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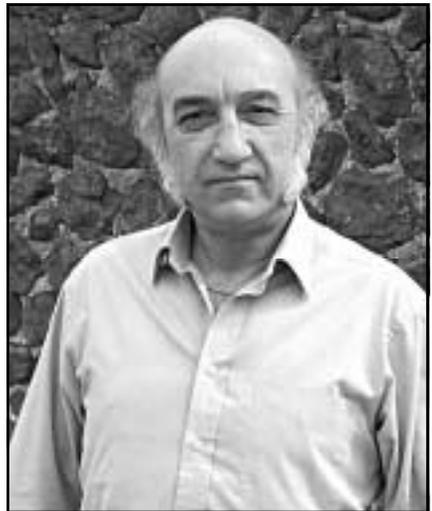
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## **Dersingham Technology Is Set To Be Used In The International Arena**

**Will Newman, Managing  
Director of Newman Concepts  
(see photo right) and his team  
of Internet technologists at  
Hill House Farm in  
Dersingham are to join forces  
with the Commonwealth  
Business Council to implement  
wireless-based computer  
broadband and telephone  
services throughout the  
developing world**



**The full details of this exciting venture are to be found on Page 12**

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## Parish Council Report

**The Council held a special meeting on 13 March** to consider a planning application for the use of garden land between Willow Drive and Prince Charles Close for use as a storage site for building materials. Having listened to the views of the many residents attending the meeting, the Council agreed to recommend to the Borough Council that the application be refused on the grounds that it would bring an industrial use into a residential area and that the access roads were unsuitable. (The Borough Council did later refuse the application.)

**The usual monthly meeting was held on 27 March**, when there was a discussion about the possibility of reducing the number of Parish Councillors in order to assist the Council in achieving Quality Status. This requires members to be elected rather than co-opted: only once in recent years has there been sufficient candidates to hold a Parish Council election in Dersingham. After discussion, it was agreed to keep the size of a Council at 18 and to encourage more people to stand when the elections come round next year.

This discussion was triggered by the fact that Councillor Pat Bellotti had not attended any meetings for six months and had therefore forfeited his seat.

In response to a letter from a pupil at Dersingham St George's (CE) School asking for financial assistance for the purchase of football kit, the Council agreed a grant of £50.

The Council also agreed to sign a new lease for its office at the police station. This would be for three years, after which the Council may have to seek new premises as the future of the police station is in doubt. The Council agreed to enquire whether an office might be available within the new medical centre facilities that are to be built in Church Lane.

**The April meeting of the Council** received a report from the Recreation & Environment Committee about plans for improvements to the War Memorial and the association new garden commemorating the work of Malcolm Nurse for the village.

It was reported that the water and electricity supplies on the Recreation Ground would be installed in the next few weeks. This should assist those organising events such as the forthcoming Carnival.

It was reported that consideration was being given to extending the Homewatch scheme to cover the whole village. However, there were problems with the current schemes and it was agreed that these needed to be overcome before any extension takes place.

One of the regular features of Parish Council meetings are the reports from the County and Borough Councillors which enable issues of concern to their Councils to be raised. In April, the issues mentioned by Councillors included the work on Dodds Hill; damage to the footpath in Station Road; the provision of dropped kerbs on the corner of Philip Nurse Road and Pakenham Drive; and the landscaping of the Sandringham View estate.

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### Planning and the Parish Council

The Parish Council has a statutory right to be consulted on all planning applications affecting the village. However, its views are only advisory as the final decision is taken by the Borough Council's Development Control Board or, in certain circumstances, by the County Council. Decisions can only take account of planning issues. So, for example, issues of ownership or financial or personal hardship are irrelevant. Except in exceptional circumstances, decisions have to be in line with approved planning policies even where local opinion believes these to be wrong; for example, this means that Government policies requiring high-density in new housing will normally override any local wish for densities similar to those already existing. Individuals with views on planning applications should write to both the Parish Council and the Borough Council planning department. Both Councils operate systems for allowing individual people to speak about applications before they are decided.

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# Editor's Notes



Please don't be deceived by appearances, this is not a shot of Parish Councillor Andrew Seal and myself seeking guidance from the heavens! It was actually taken by Paul Burall as we watched my entry in the balloon race (held at the Dersingham Open Day) float ever upwards, but not seemingly onwards! You will find a report about the day below.

I would like to say that myself and the production team were most embarrassed by the quality of the last edition of Village Voice in which most of the graphics were unrecognisable, this, the printers advise us, being caused by some fault in their newly acquired printing machinery. We have been promised better this time.

It is nice in this edition to see that some new material has been sent to us, regarding organisations which have not previously contacted us. This magazine belongs to the village, and as such should be in a position to let parishioners know about anything and everything which happens – remember it is not just here to promote what the Parish Council is doing, your organisation has every right to be included, so why not take advantage (You do not have to write a long article, and anyway, sometimes a brief report is better, so, in the words of a famous football club director “Let's be having you!”

For those of you who are regular contributors I would like to draw your attention to Page 70 of every issue which lets you know when the deadlines are for the next edition, and to ask that, wherever possible you meet the dates required, or even earlier if that is possible. My reason for asking this is that as our team is made up of volunteers and is limited in numbers, it places a great deal of pressure on us when all the material arrives in the last two days, because a simple article from you could take up to an hour or more to prepare for publication. Another good reason for checking Page 70 is to ensure that if you are advertising forthcoming events they do not occur before our publication date.

*Bob Tipling*

## Village Open Day

The editor, bless his cotton socks, has asked me to write about the open day that was held on April 22nd. Frankly I was so disappointed with the interest shown by you the village that I was disinclined to bother. A village with a population approaching 6000 should have managed a turnout better than 1%! The village societies and organisations made a splendid effort to put on a good show. All the tables were taken and their members turned out in force. Most of your parish councillors turned up, the refreshments were laid on but you did not come. Why? It can't have been a lack of publicity. If you are reading this it means you get a Village Voice and it was on the

front of the last issue and all our notice boards also carried details as well. It raises the question should we





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# Letters to the Editor



*A local resident (Name and address supplied) writes:* Is your dog so well trained that it will sit still on command, never go up to a visitor unless allowed. Or does it stay at the back of the house away from the front door so that welcome visitors

feel safe? Sadly, too many homes in Dersingham have careless dog owners. "Citizen" newspaper delivery people and postmen have to contend with barking, heavy breathing and snapping behind the letterbox. Outdoors is worse, dogs are allowed to rush out, jump up and even BITE. In the last eight years several postmen have had severe bites. One "Citizen" deliveryman has been bitten three times, the latest during March this year. This entails a visit to the Police and the Health Centre. The Police visit the offending dog owner the same day. A letter is sent from the "Citizen" newspaper organiser and no more papers are delivered. The Post Office has its own way of dealing with such dog owners.

***Mr David M. Wright of 116 Dorridge Road, Dorridge, Solihull, West Midlands B93 8BN writes:*** The recent April Dersingham Voice asked for names relating to the photograph on page 47 be sent to you. The lady in black is Mrs. Lloyd Pratt who was the leader of the group which met at her house. It is my belief that the lady in the back row, second from the right is my grandmother Rose Wells who lived at 4 West Terrace, near the War Memorial and Linford's corner (I believe that Linford's corner is called something else these days but I have no knowledge what that may be). My recollection is that the group used to wear a Red Cross and were an associated body to the Red Cross, and CHSS puzzles me. The nearest guess I can make is Convalescence Hospital for Soldiers and Sailors Nursing Team. It is my recollection (I lived with my grandparents for much of the war) that they made things such as scarves, socks, bandages and other home comforts. I do not recollect any nursing as such but maybe they hosted meetings and made tea for injured servicemen recuperating in the area. I do not recollect any local hospital or of her visiting other places; meetings I remember took place in the House or grounds of the Lloyd Pratts. My recollection is that Mrs. Lloyd Pratt had a disability and walked with difficulty. The lady in the back row – 4th from right with prominent glasses is familiar to me but I can not put a name - should you have no responses on her I could make enquires of another now distant from Dersingham dweller.

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*Ken Basham of Hardwick, Cambridge writes:* Although I never lived in Dersingham I always look forward to receiving a copy of the Village Voice from my Sister-in-Law, Sheila Harrod. May I offer a few random comments on the April issue? I have a copy of the photograph of the Dersingham T.A., George Pratt is correct he is at the right of the second row and I am second from the left on the same row. One of the Officers was David Pull who at the time lived at Old Hunstanton. The photograph must have been taken some time between Jan 1952 and Sept 1954. You mention Maurice Bix in the front row I also have a photograph of Maurice when he was Head Chorister at Sandringham Church. As far as Sir Alan Lascelles' diary is concerned, I am quite sure that Sandringham House was closed down for most of the war, as was York Cottage, but neither were ever requisitioned for any war use. The Royal Family used Appleton House with its underground Bunker at this time. The Doctor called to the Bishop of Norwich may have been Dr. J. Ansell who later lived at Wood Farm, Wolferton. I well remember George King's barber's shop as the only place I had my hair cut until I joined the Army. The news on the Dersingham Bog always brings back memories of Charles Hubbard, one time Head Gardener at Appleton Hall and a fine botanist, who would spend hours showing me his collection of pressed plants and telling me the finest came from Sandringham and Dersingham bog. Charles's son left Appleton to become one of the world's experts on grasses and his Granddaughter Miss Mary Bone lived at Doddshill at the end of her life. The Tithe Barn. One Saturday a year or so ago I attended a lecture, in Cambridge, on the "Tithe Barnes of East Anglia" the speakers claim to fame was that he had visited every Tithe barn in the east of England but had never heard of the one at Dersingham. He rang me the next day to say he had been to see it and it was quite an outstanding example, one of the best he had ever seen. My wife Hazel (Harrod) was interested in Brian Tann's contribution as she worked with him at the Lynn News in the 1950s and this had her looking up old photos to see if she could find him. One other thing, Parker's the grocers' Day and Round books are now held at the Norfolk Archives in Norwich and make fascinating reading to any one who is interested in Dersingham and the surrounding villages.

*Dee Morris, Area Poppy Appeal Coordinator, The Royal British Legion writes:* The Contribution on page 43 of the April edition of the Village Voice may have given readers a misleading impression of the hard work of the Poppy Appeal collectors and of the generosity of the Dersingham residents. Over £3,000 was in fact raised in the village towards the Appeal and for this all who benefit from such funds will be most grateful.

*Sue Eastmure of Dersingham writes:* Prince Charles Close – The proposed application for change of use to a builder's yard, submitted by Mr Suiter has been refused. He has a right of appeal. I personally would like to thank everyone who wrote to object and supported me in person.

*Mrs. Jane Baugh-Ward of Chapel Road writes:* Just to set the record straight; in Issue 38, Harry Thorpe recalls a family named Drew, living in Manor Road in the 1920's and running a saddler's and harness business, but, in Issue 39, David Wright of Solihull writes that he has no recollection of them, or the business, and thinks Harry might have confused them with the Dews, who ran a fish and chip shop. Whilst it is ironic that two families of such similar names should live in close proximity in Manor Road during the same period, I can confirm that Edgar and Julia Drew did indeed live and trade there. They were my Grandparents! They moved to Hillington in the early 1930's to become 'mine hosts' of the Ffolkes Arms Hotel, a sister establishment to Dersingham's Feathers Hotel, both being owned by the P.R.H.A. Company. Edgar Drew died in 1938 and his son, Fred, took his place as landlord. In his Dersingham days Fred was better known as "Joney (sic)" Drew who played the drums in L. & S. Boughen's Band.

*Bernard and Rosemary Twite, now resident in Cyprus, write:* First of all thank you and everybody for the kind words that have been said about us. We have already met some old friends. When we

arrived in January Jill Wicks was staying in Larnaca 'till March. Jill of course, before her marriage, was Jill Balding, and through our younger years we were neighbours across the field. Jill helped us move in when our furniture arrived and was a great help in showing us around. We look forward to seeing her later in the year. Recently our neighbours in Lynn Road, Arthur and Bett. Bell, came to see us while they were on holiday in Cyprus. In April's Village Voice the picture of the ladies in nurse's uniform I cannot remember what they were, but the lady in glasses (back row, fourth from the right) was Mrs. Alec Hooks, the lady centre front row was Mrs. Lloyd Pratt, and I think the photo was taken at the Oaks. For those who may be interested, our contact numbers are Tel: 00357 24644705 Mob: 00357 99985386 E-mail: [twite-at-orklini@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:twite-at-orklini@cytanet.com.cy)



**Parish Councillor Mrs. Sue Payne, who is also an employee of the Borough Council writes:**

I totally agree with Mick Mossindew's thoughts as outlined in his poem (April Village Voice). Having recently undertaken various delivery exercises I can vouch for his sentiments. Local volunteers who do 'one-off' deliveries do not have the expertise or training that Postal workers get; they are often delivering village or community news of interest and importance to local residents. Please, please make sure that your house number, or name, is clearly displayed. Additionally, please ensure your letterbox is easily accessible. A plea to dog owners – if your dogs are often outside, spare a thought for the local volunteer delivery person who may be unsure about dogs. Whilst delivering the Electoral Roll Registration forms last year, I was 'bothered' by dogs left to roam in front gardens of two householders. While on the subject of Electoral Registration, the aforementioned



forms are delivered, by hand, by local

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## War Workers – A Series of Archive Photographs



This is the third of our series of photographs of local people who ‘did their bit’ during the Second World War, this time showing members of the A.R.P. First Aid Team. Once again, we would be interested to hear from anyone who can tell us anything about this organisation and its members. If you can help, please write to the Editor at the address on Page 70.

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### “Selling Souls”

by Kathy Jordan © 10 May 2006

You have ‘Sale Agreed’,  
Best to take no heed,  
For contracts can still fall through,  
Right up to the date – With such fickle fate,  
Dreaded changes can come to you.

For one sale in seven, Is not made in Heaven,  
And fails to be complete,  
The boxes are packed,  
But you’re stopped in your tracks,  
And left costly bills to meet.



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## The Michael Palin Event



Even the Grace before dinner was special when writer, actor and television traveller Michael Palin came to Dersingham.

The 180 people who packed Sandringham's Visitors' Centre for the third dinner and conversation organised by the Friends of St Nicholas Church had hardly expected the Bishop of Norwich to enter the literary stakes. Not to be outdone by Michael Palin, whose

books written to accompany his television travels – most recently *Himalaya* and *Sahara* – have been huge bestsellers, the Bishop launched into his especially composed Grace:

Photo: Mark Sisson

Our table is laid, our food is prepared  
May God bless our company and all we will share  
It's travel, they say, that broadens the mind  
And helps us to leave prejudices behind  
So let's pray our guest, so welcome tonight  
Will savour his taste of Norfolk's delight  
We know Norfolk's hills are not quite Himalayan  
But Dersingham's church, now that's worth surveyin'  
We're proud of our county and all that it's got  
Like the Sahara we think it's a really hot spot.

Michael Palin, in conversation with his publisher, Ion Trewin, covered his career from *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, through acting and writing films (among them *A Fish Called Wanda*) to travelling the world for television. Even now he is planning his next journey, through what he called 'the new Europe', the countries once behind the Iron Curtain. Filming begins this summer, for screening on BBC1 in the autumn of next year.

He talked too about his Norfolk connections: a Grandfather who was a Fakenham doctor and how each summer his family holidayed on the north coast after a complex journey by train from Sheffield to Sheringham.

He also revealed that this autumn, instead of publishing his memoirs, he will bring out the first volume of his diaries, which he started keeping, he said, as an antidote to giving up smoking in the late 1960s. Barely a day goes by when he doesn't make an entry (no doubt this Friends dinner will have its own entry).

