

Dersingham Village Voice

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Editorial

Well, it is now the end of summer and we are now into autumn with our October Issue of Village Voice.

This time we have failed to obtain the usual number of advertisements. We are hoping to achieve better results for the Christmas edition. Advertisements are an important factor in helping us to continue to produce this newsletter. As 2,000 copies of this publication are circulated, it is a good outlet for advertisers.

This month we include details of the very important influenza jabs to take place in the Dersingham Surgery. An article received from the Norfolk Health Authority sets out the importance of taking these precautions especially for certain categories of people.

In the last edition we placed an old photograph of the 1922 Dersingham Football Team and our thanks are due to Mr Mitchell and Mr B Twite who were able to identify all the people in the photograph.

If you have applied for a millennium mug for your child or children the mugs are now available for collection from the Parish Council Office in Manor Road. The office is open Monday to Thursday 10 am to 2 pm.

Please keep submitting articles, news and views as these are very much appreciated. The deadline date for copy for the Christmas Village Voice is 8th November 2000.

Teresa Southam, 68 Mountbatten Road, Editor (Tel: 542392)

Parish Council News

All meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public. The full meetings begin at 7.15 pm and are preceded and terminated by a 15-minute session for parishioners to raise any matters. The next meeting will take place on Monday 30th October at the First School

*Parish Council Office: Police Station, Manor Road
Tel: 541465 Email: DersPC@bun.com*

Dersingham First and Nursery School

The Parish Council has donated the sum of £100 for the purchase of 8 railway sleepers to form the base of the boardwalk for the environmental area in the school grounds.

Dersingham Churchyard – Burials

A full discussion was held on this subject. There is a problem in securing more land for burial as the churchyard is nearing full capacity. Three councillors have been nominated to meet in the near future with the Parochial Church Council and Dersingham United Charity Trustees for the purposes of further deliberations.

Sports Ground

The Dersingham Sports Ground Management Committee have been concerned that golf practice was taking place on the sports field causing damage to the turf and a hazards to other users. Liaison has taken place with Sandringham Estate about this matter and they have pointed out the responsibility for activities on the field lies with the Parish Council. It was proposed and carried that the Council write to the SGMC suggesting that they erect signs stating 'No Golf'.

Future of Dersingham Community Centre

The current lease for the Centre expires in August 2001. It was resolved that the Parish Council accepts the offer from Sandringham Estate to renew the lease for a further 5 years from August 2001.

Bottle Banks

The siting of bottle banks in the village has been investigated and the Borough Council have approached Budgens who have no objection to the siting of bottle banks in the car park. However, there is a problem regarding responsibility for keeping a site of this nature clean and tidy so the matter will be discussed again at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Speed of Traffic – Mountbatten Road

This matter was again brought to the attention of the Council and it was resolved to request Norfolk Constabulary to carry out a speed check in Mountbatten Road.

On Your Bike!

The 'On Your Bike' mobile motorcycle project is co-ordinated by Norfolk PACT (Partners Against Crime Taskforce) in partnership with Norfolk Youth and Community Service.



It is hoped that our village will be able to take advantage of this scheme – the programme is designed for groups of up to 12 young people aged between 14 and 17 whose natural interest in motorbikes can take place in a safe and controlled environment. Each session is divided into 3 – learning basic maintenance, learning the essential of riding using mopeds provided, learning about such things as buying a bike, licensing, safe riding etc.

Volunteer helpers are wanted in West Norfolk for this worthwhile project. No experience is necessary and travelling expenses will be paid.

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Friday 20th October – Heacham Stroke Club
Come along and find out about local group activities

Thursday 26th October – Motor Neurone Disease
Information, advice and support

Thursday 2nd November – Inland Revenue
Did you know you may be able to claim back tax on bank interest?

Thursday 9th November – Parkinsons Disease Society
Information, advice and support

Thursday 23rd November – British Lung Foundation
Information, advice and support for people with breathing difficulties

Friday 29th September – WN Disability Information Service
Information on all aspects of disabilities, aids, equipment, benefits, holidays

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Open Morning
Music, mince pies and lots of fun to get you in the spirit!!

Dersingham Beavers

Sadly the Dersingham Beavers have had to close until a new Leader and Assistant Leader can be found. If any one over 18 years of age feels they would like to take up either of these roles, please contact David Benn on 544725. Many young boys would be most grateful if Beavers could re-open.

