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Editor's Notes

I was waiting for Mrs Ed by the King's Lynn bus station the other day and noticed that nearly all the busses only showed their number to the front. They also had only a destination and little or no details of their route. Now as someone brought up on a diet of London Transport fare,

where route number, destination and places passed through were displayed on all four sides, it seemed to me that our local operators were missing a trick. How do you know what bus you have just missed as it disappears down the road? How can you recommend to others a certain route, if you get no subliminal education of its journey? Surely it cannot be too difficult, after all they managed it nearly a hundred years ago. (Not that I witnessed them in person of course, but there are photos.)



The featured fish this time is the plaice. When I was small I used to dread being ill or, more accurately, getting better. Yes, it used to bring me a new Matchbox toy or two, but mainly it meant meals of plaice fillets steamed between two plates over a black enamelled Judge saucepan that was cooking potatoes and having the 'feast' washed down with vile Lucozade. Ugh! The amber cellophane with which to view the sick room through did not make up for the foul taste! However things get better over the years and there are plaice recipes here fit for royalty. How about plaice fillets poached in Lucozade? No it doesn't bear thinking about.

Whilst on the subject of recipes I want start a recipe corner featuring those sent in by you. Don't hold back. We want to try your Aunty Gladys's mackerel dumplings with chocolate jus. Let your favourites pour in and we will print the best.

I have wondered for a long time why "D Day" was so called. What happened to A, B and C day? Up until now nobody I have asked has known. Not even my father who had a hand in organising the ships for the invasion, which must have been a first for the Army as his day job was in shipping and useful expertise was largely ignored it seems back then. He had no idea how the name came about. So the mystery ran on. That is until I mentioned it to Doreen Linford, when I collected a photo of that lady to go with her letter. Her suggestion was that it derived from the German "Der Tag" or the day. This has some believability about it but would we really have used a phrase of the enemy? Discuss.

As far as I can recollect, we have not shown any wedding photos in the past, but like busses - see above - two have come along at once. Granted one is forty years old but the other is fresh and I don't see why if you are getting married such events should go unrecognised. So do let us have pictures of our villagers getting hitched.

We will be working on the Autumn edition of Dersingham Data soon so please take a look at any entry that is relevant to you and check that all is correct about it. Additions, corrections and new bits are welcome so please get them into the office sooner rather than later.

Once again we have a varied selection of reading for you. In addition to regular contributors there are a few new names attached to fresh offerings. This is excellent and hopefully makes VV something for all to enjoy. With history, food, fiction and fact, ponds, news and what's on's here is your August edition.

Tony

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Dear Village Voice

Having heard many comments from local gardeners and the green-keepers at my local bowls club regarding a 'plague of rabbits', I was interested to receive a letter from friends in Australia (former temporary residents of the village and regular readers of Village Voice) drawing my attention to a problem to be found in Perth, near to where they live. A local newspaper "The West" published an article debating the merits of fresh or artificial flowers being placed on graves in Pinnaroo Valley Memorial park, set amid natural bush in Padbury in Perth's northern suburbs, ending with a comment that "At Pinnaroo, the kangaroos have taken to eating fresh floral tributes, forcing staff to put a wire cage over plots after wreaths have been laid."

I thank Ken and Peggy Thornton of Bullcreek for having sent me the attached photographs which they have requested the Editor to publish.

Bob Tipling



A friend included the following in a recent-mail: "Two maiden aunts on my father's side, Deb and Gert Garner, originally from Watton, long kept the Post Office at Dersingham. The two royal 'phone lines to London passed through the tiny manual exchange in their front room. The story goes that His late Majesty, to them their much-respected local squire, King George V, lay dying at Sandringham for quite a long time, which meant that newspaper

reporters stationed nearby had time on their hands and could be a first-class nuisance at the Post Office - the sisters banned them from their front-room exchange, even to defending it with the sharp end of a gamp. But imagine their horror when they found the reporter of their hitherto-respected Daily Mail had actually written His Majesty's obituary before he'd died!!

This discovery is said to have caused them and other family members at the time not only to change their daily paper but even to sell their few shares in the Mail's Associated Press. A different world from ours...". The photo shows Gertrude third from the left and Deborah fifth.

Adrian Wells

Old Picture Corner, June 12

I am behind the boy second on the left of the top picture It brings back lots of memories from the Junior School (the old youth centre) and faces from the past, its hard to believe its 35 yrs ago. I seem to remember walking from school past the Coach & Horses pub and just inside the pastures, I think that's where it was taken.

I look forward to see if anyone else agrees. Thanks for the memory.

Rob Neal

I have been looking at the June VV, picture corner on page 21, how I love these old photos. I moved back to the Village in 2009 after moving away for work in 1984. This is home, I was born



here and its great to be back.

I think I know some of the people and where it was, the photo was taken on the football field near the guide hut as we were at the school over the road. We had lots of dancing and a maypole for the silver jubilee.

The top photo includes, Steven Rose, Diane Daniels, Anita Hoare, Paul Ludlam, and ?Karen Walker, ?Louis Williams, the bottom photo has me on far left dancing, I think with ?

Timothy Willoby. One of the other dancers in Anita Hoare. You can also see Mrs Chapman standing in the background who was our teacher then headmistress.

If anyone has any other photos from this time I would love to see them.

Pauleen Pratt

I would go along with the sportsfield/pastures except that in the top picture the ground rises on the right and the lower picture has a bay window yet to be identified. Ed.



My sisters and I have enjoyed the letters in the February and April Village Voices from Debra Melton, Doreen Wright and Richard Patrick about Askers Yard which is opposite the funeral directors. Tom Woods was the brother of our great grandmother Lizzie Cross (nee Woods). We believe he is fourth from the right on the photo. We are not sure who the others are. Tom's wife, Hannah, and daughter, Florrie, were dressmakers. I remember visiting Florrie with my mum at her Centre Vale bungalow. My sisters remember Olive Pithers (Woods) living in Askers Yard in the 1950s. She would often stand at the entrance to the yard with a white apron on. Sarah Merrikim (nee Cross) was the sister of our great grandfather, William. She later moved to West Newton with her husband, Arthur, and children, Herbert and Alma. Frederick (smiler) Smith was the son of Ann Smith (nee Cross). She was the sister of our great great grandfather, John Cross. Their parents were Thomas and Sarah Cross, who, along with Ann and her husband, John Smith, are buried in Sandringham churchyard. Thomas was gamekeeper at Sandringham about 1840-1870. His father, William, came from Somerset in the 1790s with Henry Hoste Henley, who owned Sandringham Hill, starting as a servant and later as gamekeeper.



Jill Cross

We couldn't miss the opportunity of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Lavender Lacemakers of Dersingham meet every Tuesday for a group meeting, not only to make lace but the chance to have a regular get together for a social laugh and chat. Tuesday 5th June was the golden opportunity for us to celebrate the Jubilee as it was our usual day of meeting. We had a competition of decorating a hat anyway that you felt fit and the winner would receive a bone china Jubilee mug and it was a really nice worthwhile mug to win. We had the competition judged by an outsider so everyone had equal chance to win and the judging was done just before the party began.

The day started off nice and sunny, dry with a little wind. We put bunting up all around our

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sitting area. Then put all the tables together making them into a long line. Fingers crossed it would stay nice and dry for us to sit outside for the party. We were having a barbecue with two volunteers who offered to do the cooking for us, so while they sorted the barbecue up we laid the tables. The wind did get up a little more but everything was ready to go and with determination we wouldn't be beaten by the weather. So the party began. The food from the barbecue smelt appetising with salad and rolls. We were ready to eat. We also did a toast to the Queen and, yes, the weather held out for us. One of the lacemakers made a Jubilee cake for us which we ate later in the afternoon with a cup of tea. That went down really well and it finished our day off nicely. I have to admit not a lot of lace was made after our party. With everything packed away and saying our goodbyes it will give us something to remember in our way of celebrating the Diamond Jubilee.



Lynn Hallifax

Operation Overlord - a memory



I write this on the 6th June - a very poignant date, especially for those who remember the occasion and even more so for those who served in the military at that time. At the age of 19 I was posted from RAF Biggin Hill to Uxbridge, the H.Q. of No 11 Group Fighter Command, where I was employed as a clerk at the lowest level, arranging for pilots to go on conversion courses from fighters to the night-flying Mosquitos. "Careless Talk Costs Lives" was drummed into everybody; consequently our work was restricted and we were quite unaware of the plans being made by higher authorities.

This was illustrated clearly on the night before D-Day. Uxbridge, unlike Biggin Hill, was a non-operational station but, unknown to most of the personnel, played a strategic part in the planning. Only recently was I aware of the underground operations rooms and their significance. We had noticed that the large camp was gradually becoming full of various forms of transport. Every road was full of vehicles, and so we guessed that something was going on! There

was a large gymnasium on the camp and ALL personnel were strongly urged to attend an "All Ranks Dance" on the evening of 5th. The attractions were (a) we "irks" had the chance of dancing with officers and NCOs! and (b) an American-style swing band would be there. Needless to say it didn't take any persuading for us to go.

At 23.59 hours (midnight didn't seem to exist), the dance ended and we left to go back to our billets, which were the previous married quarters and VERY, VERY basic. To our astonishment, there were no vehicles left - Uxbridge seemed like a ghost town. Under cover of the extremely noisy band they had driven away and, because practically all the camp personnel were contained in the gym during the exercise, the chance that the secret would be disclosed was minimal.

As we now know, Hitler had expected us to use Calais whereas Normandy were the landing beaches on the 6th June. The way that the secret was kept is impressive when one considers the vast numbers of people involved; it would only have taken one person to "spill the beans".

Doreen Linford



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Parish Council Report from Emma Jackson

Lucinda Leonard, Development Officer from Norfolk Rural Community Council gave a presentation on the minefield of funding applications for the planned Village Hall and playground refurbishment at the meeting on the 28th of May. Lucinda assured the council that she would be available for advice and consultation on every step of any applications, and that their main funding contact would have to be the National Lottery, a process that could take 18 months.

It was requested that a Community Committee be appointed to deal with these applications, with each member holding a particular set of skills that would boost the process.

Any parishioners wishing to have their name added to the e-mailing list for copies of minutes and agendas of council meetings will now be able to do so by contacting the Parish Council.

There were three crimes reported last month in the village, one attempted burglary, one theft of four hub caps and criminal damage to a For Sale sign. Five minor acts of anti-social behaviour were reported but were dealt with at the time.

Norfolk County Councillor, John Dobson, updated parishioners and the council on the situation of the picnic site on the A149. The site, previously declared as being 'surplus to requirements' is under the management of Norfolk Property Services who are currently looking at options for usage, although there are no plans to sell the site at the present time as it is still under County Council ownership.

At the meeting on Monday 25th June the police told that there had been four reported acts of criminal damage reported for June: damage to the scout hut, a theft at Budgens and damage at Old Hall Drive. Nine accounts of Anti-Social Behaviour were also reported. Cllr Bubb voiced his concerns to the Police Officer over inconsiderate parking in Post Office Road, although Cllr Smith insisted that the vehicle in question did reflect the difficulties of parking in that particular road. Sally Bettinson the Norfolk County Council Highways engineer answered pre-arranged questions from both councillors and the public. The first question posed was why Highways choose to use tar and chipping as a method of mending roads. Ms Bettinson replied that it was a cost-effective method of sealing surfaces, preventing water contamination and subsequent freezing during winter so therefore reducing the risk of potholes.

Councillors questioned the removal of studs on many of the local roads and were told that this was necessary prior to resurfacing, but that it was not a legal requirement to return the studs within a 30mph limit. Ms Bettinson assured a concerned parishioner that a drainage survey was indeed being carried out in the village as Highways were aware that in some areas the pipe outlet and drainage capacity was inadequate.

Chairperson of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) Vanessa Blyth of the Carole Brown Health Centre was challenged by Vice Chairman Tony Bubb on early-morning conditions for patients at the centre. Cllr Bubb was extremely concerned that patients were not only finding it very difficult to make appointments over the telephone for that day but were then crowded into a small porch before being allowed into the main building. Mrs Blyth responded by asking anybody with negative experiences of the surgery to report back to the PPG as "we welcome any ideas for improvement as we can always do better".

"The appointment system", she continued, "is still open to criticism, but with increased ways to now book appointments no patient should have to visit the surgery in order to book an appointment. We book 10,000 appointments a month in Dersingham, but we are still one of the best surgeries in the area."

The issue of repeat prescriptions was raised by a parishioner, who told Mrs Blyth that the three working days as the time given for prescriptions to be picked up was inadequate and that this should be increased to five working days. Mrs Blyth did identify the problems with increased prescribed medication in all areas, and that perhaps the problem was possibly due to a system overload.

Cllr John Dobson, the Norfolk County Councillor assured councillors and the public that he would be objecting to the incinerator on grounds of referendum and democracy at forthcoming debates. On the subject of grass-cutting, Cllr Dobson told the council that the NCC had cut back substantially on money provided for maintaining public rights of way, although this could be challenged if the path remains impassable. It is possible for the parish council to take on the responsibility but Cllr Dobson felt this was unfair despite the complex and convoluted issues involved with dealing with the NCC.

There has been no news update on the A149 picnic site, but the council will be informed of any developments.

Borough Councillor Judy Collingham's main concern lay with the current construction of the tennis courts and its subsequent vandalism. "It is a shame", she said, "that a much awaited facility for the village should be brought to nothing by few uncontrollable minors". Cllr Collingham is currently looking at the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras on site as a deterrent.

The issue of onshore wind-farms was also raised, with Cllr Collingham informing the parish and public that the £100,000 spent by the Borough Council in supporting the local people's protest against the farms will not be spent again as all plans would inevitably go ahead. The guidelines for wind-farms originate from the Government, she explained, but it is up to us to lobby MPs and opinion formers in order to give ourselves a voice.

Elsewhere in the parish:

- The changing of the streetlighting contract has been agreed in view of the current contractors going into liquidation
- The Community Plaque Scheme, overseen by Cllr Berry, is currently gathering information on historic places and people within the village in order to commemorate them with a plaque
- The plans for the new Recreation Ground were available to view in the council offices

Spinach & Tomato Lasagne cooked up in the Bluebell Cottage Kitchen by Lindsey Davis with sister Kate

*1lb+ or 500g (2 x large bags) of fresh spinach
(could use frozen)*

*1½ pts (750ml) thin cheese sauce
(using a strong cheese eg mature cheddar)*

8oz (250g) no-cook lasagne

3 or 4 large tomatoes, sliced

ground black pepper

grated nutmeg



Heat oven to 200°C (Gas 6)

1. Sweat spinach in large saucepan and drain well. Spread over base of large ovenproof dish.
2. Make cheese sauce and add black pepper and grated nutmeg.
3. Cover the spinach with a layer of lasagne, then slightly less than half of the cheese sauce, then sliced tomatoes. Add another layer of lasagne, then remainder of cheese sauce. Sprinkle with grated cheese.
4. Cook in pre-heated oven for 30-40 mins until golden and bubbling.

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Early start for annual canvass

The annual canvass, which normally takes place between mid August and late November, is starting early this year because of the Police and Crime Commissioner elections which are to be held on 15 November 2012.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government directed councils to start the canvass at the beginning of July so that the new register of electors can be published on 16 October, rather than the usual 1 December.

Register of elector forms will be delivered to every property within the borough from a 2nd July start.

Mary Colangelo, Electoral Services Manager at the borough council, said: "The forms ask people to state who will be living at the property as at 15 October, but in order to process the forms in time to publish the new register on the 16 October, we are appealing to people to respond to the canvass forms as soon as possible. If the details are the same, people can use the text, phone or online options detailed on the form to confirm them.

"If there are any changes, then the form must be amended and returned to Electoral Services at the borough council. This is particularly important for any additions made to the forms, as these must be received by 8 October to be included on the new register which will be published on the 16 October."

Residents are required by law to either confirm their details using the telephone, text or online options if there are no changes, or to complete and return their canvass forms. Failure to do so would mean that they would be unable to vote in elections. Not only that, they would have broken the law which could result in prosecution. Not registering can also lead to difficulties when trying to obtain credit. □

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Dick Melton

Let's start with the mystery of where Cantelupe House is located. Well, I have still not found out which road it was in but I have found out that Mr Harry Cross, who lived there in 1905, was a professor of music and an organist at Sandringham. Let's hope that the readers of Village Voice will come up with more information.

