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The so-called *Serenity Prayer* by Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971) I think has a resonance with many, regardless of religious persuasion or otherwise:

“Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

I can only sigh when considering how I've fallen short on all counts, though hopefully things may have improved a little with age! Maybe we should further seek to have the wisdom to know the things that, though unable to change on our own, can contribute, in however small a way, along with others, towards changing for the better. Voting in the upcoming European Elections for instance?

What makes village life appealing to many is the heightened sense of community, and various local groups, organisations, and businesses strive to enhance this further. They work hard to bring us a programme of summer activities, as you will discover within. The cover photo sent in shows one fit family setting off from Dersingham Pottery during last year's Open Gardens and Studios.

After just three quarters of a page of letters to Village Voice in the last issue, I was very pleased to receive an encouraging three whole pages worth for this one, though, as you will see, there is a little more controversy afoot. Village Voice does, of course, welcome letters and emails expressing differences of opinion on many issues, although two months does seem an awfully long time to turnaround responses that might otherwise be communicated directly with those concerned. Views regarding big local issues, such as the new Village Hall proposals most definitely, at this stage, need to be expressed directly with the Parish Council, either through attendance at council meetings, or using the questionnaire form or other correspondence channels. Don't hold back!

Changes to the layout of Village Voice with all-colour pictures seem to have been well received, and one reader commented that it made her want to read the things she might otherwise have passed by! As you read through we would urge that you also give more than just a passing glance to the colourful adverts distributed throughout. Running a business can be tough these days and we do rely entirely upon our advertisers to cover our printing (and only major) costs. Why not make a point of following up on their services and be sure to mention where you saw their advert? If they are made to feel that their investment is worthwhile, they'll come back to us and Village Voice will live on! Details of how to go about placing an advert starting at just £20 (inc VAT) for an eighth page up to a full page can be found at the back. We are also happy to receive similar advert sized promotions for local events open to our villagers from charities and non-profit organisations free of charge, though the ones that will fit into the smaller slots are likely to be given precedence.

This issue includes the first of our articles from regular contributors commemorating the start of the First World War, bringing the action very much closer to home. I can barely believe that three years have passed since the June 2011 issue when I wrote about my own excursion around the battlefields, cemeteries and monuments of Flanders. The sobering tales of all the horrors and inhumanity, the regimental starkness of the vast Tyn Cot cemetery at Passchendaele, the 55,000 names of unaccounted for British Soldiers on the Menin Gate in Ypres, let alone similar numbers on the memorials of other nations, leave one to ask what for? How could it all have got to this? And yet barely twenty years later it did happen again, and of course across the world now, we are far from being out of the woods! Is it part of the unchangeable nature of the ever-expanding human race to ultimately wage war or can our attitudes towards one another change enough to prevent it happening again? Lord grant that we may find the *courage* and the *wisdom* to do so!

Steve Davis—editor@dersingham.org.uk □



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Please email (editor@dersingham.org.uk) or write to us at Village Voice, Dersingham Parish Council, 4A Post Office Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, PE31 6HP with your thoughts or memories of village life, comments concerning items read or ideas for the future. Ed.



Your first all-colour issue looks wonderful, and as usual the magazine is filled to the brim with interesting and diverse pieces. Well done!

I found the article by David Bingham 'Our National Park' most interesting and informative, but have to admit to hackles rising with indignation when reading his sweeping introductory statement about the lack of pride Norfolk people have for their National Park and his bleak description of flat landscapes, uninspiring towns and unwelcoming pubs, scampi in baskets and flat ale! How very dare he! The difference between (what can be) excitable, garrulous, loud and opinionated Yorkshire folk is very different to the quiet and thoughtful ways of Norfolk people who often ponder first before stating views or offering information - or indeed offering any at all - but I doubt it makes them any less appreciative of the Norfolk countryside or National Park - so David, please review your opinion on that score as I think you will find that everyone who lives in this wonderful county are very proud indeed, nor have any wish to move away - to hill or to dale to fell or to lake!

As an uprooted Kentish maid now flourishing and blooming well in Norfolk soil, I can only say how beautiful I find this neck of the woods, how I never want to leave, and how I am awe filled with the general husbandry of the countryside that is kept immaculate with ne'er a trace of litter. I'd also like to say something about flat hats and whippets, but I won't as I might find a clog directed at my ear!

On behalf of the peaceful, contented folk of Norfolk.

Valerie Gordon

Firstly, may I say how much I enjoy Village Voice arriving through my letter box every two months. It is read from cover to cover. I especially enjoy the "times gone by" and old photo type articles but, as a relative newcomer, to the village, I am often confused by the old names of places, eg *Shut Up Common*, etc and old road and pub names. I would love to have a map showing where all these places were or are that I could refer to. Maybe the street map already issued with the Dersingham Data could be the basis of this? A project for Dick Melton perhaps?

Jenny Oliver

There are two or three "interpretation boards" around by the Commons which do, amongst other things, give the following map naming the individual areas. Also Elizabeth Fiddick told the story of the "Dun Cow" pub in last December's issue (No 85). However, as a relative newcomer to the area myself, I too, very much rely on and appreciate the knowledge and memories of those native to these parts! Ed.



With regard to the old 1955 photo of the Bowls Club in the February 2014 edition of Village Voice, I believe the gentleman with the impressive white moustache who is standing 5th



from the right is my maternal grandfather Henry Jarvis. Both he and my late grandmother lived at "Glenross", on Lynn Road in Dersingham, opposite the Recreation Ground. He passed away in 1958 and is buried, with his wife in Dersingham churchyard. I understand he was a carpenter

by trade, and was a keen Bowls player in his spare time. I also vaguely remember a small watch chain fob of a cockerel he wore, which I gather was an item he won/was awarded at the Bowls Club. He had 3 daughters, all deceased now, Edith, Alice(my mother) and Blanche. Unfortunately, I can only vaguely remember him, as I would have been about 8 or 9 years old when he passed away, but I do have a picture of him at my parent's wedding. I also remember him giving me a Sharps toffee from his pocket, (which had bits of pipe tobacco stuck to it), strange how these little things stay in the memory. As to the other gentlemen in the photo, I am afraid I do not know them, but hopefully other readers will continue to shed light on who they were/are. Many thanks for producing such an informative and interesting magazine, it gives a lot of people a lot of pleasure.

Richard Larrington

I'd been sent a list purporting to name the entire line-up from left to right: Mr Ringer, Mr Bunn, Mr Green, Walter Dyble, Mr Lawson, James Jackson, Mr Jarvis, Croply Batterbee, Mr Bugg, Herbert Steward. Our sharp proof-reader pointed out that one is missing. I wonder who? Ed.

I was interested to read the Daily Doings of Mrs Dolittle in the April issue of Village Voice, some lovely memories there. I did however feel saddened by the comments about the library and the groups who meet there. As a keen knitter I feel that the Knit & Natter group is a great place to make new friends with similar interests and also learn new skills. Several of the members come from other villages nearby who are not as fortunate as we are to have a library. I spoke to one of the library staff who said that she really enjoyed seeing the place so well used as a meeting place for the community, not just a place to borrow books. Perhaps Mrs Dolittle would like to join us one Thursday morning between 10.30 & 12 noon to brush up on her knitting skills or just to hear how this group is benefitting individuals in the community. However if Mrs Dolittle or others prefer a quieter library, then it may be better to visit at a different time!

Lindsey Davis

Dersingham Library is a busy building—bustling with activity in order to meet the needs of every generation in this high-tech modern world—no longer the hushed portals of bygone days. The lady who complained in the recent Village Voice about noise during the 'Knit and Natter and Scrabble Sessions' might like to consider that it would be difficult to have a silent Knit and Natter! The Scrabblers too cannot play their game without talking and many people frequenting the library will stop and speak to them. I would also point out that most of the ladies are elderly widows and look forward to their weekly sessions and the chance to socialise with one another. The knitters are the first to pick up their needles knitting in aid of charity if asked to do so. The library staff have already endeavoured to make a quiet corner towards the back of the library. These days targets have to be met so a high footfall across the threshold is essential and the staff introduce new innovations to achieve this. Judging by the crowd on Monday 7th April, they must be doing something right. We apologise if we have been too noisy and upset some people, so come on let everyone enjoy this precious facility by giving their support and grateful thanks to the staff for a job well done.

The ladies from Knit and Natter and the Scrabblers

With reference to items in the last Village Voice: there was a fox in Dersingham last summer. We saw it crossing the big sportsfield very early one morning. We often saw foxes in our last home in Lancashire.

Please tell Mrs Ankhorn (Mrs Dolittle) that at last the librarians have moved the Scrabble player and the Nattering Knitters to a table in a corner, leaving a central area for readers.

I still have my original “Toni” home-perm box, complete with its tiny black dog-bone shaped curlers for doing the perm, and some neat 1950s rollers for the final set, each made of stiff wire with a fine plastic net stretched over. That first perm was so beautiful. Perhaps that was the end of those “cooked” perms at our local hairdressers in Royton near Oldham.



Which Twin has the Toni?

Mrs S.Brooks

On behalf of the people who probably walk most regularly around the village (the dog walkers), may I say thank you so much to the men and women of the Dersingham Task Force who go around collecting litter that threatens to spoil our living space.

The Warren (the field at the bottom of Philip Nurse Road) has had a real spring clean, and looks green, fresh and inviting, the way it should. Most of us dog walkers pick up the odd beer can or takeaway outer for our own bins while we are out, but the mess down by The Hill end of the Warren was most disheartening, until it was recently cleared by volunteers.

Whilst on the subject of mess, I'd like to say that the great majority of us pick up after our dogs most scrupulously, and we feel really ashamed of those who don't.

So good for you Dersingham Task Force. We're all really grateful. Nice to see your pictures!

A representative dog walker

After reading Dick Melton's article about the night of the floods in 1953, I thought I would just write a bit about my memory of that terrible night.

On that night my sister Pauline was at King's Lynn waiting on the Bus Fleet for a bus to come home to Dersingham and whilst she stood there the water started coming up through the drains. When she got home and told us we did not think much about it. Then when we got up the next day we heard all about it on the wireless so I went down to Dersingham Station and, like Dick, I was very surprised to see all the mess and debris and the sea just there a few yards from the other side of the railway line! My sister was adopted and she had a brother who lived in Windsor Road at King's Lynn, just off London Road, where the water got half way up the walls in their downstairs

rooms and it seemed to take many months before it dried out.

On that night my aunt was walking home from work in King's Lynn through the water when a man came out of a house and took her in. She said afterwards that this man saved her life. Unfortunately my grandmother, Mrs Mary Cole, who lived in Langham Street, South Lynn was not so lucky and she got drowned on this terrible night along with another 14 people in that area. That was a night I shall never forget.

Barry Griggs, ex Doddshill boy □





Parish Council Report by Cllr Suzy Daniels

My goodness, we're into summer already!. Time really does fly when you are keeping busy and having fun, and there are plenty of events planned for Dersingham in the coming months to do just that!!

Resignation and Co-option.... Cllr John Hunter recently resigned, but will serve his 4 year term with the United Charity Trustees as a Council representative and also continues to support the Youth Group held at The Social Club on a Tuesday evening. John showed great dedication and enthusiasm on several committees whilst on the council and his presence will be missed. On behalf of the Council I would like to welcome two new

Councillor's who were Co-Opted on Monday 28th April: Mr Tim Edwards and Mr Alan Hobson. They have not yet had the opportunity to decide which committees they wish to join, but I will endeavour to update you in the next edition. We still have vacancies so, if you would like to sit the other side of the table, please contact the office for an application to become a Parish Councillor on 01485 541465 or send an email to: clerk@dersingham.org.uk.

CRIME.....is very low in our village, lets get it down to zero!!!

During the period of 27th January to 27th April there were 7 crimes reported. These consisted of 1 theft of a catalytic converter, 1 of assault (a 15 year old victim was assaulted by someone of a similar age), 5 reports of harassment, although 4 are linked to an ongoing case from 2013. Cllr Tudor also informed the Parish Council that on the 3rd and 4th of March a walkabout took place in the village to educate parishioners about the issue of dog fouling. The next Dersingham and Gayton SNAP meeting will be on 15th May. 7pm at Dersingham Infant site.

COUNTY COUNCIL... incinerator update

Cllr Dobson sent this report in his absence: The only item to report is that the County Council has now cancelled the Incinerator contract. The cost of up to £30million in penalties will be far outweighed by the £100million+ savings to be made over the 25 year period of the contract by using smaller, cheaper, more environmentally friendly schemes now available for the disposal of municipal, solid, residual domestic waste.