As well as talking for 40 minutes and signing copies of his books, Palin also drew the numbers for the raffle. Persuaded earlier to buy a ticket in the name of his new grandson, Archie (born just a week before the dinner) he was lost for words when he pulled that very ticket out of the barrel. Archie is now the proud owner of a set of Penguin pencils!

Palin also watched, with delight evident on his face, when a mint copy of *The Mirrorstone*, his early children's book – and the first to include printed holograms – was auctioned. The gavel was in the experienced hands of retired auctioneer and Dersingham resident, Gordon Brown. In mint condition and with the promise that Palin would sign and dedicate it, the book, the gift of Friends' committee member, Nigel Sisson, fetched an astonishing £180.

In all the Friends' funds benefited by £4000. Michael Brock, St Nicholas's new Vicar, who was in the audience with his wife, has plenty of ideas as to how this money will be spent on some aspect of the fabric of the village's oldest building.

*Ion Trewin*

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### An Alternative View of Sandringham House

This photograph of Her Majesty's Norfolk residence, showing the domed roof of the property above the trees, was taken from the top of Appleton Water Tower during an open day in the summer of 2005 and is published by kind permission of the photographer Bernie Twite

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### **Food For Thought** **Found in the Park House Hotel Newsletter - Autumn 2005**

A dietician was once addressing a large audience in Chicago. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks erode your stomach lining. Vegetables can be disastrous, and none of us realises the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we would all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

A 75-year-old man in the front row stood up and said, "Wedding cake".

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### **Dersingham United Charities Trustees ...**

... manage land in Dersingham, the income from which is used to provide funding for projects that benefit the sick, disabled, elderly, isolated and those suffering hardship. Donations are usually made on an annual basis, by **written application**. Associations and individuals who wish to be considered, may apply to the clerk of Dersingham United Charities –

*Mrs Ruth Mountain, 11 Bank Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn PE31 6HW*

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## **Dersingham Company Signs Up To An International Agreement** ***CBC and Newman Concepts to collaborate on wireless broadband projects for Commonwealth countries***

As outlined on our front page, a revolutionary, low-cost, method of providing computer broadband and telephone services is set to transform the telecoms scene in the developing world. This is good news for the world's poorer nations that are currently unable to afford the costly fibre optic cable installations used in the West. The Commonwealth Business Council (CBC) and Newman Concepts have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will see both organisations working together to implement the wireless-based system in countries across the Commonwealth. For the past three years, staff at Newman Concepts Ltd, based in Dersingham, have been researching and developing the technology in a pilot project, linking coastal villages in West Norfolk. A network of radio relay stations, some of them solar powered, enables subscribers to enjoy high-speed Internet connections at competitive prices, from its West Norfolk Community Broadband, (WNCB.net). Now its expertise is to be made available to the developing world as part of the Commonwealth Business Council's ICT for Development programmes, which are aimed at supporting the Commonwealth Action Programme for the Digital Divide. The Commonwealth Heads of Government formally adopted the Commonwealth Action Programme for the Digital Divide at last year's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (ChoGM) in Valletta, Malta last November. Will Newman, Managing Director of Newman Concepts said, "I am delighted at this breakthrough. The fact that technology developed here will benefit those far less fortunate in the developing world is a rewarding and humbling experience. It is a testament to the skills and hard work of my staff, and to the support of the wider business community. This is also good for us, for all who have helped us, and for the people of West Norfolk. It is just a first step and there remains a great deal to do, not the least of which is taking the business to the stock market. I anticipate that there will be many hi-tech jobs created here, which will boost the local economy and provide a career path for local people. Anoop Singh, Managing Director of CBC Technologies, said, "We are delighted to be working with Newman Concepts and are excited by the prospect of integrating this innovative solution in to our ICT for Development programmes." He added, "ICT can be a great enabler for the development of economies, and in particular affordable and sustainable solutions for Internet access are needed. We are very pleased to be able to leverage this experience and expertise for the benefit of the countries we work with."

### **About the Commonwealth Business Council**

The Commonwealth Business Council (CBC) was established by the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in 1997 to involve the private sector in the promotion of trade and investment. The CBC is the trade and investment arm of the Commonwealth, a voluntary group of 53 nations working together on shared objectives including culture, trade and development. The CBC acts as a bridge for co-operation between business and government, concentrating on efforts to help remove barriers to trade, mobilise investment between countries, foster a good environment for business and investment, and facilitate the engagement of the private sector in initiatives, particularly in emerging markets and developing countries.

*Visit the CBC website at [www.cbglobal.org](http://www.cbglobal.org)*

### **About Newman Concepts Ltd**

Newman Concepts Ltd is a small ISP (WNCB.net) located in NW Norfolk and has operated for over 2 years utilising and improving the wireless technology it has developed. The technology was born from the need for rural broadband when none was available in the area. Initially it was developed by the sister company, a bespoke software house with high level networking experience. Newman Concepts took over this development as the system went live absorbing the highly skilled staff along the Way.

*Visit Newman Concepts website at [www.newmanconcepts.co.uk](http://www.newmanconcepts.co.uk) or [www.wncb.net](http://www.wncb.net)*

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## Quote from Will Newman – Managing Director, Newman Concepts

Obviously we are delighted at this breakthrough. The fact that technology developed here in West Norfolk will benefit those far less fortunate in the developing world is a humbling realisation. A large part of the delight is that the unstinting efforts and skills of my staff have at last been recognised, it is great news for their futures. I have to give them my thanks, as equally I must extend my thanks to all of our subscribers, without them, this project could not have succeeded. There are however, two other local businessmen, who are the unsung heroes in this venture. Chris Swain of Swains International plc and Charles Wilson of Swains Voice & Data plc. They were highly supportive when we first launched this project, since then we have become great friends and without their limitless support and mentoring this project would have failed. We also have to thank the Royal Sandringham Estate for their support throughout, but more specifically for their assistance in developing our solar powered relays for the developing world. We must also thank our partners in the solar project, Energy Development Co-operative of Lowestoft, I should also thank our city backers and advisors, Massie & Co and Acorn Ventures Ltd, for their invaluable contribution. I would also like to publicly thank Brian Hadfield whose efforts brought the parties together. This is good news for us, for all those who have helped us, and for the people of West Norfolk. It is just a first step and there remains a great deal to do. As we step down this path there will be many hi-tech jobs created here in Dersingham, which will boost the local economy and provide a career path for more local people. Good news indeed, but more than anything it tells the world the people of West Norfolk can make a difference.

*Enquiries to: Newman Concepts Ltd – 01485 544546*

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## Crabbit's Spy 1

*The following was received from a nurse who does not wish to be identified. As it is felt that there should be the right for those who care for the sick and aged to reply to the thoughts of the 'Crabbit Old Woman' this poem also demanded to be published.*

"I would like to reply to the 'Crabbit Old Woman' as cited in issue 39. I was given two poems 15 years ago from a nurse who was about to retire. The first was the 'Crabbit Old Woman', the other was the reply from the nurse. I am now qualified, older, and perhaps a little wiser, and would be grateful if you would publish it for **all us nurses who really do care!**

The story I've been told about the two poems is that the 'Crabbit Old Woman' poem was written by an elderly lady before she died on an NHS ward. The poem was found by a nurse carrying out her respectful duties and who was heartbroken to think that someone in her care felt like that. The way she dealt with the frustration of this was to reply to the poem. When I read them it brought a tear to my eye, I have passed the poem on twice which has brought the same reaction.

*Many Thanks"*

### **MORE THAN A NURSE**

Who is it you see when you're looking at me?  
Am I just a nurse or a friend do you see?  
Am I an ear when things don't go right?  
Or am I an eye when you're losing your sight?  
Maybe a hand when your limbs move no more,  
Or a steadying arm when you're feeling unsure.  
When the sun is shining we'll talk of your life,  
Maybe some memories of a husband or wife.  
A walk in the garden, the flowers, a bird,  
But little is spoken and nothing is heard  
Now, dark days are coming don't feel all alone,  
Now memories have dwindled and your loved ones has gone  
There's a shoulder to cry on, I'll always be there,  
Another soft tongue to whisper your prayer.  
You aren't classed as old, you're never a bother,  
After all you're somebody's father or mother.  
One day when I am old, I hope someone will be  
As caring and loving and will take care of me.  
So when you are sitting alone in your chair,  
Give a thought to us nurses we really do care.  
When your body is tired and can no longer go on,  
We will shed a small tear as a dear friend has gone.  
So when you go up to the dear Lord above.

**REMEMBER US NURSES, REMEMBER OUR LOVE.**



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## Crabbit's Spy 2

*This next piece was received from Kathy Carter of Ingoldisthorpe who writes,*

*"Seeing the poem 'A Crabbit Old Woman' evoked many memories for me of my student nurse training days in the 60's. This poem was found when a patient died in a geriatric ward at Ashludie Hospital near Dundee, when the nurse was going through her possessions. It appeared at first that she had left nothing of value. I still have a copy of that poem and a reply that a student nurse at Sefton General Hospital, Liverpool, wrote and thought readers may be interested in it."*

What do we see, you ask, what do we see?  
Yes, we are thinking when looking at thee!  
We may seem to be hard when we hurry and fuss,  
But there's too many of you, and too few of us.  
We would like far more time to sit by you and talk,  
To bath you and feed you and help you to walk;  
To hear of your lives and the things you have done;  
Your childhood, your husband, your daughter, your son.  
But time is against us, there's too much to do,  
Patients too many and nurses too few.  
We grieve when we see you so sad and alone,  
With nobody near you, no friends of your own;  
We feel all your pain, and know of your fear,  
That nobody cares now your end is so near.  
But nurses are people with feelings as well,  
And when we're together you'll often here tell,  
Of the dearest old Gran in the very end bed,  
And the lovely old Dad, and the things that he said.  
We speak with compassion and love, and feel sad,  
When we think of your lives and the joy that you've had;  
When the time has arrived for you to depart,  
You leave us behind with an ache in our heart.  
When you sleep the long sleep, no more worry or care,  
There are other old people, and we must be there.  
So please understand if we hurry and fuss,  
There are many of you, and too few of us.

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April 14th 2006

Sunday League organised Cup Final in memory of Jamie Griffin

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*Raffle raised £205 which was donated to Dersingham First Responders  
Julie and Marty wish to thank all who supported this event*

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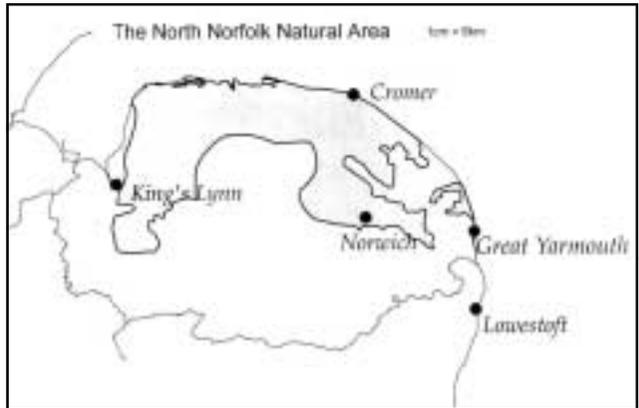
## Norfolk's Natural Areas

### 2. North Norfolk

by David Bingham

North Norfolk is the only one of the county's natural areas that lies entirely within the borders of Norfolk. It covers more than the coast and stretches inland as far south as Norwich – Dersingham also lies within its boundary. Nature conservation is a very important land use in North Norfolk and the coastal zone between Hunstanton and Cromer is virtually a continuous nature reserve.

Cromer is virtually a continuous nature reserve. This coast is ever changing and is made up of sand bars,



spits, dunes, saltmarsh, fresh marsh and grazing marsh. The whole coast is vitally important for breeding, wintering and passage bird populations as well as plants and other animals. By a lucky accident, even historical human intervention has been mostly beneficial to wildlife. For example, the pines planted along the coast to stabilise the dunes are a haven for migrating birds and the sugar beet crop provides winter food for our visiting geese. The parkland of the large estates has also helped protect a lot of wildlife that would not prosper out on intensive arable farms.

The area also has important areas of heathland that have developed on acidic soils. Locally we have fine examples in the Dersingham Nature Reserve managed by English Nature and at Roydon on the Norfolk Wildlife Trust Reserve. These are on the exposed Greensand and other heaths can be found on the gravels alongside the Wensum and Bure rivers and on glacial features known as 'eskers' close to Blakeney. After years of neglect, these heaths are being cared for again. This care often means clearing away encroaching vegetation including trees and shrubs – work that is beneficial to wildlife but is often seen in a negative way.

Chalk grassland can be found at one or two locations. Ringstead Downs has lime-loving plants that attract numerous butterflies and bees in the summer. If you look at Hunstanton cliffs, you will get an idea of how the geology of the area affects the ecology. The cliffs are like the edge of a giant cake. Where the limestone 'icing' is exposed, we get chalk grassland. Where the sandstone 'cake' is exposed, we get heathland.

North Norfolk does not suffer from the same image problem as the Fens. It is a well-known and popular place to buy property and take holidays. This popularity leads to problems for local people who struggle to buy houses and local roads are often clogged up by holiday traffic. The habitats, particularly the nesting sites for birds that breed on the beaches such as little terns and ringed plovers, are also under threat. You can help by keeping off the upper beach between April and July. Accessing sections of the North Norfolk coastal path by using the 'Coast Hopper' bus service and cycling instead of driving will not only help preserve the area but is also the best way to get close to local wildlife and landscapes (arguably the finest in Norfolk).

### Things to see in North Norfolk

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**Cliffs** – The layered cliffs of Hunstanton date from the Cretaceous and are full of fossils. The cliffs of Cromer and Sheringham are much younger and the bones of mammoths, lions and rhinos they contain have not had time to fossilize. Don't get too close to the base of the cliffs when looking for fossils.

**Titchwell RSPB Reserve** – The walk from the visitor centre to the sea runs through dry woodland, wet woodland, reedbeds, open fresh water, saline lagoons, saltmarsh, sand dunes and beach. This is probably the quickest way to access typical North Norfolk ecosystems (many of the birds are accustomed to people and allow a closer approach than usual). **Holkham** – The whole area has something of interest from the parkland of the estate to the grazing marshes, pines and beach of the nature reserve. **Ringstead Downs** – Great for flowers and butterflies in the summer **Heaths** – Heathland is an internationally rare habitat. It was created by early man and needs management to survive. Dersingham, Roydon, Kelling. **Seahenge** – Will be at King's Lynn museum next year. **Warham Fort** – Fine example of Iron Age fort. **Castle Rising Castle** – Fine example of Norman castle. **Courtyard Farm (Ringstead)** - Organic farm with lots of wildlife (and sculpture). Free access on trails.

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## Patients Participation Group News

At the recent PPG meeting, Dr Steve Summers and his wife Michele gave us the group a most interesting presentation on their "year out" driving across Africa. Both were born in Africa and had always yearned to experience more about the continent of their birth so in January 2005, they set off from King's Lynn in their Landrover for the adventure of a lifetime lasting most of 2005. Those wishing to learn more about their adventure should visit their website [www.africawanderer.net](http://www.africawanderer.net)



(from which the Editor has taken the liberty of 'borrowing' this photograph)

The PPG has now agreed to target its fundraising efforts at a major project to coincide with the opening, in due course, of the new health centre. Regrettably, due to various delays involved with the planning and leasing arrangements and procedures, it is unlikely that the health centre will be open until the end of 2007 or the beginning of 2008. Better late than never! Should any readers have any ideas as to what the major project should be, they are encouraged to contact the PPG Secretary on 01485 541450.