WASTE PAPER

Thanks to all those good people who continue to deliver their waste paper and magazines to the Scout and Guide Headquarters. *T Finbow*

Sandringham District Scouts

The Sandringham District Scouts are holding a Millennium Social Evening, including a Race Night, at the Town Hall, Hunstanton, on Saturday 18th November 2000 at 7.30 pm. Bring your own refreshments. Admission £2.50. Tickets available from Brian Greenacre (541150) and Terry Finbow (540643).

Come and have some fun to brighten up the darker nights

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion is the prime ex-Service organisation and one of Britain's best known and most highly respected charitable organisations. It helps tens of thousands of children, families, elderly, frail and disabled people nationwide. It also believes in the importance of Remembrance and valuing our hard earned peace and freedom. So, why not become a member of the Dersingham and Sandringham Branch of the Legion – you would be helping others and could benefit from the many schemes the Legion offers. We meet at the Gamekeeper's Lodge at 7.30 pm on the second Monday of each month when, usually, as well as socialising with fellow members and dealing with Legion business, we have guest speakers on a variety of subjects.

Incidentally, your contribution to the imminent Poppy Appeal will be greatly appreciated as will any help you can give with the selling and collecting tasks.

For any information regarding membership of the Legion or of the Poppy Appeal, please contact Tom Morris on 541450.

Library Housebound Service

The WVRS in conjunction with Dersingham Library offer a housebound service taking books etc to people unable to leave their homes. Ring the Library 540181

Letters to the Editor

June Stephenson, 22 Centre Vale (13th September 2000)

It's an ill wind that blows no-one any good. Alongside the disruption (and worse) caused by the present blockades at oil refineries, we've enjoyed one or two unexpected blessings.

Firstly, we've been able to walk around Dersingham without the constant accompaniment of pollution from the vehicles that normally fill our roads. We've not had to think three or more times before stepping off the pavement. We've not had to endure the whoosh and roar of each vehicle as it comes up behind us and then passes us within an arm's reach. It's been a real holiday for cyclists and pedestrians alike!

Secondly, for 'oldies' like me, it's been a step back in time, enough to make us quite nostalgic. Why? Why, the SILENCE! Is it only the over-60s who remember country nights that were real nights, dark and velvety in their silence? There were no street lamps, and certainly no by-pass around the mid-Norfolk village I lived in during my teens. On starry nights you could see a million pin-points of light in the sky. Moonlit nights were awesomely lovely. But, best of all, in the human silence you could catch the other sounds that are so often drowned out now by human activity: the rustling of small creatures in the grass, the whirr of moths' wings, the soft snuffles and snorts of cattle in a nearby field.

I've a suggestion, albeit one doomed from the start! alongside Fathers' Day and Mothers' Day, No Smoking Day and Apple Day and all the other Days, why don't we have a No Traffic Day? And, of course, a No Street Lamp night to go with it. Let it be in late summer, when we can sit outside comfortably into the early hours, listening to the SILENCE.

A letter from Mrs Sandra Green, 2 Station Road, regarding the unkempt areas in Mountbatten Estate, about which complaints have been aired

Would it not be possible for you, the residents of the estate or Mountbatten Association to try to upkeep this land yourselves, ie grass cutting, a few plants, etc. Instead of moaning about the situation get together and prove you can do something to improve the area where you live.

We on Station Road/Hunstanton Road keep our corner tidy and weeded and swept several times a week. You most probably don't see us doing it as it is done when our shop is closed, usually about 1.15 am. We don't bother to beg the Council for extra cash for road sweepers. Do you ever pick up rubbish as you walk round the village and put it in a bin – bins are emptied regularly.

We have such a pretty village and if we all do our bit in our own area it would not only look quite nice but also give you some satisfaction. Come on, all you parishioners, do your bit!

Amongst our correspondence was this letter from a Dersingham resident

At one time many parishioners had a fear of the Park Hill end of the village. Nobody, however, seems to know exactly why. I have resided close by for a number of years and, even today, many pass by without even a 'Hello'. On advertising for help with gardening there is never any enthusiasm.

Stories abound of woodlands, buried corpses, buried treasures and also, perhaps the most puzzling, a hidden beacon. There has been the odd burglary or two. I have never seen anything ghostly or frightening myself. Some elderly villagers wonder what there was so frightening in the 70s along the A149.