BOROUGH COUNCIL...Brown bins, markets and planning

Cllr Bubb reported the brown bin scheme had been very successful with 20,000 households using them. The scheme is now at its limit so those wishing to obtain a brown bin would go onto a waiting list. The market place committee had now completed their report: A split market would be available on Tuesdays in Kings Lynn and a Saturday market would be available from next spring. The Sunday market in Hunstanton would be compressed. (Rates in Hunstanton for stallholders would be reduced.) The Borough Council are developing a new scheme to improve the Bus and Railway stations in Kings Lynn. A parishioner commented that the buses were currently not picking up from the railway station to take passengers to the bus station, which was very inconvenient after a journey, especially with luggage. Cllr Collingham said she agreed and would investigate. She also added that she would propose canopies with solar panels as a feature for the bus stops at the bus station. The Planning and Enforcement committees were now fully staffed, it was recommended that parishioners should visit the Borough Council website for updates. A meeting had taken place regarding the rubbish dumping on Parish land and the Borough Council 'clean up team' agreed to assist in any incidents by removing any rubbish at a cheaper cost than private contractors. Cllr Collingham is chairing the Open Gardens Committee which are organising various activities during the Spring Bank Holiday on **25th and 26th May**. The Mayor will be opening the event at 12pm on the 25th. The village fair will be a combined event with the annual open gardens, with a real community spirit. An eclectic mix of stalls would be situated at St Nicholas Court including a shooting gallery. The positive and supportive response received by

parishioners and local businesses was very warming. Advertising for the event would now start appearing and advance tickets are available from the POST OFFICE. Further information can be obtained from www.dersinghaminmay.org.uk. Any offer of help over the two day event would be gratefully received. It was also reported that housing and planning issues were being dealt with. The poor conditions of the pavement in Chapel Rd are being resolved by Cllr Dobson with the assistance of the Parish Council.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES.... All minutes for Full Council and Committees are available on the Dersingham Parish Council website. I would just like to ask... please keep your fingers crossed for the successful outcome of the WREN application which has recently been submitted.....All being well we could get Phase 2 of the Recreation ground this year!!!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

The Annual Open Gardens and Village fair 25th and 26th May 12pm-5pm. The Recreation committee intend to host several events this year including **Active Norfolk Sports Roadshow on the 31st May** 11am-3pm and **The Big Lunch on the 1st June.** 12pm-3pm. All these events are for all ages.....not just the youth...please come along and try something new: Archery and Indoor Curling are among the suggested activities for the Sports roadshow. The children's summer activities are under consultation **so please keep an eye on Facebook, our website and the next issue of Village Voice for dates and details.**

The Village Hall: Cllr Payne reported in Cllr Davey's absence: A positive meeting had been held at Sandringham and lots of conversation had been generated at the community supper. Mrs V. Etheridge gave a great presentation. She would continue to assist the Council in a consultation and advisory role. A bid to submit a grant application to the National Lottery would be ready by the autumn. The Parish Council guaranteed that the construction of a new Village hall would ensure that all possible materials would be re-used or recycled, also sensitivity to the neighbours and keeping the character of the existing building would be a high priority. If you wish to make your opinions known regarding the new Village hall.....positive or negative!!! you can obtain a questionnaire from the Parish Office or online from our website.

Flagpole: To mark the Centenary Commemoration of WW1 the Council have been discussing the possibility of placing a flagpole in the vicinity of the War Memorial Gardens. Cllr Payne reported the process was in its early stages, a specific location has not been agreed and would be discussed between the Environment and Recreation Committees. Various quotes have been received and the installation could be quite expensive. Offers to assist with this project have been offered by The Royal British Legion and a meeting will take place in May.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

14 Heath Rd....*Application for extension and roof alteration to existing bungalowrecommend approval.*

36 Centre Vale....*Application for renovation and extension to existing bungalow....Recommend Approval*

The Picnic Site adj A149....*Application for change of use from redundant picnic area to touring caravan and camping site with associated disabled camping pods, toilet and amenities block and warden lodge...Recommend refusal based on concerns to preserve and protect "The Drift"*

3 Chapel Rd...*Application for first floor side extension to dwelling....recommend approval.(7 in favour, 1 abstained)*

DETERMINATIONS

46 Manor Rd...*Granted*

3 Edinburgh Way ...*Granted*

So what happened to the winter weather??? We appear to have by-passed the April showers and have been blessed with some glorious sunshine...let's hope it continues and we have a Fantastic sunny Summer!!! See you all at the upcoming Village Events. □



Dersingham Open Gardens & Art Studios with Village Fair

This year Dersingham Open Gardens will be bigger and better than ever, featuring new gardens and old favourites, an art studio trail and a village fair. Your guide to all this is your programme which you can obtain for the Church Hall opposite St Nicholas Church, on the day at a cost of £5. However, you can save a pound by buying an advance ticket from the Dersingham Post Office, which you

then exchange for the programme when you start your tour.

Among the many attractions are five gardens which have art and craft studios open, so that you can tour the garden and also look at some paintings, pottery or photography. New for this year is a market stall area in St Nicholas Court, by the church, with stalls selling everything from asparagus to antiques. There will be cream teas and lunches in the Church Hall and on Monday afternoon, an easy listening jazz concert in the church.

The event will be opened at noon on Sunday 25th May by the Mayor of King's Lynn. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to the historic village church of St Nicholas, so why not get your ticket today!

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Old Picture Corner from Tony Bubb

Quite a lot of old postcards were hand coloured; indeed, right up until the sixties, black and white photos were so coloured before sale as cards. This one of Centre Vale predates a lot of building but the outlines of Manor Road buildings can be worked out:



This one of the Folly was sent on Jan 2nd 1926 to announce that Liz now lived at Marguerite Villas, Gaywood. (Somewhere to find perhaps?). The backs of cards can sometimes be more interesting than the fronts! Now surrounded by trees, the Folly can still be glimpsed from the beginning of the Scenic Drive at Sandringham:



Dersingham's Bridgeworld gets a 60 Minute Boost!

Dersingham resident Andrew Bridgefoot's company Bridgeworld Oak received publicity in April when he was visited by ITV's film crew to film him making some of his oak products to be featured on the new series of Peter Andre's 60 minute makeover.

Andrew's business, which until recently was only a hobby, involves designing and making home interior items from solid oak which he purchases from the Royal Sandringham Sawmill. The range features children's stools, benches, christening stools, tea light holders and much more, all hand carved with personalized names, quotes and memorable dates etc.

Handmade British Crafts a website (handmadebritishcrafts.co.uk) on which Andrew sells his products approached him suggesting that he should

apply to the ITV series, which he duly did along with many more much larger companies. Andrew said "I was totally amazed when a researcher for the series contacted me and said 'I was just what they were looking for. Can we come and film you next week?'"

The camera woman and director



turned up at Andrew's house on the following Thursday after staying overnight at The Coach and Horses and spent around five and a half hours filming mainly in the back garden as the weather was so nice. Andrew said "They seemed particularly keen on getting my chickens on camera!" He adds "I made half a dozen items for the show which were all hand carved and personalized and which will be presented to the home owner featured in the programme. This is usually someone whose friends or family feel they are deserving enough, through no fault of their own, for hardship such as ill health etc."

The programme will be screened in August so look out for it!

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The Dersingham Day Centre by Alice Worth



On the 16th April we celebrated with our Easter Party. A lovely warm Spring day saw all our Members seated at seasonally decorated tables ready for our special lunch. In a break with tradition we had the Village Fryer come and cook us fish and chips, served with mushy peas donated by Chris Rossiter – thank you Chris. After lunch we had our usual party entertainment provided by Leigh Murfet. It was nice to have him back after his illness over the Christmas period. Our Easter Bonnet competition was well supported and there was a wide variety of themes. This year John Tansley won first prize for the best decorated gentleman's hat and Sybil Pugh won the first prize for the lady's hat. Both were presented with a special Easter Egg. We had our usual dancing and singing which we always enjoy but this year the highlight of the afternoon was Julie Boyd singing Eidelweiss accompanied by Leigh Murfet on keyboard. Thank you Julie for joining in our antics and being such a good sport. As well as tea and hot cross buns to finish the afternoon there was a special birthday cake to celebrate Jean Shaw's birthday. It was another specially designed cake by Alison Girling in the form of an easter bonnet with a chocolate flake bird's nest on the top, complete with two cracked egg shells from which emerged two fluffy chicks. It was a happy afternoon and each Member was given an Easter Egg as they left for home.



On the 23rd April we were pleased to welcome two new members and they were soon settled in and making new friends.

We are now into our summer term and we are busy planning a lunch outing, hopefully to Hunstanton, early in June. Members continue to enjoy their day out at the Day Centre, playing games and, most importantly, talking to friends and having a laugh. The happy faces and buzz of continual chatter is proof enough. However, we do have vacancies now at the Day Centre so if you know someone who you think would benefit from

a day out each Wednesday, please contact me on 01485 544673. We provide transport together with a hot lunch cooked on the premises, good company and someone to **listen** when needed.

In order to keep the Day Centre running we depend very much on our team of volunteers. We never have too many volunteers and I am sure there are people in the Village who would really enjoy joining us if they knew how rewarding it is. Even if you can only spare an hour or two on a Wednesday you will be welcome, so please come and visit us any Wednesday, talk to our Members and see what the Day Centre is all about. □

A Grand Opening



Mountaineering no longer has to be a skill required if you want to cross the pastures using the entrance near the Coach & Horses. Dersingham Manor Farms have done a splendid job of improving the access at this point, so even if you have been lavishly partaking in the Coach you stand a good chance of getting home unscathed.

Dumpling □

My Worst Holiday by Brian Anderson



It was all Ivor's idea. It was the early 1970s and he and I had not long finished college. He said "how do you fancy a holiday in Yugoslavia? We could go in my van." He had an old Anglia van where the side panels had been cut out and glazed. It seemed a reasonable idea to me as I hadn't any other plans for that summer. But just two of us seemed not quite right somehow. So we asked around other friends and John and Henry were up for the idea. Ivor had a big frame tent and cooking gear and we all had sleeping bags. Ivor said he would service the van. We chose the date. We were all set.

We arrived at Ivor's parents' house a day before we were due to set off. Ivor said "I've changed the big end shells and run the van up the motorway at about 80 to check it out but there seems to be a slight knock in the engine." *Hmm*, I thought; *aren't you supposed to run an engine in for a bit before you go very fast?* After a bit of chat we decided to drop off the sump and look at the shaft. Sure enough, there were score lines on the metal. There then followed a long exercise with emery cloth to attempt to smooth the shaft, followed by filing down the shell flanges so they fitted. Ivor was getting a bit nervous and suggested: "I'm not happy about going to Yugoslavia - I've got lots of friends in Holland - shall we go there instead?" We agreed and...

...the next day we set off. Somewhere in Kent the fan belt broke. Being all male we didn't have a handy pair of women's tights to effect running repair so we waited for the AA. We still (just) made the hovercraft. Then it was off through Northern France and Belgium with the engine having a faint but persistent knock which I rather fancied was getting worse. Around this time an unbidden and unwelcome memory came to me. I remembered Ivor saying a while ago that he'd been working on the van's offside front wheel and then drove off somewhere. When he turned left the wheel went straight on - he'd forgotten to replace the wheel nuts!

On we went into Holland. Then disaster struck. All of a sudden (forgive sequential clichés) there was a loud bang from the engine and then an atrocious hammering. We lost traction and Ivor just managed to steer onto the motorway's hard shoulder. Ivor had taken the precaution of making sure he had a number for the *Wegenwacht* (the Dutch AA) and went off to find a roadside phone. He came back and said "They're on their way and I've phoned Chris Cook - he's going to take us and our stuff to the camp site". Chris was a priest and friend of Ivor who was on secondment to the Catholic Church in Holland. The *Wegenwacht* arrived first and diagnosed a broken crankshaft. I wasn't surprised. We then waited for Chris and unloaded all our camping stuff and food from the van. Then Chris turned up *in his Mini*. It took four trips to move us and everything to the site. Once there it was pleasant, located between Roosendaal and Bergen-op-Zoom.

We settled in, decided to get Dutch Railway (*Nederlandse Spoorwegen*) rover tickets around Holland and things seemed to be looking up. In fact the first few days had only minor incidents: I dropped the pasta I was cooking for all us and had to rinse off the soil and grass and reheat it; John developed too strong a liking for *Citron Geneve* (Dutch gin with lemon flavour) which meant that his sleeping bag had to be washed after one unfortunate night of overindulgence; I twisted my ankle playing football. But it wasn't too bad. We went to Rotterdam, Eindhoven, Amsterdam and over the border to Dusseldorf and had excellent German beer on the banks of the Rhine.