Kellogg House

Suzy Daniels rang me up and asked me if I had ever heard of a house in Heath Road, Dersingham that was called 'The Kellogg House', but I had not. It seems that, a few years ago, Kelloggs ran a competition for the winner to have a house built on a site where he liked and the winner, whoever he or she was, chose to have it built on a site in Heath Road. Well I have worked long and hard on this one and the only house that I thought it might be in Heath Road is one called 'Cromarty'. Now when I was a boy a Mr Humphrey lived in this house with his niece, a Miss Fraser. Mr Humphrey had been chauffeur to Queen Mary and she would often go and visit him there. So it looked like I would once again going to need the help of Village Voice readers to sort this one out.



But I have just had my sister Janice, who still lives in Dersingham, on the phone and it looks like that she could have solved the mystery of the Kellogg House for me, as she remembers it well. It is not the house called 'Cromarty', No 11 Heath Road as I thought it was, but it is No 15 next door (there is no number 13) that is called, or was called in 1965, Brackenside. So thanks to my sister that is another mystery of Dersingham's past solved.

Royal warrants

A person I met in the street whilst walking around the village asked me if, as we were near to Sandringham, there had ever been any royal warrant holders in the village. Well, yes, at one time there were quite a few. Royal warrants are held by the individual and not by the shop or premises that they trade from. Mr Parker from Parker's Stores at the bottom of Sandringham Hill held one for many years, as did Mr Bill Playford the baker in Manor Road. Also in Manor Road, at the butcher's shop Mr Kerry held a royal warrant, as did Ken Milton who took on the shop after him. In Chapel Road Norman Towers held a royal warrant and then Ray Scoles. James Lambert, the ironmongers from Snettisham, held one for many years, and no doubt there were many more in the area that I can not think of.

Shernborne

I thought I would just at odd times write about some of the villages that are close to Dersingham, so this month I am writing about Shernborne and how it was in 1925, as it was described in *Kelly's Directory* for that year.

"Shernborne is a parish and village two and a half miles east from Snettisham and two and a half miles from Dersingham stations, both on the Hunstanton and West Norfolk section of the London and North Eastern Railway; also eleven and a half miles north-east-by-north from King's Lynn. The church of SS Peter and Paul is stated to have been the second church founded in East Anglia by St Felix. It was first built in about AD 640, but was entirely rebuilt in 1898 on the original foundations at a cost of £2,000 contributed by his late Majesty King Edward the VII, the then Prince of Wales. The oak seating was presented in 1919 by Charles Richard Bullard esq., who also erected the stained glass

window to the east in memory of Mrs Bullard who died in 1924. There are 120 sittings in the church and a fuel allotment of 16 acres in the parish for the poor of the parish. H.M. the King is the Lord of the Manor and the principal landowner. The soil is rather light, the subsoil chalky, and the chief crops are wheat, barley and turnips. The whole area of the parish covers 1,390 acres and the population in 1921 was 137.

The Parish Clerk in 1925 was James Ransome. Letters to the small post office in church road came via Ingoldsthorpe. Snettisham is the nearest money order and telegraph office. The public elementary school was built in 1876 for this parish and the adjoining district of Red Barn, Snettisham. It held 60 children and in 1925 the mistress was a Miss Annie Mitchel.

Queen Alexandra had a beach bungalow on Snettisham beach where she would often go to from Sandringham. When she passed away the bungalow was demolished and the carstone was used to build Shernborne Village Hall.

The village of Shernborne has not changed much since I first knew it as a boy, though the school has been closed down for many years and is now a private house. The little post office in Church Road has long gone; also there used to be boot menders in the same road. There are still two large farms in the village and about thirty-five dwellings. There used to be a thriving village club in the village that was used by many people but that was closed down about four or five years ago.

One last thing about the village of Shernborne. It is situated in a hollow so over the years, when we have had a lot of snow, it is usually one of the first villages in West Norfolk to get cut off. I well remember in 1958 Shernborne was shut off for five days and the only way in or out was on a tractor. Apart from that Shernborne is a small, pretty, typical West Norfolk village. Let's hope it stays that way.

Dersingham Old Hall

I was asked the other day what I knew about Dersingham Old Hall. Well, in 1910 my grandfather Mr William Drew-Melton sold paraffin from a shop (tin shed) in his garden at Tresco Cottages in Manor Road. One of his best customers was Mr Theodore Jannoch, who had a lot of greenhouses in his garden behind the Old Hall where he lived, and he used paraffin for the heaters. One day he asked my grandfather if he wanted to buy the Hall and the land that went with it for £1,000 but unfortunately my grandfather could not raise the money. During the Second World War the Hall was used as a billet for troops from Canada and Newfoundland, as was St George's School up Dodds Hill. After the war it was used for all sorts of things: the main building was turned into flats; a barn at the end was made into a dance hall with a club house between that and the Hall; the local Toc H Branch used the club as head-quarters for many years. There was a lot of land that went with the hall, including a meadow with a pond in the middle, also a wood and I can remember a local family living in there in a caravan. Also we would get travelling fairs and circuses set up on the meadow at least twice a year.

At one time the meadow was ploughed up and a Mr Jacobs grew barley on it. He also kept a lot of chickens on the land and some pigs in the outbuildings. The outbuildings were also used as an auction centre by Mr Peter Leach (the man in the red waistcoat). After that it was turned into the Gamekeepers Lodge pub and restaurant. So you can see over the years the Old Hall at Dersingham has led a very varied life. No doubt even now that most of the Old Hall has been taken away it will still be known as Dersingham Old Hall and Jannock's Corner. □

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Ion Trewin Ponderings

The pond that Sue and Ion Trewin had inherited when they moved from Dersingham to a house nearer Snettisham, had been dredged, the spoil spread liberally around the garden and left to dry out. But what did the pond, which appears on the first, nineteenth-century Ordnance Survey map of the area, yield?

‘Do you have any fish?’ That has surely been the most frequently asked question about our pond. Given the attention of a visiting heron early on we had lost even the goldfish in our small circular feeder pond, but it was not until we dredged the big pond that we could be certain what it contained under the coarse water buttercup that covered much of the surface. Public ponds often deliver up old boots and rusting supermarket trolleys. We had one old glass ginger beer bottle (minus its stopper) and very little else. But fish?

We had been told that at some time in the past fish had indeed been introduced into our pond, but as the long-armed dredgers completed their work it was clear that none had survived. To our surprise the dredger bucket did, however, bring up one large eel. Our first thought: how did it get there? Various theories were suggested. It had begun life as a tiny eel, had come along the river Ingol, transferred to a dyke that feeds the Ingol from the surrounding fields and then made the final few yards across land and into our pond. Someone else suggested that it might have been supper for a passing bird, who in its excitement dropped it.

I had recalled fishermen catching eels in the River Ouse forty years before when we holidayed at St Germans. What I didn’t realise was that eels could live to a great age. How old was the eel in our pond? We shall never know; it was certainly large, and it was thrown back in.

We watched with fascination as the pond quickly refilled from the winter rain and the springs in the adjoining field. The pond water was at first an impenetrable sage green, but gradually began to clear. Take a full glass, we were advised, and let the water settle. Not potable perhaps, but far cleaner than the pond before dredging began. We also began to consider our surroundings. The spoil that had been spread all around was, despite the wet weather, beginning to dry out, cracking open impressively like the surrounds of a dried up desert waterhole. In one area seedling nettles predominated; elsewhere wild flowers, with Queen Anne’s lace predominating. We had been told that the resulting soil was rich in nutrients, which sounded promising for whatever we decided to grow.

One weekend we collected so much wood debris that the bonfire lasted well into the evening.



Another day we tackled the rhizomes of our water buttercup, which had floated to the surface following the dredging. We finally learned that botanically it is *Nymphoides peltata* or yellow floatingheart. Unlike water lilies its flowers are unimpressive; it had also taken over three-quarters of the original pond surface. We do not wish it to return.

We should say something here about the

wildlife that our pond and its surroundings attract. On our arrival we had more than sixty-five ducks in semi-permanent residence.. As a result of the dredging this figure immediately fell to single figures. However our garden provides ideal surroundings for all manner of wildlife. As I type a shelduck is shepherding its brood of seven ducklings across the pond. Her mate is in attendance. One morning we were visited by a muntjac.

But let Sue take up the story: ‘For me the most interesting thing has been animal and bird behaviour. Why would a duck sit on her eggs for days, proudly take her new family down to the pond, parade them around and within a day or so, only have one or two left? Does this indicate bad parenting or just bad luck? Why would our moorhen style a beautiful nest (see photograph) within the yellow flag irises, lay six eggs, then not tend them? Why do crows mob our barn owl – surely they cannot compete with this powerful bird?’



‘I always thought weasels were shy creatures – not this one! Up on the terrace he came, resting on the top step with neck extended, apparently

taking in the sun’s rays, then off he went, in search of eggs, I guess. I could never have imagined that looking out of the window could be so much fun, and so rewarding. Turn off the computer, turn off the television and just watch and listen. It’s free!’

Clearwater, the pond company who dredged our pond, are about to return to level the dried out spoil and seed much of it. Our plan is a lawn from the house to the pond; a wild flower meadow adjoining the field to the east; and the woodland naturalised with spring bulbs and plants that enjoy the shade. I’d be surprised if all this proves as easy as it sounds. More of this next issue. □

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Old Picture Corner

Two views of Lynn Road this time. The older one taken no earlier than the mid 30's, judging by the Austin saloon parked in the distance though it is probably 40's in date. What is different? Well lampposts, new windows, more white lines but really very similar but less drab.

We know that mains gas arrived in the late seventies but when did sewers, mains water and electricity get here and, like the gas, did it start on the main road and work outwards? Perhaps some of you can remember. There clearly was no power cabling visible in the top picture or, come to that, manholes.□



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News from Ingoldisthorpe C of E Primary School.

Literacy and story writing.

We have been hearing a lot in the press about falling literacy standards in schools. At Ingoldisthorpe we are very proud of our good standard of writing. This month I have included this lovely story written by one of our year 2 pupils.

The Amazing Pebble.

In the dark woods I saw flowers in the bushes. The bushes are green. It was then the path was getting bumpy. At the end I swept my forehead and carried on my way. Then I saw a pebble. It was shiny. It was no ordinary pebble. When I picked it up I started to fly to the top of a mountain. Then I saw snow leopards and yetties. Up on that mountain the yetties had sharp claws and one of them followed me. Then the pebble transported me home. Then the pebble lost all its colour and beauty. Now it looked grey. When I got home I had a party. The pebble had still got its power inside. You had to knock it together to get the power out.

Written by Kit age 7.



Gold Award.

An excellent piece of news is that we have now been officially awarded the Gold Artsmark by the Arts Council for England.

We are very proud of our arts at Ingoldisthorpe. We have a range of clubs linked to the arts including: art club, dance club, drama club, hand bells and Make and Do. This is an art and craft club run by the older children for the younger ones.

We also have a range of summer art projects both indoors and outdoors.

One of the highlights of our year is preparing

and displaying work for The Sandringham Flower Show. This year we will be creating work linked to the sixty years of the Queen's reign.

Keith Twaites, Head teacher, Ingoldisthorpe Church of England Primary School.

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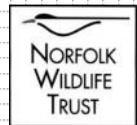
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This free workshop has been designed to show you the basics to recording wildlife.

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A Jubilee Concert to remember

Our Dersingham community achieved a rousing finale to a busy Jubilee week by hosting a sell-out Jubilee Concert at St Nicholas Church on Saturday June 9th.

Just as we were beginning to relax after the weeklong festivities, the jubilant tones of Norfolk Brass, supported by the mellifluous voices of 30 members of the Kings Lynn Festival Chorus, brought us to a fitting crescendo with Coronation cadences in the over-flowing pews of St Nicholas Church.

As one who helped organise the event I confess to concern over achieving the correct musical balance with an award winning brass band performing for the first time with members of the Festival Chorus. No need to worry! Under the expert direction of David Stowell with support from Heacham organist, Adrian Flower, the right musical balance was struck and the audience was treated to a virtual feast of pieces ranging from those such as Zadok the Priest (Handel) and Walton's Crown Imperial, which were performed at Her Majesty's 1953 Coronation, to upbeat film, jazz and West End music such as Titanic and the King and I. The aisles were rocking and we were entertained by David's witty commentary; we even had a "world premier" of a new arrangement of the National Anthem

Nearing the end of the evening, Kings Lynn Festival Chorus treated us to an atmospheric rendition of Wesley's "In Perfect Peace", and then ... well it just had to be Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory with full audience participation to finish off a unique celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

St Nicholas Church in Dersingham has carved out an enviable reputation for organising top ranking cultural and musical events. It is interesting that our reputation has spread around West Norfolk and certainly on June 9th there were many in the audience from all around our region. A plea to Dersingham residents – please add your support to local events!

Norfolk Brass is regarded as the premier brass band in East Anglia and never fails to give enormous pleasure on the concert stage. They will be returning to Dersingham for the eagerly anticipated Christmas Concert on Saturday December 8th – a note for your diaries. Also to note is our Last Night of the Proms on September 10th. □

David Collingham

MAKE YOUR CUPPA COUNT FOR CANCER CHARITY

Macmillan Cancer Support is once again preparing for its largest annual fundraising event, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. In 2011 over £10 million was raised across the UK, and this year Macmillan wants to break that record and help even more people living with cancer.

Though the given date for the event is 28th September 2012, participants are reminded that they can hold their Coffee Morning for the charity on any date of their choosing.

Whether at home, in the church hall, at the village fete, on the beach or in your workplace, a Coffee Morning for Macmillan can take place anywhere you choose. It's all about having fun, eating cake and making a big difference. Even £1 can help cancer patients and their loved ones across the region and beyond receive vital emotional, medical, practical or financial support.

Helen Chapman, Fundraising Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support said: 'Last year over £300,000 was raised in Norfolk from 1,700 events. It would be wonderful if readers who have held events before could go one step further by raising an extra £30 at their events. If everyone did this we could potentially raise a further £50,000 – enough for a Macmillan nurse for a year!'

There are currently 2 million people living with cancer in the UK, and as treatments improve this is likely to double to 4 million by 2030. Macmillan needs your support now more than ever.

Macmillan is most famous for its nurses but we do provide other support including a free phone line for anyone affected by cancer, financial support for things like hospital trips and we also campaign for better cancer care. So every cup of coffee on 24 September really will count.

Registrations are now open. Go to www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 602 1246 to receive your free fundraising pack and help make 2012's World's Biggest Coffee Morning the biggest one ever for Macmillan Cancer Support. □

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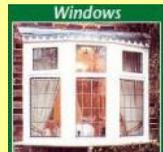
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The Sandringham Newsletter

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The weather in April and May has affected most of the departments of the Estate; in April in particular, rain was recorded on all but five days giving a total of four inches for the month, compared with half an inch last year.

Farm staff were not able to get onto the saturated fields for most of the month. The cereals are looking quite good, but the sugar beet is suffering with the continued heavy rain and cold temperatures. Cool weather in April slowed flower bud development on both the apples and the blackcurrants, although the regular rainfall kept the young blackcurrant cuttings with a constant supply of water to help them establish and grow; at this time last year we had already started to use irrigation to stop them drying out. Beehives were moved into the orchards on 30th April to assist with pollination when the flower buds opened in early May.

In the gardens, planting of dahlias and summer bedding has continued, and the cool wet weather probably helped the plants establish themselves well. Rhododendrons and azaleas have begun to flower in the gardens, although the displays of purple rhododendron ponticum along the roadsides which are such a feature locally in spring were delayed for several weeks by the continuing cool cloudy weather.

In the Museum, the two children's miniature cars which were lent to a Paris exhibition have now been returned after almost a year's absence. All of the miniature cars and quite a lot of the State and private vehicles from the collection went away for a short time as they formed part of the Cartier "Style et Luxe" display at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in late June. The display was mounted in support of the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust, a charity run by the Association of Royal Warrant Holders which aims to further British craftsmanship by offering grants to fund education in modern and traditional crafts and trades. Vintage cars were lent to Sandringham by a member of the Association so that the Museum did not look empty.

