscape painting, either in ink or watercolour. Alizarin Crimson, are my staples. If you want, you could add Prussian Blue and Cadmium Red, so that you have a good range of primary colours.

You will need a couple of brushes. I use a number 6 round brush and a 1/2 inch flat brush for my outdoor work. Both are from a good manufacturer, as are Winsor & Newton or Daler-Rowney. Buy your materials from a decent art-shop, or online. Don't just make painting more difficult.

You can paint on to cartridge sketching paper, but I much prefer to use proper watercolour paper. For sketching, you need a weight (that's the thickness) and a NOT surface. That's one with a bit of texture but NOT too much!

Having got all this gear, which won't actually cost a fortune, have a go with it and see what happens. Don't be afraid to experiment and practise until you get the feel of them. Use plenty of water, don't have the paint too strong, and practise on scrap paper.

You will notice that there are no greens, greys or browns in the colours I've suggested. That's because the primary colours are the only ones you need to mix all the other colours.



The bridge at Angles-sur-l'Anglin, near Poitiers in France.

and get my greens by mixing yellow and blue. Sienna. Ultramarine. depending on how much. Why do I do this? Because of harmony, with almost no sky colour. Just as the colour of our paintings is determined by the colours we use.

At this time of the year, when you're away, you have more memories than any other time. I always seek a shady spot to sit, because it makes it difficult to see. You've had a chance to see the countries, sketching them politely at bay, by avoiding unnecessary details. Hear the magic word: "No!"

If you'd like to learn more about sketching, be tutoring a Beginner. I'll be happy to provide details of this and other courses.

Have fun with your sketching!

you to get outdoors with a sketchpad and
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You can buy boxes ready filled with
can be both expensive and confusing.
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rers in the UK, either Winsor & Newton,
ity" range, which gives cleaner more vibrant colour at a little extra cost.

her here or abroad. Ultramarine Blue, Raw Sienna, Burnt Sienna, Cadmium Yellow Pale, Light Red,
ave an intense dark blue and a pillar-box red.

work. The best ones at a reasonable price are made from a mixture of sable and synthetic hair. Pro Arte is a
and avoid unknown brands from outlet stores etc. because they are invariably of inferior quality and will

ching outdoors I use a spiral-bound pad of Bockingford paper, about A4 size. Ask the art shop for 140lb

't waste hours doing a complicated drawing only to mess it up, the best thing to do is to try the paints out,
on proper watercolour paper because it makes a big difference.

y can be easily obtained by mixing Ultramarine with another colour. I use Ultramarine Blue for my skies,
y mixing with Cadmium Yellow or Raw

and Burnt Sienna gives grey or brown
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away on holiday. It's great fun to sketch
and those sketches will bring back far more
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to paint even a small area. In some
will draw a crowd of onlookers. Keep
by working with your back to a wall and
sary eye contact. Unless, of course, you
s . . . "do you sell your paintings?"!

arn more, I have painting and sketching courses and workshops at a variety of venues. In the autumn, I will
ers Watercolour group at West Norfolk Arts Centre, Castle Rising, beginning on 28th September. For full
her tuition, visit my website at www.learnwatercolour.com.

ar sketching, and enjoy the summer! □



Leaving plenty of white paper gives a feeling of light
on the water in this sketch at Burnham Overy.



A terrace at Casa Ana, a farmhouse in rural Spain.

Stephen Martyn

On your bike across France with the Cycle Touring Club. Or “La Manche to Le Med”.

After having completed the bike ride from Land's End to John O'Groats last year to raise funds for research into pseudomyxoma peritonei (and if I haven't thanked all those who contributed so generously to the total of £7,200 raised, I do so now), the opportunity came up to join a CTC group for a ride across France from the Channel to the Mediterranean, this time purely for the fun of the ride and the companionship, not to mention the food and the wine. The ride was to begin at Portsmouth, where we took an overnight ferry to Ouistreham, near Caen, so Mike O'Brien from King's Lynn and myself took a train to Portsmouth, pausing for a pint on the South Bank before ending up in Pompey. We travelled down on the Saturday, partly to reduce the chances of being delayed by engineering works, and partly to be tourists for a day, and to re-visit the Mary Rose, HMS Victory, and HMS Warrior. Very impressive, especially trying to get my head round where nearly nine hundred men and boys could possibly fit into the Victory. The Warrior by comparison was a luxury liner, though only by comparison. The life of a jolly-jack-tar was ever rough and tough, probably still is.

Our first treat after landing in France was to visit the Pegasus Bridge Café where Madame Arlette Gondrée-Pritchett opened for us at seven in the morning, and personally served us with croissants and pain-chocolats and delicious coffee. She is the daughter of Madame Gondrée who welcomed the allied troops during the liberation of Europe. The café is full of memorabilia, and well worth a visit.



Pegasus Café

Our first few days cycling were easy ones across the rolling country leading to the Loire Valley. We were sixteen in number, including the leaders, Sheila Simpson and Francis Cooke. Sheila at the age of sixty is no slouch, having among many other things, completed the Paris-Brest-Paris audax seven times. (It consists of a route covering 1150 kilometres, with a compulsory rest period of five hours, and we met a lady who during the event fell asleep on her bike and fell off, but was picked up, dusted down and set on her way, and went on to complete the ride!). There are some tough folks out there.



The "Cirque de Navacelles" going down

We had a couple of half days riding in the Loire area, so were able to spend sightseeing time in the afternoons. My most lasting memory is of “Le Châteaux des Dames” at Chenonceaux, a jewel of landscaping and architecture which probably owes its beauty to the fact that it has been owned and run by women from the 14th century to the present day. The riding got tougher as we entered the area of gorges, which on our ride included the Dordogne, the Lot, the Tarn and the Jonte. Spectacular scenery,

adrenaline pumping downhill, and heavy breathing uphill. On our day from Auphelle to Mauriac, which included a precipitous descent into the Gorge de Dordogne, we passed a sign saying “Route Barré”, and decided to ignore it. The detour would have added forty or so kilometres to the hundred plus we were already committed to. But nearly at the bottom the route really was “barré” by a couple of enormous machines busy demolishing the mountainside. OOPS! Good job the French have a love affair with the bike, if not always with the English, and they trundled their monsters to one side to let us pass. I’m pretty sure that wouldn’t have happened here. Vive la France.



Coming into Aniane

We spent convivial evenings in small hotels, wining and dining in the French manner, which it



has to be said is a very nice manner. As we progressed across the foothills of the Massif Central we slowly gained height, and at 4,400 feet I was glad to have brought a warm jacket and salopette. The weather was mixed, more good than bad, but a sign in one of the village shops saying “skiing lessons given” reminded us that hypothermia could lurk round the next corner. On our day from Meyruies to Le Vigan, we negotiated the Cirque de Navacelles, a great limestone bowl with a perfect example of the formation of oxbow lakes at the bottom, and a perfect example of a long climb (see picture) to get out. Not

long after we crossed the watershed between Atlantic and Mediterranean (see picture). It’s said that if two gents stand one on each side of the sign and pee in opposite directions, the one will drain to the Atlantic and the other to the Med. We didn’t try it.

Included in our machinery was a recumbent tandem tricycle, a conventional tandem, touring bikes of various shapes and sizes, with five ladies and eleven gents to provide the motive power.

At Montpellier, having dipped our toes (in my case metaphorically) in the Mediterranean it was time to catch the European Bike Express coach back to good old Albion, and dream of the next trip, which in my case is to visit my son Tim and his family in Germany. □

Trevor Riches



The Med at last!

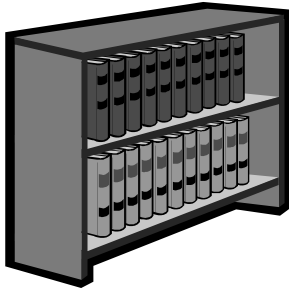
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Be a Norman Knight for the day with staff from Norfolk Museum Service

Monday 17th August

Bike marking and phone safety with the community safety team (time to be confirmed). □

Happy Reading, Alison



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

May was our Spring Lunch, this year held at the United Services Club in Hunstanton. After a very good lunch we held our usual Big Raffle. For this event we invite all the other Branches in our Group, judging by the comments received, everybody enjoyed themselves.

Docking Branch invited us to their Social Evening on 14th May, we also had an invitation to a Race Night on 22nd June. All of our members that could attend said what a good time they had. Our Darts Team must also be congratulated on their performance at Blakeney on 8th May. It was our turn to be "hosts" for the Group Meeting on 15th June, we were still not able to hold our meetings in Orchard Close Community Room due to the refurbishments there, luckily the Parish Church Hall was available. We had a very interesting speaker for the evening, Ms. Helen Walch, Public Enterprises Manager for The Sandringham Estate. She gave us an insight into the running of such a vast enterprise.

The weather was kind to us for our Coffee Morning in Budgens Car Park and we managed to raise £68.20p. Later our Chairman was given a donation of £5, she then made up the amount to £75.00, which we sent to the Benevolent Fund. Many thanks to Jonathan James for allowing us to hold this event on his premises, to Karl Mendham, Bob Tipling and all the staff at Budgens, they could not have been more helpful.