Then we went to Maastricht. We were strolling about and Ivor said suddenly "I've had my pocket picked". And so he had. He'd lost all his money and his rover ticket. We got back to the station and on the train back to the camp site. There was a ticket inspection. Ivor, of course, didn't have one. Despite explaining the situation (Ivor had a working knowledge of Dutch) he was fined (which the rest of us paid because he didn't have any money). That was pretty much the end for Ivor. He wanted to go home. We all agreed it was the best thing so we told Chris Cook of the plan and he agreed to store the tent and other gear so we need only worry about personal baggage.

Ivor had another friend Loot - that's how we pronounced it but I never saw it spelt - who very

generously agreed to drive us to the ferry terminal at Calais. We set off on a rather drizzly day - I think that was the first rain of the holiday. In Belgium Loot's car lost its exhaust pipe. When we looked underneath we could see it was rusted through. We went to a garage and bought a hose clip (Jubilee Clip type) and managed to bodge it back together. It lasted about 20 miles then came apart again, so we continued with the car sounding like an ancient motorbike. In Northern France Loot misjudged the distance between us and the car in front and we slid (on the greasy previously dry road) into the back of it. There was little damage but the legal formalities had to be gone through.

Finally we reached the terminal and were told we couldn't board as we had tickets for a different day. We did manage to scrape together enough money to change the booking. We'd phoned Ivor's Dad and he was going to meet us at the other side. Except he wasn't there. He arrived eventually and said he'd been delayed by a traffic accident in Kent.

But at least we were home and to adapt a Chinese saying "we had an interesting time". □

SNAP!

with Parish Councillor Kate Hathaway

No, we haven't really been playing card games. **SNAP** is an acronym for **Safer Neighbourhood Action Panels**, a public meeting held jointly by the police, borough council and West Norfolk Partnership, to listen to and work to address local concerns. Meetings are held every two months, usually in a local community venue.

SNAP meetings are chaired by a local councillor and the panel may be made up of a police representative, either an Inspector or Sergeant from the local Safer Neighbourhood Team, a council representative and a representative from the West Norfolk Partnership. Any member of the public living or working in the neighbourhood is welcome to come and have their say at the 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. The meetings can also be used to identify any perceived lack of provision in your community. 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. The work carried out to resolve the issue will be reported back at the next meeting.

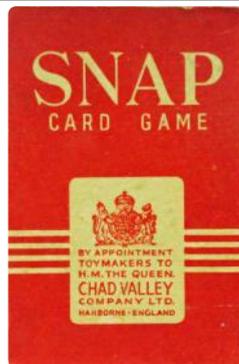
You can report any concerns or issues you have to a council representative, neighbourhood officer, housing officer or the Police. These issues will all be fed into the priority-setting process. Recent Dersingham issues raised have been dog fouling around the village, hence the recent anti-fouling campaign and that of the safety of children on their way to and from schools.

The neighbourhood officer for Dersingham is Sharon Ludford; Sharon can be contacted on 01553 616655 or by email sharon.ludford@west-norfolk.gov.uk.

As the Dersingham Parish Council **SNAP** representative I regularly attend the **SNAP** meetings and I am willing to take a parishioner's concerns to the meeting if they are unable to attend themselves. I can be contacted on 01485 542113, by email kate.hathaway@dersingham.org.uk or even by leaving a message at the council office on Post Office Road and I will contact you.

The dates for the next **SNAP** meetings, (always on Thursday at 7.00pm) are:

15 th May	Gayton First School Lynn Road, Gayton King's Lynn PE32 1PA
10 th July	Dersingham Nursery School Saxon Way Dersingham PE31 6LY
18 th Sept	Gayton First School Lynn Road Gayton King's Lynn PE32 1PA
13 th Nov	Dersingham Nursery School Saxon Way Dersingham PE31 6LY
15 th Jan 2015	Gayton First School Lynn Road Gayton King's Lynn PE32 1PA
12 th March	Dersingham Nursery School Saxon Way Dersingham PE31 6LY □





Snettisham Beach Footpath Public Enquiry

In April 2013, Norfolk County Council (NCC) made a definitive map modification Order, (DMMO) for the short section of beach footpath that runs south from the Snettisham beach car park to the RSPB reservation to be designated as a Public Right of Way. This would enable the Norfolk coastal footpath to formally link up with footpath 29 from Dersingham and enable public walking access around the Norfolk coast from King's Lynn to Cromer and beyond.

The Order was made as a result of a request from Snettisham Parish Council to NCC to clarify the short section of coastal footpath that had been at one time, MoD land and “mined” during WW1, swept away during the 1953 and 1978 floods and now, since 2000, covered in “Keep out” and “Private land” signs erected by Chalet / Caravan owners along side the footpath.

The land from Footpath 29 to the Snettisham beach car park is Common Land and the beach footpath, a recognised ancient pathway that has been walked by generations of West Norfolk residents and visitors alike, is situated on top of the sea defence bank, beyond the accepted seaward land boundaries of the fixed Chalets and Caravans along the beach. While the existence of the ancient footpath had not been disputed in the past it is not shown as a footpath on the Norfolk Definitive Map. A few of the beach property owners, who have freehold ownership over Common rights status for their plots of land, had determined for themselves that the footpath should be private and had erected such signs. Snettisham Parish Council had the signs removed in 2003 but more were erected and, as a result of such action, the Parish Council applied to NCC for a “modification order” to have the footpath formally added to the Norfolk Definitive Map.

The Order was objected to by some of the beach property owners and as a consequence, there is to be a Public Inquiry held in Snettisham, presided over by a Government Planning Inspector. The Planning Inspectorate has assigned 6 days for the Public Inquiry starting on **10th June, 2014** at the Memorial Hall in Snettisham. It will be for the Planning Inspector to decide whether or not to confirm the NCC's decision to make the Order for the footpath to be a Public Right of Way.

NCC will be responsible for funding the accommodation needs for the Public Inquiry but will adopt a neutral stance at the Inquiry and not actively support the parish council's application.

Snettisham Parish Council will be responsible for all the costs involved in presenting the evidence and witness statements to the Planning Inspector for the beach footpath to be confirmed as a public right of way. Members of the public can also apply to speak in support of this.

Snettisham villagers already have Common rights entitling them to cross the Common Land and to collect shingle and a number will be providing evidence of frequent use of the beach footpath.

What the Snettisham Parish Council needs is evidence from non Snettisham folk who have also walked along the beach footpath, for pleasure or work, over the years in the genuine belief it was a public footpath.

If you, or any of your relatives, friends and neighbours have frequently walked the Snettisham beach footpath unchallenged, particularly between the years 1979 to 1999, and you would wish to see the footpath confirmed as a public right of way, can you please contact your Parish Clerk or the Snettisham Parish Clerk, at 73 Lynn Road Snettisham, 547321 to see how you could help provide evidence for possible use at the Public Inquiry.

It must be stressed that this is a **very important time** for residents of West Norfolk, as there is the chance that we could lose the beach footpath for current and future generations, as a public right of way / as an integral part of the coastal footpath and as a superb viewing platform over the Wash, through a lack of witness evidence of people walking the footpath in the past.

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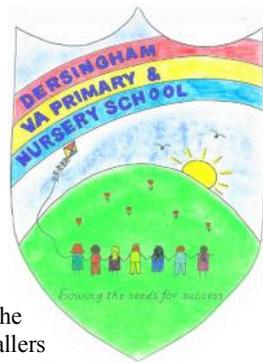
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Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School

Finally Spring has sprung and both school sites are bursting at the seams with flora and fauna! Easter celebrations have been enjoyed by one and all, culminating in a carousel of fun activities, during the final week of term. The children enjoyed spending time within their peer mentoring groups, where Year 6 children guided the younger members of the school around a fabulous array of messy games, Easter egg hunts, Spring and Easter art activities, balanced with opportunities for quiet reflection.



There has been further success on the sporting front with our Year 5/6 netballers coming 3rd in the Large Schools Cluster Hi5 tournament, progressing to the finals at KES. Our Year 3/4 football team had a competitive tournament at Redgate School, where they narrowly missed out on the runners up spot, to Snettisham, on goal difference. Congratulations go to our Quicksticks hockey team, who were trophy winners at Lynnsport, competing against 140 other students!

Sports Relief was another lively affair, where parents were treated to an early morning sing along and knees up, followed by a day of sporty activities. The children came dressed as their favourite sporting hero and raised £218 in the process!

The school has been lucky enough to benefit from more

fabulous visitors, enhancing our already busy, vibrant curriculum. The children enjoyed a theatre performance of *The Little Princess* and Year 6 followed this up with a writer's workshop. As part of our keeping healthy week, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed stretching and balancing with Rex and his amazing yoga walk out. To strengthen the multi-cultural aspect of learning and encourage the children to keep fit, a day of Bollywood dancing was enjoyed by the KS1 children. The dental nurse visited the younger children and they learnt how to clean K-9's dirty teeth!

The Nursery children have been focusing on fostering independence and are learning to pour



their own drinks and explore colours by mixing their own powder paints. In keeping with celebrating new life during this special time of year, the children have been learning about growing plants and how they have grown and changed themselves, compared to when they were babies. With new life bursting out all around us, this has certainly been a wonderful topic for our younger members to investigate!

As we hurtle into the Summer Term, I wonder what other learning challenges the children will rise to..?

Sue Picton



puzzle corner

Sudoku No 36 by Rob

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Answers on page 79
(including answer to this issue's Sudoku)

Word Wall by Philip Neal

Sort the following into four groups of connected words:

FRITILLARY	HILARY	BREAK	COOK
LIGHT	HELLCAT	ADMIRAL	TRIP
COMMA	CABOT	SABRE	DA GAMA
CORSAIR	DREAM	THUNDERBOLT	BRIMSTONE

Where is it?
What is it?
by Tony Bubb



Solution to Sudoku
No 35 in last issue

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

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The Sandringham Newsletter

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Spring this year seems to have arrived on time, unlike last year when the long cold spell delayed flowering of daffodils, camellias and magnolias by up to a month. Gardens staff have completed pruning and tying in the pleached lime walks; they have also just completed the removal of branches and other debris brought down in the winter storms, as well as repairing and reseeding the grassed areas where trees fell. Lawn mowing has already begun in this milder weather and will now continue almost daily until late autumn.

The Woodland Walk and Stream Walk are very beautiful just at the moment with magnolia and cherry blossom, as well as some early varieties of rhododendrons. On the lakes, the first families of ducklings are now beginning to appear in some numbers.

On the Farm, all the sugar beet deliveries have now been completed and stubble left in fields over winter has been ploughed in ready for this year's sugar beet to be drilled. The settled weather allowed spring sowings to be completed on time, including oats, wheat, barley, peas and beans.

At the Visitor Centre Restaurant, new recipes have been tested ready for the coming season, and the Gift Shop and Plant Centre have taken delivery of new ranges. The new play area is now open and is being very well used. The children of Sandringham & West Newton Primary School kindly tested it for the Estate on its first day, and every day during the school holidays a great many families have had a lot of fun.



This year's Ballroom exhibition, works by the landscape artist Edward Seago, will be open when the House is open and offers a fascinating collection of paintings with a wide range of subjects, as well as some sketches and caricatures which have never been on display before. Also on display in the Ballroom, after having been away on loan, are the Union flags given to Captain Scott and Ernest Shackleton by Queen Alexandra, and which were taken by them to the Antarctic on their

famous expeditions. The flags were later returned to Queen Alexandra at Sandringham, in Captain Scott's case after his death, 'by Commander E.R.J. Evans RN and given personally to Queen Alexandra by Lady Scott (widow of the brave and ill-fated explorer on July 12th 1913.'

Work has been completed at the Museum to create a kiosk-style refreshment area. The Stables Tea Room becomes very busy and crowded, particularly at lunchtimes, so the Catering Manager hopes that a separate space offering hot drinks and ice creams will take the pressure off and reduce queues.

From Easter Saturday 19th April, the Visitor Centre, Sandringham House, the Gardens and the Museum are all open daily and staff are looking forward to welcoming visitors for the 38th visitor season at Sandringham. □



Dick Melton



George Porter

A friend of mine was looking through the *Eastern Daily* when she came across the announcement of the death of a Mr George Porter. Some of the elder people of the village might remember George; he was born in Hillington in 1920. When he was about four years old, his parents moved to Dersingham where he lived at No 77 Lynn Road (No 2 Pleasant Place). George was educated at the grammar school at Kings Lynn and knew a lot about the countryside and Norfolk. In 1996 he wrote a rather controversial book called *Growing up in West Norfolk*, all about his childhood at Dersingham, Hillington and Thornham and some of the people that lived in these villages.