The weather did not seem to have put people off visiting the House and Gardens, particularly over the Jubilee weekend, when the Visitor Centre was very busy indeed. People living and working on the Estate were invited to a Beacon party on 4th June, which included singing by the Sandringham Junior Choir and a fireworks display afterwards, and then on 12th June almost 4,000 people from Norfolk and Suffolk were invited to a Garden Party in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of York. On this day there was blue sky and sunshine; brass bands from Hunstanton, Taverham and Norwich played on the bandstand and at the end of the day there was a Beating Retreat by the Band of the Royal Marines Collingwood.□

Festive Decorations

At the Parish Council we sometimes get comments about our lack of seasonal festive street decoration in Dersingham. Although we try to defend our own position as a council, we are nevertheless happy to support groups and individuals who would like to contribute time and/or resources to make a difference here (as is the case with neighbouring towns and villages).

If you have any thoughts or offers of help for street decoration then do please get in touch with the office (01485 541465 or email: clerk@dersingham.org.uk) and we will arrange a meeting to discuss it.

Cllr Steve Davis

Old Girls Patch by Meetze

Guess what? I woke up today and it was raining. Every time I stop napping for a minute or two, all I can hear is raindrops on the window. No sunny spot for me in the whole house!!! I must write a strong letter to my MP. Sidney has the same problem. He is searching the house for a warm spot as well as Johnnie is.

A new shelf appeared on the wall and our female human put some things on it. She kept rearranging them for hours. When she was finished, Johnnie jumped up and had a closer look at them. She did not like them very much and pushed one by one off onto the floor. Most of them just fell onto the floor and bounced a bit, but one actually multiplied with very strange noise when it hit the floor. The noise made Sidney and Vlad disappear and our humans appear. Johnnie, who meanwhile made herself comfortable on that shelf, was told off and a noisy sucking monster was brought into the room, who sucked everything off from the floor. The noise made Johnnie run off as well. Then that monster was taken away and the 2-legged female arranged those things, which Johnnie pushed onto the floor earlier, again onto that shelf.

Then one morning we had new furniture arriving for us. Unfortunately I was too late. Before I could get round to look at it, it was already occupied by Sidney, Johnnie and Vladimir. I will investigate later, when the teenagers are called by their belly into the kitchen. That shouldn't take too long.

Our humans do not go out either. They either produce nice smells in the kitchen and eat afterwards or they are looking at a changing picture opposite the settee. Sometimes the picture is very interesting. Like when a couple of male humans with a stick push nice looking colourful marbles around on a bit of square grass. The only strange thing is that those marbles keep disappearing in holes and the grass is not on the ground. Vladimir tried to fetch one marble, but he was out of luck.

The shelf, which was put on earlier in the week, has now been converted, as Johnnie kept pushing everything on it down just to snooze on it afterwards. It has been converted to a bed with a nice cosy blanket for us. Honestly, what a stupid idea to put obstacles on a napping spot in the first place. I don't know... Humans!

The teenagers are now all in the kitchen and I can smell beef. Not really my cup of milk. But that gives me time to sniff our new furniture out. It smells divine. There is scent coming off of it that I do not recognize. Another cat!!! Do we have a visitor? Or a new member of the family? Or is this second hand furniture? Whichever the case, the top hammock is very comfy. And it fits me like a glove. I can see everything and everybody from it, but when I curl up nobody can see me which is not necessarily an advantage, as I found out, when Vladimir jumped onto me in the middle of a test nap. He thought the hammock is empty. It gave me a fright and I screamed. That little outbreak caused a chain reaction. Vladimir got scared by my scream and ran off, I tried hard to get up from that hammock to hide somewhere, but failed. The humans came running into the room thinking god knows what happened. Both of them spotted Sidney and automatically thought he was up to no good and told him off. Poor Sid, not knowing what just happened, walked off sulking and hid under the sofa. Unfortunately for Sid, that was where Armani was sleeping. Now she started hissing and Sidney got told off even more by our humans, so he run into the bedroom, where, will you believe it, Beauty was sitting right in the doorway. She was not expecting Sid or anybody else coming in and started hissing and growling and hid under the bed. The humans did not take long to arrive in the bedroom, and the only one visible was Sidney. Now he got told off big time. Sid, not knowing what to do next jumped onto the chest of drawers and from there onto the wardrobe. On it, he started cleaning, lost his balance and..... fell off the wardrobe with a big bang. Not Sidney's day today. □



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The Plaice



This bottom feeding flatfish is common around northern European waters and is a popular addition to many menus. It tends to bury itself in sand during the day and come to shallower waters to feed at night. Its distinctive orange spots single it out from its cousins, the dabs and flounders.

Sole Vin Blanc

Poach seasoned fillets in a little white wine containing some finely chopped onion. Remove the fish and reduce the liquid by half and finish with a little double cream. Stir in some halved, seeded and peeled - if you can be bothered - white grapes and some chopped parsley. Pour over the fish and serve with celeriac puree and sautéed potatoes.

Goujons de Plie

The original fish fingers. Cut the plaice into inch wide strips across the fish, having removed the skin if you wish, then coat with seasoned flour, egg and breadcrumbs before gently frying or baking in the oven. Delicious hot or cold, make up a spicy dip or two for dunking purposes and serve with fried rice cooked with fish stock. □



Dersingham Community Lunches

and

Budgens



Jonathan James, Managing Director of James Gravens, has asked me to arrange a

ONE-OFF Dersingham Community Lunch

to be held at St Cecilia's Catholic Church Hall on Friday 21 September 2012.

The food for this event will be sponsored by James Gravens Budgens with members of Dersingham Evening Women's Institute doing the catering.

Those attending will be asked to pay a nominal £1.00 entry fee, and a raffle will be held, the proceeds of both of these will be presented to the W.I. as thanks for their efforts.

If you wish to reserve places for members of your organisation for this event (bearing in mind that places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis due to a limit on numbers) please apply in writing as soon as possible to;

Bob Tipling, 45 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Dersingham, Norfolk PE31 6JQ
or by e-mail to;
robertipling@talktalk.net

David Bingham Bronze

“It is entirely seemly for a young man killed in battle to lie mangled by the bronze spear. In his death all things appear fair.” — Homer, *The Iliad*

In Britain, the Bronze Age began around 2,100 BC and lasted until 750 BC - a time when momentous, and often violent, events were taking place in the Near East and around the Mediterranean. This contrasts with Bronze Age life in this country, which appears to have been peaceful with a benign climate and plenty of space for farming, fishing and hunting. Britain also had deposits of both tin and copper, the raw materials for making bronze. Copper is relatively plentiful and widely distributed but tin is much rarer and this would have made this country's deposits a very valuable resource. We have neither tin nor copper in Norfolk and the arrival of the Bronze Age would have meant the end of our local flint mines. Nevertheless, there is plenty of evidence for the existence thriving Bronze Age communities in this part of the world. The remarkable appearance of the enigmatic structure known as Seahenge on Holme beach is just one of the windows into this world. I was amongst the first to trek across the beach at low tide to stare at this strange artefact. The Seahenge display in King's Lynn Museum lacks some of the mystery that excited those of us fortunate enough to be there when the tides and currents first revealed the circle of timbers and the central upturned tree. The archaeologists have done a great job in preserving the timbers, dating the construction, interpreting the cut marks and even finding traces of the ropes made of honeysuckle stems used to move the logs. However, what Seahenge meant to those who constructed it may never be known - so it is still a mysterious and wondrous thing.



We also have what was obviously a Bronze Age sacred landscape in this part of the world. The round barrows that can be seen in the fields next to the road between Anmer and Houghton Hall are just a few of the numerous examples of Bronze Age burial mounds to be found in this area. The high ground to the west of the rivers Tat and Wensum also has Neolithic long barrows and the significance of this landscape must have continued into the Bronze Age. The round barrows were constructed in the early Bronze Age (15,000 BC – 13,000 BC) and are protected ancient monuments. This designation has also protected the grassland on and around them from the worst excesses of intensive agriculture. When I stopped to take the photograph a storm was brewing and a skylark sang above my head. At times like this it is just about possible to get an insight into what this place meant to the local Bronze Age people.

Important people would have been buried in round barrows. However, Bronze Age society in Britain appears to have been reasonably equal in so far as the roundhouses the population lived in were all of a similar size. Wealth and power will have come to those who owned and controlled bronze objects. Bronze Age stone and wood circles, round barrows, roundhouses and the circular patterns picked into rocks are peculiarly British phenomena not found on the continent – where rectangular houses were the norm. People must have had a cyclical view of life and death in Bronze Age Britain. The saying ‘what goes around comes around’ has a resonance with these beliefs. What's harder to understand are the Bronze Age rituals that involved breaking perfectly good valuables, such as bronze swords, and throwing them into water – rather like smashing your new iPad and slinging into the Ouse in King's Lynn. Evidence of these rituals have been uncovered at Flag Fen near Peterborough where visitors can view the well preserved remains of a large wooden platform that once joined dry land with an island in a lake. Many deliberately broken Bronze Age artefacts have been found alongside this platform. The remains of a Bronze Age boat

that is on display in the Dover Museum had had its stitching deliberately cut before being sunk - rather like cutting the wiring loom in your Porsche before pushing it into the river after your iPad!

The best preserved Bronze Age landscapes in Britain are found in the West Country. Dartmoor's huge Bronze Age field systems and stone rows are worth seeing, but West Penwith in Cornwall is the place to go to see impressive Bronze Age menhirs, stone circles, quoits, fogus (underground chambers) and dolmens. These monuments are set in a wild landscape of gorse and heather and it is thought that a worsening of the climate in the late Bronze Age led to the local people abandoning their homes. The land hasn't been agriculturally productive since then, which gives the area a ghostly abandoned feel. Local superstitions attribute healing powers to many Cornish megaliths. I've climbed through the Men-an-Tol (holed stone) the required three times and circled it in a clockwise direction - I can't recall whether this was to cure a kidney disease or to make me pregnant!



I still have a few Bronze Age things I'd like to poke my nose into including the Dover Boat – the museum was closed when I called last week due to a burst water pipe. I would also like to visit the Bronze Age copper mines on the Great Orme. Last year there was a major find of Bronze Age artefacts near Whittlesey, which is said to give our best ever view of Bronze Age life in this country. The Bronze Age wooden boats found there are in excellent condition and they have even found eel traps that are very similar to the ones used on the Fenland rivers to this day.

The Bronze Age ended when the metalworkers of the Hittite Empire in Anatolia (modern day Turkey) discovered how to carbonize iron and make steel. This led to the mass production of cheap weapons and put an end to the wealthy Bronze Age elites whose fortunes relied on skilled craftsmen producing fine bronze weapons and other valuables. I will write about the Iron Age in the next article. □

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Village Voice Live **Tuesday 5th June** **Jubilations!**

This was Village Voice Live's contribution to the Jubilee Celebrations finishing off the Bank Holiday but starting at the earlier time of 6pm to include families and more elaborate "party" refreshments than usual. Not able to be there at the start myself, (after having cleared up from the afternoon celebration in our own street), I missed Uncle Mick's Punch and Judy presentation involving the obligatory sausages and encounter with the Law, which he preceded with a few conjuring tricks that I am told were very well done.

What was a great disappointment was just how few folk turned out to share in this extravaganza, of entertainment, quizzes and the soothing strains from our local *Gentle Jazz* trio. I guess the majority of regular customers had other celebratory commitments or were just *Jubileed out* by the end of the extended holiday period. Still at least with low numbers my chances of winning one of the worthwhile raffle prizes increased dramatically!

Village Voice Live on the first Tuesday evening of each month at the normal starting time of 7:30pm in St Nicholas Church Hall is such great value at £3.50 (including raffle ticket and refreshments). The next two events from the varied programme are always advertised on the back of this magazine and posters appear on notice boards around the village. I always try to go regardless of what's on offer and feel the richer for it! Suggestions for future topics or events are, I am told, always welcome; even more so when accompanied by the offer of help! Hope to see you there sometime.

Brucie

Tuesday 3rd July **Birds of Snettisham and the South Atlantic**

It was buy one get one free night at Village Voice Live as Jim Scott, Manager for Snettisham and Titchwell RSPB Reserves, gave two talks, with birds as the common theme, hopefully more than compensating those who arrived thinking they would be hearing the cancelled RAF Marham talk, now scheduled for February next year.

During the first half of the evening Jim talked about his day job and in particular the reserve at Snettisham. Briefly describing the location of the reserve, stretched along the eastern coast of the Wash from Wolferton to Heacham, the importance of the tidal estuary of the Wash as a feeding ground for vast flocks of resident, seasonal and migrating birds, and the history of the gravel pits which flooded in 1953 to create the rare brackish lagoons which now provide shelter for these birds. However, the main emphasis was on the birds themselves, with many excellent photographs to illustrate the rare individuals and the flocks of the more common as they clothe the lagoon shores or perform their amazing aerial ballets.

In the second half, Jim described his "trip of a lifetime" to the South Atlantic which he undertook a few years ago. Starting with a brief stay in southern Argentina, then a month long voyage in a small passenger ship; first south to the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, just as winter and the pack ice was starting to close in, then via the Weddell Sea to South Georgia and, continuing north, to Gough Island, Tristan da Cunha and finally Ascension. Although there were a few anecdotes about the trip, once again it was the photographs that held the attention; on land the penguins and seals and from the boat some amazing close-ups of many species of albatross, petrels and other birds; whales, dolphins, icebergs and sunsets also featured.

A longer than normal evening for Village Voice Live but I suspect most will have enjoyed the amazing selection of photographs and expert bird identification provided by Jim Scott. The only adverse comments I heard were on the comfort level of the seats over such a period!

Whiffler

Dersingham Scouts & Guides Celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

On Saturday June 2nd all the planning, preparation and organisation came to fruition when over 100 Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers and Rainbows, their leaders, helpers and members of The Trefoil Guild descended upon the Dersingham Scout & Guide HQ to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style. The young people aged from 5 years upwards came from all the groups that meet in Dersingham; 1st Dersingham Rainbows, 1st & 2nd Dersingham Brownies, 1st Dersingham Guides, 1st Sandringham Guides, 1st Dersingham Beavers, 1st Dersingham Cubs and 1st Dersingham Scouts. In the weeks leading up to the party many of the groups had helped in the preparation by decorating bunting and posters to hang up or by making cakes, biscuits and jelly to eat. On the morning of the party the leaders arrived early to blow up a hundred balloons, make hundreds of sandwiches and put up tents, tables, bunting and flags, so everything was ready for 2 o'clock. One of the flags dates back to wedding of the Queen (then Princess Elizabeth) and Prince Philip in 1947.



As a gift to St Nicholas Church, the members of 1st Dersingham Rainbows, 1st and 2nd Brownies and 1st Dersingham Guides have all been putting stitches into a commemorative kneeler, which we presented to Rev Michael Brock, which he then blessed. He also blessed and dedicated the new troop flag of the 1st Dersingham Scouts. This enabled a quiet moment of reflection before the celebrations truly got underway.

Following the dedications everyone gathered around the craft tables to make themselves two jubilee-themed crafts; a crown to wear and a crown-shaped tea-light holder. These were decorated using gems, union flag, crown and London-themed stickers or felt tips. Once everyone had completed those, the tables were cleared and some of the leaders and helpers began to get them ready for eating by using a roll of union jack covered table cloths; for everyone else it was time for the games. Everybody was split into teams containing a mixture of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides & Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We played many variations of tunnel ball, under, over and under, around the side, passing the balloon along using only your knees and relay races using stilts, sacks and egg & spoon. We then came to the friendly, but extremely competitive tug-of-war competitions with similar age groups against each other, so we had Rainbows vs Beavers, Brownies vs Cubs and Guides vs Scouts.

It was then time to eat, two long tables laden with sandwiches (egg, cheese, jam, ham), crisps, carrot and cucumber sticks, grapes, sausages, sausage rolls, cup cakes, crispy cakes and Jubilee Jelly (red jelly, white cream and blue, red and white sprinkles) had been set up inside the HQ. All this food very quickly disappeared as the 100 hungry young people filed past the tables. We also had two giant "60" shaped cakes which, following a ceremonial cake-cutting by one member from each unit present were cut up, so everyone had some Jubilee cake to take home. All the food was assembled on union jack plates, trays and stands and everything was eaten and drunk from union jack decorated plates, bowls and cups. When we celebrate something, we celebrate as hard as we can, we don't do anything by halves. Everyone enjoyed the food and there were a lot of empty plates.