It is with regret that we announce the departure from the Carole Brown Health Centre of two of our doctors. Dr Martin Kenny, who was instrumental in setting up the new organisation at Dersingham, retires this month and we thank him for dedicated efforts on behalf of patients registered at the Carole Brown Health Centre and wish him a happy and relaxing retirement. Dr Vicky Lawrence also leaves us in August to take up another appointment at Swaffham. Dr Vicky is a very popular and respected GP and we wish her continued success in Swaffham.

Dr Kenny and Dr Lawrence will be replaced by Dr Anic Goel and Dr Salima Tariq.

*T G Morris – Vice Chairman*

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# Sarah's Piece



Hi

It is time again for another column. They seem to be coming round very quickly, but it could be down to the fact that we have brought this edition a little bit earlier to make sure you have ample notice to find out what is going on in the village.

By the time you receive this edition, you hopefully have attended your Annual Parish Meeting and our Annual General Council Meeting. The Open Gardens will have just taken place, so you can see all the beautiful gardens we have in the village.

The next big event for us is the **Festival, 'A Celebration of Dersingham Life'**, Sunday 30 July to Sunday 6 August. This is your carnival and we want it to be a big success but without your attendance this will not happen and you will be sorry you missed out. Please see page 51, our wanted page.

I am having lots of reports of grass not being cut correctly at present. If there is a problem with this in your area, please give me a call.

The Web Site is up and running ( [www.dersingham.gov.uk](http://www.dersingham.gov.uk) ), can we have your comments good and bad and suggestions always wanted.

I still have the diary of village events in the office but as yet I have received no information of any of the village organisations etc. To date we have had nobody interested in entering the War Memorial competition so come on, have a go. Please tell me what is happening as you may find it beneficial to your event.

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

*Sarah*

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## Welcome West Norfolk Tai Chi Chuan

### Tai Chi Class Schedule

Beginners and Improvers welcome to all classes. Just turn up.

Tuesdays: 7 to 8 pm, Oasis Leisure Centre, Hunstanton

Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.30 am, Downham Market Leisure Centre

Thursdays, 10 to 11 am, Dersingham Community Centre (Started on 25 May 2006)

Fridays, 10 to 11 am, Oasis Leisure Centre, Hunstanton  
*Personal Training Sessions available*



Tai Chi is a gentle form of exercise, originating in China, but now practised throughout the world. In Tai Chi, movements are practised slowly and fluidly to benefit the whole body and mind. Including: the cardiovascular system; flexibility; balance; jointfunction; muscular and bone strength, and relaxation of the mind. It is different from other exercise, in that it includes exercises to relax and concentrate the mind, as well as deep and relaxed breathing and a wide range of movement. Learners may do Tai Chi for the health and fitness benefits only, but have the option of extending their learning to the Martial Art aspect of Tai Chi. The Chief Medical Officer, Sir Liam Donaldson, has said adults should exercise for at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week. Regular practice of Tai Chi is a way of meeting exercise requirements. It also works well as a complement

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## Just a Word of Warning about Hoax Phone Calls

### *A Report from the Local Home Watch Team*

A friend of mine the other day had a phone call from someone from Lloyd's T.S.B. Bank, stating that they were updating security information on customer accounts and could he please give them some information about his account. They asked for him to confirm his date of birth, account number, and the last three security numbers on the back of his debit card. Even though he is nearly seventy he became suspicious because of warnings about such scams as this that he had received from me. He told them "No!" and that he would report this to the bank and Police. They hung up. But they were not so clever, as when he dialed 1471 he was given the number the call came from. This he passed on to the Police and the bank.

Please remember that banks should never phone you up and ask for personal details. Most people have a contact phone number for their bank that they use regularly so if you get a suspect call, give no information away but phone the bank on the number you know to be safe and double check to see if the call was genuine, if it was, make a strong complaint because this is an unprofessional thing for a bank to do, and shows what little respect they have for their customers' security. Then change your bank!

You would be surprised what personal information people will give away. In a recent test, one organisation's reporters were given, date of birth, bank account numbers, national insurance numbers and more, before pointing out to the persons how silly they were and what could be done to their finances with that information.

If you have not already done so also consider purchasing a paper shredder to shred all your old bills, bank statements and anything with your name and address on it. Don't become a victim of identity theft. A cross cut shredder is best as it is impossible to re assemble the shredded paper afterwards unlike a straight cut shredder.

*I hope this helps you stay safe from scams, Barry*

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## Keep Safe – A guide to personal safety



The Home Office has produced a new booklet on Personal Safety for people with learning difficulties. The Crime Prevention Officer is ordering copies of this and will have a quantity available for distribution. If you or an organisation you know would like additional copies please let him know.

*Contact: John Butters,  
Crime Prevention.  
Tel: 01553 665037*



Pages 1 and 26 of the booklet are illustrated on this page and the complete transcript can be seen by logging on to:

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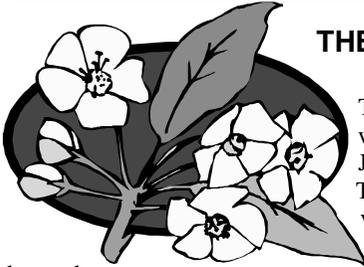
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## THE 125<sup>TH</sup> SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2006

This year will mark the 125<sup>th</sup> Sandringham Flower Show which will be held in Sandringham Park on Wednesday 26 July 2006.

The organising committee of this unique family show are all volunteers and the profits realised from each show are donated to local charities. Last year the Committee £18,100 (largely to charities in the West Norfolk area).

donated

This brings the total sum donated to charity since 1977 to well over a third of a million pounds.

This year's show includes over 200 trade and horticultural stands, charity stands, a craft marquee and features show gardens built on the showground by leading garden designers. The show gardens will be judged by top TV gardening presenter Chris Beardshaw who will also be leading a panel of eminent gardening experts who will be presenting gardening talks throughout the afternoon culminating in a gardeners' questions event where you can put your gardening questions direct to the experts.

There will also be horticultural exhibits and displays by many major nurseries as well as the usual open and amateur classes in vegetables, fruit, flowers, bakery and preserves. There is a full programme of arena events this year including the Utterly Butterly Barnstormers Flying and Wingwalking display, The Knights of Arkley Medieval Jousting display, The Essex Dog Display Team and what has become a regular feature of the Show, lawnmower racing in the form of the Sandringham Grand Prix – not to be missed! There will also be a marching display by The Minden Band of the Queen's Division.

To mark the 125<sup>th</sup> Show, the Committee hope to include a marquee featuring the history of Sandringham Flower Show. If any readers have any documents, certificates or photographs relating to the early years of the show which they would be prepared to let the Committee borrow for the Exhibition (they will all be copied and the originals returned prior to the Show), would they please contact The Treasurer, Mr Paul Murrell on 01485 541501 as soon as possible.

So why not come along and support this historic show. Admission is £6.00 for adults and £1.50 for children (and this includes access to Sandringham grounds, church and museum).



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## The Second of the Winter Ale

By Frank Nichols, Steve Nowell & Ian Stockwell

It is with regret that we have to announce that since the April publication in the 'Winter Ale' series, our friend and co-author of all the articles in that series, Frank Nichols, has sadly passed away. We are sure, however, that it would have been Frank's wish that the remaining articles be published in Dersingham Village Voice.

Steve Nowell & Ian Stockwell.

The Three Not-So-Wise Men were cock-a-hoop. Their short piece on 'Black Holes in Space' had been printed in Dersingham Village Voice. Furthermore they found out that a lady with her head closeted in a drier at Terry's Trendy Tonsorials had guffawed into her teacup at the bit about the Vicar exiting heavenwards, and showered Terry in lukewarm tea. Our trio took this as a rapturous roar of approval from the masses and determined to try and persuade at least one more villager to join their band of supporters with their next outpouring. They were sitting in the The Feathers one Thursday evening in silence. This was unusual because their Thursday ventures were seldom quiet. But on this occasion Oliver sat in solitary contemplation; apparently wondering whether water really does go down the plughole in an anti-clockwise direction in the southern hemisphere. (It does, by the way, but he has yet to find out what happens at the equator). Larry spotted a delightful young lady coming into the bar, tweaked his bow tie, preened his hair then involuntarily muttered "Coo-err" before drifting off into a world of fantasy. Miley was asleep. Oliver and Larry nudged Miley to remind him that it was his turn to buy in the 'halves'. Then Oliver summarised their situation by pointing out that his brain had been active all the time; Larry *had* been acutely aware when the young lady came in but was now somewhere off this planet; and Miley? - well, he was just out of it altogether. To put it another way, between them they represented:-

### THE CONSCIOUS; THE SUB-CONSCIOUS; AND THE UNCONSCIOUS

According to Larry, Professor Jung had something to say about this subject many years ago. Oliver added that Sigmund Freud must have added his six pennyworth at some time or another, when he wasn't preoccupied with pontificating about the Psychology of Sex. And not to be outdone, Miley thought that he had once heard of a Charlie Fuddlewitt MA (Cantab) who had a few views on the subject as well. They finished their drinks and went home, ready to do a bit of research before their next weekly meeting. Miley didn't have much to report on the findings of Charlie Fuddlewitt (likely because no-one other than Miley had ever heard of him) but Larry and Oliver had looked through the works of various psychologists over the years and had come up with a joint conclusion roughly as follows:-

The 'Conscious' is that part of the brain which is aware of what is going on.

The 'Sub-Conscious' is that part which draws upon memory, teaching, experience etc.

The 'Unconscious' part is completely unaware.

After some deliberation, The Three Not-So-Wise Men concluded that the definitions were a bit simpler than above. They said that:- 'Conscious means awake; 'Sub-Conscious' means being in a sort of trance; and 'Unconscious' means asleep. Easy. Larry was the first, as usual, to start the ball rolling. "Let's say, just for example, that we are the three states of consciousness. I'll be 'Mr Conscious' because I was the first to react to that pretty young lady who walked in. You, Oliver, are 'Mr Sub-Conscious' because you were engrossed with water and plugholes or something. And that leaves Miley as 'Mr Unconscious'. How would we react to a given situation?"

"Such as?" said Oliver.

"I know!" said Miley. "Say we were standing in the middle of Manor Road outside the old Police Station when Lancelot Franchester-Earl was roaring down there; flat out at 5 miles an hour..."

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“Who on earth is Lancelot Franchester-King?” enquired Oliver.

“Fran the Coalman, to you and me. You know, the chap with the 10-ton, 1921, Aveling and Porter, double-crank, piston valve steam roller.” Miley was quite proud to show off his very limited knowledge of steam rollers; acquired one night after a couple of beers with Fran. Miley had in fact once driven the aforesaid machine at a show in Sandringham Park. But despite Fran’s explicit instructions he had still managed to raze the refreshments marquee to ground level, then obliterated two out of three transportable toilets.

“Get on with it.” said Larry who was keen to bring the subject to a close so he could try out his new ‘chat up’ technique on the young lady at the bar. “What happens then?” Oliver had the answers.

“Mr Conscious (Larry) looks at the steam roller and says to himself ‘I can see a steam roller’. Right on the ball is our Larry ‘Isn’t it magnificent. I will stand here and admire it while it is approaching’. Result? Nasty mess in Manor Road. Mr Sub Conscious (Oliver) says to himself ‘That is an Aveling and Porter etc etc steam roller. I know because I have seen it before. But I haven’t seen it coming down Manor Road. I will stand here with Larry and admire it.’ Result? Another flattened corpse and more blood in Manor Road. Mr Unconscious isn’t in a state to do much about anything; so it’s ta-ta to him as well. Overall result? a BIG clean-up operation in Manor Road.”

Miley wasn’t satisfied and suggested that things wouldn’t happen like that - he hoped! Again it was Oliver who supplied the explanations.

“The three states of consciousness would interact with each other. Mr Conscious sees a beautiful steam roller and appreciates its aesthetic qualities but reports to Mr Sub-Conscious at the same time. Mr Sub-Conscious draws upon his vast knowledge and experience and decides that a thing that big and heavy, heading their way, is not good news. So between them they grab Mr Unconscious and dive on to the pavement. Fran the Coalman goes clanking down the road, whistling through his bushy moustache and polishing his bald patch with an oily rag, unaware of the mental turmoil he has caused.”

The Three Not-So-Wise Men felt there was more to this subject than they had covered. Could this interaction between the three states of consciousness be exploited for therapeutic use, for example? Oliver had heard this suggested on Radio Norfolk. Also, Miley had heard about something called ‘sub-liminal advertising’ which was to do with levels of consciousness. They decided that these ideas would form the basis for another discussion session.

It was time to go home. But Miley wasn’t inclined to. “Can’t we put the results of tonight’s meeting to the test. Let’s be thinking about that young lady at the bar, for example”.

“I AM already!” Larry again.

Simultaneously, Oliver pulled a chair away from the table, dusted it, and offered her a seat; Miley pulled out a tatty and crumpled fiver to buy her a drink; and Larry launched into his well-rehearsed ‘chat-em-up’ procedure. There was a hint of life in the old dogs yet! The young lady very politely declined the offer of a seat because she was about to leave; thanked Miley profusely for the offer of a Tequila Sunrise, but turned it down because she was driving; and grabbed Larry’s head to her bosom while planting a kiss on the top of his head. As she left the room she turned, and witnessed Oliver and Miley trying to revive Larry from his obviously blissful ‘Mr Unconscious’ condition, stretched out on the floor.



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### Dersingham United Charities

A vacancy has arisen for a trustee to serve on the committee of Dersingham United Charities. The trustees manage the commons, allotments and some other arable land in Dersingham, the income from which is donated to charitable causes.

Applicants should live or work in Dersingham, have an interest in village life, be willing to attend a minimum of two meetings per year and if necessary be able to assist in small tasks to maintain the common land.

Apply in writing to the clerk of the trustees Mrs Ruth Mountain at 11 Bank Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6HW by 30 June 2006

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## What's in a Name? - Re-visited

"I was delivering some of our church magazines (St Nicholas) to Rounce & Evans recently and our conversation developed along the lines that newcomers especially were interested to know the origins of some of the road names in Dersingham. Subsequently Elizabeth Fiddick mentioned that you had written about these in the Dersingham Village Voice and, having kept the back numbers (and what a splendid publication it is), I thought it would be a good idea for a brief but comprehensive list to be compiled for publication. I am sure that a lot of established residents would be interested and if it were contained in one publication, Rounce & Evans would be able to distribute these to newcomers. I think it would also enhance the already excellent friendly feel that our village has. Although I am well established here I have little or no knowledge of these characters. I imagine that it would be necessary to ask for information via your pages? Would you be prepared to take this on? Perhaps we could discuss this at your convenience? I do have a list of all the roads with personal names if that is any help. I look forward to hearing from you and in the meantime would like to congratulate you and the team for such an excellent publication".