George passed away aged 94, on February the 4th, in Worthing. He was certainly a bit of a Dersingham character, but as he left Dersingham many years ago he will not be remembered by many.

The Dersingham moth

In his letter to the Village Voice, Bernie Twite mentions that mystery moth that held up the construction of the Dersingham/Snettisham by-pass. Since the by-pass was finally constructed and opened in 1990 the moth has never been seen or mentioned. East Winch and Middleton have both been waiting for a by-pass for many years but now it is being held up for the fear of the habitat for the wildlife on East Winch Common. I am sure the construction of the A47 by-pass will go ahead and the wild life will survive or get forgotten just like the Dersingham moth.

Fire on the Fen

In a report about Dersingham Fen it says the heather is being cut. Why is it not being burnt like the grouse moors up north and in Scotland? Many years ago grouse were introduced to Wolferton Warren but they did not survive. 60 years ago the Fen and the Warren were often set alight by the steam trains going along the railway line from Hunstanton to Kings Lynn. There was a lot more wildlife and vegetation on the Fen those days and, even after some of the biggest fires, the vegetation and the wildlife survived on the Fen a lot more than it does today.

WWII artefacts

Brian Anderson in his article in the Village Voice mentions the old World War Two pillbox situated in Broadland Close off Mountbatten Road. He also says that there was once a windmill on that site. Well, in fact, there were two windmills in that location; there was also a windmill in the garden of Mill House up the top of Fern Hill and this mill was still a working mill right up to 1920.

Going back to the pillbox there was 16 or more of these constructed in 1940 along the coast from Wolferton to Brancaster. On the cliffs at Hunstanton there was a naval pillbox - these were higher in structure than the army ones. There was a major fear of invasion along the east coast of Norfolk, and especially in The Wash as the water is shallow and the tides are not so strong.

There was many other sorts of defences put up between Wolferton and Brancaster. On the cliffs at Hunstanton there was gun emplacements, a firing range, radar station, coastal battery and underground bunkers. All around the area of Hunstanton pier there was scaffolding, barbed wire, dragon's teeth, and mortar spigots. Around the corner at Holme there was blockhouse bunkers and underground military headquarters. Heacham had a lot of tank traps and some pillboxes, two of which are still there. At Snettisham Scalp there was butts, fortification, a military camp, a prisoner of war camp, tank traps and an artillery school. It is said there had been an army training camp down Snettisham beach since the Boer War.

The Shingle Pits

Jim Scott talks about the restoration of the RSPB Snettisham nature reserve and the putting back of the causeway. When I was a boy over sixty years ago The Shingle Pits were one of our favourite places to go and many boys and girls leant to swim in the pits. There was two pits then days: the largest pit being called the Snettisham Pit and the small pit was called the Dersingham Pit. Before the '53 floods there was a

roadway between the two pits that went from near the Dersingham concrete road, between the two pits and came out on the seaward side near the old jetty. The old jetty had a small railway along it with small trucks so that the shingle from the pits could be loaded into barges and taken across The Wash to make the concrete for the runways that were being built during the 2nd World War on the flat lands in Lincolnshire.

During the '53 floods the roadway was washed away and a lot of the railway track and the trucks were washed into the pits where they still are to this very day. In the smaller pit at the Wolferton end there were lots of small islands, as this pit was not so deep as the Snettisham one. This is where hundreds of pairs of terns and oystercatchers nested. As well as swimming in the small pit we would fish in it, as it was full of dabs and flounders. We would also go fish pricking in the creek that ran past the jetty. Unfortunately, nowadays these pits cannot be accessed from Dersingham or Wolferton by motor vehicles, as a few years ago Sandringham Estate put up gates. You can still get to the pits by walking down there, but I don't think the RSPB would be very pleased if you went swimming in the pits.

... and a poem

I am going to finish off this time with a poem that I found amongst some of my old papers. Who it was written by I don't know:

The good old days

*We met and we married, a long time ago.
We worked for long hours and wages were low.
No telly, no radio, no bath; times were hard :
Just a cold water tap and a walk up the yard.
No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors.
We had coal on the fire, we never locked doors.
Our children arrived, no pill in those days:
We brought them up without the state aid.
No valium, no drugs, no LSD:
We cured our pains with a good cup of tea.
If you were sick, you were treated at once
Not fill in a form and come back next month!
No vandals, no muggings, there was nowt to rob;
In fact you were rich with a couple of bob!
People were happier in those far off days,
Kinder and caring in so many ways.
Milkmen and paperboys would whistle and sing
And a night at the flicks was a wonderful thing.
We had our share of troubles and strife
We just had to face it—that was life!*

Well that's all for now, keep on a troshin'!

Dick, Sunny Hunny □

I tried Googling the poem and, sure enough, it came up in many places with minor variations, although always 'author unknown'. However, they did all seem to end with the following:

*Now I'm alone looking back through the years,
I don't think of the bad times, trouble and tears.
I remember the blessings, our home and our love,
And we shared them together,
I thank God above.*

Ed.



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Welcome to the Dersingham Walking Group, which provides regular guided walks round the local countryside. During the coming few weeks we will be treading the historic Icknield Way with Cliff Jordan and welcoming a new leader in John Ross, a Ramblers veteran, who will show us some of the lesser known footpaths of Snettisham. There are also two evening walks to celebrate the longer daylight hours, including one led by Cliff with a Shakespearean theme! We've a town walk too, but make sure you book in advance for this one, see below.

The walks are free and there's normally no need to book, just turn up on the day wearing suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. Dogs are welcome, provided they're well behaved. The length is usually between 4 and 6 miles, taking around a couple of hours with a stop or two, so why not get some fresh air and exercise, you'll be in good company!

Details of our next walks are:

Wednesday 14th May 2.00pm

Starting point: St Nicholas church hall Dersingham. Grid ref: TF 692 302

A chance to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors on part of the historic Icknield Way. Approx. 6 miles.

Leader: Cliff Jordan 01485 541115

Wednesday 28th May 6.00pm

Starting point: The car park behind the Dogotel, off the A148 at Harpley Dams.

Grid ref: TF 772 255. An evening walk on part of the Peddars Way.

Leader: Elizabeth Fiddick 01485 540940

Wednesday 11th June 2.00pm

Starting point: Snettisham Church.

Grid ref: TF 690 342
Norton Hill and Inmere, some lesser known footpaths.

Leader: John Ross 01485 543844

Wednesday 25th June 6.00pm

Starting point: Sandringham Visitor Centre.

Grid ref: TF 690 288

A Midsummer Eve's shorter walk through Sandringham woods to Cat's Bottom.

Leader: Cliff Jordan 01485 541115

Wednesday 9th July 2.00pm

Starting point: True's Yard Museum, North St. King's Lynn. Grid ref: TF 618 206

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Leader: Tony Bubb 01485 542638



You can always see the full walks programme on the parish council website.

www.dersingham.org.uk/announcements

Quoted grid references are for the relevant Ordnance Survey map, usually Landranger sheet 132 or Explorer sheet 250.

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. As Alfred Wainwright said "watch where you put your feet"!

If you would like more information about an individual walk, such as the going underfoot, stiles etc. please contact the walk leader. For general enquiries contact the group coordinator:

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A Midsummer Eve's Nightmare

by Cliff Jordan



When I jovially suggested that a forthcoming walk I am about to lead for the Dersingham Walking Group should be referred to as a Midsummer Eve's Walk, I gave little thought to any precise definition of the word midsummer or the phrase midsummer eve, the use or non-use of capital letters, what it has meant to different people at different times in history and therefore the semantic minefield I was stumbling into.

To many, including myself, the definition of "midsummer" is simply the middle part of summer in the northern hemisphere or middle of the calendar year which occurs, vaguely, sometime towards the end of June. I also assumed a simple definition of "eve" as an abbreviation for the evening before, but this, I accept, can also mean the day or period before a special event. Mathematically, of course, exactly half way through a 365 day calendar year would be mid-day on 1st July and so therefore midsummer eve would, by simple definition, occur on 30th June.

To others, midsummer is seen as another name for the summer solstice, which this year occurs precisely at 10:51 GMT (11:51 BST) on 21st June and therefore by this reckoning midsummer eve would be 20th June. In pre-Christian Europe festivals or celebrations were held around this time, many being marked with bonfires, and Midsummer Eve was associated with witches, magic, fairies and dancing. Some of these customs were continued in Christian Europe although the Roman designation of 24th June, being the feast of St John the Baptist, was adopted as Midsummer Day and also as a quarter day in the English legal system. It is also recorded that from the 13th century, in Great Britain, Midsummer was celebrated on Midsummer Eve, St. John's Eve and St. Peter's Eve with the lighting of bonfires, feasting and merrymaking and so midsummer eve could, by this account, be either the 23rd or 28th June.

There are more recent Scandinavian customs of national holidays on Midsummer Eve being taken on a Friday between 19th and 25th June and other national variations in Europe setting it as the third Friday in June. Either calculation it would make it 20th June this year.

Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (the name of this play being the tenuous origin of my choice for the title of the walk) has no specific reference to date, the only clue being given in the citation by Theseus that "four happy days bring in another moon", but then subsequent scenes seem to contradict the literal meaning of this in relation to lunar events. Theseus's statement has therefore been interpreted to mean "four days until the next month", which would lead us to 26th June assuming the month in question is June. Not so much a dream more a nightmare.

So there you have it; take your pick from any of the dates above - the 25th June is the date when I will lead my Midsummer Eve's Walk this year (details on previous page) and, while I would not wish to specifically exclude any possibility, it is unlikely that you will encounter any bonfires, witches, magic, fairies or dancing should you wish to accompany me on that walk. □

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Carole Brown Health Centre (CBHC) Patients' Participation Group (PPG) News

From: Tom Morris, PPG Committee



MEDICINE WASTE. You may have seen stories in the media about how the NHS is facing significant financial pressures, as are other public services across the UK. However, within the NHS, money is wasted every day through patients ordering or receiving through repeat prescriptions medicines they may not really need and which they may never use. This money could be used to fund other vital health services. Illustrated is a picture of unused prescribed medicine reclaimed from one household last year! In an effort to reduce waste, practices have been

directed to issue in

future only a month's supply of prescribed medication but we too can play a vital part in reducing medicine waste by focusing on some **key messages:**

- Are you taking all the medicines on your prescription?
- Please tell your GP or Pharmacist if you have stopped taking any medicines on your repeat prescription list, so that they can be removed. If you need the medicine in the future, you can request it again. Ask your GP for a medicine review if you are not sure.
- If you don't take it, don't tick it!
- Unwanted medicines in the home are a risk to everyone.
- Unused medicines cannot be returned for re-use.
- Remember to take any prescription medicine into hospital with you.



QUIZ NIGHT. In collaboration with the Friends of St Nicholas Church, the PPG held a most successful Quiz Night in March. Over 70 participants enjoyed concentrating on answering 100 tasking questions and over £700 was raised to share between the two societies. For the third year in a row, Terry Finbow, that great supporter of worthy Dersingham causes, travelled all the way from Huntington to act as MC for the evening.

NEWSLETTER. In an effort to keep patients informed of developments within the NHS, the PPG will now issue a biannual Newsletter (May and October). Copies will be available at the CBHC and in various outlets in the village. □

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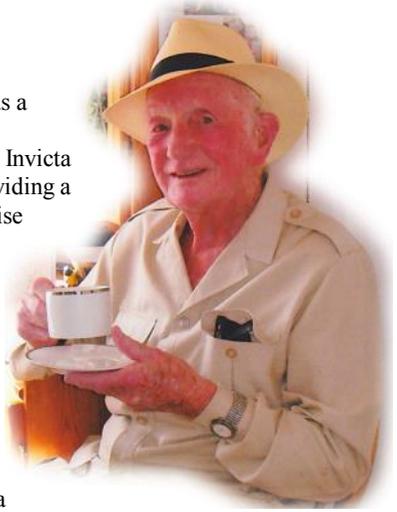
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A Most Audacious Robbery

by Jack Neale

For the last 32 years of my working life I was employed as a painter & decorator on the Building & Maintenance department of a large and expanding organisation called The Invicta Group. Their activities covered a large part of NW Kent providing a wide range of retail & services across all forms of merchandise from Furnishings, Electrical, Grocery, Butchery, Hairdressing, Pharmacies, Garages, and Building. It had about 30-40 various premises including offices, shops and warehouses. We also tendered for Public & Municipal work at Hospitals & Schools and private building, so the work was plentiful and varied. Over the years I became the recognised glazier for any small window breakages in various premises. Large breakages like plate glass windows were dealt with by specialist subcontractors.