As we drew towards the close of our celebrations we had some prizes and presentations, firstly a raffle with the prizes donated by the Sandringham Estate. We had three prizes; Girls (Rainbows and Brownies), Girls (Guides and Scouts) and Boys (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts). We also had our own commemorative badge designed, all the units took part in the competition and a neutral judge chose the winning design (a compilation of several designs). Each unit was presented with a certificate bearing the winning design in recognition of their taking part. We have since hung a frame in our HQ containing all the national Scout & Guide Jubilee commemorative badges that have been issued since the Silver Jubilee, to which we have also included our own Diamond Jubilee badge.

We finished off the celebration with a traditional Scout and Guide campfire singsong before singing the National Anthem. Everyone went home very happy, with their two crafts, a piece of Jubilee cake, our souvenir badge and union flag necker. It was a very successful celebration and



we hope all those who attended, from the youngest Rainbow to the oldest Leaders will remember the day and be able to say that was how I celebrated the Diamond Jubilee. □ *Lynn Wheeler*

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Dersingham Walking Group

Our walk on the evening of the May Bank holiday (7th May) organised by Steve & Lindsey Davis proved very popular. After a very unpromising wet May Day Bank Holiday afternoon, a well-timed break in the weather enabled a party of 17 of us to enjoy a walk from the Old Station in Dersingham (Semba's Yard) along the beach track down to and around the Snettisham RSPB reserve during the high evening spring tide. Very obligingly a variety of birds were there to be seen including a spectacular flying display of knot, some sporting their attractive orangey-brown breeding plumage. All in all this was a very pleasing visit.

Only two days later, our next walk (9th May) seemed threatened to be a wet affair with some heavy rain prior to the start, however luck was with us and the walk was completed in the dry. The venue for this walk was Gayton Thorpe. Elizabeth Fiddick led a party of 8 on a walk encompassing paths around the village and to Soigne Wood.

At last, a warm sunny afternoon on Tuesday 22nd May for our walk at East Rudham, this was led by Steve Martyn. 17 people assembled on the village green & we followed lanes & tracks to eventually reach the dis-used East Rudham railway station, which is a considerable distance from the village. We crossed part of Rudham Common to reach a lane back to Pockthorpe then returned to the starting point. To round off the afternoon some of the group enjoyed tea & cakes in "The Pantry" tea rooms.

The rain did just manage to hold off for the walk on the Thursday 7th June. Led by Steve & Lindsey Davis, 10 people arrived for a walk through Hunstanton Park and continuing to Ringstead Downs. Whilst in the Downs a slight detour was taken to a newly created picnic area situated in an old chalk pit. This area is still being developed and will incorporate a woodland trail also.

Wednesday 13th June saw 11 walkers assemble at the village car park just outside the main gate at Holkham for a walk around the Park led by Christine Taylor. A steady drizzle welcomed the group, but this soon dried up giving some sunny spells later. Passing from woodland to farmland where set aside edges had a lovely display of wild flowers, to reach the "Great Barn", the location of Coke of Norfolk's "sheep shearings", the forerunner of today's County Shows. A short break was taken at the Obelisk giving a fine view of the Hall and parkland. From here we passed a hunting lodge, hidden behind trees and down the hill to a seat with a bronze sculpture of the Earl of Leicester & his dog. From here the walk passed the lake, with many species of wildlife in evidence, returning to the starting point via the Monument and through the woods.



Details of our next walks are:

TUESDAY 31st JULY

Starting at **2-00pm** from the Leziat Village Hall [Map ref: L132/680192]. A parking charge of £1 per car will apply. Keith Starks [01485 542268] will lead a 4½ mile walk around Bawsey Lakes.

WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST

Starting at **2-00pm**. A circular walk, around Roydon Common and Grimston Warren. led by Pat Reed [01485 540757]. Meet at the Car Park approx. ¾mile from Knights Hill on the right of Lynn to Grimston road. [Map ref: L132/680230],

TUESDAY 14th AUGUST

Start at **2-00pm**. A circular walk of 4½ miles around Houghton, led by Valerie & Michael Smith. [01485 540728]. Meeting place is the car park opposite the West Lodge at Houghton. [Map ref: L132/777289].

WEDNESDAY 29th AUGUST

Starting at **2-00pm** from the car park at Thornham harbour [Map ref: L132/727444]. Steve Martyn [07879 885516] will lead a 4½ mile circular walk from Thornham.

WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

Starting at **2-00pm**. A walk around Dersingham & the Fen will be led by Steve & Lindsey Davis [01485 543138]. Meet at the Dersingham War Memorial, on the corner of Station Road/ Hunstanton Road. [Map ref: L132/686309].

WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

The walking group has been asked to provide a short walk of about 2-3 miles to help support the “Change of Life” week being organised by Dersingham Library. The starting time will be 2-00pm, meeting at the library and is open to anyone who wishes to join us. Apparently the library is providing some refreshments at the end of the walk.

*There is **NO CHARGE** for these walks: just turn up on the day (wearing suitable clothing and sturdy footwea. **WELL BEHAVED** dogs are welcome provided they stay at the rear of the group. The leaders are happy to organize and lead these walks but stress that each participant must appreciate that there are hazards associated with walking and take responsibility for their own safety.*

If you would like more information please contact me or the walk leader.

Michael Smith, ☎01485 540728. e-mail. mival.smith2@tiscali.co.uk

Youth Club

The New Dersingham Youth club has started, and we are now into its second week, with twenty two members so far.

We are situated at the Dersingham Village Social Club every Tuesday night from 1800-2100 hours, with an entrance fee of £1 each.

Any young Dersingham residents aged between 12-17 years old are welcome to attend. We have wii games, pool and darts, and are open to any other suggestions as to what the members would like to do.

We will continue throughout the summer holidays, so please come along and join us. If anyone would like to help or if you have any questions, please contact me on 101, at Dersingham Police Station.

PC 9062 Maria Lambert



St Nicholas Church News

On Sunday 1st July we welcomed our new Curate the Reverend Julie Boyd who was ordained at Norwich Cathedral. We enjoyed a Bring & Share in the Church Hall after the Service so that people could meet and talk with her and family.

Picture below is of Julie with her husband Matthew being introduced to the Church Congregation on Sunday morning by the Vicar Michael Brock.



Events Coming Up

Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 8th September, 7.45pm

with the Bilton Silver Band and Soloist Liz West.

This will be the 3rd year they have entertained us, and each time it has been to a full house.

Tickets are available, price £10, from Hadyn Martin on 10485 544561.

ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

September 27th to 29th

Local artists paintings and demonstrations, photographic display
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Craft Stalls & Refreshments in the Church Hall 10am to 4pm



Our Vicar and Family involved in Bicentennial Celebrations

Think of the year 1812 and we here perhaps associate it with the fated exploits of Napoleon against Russia. Look up the year on the Internet however and all that will be totally swamped out by articles relating to it being the year the United States declared war against Britain over Canada, and of the many events taking place in commemoration. Eventually commanding all British forces in Upper

Canada (*present day Ontario*) and becoming Administrator for the whole province was one *Major General Sir Isaac Brock (1769-1812)*, born to a large influential family on the Island of Guernsey and *first cousin five times removed* to our vicar Michael Brock. Leading the successful defence against the vastly outnumbering US forces, Sir Isaac finally lost his life at the otherwise victorious Battle of Queenston Heights but he is hailed as the hero and saviour of Upper Canada. He gives his name to various monuments, roads, streets, the *Brock University* and even the city of *Brockville*, located in Eastern Ontario on the shores of the St Lawrence River and directly opposite Morristown, New York.

So it was that over the long weekend of 22nd-25th June, Michael and Carolyn Brock, their children, baby grandson Isaac and members of the wider Brock family, fifteen in all, were invited as VIPs to Brockville during the course of their 3rd Annual 1000 Islands Wine and Food Festival which this year commemorated the life of Sir Isaac



Brock. After they had all paraded around to Courthouse Square, Michael got to unveil the refurbished bust monument of Sir Isaac at its rededication, make a speech to the suitably dressed assembled company and be presented with a copy of the provincial parliament act that designated the 13th October (the day he died) as Sir Isaac Brock day in Ontario together with a picture of the monument. They were also treated to an official visit and conducted tour of the historic site of the strategically built Fort Wellington, where amongst other things son



Tim took great delight in the ceremonial firing of a cannon aimed across the water to the United States!

There are quite a few references to this event that can be called up online simply by Googling "*sir isaac brock descendants*" but here are a couple of YouTube videos worth seeing, (be patient with the adverts!): -
youtu.be/TooYpUlaxrM
youtu.be/37AW5mKSJd8

My one disappointment was that they didn't provide period costume for our vicar! □

Steve Davis



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Co-operating in play

Dersingham Day centre for the Elderly by Alice Worth



On the 6th June the Day Centre celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We had been planning for the party for several weeks and our volunteers made a great job of decorating the Church Hall, which was no easy task with its vaulted ceiling. All those concerned did a superb job and made the old Hall look very festive both inside and outside. The handicraft section, under the guidance of Carol Drew, had made sure that all the Members had a Jubilee hat of one sort or another on the day. The gentlemen with little hair proved a challenge but in the end all were fitted out in a variety of red/white/blue.

One long table was beautifully and appropriately decorated for our special luncheon, which was followed by a quiz based on the Queen's life. There were five very competitive teams, each with a mixture of members and volunteers. The quiz proved very popular with everyone, so we intend to have more of them in our Autumn programme.

We had a special Diamond Jubilee cake for our afternoon tea and then we closed the party with a rousing rendition of all our patriotic songs. We sang our national songs with pride and gusto and

I must admit I was glad the Church Hall roof had been repaired in the last year, otherwise our singing may have literally raised it.

On the 13th June the Junior School Choir from St. George's Junior school came to entertain us after lunch. They sang a medley of well known songs, which we joined in, but I think the most popular with the choir and the audience was My Grandfather's Clock. The children sang this with lots of actions, which made us all smile. They were a delight to watch. They had a soft drink and a Mars Bar when they had finished and then just before they left, and as a special finale, they sang Happy Birthday to one of our Members, Mr Bill Batchelor. We hope they will come and sing to us again.

The 16th June was the Dersingham Day Centre's annual Flag Day under the auspices of the Alexandra Rose Day Charity. The weather on the Saturday morning left a lot to be desired with a very cold wind and rain threatening clouds. However, all our volunteers turned out with their collection boxes and much to our delight collected a total of £400.49p. In view of the present economic climate and the really awful weather that morning we were delighted to have done so well. To everyone who gave us a donation on the day and to the local traders who supported us a very big Thank You.

Our last meeting before our summer break was on Wednesday 18th July, and we hope that all the work to the Church Hall will be finished in time for our return on Wednesday 5th September.

Please remember, if you know of anyone who might benefit from coming to the Day Centre on a Wednesday then do contact me on 01485 544673.□



Sandringham Squirrels

by Alan Coleby



Girl squirrels

Ella
Eve
Cassie
Thora

Stories for children: a group of eight young squirrels play, feed and explore in the woods of Sandringham.

Boy squirrels

Scot
Chip
Barney
Gus



Fruit of the Orchard

It was a warm day in late summer, and Scot met Cassie, walking with Eve. He knew his mum had taken Ella off early in the morning to go and get a bird's nest she had found. She wanted to take it back to the drey and make the place more comfortable for the winter. Scot had heard his mum telling Ella the birds had finished with it, and it was cup-shaped. She thought they could take it home to the drey and add some moss that she had found.

So there was Eve, walking slowly around with Cassie.

'We're going to find some nuts to eat,' she told Scot, 'but we get a bit tired of beech nuts and chestnuts, so we are going to find some hazels.'

'Oh no,' said Scot. 'The thing to do with all nuts is to bury them so that you can dig them up in the winter when there is nothing else to eat.'

'Why shouldn't there be anything else to eat?' asked Cassie.

'Well, we haven't lived through a winter yet,' said Scot, 'but we'll find that all the fruit that there is around now will die off and rot. That means we can't eat it and there's only nuts to eat. So we save them.'

'How did you know that?'

'By going around with Barney and Chip. Barney is older than any of us and he has seen the changes in the seasons of the year, but we haven't.'

'What do we eat now, then?' asked Cassie.

'Ah!' said Scot, and he rubbed his front paws together and there was a gleam in his eye. 'Fruit,' he said, happily.

'What sort of fruit and where do we get it from?' asked Eve.

'We get most of it from the orchard behind the fence which runs along the back of the gorse,' said Scot, still looking happy and smiling. 'There are apples and pears. They're good if you're hungry because they are big and they are sweet and they are juicy.' He said these last words slowly and carried on smiling with pleasure as he imagined a picture of the fruit.

'That all sounds good,' said Cassie and she, too, smiled at the same imaginary picture.

'But if you want something that is really sweet and tasty,' said Scot, as if he was teasing the girls, 'there are cherry trees as well. They are the best of the lot.'

'I've never seen or tasted cherries,' said Eve. 'How big are they?'

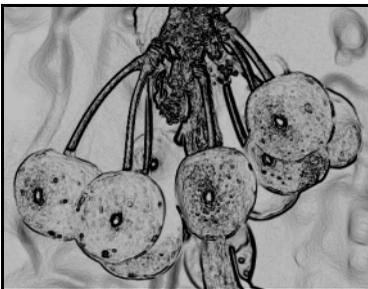
'They're small and round and pretty to look at,' said Scot, enjoying the fact that he knew more about fruit than the girls did. 'There's a stone in the middle that you have to be careful to spit out.

If you spit it into the right place, it will grow into a new cherry tree,' he said, laughing. 'Shall we go and look?'

'How big is that fence?' asked Cassie.

'Oh, it's OK,' said Scot, trying to make light of it. 'I climbed over it with Barney when we went looking for hens' eggs. It keeps dogs in and foxes out. If you like, you can follow the fence along past the side of the gorse bushes and then it goes round the corner and gets lower. There's only wire round the farmer's field beyond that.'

The two girls preferred to follow the fence to the corner



and climb the lower part and they had to run back to where the orchard trees were. Some apples and pears had fallen to the ground. They ate their fill of those before Scoot showed them where there were a few cherry trees. They had to climb to thin branches and reach for the cherries, which they ate as they picked them.

‘Cooooee! You weren’t kidding us,’ said Eve, as she munched a mouthful, the juice oozing out of her lips and running down her chin. ‘They are the best things I have ever tasted.’

Before the others could reply, they were so shocked they nearly fell out of the trees. A dog was making a terrible noise barking, and was coming straight for them.

‘Quick!’ shouted Scoot. ‘Get into the middle of the tree near the trunk. Now go round the other side. Keep the trunk between you and the dog. He’ll never climb up, so just keep him from seeing you.’

Eve and Cassie did exactly as Scoot said. All this was new to them. They had never eaten cherries before. They had never seen a dog, but they were frightened by the noise. All the growling and snarling and barking sounded so fierce that they knew they had to keep away and hide.

So they moved around the tree trunk every time the dog came round to have a look at them. They knew they were trapped in the tree. They had no idea for how long. But they were not leaving it.

Suddenly, the dog stopped barking. They heard it run past their tree and it was going as fast as it could go towards a tree over by the farmhouse. Then they all saw a cat shoot up the tree away from the dog.

‘H’m,’ said Scoot. ‘Just about the only animal that can chase us by climbing. I don’t like cats, but that one did us a favour.’

They were soon down the tree and over the side fence. The girls wanted to go home but Scoot called them back: ‘Hey! In this field there’s a fruit as good as the cherries. They looked back at him, puzzled. They could see only a tufty green field. Then they saw Scoot grubbing away among some shrubs on the ground. He stood up, holding up things that weren’t berries or any kind of fruit that grew on trees. They were small, soft and red, and dotted with very small seeds.