Two of our members attended the Community Lunch at Dersingham Social Club on 25th June, this time sponsored by Hawkins Solicitors, these get-togethers are not only enjoyable but they enable all the organisations in the Village to interact and exchange information regarding future activities. So thank you Hawkins Solicitors for sponsoring this event and to the Social Club for a lovely lunch.

There will be a report on our 6th July Strawberry Tea, being held at the home of our President, Mrs. Betty Edey, in the next edition.

Sadly we have just been informed of the death of one of our members - Mrs. Cath Peters. Cath was a lovely bubbly person, always cheerful in spite of being very ill. She will be greatly missed. Knowing Cath's feelings and her love of the British Legion the members had a collection for her and instead of sending flowers decided to send a cheque to the Benevolent Fund in her memory. Everybody felt this was something she would have appreciated. □

Bog News

This time of year is relatively quiet for any new migratory birds but all our regular resident and migrant birds are busy rearing their young. Many birds are now on their second broods. The first broods of Stonechat are finding their feet and this year we had four pairs with territories on the reserve.

We have continued surveying the nightjars since they began arriving; this involves either dusk or early dawn counts in which we survey the males churring. We estimate that we have between 13 and 16 pairs on the reserve. It is hard to pin down the exact numbers as it is difficult to locate exactly where the birds are churring from as some call early in the night and some later. They are very vulnerable to disturbance especially now, when they are looking after chicks and during these surveys we keep to the track, which is something that we like members of the public to do as well. This is because many of the birds on the site are vulnerable from people walking off the tracks. This can be a problem for a bird that is well camouflaged and nests on the ground.

Dersingham Bog is not just known for its birds. It also has nationally important species of plants and insects. There are three plant species that are relatively well known on bog and mire sites which you should keep your eyes out for when you visit the reserve. Cotton grass is a grass-like plant which has a white head and looks almost like a feather and can be seen in large patches almost resembling the cotton fields of America. We also get sundews on the site which are a small plant with sticky globules on them which attract insects to them. The final plant found is Bog Asphodel, and this plant has a yellow flowering head and is just coming out across the site. These three plants are characteristic of the type of habitat found at Dersingham and many other mire sites across the country.



This time of year is a great time to get out looking for dragonflies and damselflies across the reserve. We have a wide variety of species across the site including Common Blue and Small Red Damselflies as well as the larger Four Spotted Chaser Dragonfly. On a relatively warm day you can see these mini helicopters hovering over the pools and ponds foraging for small insects. We currently have a volunteer who comes in on good days and surveys these dragonflies, these records then go into our annual report which we produce at the end of each year. These records

combined with the annual report are a good way of seeing year on year changes of certain species on the site as well as recording the management works undertaken each year.

Some of our volunteers this year have been involved in improving the infrastructure on the reserve. This has involved the mapping of the fence line and repairing where necessary, as well as painting gates. You may have noticed that the footpath posts have been painted white allowing them to be seen by visitors allowing easy navigation across the site. Our volunteer is currently involved in making routed oak signs for the car parks and navigation posts.

Whilst I was working on the reserve recently I noticed that the heather on the dry heath is slowly beginning to flower. Within the next month and half the whole site will be awash with the bright purple of Common Heather. The heather is key for many insects including bees and the varying ages of the heather gives solitary bees and wasps areas to forage away from the wind. The heather is a good source of nectar and a walk through the site on a sunny day will yield hundreds of bees. We have two other types of heather on the site: Bell Heather which is associated with dry acid heaths and Cross Leaved Heath which is associated with the boggy areas. This is one of the best



times at Dersingham Bog NNR as the feel of the site is totally different to the winter months and the vibrant colour seems to match the cheery feel of summer. Many people take this opportunity to take pictures or just visit the area and experience the vibrant colours.

If you are interested in conservation and would like to help maintain this beautiful part of West Norfolk please get in contact about volunteering. I hope you all have a good summer and look forward to seeing some of you walking round the site. □

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Bell Heather

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*Tom Bolderstone, Reserve Warden
Natural England, Dersingham Bog*

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The Dersingham Weather

In Britain we are renowned for talking about the weather. In the course of a conversation the subject is often mentioned. Why? Because British weather is worth talking about. You never hear a Continental talking about it because theirs is mostly predictable, and boring. True, we do go there for summer holidays but that is because it is predictable. Not like ours.

I was prompted to write this after attending the talk by the weatherman Jim Bacon at the church hall recently. I have been to several talks there but have never seen such a big audience. We had strong winds that evening and throughout his talk we had rafters creaking and the door flying open. Good old British weather.

In September 2007 I installed a weather station in my garden. The device, which is a Davis Vantage Pro 2, keeps detailed records of a number of important factors which influence the weather and will give a prediction as to what is likely to happen in 24 to 48 hours time. The Meteorological Office has a distinct advantage over me, in that it has satellites to see the weather developing, but I have found that my machine has made accurate predictions, sometimes in opposition to the Met Office. However I predict what the weather is going to be like in *my* back garden; in Dersingham. Our British weather can mean that it can be sunny in Dersingham, cloudy in Snettisham and raining in Hunstanton.

Now that I have been keeping records for almost two years I can compare various aspects of the weather. Everybody will agree that last summer was poor. Gardeners will be aware of the wet start to the gardening year that meant things were late going in and didn't crop as well as previous years. Last March we had a total of 102 mm of rain compared to this March when we had just under 47mm. Temperatures weren't too different but this year March was a little warmer than last year.

April last year saw nearly five times this April's rainfall. 57.7mm compared to 10.2mm. Also this year the overall April temperature was 2 degrees warmer than last year. Are the gardeners among you nodding your heads? This May was slightly wetter than last but temperatures were around the same.

I can now, I think, show why this summer's vegetables and fruit should be better than last year. Is that a prediction?

My weather station automatically uploads data every 15 minutes to a web site run by an

American organisation called CWOP, which is the Citizens Weather Observation Programme. You can see what the weather is currently like in Dersingham by going to:-

www.wunderground.com/weatherstation/WXDailyHistory.asp?ID=MC8851

Sorry it's a long address. If there is anyone out there who could show me how to set up my own web site, or even better, do one for me, e-mail me on murrayjohnf@btinternet.com and we could have our own Dersingham weather site. Dersinghamweather.co.uk is still available! □





Parish Council Report

A new Parish Council year has begun, with the news that the Parish Offices have to vacate the police station by August in view of police refurbishment, this means that the council will have a new 'home'. We are sharing premises with Geoffrey Collings at 7a Hunstanton Road - opposite the Chinese takeaway.

Two councillors have resigned and a new councillor has joined the council, (welcome Mrs Shirley Rumens).

The Borough Council has at last acknowledged Dersingham deserves tourist status, we as residents have known this for a while, but now it is official and as a result we have been granted the honour of the emptying of an extra three litter bins (in addition to our quota) by the Borough.

While on the subject of litter bins, many of you will have noticed the quantity of litter by the bus stop opposite Thaxters. A litter bin will be placed there and I understand a volunteer is cleaning the site until the bin is installed - thank you volunteer.

The site of the low growing roses (Chapel/Post Office Junction) has been tidied up following a request to the Borough by the Council, the once poor specimen plants have come in to their own and look rather attractive, despite doubts when they were planted initially.

Mrs Eells was unsuccessful at the recent County Council elections, an expression of thanks for her hard work was made at last months Parish Council meeting . Our new councillor is John Dobson. The issue of traffic speeding through the village was brought to his attention at the June meeting, including the danger in crossing the road to the new doctor's surgery. Let us hope that this issue is soon resolved as many of us take our life in our hands when visiting a doctor.

Good news regarding the Life Wood public footpath, it is now open and residents are free to use it.

Finally, be assured that the Village Hall project has not been forgotten, but as we all know these are difficult times, financially. □



Puddleducks

We now meet at the Dersingham Community Centre on Fridays during term time, at 9.15 until 10.45

and we have now started another group called

Sticking Together

which meet on a Monday during term time, at 12.45 until 2.15 again at the Community Centre

This is a toddler craft group.

Everyone is welcome 1st session is free

Puddleducks is One Pound and

Sticking Together is One Pound Fifty per family, per session.

Contact details are Karen Bushell at

karen.bushell39@btinternet.com

Puddleducks Toddler Group

Chairperson report - What have we been up to.

Springing into May

Although some members have now moved on up to nursery and our weekly numbers have dropped again as usual for this time of year, there has still been a steady amount of members attending.

We alternated the toys for the activity table: sometimes the dinosaur figures and landscape mat, another time the railway track and trains. We are planning to get a roadway mat with some cars and vehicles.

There was a wide variety of crafts during the month which begun with of course a maypole with brightly colored ribbons.

On Friday the 8th we had a visit from local man Steve Davis who brought his guitar and entertained us all with lots of nursery rhymes and action songs, the craft that day was making and decorating a musical shaker to join in the music time with Steve. The following week on the same musical theme the craft was making and decorating a tambourine.