One day during the mid seventies I was asked to re-glaze a window following a break in at a flat above a large grocery occupied by a branch manager and his family, but whose branch was elsewhere. On arrival at the site, which was at one of two large double storey flats over the shops, to my surprise I found a glass pane about 30x15 inches, completely intact standing outside the kitchen window from which it had been extremely neatly removed. In fact almost impossibly neatly as the window frame was of the galvanised metal type and needing a special rapid hardening compound instead of the usual Linseed Oil putty used for wooden frames. Also it was further secured by about half a dozen wire clips securing it to the bedding compound and the frame and then faced off at an angle of 45 degrees.

The pane in this case had been completely cut round the edges by some form of rotary cutter before being removed. The spring clips then had to be removed and the pane detached from its bedding, to my mind an almost impossible procedure. I had previously spent many hours with a hammer and special tool called a hacking knife removing all the old putty which over time sets like concrete. So how was this done without disturbing the sleeping occupants or their neighbours and in the darkness?

Anyhow I cleaned off the residual compound and then hacked off the bedding from the frame, replaced the glass securely and went back to the yard, but not before hearing from the distressed tenant's wife what had happened. The criminals had got through the window and stolen a large bunch of keys from a shelf in the hall. I should say that the tenant was the Manager of a lock up Grocery at West Kingsdown (near Brands Hatch Racing Circuit). Having got the all the keys, - car keys, Burglar alarm key along with shop and safe keys, they drove 12 miles across country to the lock up shop and gained entry. They disabled the burglar alarm, got in and besides all the money from the safe, took all the stock of Wines & Spirits, Tobacco etc as well as some high value food items such as tinned goods. They had decamped in complete silence and darkness. The perpetrators were never caught and the case never solved.

The young manager eventually left and it was never established that he was implicated. I knew him pretty well and am sure he was not. He was naive and talkative so may have inadvertently given information to the wrong people; who knows? But even with all necessary information the big question remained, how did they remove that glass from its frame silently and without breaking it? Had I not seen the result with my own eyes I would not have believed it possible and even the Police with all their experience could not explain it either. Following this incident, security was stepped up and staff warned about discussing details of their private life etc, and after a thorough review of all security matters culminated in the employment of an ex CID officer as advisor and head of a proper security unit. □



An "Egg-celent" day to "Raise the Roof"

The Dersingham Scout & Guide Easter Fayre raised £810 for their "Raise the Roof" appeal for repairs to their HQ. Everyone who came enjoyed taking part in silly games, guess the name, sweet match, tombolas, raffle and eating delicious cakes. The important part of the afternoon was the presentation of prizes in the Easter bonnet competition - Lily Bellamy-Hatton, Lydia Eyre and Eloise Woodhouse, and the revealing of the winners in the Design-a-badge Competition.

In January, everyone had the chance to enter the competition to design a fundraising and commemorative badge for the HQ 40th anniversary, with all money going to the "Raise the Roof" appeal. The Rev Julie Boyd very kindly judged both competitions and awarded:

1st - Lily Bellamy-Hatton aged 9 of 2nd Dersingham Brownies

2nd - Daniel Dobing aged 11 of 1st Dersingham Scouts

3rd - Jade Kimpton aged 13 of 1st Dersingham Guides

The badges are on sale now and will be available

to buy at: Family Bingo Night organised by Rainbows, 1st & 2nd Brownies & Guides

on Friday 30th May at our HQ. Eyes down at 7pm

Annual Scout & Guide Summer Fete

and Grand Raffle on

Saturday **28th June**

from **12.30pm** at our

HQ, Manor Road. □



2nd Dersingham Brownies Easter Holiday to Thetford

by Emma Eyre

During the Easter holidays, The Brownies and leaders of 1st Dersingham Brownies went on their annual pack holiday. This year we stayed at the Bidwell Centre near Thetford from 7th - 9th April and we based our holiday around a

"woodland" theme. During their time away the Brownies were able to take part in many activities as well as preparing all the meals, serving and washing up, they also had to organise themselves and keep their belongings tidy ready for their daily inspection! For some of the girls it was the first time they have stayed away without their families or had to share a room. We all had lots of fun taking part in new games, crafts and activities, we even made marzipan bugs! On the Tuesday we packed up a picnic and headed to High Lodge in Thetford forest where the Brownies and our Guide helpers took part in the "Junior Go Ape" course which is a high wire course in the tree tops; some of the girls looked petrified but they were determined to complete the course; afterwards we celebrated their achievements with a cream topped hot chocolate in the cafe! We spent the rest of the day exploring the forest and enjoying the adventure playground.

On the final afternoon the girls were presented with the badges they had achieved and we said goodbye to 3 Brownies who are now beginning their journey with Guides. Everyone went home exhausted but looking forward to their next Brownie adventure! □



2nd Dersingham Brownies Easter Holiday to Sheringham by Lynne Wheeler

The start of the Easter Holidays saw 18 members of 2nd Dersingham Brownies and their leaders descend upon Sheringham Primary School for their annual pack holiday. Every year we have a theme, this year's was 101 Dalmatians to link in with the Big Brownie Birthday celebrations for 100 years of Brownies. The sixes and the leaders were all named after characters and the activities had a doggy-theme. During the holiday the members of each six are responsible for keeping their bedroom tidy, washing up, laying the table and helping with chores around the home, all trying to gain points to win the Best Six prize.



On the first day after we had all settled in the girls began their craft challenges. This year's crafts included: decorating a t-shirt and a "doggy bag", painting a kennel pencil pot, creating a textured doll and an Easter sand-art picture. The first evening is very important as we have a pyjama parade with prizes for the "Nicest Nightwear", "Cosiest Slippers", "Cuddliest Toy" and "Most Delightful Dressing-gown".



The following day was Badge morning with the brownies completing clauses towards their particular badges. For those brownies on their first Pack holiday these were Pack Holiday and Cooks, those on their second was Pack Holiday Advanced and our oldest brownie on her third pack holiday completed her Brownies Go For It (a Guide preparation activity) and everyone achieved their Craft badge.

As this is a special year for Brownies, we wanted an extra special activity so we spent the afternoon at the Hilltop Activity Centre, where the girls went climbing, zip wire and low ropes. It was a brilliant afternoon and the girls had a lovely time.

As we were having a doggy-themed holiday, that evening we had a visit from Karen and her guide dog Holly. Karen explained to the girls how Holly helped her and how guide dogs are trained to help blind or partially sighted people. The girls find out that Holly has to wait for a whistle before she can eat and that when she goes for a "free-run" she wears a bell on her collar, so Karen can hear her.



On the third day we went to visit The Mo Sheringham

Museum. We had our picnic on the beach before looking around the museum with a quiz sheet, finding out all about the lifeboats and the history of Sheringham before spending our money in the shop.

On our final evening we toasted marshmallows before squidging them between two chocolate biscuits to eat - yummmmy! We then had a sing-song of our favourite silly guiding action songs outside.

The final morning saw the girls finishing off their crafts before we began to pack everything up. All the girls were presented with their well-deserved badges, a certificate and Big Brownies Birthday present and this year the winning six was the Rolly six. □



Sandringham Squirrels

written by Allan Coleby, illustrated by Jeanne Ockenden

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

An Unwelcome Visitor

After Thora had shown Scoot's family how to get into the gardens of the bungalows beyond the gorse bushes, Scoot decided that he wanted to go again to look for some more food. He also asked Thora if he could tell Chip and show him where the gardens were. Thora said it was alright as long as Gus did not get to know.

So it was that on an early summer's day, Scoot and Chip walked through the gorse bushes and approached the garden fences. Suddenly, a dog barked, and Chip glanced at Scoot with a worried look.

'It's OK,' said Scoot. 'The barking did not come from one of the gardens. It was much further over, where the farmer lives.'

On they went. 'Oh, these should not give us any problems,' said Chip, looking at the fences. The nearest one had overlapping panels. 'That one's only six feet high, and it's fairly soft wood for our claws.'

'Why do we bother to climb when we can go through the bottom?' asked Scoot. 'Look just there. Where the two gardens meet, the wire gives way to the overlapping wooden panels, and so there is an extra large square in the wiring. It should be enough for us to squeeze through.'

'But I could just as quickly nip over the top,' argued Chip.

'You might enjoy it more, Chip,' said Scoot, 'but we have to be careful about being seen. To go over the top of the fence makes sure that you are seen by anybody looking out of one of the back windows.'

'Mmm. Yes. I hadn't thought of that,' admitted Chip. 'Life is so good in the wood that I'm forgetting to be on my guard all the time. Come on, then.'

Quickly, they were in the garden.

'Do you see that plastic bin over there?' asked Scoot.

'Well, it's full of bits of over-ripe fruit and vegetables like swedes and potatoes. We don't usually eat them, but they are chewy, and good when you can't find any other food. It's just that Thora said to stay away from peel and anything too far gone. You can tell if it's too far gone, though, by how much it smells.'

'There's another plastic bin up there by the side of the house,' said Chip.



‘Ah!’ Scoot had not seen it before, but Thora had told him what it was. It would be the family rubbish, to be taken away by the dustbin men. Thora also said it often contained food.

They couldn’t see anyone looking out of the house, and so Scoot and Chip slowly made their way round the flower border at the edge of the garden, and down to where the bin was. They were soon on top of it and had the lid open.

‘Don’t go down inside,’ warned Scoot. ‘The sides are so smooth that we might not be able to get out.’

As they peered inside, they could see tins and paper and bits of plastic rubbish and some small boxes. There were also some plastic packages of some sort. Scoot persuaded Chip to hold on to his back feet while he leaned in and peered down at the bottom as well as he could.

After a short time, he decided that they were unopened packs, some containing currant buns and others containing fish.

‘It’s food that they’ve had for a while and can’t eat,’ said Chip, when Scoot had told him what he had seen. ‘That’s why the humans throw it away. It seems such a waste. Anyway, it would be all gooey and soft and we wouldn’t like it. We like hard food we can bite and chew. That’s why those swedes will suit us, and I have heard about something called sugar beet which we will look for some time.’

Scoot was just about to say that they might as well leave because there was nothing there for them when Chip, who was facing towards the end of the garden, let out the usual ‘Tak, tak’ to warn of danger, but was then so terrified that he let out a piercing shriek. Scoot didn’t wait to turn round, but followed Chip in leaping for a two-metre fence that ran down the side of the drive that the bin was on.

In two bounds, they were at the top and looking down – just in time to escape from a dirty, brown, mud-stained fox. It had run fast and silently through the garden and made a lunge at them, mouth open, but missed and crashed into the bin. It knocked the bin over. As soon as he realised that the squirrels were safely out of reach, the fox went inside the bin and pulled out the contents onto the driveway. He soon made off with the fish and the buns.

‘Oooooof! That was close!’ said Chip, his heart still thumping with fear and excitement. ‘Apart from dogs, they are the only animal that would attack and kill us. It’s a good job they can’t climb trees.’

‘I’ve heard about them going into bins,’ said Scoot, who was shaking just as much as Chip, ‘but they usually only go round at night.’

‘He must be hungry, like us,’ said Chip.

‘Hungry enough to eat us,’ said Scoot. ‘Ooof! What an escape.’ □



Dersingham Evening WI by Maggie Guest



Gilly continues to head our meeting in a calm, relaxed, friendly and jolly manner and March saw five new visitors at the meeting, which was lovely. We were delighted to see them and hope they will attend some of the smaller groups which give a better chance to get to know people. We always give members a small posy at the monthly meeting of the month in which their birthday falls and the March posies were made by Julie Cole. We also take turns, on a voluntary basis, to do a table decoration. Roma produced the arrangement for March and kindly donated it as an extra raffle prize. These jobs were done by Rhoda and Kitty for the April meeting. Thank you ladies.

The Make a Difference (MAD) group, run by the ever efficient Stephanie, have followed on from their successful blanket operation last year and are now affiliated with Norfolk Knitters. See separate article that follows for more information. Very well done Stephanie and her team of MAD knitters!! The group continues to meet at members' homes every month where much chatting as well as knitting goes on. A very sociable and worthwhile afternoon. The craft group follow the same format using members' homes once a month on a Thursday afternoon under the efficient guidance of Babs. In March they made impressive fancy folded cards and in April they tried their hands at ribbon weaving. I managed to get photo of Babs with the demo for her next group and hope to get more photos to show you all what sort of things they make.