Life Wood today is well used – young folk go mountain cycling, camping out and many adults walk their pets through so it would seem that the inherent fear has subsided.

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As the nights draw in, we need to think about preparing for winter – making sure the household heating is working and the car is topped up with anti-freeze. But it's not just the house and car that need attention. If you are aged over 65, it's also time to protect your health this winter by getting a 'flu' jab from your family doctor. The same advice applies to children and adults who have illnesses which put them at high risk from the effects of flu. You should be immunised against flu if you have any of the following conditions.

- * Chronic heart or chest complaints, including asthma
- * Chronic kidney disease
- * Diabetes
- * Lowered immunity due to disease or treatment, such as steroid medication or cancer treatment
- * Any other serious medical condition – check with your doctor if you're not sure

It is important to remember that immunisation against flu needs to be repeated each year because the virus is constantly changing. The World Health Organisation tries to predict the strain of virus which is likely to be the cause of flu each year, and a vaccine is produced on these predictions.

The occasional bout of flu is not a serious matter for most healthy people. But if you are vulnerable, it can lead to complications such as pneumonia or bronchitis.

For more information, contact the Health Information Service free on 0800 665544, or visit the centre at 24 Exchange Street, Norwich. You can also write free to The Health Information Service, Freepost ANG 4780, 24 Exchange Street, Norwich, or e-mail: his@norfolk.nhs.uk



DERSINGHAM
Then & Now
Portrait of a Village

By Simon Massen & Walter Blaney

This delightful and fascinating book looks at Dersingham at the beginning and end of the century and will invoke memories and provoke discussion. There are many old photographs which have been lovingly preserved showing Dersingham as it used to look. Full descriptions accompany the photographs. It is a book that will arouse interest in all who live in and love the village.

Copies cost £4 – to obtain a copy contact Simon Massen (543305) or Walter Blaney. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to Campaign '94 (Tapping House Hospice) and The Bob Champion Cancer Trust.

Dersingham Patients Participation Group

The next meeting of the above group will be held on

Thursday 23rd November at 7.30 pm in The Surgery

Graham Copsey, of the West Norfolk Primary Care Group, will address the meeting regarding the changeover to a Primary Care Trust. This is an important issue affecting the practice. It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend.

Dersingham Surgery 14th October 2000

9.30 am to 2 pm

FLU JAB TIME!

Please try to attend one of the flu days as vaccine is limited. To help ease queuing, please try to attend in the slot shown next to the first letter of your surname.

9.30 – 10.30	A-E	11.30 – 12.30	K-O
10.30 – 11.30	F-J	12.30 – 1.30	P-T
	1.30 – 2.00	U-Z	

If you are unable to attend on the 14th you are welcome to attend Heacham on 7th October or Snettisham on 28th October. We will only be able to offer appointments after 28th October if vaccine is still available.

The Farmland

*'This little Kingdom of sport and farming, which lies within the smell of the bitter north sea, has all that English scenery can produce.'*¹

The route of the old railway line through Dersingham marks a divide between two types of farmland. Towards the sea are the large flat arable fields, intersected by drainage dykes, where crops grow on the rich alluvial silts. The higher inland farms are on light sandy soils and are again dominated by arable crops but with some pastures particularly for sheep. The farms are usually part of large estates with only a few small farms bravely battling to survive the current economic crisis in agriculture. The farmed landscape around Dersingham is of comparatively recent origin. The wealth of medieval Norfolk came from wool production and sheep certainly dominated the land around Dersingham up until the nineteenth century. The building of our impressive parish church is testimony to the economic benefits that came with the wool trade. The system of farming used then was known as 'foldcourse' where common pasture was divided into manors, the Lords of the Manor grazed their flocks on their tenants' strips. All this changed in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century with the Parliamentary Enclosure Acts. At this time local landowners consolidated their farms and enclosed large rectangular fields with hawthorn hedgerows. The straight narrow lanes bordered with wide verges and hawthorn hedges, that are characteristic of this part of Norfolk, date from this period. The building of the sea wall and the draining of the marshes also dates from the nineteenth century expansion of agriculture.