Skipping into June

We started the month with an influx of chicken pox, so there were not many toddlers to come and see the guinea pig, they were too busy looking after their chickens. The guinea pig was settled and cosy, it slept through the whole session, it was quite happy to be stroked. For the craft we created our own little guinea pig, we fed it with some cabbage made out of layered tissue paper of dark and pale green, also a carrot.

We had a few new faces this month; they enjoyed exploring the play areas and making new friends too.

For the Queen's birthday we made some pleasant little cards with pictures of flowers on them, they were left blank for your own message.

Also this month on 19th June, Alison the library lady comes for story time to tell us all about father's day. The craft is a book mark for daddy decorated with football stickers, fishing, or some DIY pictures or of course some gardening pictures, stuck onto a small piece of card to be laminated.

The activity table this month was the trains and railway track, the following week the mega blocks built some great towers which has been enjoyed by all.

The month finished up 26th June with some smiley happy faces as we paint and stick faces on sunny yellow paper.

Jump on into July

We start by getting a handle on it, time to get a hand in for some hand printing, the one with the little fingers poem.

On the 10th July the Police Community Support Officer came to read at story time, to get to know and chat with the toddlers. There was an opportunity to ask any advice about child car seats and road safety. **(Photo p57)**

Last day of term is on the 17th July, the craft will be 'here comes the sun', making a peaked cap. We aim to run on through the summer hols, this will be open to older siblings of members of the group. Something to keep them entertained during those long summer term hols.

The group will be meeting weekly alternating between getting together in the hall and meeting up at an arranged venue. These will include a picnic at Sandringham, beach ball fun at the park and a sports day at the playing field.

A full Newsletter and diary dates are available from Karen, our secretary and also by email from karen.bushell39@btinternet.com □

E-mail- ruebutphiller@googlemail.com

News from St Cecilia's Catholic Church

Despite the showers and windy weather the "indoor" Strawberry Fair on 20 June was very well attended and raised £1070. Thank you to everyone in the parish for making it such a success. We were very well supported by visitors from St Nicholas and the Dersingham Evening WI.

Fr James's pilgrimage to Poland with nine of our parishioners was a great success. Apart from seeing many lovely churches and the Black Madonna, they also visited salt mines near Krakow and the concentration camps at Auschwitz. Others joined another pilgrimage in May to Rome, Assisi and Ravenna, led by Fr Michael Rear who used to come to say Sunday Masses at St Cecilia's. This included the Pentecost Mass at St Peter's, which was attended by vast crowds and conducted with great pomp and solemnity by Pope Benedict.



Parishioners in Poland on Pilgrimage

May Davey and Carole Casey were invited to take part in the St Nicholas Flower Festival in mid-July. The theme was "People in Our Lives". Their two arrangements depicted "The Pope" and "Postmen". They said it was always a joy to work with such beautiful flowers and to join with friends at St Nicholas.

The 2009 Steering Committee held their first meeting on 1 July, with Geoff Walker now at the helm and welcomed new Members Sue Walker, Fred

Grimley and Tricia Steel. The previous Chairman Chris Davey and Members Roisin Wellard, Angela Canning and David Whight stood down after three years service. Fr James thanked them for their work as founder members of the Steering Committee at the parish AGM on 10 June.

There will be a special flower demonstration at 1.30pm at St Cecilia's on Tuesday 8 September to which everyone is invited. Professional florists will be demonstrating their craft. Tea and cakes will be served. □

Check our parish website:
www.hunstantoncatholicparish.org



Fr James Fyfe welcomes visitors to the Strawberry Fair and invites them guess how many sweets are in the bottle.



The Steering Committee for 2009/10 with new Chairman Geoff Walker behind Fr James Fyfe.



Parishioners on pilgrimage in Assisi: May and Christopher Davey and Bert and Rene Whittaker



Senior Members from both churches in the Parish enjoy a spring lunch at the Parish Centre in Hunstanton.

Dersingham Infant & Nursery School

A BIG THANKYOU!

To all of the community who supported our 'Around The World Fair' on 25th June.

It was a great success, with the children from both schools raising over £1000 to spend on their end of term



celebrations. It was wonderful to see the children from both schools researching and making their products ready to sell at the fair. They developed their entrepreneurial skills, whilst learning how to set up a business, work as part of a group and make a positive contribution to the community. This is one of

the first of many joint projects both schools will be working on.

A MESSAGE FROM DERSINGHAM INFANT AND NURSEY SCHOOL COUNCIL.



The school council would like to thank the parents and carers of the school for no longer parking dangerously near the school gates. As a result of a letter sent to the police by our Red Class

representative, Jacob Saunders, the police have been patrolling the area and will issue tickets for inconsiderate or dangerous parking during the busy drop off times at school. We hope that consideration to our neighbours and ultimately the safety of our children with regards to parking will continue in the Autumn. Many Thanks from the School Council



Jacob Saunders,
Representative for
Red Class

From the Parish Office (where ever it is)

It is good to be back after a year on Maternity Leave. I started back early at 7.00am on Monday 30 March with a call to say that the skateboard ramp had been damaged. As this was not the act of a child, I think it was a welcome back Sarah! The office has been extremely busy since I have been back but I think I am getting there with regards to situations that occurred whilst I was away.

You will see some changes with regards to the Parish by the time you receive your copy of this Village Voice. One is that we are going to remove around eight litter bins from the village. The Borough Council are now going to charge the Parish for emptying litter bins. Over the last few months the Environment Committee have been completing village walks and litter bin surveys. This Committee have worked out the most used litter bins in the village. Due to the fact that we are a tourist area the Borough Council are emptying eight bins in the village without any extra charge. The other eight that we have in place will have to be removed, as they will not be emptied. This Committee will continue to monitor the bin situation. If you find a certain area getting untidy please report it to the office or you think a polite notice asking people to take their rubbish home would help please ring. If you are an organisation or business within Dersingham and think that a bin of your own would be handy please contact us at the Parish Office as we would like to rehome the ones that are uplifted. Please bear in mind that you will have to empty and dispose of the rubbish yourself.

This brings me very nicely onto the other major change. The Parish Office is going to move to a room inside Collings Estate Agents. Unfortunately the Police need more space and are revamping the Police Station and there is no longer room for us. It has been very handy being close to the Police and quite a lot of our business will involve them and it has been easy for us to run something by them. We hope that we will be able to continue with this very important communication link. I think that they are going to miss us, as we have been able to field/guide people coming into the station who do not realise that it is not a working station in the public sense. Anita and I will be sad to leave, but hope that we will soon settle in our new home.

New address: **Dersingham Parish Council, 7a Hunstanton Road, Dersingham PE31 6HH** the telephone number etc will remain the same. So if you need dog bags, trade sacks etc please bear in mind that we may have to close temporarily to allow us to pack and move but we will still be contactable on the telephone just leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please come and visit us there.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Parish Councillor in Shirley Rumens and we welcome her on board. We still have 6 vacancies and if you think you can help the village and wish to join please contact us for details of how you can apply.

Still keep the posters coming for the Public Noticeboard. It is well used and must be an asset to

the village and its organisations. The suggestion box is being used more often, which is good; keep your ideas and concerns coming in.

Well I think that is all from me. If there is something happening in the village that you wish to know more about, or are not happy about, please do not hesitate to contact me at the office, and I will do my best to help. □

Sarah



Puddleducks police visit, see p54

BREAD OR BLOOD AND CAPTAIN SWING

Part 2 Workhouse Blues

Elizabeth Fiddick

In an atmosphere of unrest the Poor Law Amendment Act was passed in 1834 and a new central authority, the Poor Law Commission, was created. Norfolk was divided into Poor Law Unions and between 1835 and 1839 12 new Union Workhouses were built. The Dersingham house was closed along with all the others in the area, and the large Workhouse just outside Docking was built to serve this area. Docking Union Workhouse was in fact the first to be instituted on August 1st 1835. Sir Edward Parry the first Commissioner had to go to Brancaster to sort out a dispute over the Parish accounts and took the opportunity to persuade the local gentry to consent to the first Union. The Workhouse was built at the cost of £9,125 to accommodate 450 persons.

The local gentry supported the reform as a means of social discipline of the poor. Farmers supported it as being the occupiers of much land they paid most of the poor rate and were also probably still shaken by the events of 1830. It was decided that conditions in the Workhouse would be less eligible than those of the humblest independent labourer in order to make it. *"a self-acting test of the claim of the applicant."* The merely poor should be discouraged from seeking relief, only the truly destitute would accept relief there. The earlier sympathy and understanding for the plight of the labourers was replaced by the moral explanation that he was responsible for his own poverty. A report from the King's Lynn Union commented on the labourers, *"who have long been notoriously improvident, idle and dissolute characters."* It commented on *"the money they were accustomed to receive as wages of idleness and squandered in beer shops and bad company while their families were reduced to a state of wretchedness."* The new act caused even greater resentment. Many workhouses had to be guarded as they were being built. John Collison of Grimston objected to being given relief, *"in a house but little better than a prison."*

In June 1835 the poor of Great Bircham rioted when the overseers paid the men working on the roads an allowance that was half in money and half in flour or bread. There was already great hostility in the village as local farmers had offered only 1s 3d for mowing an acre of hay. When the local men went on strike the farmers replaced them with men from neighbouring villages. On Monday June 29th several hundred poor from all around assembled in Great Bircham. Angry groups stormed the farmhouses of the overseers and unpopular farmers. The rioters turned cattle into the corn, destroyed furniture and tried to set buildings on fire. *"Can a man live on half a stone and fifteen pence? We are bound in a bond of blood and blood will be spilt before this is finished."* Order was only restored when a detachment of coast guards arrived, followed by a troop of dragoons from Norwich. The rioters were tried at the court sessions in Walsingham, but in fact the sentences were light. The normally good character of the men was commented on and just ten were sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for periods of one month to two years. A crowd from Little Massingham assembled at Grimston and stopped the meeting of the local guardians. They threatened that if the policy of relieving the poor with bread or flour continued there would be violence. This disturbance was quelled and the three leaders arrested. In Swaffham an officer was stabbed by one Henry Riches, a horse dealer and another officer left



Coke of Norfolk

for dead.