The Sunday lunch and Evening dining groups have been to Chives, The Crown at East Rudham, The Hourglass and Marmaris. Good meals and a sociable time were had at each of these. Thank you Olive and Shirley who try out the venues, book, and organise transport for members. Your hard work is much appreciated. Wendy, who is always full of most interesting ideas, took us to Norfolk Lavender where we were able to enjoy the facilities and have lunch together and a wonderful treat was to have a backstage tour at Thursford and lunch there.

The Theatre Group, run by our organised Diann, went to the live screening at The Majestic in King's Lynn of The Winter's Tale from the Royal Opera House. The Drifters, The Searchers and Fame are in the offing.

The Walking Group, run by Roma and Maggie, took more energetic and fit members to Courtyard Farm at Ringstead to enjoy the fields of cowslips. Beautiful! The weather was pleasant and the walk enjoyed by all who came. Congratulations, in particular to Diann who gave her new hip a very good 'airing'? It was great to have some new walkers with us and Roma and Maggie very much hope they will come walking again. We had a dog and a 7 year old grandchild (who acted as photographer) to accompany us on this occasion.



At our March meeting we had Kate Lewis as our speaker. Kate is a keep fit instructor and she had most of us joining in with her exercises to music. This proved to be great fun although we had to make a real



effort not to send our neighbours home with bruises as we were short of space for such antics!

Next came our April Birthday with the inevitable party to celebrate. We were 52 years old this year and can lay claim to 72 current members to party along, although only 64 actually turned up! Food was kept simple with Diane making the most delicious scones for us to accompany a glass of something cold!! A quiz, amusing games and, Irish Bingo were enjoyed. In response to our Editor's request as to the Irish Bingo rules, Ann acts as our caller and everyone stands with a line of numbers. Ann calls out the numbers and if you have that number on your line you have to sit down. The last person standing is the winner. We had three games and Elizabeth, Avril and June were winners receiving a gardening prize. The quiz was won by Pam, who collected her prize wearing a decorated Easter hat! The whole evening was relaxed, jolly and most friendly.

Roma and Jenny have had most successful and well supported coffee mornings. Everyone enjoys a chat and getting to know other people over a cuppa. Interesting to note that a lot of people now drink tea at coffee mornings. Is it time for a change of name..... Tea Morning??

Sadly we lost a very clever and long standing member, Pauline Campbell, to cancer but we have decided to honour her memory and that of her amazing needlework and craft skills with an annual £100 bursary which will be awarded to a member or members who have been learning new skills. One of her friends, Janet Nicholls, has also given £100 in Pauline's name making £200 for this year, which will be awarded at the end of the year. We feel this is a fitting tribute to the memory of such a skilled member who is so sadly missed.

We welcome new members and ask that if you come along you make sure you let people on the door know you are new and you will be looked after. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month, apart from August, at St Cecilia's Church at 7.15 pm. No jam making has been done since I joined but I have had fun, interesting times and got to know lots of new people!!! □



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Wake up bright and early to an orchestra of bird sounds. Identify the moths that have escaped the bats and have been caught in our trap. Hold the giant hawk moth as it warms up its wings for the first flight of the day. With the right weather forecast, watch as the warden captures and then rings birds, and if he is in a kind mood he may allow you to set one free.

If you would like to find out what goes bump in the night there are still spaces left on this years Big Wild Sleepout on Saturday 21 June. It is not normally permitted to sleep on the reserve, so this is a wonderful opportunity not to be missed.

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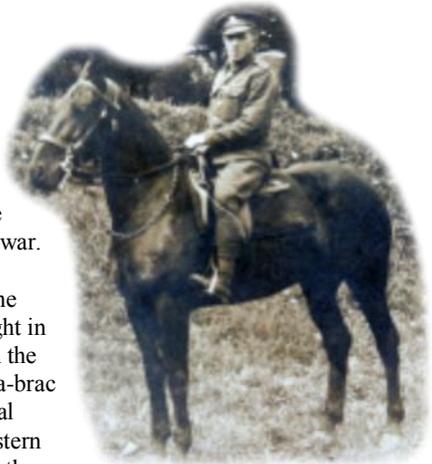
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Back to Front by David Bingham

Both of my grandfathers fought in the Great War. The soldier sitting on his war horse is Granddad Bingham. His name was James and he was a butcher from Sheffield. His personality was much as you would expect from a Yorkshire butcher - he said what he liked and he liked what he said. He never mentioned the war.



Granddad Scott died before I was born. His name was Wilfred and he came from Nottinghamshire. He joined the Sherwood Foresters with his pals in 1915 and went to fight in France. The house he built when he came home is still in the family and it has a large cellar full of the discarded bric-a-brac of the Great War generation. The cellar consists of several rooms separated by creaking doors with photographs of stern looking Edwardian patriarchs and matriarchs hanging on the whitewashed walls – presumably relatives but no one knows who they are. There are also framed photos of soldiers and military hospitals. A box contains a number of medals from the 1914-1918 war and from earlier conflicts - including campaign medals awarded to a family member who fought with the Dragoon Guards in Crimea and in one of the Chinese Opium Wars. The family bible is in the cellar and it is a huge book, almost too heavy to lift, with gold edging to the pages. The bible was produced by the Secession Church of Haddington and has a long foreword about the life of the Reverend John Brown. I understand that this church was an offshoot of Scottish Presbyterianism and it is easy to imagine the dour faces in the photographs being of that persuasion. The cellar also contains lots of books that reflect the tastes of the time. These include

the novels of Walter Scott, poetry by Tennyson, Longfellow and Byron and large encyclopaedias. Several lighter books were awarded as school prizes to my grandfather and his bothers and sister in the early years of the twentieth century – they were members of an unlucky generation. A violin with broken strings lies abandoned on a shelf.

I can remember my grandmother actually using some of the items in the cellar. Washing clothes using the dolly-tub, mangle and poncher or kneeling on the floor and ironing with the flatirons she had warmed on the shiny copper clad range. One of the rooms

has a large stone slab where she stored her apples for the winter and another has blackened walls from the time it was used as a coal cellar. There is even the stone hot water bottle that my grandmother would put in your bed without warning—causing many a toe to be stubbed and burnt! I'm not actually two hundred years old by the way—it is just that my grandmother thought that electricity was a passing fad (she may yet be proven to be correct). One of the electrical luxury items she did use was the old wooden cased 'wireless' that is sitting in a corner of the cellar with its dial still pointing to the 'Light Programme' – as if it only needs to be plugged in to listen once more to Wilfred Pickles urging us to 'Have A Go':

"What's on the table Mabel"

"One pound, eighteen shillings and sixpence"

"By gum that's worth winning"



Wilfred Scott arrived with his regiment in the small French town of Béthune in the early spring of 1918. The countryside would have seemed familiar to him because the principal industry in the region was coal mining and he came from a coal mining community – the desolation wrought by the coal industry would have been made much worse by the desolation of war. The town itself had been a favourite rest area for soldiers early on in the war but the grandeur of its Flemish architecture had

been badly damaged and the small bars and cafes were struggling to stay in business. The medieval belfry was still standing when the Sherwood Foresters arrived and the top of this tower gave a view all the way to the Belgium border. Mines were laid around the base of the belfry and the plan was to blow it up if the town was about to fall. A German shell hit these mines and brought the tower down. The buildings in Béthune were in ruins at the end of the war and have been lovingly rebuilt from the debris. Would we rebuild King's Lynn if it were razed to the ground?



March 1918 was unseasonably warm in northern France and the troops took full advantage of this by setting up wash stations with galvanised metal baths in the back yards behind the large houses and cafes of Béthune and neighbouring villages. Wilfred made use of one of these facilities and it must have felt good to be clean after the mud and filth of the trenches. This was a pivotal time in the war because the Russians had surrendered to the Germans following the Bolshevik revolution of 1917 - releasing almost fifty divisions of battle hardened troops for action on the Western Front. These troops had experienced a much more mobile form of warfare than the battles that had been fought in the trenches of France and Belgium - they were the first 'stormtroopers'. The German high command, in particular General Ludendorff, planned a big push to the channel ports because they knew that the 'Yanks' were coming and if the United States army got a foothold in Europe that would be the end due to their overwhelming superiority in troop numbers and equipment.

The Sherwood Foresters were in Béthune to bolster the defences around the strategically important coalfields. Local coal miners were co-opted to dig defensive trenches - especially around the vulnerable Labourse salient. This was work they were very well suited for and the British soldiers were impressed with the quality of the defences and the speed with which they were dug. Wilfred watched with particular interest as the local population was evacuated from the district. Captain WCC Weetman of the Sherwood Foresters described this exodus:

'For several days we watched the wretched inhabitants toiling along the roads, taking with them by whatever means they could, the few belongings they most treasured or required. Some had carts loaded with bedding and furniture, some their little dog carts full to overflowing, others footed it burdened with loads almost beyond human strength to carry. Ever the throng kept passing back from the forward regions, having left everything that they could not carry just as it was in their houses, with no other protection than locked doors.'

One of these 'wretched inhabitants' was a young woman from the nearby village of Labourse who had been born on the first day of spring 1900. Her name was Angèle Flavi Augustine Losson and she was my grandmother.

To be continued... □

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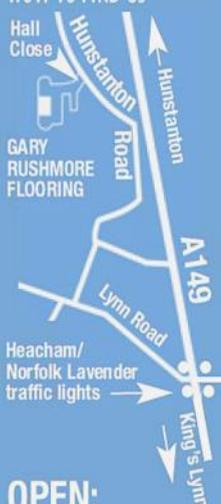
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St Nicholas Church News from Revd Julie Boyd and Pauline Martin

Messy Church at St Nicholas, Dersingham looked something like this on Easter Sunday:



A lot of people having a lot of fun together, enjoying craft activities for all age groups, singing songs of worship and eating food. It

was so popular that we're going to do it once a month and you are invited! The next one will be in the Church Hall on **Wednesday May 21st between 3:30pm and 5:30pm** and because it is coming up to the feast day of Pentecost we will be looking at how God the Holy Spirit has power to change the world through us.



At Pentecost we are reminded of how, after the risen Lord Jesus had ascended into heaven and gone out of our sight, he sent the promised Holy Spirit to live in us and enable us to do the things that Jesus wants us to do in his name. It is the same Spirit of God that led and comforted Jesus that leads, prompts and enables people today. The story of Pentecost is the story of the power of God that is very much seen in the life of the Christian Church.

Everyone is very welcome to come to *Messy Church*. There is no charge made, but if people want to make a contribution to the costs then it is gratefully received.

For more details on Messy Church contact Rev Julie Boyd on 01485 540055.

The date for the June *Messy Church* is **June 25th** when the theme will be **Living as a believer in Jesus**.

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 31st May at 7.30pm – SPRING HOLIDAY CONCERT – featuring the Hunstanton Concert Bank. Tickets £5 on the door.

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Library News



Our new *Spydus* library management system is now well and truly settled in. Thanks you all for your patience while we switched from one system to the other! You may not have noticed any difference on the self-service machines, but we can now do so much more on the staff side, which means we can better help with your queries and request books more easily.

By the time you read this, we will also have updated all our public computers. We have new courses on:

Tuesday 24th June 2-4pm - Advice on buying your own home PC or laptop

Learn all you need to know before purchasing your own laptop or PC, including what you should choose to suit your needs, how much to spend and all the jargon you need to know. This is a free course run by Norfolk Adult Education Service and is aimed at adults over 65. Places are limited so please book by calling the library on 01485 540181

Friday 27th June 2-4pm - Shopping online - all you need to know to shop safely

Learn about the risks and safeguards of shopping online and what you have to do to make a successful purchase. This is a free course run by Norfolk Adult Education Service and aimed at adults over 65. Places are limited so please book by calling the library on 01485 540181

We will also be running more Get Online courses - 2 x two hours covering Googling, using www.learnmyway.com and emailing, for those who have little or no computer experience. Please ask staff for details!

Once again we are working in partnership with Writers Centre Norwich to promote 6 new and interesting titles readers in Dersingham with 'Reading Adventures'. The titles this summer are:

Hiromi Kawakami - Strange weather in Tokyo

William Letford - Bevel

Nell Leyshon - The colour of milk

George Saunders - The tenth of December

Toon Tellegan - Raptors

Ivan Vladislavic - Double Negative

Evie Wyld - All the birds, singing



This year our book club has helped choose the final selection from a huge longlist, and there's definitely something for everyone. I really liked Nell Leyshon, George Saunders and the brilliant poems of Glaswegian builder William Letford. We plan to highlight one title each week! There will be a special event to Monday June 23rd 6-7pm. Find out more when you visit the library.