*'There are some pleasant byways leading down into the marshlands, if anyone desirous of seeing how the Estuary Company has won land from the sea should go down into the marshes and examine the great banks or sea walls which have been heaped up by the reclaimers. The new lands, however, are inexpressibly dreary; far more so, indeed than the tidal flats beyond the banks.'*²

The layout of our local farms has remained more or less unchanged since enclosure, but farming practices have altered beyond recognition from what they were then. The economics of farming have also gone through many boom and bust cycles. Farming is currently facing a crisis at least as great as any in the past and the economic pressure to farm in larger units with bigger machines and less manpower appears to be unstoppable.

The wildlife on the farms around Dersingham has been greatly affected by all these changes. Some of these have been beneficial, most notably the large flocks of pink-footed geese that we all enjoy seeing over our village during the winter are very dependent upon the availability of sugar-beet tops following the harvest. Sugar-beet is a large scale commercial crop and not immediately thought of as 'wildlife friendly'. The flat arable fields between the village and the sea also hold plenty of wildlife including a large breeding population of marsh harriers that survive because of the help and support given to the RSPB harrier warden by local farmers. The wide verges and hedgerows are a haven for wildlife particularly in the summer when whitethroats and yellowhammers raise their broods and a profusion of wildflowers and insects can be seen in this sanctuary from herbicides and pesticides. There is a problem though on the other side of the hedge where farmland birds have been in rapid decline in recent years. These losses include: skylark - down 75%, turtle dove - down 85%, grey partridge - down 78%, corn bunting - down 74%, yellowhammer - down 37%, lapwing - down 46% and the list goes on making depressing reading. This is why the RSPB is making farmland birds their number one priority and hopes to reverse these declines with the help of the farming community and the government.

The reasons for the declines are often subtle and scientific research is needed to help find solutions to the problem. It is gratifying that a number of local farmers are in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. This is a MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) scheme that makes payments to farmers and land managers to improve the natural beauty and diversity of the countryside. Each county has targets outlining priorities and local scheme objectives for the area. The RSPB has been doing a lot of work researching skylarks in recent years - generously sponsored by Tesco. The results show a link between low skylark breeding success and the current trend towards winter sown cereals. The problem seems to be that skylarks find it difficult to land in the middle of the winter sown crop because it becomes very dense during their breeding season. They are therefore forced to nest near 'tramlines' where predators have a better chance of finding the nests. The stubble and spilt grain left over winter after harvesting a spring sown crop also benefits many other farmland birds. We still have a healthy population of skylarks at the Snettisham RSPB reserve. A visitor remarked that she would like to bring her infirmed elderly father to hear them one last time because he often commented on the skylarks that filled the sky with their song when he was a boy. It should not be necessary to visit a nature reserve to hear the song of a skylark, they were once very common farmland birds and can be once more with the goodwill and co-operation of farmers and conservationists. An example of this co-operation is the scheme run jointly by the RSPB and some local farmers to feed farmland birds during the winter as an emergency short term solution to the current lack of winter stubble fields. Another is the RSPB's volunteer/farmer alliance where volunteers are mapping the breeding success of birds on several local farms. We are luckier than most because we live in an area where the farmers are interested in conservation. There are also healthy populations of farmland birds living on the wilder land around The Wash waiting to move back onto farmland when the conditions improve. So the future for our farmland birds need not be as bleak as the present.

¹ Wentworth Day, J (1977) *King's Lynn and Sandringham through the Ages*, East Anglian Magazine Ltd, Ipswich

² Dutt, W A (1909), *The Norfolk and Suffolk Coast*, T Fisher Unwin

David Bingham

Dersingham Scouts and Guides Annual Fete

The Annual Dersingham Scout and Guide Fete is held to raise funds to maintain their Headquarters on the sports field. On 24th June this year the Fete was held on the recreation ground, Dersingham, with the weather cold and overcast threatening rain, but it thankfully remained fine for the duration of the Fete.

This year involvement in the Fete was extended to other charitable organisations in the village, many of whom took up the invitation, raising funds either for themselves or the Scout and Guide Headquarters.

Apart from the many stalls offering a very wide variety of activities, interests and refreshments, a Fancy Dress Competition, Tug-of-War, Line Dancing, Family Sports and a display by the Sandringham Fire Brigade took place in the main arena.