The letter above, from Miss Doreen Linford of Dersingham, has, once again, raised the issue of street names in the village, previously visited by this magazine over a period from January 2004 (Issue 26) to April 2005 (Issue 33). At the time that we started to research these names we concentrated on the area of Sandringham View and were successful in being able to find a little of the background to the individuals after whom the streets were named, but our findings came to a halt when we could not uncover sufficient information about the remaining people. The original series was based on the Minutes of the Dersingham Parish Council dated Monday 19th April 1993, which read as follows:

*5. David J. Grace, BC of KL & WN Road names development off Mountbatten Road. The Environmental Services Committee recently passed a resolution requesting historic and personal names be encouraged for new roads. T.W. Suiter & Sons Ltd in an attempt to meet the requirements of the resolution carried out research including a visit to a public library to try and find names that would be acceptable, however the names they did find had already been used on other developments in the Parish, and they finally chose the theme of homes & gardens. If the PC considers the names inappropriate the BC would be pleased to receive our suggestions. Eleven names are actually required, but it would be helpful to receive 15 along an indication of any local connection if possible. Resolved to put forward the following names. (Editor's Note: The starred names are those which have been reported on, the numbers being those of the issue in which they appeared.) Elizabeth Fiddick is compiling a series on the manors.  
Robert Balding - Established family name in the village and former farmer of the land to be developed*

*\* Wallace Twite - Previous Parish Clerk and benefactor to the village (29)*

*James Jackson - Established family name and benefactor to the village*

*Reynolds - Established family name/benefactor*

*\* Stanton - Established family name/benefactor (33)*

*\* Reg Houchen - Established family name/benefactor (26)*

*\* Wiclewood - Rector St. Nicholas 1344 - 1349 (32)*

*\* Kerrich - Rectors 18th and 19th Century (28)*

*Sholdham - Old Manor*

*Pakenham - Old Manor*

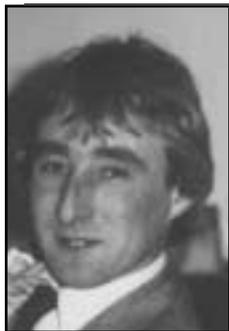
*\* Duck Decoy Close*

*Marsh Road*

*Fenn Close*

*Wallace Twite ►*





The following are also street names in the area (*having been reported in this magazine in the issue numbers shown*), but were not amongst those originally put forward by the Council:

Thomas Drew (27) (Pictured right) ►

◀ Philip Nurse (30) (Pictured left)



If you are in a position to supply any information regarding any of the streets which we have not covered please let the Editor know in order that it can be published to a very interested readership. This may also lead to a separate leaflet being prepared in the manner requested by Miss Linford, subject of course to funding being made available.

## BUS PASSES

### There has been some confusion following news reports

*In order to clarify the matter the main issues are:*

- \* People who currently have bus passes should continue to use them until they expire.
- \* Cross – border travel. The criteria will remain the same as for the old scheme, which means that if the journey starts and ends in Norfolk, the bus pass can be used. (This means you can go to Peterborough on the bus, providing you come back in to Norfolk.)
- \* Free travel is allowed after 8:30am.

**Passes are issued at Borough Council Offices** – King’s Lynn, Hunstanton, Heacham, Downham Market.

#### **Paperwork needed for applications**

**Renewal** – Existing pass - New photograph if your appearance has changed significantly - Proof of address - to prove you still live in the Borough (this can be a bill or driving licence).

**New Applicants** - Passport size photograph - Proof of age if applying on ‘over 60’ grounds (birth cert, passport, driving licence) - Proof of residency eg full driving licence, utility bill, council tax bill, rent book, which must show full address

**If applying because of disability** - proof of benefit entitlement (D.L.A Higher Rate, S.D.A., Incapacity). It is advisable to check with the Council as there is a long list of eligible disabilities. It is possible to claim for a companion if a person needs assistance to travel. Medical evidence or proof of receipt of Carers Allowance is required.

This is a brief outline, all queries on Concessionary Bus Passes should be taken up with the *Borough Council, by calling 01553 616200.*

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It was in the December of 1999 that the very first issue of "Dersingham Village Voice" hit the streets with 16 pages of useful information for residents and visitors to the village (See a reproduction of the front cover of that initial magazine in the picture left). This edition included reports of the Parish Council Meetings, a 'What's On in Dersingham' section, a two-and-a-half page list of village organisations, an article by David Bingham of the RSPB about the 'Wild Geese over Dersingham', 'Millennium News', a report of the amenities at the Dersingham Community Centre and the activities which took place there, a 'Miscellany' section, programmes from the churches regarding their Christmas activities, and some 'Useful Telephone Numbers'.

Some of the original team involved with this innovative means of letting the villagers of Dersingham know what was happening in their area included Teresa Southam (pictured right), who was later to take on the



responsibility as Editor up to Issue Number 23 which was published in April 2003, and which had evolved greatly from its original format and content, and Stella Caunt (below left), who has carried the responsibility of the Information Technology involved in 'getting the show on the road' ever since. Stella is still a major player in the management team which now produces the newsletter, being considered to be our IT Consultant and Layout Artist, and has given a great deal of her time and effort over the years to ensure that the publication has gone out in the very best possible form of presentation.



The current production team are more than happy to congratulate those who have laid the foundations for what has now become a well received addition to every home in the village and beyond.

Just think! Over the years the content of your Village Voice has developed from being just a few bits of information about current affairs in the village, to including historical facts (often open to public discussion and argument), personal memories (more often open to public discussion and argument), and serious news which is of interest to all of our readers – and is now contained in a publication of 72 pages in length. Here's to the next 40 issues!

# Coming Home

Hi! I'm Fr James, the new Catholic Parish Priest of the two churches of St Cecilia, Dersingham and Our Lady and St Edmund, Hunstanton. I've been here now for eight months and, after a long drive back from somewhere I'm starting to realise that when I get on to the A149 at the big roundabout I'm thinking "Nearly home now." That feeling of "coming home" brings with it a sense of place and of BELONGING.



One of the best bits for a parish priest is getting to know people and letting them get to know you. In our busy lifestyles we don't always take the time to do that. When I first came there was no list of names to refer to so I had to ask all the time. Then we did a parish survey which helped me match up more names and faces. However, I'm aware that not everyone who would call themselves Catholic is represented on that survey and my purpose in writing this is just to introduce myself and say that the congregation of St Cecilia's is open and friendly and if you are a Catholic and have, for whatever reason drifted away from the Church, it's never too late to think of coming home.

You see, the Church is not just a building. It is a community, a family really. If you have been baptised a Catholic then you are very much part of the family. Now you may not always have seen the Church like that. Perhaps because of some bad experience in the past you have just stopped coming. One thing to remember is that the Church is made up of rather ordinary people who are not perfect and who need God's forgiveness and reconciliation. Not only God's but each other's. What makes us different is that we are not content to leave things as they are but want to change and become a true family where everyone is valued and welcomed.

We are keeping the season of Eastertide now, when we thank God for all his blessings to us through the risen Lord Jesus. Jesus is the one who welcomes you to his Father's house where you can take your proper place in the family. It is Jesus, the Lord of the Church who invites you to "Come Home!"

If any of what I've written applies to you or you'd just like to have a word then please do get in touch.

*Fr James Fyfe, 30 Sandringham Road, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5DR Tel: 01485 532110*

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

On 10th April we celebrated Betty Edey, our President's 90th Birthday at our annual Easter Lunch held at the Lodge Hotel in Hunstanton, many thanks from all of us to Betty who very kindly paid for us. It was lovely also to see members of other branches of the R.B.L. there too - an excellent meal - good company and A VERY BIG RAFFLE.

On Monday 8th May, we met as usual at the Orchard Close Community Rooms for a quiz - tea and biscuits and a raffle. Our next meeting will be on the 5th of June again at the Community Room in Orchard Close.

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## *Saint Nicholas Guild of Bell Ringers Dersingham*

To celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, 1280 changes of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung on the afternoon of Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April at the church of Saint Nicholas, Dersingham.

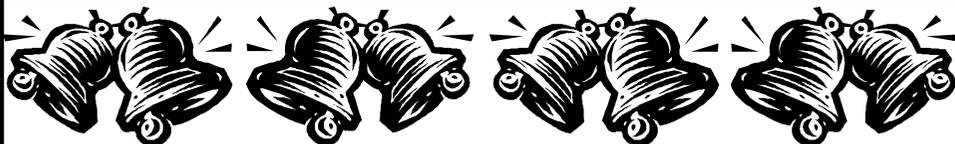
The ringers were;

Treble; Jennifer Watts. Second; David Emerson.

Third; Rosalie McPherson. Fourth; Gerald Bell.

Fifth; Roger Harrop. Tenor; Alan Bell.

The ringing was conducted by Roger Harrop.



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## A self-guided walk of Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve:

The peaceful tranquillity of Dersingham Bog, with its rich and varied landscape and unusual range of habitats, represents one of the few remaining ‘wilderness’ areas left in an area otherwise dominated by intensive agriculture. The ancient coastal escarpment provides commanding views across the Wash to the Lincolnshire coast, whilst the mosaic of heathland habitats and woodland provide places for people to come and walk in peaceful surroundings.

The following walk covers a total distance of 3 kilometres (almost 2 miles) and takes in a variety of the sights and sounds that characterise Dersingham Bog. The path is unsurfaced and, in some sections, rather uneven.

**Point 1: Wolferton Cliff Car park.** Heading towards the kissing gate at the main entrance, listen out for the bubbling, thrush-like song of the garden warbler. A pair of these summer migrants has established a breeding territory here for the past three years running. Although a secretive bird, the male can sometimes be seen singing from the top of the rhododendron bushes by the entrance gate.

As you walk towards Wolferton Cliff (point 2) look out for the Green Tiger Beetles. These beautiful iridescent insects can be so abundant on hot, sunny days that they appear to move in waves as one approaches. This species is a voracious predator and feeds on a variety of small insects, including ants and wasps. Later in the summer, the holes of the developing larva can be seen dotted along the tracks on the reserve.

**Point 2: Wolferton Cliff.** The cliff is one of the real highlights of the reserve and provides stunning views across the reclaimed marshes towards the Wash. The cliff, marks the western-most boundary of the Lower Greensand ridge – a geological feature that extends from Heacham to Downham Market. The ridge was formed over 100 million years ago, when North West Norfolk lay under a warm shallow sea populated by ichthyosaurs and ammonites. The Sandringham Sands and Carstone which have come to characterise this area were laid down as marine deposits underneath this sea. The light sandy soils that have developed as a result have favoured the establishment of the dry heathland habitats that once covered the entire ridge.

The cliff itself is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna, including solitary bees and wasps, sand martins, shelducks, stock doves and the rare moss *Schistostega pennata* at its only location in the county. This moss is luminous and is also known as Goblin Gold.

**Point 3: The steps.** The rolling landscape that stretches out to the north of here is an ancient one, deposited by the sea and carved out by glacial meltwater streams. The bog/mire developed in a low-lying basin at the foot of the greensand escarpment. The nutrient poor, acidic water that issues out from the base of the ridge has resulted in a habitat known as acid valley mire. Peat deposits have formed as a result of the constant water-logging of this land. Prior to the construction of the ‘Queen’s railway’ in 1862, the bog spread westwards towards the sea, merging with the once extensive grazing marsh and saltmarsh that bordered the Wash.

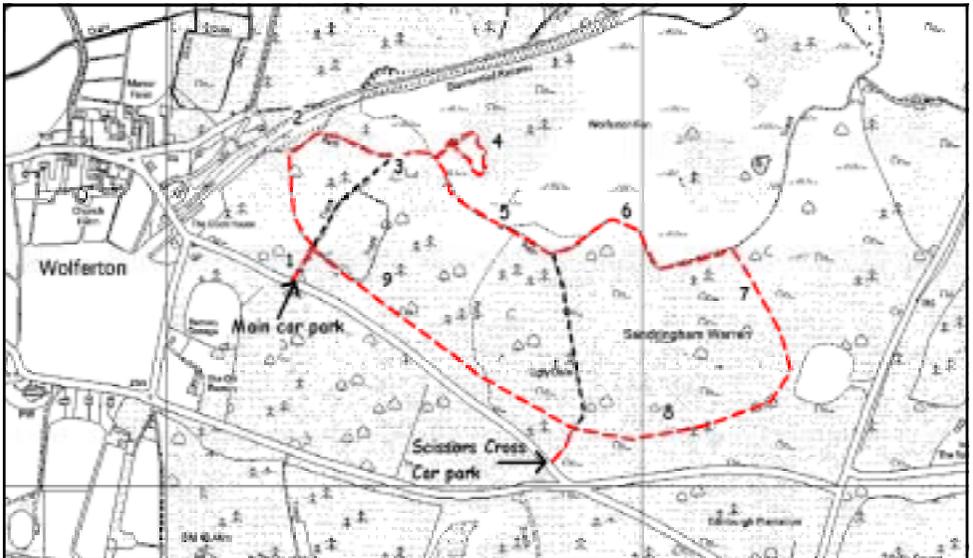
**Point 4: The boardwalk.** The boardwalk provides access across this very sensitive habitat, allowing visitors to observe the variety of plants which live here. Bog plants such as round-leaved and oblong-leaved sundews have adapted to the nutrient poor conditions found here by developing sticky hairs on the upper side of their leaves which they use to catch insects for food. However, most cunning of all is the small ‘plume’ moth which has learned that by feeding on the under side of the sundew leaves, it can enjoy a good meal without being caught! Dersingham Bog has a rich insect fauna, many of which are found in few other places in the UK. Many of the species found on the reserve, such as the black darter dragonfly, are relicts from the last ice age (approximately 4,000 years ago) and are now restricted to just a handful of sites in lowland England.

**Point 5: Heathland restoration.** The rhododendron, birch and pines that had dominated the steep slope to the SW of this point were cleared during the winter of 2005-06. As well as starting the slow recovery back to dry heathland, this work has also prevented these trees from spreading their seed into the adjacent heath and bog habitats. Whilst the slope currently looks bare, the heather clad slope to the east, cleared during the previous year, gives an indication of how quickly these areas can recover. The heather plants growing on this slope are the result of seed that had lain dormant in the ground since the area was last open heathland.

**Point 6: The spur.** This higher ground on this heathland spur provides excellent views of the adjacent bog. Both tree pipit and meadow pipit breed on the bog and superficially look very similar. However, the characteristic spiralling, parachuting song flight of the tree pipit, with rigid wings and legs dangling down below, quickly serves to distinguish them from the monotonous chirping song of the meadow pipit.

**Point 7: Glacial meltwater valley.** It is likely that this steep-sided valley is the result of a gushing, glacial meltwater stream. This is a good spot to look out for wind polished carstone. One can only imagine the icy, wind battered tundra conditions that must have existed here ten thousand years ago!

**Point 8 & 9: Carrstone quarrying and home guard trenches.** The shallow pits on either side of the path at point 8 are the result of quarrying for the thin iron rich carstone slabs that were used for building many of the houses in Wolferton village. The deeper trenches that can be seen winding their way through the rhododendron bushes at point 9 form part of the homeguard trenches dug out during training exercises during the last war.



Ash Murray  
Site Manager  
English Nature  
8<sup>th</sup> May 2006

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## **Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve guided walks calendar 2006**

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006: The geology of Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve.**

Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve straddles the ancient coastal greensand escarpment, formed over 100 million years ago, when North West Norfolk lay under a warm shallow sea populated by ichthyosaurs and ammonites. Discover how the Sandringham Sands and Carrstone that have come to represent the area were formed and the influence they continue to exert on the area's wildlife today.

This walk will last for approximately two hours and will start at 12:00pm. Please bring sturdy footwear, warm clothing, insect repellent and waterproofs.

For bookings and further information, contact Will Stewart on 01485 543044.

*The event is free of charge. Please note, however, that booking is essential.*

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006: Creatures of the Night** **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2006: Creatures of the Night** **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006: Creatures of the Night**

Join us as we take a closer look at some of the less frequently seen creatures that live at Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve, such as glowworms, nightjar and woodcock.

This walk will last for approximately two hours and will start at 8:30pm. Please bring sturdy footwear, warm clothing, insect repellent and waterproofs.

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

*The event is free of charge. Please note, however, that booking is essential.*

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2006: The dragonflies of Dersingham Bog**

Fifteen species of dragonfly have been recorded on the reserve, including the scarce Black Darter. Learn more about these attractive and intriguing insects by joining Will Stewart for a walk around the bog.

This walk will last for approximately two hours and will start at 12:00am. Please bring sturdy footwear, warm clothing and waterproofs.