Following a customer request we have expanded our foreign film DVD collection to 50 titles. More and more of us are now happy reading subtitles watching our favourite BBC4 crime dramas, so why not try something new during our Monday and Thursday evening 'DVD happy hour' sessions from 6-7pm. Borrow one title, borrow the second free of charge!

Some great titles to look out for are:

- the wonderfully funny French film '**Potiche**' (Trophy Wife) starring Catherine Deneuve as the glamorous housewife who takes over her husband's struggling business when he has a heart attack.
- Danish thriller '**The Hunt**' starring Mads Mikkelsen (who played 'Le Chiffre' in Casino Royale) as a teacher living a lonely life, all the while struggling over his son's custody.
- another funny French film (and one of my favourite films of the last few years) '**Untouchable**' - about an aristocratic quadriplegic who hires a young man from the wrong side of the tracks to be his caretaker.

The last Your Norfolk magazine mentioned box-sets of TV shows and although we don't have any at Dersingham Library, they are free to request. You pay £4 to borrow the DVD for two weeks. I recommend Breaking bad and Hannibal!

The children's Summer Reading Challenge for 2014 is called the Mythical Maze. Our launch night will be Thursday July 18th from 3pm. Children read any six books they like over the holidays, collecting stickers (that we hope won't be as smelly as last year!) as they read, and it's FREE to take part. Look out for details of our free holiday events in the library!

www.publiclibrariesnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Mythical-Maze.png

For young readers 11+ you can join the ImagiNation challenge. Just ask library staff for more details.

Summer reads - coming soon are new titles by Robert Galbraith AKA J K Rowling (The Silkworm), Peter James (Want you dead), Mark Billingham (the Bones Beneath) and Jonas Jonasson (The girl who saved the King of Sweden). You can check out our new Pinterest boards (where you get to see the book jackets, plot summaries and more) at www.pinterest.com/NorfolkLibsUK/

We now have a new public toilet at the library, complete with baby changing facilities!

Don't forget our regular events:

Monday Scrabble club 1.30-3pm

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Wednesday Scrabble Club 2-3.30pm

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Thursday morning Knit and Natter group -10:30 - 12:00

A weekly drop in morning for those who knit or crochet (or those who are interested in learning how to do both). Coffee and tea available.

Thursday Pre-school Storytime 14:00 - 14:30

Stories and activities for pre-school children and their parents or carers; babies are very welcome too!

Knit and natter at night - first and third Thursdays of the month 6-7pm

Bring some needles and some yarn along. Not need to book, just drop in! Refreshments available.

Crime Book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month 6-7pm

Book club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 6-7pm

The **Mobile Library Service** which visits West Norfolk has rescheduled a number of its routes and published new dates for all its services. You can find the routes and dates by visiting:

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We are a support group encouraging and enabling people to maintain their own gardens. We have talks and demonstrations, outings, garden visits and our own summer flower show. Our usual venue is the conservatory at Park House on the third Friday of the month from 2 to 4pm.

At the AGM in March, the committee were re-elected and this was followed by a sale of tools and books. Our future meetings:

Friday 20th June – A talk on summer jobs in the garden by Marianne Charles.

Friday 18th July – Summer Flower Show

For further details please contact Joan or Ray Thomas on **01485 540712**. □

Village Voice Live

Hidden Treasures of East Anglian Seas—Tuesday 1st April



There are some speakers who seem able to instantly draw you in to their enthusiasm and passion for their subject and Rob Spray representing *Seasearch East* was certainly one such person. Highlighting the benefits of nature watching underwater where creatures tend to be less shy and inhibited than their land-based, human fearing counterparts, Rob went on to demonstrate just how prolific, varied and colourful is the wildlife of our local East Anglian seas, even close by just off the North Norfolk shores.

We viewed amazing photos of creatures ranging from minuscule anemones, colourful sea slugs, crustaceans big and small to some

weird and wacky fish. What some of the more primitive ones lacked in colour and manoeuvrability, they certainly made up for with their colourful sex habits!

Seasearch is a project for volunteer sports divers who have an interest in what they're seeing underwater, want to learn more and want to help protect the marine environment around the coasts of Britain and Ireland, helping to maintain records of their finds. The national website is seasearch.org.uk, though one more specific to our area can be found at seasearcheast.org.uk, and Rob and partner Dawn's own website at 1townhouses.co.uk, all well worth look if only for more enticing underwater photos, though the keen can find a way in through diving trips and courses.



Needless to say, a thoroughly enjoyable and well presented evening.

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Memories of the 2nd World War Years (No 3)



Another farm cottage we lived in during the war was even closer to Martlesham Airfield than the one mentioned in my February piece. The road that ran past our house was the main road from Felixstowe to Woodbridge but it was closed all through the war except for military vehicles. There was a sentry box at the top of our garden then; it was only a short step to where all the action was. The Germans soon got wise to this; consequently we had quite a few visits from the Nazis.

One night there was a particularly heavy raid, the Germans were dropping incendiary bombs with a system where they used a large canister (crate) which held about 200 bombs, they were known to us as "bread baskets".

Now, I stand to be corrected here, but I believe they were dropped by parachute until when about 200 feet from the ground, on a time switch, they would open and scatter these phosphorous bombs everywhere. I jumped out of bed and ran to each bedroom window looking out. All I could see was fire everywhere. One had destroyed our shed and one had hit the swing tree and burnt it down.

The next morning my Sister and I took Mum's shopping basket and, walking round the garden, picked up the unexploded bombs, they were quite small and some had H.E. (high explosive) written on them. We took them up to the British Army Camp at the top of our garden. The army then threw them at trees to detonate them. It seemed like good fun to two children around 8 to 9 years old! □



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We have continued to be active in Rotary to help others. Not long ago we gave a charity donation to St. Martin's Housing Trust to assist homeless men and women. Recently, too, we sponsored Daniel Bullen for table tennis as he hopes to qualify for the Great Britain team at the next Paralympics. We send our best wishes to him in his quest. We have sponsored Mollie Patterson, aged 11 who had been selected to play table tennis for England in the British Primary International Championships held in Jersey. Competing countries besides England were Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Isle of Man and Guernsey. This is a prestigious international tournament and we are delighted to report that Mollie won an individual Bronze Medal and a Team Silver Medal. Well done, Mollie! Both Daniel and Mollie are players to watch for the future!



On the home front we have had an interesting talk from Mark Birks, Smithdon High School. He told us about the new Design Technology curriculum, which requires students to deliver new skills and to know new technical knowledge. It was helpful to us in Rotary to know how this aspect of students' knowledge is being updated

Rotary President, Ben Warnes and Inner Wheel President, Margaret Swann, gave us and our partners a splendid Presidents' Night celebration in March at the Le Strange Hotel, Hunstanton. We were entertained well by young musicians from Smithdon High School and were pleased to give a donation to the School's Music Department to assist the School's students with their musical interest.

Towards the end of March the Club Rotarians put on a Rotary Awareness meeting for guests. This, too, was a most enjoyable event. Rotarian Adrian Evans provided large screen entertainment which demonstrated to our guests how Rotary in this area is organised and how our motto 'Service above Self' is put into operation.



This year, our annual 'Light Railway' event at Hall Farm, Norton Hill, Snettisham, will take place over the weekend of July 26th – 27th. The three charities which we shall be supporting will be 'Keeping Abreast' (reconstruction after cancer surgery), 'The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House' and the 'West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled'. Make a note of the dates!

All about Rotary

Continuing with our information telling readers all about us, in this issue we tell you about the history of Rotary's development and its organisation.

Rotary has been in existence since 1905 when its founder, Paul Harris, a lawyer in the USA, felt isolated in the large city of Chicago. He thought that he could aim for fellowship by bringing together at regular intervals, business and professional men of different trades. These people met regularly at each others' place of business by rota, which led to the name, 'Rotary'.

Early on, each member helped the others in business, then the idea of service to the community came about and the first club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, came into existence. Its first community act was to provide public toilets in the city. Following this came clubs in San Francisco (1908), Seattle, New York and Boston, and by 1910 an Association of Rotary Clubs in America was formed. Quickly Rotary Clubs spread to Canada (1910), then to Dublin, London and Belfast (1911). This was when a statement of Rotary's principles was made, in particular that the Rotary Club demands fair dealings, honest methods, high standards and thoughtfulness 'for one's

fellow'. When Rotary began it was a 'men only' organisation; nowadays both men and women can and do become members. Our Club has several women members. Election to membership in Rotary was (and still is) an expression of confidence by the club in the member elected 'and of its goodwill towards him or her'. Membership is considered to be a privilege.

Today, Rotary is the largest service organisation of both business and professional men and women in the world. Clubs and membership have spread world wide, with members of different races, gender, faiths and cultures. Members know that, wherever they meet other Rotarians, there will always be fellowship and a welcome. "Service above Self" is its motto. It has been said that the 24 teeth in the Rotary wheel indicate that at any hour during 24 hours at least one Rotary Club will be meeting somewhere across the world. Service and fellowship are at the heart of Rotary. Its popularity is shown by the fact that in Britain and Ireland alone there are 1810 Clubs totalling more than 51,000 members!

The Rotary Club can be pictured as being at 'grass roots' level in the organisation which extends world-wide. Each Club has its President, elected by its members and typically he or she is President for one year. The Club organisation is composed of several committees, covering Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, International Service, Foundation and Youth Service. In our Club each member chooses which committee he or she would like to support and each committee has a Rotarian who is its chairman.

As we climb 'up the ladder' in Rotary organisation, Clubs are put into a Rotary District with a Rotary Governor in charge. Here this District has 77 Clubs mainly based in Norfolk and Suffolk with some in Cambridgeshire, Essex and Hertfordshire. The organisation 'Rotary International in Britain & Ireland' (R.I.B.I in brief) is our Headquarters and this has a President. At the top of the ladder is the World Rotary Organisation known as 'Rotary International' (R.I. in brief), based in Evanston, Illinois, USA (where Rotary began). This has the World President in charge. In practice the system works well. If we want assistance 'from above' at any time, we can always contact those in charge who are there to support Clubs and they are all unfailingly helpful. For instance, one way in which we can get help is by requesting financial support for small or large Rotary projects, an example being the provision of a medical clinic in a Third World country.

We will continue telling you all about Rotary in the next issue. However if you would like any further information now, contact Club President Ben Warnes on 01485 534392 or Vice President Peter Atterbury on 01485 534820

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News from St Cecilia's Church

by Patricia Nevin

I hope you had a very Holy Easter. Both our Churches (at Dersingham and Hunstanton) looked lovely, thanks to the flower arrangers and all other volunteers who helped in the smooth running of the Holy week events.

We are still collecting for the Food Banks in Hunstanton and King's Lynn which

provide help to those in very real need in the local area. Items such as tinned food, baby food, pasta sauces, UHT milk, cereals and tea bags and instant coffee will all be gratefully received. Please check dates on all produce. There is a box for donations in both church porches.

On Saturday 14th June we will have our very popular Strawberry Fair at St Cecilia's, Dersingham. As well as the delicious strawberries and scones, there will be various stalls including a bric-a-brac stall, tombola, raffle and refreshments. Please come along and support this lovely social occasion. Watch for our parish social events during the year which will be advertised on the

website and in the weekly bulletins. Everyone, whether Catholic or not, is welcome to all of our services and social occasions. We have refreshments after the 11am Mass every Sunday and after 10.15am Mass every Wednesday. There are also refreshments after the 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the month at Dersingham. Please come along, you will be most welcome. Our daily Masses are usually held at St Theresa's Convent, 27 Sandringham Road, Hunstanton, but will be in the church during the summer months instead, except on Wednesday when it is usually at 10.15am at St Cecilia's, Dersingham. These are subject to change so please check for dates and times on Church notice boards, website or phone. Sunday Masses are 9am at Dersingham and 11am at Hunstanton. The Parish office telephone number is 01485 534675. You can contact the Parish Priest, Fr Peter Rollings on 01553 772220.

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Ringstead Open Gardens

Sunday 29th June 2014

11am - 5pm

The picturesque village of Ringstead celebrates its 37th annual open garden event this year on Sunday 29th June between 11am and 5pm.