Places in the Fancy Dress:

Under 7 years of age:

- 1st – Dersingham Rainbow Guides – Mr Men and Little Miss
- 2nd – Chloe Bunn – Thomas the Tank Engine
- 3rd Nick & Sam Oakes – Capt Hook and Peter Pan
- Highly Commended – Christy Ward – Little Bo Peep

7 years and over

- 1st – 2nd Dersingham Brownies – Under Sea World
- 2nd – Ross ? – Gladiator
- 3rd – Helen Fenton – Bride

There was a wonderful entry for both classes showing much hard work and ingenuity. All went away with a prize.

The Tug of War created much excitement – ‘Steff’s Select Team’ won the Torc Motors Shield against the Fire Service and Tracey’s team. Well done all!

If the final sum raised is any guide, all in attendance must have been very supportive and we hope enjoyed themselves in the process as just over £1,000 was raised. A truly splendid sum. The Lucky Programme winner was a resident of Dersingham.

The members of the Scout and Guide Headquarters Fund Raising Committee would in turn like to register their deep appreciation to all who helped in their many varied and wonderful ways, involving much hard work, and to the village as a whole for making the Fete such a magnificent success. If, at the same time we also brought the village a little closer together in the Millennium year, another objective was also achieved.

Terry Finbow

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VILLAGE SPORT 2000

A big thank you to Jo Eames and everybody else concerned who organised and helped with village sport in Dersingham. My children had a lovely time and I thought it was a wonderful scheme. Let's hope it can run next year. Thank you again

Talia and Lewis Batterbee

And an even bigger thank you from all parents who had a break!

Lucy Batterbee



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**Dersingham Football Club
1922 Team and Officials**

Many thanks to Mr Mitchell of Fern Hill and Bernard Twite who were able to name the team featured in the last issue of Village Voice:

J Allen T Riches W Buckett J Dye W Twite S Bird W Fitt W Ling
C Athon A Hooks F Walker R Stanton C Coxon J Finch W Jakeman
G Riches R Hooks

A Garden Notebook – by *Greenish Fingers* (abridged)

19th July. Black-headed gulls are wheeling overhead this evening alongside martins. They seem to be copying the martins' feeding technique, flying, open-beaked, to catch the myriads of insects.

21st July. We've harvested the garlic and planted out our leeks in their 6" holes, watering them in.

25th July. Sowing of later vegetables has begun, with Durham Early spring cabbages and the last of the iceberg lettuces. All weeds are growing well!

28th July. Curlews have been flying high today. They seem to slow down for stragglers, or perhaps I'm just imaging that.

29th July. A pair of woodpeckers whirr over. The sweet scents of buddleias, honeysuckle, oregano and lavender entice a variety of insects. Bumble-bees grow drunk in campanulas, linaria and Welsh poppies.

31st July. Durham Earlies and lettuces are showing well already.

2nd August. Long-tailed tits perform acrobatics in the old apple tree, while their young chorus in the conifer hedge. Their nest, according to my RSPB book, is a "wonderful, elastic construction of moss and spiders' webs, disguised with lichen and lined with hundreds of feathers". It can take 20 days to build. They don't really belong to the tit family at all, but they're just as delightful to watch. Today, too, there's a male golden-ringed dragonfly skimming from plant to plant, and when it rests we can see its dramatic colouring at close range.

4th August. "Our" hedgehog has arrived at last. Yesterday evening it ate every scrap from its saucer of cat-food. Tiny frogs are popping up here and there. I hope they survive the hedgehog's nocturnal wanderings.

12th August. No rain. Very hot. Our max-min thermometer registers 88 °F in the shade. A pair of green woodpeckers cavort in the eucalyptus. Butterflies appear – painted ladies, red admirals, peacocks and a meadow brown female. It's a wonder I get any gardening done at all, as I chase around with my insect book after the more unusual visitors to our garden!

17th August. This evening, in the dusk, the hedgehog lets me stand within two feet of it. It has a dark snout and cheeks, a light head, and small, "receding" lower jaw.

19th August. Proper rain at last! Over 8 mm yesterday and last night. A good gardening day.

22nd August. A strange and beautiful insect has spent the day inside our bedroom window. It's a lovely, watery green, with delicately jointed legs, a much more fragile-looking creature than the common grasshopper. And definitely not a lacewing. After much research (!) we've decided it's an oak bush cricket, whose natural habitat is woodland. There are lots of trees around here. So we've shaken it into a mixed hedgerow and hope for the best.