Everywhere in Norfolk there were protests against this new law and news of all these events must have reached villages like ours with the carriers and coaches that plied the roads. In Kenninghall in 1836 the old cry was heard again, "*We came here for bread and bread or blood we will have.*" The antagonism of the poor to the new act meant local property owners did not wish to join the constabulary. The Docking Union Board had to appoint two police officers from the Metropolitan Force and many local farmer guardians resigned from their posts until the Workhouse was built and became a means of disciplining the local work force. From 1835 -8 Norfolk was alive with rumour and suspicion. It was whispered that paupers had died due to ill treatment and that others had been branded with the letter P. In Docking Union 800 poor people preferred to migrate or emigrate rather than endure the new policies. Persuading the able-bodied poor to migrate to the North of England and take jobs in the factories there was one way local guardians tried to relieve the pressure of local unemployment. Wagon trains were often organised from Docking to transport those willing to go. Advertisements were placed in the local press of the wages that could be earned in the manufacturing counties of England. Typical amounts on offer were 12s a week for a labouring man, 8s for a boy of 16 down to 4s for a boy of 14. Girls between 15 and 20 could earn 5.6d while at 14 it was 4s. An eleven year old would earn 1s 3d plus schooling. This practice was considered a way of ridding the area of bad characters and was initially very popular for this reason until Coke of Holkham Hall stopped his financial assistance for this scheme when he realized that too many of his good workers were leaving. Some attempts to alleviate the distress suffered by the poor were ridiculous. The London Association for the Relief of the Labouring and Manufacturing Poor dreamt up a scheme to increase the supply of fish to the wealthy so that they would not need as much meat. This would then reduce the price of meat for the poor. The success of this scheme was never announced.



The King's Lynn Workhouse in Extons Road

The Docking House was built to accommodate 450 but it was never full to capacity. A report in 1876 stated that the highest number resident there since 1866 was 170 due to the failure of the root crop. In 1837 a chart of progress was issued and one of the questions to be answered was, "*Is the Workhouse under Regulations effective as a test?*" Docking answered "yes" and continued, *Workhouse perfectly efficient. Efforts now making for the improvement of the schools. Clerk not a good accountant but very industrious. Accounts tolerably well kept and audited. Working of the Union in every respect satisfactory.*" That was the official view any way.

In the 1871 census forms for the Docking Workhouse I have found a William Chapman aged 70 who was born in Dersingham. He had been a farm labourer but obviously had no family to care for him as the guardians upheld the regulation that it was the legal duty of children to provide for their parents. In the same census return there are three children all born in Dersingham who are listed as scholars. James Nobes aged six is one and the other two are a brother and sister James aged 10 and Lucy aged 4. Unfortunately their surname is difficult to decipher but they are apparently orphans with no relatives to care for them. In the early days the Poor Law provided quite a good system of education for pauper children, In fact one overseer commented that parents thought little of schooling and a child's best chance of an education was in the Work House.

Poor attendance at village schools was due to the dependence of the low paid labourer on the earnings of the family on local farms. Schooling in the Work House began when the child was 2 years old and it was designed to give a moral training. Many considered that it was a good way to convert the children of "*the feckless pauper parent*" into dutiful hardworking adults. After 1834 there was three hours of schooling a day. The instructors were often drawn from the other adults in the Work House or were older children known as monitors. Schooling usually ended when the child was 9 as the need for cheap young labourers was very great. Attitudes towards the education of the poor varied greatly.

In the King's Lynn Workhouse children were taught to read the bible and learn the catechism but NOT how to write. It was thought that might lead them to have aspirations above their station. With memories of Captain Swing and the Bread or Blood riots one report noted to put, "the torch of knowledge into the hands of rick burners" was highly dangerous. Indeed if such characters could read pamphlets it would surely lead to more disturbances. Discipline could be very harsh. A 12 year old boy who tried to run away from Norwich Workhouse in 1804 was padlocked to an iron collar attached to a yoke. Fettered to one leg was a long chain with a wooden weight at one end. This was borne for three weeks. Children who talked or were considered idle had a wooden log attached to the neck or shackled to their legs. Conditions varied greatly across the county and some Workhouses were more enlightened than others. □

Ron's Quiz part 2

Ron Brackstone has compiled this 3 part quiz to test your local knowledge. Save the answers up and send the completed list to the editor by October 22nd 2009. First correct entry out of the hat wins a prize.

4) In Sandringham Park a statue of a pig confronted by a dog has piglets she is protecting. How many piglets?

5) How many acres of common land are there in the village? Enter the first digit of the number.

6) Where was the Temperance Hotel and what is the properties road number now? Enter the first digit.

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Dersingham Cricket Club

Dersingham Cricket Club would like to thank all the businesses that advertised in our 2009 club handbook and all the individuals that have supported our fund raising event, we can now say that the club is in a much stronger financial position going forward. Unfortunately the results on the field have not been as good as we would have liked for the 1st team but the team is rebuilding with several younger players now playing regularly. All 4 junior teams are performing well above expectation with many good players coming through, which is where the long term future of the club will come from.

We are now holding a BBQ after all home matches (weather permitting) which has also been very well supported. Our remaining home matches are on 1st, 7th & 22nd August, 1.00pm start,

so if you would like come along you will be made very welcomed.

The club will be holding a Hog Roast on the 1st August at the cricket ground after our home game against Hillington with the roast starting from 7.30pm, tickets available from club members or myself (01485 542346) @ £5.00 each, under 12's £ 2.50. We will also be making the Grand Summer Draw at 9.00pm, ticket available @ £ 2.50 per book, the bar will be open throughout the day for a range of drinks.

The 1st team may have to take a step backwards at this stage but I believe Dersingham Cricket will have great future given the number of junior players coming through the club. □

*Roger Poll,
Chairman*



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The Garden Farmer - Dig for the future

Things move quickly in the summer vegetable garden. At this time of year you are likely to be producing more than you can eat. The greenhouse crops will be galloping along, the early summer crops will be over and the time has come to clear those beds to plant out your winter veg.



Often the biggest problem in August is working out what to do with all the produce coming from the garden. By now you could expect to be harvesting onions and garlic, carrots, courgettes, lots of leafy salads and spinach, beetroot and a selection of cabbages, calabrese and cauliflowers. The runner beans should be full of flowers and will soon be ready to pick. In the greenhouse the tomatoes and cucumbers are all ripening; the peppers are bending under the weight of fruit and the first aubergines are starting to form.

Once you have eaten your fill of fresh fruit and veg and given away as much as your neighbours will take, your mind might turn to preserving produce. Clearly, in the past, food preservation was a vital part of survival in our climate where it is not possible to produce a sufficient supply of crops all year round. The advent of refrigerated transport and cheap imported food has meant that we are now able to eat pretty much whatever fresh produce we like at any time of the year. The more self-reliant we can be on our own fruit and veg, the less reliant we need to be on imports, greatly reducing food miles and use of fossil fuels, reducing packaging and pollutants. Home-grown veg is much cheaper than imported veg, and will become cheaper still by comparison as oil prices inevitably rise. Of course, there is also the huge sense of satisfaction and pleasure in self reliance and preserving produce, as well as the pleasure of eating your own stored onions, potatoes, chutneys, pickles and jams many months after the crops were harvested, especially with a glass of home made wine or cider.



There are too many preserving methods to go into detail here but the simplest and most effective is undoubtedly freezing. It is important always to pick and freeze your produce in peak condition; if the beans are too stringy now or the broccoli has started to yellow, then they certainly won't be any more appealing when they come out of the freezer in a few months time. Blanching is recommended before freezing nearly all veg; by immersing in boiling water for a minute or two and allowing to cool, the enzymes which cause food to deteriorate, even while frozen, can be killed off. Onions, garlic and squashes can be hung in a cool, dry, well aired place such as your garage or a frost free shed.



Bottling, pickles, chutneys and jams are all fabulous ways of preserving food and retaining intense flavours. Drying is an effective way to preserve many fruits. A solar dryer can be very quick in warm weather and makes effective use of free energy. Warm air rises from a black surface heated by the sun and passes through a bed of stones and racks of your produce. The rocks retain the heat through the night and prevent condensation forming in the cabinet.