‘Strawberries!’ he yelled, and he threw one at each of the girls. They quickly ate them. Already full with apples, pears and cherries, they squeezed some strawberries down into their stomachs. Soon they were so full, they decided to head for home. Just as they were going through the gorse bushes, Eve called to Scoot. ‘What’s this?’ she asked, looking down at something in her hand. Scoot bent his head down to look at it. Eve quickly pushed her hand up into Scoot’s face. He was covered, dripping with strawberries. He dashed to the pond to wash it off. The girls laughed all the way home. □



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Steve Davis

An' it don't seem a day too much

This year seems to be becoming quite noted for milestone celebrations: the Queen of course with her Diamond Jubilee; two couples we know in the village have celebrated their Diamond and Emerald (55th) wedding anniversaries respectively; (can anyone top that?) St Nicholas Church here has its 50th Flower Festival, and the

Dersingham Evening WI has had its 50th anniversary. BBC's Songs of Praise in May covered the 50th anniversary of the "New" Coventry Cathedral, (I remember well doing a project on it at school just after the opening consecration). By the time this issue reaches you, the 2012 Olympics will be well underway, and the week after all that finishes, Lindsey and I will be celebrating our slightly more modest Ruby (40th) wedding anniversary!

Anniversaries do seem to induce a nostalgic reflective mood, so you must forgive me mine. In August 1972, having just completed my industrial training year at International Computers Limited (ICL) in Kids Grove in Staffordshire, I was back to being a student about to enter the final year of my degree in Computing Science at North Staffordshire Polytechnic in Stafford as a kept man! Lindsey, by then had already worked seven years as a bank clerk in the Stafford branch of Martins Bank, which much to the staff's dismay had relatively recently been taken over by Barclays. (Fans of Dad's Army may recall that Captain Mainwaring was manager of the Walmington-on-Sea branch of Martins Bank!) We had met in Stafford at Eastgate Congregational Church Youth Club in 1969 at the start of my degree, started going out in 1970 with a date to see Dr Zhivago. Then with our mutual love of walking the heather and forest clad expanses of Cannock Chase combined with her gentle contented nature and creative dexterity with an old Jones treadle sewing machine and a pair of knitting needles, I was completely hooked and we were married in the same church two years later. Though Lindsey's parents made all the arrangements for the reception, I do remember a few of the things that we really splashed out on – (future couples consider well!) – Official Photographer including album with 20 full-plate photos (black & white of course) together with some 50 quarter-plate proofs to choose from: £15 – Hire of Rolls Royce: £7 – Honeymoon apartment for a week in Llanfairfechan, including transport from and to railway station: £14.50 – (Lindsey of course had made her own wedding dress and those of her two bridesmaids!)

After our first year together in Stafford renting a flat over a small Post Office, we moved to Harpenden in Hertfordshire for me to work in the computer department at Rothamsted Experimental Station, a pioneering centre for world wide agricultural research and development and Lindsey to the Harpenden branch of Barclays (where local resident Eric Morecambe banked). We rented "The Garden Flat" at the back of a large house with attractive garden, just across the road from a large park through which I would walk to work. But with little prospect of ever owning our own home in the immediate vicinity, after just 15 months we moved back to Stafford where we managed to buy a house and the first of our children was born. I worked for four years as a computer programmer back at North Staffs Poly again before being appointed as a Lecturer in Computing at Mid-Kent College in my original home town of Chatham and our next 29 years just drifted by with highs and lows living in the adjacent former city of Rochester, gaining two more children along the way and eventually our first grandchild!

It will soon be six years since we moved away from our old life to be in Dersingham, and how we feel the overall quality of life has changed for us in that time. We find involvement with the village and surrounding area very absorbing and are really appreciative of the neighbours and friends around about who have helped shape what we consider to be the most mellow and enriching chapter of our lives. At the same time we are increasingly conscious of having moved further away from our immediate family and with our role call of grandchildren currently standing at four and my parents not so mobile as they once were, planning our next visit or get-together is

never far from consideration, but at least we currently have the flexibility to do so and, like many in our position, wonder how we ever managed to fit in full-time employment!

This issue of Village Voice for me marks the completion of four years worth of writing articles, though I realise that that is nothing compared to some of our regular longer serving contributors. Our esteemed editor does however remind me from time to time that my original brief was to be the technological correspondent! It is just that these days I find that life has so much more to offer than what I feel is my somewhat Neolithic approach to and love/hate relationship with computing, so if anyone with a more up-to-date committed approach to modern technology with all its social networking trimmings wants to take over that mantle I would willingly relinquish it! Nevertheless to fulfil my technical content obligation for this issue, it was said back in 1965 that the number of components that can fit into an integrated circuit chip doubles each year and this prediction has continued to be the case to the present day. 40 years ago I wrote software to run on my college's ICL System 4-50 computer that occupied an air-conditioned, air-filtered and high electricity supply room about the size of the main area in our Church Hall. The actual central processor unit of the computer occupied a space of about four double wardrobes with an array of flashing lights at one end. As I recall, it had a main program memory of 256 kilobytes (kilo actually=1024x in computer jargon); my modest laptop now has 3 gigabytes (giga=1,000,000,000x); we then had around four wardrobe sized reel to reel magnetic tapes for data storage and four disk drives, each the size of a large washing machine and would take a single large multi-platter magnetic disk pack with a capacity of 8 megabytes (mega=1,000,000x) of data. My laptop has a built in disk capacity of 320 gigabytes, and the memory capacity of the postage stamp sized SD card that I use in my digital camera holds 16 gigabytes, though they can hold many times that, and the mini and micro SD cards used in mobile phones within a much smaller space too!



Back then printing was generally using a large cumbersome line printer costing goodness knows how many £1000's that printed results in fairly uneven lines of greyish black capital letters, figures and symbols on stacks of continuous sprocket fed folded paper (albeit at 600 to 1200 lines per minute). Now you can pick up a slightly slower but full-colour printer that doubles as a photo copier from Tesco for less than £30! They were good pioneering days to be in computing though, and it was possible to develop original and unique solutions in uncharted problem areas, whereas now it seems that just about anything anyone ever wants to do, has already been done by someone else somewhere! Alas, nobody wants me to write programs for them now or even knock up the odd spreadsheet for that matter (cue violins). Still I am very grateful for modern developments in electronic communication and the way it brings family and friends closer together. Even though I still tend to spurn involvement with things like Twitter and Facebook I can now have a remarkably clear video conversation with my 86 year old mum who without leaving the comfort of her armchair can operate the Skype facility built into her new Smart TV! Should I make it to that age myself and assuming Lindsey can cope with me that long, we could be celebrating our 65th wedding anniversary, arguably referred to as a Blue Sapphire one, because for me ...there ain't a lady livin' in the land, as I'd swop for my dear old Dutch!

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Love your Green Bin

This year I celebrated American Independence Day (4th July) with a very interesting conducted tour of the impressive Norfolk Environmental Waste Services (NEWS) Materials Recycling Facilities Plant at Costessey. Here we got to see the household recycling waste as collected from our green bins arrive, be dumped and fed into the system for sorting, grading and packaging for resale, a process which if unhindered should take just 7 minutes.

As you know our green bins are for card, paper (not envelopes), plastic bottles (uncrushed and minus the tops) and rinsed out cans – both steel and aluminium. The message I received really is to be thoughtful and considerate

in what we put in our green bin and not be tempted to try to bend the rules even just a little.

Contamination will at best affect the recycle value and at worst will result in the whole consignments of packaged waste having to be ditched or the processing system grinding to a halt, inevitably wasting money. We actually witnessed the whole plant stop for 10 minutes whilst a rogue diabetic syringe was painstakingly retrieved.

The machine actually distinguishes between 3D and 2D objects and sorts them accordingly, thus a crushed plastic bottle can be taken for a sheet of card and ends up on the wrong conveyor belt. Of course there are an army of human sorters in the noisy, hot, dusty and less than fragrant atmosphere at the initial and final stages who at lightning speed are grabbing items and throwing them into this hopper and that as they pass by, but inevitably some 15-20% of items have to be diverted back around the whole process again. Paper is reprocessed as paper, so envelopes should not be included as the gum and windows are not suitable; (they apparently can now be bagged and taken to the local recycling collection points along with other recyclable items not suitable for green bins). The gum used on cardboard boxes is not so critical as it can all still be processed into lower quality card. Do NOT put magazines into a plastic bag before placing them in our bins as bags are not to be opened by operators and the whole thing with contents has to be rejected

In order for recycling to work, its sorted resale value has to remain profitable and at least cover costs. If it makes a good profit then this can be ploughed back into the provision of more facilities enabling the recycling of other materials (as is the case in other parts of the country) so that the whole system of recycling in Norfolk can be improved over time, but it is largely up to us, the consumers, to take our recycling seriously, play it by the rules and make a difference!

A good video of the whole recycling process at Costessey can be watched by searching YouTube or directly online at: youtu.be/xmbEHqOySxI □

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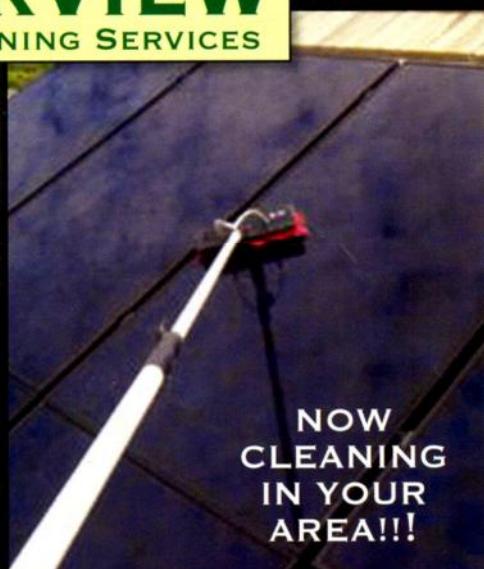
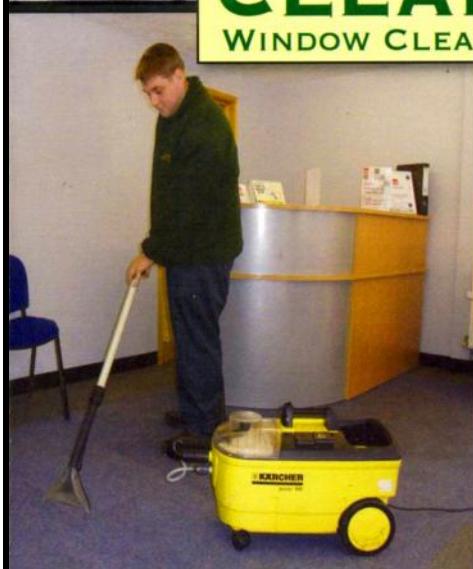
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News from St Cecilia's Catholic Church

Our annual Strawberry Fair was held at St Cecilia's, Dersingham on Saturday 23rd June, with all the usual stalls and tombola and of course delicious strawberry teas. This is one of the Parish's major fundraising events and we thanked God for the much improved weather on the day. The event raised over £800 for parish funds.

We had another very enjoyable Ladies Lunch on Saturday 12th May. It was very well attended and there was a delicious and varied array of foods on offer.

The 14th May was a memorable evening at St Cecilia's Church when the local Cub Pack paid a visit. Parts of the church were labeled and many questions were asked about the 'Altar', 'Tabernacle', 'Lectern', 'Reredos', 'Chalice' and 'Ciborium' etc. As the evening went on, the children made a 'prayer tree' which was placed near the Sanctuary. Green cardboard leaves were cut out and a ribbon attached so they could be hung on the tree. For the remainder of the evening they spent some quiet time composing their prayers, which were written with great thought and love, mainly for their families and their pets.

Visitors are always welcome to all Parish events and to our services throughout the year. Refreshments are served after the 11am Mass every Sunday at the Church in Sandringham Road, Hunstanton, and after the 9am Mass at Dersingham on the first Sunday of the month. We also have a friendly and informal gathering after the 10.15 Mass at Dersingham on Wednesdays. Do come and visit –all are welcome and we'd love to see you.

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Parish Councillor Chris Davey and his wife May's daughter Lorna Jane was married at St Cecilia's to Simon Golds on 7th July on a day of sudden showers and patchy sunlight, so the church's marquees were very useful.

On Your Marks Summer Holiday Club on 28/29/30 August

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Dersingham Bowls Club

Following the official opening of the season on Saturday 14 April by the Club President, Bob Meredith, the season started well with the first day providing adequate weather for bowls to be played and for the subsequent buffet meal to be enjoyed by those members present, but, following this, a number of internal matches had to be cancelled due to the torrential rain making the green unusable. So much for the hosepipe ban which had caused the committee to install a number of new water butts to keep the green watered!



The club held its first 'Cup Day' on Bank Holiday Monday, when over 70 bowlers contested the Edie's Cup. Considering it rained all afternoon the standard of the bowling was very good, and, despite the rain all the members enjoyed themselves. The members provided a wonderful buffet and a raffle was held for club funds. Winning through to the final were Graham Keeley and Lily Bridges with Graham winning a ten end final but only by one shot!! The cup was presented by club chairman Richard Bridges who thanked all the bowlers who had taken part

and also the many helpers who contributed so much to make the afternoon a huge success.

On Monday 4 June members bowled for the Institute Cup. 24 bowlers took part and after preliminary rounds Ros Letts, Richard Burden, Derrill Collins and Helen Young made it through to the semi-finals. Richard beat Helen in a ten end final to win the cup.

Tuesday 5th June saw the club holding a 'Jubilee Fun Bowls Day' attended by 40 of the club's bowlers who enjoyed a 1950s buffet provided by the ladies of the club. During the afternoon the bowls matches were accompanied by music from the 1950s. During the buffet Vice Chairman, Dick Murrell, proposed a toast to 'Her Majesty The Queen'.



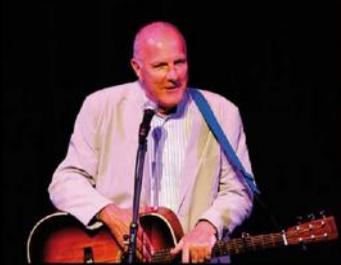
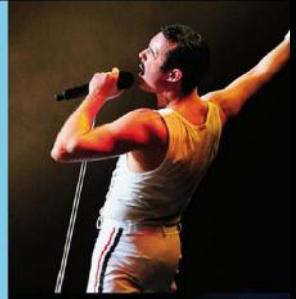
On Saturday 16th June the club held the first leg of the 'Ladies v Men' bowls match followed by a fish and chip supper. This event was attended by 40 club members. The fish and chips were supplied by 'The Village Fryer', the service was excellent and the food was first class. Oh! By the way, the match was narrowly won by the men!!! □

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Greetings from the manse



In the years after 1611 the text of the King James Bible was produced in different centres by different printers, consequently successive printings of the Authorized Version were notably less careful than the 1611 edition had been, compositors freely varying spelling, capitalization and punctuation and also over the years, introducing about 1,500 misprints. One edition of 1631 had the omitted the "not" from the commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery" earning the name "Wicked Bible!" I mustn't laugh because I did a similar thing some years ago much to the mirth of the congregation! The two Cambridge editions of 1629 and 1638 attempted to restore the proper text – while introducing over 200 revisions of the original translators' work, chiefly by incorporating into the main text a more literal reading originally presented as a marginal note.

By the mid-18th Century the wide variation in the various modernized printed texts of the Authorized Version, combined with the notorious accumulation of misprints, had reached the proportion of a scandal, and the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge both sought to produce an updated standard text. First of the two was the Cambridge edition of 1762 edited by F.S.Parris. This was effectively superseded by Benjamin Blayney's 1769 Oxford edition, which became the Oxford standard text, and is reproduced almost unchanged in most current printings. The editors of these revisions sought consistently to remove those elements of the 1611 and subsequent editions that they believed were due to the vagaries of printers, while incorporating most of the revised readings of the Cambridge editions of 1629 and 1638, and each also introducing a few improved readings of their own. They undertook the enormous task of standardising the wide variation in punctuation and spelling of the original, making many thousands of minor changes to the text; although some of these updates do alter the supposed sense, as when the original text of Genesis 2:21 "in stead" (Old English for place, hence, "in that place") was updated to read "instead" as an alternative.