The following poem is one of many written by talented Hugh Mullarkey, a Dersingham resident. He has kindly allowed us to publish it in the newsletter for your enjoyment

**The Darsinum Flood
(12th September 1671)**

The sky and the sea were a sullen grey,
The restless air in the morning.
The tide that should have been at low
Was rising still – a warning!

And then at the noon the weather broke,
The wildest wind it was rising.
The waves that once were strangely calm
Now shook us all with their pounding.

The banks did break and the waters flood,
Our farms were a wasteland of mud.
The haycocks were lost and the winter's feed,
No seed for the springtime bud.

And as the afternoon wore on,
All hope for our livestock was low.
The waters rose and the wind did scream
The storm was never-ending.

And then as the night began to fall
No respite was there to be seen.
John Chamberlaine he was a worthy man
Did summon us all to begin:

The elemental battle brave,
To fight and the village to save.
The villagers worked with their barrows and spades
Till all of the flood did subside.

We gather to praise the Lord today
As John Chamberlaine did desire.
We pray for the faith and the hope and the love
John Chamberlaine did inspire.

Hugh Mullarkey

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Lost your Dog?

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Dersingham Surgery Horticultural Society

Our Annual Show, which was held on 9th September, was our best yet. The number of competitors, entries and visitors was up on last year and the quality of the entries was of an exceptionally high standard.

From the point of view of our society the most rewarding aspects of the day were that there were several new competitors and many more new faces among the visitors.

So, a big thank you to those who provided the raffle prizes and to everyone who supported our efforts.

Space does not permit the listing of over 100 class winners but our trophy winners were:

Best eggs	Robin Elflett
Best preserve	Mrs Pugh
Best pickle	Derek Asker
Best Cookery	Mrs C Eastwick
Most points in cookery classes	Mrs P Williams
Best flower arrangement	Mrs R Mountain
Most points flower arrangement	Mrs L Brown
Best fruit	Neville Warnes
Best vegetable	Hubert Booth
Best pot plant	Neville Warnes
Best dahlia	Hubert Booth
Best rose	Mrs M Wright
Best chrysanthemum	Bert Valentine
Most point overall flower exhibits	Mrs D Hannant
Best horticultural exhibit	Hubert Booth
Top tray (vegetables)	Neville Warnes
Top vase (flowers)	Mrs D Hannant
Best large garden	Mr & Mrs Dingle
Best small garden	Mr & Mrs G Clayton

Children's and Junior Classes

A Picture of the Dome	Hannah Mann
A picture "The London Eye"	Elizabeth Wheeler
A clown made from fruit and vegetables	Callum Coldman
A space monster " " "	Alison Clay
Jam tarts	Simon Clay
Assorted fancy cakes	Alice King
Best Junior vegetable	Elizabeth Wheeler
Best Junior flower arrangement	Hazel Brown
"My Room" – a flower arrangement	Hannah Mann

In presenting the prizes and trophies George Pratt congratulated the Show Committee and its co-workers for the work they had carried out both in the preparation and mounting of the show and he was particularly appreciative of the provision of the children's classes which had given encouragement to the younger generation to participate and, in consequence, contributed in no small measure to the success of the show.

Readers of the last issue will have learned that Dersingham First School has created a wildlife pond and that the Head Teacher, John Ward, is leaving at the end of this term. Some will also know that, as its millennium project, our society has been raising funds to purchase a greenhouse for the school. However, the changes of circumstance mentioned above have re-focused our objective and we now propose to provide a secure tool shed and garden tools (both for children and adults) to enable the children and staff to service both the pond and its surrounding garden.

Details will be finalised and monies allocated by November but, in the meantime, our thanks to all who have supported our fund raising events which have, so far, raised some £600 for what is now our Millennium Wildlife Garden Project.

During the summer two extremely successful visits were organised. The first – a boat trip on the Broads combined with a visit to East Rushden Garden. The second – a visit to Braddenham Hall Green.

Our society meets at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at Dersingham First School. Further details from our Secretary, Walter Blaney. Tel: 544733, or any committee member.

David Clark, 30 Hunstanton Road (Tel:543182)

Planning a jumble sale, garage clearance or social event? Why not tell the readers of Dersingham Village Voice? Our next edition will be published in early December. For inclusion in the newsletter send details to Teresa Southam, Editor, 68 Mountbatten Road. The deadline date for December issue is 8th November.

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