If you have not already done so, there is still time to plant out winter kale, spring cabbages and cauliflower. The summer pruning of your fruit trees can be done now and it's a good time to pot up the runners from your strawberries for new plants next year. Keep feeding your greenhouse crops, I use a liquid comfrey or a seaweed feed. And don't give up on your weeding. □



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Nathan Daw
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Under 14 girls

Player of the Year
Players player
Managers
Most improved

Jade Dennis
Gemma Craine
Olivia Martinez
Paige Havers

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Managers
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Jack Berry
Chris Burgess
Tom Allenbury

Under 16 girls

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Holly Melton
Hollie Lines/Becca D./Jamie
Jess Phillips

The Jamie Griffin Club Person of the Year trophy went to Joanne Carlton.

Everyone received a squad trophy.

Congratulations went to the Under 10s, Under 22s, Under 14s and Under 12 girls for winning their respective leagues; the Under 9s and Under 12s, who were runners-up; and the Under 10s and Under 11s, who won their cups.

Many thanks to all those who turned up. Sorry about the weather, which is not in our control. With 200 members plus parents and grandparents, there is nowhere big enough for us to be able to hold the presentation indoors.

Don't forget the girls and older boys tournament on 26th July and the pre-season tournament for Under 7s – Under 12s on 16th August.

Look out for posters, new soccer skills training on Saturdays and a possible Fun Day in the Summer Holidays.

Contact Karl for any information on 543228. □

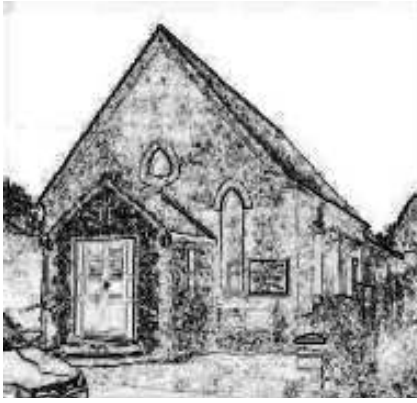
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Greetings from the manse

Government statistics tell us that people are waiting shorter periods for consultations and operations and the like. This may be true, I hope it is. Equally, statistics suggest that much medical time is given over to personal, relational and social problems that people experience. Though these are very important they are not strictly medical so to speak. I'd perhaps go so far as to say that such dis-ease is spiritual in nature and reflects the estrangement people feel from others, and from something else that they can't put their finger on.

We call this something other, "God." Perhaps we can even widen this diagnosis to say that between the sexes, generations, races, nations and between nature, and us there is separation and estrangement.

In all this we can recognize what St Paul is saying of the new creation or the new man in Christ Jesus. It is the life of 'the man for others', the love whereby we are brought completely into relationship with all that we feel has been separated and estranged. This miracle of divine grace shows itself in all the unreconciled relationships of our existence. This grace was manifested supremely on the Cross, and is met wherever Jesus Christ is shown forth and recognized in 'an entirely different mode of living-in relationship from anything known in the world', as the theologian Paul Tillich put it. We might say that in Christ we are whole and spiritually healthy. The Christian community exists to promote this healthiness and wholeness as the embodiment of this "new being" as love which dissolves dis-ease and estrangement. What a thought that Christ's people are part of his universal health service!

Continuing our medical thoughts, see how you get on with these *Nine Spiritual Remedies* by *Anonymous*.

- 1 A little more patience — to tolerate those with whom I must live and who are not at all congenial to me.
- 2 A little more firmness — to continue this work which duty demands but which is repellent to me.
- 3 A little more humility — to remain at the post to which God has led me but which does not correspond with my dreams and plans.
- 4 A little more common sense — to take people as they are, not as I should like them to be.
- 5 A little more prudence — not to bother so much about other people's own business.
- 6 A little more strength — to endure that which so suddenly disturbs *the* soul.
- 7 A little more cheerfulness — so as not to show I have been hurt.
- 8 A little more unselfishness - in trying to understand the thoughts and feelings of others.
- 9 Above all, a little more prayer, to draw God to my heart and take counsel with him.

With every good wish and blessing, □

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Bog Myrtle

My favourite local wild plants are the bog myrtles that grow in abundance on Dersingham Fen between the village and the bypass. This is perhaps a strange choice of top plant because the low growing green bushes aren't especially attractive and bog myrtles don't have extravagant flowers like the showy rhododendrons. I will give a few reasons why I like them so much in the hope that you will come to share my enthusiasm for these often overlooked shrubs.



Firstly, there is a local rarity factor. Bog myrtle (*Myrica gale*) grows on wet acidic heaths and moors, predominantly in the north and west. It is known as 'sweet gale' in Scotland and 'gold withy' in the West Country. The plants on Dersingham Fen are a relict population that would originally have flourished in the wake of the retreating ice sheets.

Secondly, there is tradition and history. The fact that bog myrtle exists on Dersingham Fen at all is largely down to the villagers of previous generations who exercised their commoners rights over the land. This usage limited the growth of mature trees that would have taken over the fen if left unchecked. It is highly likely that our local bog myrtle was put to good use in the distant past. Vikings used the plant to treat wounds and even took preparations of bog myrtle to send them into a rage before battle. Smaller amounts are sometimes added to beer to enhance the flavour – without the enraging effect. Bog myrtle essential oils are also an effective insect repellent that would have been hung over cottage doors or rubbed into the skin. Anyone who has ventured onto Dersingham Bog or Fen at dusk will testify to how valuable a good insect repellent can be! Bog myrtle was also a traditional scent for candles and sprigs were put in linen baskets to keep away moths.



Thirdly, there is the fragrance. Bog myrtles may not be much to look at but their strong resinous, balsamic aroma compensates for this. Presumably, this is an adaptation to protect the plants from browsing animals and insects. The scent is pleasant and reminds me of the dry herb filled garrigue habitats of southern France.

My final reason for finding the bog myrtle such an interesting plant looks forwards rather than backwards. Bog myrtle essential oils are beginning to yield useful compounds. These have been used in commercial insect repellents for quite some time but are now proving effective in the treatment of acne and have even been shown to slow down the ageing process. Please don't make your own preparations from our local bog myrtles because their hallucinogenic and carcinogenic properties will probably do you more harm than good! Up until now the commercial harvesting of bog myrtle has been from wild Scottish plants. The demand has grown to such an extent that Boots are now growing bog myrtle commercially in Scotland to ensure continued supply for their products that include soaps and lotions. They prefer to use the name sweet gale rather than bog myrtle in these products, presumably to give an impression of natural wholesomeness.



If you want to see and smell bog myrtle then a short stroll around the paths and trails that crisscross Dersingham Fen will certainly yield results. The public footpath sign immediately after the last house on the right when leaving the village towards King's Lynn points the way to Dersingham Fen. Crushing a few leaves between your fingers will release the fragrance and prove that you have found the right plant (hopefully without sending you into a Viking rage!!). □

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My Patch

By Gardenwatcher

Mon. At last some rain. Not my personal favourite but if he is not using the hose then I don't get sprayed whilst I sleep and his plants don't wilt. Another downside to rain is that the sacred turf grows and the curse-ed mower gets an outing to give me more disturbance. Lets face it I cannot win. More planting out has been going on. Some of my favourite resting places have been enhanced with some prickly

bits, just to spare the seedlings he says.

Thur. Mixed sort of a week for weather with the evenings better than the mornings. Lots of growth, particularly the weeds, due to the increased moisture. Tomato plants are getting big and setting fruit - I find Tomato quite palatable in small doses - he has put the Runner Beans out, the Sweet Corn he planted out just sits there wondering what to do and the second sowing of Bush Beans has, like the first lot, just rotted in the trays. Cabbages are as yet free of caterpillars but there is time yet.

Sat. Found a mobile phone on a sunny bench. Stared at it for about half an hour (this seems to be the thing to do with these devices) but nothing happened so I wandered off to count the saw fly larvae on the Gaura bush. This has pretty pink flowers, or it will do if he spots the bugs, and with a count reaching 50 I nodded off. There is at last, then, a viable alternative to sheep, and just as hungry!

Sun. Drat! He has found the beasts. This has fired him up to search other vulnerable plants. The Cabbages have now yielded several plump caterpillars and the Lillys are producing lots of obligingly red, lilly beetles. The rockery mouse has been sighted again. I will sleep on the top and kid them into thinking that I am working.

Wed. Plenty of birds about at the moment but I have yet to find their nests. I like a juicy nestling now and again but at my time of life I don't climb about quite so much so I wait for them to drop down to me. Strangely the servants get upset when I bring them one - they have a strange diet.

Sun. Gosh, what a lot of rain today. Still I suppose Sunday is the best sort of a day to be wet. Doesn't interfere with the working week. Sundays are when a lot of the neighbours are in their gardens and I have to keep a low profile as dodging missiles is getting harder these days.

Tue. Nice sunny couple of days bringing on the veg. Sweetcorn growing strongly affords me some cover between to rows, Runner Beans strive for the top of the string. I fancied a bet on which one would win but couldn't lay it off. Couldn't persuade the huge b&w chap, who now visits regularly, to have a go. Dull lot round here - not even the wimpy tabby has come again for me to terrorise.