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### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006: Fungus Foray**

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

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

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### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006: An Autumn stroll – Fungus foray of Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve**

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## News from your local schools in Dersingham

### The Infant and Nursery School and St George's (CE) Junior School

Children at the Infant and Nursery School have enjoyed educational visits to the countryside. Our nursery enjoyed a super day at Church Farm near Stow Bardolph as part of their topic about animals. They were able to see and hold the animals as well as enjoying the experience of being on a 'real' farm. Back in the classroom the children are watching a clutch of eggs in the incubator and waiting for the day when they hatch. As I write this article children in Green and Blue Classes are looking forward to their visit at the end of May to the Dinosaur Park as part of their 'Dinosaur Island' topic. These visits to the environment provide an essential part of the children's learning in the early years as they get first hand experiences through them. There is also great excitement to enjoy a ride on a big yellow school bus! Our older children in Red and Orange Class are enjoying a topic called 'Keeping Fit and Being Healthy' which links in with the Government's 'Every Child Matters' document. Healthy eating and sporting opportunities are central to this topic. The children have the opportunity to take part in a range of multi sports activities both on site and in the community and a visit to the Premier Racquets Centre will take place later this term too.

St George's year 3 and 4 children have enjoyed a visit to Walsingham as part of their work in RE and year 6 children have been members of the Crucial Crew as part of their citizenship and PSHE work. Later in the autumn term year 5 children are looking forward to visiting the Butterfly Park and year 6 will travel to Eden Camp in Yorkshire as part of their World War II history work. It was lovely to see ex-pupils arriving in school as part of a music group from Smithdon High school. They entertained the children and displayed their expertise on a variety of musical instruments. The week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May is the start of Creative Arts week at St George's when the children will have the opportunity to join in a series of workshops; including art, dance, drama, textiles, and ICT on the theme of animals.

As I'm sure you remember changing schools can be a daunting prospect for children and parents. The Dersingham Schools work together to make the transition from Infant to Junior school as easy as possible for the children. Over the year a number of joint projects have taken place allowing children and teachers from both schools to meet and work together. In May both schools will sing at the Methodist Chapel Flower Festival and exhibit work at St Nicholas' Church Flower Festival in July. We believe in giving pupils the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports and during the summer term our children will be competing in football tournaments, off-road cycling, a swimming gala, a country dance party and the area sports at Smithdon High School. In September St George's will have a new headteacher. I have enjoyed my time at the school and being part of Dersingham.

Thank you for all the support that you give to the schools; it makes such a difference to children and staff to be part of the village community.

#### Dates from the Dersingham Schools

23<sup>rd</sup> June at 5.00pm - Infant and Nursery School Summer Fair

17<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm – St George's Midsummer Madness, stalls, entertainment and a barbecue

21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of term - Schools close for Summer Holidays

5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school



Jackie Austin  
Headteacher

Carol De Witt  
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### Dersingham Methodist Church - Refurbishment details

The Methodist Church in Post Office Road is part of the Hunstanton Methodist Church Circuit. This year it is celebrating its 116th anniversary. The church is very involved in the local community and caters for all ages with community lunches, coffee mornings, mums' and toddlers' group, art group, jigsaw club, carpet bowls, as well the two Sunday Services and Sunday School. The church hall is available for lettings and is regularly used by local groups. We have just started fundraising for an ambitious refurbishment programme – heating and lighting in the church and hall, new windows in the church and hall but retaining our beautiful stained glass windows, new external doors, kitchen upgrade, replacing the pews with chairs, carpeting in the church and corridor. We estimate costs will be around £50,000. We want to bring our building up to date, to make it warm, light, comfortable and welcoming. Our vision is to continue to play a major part in the local community, sharing our facilities, introducing the love of God as revealed in Jesus, and developing our premises to meet current and future needs. Please support our fundraising during the year. Further information on any of the above from:



*Rev Kim Nally 570232, Philip and Elizabeth Batstone 540168.*

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### A SPECIAL APPEAL from Doug Tuck-Walker

My Grandfather apparently was born in Dersingham in 1885. One Frederick William Tuck. Is there a family history center in your town? or someone who may have knowledge of who I might ask regarding Tuck's from the late 1800's on?

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**DERSINGHAM MINORS AT HOLT**  
**MID NORFOLK FINALS WEEKEND—22nd 23rd April**

**SATURDAY UNDER 9 (MINI SOCCER) SEMI-FINAL AGAINST DOWNHAM A'**  
**UNDER 11 (MINI SOCCER) FINAL AGAINST CLENCHWARTON**  
**SUNDAY UNDER 11 (11 ASIDE) SUB CUP FINAL AGAINST REFFLEY**  
**UNDER 13 (11 ASIDE) SUB CUP FINAL AGAINST MATTISHALL**

**SATURDAY TEAMS;**

The Swifts under 9s have had a great first season together, not only stringing together a ten game unbeaten run through the middle of the season, but also qualifying for the semi-finals of the knockout cup which took them to the finals day in Holt. Despite battling hard they were knocked out by Downham 'A' who went on to win the competition 4 -3 on penalties. The team have already been sponsored for a new kit next season by The Royal Mail Sports Foundation so we are smart and forward to the new season in the under 10's league.

**The Squad; S Coleman, K Burnham, S Foot, C Walker, S Peck, I Large, T Nicholls, J Collison**

The under 11s started well and had several early chances. Nathan Daw broke the deadlock with a goal just before halftime. In the second half a determined Dersingham pressed forward resulting in a number of saves from the Clenchwarton keeper until Nathan put away another fine goal. The 3rd goal was an excellent shot from Ashley Woodhouse that curved in and he then set up the 4th goal with another cross that was turned in by Matthew Austin. An excellent team performance!

**The Squad; G Rix, H Rust, J Melton-Doy, C Cotter, A Woodhouse, D Ebbs, S Howard, R Collison, D Rose, M Austin, N Daw**

**SUNDAY TEAMS;**

The under 11s started solidly for 20 minutes taking the lead with a fine strike 30 yards out from Adam Steele. The back four consisting of Jack Melton-Day, Dominic Ebbs, Jack Southgate, Christopher Lake, with the help of goalkeeper Gregory Rix kept Reffley at bay, but just before half-time Reffley equalised. Half-time score 1-1. Starting the second half Reffley scored early taking the lead. Dersingham had a good few chances, but the Reffley keeper kept Dersingham at bay, towards the end John Berry was awarded a penalty. Adam Steele struck it well the Reffley keeper had saved with the end result 2-1 to Reffley. All Dersingham lads putting 100% effort into the game. Well done to both teams.

**The squad; G Rix, J Southgate, J Melton-Doy, D Ebbs, C Lake, L Cockle, J Berry, N Daw, A Steele, M Austin, K Rushton, J Desborough, A Woodhouse.**

The under 13s started slowly and nervously, they went 1-0 down inside the first 5 minutes. This had woken them up and confidence started to show. After a good move Tate Bailey equalized , 5 minutes after that Adam Sinkins volleyed number 2 from a fine through ball. Half time 2-1. Much improved football creating several chances until Luke Biles sprinted through and finished in typical Thierry Henry style and celebration. Liam Barron finished the game off with a brilliant finish to the best move to the game. Final score Ders 4 - Mattishall 1. Congratulations to this squad who also won the league.

**The Squad; J Salah-Eldin, C Ebbs, D Chase, J Gillard, K Sharpe, J Berry, L Biles, G Bowman, T Bailey, L Barron, A Sinkins, D Batch, J Capper, C Coldham, D Bullock, B Clemans, S Leys, S Heinrau.**

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**DERSINGHAM MINORS TOURNAMENTS ;**

**Under 11, 13 boys and under 13, 15 girls at the pastures on the 23rd July**

**Under 7, 8, 9, 10, 11's at the pastures on the 13th August.**

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# GELHAM MANOR

*By Elizabeth Fiddick*

Gelham Manor is a name quite familiar to Dersingham villagers today. Indeed it forms part of addresses identifying where in the village some residents live. This has also been true from shortly after the time William 1, the Conqueror, granted his nephew Peter lands in and around the village. In turn Peter conveyed some of his property in Dersingham to the de Gelham family. If you walk through the new estate built around Mountbatten Road you are walking on de Gelham land. Many of the roads here are named for Dersingham villagers, Hipkin, Twite, Houchen, Balding, Reynolds, Jackson, Kerrich, Nurse, and Stanton. Shouldham Close recalls Shouldham Manor and Wiclewood a vicar of Dersingham in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. However if you continue down Duck Decoy Close, named for another old village landmark, and cross the open field between the end of the housing and the by-pass you will come to a few trees and scrubby bushes. It was here in this unremarked place that the de Gelhams built their house and surrounded it with a moat part of which was still visible when I first came to the village. Sadly it has been allowed to disappear. As well as their house there would have been other buildings associated with a Manor. The waters of the Wash at this time approached much nearer the village so that Dersingham had a haven with ships registered here until the water receded in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Fishing was important and the church had a spire topped with a lantern to guide the men working in the treacherous currents of the Wash. No doubt the waters and the masts of ships were visible to those who lived in Gelham Manor. It is possible that Centers Drift, the track opposite Manor Road, is the one named in old documents as *Morgate* that led to *Gelhamhall Moore*. In 1264 Adam de Mota, Prior of Binham, granted Sir Thomas Gelham a licence to build a free chapel in the churchyard with the power to appoint a master or chaplain. The chapel was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and some of its foundations were uncovered during grave digging. The rent rolls for the Manor of Shouldham Priory record a Thomas Gelham holding 13 acres for which he paid rent of 5s 1/2d and for the help of the vicar 1/2d and a hen. As was stated in the account of Binham Priory Richard de Secford prior at Binham exchanged with Sir Thomas de Gelham lands lying near a chapel called St Andrew. The exact site of this chapel is a mystery but it may have been situated close to the cottages next to Sandringham Windows. Some stones found in the foundations of the cottages when they were rebuilt consisted of a shaft, the arm of a cross and part of the bowl of a holy water stoop and could have come from a chapel. In 1272 in the reign of Henry 111 John de Gelham held the lands but the King granted him a discharge from his duties as Lord, (a quietus), for two years when he was to take the order of knighthood. Another John de Gelham held the Manor in 1316 under Edward 11. The last of the family seems to have been William de Gelham who died sometime in the reign of Edward 111 (1327-1377) and his lands were divided up between his daughters and co-heirs. In 1354 a fine was levied between Sir Richard Walkfare and John and Elizabeth de Repps. A third part of the Manor was conveyed to Sir Richard. Sir Richard's brother Thomas was a soldier who gained great distinction at the battle of Poitiers in 1356. The Walkfares also owned lands in Ingoldsthorpe. Some time before his death Sir Richard gave his rights to the property to certain feoffees and on his death it passed to Sir Thomas Felton and Joan his wife. On the north side of the altar in the church ancient tiles were once found which bore parts of two coats of arms of the Feltons. They may have been part of the floor of St. Mary's Chapel built in the churchyard by Sir Thomas Gelham. Thomas Felton died in 1382 and left three daughters, Mary, wife of Sir Edmund Hengrave, Sibilla wife of a de Morley and Alianore wife of Sir John l'Estrange of Hunstanton. Alianore and Sir John conveyed part of this Manor to Alianore's mother Joan. At some time Catherine Brews, a nun, and

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daughter of Thomas de Norwich is recorded as having an interest in the land. At the present time I have not been able to find details of what happened to the Manor after the time of Henry V111 until, like other land in the village, it was acquired by Jeffrey Cobbe of Sandringham during the reign of Charles 1 It then passed to the Hoste family and in 1862 became part of the Royal Estate. On the tithe map of 1839 a considerable part of the area of the village that was once Gelham Manor between what is now Station Road and The Drift was common land. A few of the fields now covered with housing are simply named The 8 acres, or the 6 acres but others are Cow Close, Fisher's Pightle, Hill Piece, Hall Close, Home Close, Homestall, Little Blacks, Mill Close and The Row. Names now lost. The villagers who lived and farmed this area included John Wells who also in 1836 managed the Dun Cow Public House part of The Dun Cow Farm of Robert West. John Riches rented The Row, the area of Marsh about where the by-pass now runs. Thomas Grief occupied the cottage with barn and yard where our chemist shop presently stands. Nearby lived George Watts and Mill Hill that was named for the Windmill that once stood at the bottom of Station Road was an arable piece farmed by John Wells. The 1851 census records John Waters as the Innkeeper of the Dun Cow farming 6 acres with 3 labourers in his employ. Other villagers at this time familiar with the area once covered by Gelham Manor were George Mann and his two sons George and William who were Marsh Shepherds. George Skelton and his son George were employed to supervise the Duck Decoy. I discovered a reference to a George Skelton in a newspaper report in the 1840's when he was fined heavily for poaching! So the whole area once part of the Manor continued to be farmed through most of twentieth century. The major event that would have severely affected the old Manor House had it still been standing would have been the disastrous East Coast floods of 1953. Then a combination of high tides and wind brought the waters of the Wash surging up as far as the station to the very foundations of the old house. Now the Manor is only remembered by one street name but I hope that at some time the area where the house once stood will be landscaped and some reference made to commemorate this ancient part of village history.

## SNARING MANOR

There was also a small lordship in the village called Snaring Hall, which had been held by the Conqueror's nephew Peter de Valognes. In the reign of Henry 11 it was held by Jeffrey de Snaring and under Henry 111 Philip de Snaring was Lord. It is thought that the family took their name from the village of Snoring near Fakenham. At some time a small Manor House was built on the hill where the old vicarage now stands. The remains of the moat that once surrounded it could at one time still be seen in the vicarage gardens and the field next to it. The Cobbe's of Sandringham acquired it and William Cobbe sold it to John Pell of Oldhall Manor in 1653. The Hoste's of Ingoldisthorpe eventually owned it. On the Tithe map the area where the house stood is called Snoring Field Close and was farmed by Joshua Freeman of Church Farm. Robert Claxton and John Chapman farmed other land in the area. The old vicarage was built there in 1877. Tradition states that the last owner of the Hall drove about the village in a coach with four black horses.

*If you have an opinion on whether the "G" in Gelham should be hard or soft please let us know.  
If you have evidence to back up your choice so much the better*

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

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

# Dersingham Horticultural Society



Beginning her talk at our April Meeting our speaker, Joan Tuck, emphasised that her subject entitled “The Walks of Lynn” was not about tours of Lynn’s historic sites but about the specific area known as “The Walks”, which is now basically a large garden under reconstruction.

In the event, however, Joan’s talk turned out to be a discursive survey of the social history of the area.

Almshouses, warehouses, workhouses, churches and chapels all featured in the development of “The Walks” from the earliest times when they were part of the land owned by the Bishop of Norwich which extended as far south as Thetford.

In the late 17th and early 18th century, Lynn was a wealthy and prosperous town albeit with its areas of poverty – 300 ‘yards’ housed 3,000 people at one time – and it seems that “The Walks” were conceived for the affluent townfolk to escape the smells, grime and pressure of town life at

that time. The first specific mention was in 1714 and, always a favourite courting spot, it became a place where the rich residents came to show off their latest fashions and finery promenading round, of all places, the workhouse!

At this time, Lynn was an important port and with Castle Rising, which was also accessible by sea, became of some significance on the pilgrims’ route to Walsingham, the Red Mount Chapel then a stop by the wayside.

“The Walks” are now undergoing extensive replanting and reconstruction and Joan is particularly concerned about the fate of some of mature trees that may be felled and the choice of species that may replace them.

Other concerns are the problems caused by the overpopulations of ducks and rats.

Joan’s enthusiasm for the history of Lynn, its fine buildings and “The Walks” hopefully encouraged many members to investigate its unique heritage.

## **In Brief:**

The society has been awarded another Banksian medal by the R.H.S., to be presented at this year’s Annual Show.