In addition, Blayney and Parris thoroughly revised and greatly extended the italicisation of "supplied" words not found in the original languages by cross-checking against the presumed source texts. Unfortunately, Blayney assumed that the translators of the 1611 New Testament had worked from the 1550 Stephanus edition of the *Textus Receptus*, rather than from the later editions of Beza. Accordingly the current standard text mistakenly "corrects" around a dozen readings where Beza and Stephanus differ. Altogether, Blayney's 1769 text differed from the 1611 text in around 24,000 places. Since that date, only six further changes have been introduced to the standard text - although 30 of Blayney's proposed changes have subsequently been reverted. The Oxford University Press paperback edition of the *"Authorized King James Version"* provides the current standard text.



The texts of the books that were later to comprise the New Testament were neither fixed in stone nor flawlessly reproduced. They were copied by hand, one manuscript serving as an exemplar for the next, copied by errant human beings of differing degrees of ability, temperament and vigilance. The earliest scribes were by and large private individuals not paid professionals, and in most cases their work was not checked for accuracy. A bit like my articles! As we have seen, mistakes, scores of them were made. In recent years scholars have another set of questions. "Were any of these "mistakes" intentional alterations?"

It seems that there is evidence to suggest that some were. After all the copyists were warm blooded Christians living

in religious landscape of wide ranging theological debates that mirrored vast diversity that existed in early Christianity. Copyists and scribes must surely have been aware of these crucial issues and debates that raged in the early centuries, debates about the person and work of Christ, the nature of salvation and authority in the Church to name just a few. Did their passionately held convictions affect the way these Christians copied the texts that they construed as Scripture? Many scholars would say that the evidence points to the conclusion that they did indeed. Scribes of the second and third centuries altered their texts of scripture at significant points in order to make them more orthodox on the one hand and less susceptible to heretical construal on the other. Their motivation in the heat of controversy was to make scripture at crucial points say what they thought and believed it clearly said in its entirety and totality. One would have thought that those espousing what became to be condemned as heretical views were responsible for altering and corrupting the text. However it is the case that orthodox hands were responsible for textual changes to support orthodox views and deny scriptural support for the views of their opponents. Walter Bauer, writing perhaps the most important work in its field, "Orthodoxy and Heresy in early Christianity" in 1934, suggested that diversity became uniformity rather than the traditional view that a primal unity became compromised by dissent and diversity in early Christianity. The use of scripture was an important tool then as now in maintaining the right beliefs, which is the meaning of "orthodoxy."

There are so many examples that could be cited to show alteration of the text. I shall mention just one as space does not permit more. At the baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:22) the oldest well attested manuscripts has the divine voice saying that Jesus is God's "begotten" son. This was displaced by the doctrinally orthodox "beloved" son in later manuscripts. Some Christians believed that Jesus was completely human and "adopted" or elected or anointed by God at that moment and endowed with special powers. The orthodox community held that Jesus was God's divine son from before the beginning, uncreated and un-begotten. It was this view that became the official line in time as the Trinitarian relationship in the Godhead became formularised and fixed and other views denounced and postscripted.

Many orthodox writers were aware that various groups were altering their texts to suit their purposes and to claim scriptural support for their views. One expressed this view at the end of his book (Revelation 22: 18-19) as we find in these verses a standardised curse formula to protect the text of his apocalypse from malevolent tampering.

In conclusion, I hope this mini series has rekindled a connection with the Bible and its message. I know that I have taken a different route in order to achieve this aim. I believe that modern scholarship and its methods enhance the reading of scripture. Others would sincerely and legitimately disagree. I would simply point to the text. It is first and foremost to be read and wrestled with as both inspired word and historical document. □

With every blessing, Rev. Kim Nally



The World of Antiques by John Vost

Strictly speaking the term ceramics includes glass as well but, given the enormity of the subject, we are going to address only porcelain in this issue. Furthermore we are only dealing with porcelain made in this country in the 18th century.

The first manufactory in England was in Chelsea around the 1740's - about the same time as porcelain was introduced to Europe; the opening of this factory was quickly followed by the Bow manufactory. English porcelain of the period is soft paste which means that you can make a mark with your fingernail on the base, something you cannot do with the hard paste porcelain favoured by our European neighbours.

This is a complex, highly specialised subject for a number of reasons. One is that factories didn't put their name of the base as they did later on. Another reason is that many items were copied and then, copies of copies were made in an attempt to capture the market with favourable shapes of the period by the different producers. Even the French got in on the act, a man called Edme Samson, a Parisien, was copying work from just about every European manufacturer there was, including Chelsea and Bow wares.

As a consequence identification is often extremely difficult. The clues lie in a number of areas. As already addressed English porcelain is almost always soft paste, the glazes tend to be creamy in appearance and the shapes in the mid-18th century tend to follow the same or similar shapes produced in silver wares. Whilst full factory marks didn't really appear before the 19th century you will often see what may only appear to be a squiggle, or a painted star, or scratch marks or even a number on the base of a cup or saucer but, to those in the know this can provide important information such as who the decorator was.

Tea wares, by this I mean tea bowls or cups and saucers and occasionally tea caddies, but rarely teapots (at the time these would have been made of silver), are rare survivors, unsurprising given their fragility. Tea, like porcelain, originated in China, both were extremely expensive when they arrived in England and both came under the command of the lady of the house who kept them under lock and key. This (see image) simple octagonal saucer dish was made in the Bow factory around 1745, the decoration reflects the origins of the material and the beverage drunk from it – it is extremely rare and has a value of around £5,000!



Seeing the success of the two early factories many others opened up shop, some of them survive today such as Worcester and Derby but they are a shadow of their 18th and 19th century operations.

Closer to home the Lowestoft factory opened up around 1756 and closed down at the beginning of the 19th century – it was long lived compared to many similar operations. Today Lowestoft porcelain is much sought after by collectors and some of the prices realised are truly staggering. Again it is extremely difficult to identify as many of the blue and white products closely resemble wares from the Worcester factory. This simple inkwell (see image), nothing more than a souvenir at the time it was made around 1795, is a rare survivor and today would fetch around £4,000.



As I said this is a large and complex subject but, fortunately, there are numerous publications readily

available covering every factory. If you are looking to start collecting this subject it is very worthwhile because, today, everything is so well documented but you will need very long pockets to buy the early wares.

If any readers require advice or information about a particular item then please contact me, John Vost, with a photograph if at all possible at enquiries@vosts.co.uk.

In the next issue we will look at pottery in an attempt to deal further with ceramics. □



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Dersingham Lace Makers

6th Dersingham Lace Day



The day started at 7.30 a.m. when the caretaker unlocked St. George's School for us. The first job was setting out tables and chairs and getting tea and coffee ready to serve. The raffle table and display of work was set up by Jose and Mavis. At 9.30 a.m. the first lace makers started to arrive.

They came from as far apart as Oulton Broad, Bury St Edmunds and Rutland. We had a beading workshop which was well attended both morning and afternoon. There was also a competition involving a lace flower brooch which was won by Josie Hartopp.

The new Mayor and Mayoress of King's Lynn arrived at 11.30 and spent a very enjoyable hour talking and admiring the lace making. It was very interesting for us to hear from the Mayoress, who being Maltese told about her family and their lace making in Malta. They also admired our lace and cross stitch design of the Dersingham village sign which was made as a tribute to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This was made by Jose Oakley and Barbara Lake. It then went on display for the Jubilee weekend in the library.

In the afternoon the retiring Mayor and Mayoress came to present Lindsey from Tapping House with a cheque for £380. They also spent quite some time looking and talking about lace making and the beading workshop.

In no time at all it was 4 p.m. and time to clear the hall and tidy the kitchen, return cups and saucers to the Sandringham Bowls Club and take down our lace signs. We all agreed it was a lovely day and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to our team of helpers who we couldn't do it without. □

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The Old Enchanted House

Elizabeth Fiddick

There is certainly one place in this village that still speaks eloquently of its long history. If you take a walk across the pastures opposite our church, where now sheep quietly graze and rabbits scuttle away, you cannot help but notice the mounds, ditches, mysterious hollows and undulations that fill one corner. If you look on any ordnance survey map of the site you will see the markings of a square and the word Moat. This was the site of Brookhall, one of the seven Manors that made up the village of Dersingham. A family named Brokedish owned this property in the 13th century and it was later granted to Sir William Capel, once Lord Mayor of London, who died in 1516. His son Sir Giles Capel inherited it and from him it passed to a John Pell. The Pells, who were descended from a soldier who had come to England with William the Conqueror, came from a village in Lincolnshire. An Alex Pelle is recorded living here in 1403 and in 1465 one John Pell rented a considerable amount of land including some in the pastures area. There is a document dated 1549 that records that a John Pell bought from Paul Warne houses and lands in Dersingham, Ingoldsthorpe, Sharnborn, Sandringham, Newton and Anmer. This John Pell had married Margaret Cletheroe the heiress of a King's Lynn shipping family and he and his father-in-law shipped wool to the Lowlands. The wealth of the Pells grew and they made frequent purchases of land in and around Dersingham. John is listed as one of the prominent merchants in Lynn.



There were obviously buildings at one time within the confines of the moat and a survey of the site conducted in 1985 speaks of the moat and immediately to the south of it a fine set of

fishponds. However during the reign of Queen Mary 1 (1553-1558) the Pells built a fine house close to the church and the pastures that would over the centuries become known as Pell's "*Old Enchanted Mansion*" (Haunted as we would say now.) But a map of the area drawn in 1720 clearly shows that the moated site was clear of buildings by then and in the tenancy of a man called Dunham. The area is intriguingly referred to as The Round a bout. On the opposite side of the road, closer to the church, is the plan of a large house with a substantial walled garden. When I look at the area now I wonder if that old carstone wall opposite the surgery encircling church



cottages marks the area where the old house and its garden once stood. This then was the Pell's house and the family's wealth continued to increase. By 1601 John had six ships named after his sons William Jeffrey, Valentine, Thomas, John, and Andrew with which he was shipping wool not only from King's Lynn but also from their own port at Wolferton. This John Pell died in 1607 and his tomb can be seen near the altar of our church with the family coat of arms emblazoned on one end, his six sons kneeling on one side and his three daughters on the opposite side. During the English Civil War Valentine Pell was appointed High Sheriff of Norfolk and unlike his Royalist neighbours, the Cobbes of Sandringham, the Hovells of Hillington and the Pastons of Appleton, he served in the Parliamentarian force taking command of a troop of foot. An Ursula Gawsell of Watlington had married Jeffrey Pell's son John and it was her father who took the surrender of the Catholics in the area at the end of the war.

There are records in Grimston showing five marriages were performed there by *John Pell of Darsingham J.P.* The Dersingham vicarage at this time used to stand opposite the house just in front of the church where the memorial cross can now be seen. Over the years it had obviously been neglected as in 1658 John Pell ordered that the *studded clay house* should be pulled down as he objected to having such a ruin outside his front gate. As shall be seen later some parts of it remained standing but from that time there was effectively no actual vicarage in this village. In about 1671 the Pells built the house that became known as Dersingham Hall and has now become Jannoch's Court.

The fortunes of the family changed after Valentine Pell died in 1690 without leaving an heir. Robert Walpole, the Elder, of Houghton, the father of the Robert Walpole who became England's first Prime Minister, was Valentine's cousin and he bought the Pells estates in Dersingham. An account book of the elder Walpole has an entry for September 1st 1683 when he paid 9s.6d "*given att my cousen Valentine Pells when I had carpe there.*" The fishponds mentioned earlier were obviously still very productive.

It appears that the old house had become the accommodation offered to the vicars of Dersingham. In 1726 Thomas Gill, then vicar, had petitioned the Bishop of Norwich concerning the fact that John Pell had pulled down the old ruinous vicarage many years before. He explained he was now an old man in poor circumstances with children and grandchildren to support and he was quite unable to build a new house at the cost of £200. He begged to be discharged from dealing with the dilapidations of the old and the building of a new house. In this he was supported by his patron Colonel Hoste of Sandringham. It was agreed that Mr. Gill and his successors would be excused from rebuilding the house and so it was that the Old Enchanted House became home to the vicars of Dersingham. It was at this time that the old house became the centre of attention and its inhabitants the subject of much gossip and speculation. It was Dersingham's very own soap opera. By 1728 Thomas Gill was "*very aged and infirm*". He had a widowed daughter of about 50 by name Clarges, who kept a boarding house in Yarmouth and it was her younger daughter Penelope who looked after her Grandfather Gill in the house at Dersingham. Now at the same time Mr Gill had a curate living with him called Seward and apparently Seward and Penelope were very attracted to each other and it was soon accepted that they would marry. On hearing this widow Clarges rushed over from Yarmouth bringing with her the older sister Suky. Seeing that indeed Penelope and Seward were likely to marry she took Penelope back with her to Yarmouth and left Suky to care for the old man. She said Suky should have the chance of caring for the old man and share in his favours. Seward hastened to Yarmouth in hot pursuit of his love but when he arrived there the Widow declared that she had developed such an ardent passion for him that "*either Death or Enjoyment must be the result of it.*" Seward apparently took pity on the widow and married her leaving poor Penelope to get used to the idea that her great love and prospective husband was now her Father. This story was obviously the talk of the area as it was recounted by the Rector of Sandringham in a letter to Samuel Kerrich who on the death of Thomas Gill came to be our vicar.

It was in August 1729 that Samuel took up his position at Dersingham. He stayed at first

with the Hostes of Sandringham Hall as he began to prepare the old House for the arrival of “*Gentle Jane*” the wife he had just married in May of that year but who remained at Cambridge. While Samuel busied himself putting the old house in order Gentle Jane’s health deteriorated steadily. In March 1730 a daughter was born but died almost immediately. There are further reports of the poor state of her health preventing her from travelling to Dersingham. In June 1731 she had a miscarriage and after a steady deterioration she died on August 22nd and so never saw the old house that was to be her home. However Kerrich was a good-looking popular man of ample means so remarriage was always possible. He became engaged to Barbara Postlethwayt whose father was the Rector of Denton in Norfolk. Samuel was determined everything in the old House should please his new bride so he wrote to Barbara about the fitting up of the rooms, the white marble pavement for the hall, the flooring for the bedrooms, the partitions and offices. They were married in Denton Church on October 1, 1732 but Samuel could not immediately bring his bride to the old house as smallpox was ravaging the area about the village. (Smallpox was a constant scourge and in fact Colonel Hoste of Sandringham Hall died from it on Jan. 16, 1729.) Barbara remained at Denton while Samuel came here to continue his work and it was not until the spring of 1733 that Barbara came to the enchanted house.

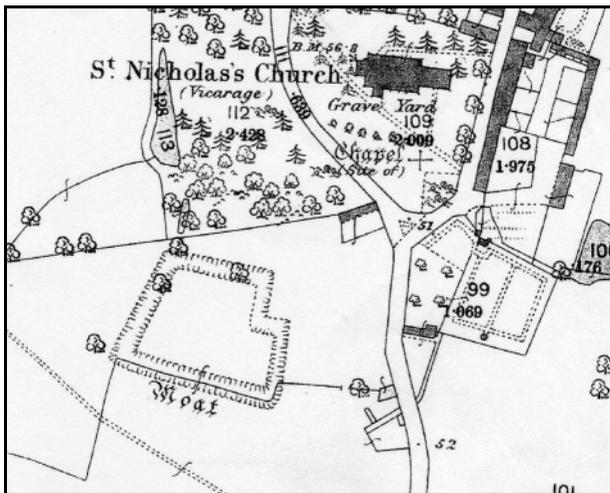
With the arrival of Barbara the old house came alive once more with frequent visits from the Hostes of Sandringham, the Stylemans from Snettisham Hall, Sir Robert Walpole of Houghton and of course family and friends from Denton. Barbara herself writes of practising the piano and taking up sewing. In due course the house and garden resounded with children’s voices as Matilda was born in 1742 and Thomas who would himself become vicar here was born in 1748. There were numerous servants including Martin the coachman and his wife Sarah who had six children so it must have been a lively household. It is easy to imagine them all making their way from the old house, through the gate and up the path into our church for Samuel’s service on a Sunday. We know from Barbara’s letters that she was very fond of the garden. She describes making a very pretty knot garden with help from Martin and Samuel who also demolished a yew hedge and two old trees that grew in front of the parlour windows obscuring the view of the knot garden. The two sisters frequently exchanged plants such as Sweet Williams and stocks for their gardens and Mrs. Hammond who lived in Dersingham Hall once brought two or three bags full of flower roots for the knot garden. Barbara also kept turkeys and bees and she described rearing a new born calf, and selling a brindled cow. She lamented that the ducks had to be removed from the garden as they were eating all the lettuces. She speaks often of churning fresh butter every morning for breakfast. The Kerrichs’s owned horses and traps and we know from the letters that the Kerrichs’s stables adjoined those of the nearest house. This suggests that they and the other farm outbuildings must have been part of the complex that now forms our surgery. Some of the present barns look as if they could date from that time. We learn more about the old house when Barbara tells her sister

in 1747 that Samuel is busy “*stopping up the windows in this great rambling house*” to lessen the impact of the increase in the Window Tax. Even so they had to pay tax on forty windows.