Wed. I am usually pretty even tempered but he put me in a foul temper today when his mowing forced me off some Dahlia seedlings that I was trying to hatch. Had to laugh when it started to rain all over his mower lead causing him to stop. Perhaps Felix the god of plenty, well 100g sachets anyway, is on my side after all.

That was the last diary entry from our contributor. On the following Monday he went to sleep in the sun and never woke up. He will be greatly missed. Ed.

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We moved to Dersingham some 30+ years ago and chose the property mainly for the size of the garden, always intending to create a pleasing landscape. However, two young sons had other ideas and quickly created a cycle track and football pitch. The house needed attention too, so our plans were put on hold until the boys left home. We were then able to start work in earnest, creating borders, island beds a pond and other features.

Eventually, we were persuaded to open the garden for the National Garden Scheme and this



Ruth keeping the takings & herself dry

year saw our first open day on June 7th. We had been extremely lucky with the weather leading up to the big day and were able to have everything looking at its best. Then, on the very day, as we opened the gate it began to rain, gently at first but in the five hours, according to statistics, one months rain fell.

Fortunately keen gardeners are made of strong stuff and we had 83 visitors raising £332 for National charities, £100 for Dersingham Day Centre and £35 for St Nicholas Church. (The weather did not encourage plant sales).

We were so grateful to our excellent team of helpers who kept up the spirits of the visitors and to the Chairman of the Allotment Association who gave guided tours of the site throughout the day, winning the praise of all who ventured onto the site.

If we are accepted to open for another year - it can only get better! □ *David and Ruth Mountain*

Dersingham Methodist Church

Many thanks to all those who supported our recent Flower Festival, we had an excellent few days and raised £3,112.10. This has been divided equally between The Futures Orphanage Project, Cambodia; Christian Aid Project Act Justly Partnership scheme towards help for communities in Bangladesh and our own Church Fund.

A recent coffee morning raised £221 for East Anglia Children's Hospice, Quiddenham. On Saturday 26th September at 10.00 a.m. is our Harvest Festival coffee morning, followed by Harvest Services on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

We very much appreciate all the support from the Community and look forward to seeing you at any of our events or services. □ *Elizabeth Batstone, Church Secretary*

Dersingham Evening W.I.

In June, members were highly entertained as they listened to Pat Knights telling the life story of Joyce Grenfell and also performing some of her well-known monologues.

We were able to discuss and vote on the resolution to be put to the National A.G.M at the Albert Hall in London, 'SOS for Honey Bees', which are sadly on the decline in the U.K. and world - wide.

Gilly Hall from Hunstanton W.I. attended as our representative at the A.G.M. Unfortunately, Gilly was unable to be at our meeting in July, but her written report was read out by our President, Lesley Geer. The speaker at this meeting was Martin Fox of Keys Auctioneers, who related endless amusing anecdotes about his life as an auctioneer, and we learned quite a lot of what goes on behind the scenes at auction rooms.

Members were asked to come up with ideas on preventing Food Waste, in readiness for a Norfolk County competition to be held later this year.

A Bring & Buy Sale raised over £18.00, a further boost for our funds. Details of arrangements for the Luncheon Club, Dining Club, and Theatre Group were made available. □ *Phyl Jones*



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Dersingham Horticultural Society

For those who have never heard of us, the Dersingham Horticultural Society meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month at St Cecilia's Church Hall. It grew from a small club, for patients of what is now the Carole Brown Health Centre, into a village-wide society now numbering about 150. Members range from beginners, like me, to seasoned growers both indoor and outdoor. This is a great way to learn and share gardening expertise. You can just sit back and enjoy the evenings or become as involved as you like.

Most monthly meetings include a guest speaker. So far this year we have enjoyed: a colourful, virtual tour of the world's plant life in a presentation by Walter and Jane Blaney based on their extensive travels; a talk on "Clematis through the seasons" from Peter Gooch from Thorncroft Clematis Nursery who turned up, despite falling snow, to tell us about Clematis plants for all seasons and locations. Until then I only thought of clematis as temperamental summer plants – how wrong can you be. Liz and Tony Taylor visited in March to give a talk and demonstration on "Orchid Care and Re-potting". Steve Carden stepped in at short notice to present a slide show based on his travels in Nevada and Ireland in April, mostly plants and flower pictures but a few very interesting aircraft too. Just recently we had a talk by Derek Bowdery, of Eau Brink Cacti, who has a collection of around 1000 mature cacti and succulents collected over the last 40 years.

Several times a year, the society holds a social evening to raise funds for the society and the many local organisations it supports. In March we had a "Twenties Night" and in July we are having a "Strawberry Event". These are quite informal and a good opportunity to have some light-hearted fun with other members. We hold a Gardeners Fair each May, selling plants to raise money for the society. As plants are raised and donated by members there are many bargains to be had, so put that in your diaries for next year. We even have occasional days out and coach trips. In June we had an evening trip to "The Nunnery", the Thetford Headquarters of the British Trust for Ornithology. They have some very attractive gardens there - designed to attract birds, naturally!

Our society is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and like many others, holds an annual show. Of course there are categories for superb plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables but also flower arrangements, crafts and cookery, not forgetting local children's exhibits too. This year's show is on Saturday 12th September in the Dersingham Community Centre and well worth a visit, look out for posters nearer the time. We are exhibiting in this year's Sandringham Flower Show on 29th July 2009. Our entry received a Gold Award and Best Exhibit in Class in 2008 - fingers crossed for this year.

We are also rather proud that four of our members' gardens are occasionally open to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme (NGS). All proceeds from these open days go to local charities.

Enjoy your plants, wherever they grow. Bye for now ...

Rob Lambert (Editor, DHS Newsletter)

For more information on joining the society, please contact Contact: Walter Blaney (General Secretary), Croft House, Manor Road (telephone: 544733) or take a look at <http://www.dersingham.org.uk/organisations.htm>



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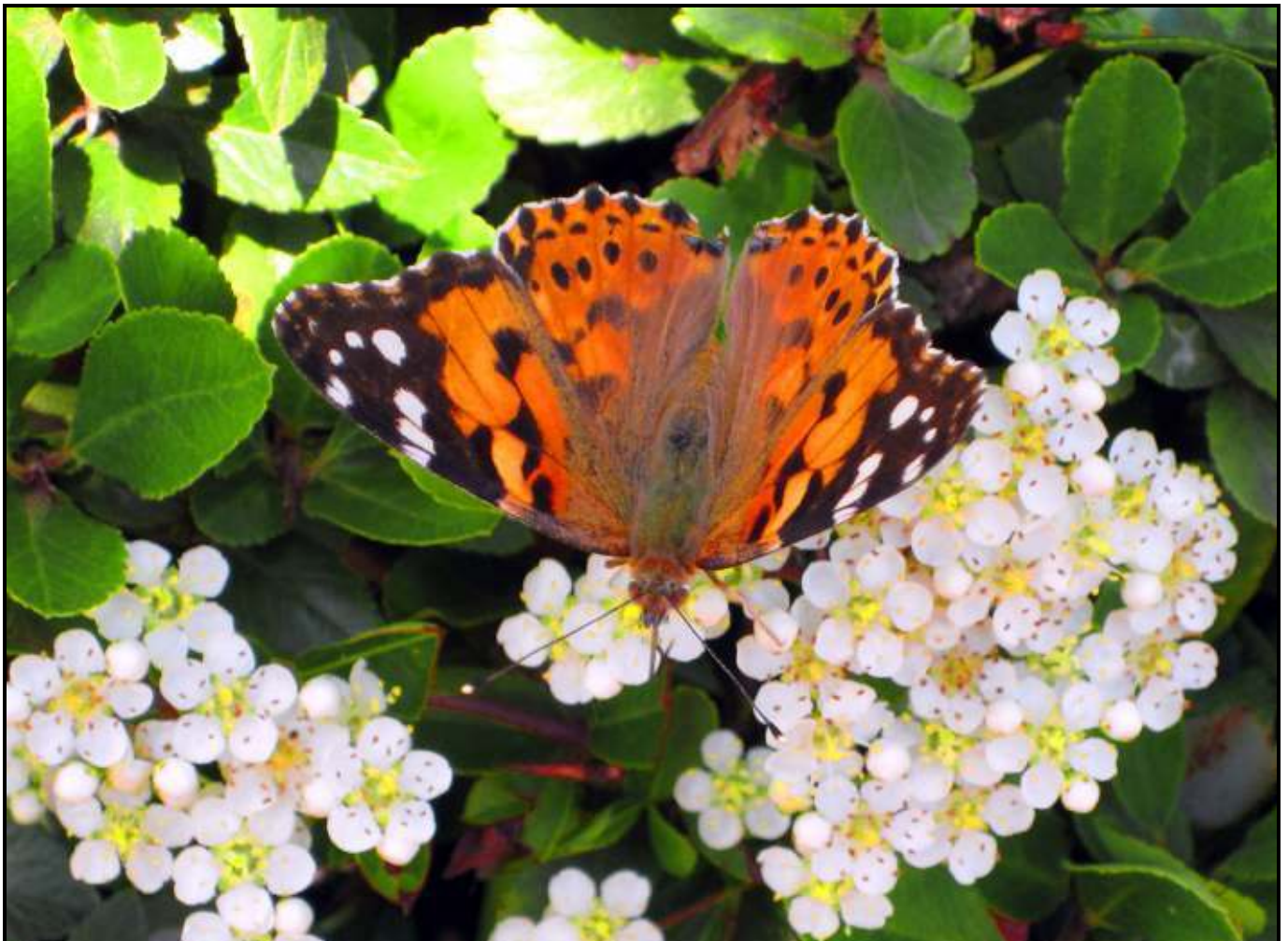
A grumpy gardener, that's what I am. Gardening is a peaceful, relaxing pass time, or so they say. Balderdash and pooh sticks to that. I wage a constant battle, all year, every year, it's bloomin' (forgive the pun) hard work fighting this battle, shattering and soul destroying . Plants look at me, keel over and just expire, the weeds on the other hand, just smile happily, give a 'V' for victory salute and go from strength to strength.