We have accepted an invitation together with other local societies to design and plant a mini-garden for a new competition at the 2006 Sandringham Show.

*David Clark (Tel: 543182)*

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## A Message From The Methodist Church

*Greetings from the manse,*

Try as I might, I keep reading the gospels and reflecting on the person and activities of Jesus. They are simple narratives really but in all their simplicity they are compelling and form a pattern and template for no end of stories that I come across in books, magazines and on the TV. Scholars sometimes use a word for them that we could use if we wanted to be more pretentious! The word is “paradigm.” It means something like model, example, prototype etc.

Try the following story from Sister Jose Hobday, a young American lady who became a nun. “My mother loved older people. When we were children, she used to send us off with gifts for them: a plate of cookies, freshly baked bread, Easter eggs in a basket. She was always looking out for older people. One day she sent me to visit an old woman named Mrs. Casey. It was a very difficult mission for a child because Mrs. Casey had cancer, and as a result she had no nose. Her face was bandaged from her eyes to her mouth. Her disease also caused a very bad odour. Visiting Mrs. Casey was a real ordeal, particularly since my mother expected me to sit and talk and spend some time with her. After a couple of visits I told my mother to have one of my brothers visit Mrs. Casey. I didn’t want to see her any more. That was all my mother needed to make sure I kept going over to see Mrs. Casey. I dreaded it every time, but I always sat down and visited as my mother wanted.

One day in November, my mother announced she was inviting Mrs. Casey over for Thanksgiving dinner. I objected, saying that her smell would ruin my dinner. My mother told me I was going to have to adjust, because Mrs. Casey didn’t have any place to go. I thought about the baked turkey and the pumpkin pies and my all-time Thanksgiving favourite, sweet potatoes. Not wanting to miss any of it, I told my mother I would sit at the other end of the table. But on Thanksgiving Day my mother sat me directly across from Mrs. Casey.

I kept my eyes down and tried to be polite, but it was difficult, especially when the sweet potatoes started coming around. They were filled with marshmallows and brown sugar, just the way I like them. But as the sweet potatoes came to my brother, he took two. That was against the rule in our house. You took one of anything until you were sure everyone else had one. But he thought he was being smart. He could see I was the last one being served and wouldn’t get any if he took two. He also knew that with all the company present, I couldn’t object, as I surely would have done otherwise.

When the sweet potato platter got to Mrs. Casey, she counted the number of people and saw that I wouldn’t get any, so she passed it on without taking any. When it got to me, there was still one left. I felt terrible. I took it. And I’m glad to say I had the good grace to cut it in half and offer a portion to Mrs. Casey. ‘When I did that, a strange thing happened. She didn’t smell any more. She looked like a lovely person. She smiled back at me, took the potato and we had a great

Thanksgiving dinner.

Later, when I learned about the life of St. Francis, I came to see Thanksgiving encounter as similar to the conversion experience he had when he embraced the leper. I learned never to let a scar on someone’s outside, no matter how ugly, keep me from seeing the beauty on the inside”.

Now can you put a story or two about Jesus in the frame? You can! Well done! It’s good to think and act in paradigm



*With every blessing, Kim Nally.*

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## Dick Melton's Column



Well now, the readers of Dersingham Village Voice Issue No. 38 certainly gave me some things to sort out from their letters in the April edition.

First of all, yes, you are correct Mr. David Wright, Mr. Ted Dew did have a shop in Manor Road right opposite George King's barber's shop, but it was not the same shop as Mr. John Henry (sic) Drew's, the saddler. Mr. Drew's shop was right up in the corner, in the garden of the next house that was called 'Tresco Cottage'. Mr. Drew took the shop over in 1926, and he was still there in 1929 (Kelly's Directory for that year). Before that it was a hardware shop and was owned by my grandfather, the late William Melton. My late father Jim Melton was born in 'Tresco Cottage' in 1907 and later worked in the shop. Ted Dew's shop was before the Second World War, and, as Mr. Wright said, it was a fish and chip shop. After the war it was a radio and electrical shop run by a Mr. Dobbs who lived down Brooke Road. It

was then turned into a flat and the first family to live there were Americans from the USAAF base at Sculthorpe.

Next, Ion Trewin asks about Sandringham House during World War Two and if it was requisitioned for war use. The answer is 'No'. It was just closed down for the duration of the war to save money. The King and Queen stayed at York Cottage, or Appleton House, as Queen Maud of Norway, who was given the house by her father, King Edward VII, had passed away in 1938 so the house was empty. On Christmas Day during the war (1939-45) A room would be opened up in Sandringham House (The Big House) for the King to make his Christmas Day Speech to the nation. All of the parkland around the house was ploughed up during the war and set with crops. Also, the iron railings that surmounted the low brick wall around the park were taken down and sent away to be melted down for the war effort.

Ion Trewin's next question was who was the Dersingham doctor in 1945, well in those days Dersingham did not have a doctor who lived in the village. The King's doctor until 1945 was Dr. Fredric Willans (later Sir Fredric Willans) who lived in West Newton. When he retired the position was taken over by Dr. Ansil who lived at Wood Farm in Wolferton. However, they both held surgery in the rooms of a house half-way up Sandringham Hill in Dersingham. The other Doctor who had a surgery in Dersingham was Dr. William Steadman who lived in the Hollies at Snettisham. After the war his practice was taken over by Dr. Jolly who also lived at the Hollies. Well, I hope that this answers all the questions, and if I am wrong no doubt one of your many readers will put me right.

### ***The Population Explosion of Dersingham***

A friend of mine said to me the other day, "Dick, how many people live in the village of Dersingham?" – I said "I don't really know, maybe 5,000, but I will find out and let you know." I then found that the population figures for Dersingham over the last 100 years make interesting reading. In the year 1901 the number of people living in the village was 1,316. After that year there was a lot more building done, especially along Lynn Road and Hunstanton Road, as, before that, most of the houses were in Chapel Road and Manor Road. When the next count was taken in 1911 the numbers had risen by 183 people to 1,499, but when the next count came in 1921 the numbers had dropped by 78 to 1,421. Now all I can think of for this drop is that some people emigrated and others were lost in the Great War. By the time of the next count in 1931 the numbers had risen again by 107 to 1,528. There was no count in 1941 due to the Second World

War, then in 1951 the numbers were up by 204 to 1,732, but this was only an increase of 102 for each of the ten-year periods. Then, in 1961, after the Gelham Manor Estate had been built, there was a mini-explosion of 296, so the population was then 2,026. By 1971 the numbers were up to 2,597, a large increase of 521, a lot of this being due to the sale of land for building down Centre Vale and Manor Side (the photo below shows Dersingham Common in 1957, before Manorside was developed). Now on to 1981 after the builders had moved in at Valley Rise and Chapel Road, the population went up by 623 to 3,274, this was the biggest rise in any of the ten-year periods. After this we all know what happened - Dun Cow Farm was sold and then Sandringham View began to take shape, and a strange thing occurred, the population numbers in 1991 were 3,888, a rise of 614, and, in 2001, they had risen by exactly the same number, 614, to make a total

population of 4,502. This means that the population of Dersingham has gone up by 600 people a year since 1971, and it has doubled in size since 1961. If this trend carries on, by the time of the next count the population of Dersingham will be well over 5,000. When I told a friend this he said, "...but we are getting short of building land" – so I said - "Don't worry! They will find somewhere to build. After all, who thought we would ever see 10 flats on the old garage site. There is always the Pastures!"



### ***Dersingham Church of England Primary School***

When I moved to Dersingham with my mother in the spring of 1945 I straight away went to school. At that time the Primary School was the only one open so all the children in the village went there from the age of five till they were fourteen. Then, in 1948, St George's Secondary Modern School that had been built just before the war at the top of Dodds Hill opened up so that all the children who did not pass their 'Eleven-plus' went there. If you passed your 'Eleven-plus' then you went to King's Lynn Grammar School (Boys) or the High School if you were a girl. Dersingham Primary School was a nice little compact village with just five classrooms. A bike shed, next to the outside toilets, a large area of garden that the boys cultivated and grew crops on, quite a good-sized playground, and in the middle of the playground stood a huge conker (horse chestnut) tree, which was very handy when they came into season in the autumn. All the time that I attended that school there were no school dinners laid on, so you had to go back and forth to school four times a day, and we only got an hour and a quarter for lunch, and, as I lived upon the main road, I had to get a move on to get back in time. A few years later, after I had left, the school took over the old chapel opposite the school gate as a dining hall. While I was there we had four lady teachers, Miss Robinson, Miss Hudson, Mrs. Boyce, Miss Crowe and the headmaster, Mr. Carr. We were only taught Reading and Writing, Math's, Religious Instruction and a bit of Music. One afternoon each week the boys would be marched along the road to the Pastures to play football in winter and cricket in the summer, and, every year, about two days before we broke up for the summer holidays, we would have a sports day on the Pastures, with all sorts of races, and our parents would come along to watch and to join in some of the races. Then Dick Stanton, who



was Lord of the Manor, would say a few words and present the prizes. Every morning at school we would have a small bottle of milk, this was OK except that in the winter it would be frozen, as it stood outside in milk-crates! The only heat we had in the classrooms were tall cast-iron coal burning stoves so, in the winter, we would sit in the classrooms with our overcoats on. It was a nice friendly school and I missed it when I left and had to go up the hill to St Georges.

*Photos of the  
Common and  
School Speech  
Days provided  
courtesy of  
Bernie Twite*



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## Who was the 'Dersingham doctor' in WWII?

Dick Melton makes a good case for Sir Frederic Willans, but he lived at West Newton House. He had been Surgeon-Apothecary to HM Household at Sandringham from 1924, was knighted in 1933 and died in 1949. But would the King's private secretary, Sir Alan 'Tommy' Lascelles, in his diary of January 1945 have referred to the 'Dersingham Doctor' if it had been Dr Willans of West Newton who had been called out? Several telephone callers mentioned Dr James Ansell. He succeeded Sir Frederic as Surgeon-Apothecary. His official address was described as: The Surgery, Sandringham. Two others referred to Dr Jolly of The Hollies in Snettisham, and one each to his predecessor, Dr William Steadman, and a completely fresh suggestion, Dr Telford Martin, about whom I have discovered nothing. The fact that this was during the war doesn't help as electoral registers and reference books were out of date.

If any Village Voice reader can produce a definitive answer we can finally set the matter at rest.

*Ion Trewin*

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### 1st Dersingham Guides



Thanks to a good-natured prod from The Editor at The Village Voice Open Day, we thought we'd let everyone know, Dersingham Guides are alive and well, still having fun and keeping up the standards of Fun, Friendship and Caring. We'd also like to tell people about our ongoing fundraising



efforts along with the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Brownies and Rainbows. With a remit of helping the environment at the same time, we recycle newspapers and magazines. This involves loading about 8 tons at a time onto a lorry approximately 5 times a year. If you have any old newspapers or magazines you could tie in bundles for us, we would be grateful to receive them at Scout and Guide Headquarters in Manor Road anytime. We are planning Sleep-overs and a week at Guide camp near Coltishall, and will be doing the refreshments at our Fete on the 24th June, so come along and have a cuppa or strawberries and cream. All the uniform Groups are very grateful for the support we get from the village, and we hope it will continue, as we believe we provide something important and something different for our village children.



*Jeanette Lister - Guider in charge*

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### Second Classic Car Show

Once



again Sandringham Classic Car Club will hold their event on Sunday 6th August on the Sports Field, Dersingham. With over 120 cars entered last year we are hoping for more enthusiasts to show off their cars. Entry fee is £4 made payable to Mrs. V. Brundle (Events Secretary), c/o The White House Guest House, 44 Hunstanton Road, Dersingham. Please enclose SAE. Opening 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. Cars only please up to 1974. Tel: 01485 541895

#### Car Boot Sale

This will be held between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm in conjunction with the Classic Car Show on Sunday 6th August on Dersingham Sports Field. Those wishing to have a pitch please contact Mrs. Brundle, details as above. Auto jumble £10.00 per pitch. Other stalls - £5.00 per pitch.

**Tuesday June 6th**

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St Nicholas Church Hall, Manor Road, Dersingham.  
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Raffle

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**Tuesday July 4th**

**NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**



David Paull on 'The work of the Trust Past & Present'

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

**St Nicholas Dersingham Flower Festival 2006**

**"Best Dressed Front Door Competition"**

We are looking for the most colourful, creative or imaginative display of hanging baskets and/or tubs in the Parish of Dersingham. The area to be judged will be a 6 feet radius of your Front Door. Our independent judge will visit all entries from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and announce the winners on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 5pm in the Church Hall.

Entrance Fee is £1.00. To enter please complete this form and send to:  
Dersingham PCC BDFD Competition,  
6 Fern Hill, Dersingham PE31 6HT

**Entries must be received by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

Full name

Address

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £10 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £5 Garden Vouchers

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## News in Brief

**Sandringham Camping and Caravanning Club site has received a silver award** for providing the best touring accommodation in England (adding this accolade to its David Bellamy gold award for its approach to conservation) and beating almost 100 other regional finalists. Well done to all concerned as this can do nothing but good for all in the local area.

**Helen Buckenham of Dersingham and her sister, Liz Smith of Mundesley, are, if nothing else, innovative.** Having on many occasions spent time collecting in support of the charity 'Action for ME', they set up an E-Bay auction held between 8 to 14 May, of articles donated by many famous personalities, including Dido, Johnny Vaughn, the Duchess of York, Dermot O'Leary and Barbara Windsor, to name but a few. The income so generated will go towards their target of raising £1,000 for the charity.

**Anne Reynolds, of Dersingham, mother to the two sisters mentioned above,** not to be outdone, has also set out to raise £1,000 by holding her own auction, this being of ties formerly owned by such as, Richard Whiteley, Chris Tarrant, Bruce Forsyth and some well known politicians past and present. We will report on the outcome of both events in our next issue.

**Lynn and Wisbech Samaritans' Annual Fancy Dress Bike Ride** – 13 miles commencing from the Feathers Hotel which took place at 10 am on Sunday 14 May, with more than 60 riders taking part, is anticipated to raise up to £4,00 for the charity.

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## WANTED

***As you all know by now that the Parish Council are running a carnival this year, from Sunday 30 July to Sunday 6 August. The following are needed:***



**Children** to do the sports activities that are planned during the mornings and some afternoons from Monday the 31 July to Friday 4 August. Details will be sent to schools within

the next few weeks. If your child does not attend a village school, please contact us on the number below and we will send an application form to you.

**Children** to attend the circus workshops on Saturday 5 August.

**Teams** to take part in the Village Sports on the 6 August, tug of war, sacks races etc. Enter and have some fun.

**Organisations** to take part in the Carnival Parade walking around the village in a themed fancy dress on the morning of the 6 August.

**Organisations or groups** to promote themselves by having a stall during the afternoon/evenings in the marquee.

**Local bands** are needed to take a slot on the evening performances on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> with our Hog Roast.

**Any local organisations** that wish to provide refreshments or have a fund raising stall at any of the events.

**Anybody able to volunteer a little time.**

This is your village and your carnival. We need you all to attend and support your village.