It was in 1753 that we learn that difficulties with the house were mounting. Samuel wrote to the Walpole’s agent saying he would gladly stay where he was if the old house could be repaired as some parts of it “*having become in a*



manner untenable.” During one particularly wet season the cellars filled with water and Barbara wrote, *”I am washed out of all ye rooms below stairs, the springs have risen very much in the garden.....I mostly sit in ye little parlour and yesterday afternoon as I sat there ye water rise under my chair”* She summoned the servants Martin and Wilson to inspect the house and found the water *”near a quarter of a yard deep”* and all over the hall and kitchen. On one occasion when Barbara had wished to effect an improvement to one of the rooms she remarked that *”they are very slow in getting anything done for tenants.”* So it was no surprise that Walpole would do nothing and in 1753 the Kerrich household moved out and took up residence in Dersingham Hall. The picturesque old house was abandoned and sadly after a short while it was demolished. A survey carried out by the Houghton Estate in 1800 shows a small house and outbuildings by the church that was William Stanton’s farm. On the opposite side of the road there is still a walled garden. The 1884 map clearly shows the moat and on the opposite of the road the outlines of the walled garden are clear. But of the Pell’s Enchanted Mansion there is no longer any sign.□



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The Dersingham Weather Observed by John F. Murray

Anglian Water declared that it had been the wettest drought on record when they decided to lift the hosepipe ban after having said that it was extremely unlikely that there would be enough summer rainfall to persuade them to lift the ban. Well all I can say is they were not banking on the unpredictability of British weather.

The real difference between May and June was simply the amount of rain that fell. Both months were very overcast and dismal, but in May we just exceeded the average for the month whereas June was very very wet.

We had 36.2mm of rain in May, the average being 35.8mm. The dull and overcast skies prevented the sun from doing much in the way of keeping us warm. The mean temperature was 12°C whereas in previous years it has been over 13°C. The highest temperature was about midway compared to other years at 27.2°C. It has varied between 26 and 32°C previously.

In my previous article I hinted that I would not be too surprised if we had a wet summer this year. I am not crowing about it as I didn't actually say it, just hinted. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was in the main a wash out in early June. The rainfall for June was unprecedented. As the month progressed and the rain fell I watched my weather program slowly but surely recalculate the average for the month. I ended up with an average of 62mm. We actually had 108.4mm for the month, beating by a long way the previous highest of 59.1mm, last year. As you may have seen on television this was a country wide wet month, the wettest for decades.

As in May, the clouds kept the sun from shining on us and consequently the temperatures were poor. The mean temperature was 14.4°C when it is usually 15 to 16°. The highest recorded was 27.2°C which is the second lowest; last year it was 32.2. Not surprisingly the lowest temperature recorded was the lowest I have so far seen at only 2.7°C.

Another aspect of June's weather is something that I don't usually comment on and that was the wind speed. I have previously recorded monthly averages of between 1.7 and 2.6 miles per hour but this June it was 3.5mph which, percentage wise is quite an increase.

I don't know about the rest of you gardeners but everything is very slow this year in my garden and other gardeners I have spoken to seem to agree. For the first time I have had to seriously look at what I am growing, or rather trying to grow, and quickly rethink so that I have a hope of getting some crops to pick later on. As I write this article, in the opening days of July there does not seem to be much respite in the overcast and rainy weather and as I also mentioned in my last article we are coming up to the Olympic Games, another opportunity for the weather to be very patriotically British.□

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Dersingham Methodist Church

'How colourful! Aren't you lucky with the weather, what a lovely display of flowers, wonderful lunch, didn't the children do well.' These were just a few of the comments we received at our flower festival and all of them true. Yes the weather was warm and sunny, the flowers of course were beautiful and very artistically arranged, the food whether cakes, salad lunches or trifle was wonderful, the children from Dersingham Infants and Nursery School delighted us with their action songs and happy faces, as well as their colourful drawings for the feeding of the 5,000. The St George's School choir gave an entertaining programme of songs mentioning numbers in keeping with our theme 'Count on God', as well as a floral display for the number 7, Joshua and the battle of Jericho.

The colour was seen not just in the flowers but in the red, white and blue bunting that decorated the hall. Over many weeks 14 ladies knitted the bunting, Heather Titcomb spent many hours sewing it on to tape before Paul Clay measured it and together with Heather's husband John pinned it up in the hall. Several people tried to guess the length of the bunting and the winner was a local man who was just 2 inches out. The length was 2878 inches (7310.12 centimetres). £30.50 was raised for Methodist Homes for the Aged.

The flower festival raised £2,240 from this £500 was donated to the Lynn News Young Carers' Appeal. The rest of the money is towards our next Church project to rebuild the front steps and ramp. We did feel blessed in many ways it was a pleasure to welcome people from Dersingham and much farther afield. Thank you very much for supporting us and for your generosity.

On Sunday 3rd June the planned Church jubilee picnic took place in the hall rather than at Sandringham, but the change of venue didn't alter the good time everyone had. The bunting added to the feel of the jubilee 'lunch at the Chapel' on 11th June. Nearly 50 people tucked into a traditional roast lunch and apple pie. The next lunch will be on 6th August, look forward to seeing you there.

Our harvest festival weekend starts on Saturday 29th September at 10.00 a.m. with our coffee morning; proceeds raised will be for the Lynn FoodBank and church funds. At services on 30th September at 10.30 a.m. led by Rev Kim Nally and 6.00 p.m. by Rev Christopher Wood, items for the FoodBank will be collected. Harvest is always a special time of the year for us to remember how much we have and to give thanks. Our television screens and newspapers often remind us how little others have and some of these are very close to where we live. We have in the past year been collecting for the FoodBank, it doesn't take much to purchase an extra tin of tuna, packet of



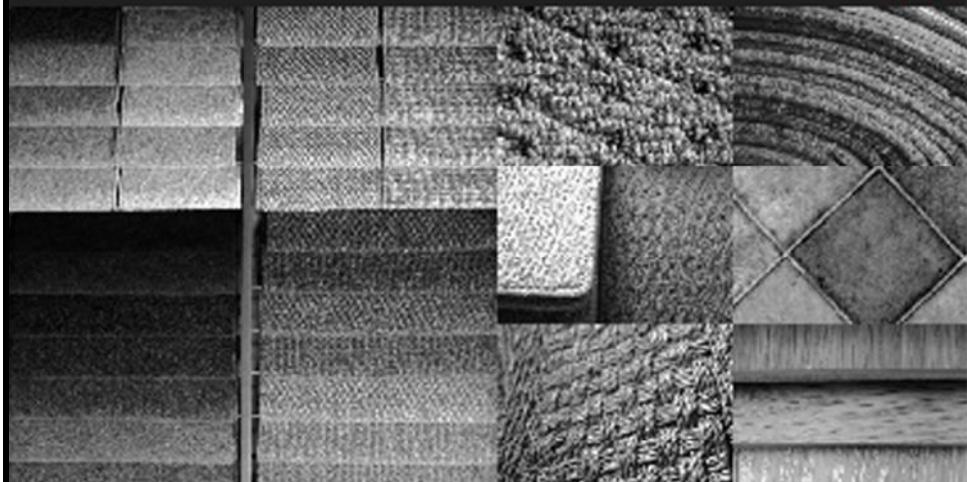
pasta, tin of soup, etc.

Perhaps, if we all think of giving in this simple way, comments such as 'thank you my family was in need of food, I didn't realise how generous people could be,' will be heard.

God bless.□

Elizabeth Batstone

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The Old Biddie and her Cottage Garden

Valerie Anckorn

It rained so much in April, May, *and* June, for which I was immensely pleased as I had an area turfed for lawn that needed constant watering just as the hosepipe ban was introduced. All the spring flowers slurped up the water too, giving them a good start to the season and everything was in bud waiting for a bit of sunshine to pop open in May. And a bit is all we had.

The birds love the rain as the worms are obliged to surface for air every now and again making food plentiful and I love to watch the parent birds showing their needy fledglings the way to extract their breakfast from the soil.

It's May now as I write, and like most gardeners I am sure, am feeling very frustrated. I've tried digging to get out the weed roots to no avail. The clay soil is solid and the roots are clinging. I suppose I am aerating the soil which is what it will want after all the rain we have had making every thing so soggy. Everything is looking very lush, however and plants growing very tall.

Our back garden is a quagmire as the water goes nowhere, with the grass all gone and muddied up by the dog as he still uses it for his race track. The sides of his track are all banked up and everything looks quite horrid. I still don't quite know what to do with it. Paving over might be the answer, but the water still has to go somewhere and I like to watch the birds find worms in the lawn – I would be depriving them and they would go elsewhere. I suppose in a year or so Crow won't be so keen to race around the garden and I can then decide what the best approach is. Anyway, the garden gets waterlogged, dog or no dog. In the meantime Him Indoors in front of the telly has ventured forth and put some slabs down for me to act as stepping stones. He has actually dug down so the slabs are just under the height of the lawn so he can mow over. I am dead impressed and am giving him a gold star, especially as it did his back in.

I'll continue this piece with the uses of plants from a cottage garden, and this time will talk about ferns. Surprisingly ferns are very useful, and oil from the male fern can be used to expel parasitic worms in both humans and animals. Maidenhair fern functions as a remedy for lung problems. In France, a cough syrup is made from the Maidenhair fronds and roots called 'Sirop de Capillaire'. The roots of Royal fern can help cure jaundice in its early stages and the roots or rhizomes of many ferns are eaten as a rich source of carbohydrate. Tisanes or teas can also be made from them – but as in all things, never try using anything from the garden or hedgerows unless you are sure it is the correct plant!

I love all my flowers, but perhaps one of the most beautiful is the bearded iris. It is said that this is one of the oldest plants in cultivation and a depiction of it is to be found on the walls of an Egyptian temple that dates back as far as 1500 BC. Apparently the spread of irises can be attributed in part to the soldiers of the Ottoman Empire. The story goes that they used to carry iris rhizomes with them for medicinal purposes and, if a comrade died, an iris rhizome would be planted on his grave.

Iris roots or rhizomes have been used down the ages for all sorts of ailments and complaints but are now mainly used as a fixative and a base for perfumery and also in the making of many brands of gin. Another name for Iris is orris, which you might have heard regarding medicinal remedies.

You can make your own perfume by combining 60 grams of freshly chopped iris root (or 30 grams commercial orris root powder) with 100 ml of vodka. If you like you can add some lavender or rose petals – or whatever you fancy. Put into a bottle and seal and let it infuse for two weeks, shaking the bottle daily, then strain and decant into a perfume bottle.

You can use Iris to make dye, or indeed any flower from the garden, or bark from any trees, mosses, lichens, beetroot – anything – you just need some alum or salt and white vinegar to fix the colours when the chopped flowers are heated up in water. I realised about the colours obtainable from flowers when I had picked some Irises after a rain shower, and noticed that the bright colours leached out onto the table.

If you fancy trying some home made dyeing from the flowers in your garden, just google

‘making flower dyes’ and it will tell you how to do it. It sounds very simple and fun.

Did you know that if you eat a rainbow of colours, your health will be better? Try and get as many colours on your plate for a balanced diet. Think about the colours just in vegetables, and think of the variety in fruit – each colour brings a different bit of goodness.

Well, I have been most informative this month, haven’t I. Before I finish, I can only say that whilst we moan about all the rain, we really have needed it and it will revitalise all the trees and plant life and set them up for some time. The new trees I planted last year have taken on a new lease of life after all the rain and are looking very healthy and happy now. I put a laburnum tree in a round bed and that is looking very pretty with its pendulous blooms coming out and I look forward to seeing that grow large.

The apple tree that bore four fruit in its first year is now smothered with blossom in its second. Lets hope the bees were able to fly out in between showers to pollinate them so I have lots of apples to harvest later on in the year. Just been out and checked. One apple growing, ah well. I also have one almond growing on another new tree.

It’s late June now as I finish this off. I have now solved the muddy lawn problem, by using the format of the dog’s turn around and dug another flower bed and filled it with roses and plants. It looks lovely and actually enhances the garden.

In my teenage years I worked as a secretary in the West End of London. How I hated the place, all noise, vehicles, rush and annoyance, people frowning, shoving, shouting, buildings everywhere, dirt and dust, trains, buses, taxis, with no peace, no flowers. How lucky I feel to be living here in Dersingham – a fabulous village, and to be able to gaze out of my window at all the greenery and flowers, see and listen to the birds and feel so at peace with the world. We are all lucky to live here.□



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Dersingham Evening WI May and June

At our May meeting, Martin Woods, who is Head Gardener at Sandringham, gave us a talk illustrated with slides on Sandringham Gardens. This was later followed by Martin giving the Lunch Group a guided tour round the gardens after lunch at The Visitors Centre. What a real treat this was as, not only did the sun shine, but we were given the best information going and got to go into the walled gardens which are closed to the public! It was a very special

afternoon and much appreciated by all who went.

At the next Lunch Activity Group outing, members drove to Holt where they boarded The Poppy Line steam train to Sheringham. Once there, various tourist attractions and shops were visited together with most people having a traditional Fish and Chip lunch!

In May the coffee morning was at Stephanie Coulson's home followed by the June one at Dianne Southgate's. These are well supported and give everyone a chance to get to know other members as well as raising a bit of money for WI funds!

Our Walking Group went to Castle Acre where the dogs had fun swimming and the members walked by the stream followed by a visit to the Tea Rooms for tea and cake. Another outing enjoyed by the Walking Group (armed with insect repellent and torches) was a guided late evening/night walk on Dersingham Bog to hear/see the nightjars.

The Sunday Lunch Group and the Evening Dining Group have eaten at The Duck Inn at Stanhoe, The Riverside in King's Lynn, Unique at Castle Rising and The Le Strange Arms at Hunstanton. All members enjoyed the various venues and the meal outings continue to be well supported.



The Theatre Group went to the Concert of Male Voices, a Diamond Jubilee Gala Concert and Dancing Queen. The June meeting saw members very well entertained by the local theatre group 'Strolling Players' with the theme of Royalty.

Our Craft Group continues with monthly meetings and last month did 'Teabag Folding'.

The main event in June was a Garden Party at The Feathers for both WI members and friends to celebrate both the Dersingham Evening WI's 50th Birthday and The Queen's Jubilee. Besides

having a cup of tea, The Feathers provided a plated tea of sandwiches, cakes, scones and biscuits. Craft, fresh produce, jewellery and cake stalls were accompanied by a tombola and a pretty stall supplied by Potter and Dibble. The local Hand Bell Ringers provided most enjoyable entertainment. At the end of the afternoon everyone was given a strawberry cup cake (superbly made by Diane Hall) and a glass of champagne!



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Scrabble Club

6, 13, 20, 27th August 2012 14:00 - 15:00

Come along and make new friends at this weekly club. Refreshments provided.

'Wartime Norfolk from the Air'

10 August 2012 14:00 - 16:00

'Wartime Norfolk from the Air' a talk by Dr Richard Hoggett at Dersingham Library This is a free talk to celebrate Norfolk's American Connections Project. Please book by calling the library on 01485 540181.

Dersingham Library Crime Book Club

13 August 2012 18:00 - 19:00

Monthly book club which meets on the 2nd Monday of the month

Storylab Summer Challenge event at Dersingham Library

15 August 2012 10:30 - 11:30

Calling all children aged 8-11 years! Join us for a treasure hunt and quiz about popular children's books. Places are limited so please book by calling the library on 01485 540181.

20 August 2012 18:00 - 19:00

Monthly book club which meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Details of the books being read are available in the library or by calling 01485 540181.