My roses have caterpillars and black spot, not to mention black fly and green fly, alternating these small delights with powdery mildew. The lilies have lily beetle, a variety who seem to have an immunity to bug spray. The nice healthy witch hazel which I bought at great expense, has withered and the irises I acquired from Her Majesty's Sandringham garden shop have just refused to flower, although I notice they flower in abundance and with happiness in Sandringham House gardens.

The nasty little blackbirds seem to think my strawberries are fair game. I know blackbirds sing beautifully, but they can go and feed elsewhere, on the rose caterpillars perhaps? Slugs have peppered the hosta leaves with holes, obviously have a need for some roughage and the pigeons have had a good old go at the runner beans. The tomatoes are healthy at the moment (fingers crossed), but they are thinking of contracting tomato blight, they always do and I have it on good authority that the carrot fly are homing in on the carrots, just to annoy me of course.

Now tell me how can a happy, healthy peony plant flower in abundance one year and the next have a full blown sulk, refuse to produce a single bud and curl its leaves up top to protest about something or other.

Soon be winter with rain, and frost which will kill all my plants anyway. I just can't win. It's enough to turn one to shingle and paving slabs. □



St Nicholas Church



Sunday Services

8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am	Sung Eucharist (1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Sundays)
	Family Service (2 nd Sunday)
	Morning Prayer (4 th Sunday)
6.30pm	Evening Service - informal worship
	Choral Evensong (2 nd Sunday)

"All Stars" Sunday Club (Junior Church) 10.20am in the Church Hall 4years onwards, Creche 0-4 years in the Church. (apart from Family Service when all children are in the Church)

Other Services

9.00am	Saturday Parish Prayers
12noon	Eucharist Service (1 st Wednesday - approx $\frac{1}{2}$ hour service)

Activities in Church Hall

Coffee Mornings - 1st Friday of the month. Various stalls with fresh vegetables, homemade cakes, nearly new clothes, second-hand book shop handcrafted cards - Come and joint us for a friendly chat and a cuppa and a fresh homemade scone!

Parent & Toddlers Group - for parents & carers of children from 0 - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old. Tuesday's during term time - 8.30am to 11.15am. Tea and coffee on offer all morning with children's refreshments around 10am - £1 per family.

Kidz Klub - 2nd Saturday of the month - 10am to 12noon for 5-11 year olds - telephone Alan or June on 543836 for details. Holiday Club in Summer Holidays.

Mothers' Union - 2nd Wednesday of the month - 2.30pm - with Guest Speakers - visitors are very welcome - £1.

Men's Group - 2nd Wednesday of the month - 10.30am with Guest Speakers - all men are very welcome to come along - £1

If you or anyone you know would like a lift to any of the above we would be only too happy to help by picking you up and taking you home again - Please contact Pauline on 544561.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team Dersingham and Gayton Neighbourhood

POLICE TEAM TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN DERSINGHAM

Anti-social behaviour in Dersingham : There is a noticeable improvement in the anti-social behaviour problems on Holyrood Drive Estate. There is a much more positive atmosphere on the estate and the team is accepted amongst families that live there. We are addressing negative comments regarding the estate by pointing out the work being done between the SNT and the residents. Four local children have been seen and spoken to, in the presence of their parents, at the request of the 'victim'. All were caught on CCTV repeatedly knocking on a door to cause annoyance to the occupier. All have visited the victim with their parents and apologised. **Dersingham Sgt Andy Crown said some residents in Dersingham** had acknowledged the improvements brought about by the team's sustained effort to reduce anti-social behaviour by groups of youths.

In the past month, a group of youths have been dealt with for using foul language on the recreation ground, climbing on the sports shed roof and entering gardens to retrieve a ball without seeking permission from the occupier.

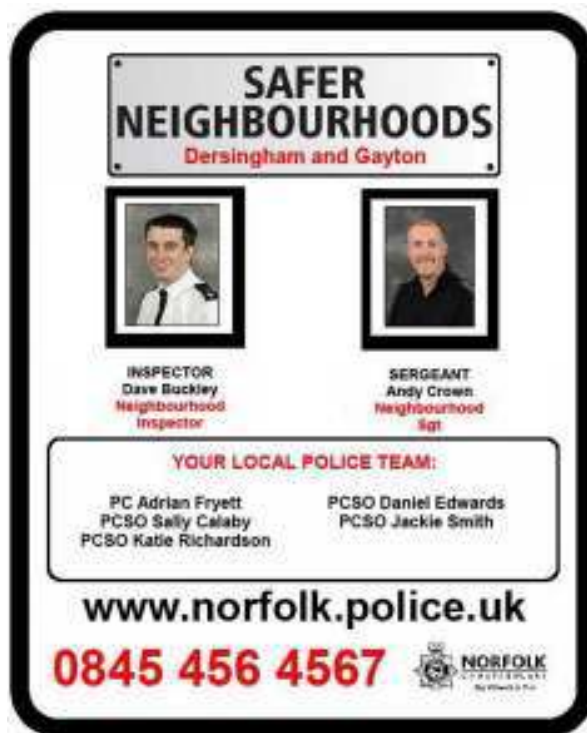
The team is also currently working in partnership with housing provider The Guinness Trust to help provide a play area suitable for small children only on Holyrood Drive.

Dersingham residents are encouraged to come along to their nearest police surgery to meet the team and raise any issues they feel local police could or should be addressing.

Surgeries are due to be held as follows:

Friday August 28th and Friday September 25th at Budgens.

The Mobile Police Station will be in Budgens car park between
1 pm and 3 pm on August 26th & September 23rd.



Footpath through Life Wood

Following the Public Inquiry in September 2008, the Government Inspector decided that a footpath should be registered running between the end of Woodside Close and the old railway footpath. This decision records that the general public have a right to walk the line of the path, and the County Council has cleared the path line to allow this to happen.

However, there still seems to be some confusion surrounding this path, so here are the facts: It is a Public Footpath, the entitlement for the public is to walk the route between Woodside Close and the old Railway Line. You must keep to the line of the path, the remainder of the Wood remains private and there is no access without permission of the owners. The path is available to pedestrians, although you can take with you a dog, or pushchair.

There is no right to cycle, ride a horse or take any motorised vehicle along the path.

As with any path, it is a local amenity, so please respect it. □

David Mills

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Hunstanton & district Lions Club

We are now over half way through this year, and so far it's been a very successful one. Friday June 26th was the day when we held one of our favourite days. Every year we invite the children from two special needs schools to a day at the Fair. The children come from the Ethel Tipple School in King's Lynn and the Woodside in Sherringham. This year there were a total of 205 children and carers who on a glorious warm and sunny day

enjoyed all the rides from 11.00 to 1.00, and then tucked into fish, sausage or fishcakes and chips at the fairground fish shop before returning home. We have to thank Fred and Chadwick Pooley and all their fairground team for opening especially for us and giving the children a grand day out with all the rides completely free, and Mr. Tatum of the fish shop for opening for us. We pay for all their travel expenses and their food. Just a look at the children's faces shows how much they appreciate it.

In May we supported the "Poochcorner" dog show at the community centre and are pleased to report that we were able to give £1000.00 to the very worthwhile Guide Dogs for the Blind organisation.

We are now well into selling the tickets for our "Limited Edition Raffle". This year the prize is a pair of Bottecchia 803 Ladies and Mens bicycles. There are only 2000 tickets available at £1.00 per ticket. You can see us on the green in Hunstanton at the weekends with the bikes, so don't forget to pop along and buy a ticket before they all go. The draw will take place as soon as they've all been sold.

This years "Open Bowls Tournament" is again being held at Old Hunstanton Social Club on Saturday and Sunday the 8th and 9th of August. Saturday will be "Doubles" with "Triples" on Sunday. It's only £2.50 per person per event to play. There will be a Bar B Q available all day on both days, and with a well stocked bar (including some extra ales) we're all set for a great weekend. Please bring along the family and enjoy the lovely surroundings, there's a large car park at the rear, so it's completely safe for the children.