**If you are able to help in any way, please contact Sarah/Anita on 01485 541465**



# SUZIE'S FITNESS CLASSES

## Tuesdays

INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE HALL, INGOLDISTHORPE

9.15 - 10.15 - Hi / Lo aerobics £3.75

10.30 - 11.30 - 50's + £3.50

6.00 - 7.00 - Hi / Lo aerobics £3.75

7.00 - 8.00 - Hi / Lo aerobics £3.75

8.00 - 9.00 - Step & Condition £4.00  
(ring to book step)

## Wednesdays

SNETTISHAM MEMORIAL HALL

9.15 - 10.15 - Step & Condition £4.00  
(ring to book step)

SCOUT HUT, FEATHERS CAR PARK, DERSINGHAM

7.45 - 8.45 - Body Conditioning £3.75

## Thursdays

Suzie's Morning Walks - Meeting at Thaxters Car Park  
Dersingham

9.15 - 10.15/30 - A good brisk walk  
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10.30 - 11.30 A more relaxed walk  
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## Responder saved my life

**Without the Dersingham First Response team 80-year-old Sylvia Ing could have died when she collapsed with a heart attack.**

Mrs Ing, of Dersingham, had just returned from holiday when she fell ill at home and although an ambulance was called, it was First Responder Paula Edwards who lives just a few doors away who was first to her aid. Mrs Ing's heart stopped for three minutes, and while the ambulance arrived in just eight minutes, it really was a case of every second counting. She woke the next day in Lynn's Queen Elizabeth Hospital where she was kept for the next 11 days and has nothing but gratitude for the team. "I'm very, very grateful. They saved my life," she said of December's incident. And in another example of the team's vital role, Mrs Edwards and fellow First Responder Richard Harrowing were first on the scene to deal with a cardiac arrest after being called away from a car wash earlier this month to raise much-needed funds. The team raised £353 during the event, to be spent on training equipment for the group's six volunteers and new recruits they are always on the look out for. Mrs Edwards, who is also a nurse at Lynn's St James Medical Practice, said Mrs Ing was very poorly when she arrived at her home. "Luckily I was just round the corner when the emergency call came through," she said. She administered oxygen and carried out observations, then kept her comfortable while the ambulance arrived. "She turned up on my doorstep a few weeks later and said 'you saved my life' and gave me a tin of biscuits which was really lovely." Co-ordinator of the Dersingham First Responders, Steve O'Donnell, said the idea of responders was not to replace the ambulance service but to provide immediate help in areas where it might



take an ambulance longer to reach. "When someone collapses with a heart attack, for every minute that someone is not there to help them, they have ten per cent less chance of survival. The first few minutes make the difference between life and death," he said. All responders are given first aid training by the East Anglian Ambulance and trained to the same level as a paramedic in giving cardiopulmonary

resuscitation (CPR) and using a defibrillator – a machine which uses controlled electric shocks to shock hearts back to their normal rhythm.

Responders can be any age between 18 and 70 years old and only need to be able to spare a few hours a week to be on call. We're hoping to encourage sponsorship from businesses through its newly-launched website, set up by Dersingham business Dark Side Technologies. And even if people don't feel they have what it takes to be a responder they can still help the team by joining the fundraising committee. Anyone interested in becoming a responder or supporting the group can find out more by logging on to [www.d-f-r.org](http://www.d-f-r.org)

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## The Son of a Railway clerk

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### PART TWO

On the 17th June our party, about six hundred of us boarded a trader and lay on the steel decks. On leaving the docks we came across the troopship *Lancastria* which had been bombed and had keeled over with only the bottom of the hull and keel above water. The number of personnel on board at the time will never be known, estimates of 5000 and 7000 have been quoted and it is believed 2500 were rescued, the crew of our ship and others in the vicinity took part in the rescue work. We will never know how many young men perished in this incident.

After a couple of days sailing we approached Plymouth harbour but were unable to dock as the harbour was already crowded with a mass of vessels waiting to unload their human cargoes, a naval boat brought out tins of food to us. We then set sail for Southampton where we disembarked to join the many thousands of troops already there, at no time had we any idea where we might be heading. As we sat around on the concrete of the dockside one man amongst all the thousands stood up with a Bren gun over his shoulder, we had been school pals since the age of five.

We boarded a train and were taken to Leicester and slept on the floor of the De Montfort hall, the next day we paraded in Victoria park and were told not to talk about the horrible tragedy we had witnessed at St Nazaire; a coalition government had been agreed between the Conservative and Labour parties; Winston Churchill was now prime minister and Clement Attlee; leader of the labour party his deputy, Churchill had forbidden radio and newspapers to make any mention of the tragedy; we were then given four days leave.

A few days after I had returned to the unit at Leicester my wife received a letter from the War office to say that I was missing, such was the chaos! One blessing was that no longer were our letters home censored, we could write freely of our affections and experiences.

I was aware when I last saw my wife that she was longing to move to the village some 20 miles from King's Lynn where she had spent her childhood days. During the time I was moving about France and making my way back to England she had gone to stay with her parents there. Having received no news of me she was unaware of my whereabouts and was understandably surprised when I appeared, we spent a marvellous few days together and it was agreed she should look for accommodation in the village.

Her father was working on a nearby aerodrome maintaining runways etc. he had been a prisoner of war in Germany during the first world war, an older brother had joined the Royal Army Service Corps and was soon on active service in the Middle East where he was to see service for the duration of the war, her sister joined the A T S, two younger brothers had left school and were doing farm work, the youngest member, a brother, was at school. Her father and the two farm-working brothers trained with the Home Guard in their spare time and were called out in times of emergency, i.e. air raids.

All too soon I had to return to Leicester and was billeted with people living near the park where we paraded daily. I had been serving with R A O C since reporting to the workshop in Nantes, but officially I was still a member of my county regiment I had left behind in northern France. I was later to learn that out of the battalion I had left, numbering almost 1000 men, the majority had been taken Prisoners of war, my brother included, that was to be their fate for some five to six years.



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A few of the men had unfortunately been killed in action, just one officer and thirty-six men made it home to England. I was dispatched from Leicester by train in search of my old battalion, to Torquay where I spent a lovely week in a holiday camp the weather being hot and sunny, from there I was sent to Sheffield and, after a couple of days, on to Dumfries in Scotland where the commanding officer agreed it would be best if I reported to the barracks in Norwich, the headquarters of my old regiment.

I was soon on my way back to my home county. The stay there lasted about a week and my wife and daughter came and stayed with an aunt who lived in the city and I was issued a sleeping out pass. I recall that during the days at the depot we spent some time digging air raid trenches. Once more I had to say goodbye to my family as I was posted to a RAOC depot at Hilsa, Portsmouth to continue trade testing which had been curtailed when we left France. I was only there for maybe two or three weeks. Not once during my time there did I see the workshops, I spent all of my time on guard duties, Dawn watch, up before dawn scanning the skies and beaches for any signs that the enemy might be invading, and Stand-by, sleeping on the floor fully clothed Armed with rifle and ammunition to be called out at a minutes notice to deal with any signs of enemy action.

It was after one of these tours of duty I was called to company office to receive notice of a posting to Catford, SE London. Once again I was on the move disrupting all contact with home, my wife not knowing where I was and me not receiving any news from her. Here we were billeted in Plassey road school. It was now evening and having familiarised myself with the surroundings I and another newcomer made our way to the nearest pub for a refresher, on returning to the school we were told we could not return to the bed spaces we had previously been allotted as air raid warnings had sounded.

And so once more I was to sleep on a wooden floor; in a cloakroom. I was about to doze off when there was one hell of a thud, which shook the floor we were laying on. Since the two of us were fully clothed it took only a few minutes to put our boots on and get outside to see what was happening. A bomb had been dropped midway along a row of terraced houses reducing two of them to rubble, ARP services had very quickly arrived, firemen, rescue workers, first aid men and women and ambulances.

One elderly man was brought out and placed on a stretcher, he was pleading with his rescuers to find his wife who was under the rubble and they were doing their best to reassure him they would find her. They did find her but unfortunately she had perished, one or two more people were rescued but I do not know what condition they were in.

I reported to the workshop next morning, and was told what the work there was all about. At the outbreak of war the country was ill equipped for modern warfare and now we were desperately trying to make our forces mobile, specially designed lorries were arriving at the workshops from the factories and also machinery and our job was to mount the machines onto benches to make mobile workshops to back up Infantry and Artillery units, when they were in action by carrying out repairs and replacing damaged equipment on the spot as opposed to abandoning the equipment or returning it to depots miles behind the theatre of war.

My part in this was to make awnings to hang over drop-down benches along the sides of the lorries. I had not had the opportunity to do my trade testing but on account of my ability to carry out the work required, on the 30th Oct 1940 I was reclassified from Regimental stretcher bearer to Textile refitter Class 1, my wife would now be receiving the long awaited pay increase of a few pennies a week. I now held the rank of Private in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and was no longer serving with my former infantry regiment as a stretcher-bearer with the rank of Bandsman. From now on the air raid sirens sounded almost every evening and people left their homes carrying bundles of blankets and pillows and scurried to shelters often spending the night there until the All Clear sounded in the morning. A number of civilian tradesmen were employed in our workshops and in order to give them an occasional good nights rest it was arranged for our army drivers to take them in lorries to Chislehurst caves in Kent, I was fortunate to be duty escort on a couple of

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nights. Electric lighting had been installed, toilet facilities provided and mugs of tea were available, we took blankets and lay on the ground, hundreds of people slept there every night. We army personnel worked in the workshops during the day and at night guard duties had to be carried out, 2 hours on 4 hours off; in pairs, armed and with rifles and ammunition. The local children loved to come and chat with us and it was during one of the raids one of the boys, aged 11, was killed attempting to extinguish an incendiary bomb. His sisters broke the news to us the next day.

My mother sent a telegram to say my grandmother had died on my birthday, 20th Nov. I was allowed leave for her funeral. My wife had now found a cottage to rent in her village, one room up and one down, the door opened into the room which served as kitchen, living room, wash room, dining room and bathroom.

An open fire with an oven, all the hot water was heated on this, a winding staircase lead to the bedroom; under the staircase, in a cupboard was stored a circular iron washstand complete with white enamel basin, this we lifted into the room to do our daily ablutions, dirty water was deposited into a galvanised bucket to be taken and thrown on the garden. The top half of the door was the only downstairs window.

At night the room was lighted with a paraffin oil lamp which had to be filled daily and the wick trimmed, this hung from a ceiling beam and the heat from it warmed a patch of the linoleum covered bedroom floor, my wife claimed this patch to do her undressing. There was one small window in the bedroom, a candle provided lighting at night.

The toilet was a hut up the garden path which housed a wooden seat more like a shelf with a hole, beneath this was a bucket which was emptied weekly into a hole dug in the garden. No electricity, no gas, water came from an outside tap shared with neighbours. That was our home until eighteen months after I was discharged from the army in 1945. My wife was very happy living here with our daughter and in 1942 our son was born in the cottage. She was with her own people, family and friends with whom she had spent her schooldays.

Earlier in the war Rationing had been introduced which meant no longer could civilians buy food in quantities required but only in amounts laid down by the Ministry of food, Ration books were issued and shopkeepers were obliged to mark books as they supplied the goods so there was no possibility of getting a second issue elsewhere. Almost every household in the village had a garden; a slogan "Dig for Victory" urged everyone to grow vegetables and a great barter system in vegetables developed.

People who had large enough gardens were able to keep a pig which was fed on kitchen waste supplied by family and neighbours, and mixed with meal and water, sent to a slaughterhouse at the appropriate time, jointed and shared, some was cured and hung from the rafters, some was immersed in salt water to preserve. Chickens were bred for the table and for a supply of eggs, surplus eggs were placed in large stone vessels and covered with waterglass; a Sodium Silicate solution to preserve them, no fridge freezers in those days.

A good old-fashioned poacher lived nearby; who, in return for meals my wife and neighbours cooked for him provided a supply of game, goose eggs and on one occasion a goose. My wife was a good gardener and was ably assisted by her brothers living in the village. "Spivs" who were able to acquire almost anything operated a Black Market in goods not easily available, at a price! Some shopkeepers were able to acquire surplus goods and sell them covertly from "under the counter" The government advised people not to gossip about anything they may have heard concerning the war effort however insignificant it may seem. Posters were displayed bearing mottos such as "Hush Keep it Dark" and "The Walls Have Ears".

On returning to Catford at the end of the Compassionate leave I discovered our barrack-type quarters were moved from Plassey road school to St. Dunstan's College not far away. This was more spacious, more sleeping room, more ablution space and better equipment and space for the cooks as well as a larger dining hall. It also comprised a large hall; members of the unit formed a dance band and the public were invited to join us on Saturday evenings.

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Large playing fields provided space for us to exercise, around the perimeter the lorries were parked either heading for our workshops or, having been fitted out as mobile workshops, awaiting dispatch to field units. Air raid warnings were sounded frequently by day and night, most of the raiders were bound for the city, and barrage balloons looking rather like small airships tethered to winches operated by R A F personnel were raised to force the raiders to fly at a height at which the Artillery stood a better chance of hitting them with shells from their Ack-Ack (anti aircraft) guns. I visited my sister one Sunday who was stationed in Cadogen gardens Chelsea, with a company of A T S doing cookhouse, office and other duties to relieve Guardsmen for operational duties. When I left to return to Catford an air raid was in progress, the London docks were on fire and there was a huge traffic jam of vehicles endeavouring to salvage goods from the dockside. I was fortunate in that I was able to board a bus heading my way but after a while the driver pulled up at a public air raid shelter and refused to go any further and who could blame him? Incendiary bombs were falling all around and there was no rescue service available to assist. It was a truly frightening situation being helpless to assist in any way. People were running from their homes that were on fire but there were not enough fire services to cope, they were completely overwhelmed.

Having realised there was nothing I could do to help I started walking and was joined by a civilian man; we walked, at times looking back at the horrific sight around us. We walked along Lewisham High street which was strewn with huge pieces of fallen masonry, it was known that pilots of enemy aircraft not having reached their target or were disabled in some way would turn about and unload their bombs indiscriminately to lighten the weight of the aircraft hoping to make their way back to Germany, some made it some did not. I have no idea what time I arrived back at my billets, I lay down fully clothed on the concrete floor of an air raid shelter in the grounds of the college and slept, no doubt!



## It's The BBQ Season Again!

...the time when back gardens, patios, camp-sites, and all those other places where people like to eat 'al-fresco' come alive to the smell of chicken, burgers, sausages and other assorted delicacies being blackened over smoking charcoal and hickory chips; or, more frequently these days, on instantly-fired gas barbeques! Take a look at our picture (one of those

passed on to us by Bernie Twite) taken in July of 1961, to see the difference a few years make. You may particularly note that, in this case, it is the ladies who appear to be doing the cooking! Are you one of them?

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# Parish Council Chairmen's Reports to the Annual General Meeting 2006

## Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Finance & General Purposes Committee is responsible for financial planning in general and specifically the Council's precept; administration; and grants, although final decisions are taken by the full Council. In 2004/5, the Committee changed the budget and precept-setting procedures to try to get a longer-term approach and allow more time for the spending committees and major grant-assisted organisations to come up with their plans. While this was partially successful, more work has been done to improve the system in 2005/6 and this will continue to be an objective in the future. The need for a more sustainable approach was demonstrated by the rise in the precept required this year to meet both current expenditure and to provide some new equipment for the village. Although a substantial proportion of the increase was due to a new national system for paying Clerks agreed by the National Association of Local Councils, there is a clear need for the Council to continue reviewing its current regular spending and its plans for new items. This a more rigorous approach has been extended to the Council's procedures for considering grants to local organisations. Those requesting substantial grants (more than £500 a year) are invited to present their case to the Committee prior to a recommendation being made to the full Council and all grant applicants are now asked to complete a simple form explaining why they need the money. The Committee has continued its regular reviews of the reports of the internal auditor, as well as insurance and banking arrangements. It has had no major concerns about any of these.