Munglers Card Trading

30 August 2012 16:00 - 18:00

If you have collected your cards as part of the Storylab Summer Reading Challenge, come along to this card trading event and try to complete your set.

Autumn computer classes

We will be running another surfs up class for over 65s who have never used computers. No previous experience is required. For those with a little computer experience we offer a shorter 'Get online' session. If you or someone you know would like to find out more, then please contact Alison on 01485 540181.

Crime Book Club on Monday 10th September at 6pm

Summer Reading Challenge presentation is 5.30pm on Thursday 13th September

Dersingham Book Club on Monday 17th September at 6pm

Village Walk 4 Life on September 26th

Dersingham Walking group will lead a 2.5 mile walk around the village. Please meet at the library at 2pm wearing suitable footwear. Refreshments will be available at the library at the end of the walk at approximately 3.30pm. If you'd like to join the walk please book by contacting the library on 01485 540181.

New books coming our way in August

Ian McEwan - Sweet Tooth , Barbara Taylor Bradford - Secrets from the past

Kathy Reichs - Bones are forever, Philippa Gregory - The kingmaker's daughter

Peter Robinson - Watching the dark, Ruth Rendell - The Saint Zita Society

Chris Carter - Death Sculptor

Happy Reading , Alison

John Lambert's Sponsored Cycle Ride

It came round again for me, the time when I cycle a 500 mile sponsored distance for some notable charity. This year I decided to do it for Macmillan Nurses, and there is every sign that it will be up in the top bracket. It only goes to show that people don't mind giving to a worthy cause.

Weather wise this year it was predominantly windy. Every day in fact at different strengths and then for the "icing on the cake" two rain storms were thrown in for good measure.

The worst storm was when I was at Houghton Hall. Within a couple of minutes the water was gushing down both sides of the road. I couldn't see to ride so I got under the biggest tree just as people were leaving the International Horse Trials in their Range Rovers. They drove straight through all the water and it was just like people were throwing buckets of water over me. needless to say I was absolutely drenched, even with a wet suit on.

I rode to Norwich and back at the beginning of the 500 miles and I noticed I was getting very uncomfortable on the saddle towards the end of the day. By the next morning I was in agony so I went to the surgery. The doctor took one look and said "you won't be going anywhere on your bike for the next few days". I had to rub antibiotic cream on morning and night until I was completely healed, so that set me back a week. All is well now and I could sit back on the saddle again.

I have enjoyed the rides I have done for various charities totalling 1500 miles, made all the more bearable by the wonderful people I've met. At least I can look back and say "I've done my bit", so another great big thank you to everyone who supported me, I cannot thank you enough.

I have decided to call it a day, now I have finished this one, mainly because I will be 80 next year and that's not the age to ride a bike on the busy roads of today.

I have a total of how much I raised for Macmillan Nurses. I managed to beat the amounts of the other sponsored rides I have done, but only because of the tremendous donation made by "Fat Birds" the cycle specialists in Hunstanton. They certainly know how to look after their customers. Many, many thanks.

The total raised this year is £1556. Who will be the "blue eyed boy" at Macmillan Cancer Control eh?□

John Lambert



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The total amount raised was £2014.51 fantastic well done all.

Upcoming Events

- 1) Sunday 19th August Hunstanton Kite Festival .
This is becoming a joint venture between Rotary club and Local RNLI Guild.
The shop will be there and lots of fun and demonstrations and weather, operational and routing commitments permitting there may well be a Fly past by the Red Arrows.
- 2) Tuesday 21st August 1400 hrs (2.00 pm) Sandcastles Competition at Old Hunstanton Beach.
Children bring your Adults, they can compete in their own class as well.
Prizes will be Vouchers to spend at the RNLI Gift shop.
- 3) Saturday 25th August. Hunstanton Flag Day.
There will be a D class Inshore Lifeboat on view in the High Street and we need volunteers to help collect all day. Please contact David Jones on 01485535034.

Please support all these events if you possibly can and pass the word to Friends, Family and Neighbours. As we have no Government Funding at all we need your help! Help to save lives at Sea.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me John Marrow
On : 01553 672931 or 07970217225 (mobile) or by email - jm_lboatgpo@hotmail.co.uk □

Wild Flower area at St. Nicholas Churchyard

This year the churchyard is being managed in a different way. In consultation with the Parish Council, who fund the mowing of the churchyard, it was decided to leave a margin of un-mown grass around the edge of the older area of the churchyard as a wild flower area. As is so often the case with a new project, things look worse before they look better. What appears as state of neglect is being managed in a way that will cause the wild flowers to predominate as the grass becomes weakened.

The grass will be mown down in late July/early August and will be taken away to prevent it rotting down and adding more nutrients to the soil; wild flowers thrive on poor soil and when they are not in competition from vigorous grass growth. Flower seeds will be sown to add variety to the ones that are growing there naturally already. These new seeds will be specially chosen for our soil type, so that they will flourish in the churchyard.

Come next summer, and increasingly in following years, a variety of colourful flowers will enhance the appearance of the church and provide a welcome habitat for bees, butterflies and other useful insects. □

Neil Adams, Church Warden

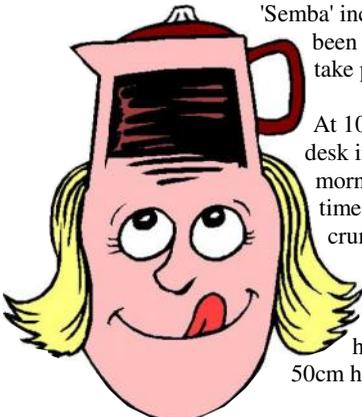


Rockants by Steve Nowell

It was mid-day on June 21st, 2020 and the weather was warm and humid. The perfect conditions for Britain's population of Rockants to go through their mating rituals in an endeavour to increase their ever dwindling numbers. Nobody knew where these powerful and deadly metal-eating super-bugs had come from, but it was known for certain that all metal articles and fabrications stored at Semba Trading in Station Road had disappeared without trace on the night of June 20th/21st 2018.

On June 20th, 2019, at 6.30 pm the Reverend Archibald Thrin (who had taken over from Reverend Michael Brock the year before) was conducting Evening Service in St Nicholas Church. There was a large and enthusiastic congregation who were attentive to every word, especially the sermon. Reverend Thrin was three minutes into the sermon when his words were drowned out by a loud, raucous noise emanating from the roof above the aisle. Panic reigned but Reverend Thrin carried on regardless. He was a quiet man and it took a lot to upset him. As the whole congregation rushed outside he continued with his sermon until it dawned on him that he was preaching to a solitary, but very pretty young lady sitting at the back of the church. She got up from her pew and slowly, but purposefully, made her way down the aisle towards the pulpit with an enticing smile on her face. It was Reverend Thrin's turn to flee in terror and join his congregation outside. Some people stopped to look up at the church roof, but most fled in terror. Those who stopped to look couldn't believe their eyes. All the lead was missing from the east end of the roof as far as the tower with not a trace of any metal to be found anywhere. Even the hands of the tower clocks had been reduced to stubby versions of their former selves. As Reverend Thrin made his way from the pulpit towards the south door of the church he passed close to the font, but there was something strange about it. He examined it more closely. The lead lining of the font was completely missing, as though it had simply been lifted from its stone setting. But there was no sign of any metallic dust.

On January 1st, 2020 there was a meeting of Dersingham Parish Council. One of the items on the agenda was forthcoming events in 2020. One of the members of the Parish Council was a gentleman by the name of Tony Bubb, a very long term member of the Council and also the Editor of Dersingham and District Scandal (originally published under the name of Village Voice). Now Tony had been to evening classes during the autumn and had studied a subject called 'Projections'. It was very simple. (By his own admission it had to be pretty simple for him to understand it...) For example if someone spoke the numbers 'one, two, three, four' it was odds-on that the next number they spoke would be 'five'. He was fascinated by this and applied it when ever he could. But he applied it to the village's recent history and came up with the mortifying projection that on, or about, June 21st there would be massive, metal-removing attack somewhere in the village. The 'Semba' incident had been big, but the removal of the church roof had been bigger. Where, when, and how was the June 2021 attack to take place?



At 10.00 a.m. on June 21st 2020, Teresa Fisher was sitting at her desk in Rounce and Evans enjoying her 5th cup of coffee of the morning and visiting chat rooms on the internet, just to pass the time. In the distance she thought she could hear a 'crump; crump; crump' noise vaguely resembling a platoon of soldiers marching on shingle. The sound didn't worry her too much. She put it down to the fact that she had been to a wild party the night before (as she frequently did) and her brain was still a little sensitive. But her mind snapped to attention when a 50cm x 50cm hole suddenly appeared in the metal outer door of her office.

There was nothing else to be seen, just a door with a hole in it. Now Teresa is a bright young (?) lady and she was not going to be outsmarted by the sudden appearance of a hole in her office door. So she sang a little song. “There’s a hole in that door, dear Teresa, dear Teresa. There’s a hole in that door, dear Teresa, a hole. With what shall I fill it, dear Teresa, dear Teresa. With what shall I fill it, dear Teresa, with what?” Dead easy. Stuff the office junior into it, he’s expendable anyway...

After Teresa had got rid of the other office junior and the two very pleasant ladies who work with her, in a similar manner she realised that she did have a problem. This was brought home when she tried to sit down at her desk again and the desk top only came up to her ankles. The metal legs of the desk had been efficiently and silently removed. When she saw the photocopier disappear without a sound Teresa realised she needed help. Who better to contact than her next-door-but-one-neighbour Rory Potter at Boots Pharmacy.

Rory is a reliable, steady, unflappable young man – except when it comes to maidens in distress. The sound of Teresa snivelling, boo-hooing and generally slobbering down the phone brought his blood pressure up to 250/90 (or something like that) and he reached for his two litre glass container of hydrochloric acid. He had remembered that incident back in the early 2000's when Dersingham was invaded by a swarm of metal-eating locusts and one method which was used to combat them was to spray them with acid. But these creatures today were invisible. How could they be dealt with? Rory answered his own question. Iron filings. If just one of the creatures could be located – by sound, not vision – then it could be covered with iron filings which would be held on to it by magnetism.

But Rory was not aware of the strength of the Caledonian power at his elbow. Anne, a feisty little Scots lassie, who would put her life on the line before letting anyone even speak to her beloved leader, was adamant that she should fight this metal-devouring insect on her own. [Anne had her own fool-proof method for getting rid of difficult customers by the way. She would throw them out of the doorway before actually opening the door. This feat of strength was invariably accompanied by a “Scots way-hay wi’ Wallace bled. Awa wi’ thee the noo bonnie lad” (Or it could be 'bonnie lass' – she wasn't too bothered.)] But apart from being Rory's 'minder' she had other uses. For example one could tell what day of the week it was from the colour of her hair.

Be that as it may, Anne was determined to protect her boss at all costs. So with the help of her colleagues, Carol (Grrrr. Easy Tiger!) and Jean, she collected together every small metallic item in the shop. But she saved one larger item – a metal chair – for another purpose. Namely bait. Beating her fists upon her chest and letting out piercing screams in a Glaswegian (or was it Edinburghian) tongue she ran into the middle of Jubilee Court Car Park, and set the chair down on the ground. Within seconds something had begun to devour it. In an instant, Rory came out of the shop scattering small metal items in the vicinity of the remains of the chair. Some disappeared in a trice but the bulk of them were obviously stuck to something which itself was moving slowly out of the car park and heading towards the post office.

[At this point the tension is rising. Will Fraser Lindsey be able to barricade the post office and protect the lovely Maria and the delectable Denise (stop it Nowell; you're dribbling again...) from the inevitable onslaught? You will be able to find out in the October edition of Village Voice. In the meantime just hum a few bars of 'Dick Barton, Special Agent' to yourselves. Better not though – it will give your age away...]





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SNAP INFORMATION

What is a SNAP?

SNAPs are Safer Neighbourhood Action Panels (SNAPs), a public meeting held jointly by the Police, Borough Council and West Norfolk Partnership, to listen to and work to address local concerns.

When are they held?

Each of West Norfolk's nine neighbourhoods will have a SNAP meeting every two months, held at a community venue within the neighbourhood. To find out where yours will be you can visit www.norfolk.police.uk or call the Council's Partnership Team on 01553 616251.

The dates for your neighbourhood are:

7pm	6 th September 2012	Gt Massingham Village Hall
7pm	8 th November 2012	Dersingham Infant School
7pm	31 st January 2013	Gt Massingham Village Hall
7pm	14 th March 2013	Dersingham Infant School

Who will be there?

SNAP meetings are chaired by a local councillor and the panel will be made up of a police representative, either an Inspector or Sgt from the local Safer Neighbourhood Team; a council representative, usually an Environmental Health Officer; and a representative from the West Norfolk Partnership, usually a Neighbourhood Officer.

Other key local agencies which provide a service in the community may also sit on the panel, including neighbourhood managers, housing, health and education officials or voluntary organisations. Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) will also be available should anyone wish to speak privately to an officer.

Who can attend?

Any member of the public living or working in the neighbourhood is welcome to come and have their say at the meeting. We also encourage organised community groups - such as Home Watch - to send a representative and parish councils, who may wish to send a representative for a cluster of villages.

What issues can I raise at a SNAP meeting?

SNAP meetings are your chance to raise or report any local issues or concerns directly to the local agencies that can help address them.

The issues can range from crime or suspected crime in your street or community to issues of anti-social behaviour that may be affecting you or other nearby households.

Anti-social behaviour is any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity that damages another person's quality of life. This can include:

- Noise nuisance (vehicles or people)
- abusive, threatening or intimidating behaviour in the street
- Vandalism, graffiti, littering and other general inconsiderate behaviour.

The meetings can also be used to identify any perceived lack of provision in your community. For

instance, when people in South Lynn said there was nothing for young people to do, the police and council worked with people in the area to launch a new youth club and ‘Midnight football’.

What happens next?

Any issues you raise will be recorded and agreement reached on how it can be addressed. It may be easily addressed by one or more of the agencies present or they will work with another local agency with responsibility for that issue. If it is a common concern, a long-term issue or one which requires a more complex response, the panel may agree to make this a local ‘priority’. That is, agencies will focus on addressing this issue as a priority over others for the next eight weeks. Each SNAP meeting can agree up to three local priorities. Any relevant issues raised or which have emerged outside of the meeting will also be considered. The work carried out to resolve the issue will be reported back at the next meeting.

I can’t get to a SNAP, what can I do?

There are many ways you can get involved and have your say in the process. You can report any concerns or issues you have directly to your Safer Neighbourhood Team at a police surgery or by calling 0845 456 4567 or visiting the police web-site. Or matters can be reported via the council, a community group, neighbourhood manager or housing officer. These issues will all be fed into the priority-setting process. □

Norfolk Coast Guardian 2012 edition



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Local food in the spotlight

Buying local food makes sense. Produce can be fresher, it keeps money in the local economy, you keep in touch with the seasons, and it's fun finding out about the producers of the food and traditional crafts that make the Norfolk coast special.

A long-standing role of the Norfolk Coast Partnership is to promote local producers to help create healthy markets for their products and local food is a particular focus in 2012-13.

This year’s Norfolk Coast Guardian, an annual newspaper published on behalf of the Norfolk Coast Partnership and available for free throughout the area, focuses on local food as its main theme. There are articles by partners and local contributors on how the food is produced by farmers and fishermen and where it is sold. There are plenty of opportunities to sample quality

local fare. Many local pubs and hotels proudly serve Norfolk food and drink; there are thriving farmers' markets across the area, and an increasing number of farm shops offering the best of local produce.

The local products directory provides more detailed information on over 50 local producers. It can be found on page 16 of the Norfolk Coast Guardian or on the Norfolk Coast Partnership website - see the ‘local products directory pages’ or look at the ‘active map’ and select the ‘producers’ box. □

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E-mail — villagevoice@dersingham.org.uk

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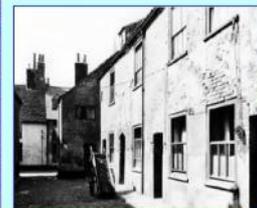
St Nicholas Church, Manor Road, Dersingham.
7.30 pm Admission £3.50 including refreshments & raffle

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Tuesday September 4th

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An illustrated history of Trues Yard
and the North End
by Dr Paul Richards



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