After a years break because of a change of ownership of the community centre we are now holding our ever popular "Car Boot Sales" at the Glebe School. Future sales are on August 2nd, 16th, 30th, and September 6th. Everyone is welcome and you never know you could pick up a bargain!

This year's "200 Club" was completely sold out so if you didn't manage to get a ticket make sure you get in early next year. Julys lucky winners were P. Sutton, Mrs. M. Sarsby, Val Rybak and J. & P.D. Harrod.

Hunstanton Lions Club covers the area stretching from Dersingham to Brancaster. We were founded in 1980 and over the years we have raised money for many local, national and international causes, large and small. If you know of anyone or group who you think we may be able to help, please let us know.

We hope you continue to enjoy the summer. □

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Steve Davis

...and Finally!

The title of my article is in recognition and acceptance of the place it usually appears within the magazine. Whether this is based on its interest value, or the fact that I am apt to sail pretty close to the wind in meeting the deadline, or whatever, you must be the judge! Anyway, “...and Finally” it is, unless you are one of those who flicks though from the back, in which case *welcome to the August Issue!*

This is the third Village Voice since I took on the job of coordinating its delivery and I am very grateful for the team of willing volunteers who help me in the process. We often comment on how much we enjoy getting out around the Village meeting folk in the process and discovering hidden nooks and crannies where folk have made their nests! We feel that the magazine is one to be proud of and treat it as a personal challenge to ensure that every household and premise, receives a copy. (If you do get missed out, please let us know!)

More recently I took over as keeper and maintainer of the Village Website (www.thersingham.org.uk). Now, although I use the Internet a lot and have, in the past, taught classes on the theories and practices behind it, I have never been that big in actually creating websites, as anyone who has visited my own minimalistic site will realise. Nevertheless, I was pleased to be able to take it on as a new challenge and see much potential. However, I think the first priority is to try to get the information as factually correct and up to date as possible. Corrections that do not actually alter the structure or layout of a webpage, particularly those involving changing the names of office holders, can be made almost as soon as they are brought to my attention, and I am grateful to those who have already emailed in such requests. I would be pleased to receive any thoughts or suggestions for inclusion or improvement to the site as a whole over the coming months too.

So, how about setting up your own website then? Not an activity perhaps to take up during the summer months, but something to think about as you soak up the sun ready for when the autumn and winter months take a hold! There are many sites and services that would be only too pleased to help you set up and maintain a site for a fee as a quick *Google* search will reveal, but what about doing it for free? I set up mine, such as it is using *Geocities* a subsidiary of *Yahoo* (uk.geocities.yahoo.com); it was OK and free, provided that you did not mind the inclusion of adverts of its own choosing around your site. However, I have just learned that this service will be closing down in October 2009, so will need to get a move-on with producing another. Our editor brought to my attention a service that the Village website has made use of at times and which I have started to investigate, namely *Weebly.com*. This provides you with a simple click-and-drag approach to building a website with a host of ready designed templates to choose from, all for free, and what is more without the intrusion of any unsolicited advertising cluttering your site. Choose your *Weebly* username wisely as your created website address will become *username.weebly.com*. My embryonic attempt at davista.weebly.com is, so far, a bit pathetic, but do have a go yourself at www.weebly.com.

Once you have your own website, you may like your own *.co.uk* or even *.com* domain name, (like having a personal car number plate only much cheaper!) Again, there are many sites that will enable you to register and buy domain names, though there are usually fees involved. My two domain names davista.co.uk and daviscraft.co.uk cost me around £8 each every two years from 123-reg.co.uk; (*.com* names cost rather more). The way it works is, you enter the name you would like, it then tells you which suffices (*ie .com, .co.uk, .org, .org.uk, .me, etc*) are available with that name and how much they will cost. The same site that provides you with the domain name, will almost certainly for a further fee offer you the means to set up a website and email. If you already have these (with your *weebly.com* site and whatever email service you use), you can set up a *forwarding address* both for your website and email. That way, any request to view your domain name is forwarded to a site of your choice. In my case, when someone tries to look at www.davista.

co.uk, they actually get put on to uk.geocities.com/davista103 or whatever site address I care to forward them to in the future without them even realising it! The same goes for email. If you send an email to my address steve@davista.co.uk, it gets forwarded to ukuleleboy@googlemail.com. You are typically allowed up to twenty separate email names for each domain name. Now I know that this may all sound very complicated, but trust me, it is fairly straightforward and there is plenty of help available, especially from 123-reg.co.uk.

If, like me, you have not felt the justification for a *Satellite Navigation System (SatNav)* in your car, you may have turned to one of several websites that offers route planning. In the past, I have always used the AA website at www.theaa.com; that is, I print out the route and my wife reads the directions to me as we travel along, and hence has to shoulder the blame for any wrong turnings! However, *Google Maps* (maps.google.co.uk) has recently been much improved where producing and presenting route-planning information is concerned, and will often give you several routes to choose from. It will even include individual maps and photos of awkward junctions. On the other hand, this could arguably shift the blame for taking a wrong turning back to me! By the way, a special version of *Google Maps* can also be loaded into a mobile phone if it has Internet access and the ease of use and detail provided, especially in satellite photo mode is quite amazing!

Keeping up with computing is daunting and can seem like a real mug's game! I take the excellent fortnightly publication *Computer Active*, good value from a newsagent at £1.79, and even better value if taken out as a direct six-month subscription. As it says on the cover "*Simple clear advice in plain English*" both for complete beginner and experienced user alike. The other thing I like to do is to try and watch the BBC's offering 'Click' that can be seen during the *Breakfast* programme at weekends or on the News 24 channel. It is also available to watch online at bbc.co.uk/click. This gives a light-hearted, slightly zany overview of what is up and coming in the world of computing and technology – a bit like *Tomorrow's World* did for those of us who remember looking forward to our weekly dose with the late Raymond Baxter!

I have now completed a whole year cycle of Village Voice contributions based loosely around the field of computers and computing. Despite the excessive amount of time, I often bemoan spending in front of a computer, it is after all just a tool and I feel the least of what I am really about. So I am grateful that the editor is happy to let me branch out a bit more from my initial brief to consider wider aspects of life in and around the village of Dersingham and beyond. Like for instance on 12th September when Neil Adams and I will be representing St Nicholas Church in the annual Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride. Riders plan their own individual routes and try to visit as many churches as they feel able with from a list of approaching a thousand throughout Norfolk that will be open from 9am to 5pm on that day. Each church visited becomes a mini encounter in its own right. A chat with whoever is on duty at that church to sign our form, a quick look inside to get the overall feel of the place and to see anything of particular interest, a photo perhaps and maybe some welcome refreshments. Both Neil (who has many years of experience of this event) and I reckon to cover somewhere between 50 and 60 miles and visit 20 to 30 churches. Now this might not quite be in the same league as the epic rides of local adventurer Trevor Riches but it is a good steady challenge for us nonetheless! Somewhat ego centred photos of my cycle rides (to prove where I went) for the last two years can be seen on my *Picasa* website (*see below*). This year I hope to cycle north from Dersingham, taking in the churches around the north coast as far as Wells, then down through the Walsinghams and back along a lower route to complete the loop. Half of the money raised by each participant goes towards their own church (in our case St Nicholas) and half to the Norfolk Churches Trust Fund that provides a central pool of funds for the upkeep of church buildings throughout the county. If you would care to sponsor either of us, then we would be very pleased to hear from you. (Village Voice Live would be a good opportunity!)

I hope that you too will enjoy what is left of the summer; hope to see you around and look forward to sharing new experiences with you in the Autumn. □

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DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
Every Monday	2.00 pm	St. Cecilia's Church	Rosary Group	St. Cecilia's Church
Every Monday	2.00pm or 7.30pm	Freebridge Community Housing	Bingo	Orchard Close
Every Monday	6.30 - 8.00	Dersingham Cubs	Meeting for boys age 8 - 10 1/2	Scout & Guide HQ Manor road
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 Monday in Term Time	12.45 to 2.15 pm	Sticking Together	Toddler Craft Group Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
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	7 pm	Dersingham Bridge Club	Bridge Evening	The Feathers Hotel
Every Tuesday in Term Time	8.30 to 11.15 am	St Nicholas Parent & Toddler Group	Parent & Toddler Group Meeting	St Nicholas Church Hall
Every Tuesday	8 pm	Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes	Sandringham Lodge Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
1st or 2nd Monday 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	10.30 to 11.30am	Music+Movement	Pre-school Music, Dance & Drama	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
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 8.30 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
Every Thursday	7.30 pm	Hunstanton and District Camera Club	Meeting	St Nicholas Church Hall
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	9.45 am	Freebridge Community Housing	Coffee Morning	Orchard Close
Every Friday in Term Time	9.15 to 10.45	Puddleducks Toddler Group	Toddler Group meeting	Dersingham Community Centre,, Manor Road
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 Cecilians Church
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 August 4th

The return of the Saint to "Hunstanton St. Edmund"

An illustrated talk
by
John Maiden
of

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY

Why the Town should revert
to its original name



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

VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday September 1st

Talk on the Wildside

All about
the
East Winch
Wildlife
Centre



Jo Mead, who is a supervisor at the
Centre, will talk about their work.

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