*Paul Burall*

## Communications Committee

This committee has the responsibility of informing the parish of the activities of the council, other organisations in the parish and also of anything that could involve the parish. Our main tool is Village Voice magazine. We are just publishing issue number 40. Our editor Bob Tipling has maintained an incredibly high standard over the last year with the publication running to 72 pages per issue. (We print between 2700 & 3000 copies depending on the season.) Even at this extent he has a difficult job limiting the contributions as the material offered greatly exceeds the space available. We do limit the amount of advertising so that V V is not overwhelmed but new advertisers are constantly coming to us for space. This is ensuring that the magazine is self financing. It is, however a constant source of surprise and dismay that so many of the village organisations seem unwilling to use V V to publicise their activities. Dersingham Data, our annual fact book, has once again proved to be a smart and very useful source of information for the village, thanks mainly to Paul Burall, who does most of the work for this publication. This year, some of your councillors delivered these around the village thus saving funds and letting the deliverers get a very intimate knowledge of parts of the village that they may have been less familiar with. Many thanks to you. My own initiative of Village Voice Live has proved a success, I am pleased to say. In our first year we have had evenings ranging from art demonstrations through choral concerts to archive film evenings. Attendance varies with the attraction on offer but we have broken even financially, and indeed, have been able to fund the refreshments at other Parish events which must be a good thing. Please make use of our services, we are here to let you know what you are up to either through Village Voice and Dersingham Data or on our notice boards.

Finally, I would like to thank all the committee members for their work throughout the last year with each one of them taking an active part in our activities.

*Tony Bubb*

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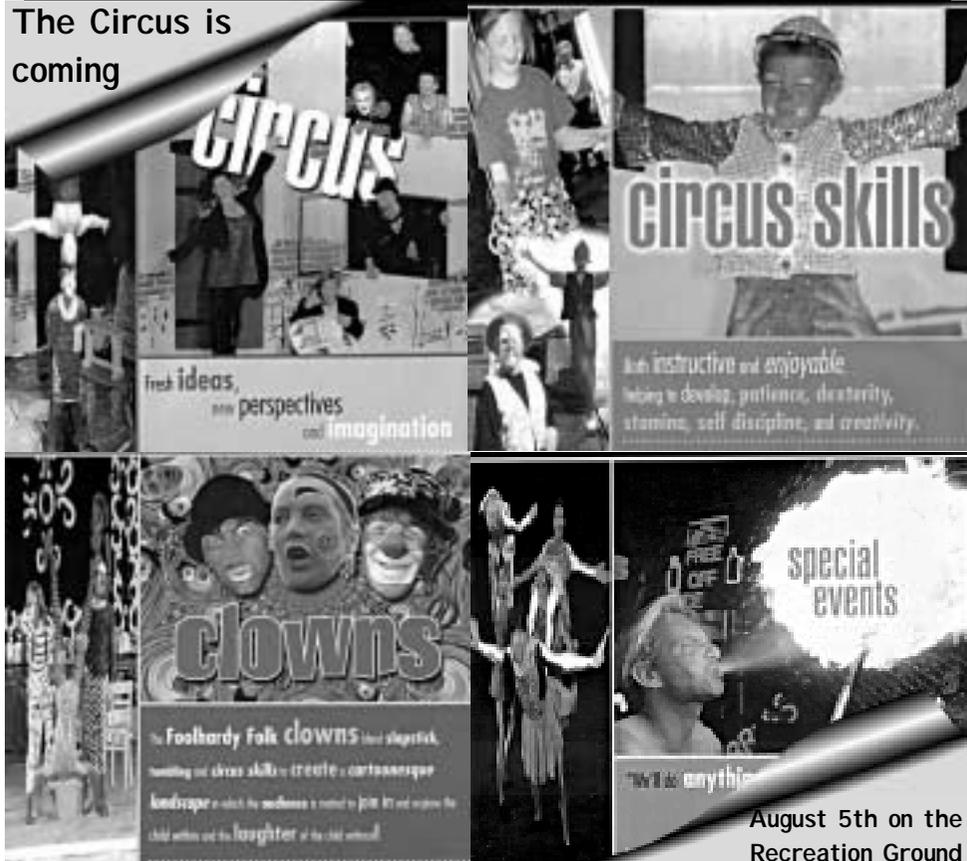
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## “Woodwynd”

David and I moved to Woodwynd in September 1985. The garden was then unrecognisable from its present state. The beds were infested with ground elder and the lawns had remained uncut for at least two years. The estate agent commented when showing us around, “the garden is a bit wild but nothing more than a few Saturday afternoons would put right!!!” Not put off by the initial appearance inside and out we moved in and set about the task. It was a question in today’s parlance of ‘location, location, location.’ We have the wonderful Royal Sandringham woods as a back cloth to the garden. In those days the garden was a third of its present size. We were very fortunate to have as a near neighbour, Mrs. Kyra Schumman, an extremely keen and knowledgeable gardener. She had a number of uncommon plants which she very generously split and shared with me. Many remain corner stones of the present layout. I had always been a keen and “tidy” gardener but I would like to think that some of her knowledge and

enthusiasm took root and inspired me to create the garden of 1.5 acres you see today. The Gravel Garden and Woodland Dell were laid out in the autumn of 2002. The Gravel Garden, formally a dry and parched lawn, is truly a dry garden wholly reliant on natural rain fall. It contains a number of drought resistant plants which to our delight have thrived and seeded freely. On hot summer’s days the scents are reminiscent of Mediterranean hillsides. It is a garden that has matured surprisingly quickly and is so much easier to maintain than the lawn it replaced. As I leave the Gravel Garden and enter the main garden through the arch-way I never tire of the view. Our visitors express surprise and delight at the unexpected vista of the broad sweep of lawn flanked by island beds and borders with plantings of shrubs, perennials and grasses. The Dell had originally consisted of woodland scrub which I cleared and allowed natural grasses to occur. I found as I grew older it was increasingly difficult to chase the grass cutter up hill and down dale. I decided a



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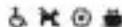
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semi woodland type garden would be both pleasing and easier to manage. In the Dell there is a whole variety of different conditions ranging from dry shade, wet bog, south facing slope with shallow light sandy soil and naturally occurring springs. I have been able to cultivate a whole range of plants which thrive in these testing conditions. I hope you will enjoy your visit as much as we enjoy living here.

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- **Queen's Birthday morning** - To celebrate the 80th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the library will be having a special morning for children on Saturday 24th June, with a card making workshop from 10.30-11.30am, under-fives storytime from 12-1pm, colouring and quizzes throughout the morning, and a Royal themed fancy dress competition which will be judged just before 1pm. This event will be ticketed, so please contact the library to reserve your place. Unders 7s must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Internet beginners sessions** - we now have dates planned for Jun and July, so if you'd like to book a place, please contact the library
- A reminder that our **reading group** still meets at the library on the third Monday of the month. The next session will be on June 19th from 6pm, and new members are always welcome.
- The Summer Reading Game - Reading Mission - starts on July 22nd and the theme is linked to Anthony Horowitz's Alex Ryder spy books. We'll have special activities, storytimes and hidden clues in the library so watch our notice board for more details.

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## Dersingham Evening W.I. – April 2006-05-10

April is our Birthday month and this year was our 44th. Over 50 members sat down to a delicious cold salad supper with beef and ham provided by our local butcher. With the healthy part of the meal consumed, the sweet course definitely appealed to the indulgent side of us-Gateaux (sic) in varying flavours and to accompany the meal wine or fresh juice. A toast was given to the Queen in this her 80th birthday year.

After a short rest the entertainment commenced "Line Dancing" demonstrated by ladies from Yvonne's classes, very soon we were caught up with the toe-tapping music and fascinated by the intricate footwork of the dancers, with Yvonne as caller they gave a very entertaining performance. Then we were invited to join in and quite a few of us took up the challenge – did we enjoy ourselves – you bet, it's fun, energetic and very sociable, and some of us have been bitten by the line-dancing bug, all thanks to Yvonne's enthusiasm and tireless support for the Breast Cancer campaign, who receive part of the proceeds from the weekly classes.

As the evening drew to its close, President Dianne presented Phyl, a member, with a cup as winner in a short story competition. The story, entitled "9 Minutes", read by the author, and with Phyl's gift for weaving a good tale which often has a subtle twist at the end, was a perfect end to a thoroughly enjoyable evening.



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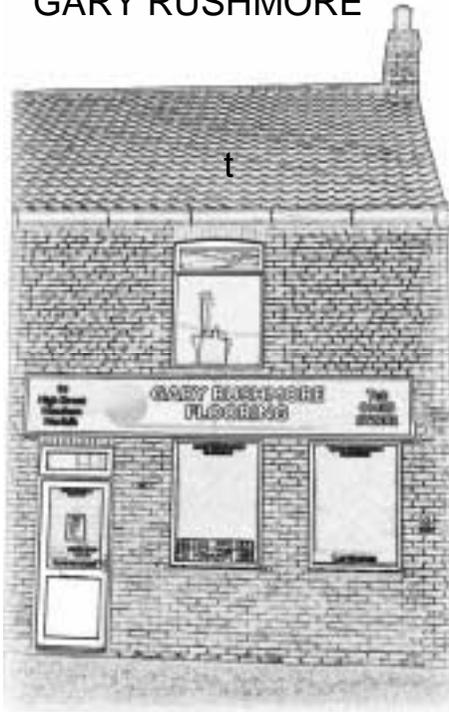
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## Village Voice Live

The April meeting saw Maureen Drake giving an art demonstration. Although she is an accomplished artist in several media, the evening's discipline was pastels. First a blank sheet of paper, and not just any paper but a special rough paper developed for pastel work, was transformed into a stunning sunset scene. The steps to get to the finished article were quite amazing as the first applications of colour seemed random and very haphazard. With a lot of stroking and detailing a masterpiece ( or should it be mistress piece ) appeared. After the break Maureen created an image of Appleton Watertower good enough to grace the walls of a nearby large house. A very instructive evening.

May 2nd's meeting coincided with our first birthday. Sarah Bristow had made us a cake and The West Norfolk Singers entertained us with a concert of "Parlour Songs". We destroyed the baked confection at half time and thus fortified, the audience were encouraged to join in with some of the better known items. The event actually took place in the church, as the acoustics were considered to be better by the choir's conductor, Anne Hinde, and they certainly gave a very good account of themselves with their dulcet tones ringing around the building.



## DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS

Day	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
Every Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri	9.00 to 11.30 am	Dersingham Playgroup	Playgroup Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
Every Mon & Fri in Term Time	9.30 to 11.00 am	Puddleducks Toddler Group	Toddler Group Meeting	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
1st Monday in the Month	2.15 pm	Royal British Legion Women's Section	Dersingham & Sandringham Branch Meeting	Albert Victor Bowls Club, Manor Road
2nd Monday in the Month	7.30 pm	Royal British Legion	Meeting	Orchard Close Community Room
Last Monday in the Month	7.15 pm	Dersingham Parish Council	Full Council Meeting	Infant and Nursery School, Saxon Way
Every Tuesday	6.00 to 7.30 pm	2nd Dersingham Brownie Guide Group	Meeting for girls aged 7 - 10	Scout & Guide HQ Dersingham Sports Ground
Every Tuesday	8 pm	Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes	Sandringham Lodge Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
1st Tuesday of the Month	7.30 pm	Village Voice 'Live'	Presentations by Guest Speakers/Groups	St Nicholas Church Hall
1st Tuesday of the Month	7.30 pm	Dersingham Methodist Church Art Club	Meeting	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
Every Wednesday	10.00 am to 4.00 pm	Dersingham Day Centre for the Elderly	Recreation & Leisure Activities and Mid-day Meal	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
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 Dersingham Sports Ground
Every 2nd Wed of the Month	5.30 to 7.00 pm	Dersingham Junior Flower Club	Meeting of Children aged 8+	St Nicholas Church Hall
Every 2nd Wed of the Month	10.30 am	St Nicholas Men's Group	Men's Group Meeting	St Nicholas Church Hall
Every 2nd Wed of the Month Sept to April	7.30 pm	Albert Victor Bowls Club	Prize Bingo	Albert Victor Bowls Club, Manor Road
Every Thursday	10.30 am to 3.00 pm	North West Norfolk Phobbies Club	Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
Every Thursday	4.15 to 5.30 pm	1st Dersingham Rainbow Guide Group	Meeting for girls aged 5-7	Scout & Guide HQ Dersingham Sports Ground
Every Other Thursday	4 00 to 7.00 pm	Dersingham parish Council	Car Boot Sale	Dersingham recreation Ground
Every Thursday	6.00 to 7.30 pm	1st Dersingham Brownie Guide Group	Meeting for girls aged 7 - 10	Scout & Guide HQ Dersingham Sports Ground
Every Thursday	7.00 to 9.00 pm	1st Sandringham Guide Unit	Unit Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
Every Thursday	7.00 to 9.00 pm	1st Dersingham Scout Group	Group Meeting	Scout & Guide HQ Dersingham Sports Ground

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 Thursday Sept to June	2 pm	Park House Hotel	Rubber Bridge	Park House Hotel
1st Thursday of the Month		Dersingham Flower Club	Meeting	St Nicholas Church Hall
1st Thursday of the Month	7.15 to 10.00 pm	Dersingham Evening Women's Institute	Meeting	St Cecilia's Church Hall
2nd Thursday of the Month	7.30 pm	Dersingham Horticultural Society	Meeting	St Cecilia's Church Hall
3rd Thursday of the Month	9.30 to 10.30 am	Dersingham Methodist Church Jigsaw Club	Meeting	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
Every Friday	6.30 to 8 pm	1st Dersingham Guide Unit	Unit Meeting	Scout & Guide HQ Dersingham Sports Ground
Every Friday	6.45 to 9.15 pm	Dersingham Carpet Bowls Club	Club Meeting	St George's Middle School
Alternate Fridays	2.15 to 4.30 pm	Dersingham Seniors Club	Entertainment and Outings for the over-60s	St Nicholas Church Hall
1st Friday of the month	10.00 am to 12 noon	St Nicholas Church	Coffee Morning	St Nicholas Church Hall

## DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Month	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
Sat	24	June	1.30 pm	Dersingham Scouts And Guides	Annual Scout & Guide Fete	Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road
Sun	2	Jul	2 pm to 4 .30 pm	Park House Hotel Sandringham	Summer Fayre and Garden Show	Park House Hotel Sandringham
Thu To Sun	20 To 23			St Nicholas Church	Flower Festival	St Nicholas Church
Sun	23	<b>Jul</b>	10.30 am	Dersingham Minors Football Club	Girls' Football Tournament	Pastures Sports Ground
Sun to Sun	30 to 6	<b>Jul &amp; Aug</b>		Dersingham Parish Council	Festival Week	Mainly n the Recreation Ground
Mon To Wed	7 - 9	Aug	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	St Nicholas Church	Holiday Activities For 4 to 10 year olds	St Nicholas Church Hall
Wed	9	Aug	6.30 pm	Dersingham Walking Group	4 mile circular walk from Junction of Green Bank/Ringstead/Holme Road	Map Ref; L132/708 420
Sun	13	<b>Aug</b>	10.30 am	Dersingham Minors Football Club	Pre-Season Mini Soccer Tournament	Pastures Sports Ground
Wed	30	Aug	5.00 pm	Dersingham Walking Group	4.5 mile circular walk from lay-by south of Ingoldisthorpe on B1440	Map Ref: L132/683 325
Wed	11	Oct	10.30 am	English Nature	Evening Guided Walk Dersingham Bog	Wolferton Hill Car Park

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For those readers who perhaps provide a local service but who do not currently advertise with us, you may consider a fee of from £10 for an eighth of a page per issue, to be very cost effective.

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**Articles for publication in the July edition of Village Voice** must reach the editor at 45 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Dersingham, before the **deadline date of Wednesday 5 July 2006 for publication on Wednesday 26 July 2006**. (Contributors who are promoting events should take note of this earliest date of publication).

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.

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