Eleven gardens will be open to the public from 11am. Lunches will be served at Hillside between 12 - 2pm, and Teas at East End Farm from 1pm - 5pm with music from Springwood Big Band, as well as plant, craft, bric-a-brac, cake and tombola stalls and a Blacksmith. The raffle this year has a special prize of a 'flight for two' over the Norfolk Countryside! St Andrews Church will be hosting its **Flower Festival** from Saturday to Monday between 10am - 4pm, and on the Sunday the **Ringstead String Quartet** will be performing in the Church. In addition, **'The Ringstead 5'** (The Ringstead Artists, namely Sally Anne Fitter, Bryan Harford, Helga Joergens & David Lendrum and Barbara King) will be holding an **Art Exhibition** in the Village Hall (Friday to Monday 10am to 5pm)

Free minibus transport round the village is available if required on the Sunday, and **£3** admits to all locations, proceeds to St Andrews Church.

For enquiries please ring **Melanie** on **01485 525494**

Debbie Rice





Darkening Skies by Elizabeth Fiddick

In January 1900 the vicar of Dersingham sat down and wrote an introduction to the Sandringham Estate Magazine to welcome in the start of a new century. He posed many questions for his readers. Will it be possible before the new century closes to travel to America in three days? Will the daily paper be a thing of the past, and the penny post a matter of ancient history? He wondered if there would be eight European Wars in the new century as there had been in the last. Even as he sat writing down his thoughts many men from Dersingham were fighting in the second Boer War.

Indeed men from the village had served in many past campaigns including with Wellington against Napoleon. Families here as elsewhere were used to some of their men leaving home to fight in distant lands and they were now to face this yet again as the prospect of another war became a certainty. But this war would be very different to all the others. The villagers learnt about past wars by reading accounts in the local papers, or from letters sent home by the soldiers. They would have listened attentively to accounts of their experiences on the battle fields of the Boer war told by men like Gunner Sidney Rainbow, or colour-sergeant Walter Dyble when they returned home. This time the war was to come right into villages and towns. The horror and terror would be felt first hand. As August 1914 grew nearer there was a great fear of a German invasion and Norfolk with its open beaches just 80 miles from the enemy was an obvious target. But this was not unexpected as we had been here before. Hadn't Napoleon himself threatened just such a tactic? Indeed one elderly resident Widow Hudson, whom many could still remember, used to speak of the time when villagers watched the sea for Boney's ships and kept their "bits of silver" packed up ready to hide or carry away. Special Constables issued instructions to all households as to what to do should the invasion occur. They were to leave their district as quickly as possible and proceed to the designated areas taking everything they could and destroying anything that could be of use to the enemy. Much more unnerving were instructions in the local paper that all lights should be extinguished as a protection against bombs from enemy aircraft. *"It is much better to go home early, or find the way in the dark, than to run the slightest risk of being blown to pieces by explosives from above"*. This was a new worry and early in 1915 it became a reality.

By 10pm on the cold winter's night of January 15th 1915 our village lay in darkness as all warnings had been heeded and no lights were showing. In most houses the children were asleep and adults were preparing for bed when two loud explosions in the distance shattered the silence. Then the gentle purring of an engine from the sky was heard which grew louder until it filled the parish with a noise described later as equal to the sound of 200 motor cars. Kapitan Leutnant Von Platen-Hallermund and the crew of Airship L4 were approaching the village. Von Platen had

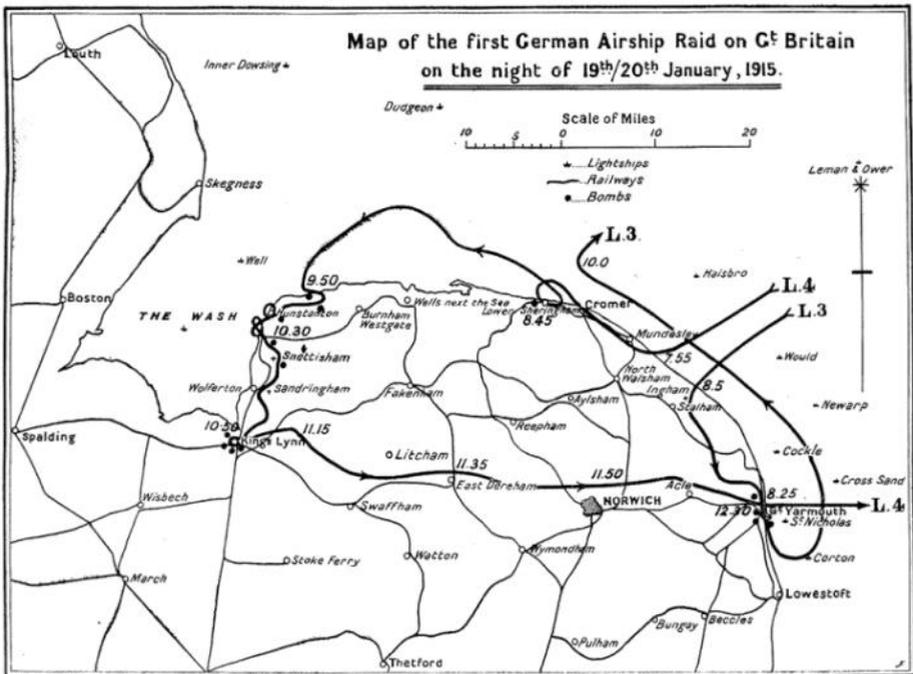
taken off in his Airship L4 from Fuhlsbittel on the Elbe, north of Hanover in Germany at 9.05a.m. accompanied by Kapitan Leutnant Hans Fritz in the airship L3, and crossed the North Sea to attack England. Although he lost contact with L3 he crossed the English coast at about 7:55pm to launch an attack on Hull. Unknown to the crew they were in fact quite lost. In his report he stated that he turned north to get



behind the sea front and attack the Humber Industrial area from the land side. But as he stated later, *"I did not find the North bank of the Humber on a North Westerly course."* This was hardly surprising, as he had in fact crossed the Norfolk coast near Bacton.

He followed the coast and passed over Cromer without realising the town was below as it was in complete darkness. L4 proceeded out to sea but then circled back to pass between Weyborne and Sheringham at 8.30. Von Platen descended to about 800 feet and dropped a flare and two incendiary bombs on Sheringham probably trying to get his bearings. He headed back out to sea but about an hour later he passed Thornham where another incendiary was dropped. He was next seen at Brancaster where according to a witness he circled the village twice turning on a searchlight and dropping *"a missile containing inflammable substance"*. L4 then passed over Holme and came to Hunstanton where according to an official report at 10.15pm bomb aimed at the wireless station dropped in a field 300yards away. The Lynn Advertiser reported *"about 10.20 the people were startled by the unusual sound of aircraft enginesand the Zeppelin passed slowly over the water tower and followed the shore line to Heacham. No bombs were dropped. The inhabitants seemed to take little more than a mild interest in the passing aircraft and showed no fear or panic."* In fact the airship flew over the gasworks, the pier and the lighthouse before proceeding. Several people claimed to have seen powerful searchlights but it would appear that although Von Platen knew he was over a coast he was totally unaware of the darkened town. Apparently the local council, which had decided only a few weeks before that all but four street lights should be put out, changed their minds and ordered all streets lights to be out and all windows darkened.. The report of a bomb was erroneous.

It was about 10.40 when the airship flew over Heacham. A witness described the noise as "unusual" and then saw a flash followed by an explosion and a "tremendous flare of light". The bomb hit one of two cottages in Lord's Lane. It broke off some bricks in the wall, tore off some tiling and part of the wall of the washhouse before falling into a rain tub and blowing it to pieces. Two days after the attack a second bomb, which had failed to explode, was discovered embedded



in the soil of a field between the school and the chalk pit. The inhabitants of Sedgeford heard the droning of the engines from about 9.30 to 11.00 followed by three explosions. In Snettisham the airship was first seen hovering over the old Grammar School, which stood at the bottom of the hill leading out of the village. It circled twice before a tremendous explosion indicated a bomb had been dropped. It would appear that the church was the target but fortunately the aim was not accurate as it dropped closer to the Sedgeford road. The church was badly damaged however, with several windows being smashed. Houses near to the crater also lost windows and outbuildings at Manor Farm and the farmhouse had tiles stripped from their roofs. The vicar of Snettisham, who with his wife and friend had left the vicarage *“brightly lighted for the entertainment”* to go out into the garden to see if they could discover the aircraft they could hear, described in his report to the press *“ a long hissing sound, a confused streak of light and a tremendous crash. The next moment was made up of apprehension, relief and mutual enquiries and then all was dark and still as the sound of the retiring Zeppelin speedily died away.”*

The Zeppelin was now flying over Dersingham and the villagers started to come onto the streets to find out the cause of the noise. Meanwhile news of the attack was filtering through to the authorities. At 10pm the Chief Constable of Lynn, Charles Hunt had been told that a Zeppelin had passed over Sheringham and was dropping bombs. He contacted the National Guard and at 10.40 was informed by a colleague in Swaffham that he had heard of the raid and Hunt should warn all the other forces. In a letter he wrote later to the Home Office, Hunt wrote, *“About 10.45 when I was trying to get through to Dersingham the Superintendent there rang me up and stated that a Zeppelin had passed over Dersingham and had dropped bombs in the neighbourhood. Before a message was complete I heard bombs being dropped close to this borough.”*



Navigator in his Airship L4 'gondola' checking his chart

A Dersingham resident wrote a lengthy report for the *News and County Press* about the sound of a purring engine. *“Confound it, I said to myself, J... has got stranded in his car and wants to be put up here for the night.”* The informant continued, *“I did not see the airship, but a Dersingham friend tells me that he saw it at the height of about 300 feet above his house. It was cigar shaped and almost as long as Dersingham station. No lights were showing.”* The alarming noise soon caused many more lights to show in the windows and volunteers hastily went round the parish to warn people of the possible return of the airship and lights were quickly turned out. The informant went out round the village. *“About midnight I met on the road several groups of people and I would wish to testify to the remarkable calmness which residents showed in the midst of those alarming conditions.”* He pondered what the position would have been if bombs had been dropped on the village. As the noise of the engines died away the villagers must have sighed with relief but in the following days they would read in the local papers that L4 had continued on to King’s Lynn. There it dropped 8 bombs causing immense structural damage and worse still killing two people and seriously injuring 13.

In the days following the attack there were countless rumours that the airship had been guided to its targets by spies in cars. Mr Holcombe Ingleby the local MP wrote several long letters to The Times regarding the allegations. After giving several instances of suspicious activity by cars in Heacham and Brancaster Staithe he quotes a *“trustworthy farmer”* who described a car that threw flashes of light towards Snettisham Church, which guided the Zeppelin there. *“This car re-appeared at the turning into Dersingham and there threw up what appeared to be a definite signal, two upward flashes and one cross flash. At the turning by the church which leads to Sandringham it threw up more flashes.”* There was certainly a rumour at the time that Sandringham had been the target. Even Queen Alexandra had written, *“This is too bad, those*

beasts actually went straight to Sandringham, I suppose in the hopes of exterminating us with the Zeppelin bombs- though thank God they failed this time."

However worse was to come for our village. On the 2nd to 3rd of September 1916 the largest airship raid of the war, with 12 navy zeppelins and 3 from the army, crossed the North Sea to attack London. However high winds, heavy rain and icing dispersed the fleet and only one came near the capital but 16-17 tons of bombs were dropped from the Humber to Gravesend. One of the Zeppelins passed over Dersingham and the villagers heard again the purring of the engines followed by several loud explosions which shook the houses as bombs fell. Mr Cliff Riches recalled this terrifying night in the interview he gave during the Millennium project. He was only 4 years old but as he said, *"When they drop bombs that impress itself on a child's mind."* He recalled the Zeppelin coming over his house from the direction of the sea and that the first bomb fell in what is now Manorside but was then a field. Another bomb dropped on the common and he remembered how the boys would go there to see the crater and collect shrapnel. The Zeppelin dropped the rest on the open fen. He recalled that unknown to the village one bomb did not go off. The next day Cliff went to fetch some corn for his father's chickens when that bomb exploded and he dropped the corn all over the road. But by far the worst moment that night was when one of the bombs hit a row of cottages on Doddshill and blew out the end wall exposing the bedroom where two young girls had been asleep. Mr Buckett, a gamekeeper on the Sandringham estate, lived next to these cottages. He fetched a ladder, climbed up and helped the girls to safety. Mr Buckett's cottage was damaged and amid the mayhem his two ferrets escaped. A lady living in one of the bombed cottages had opened the door and stepped outside in order to light her husband's way up the path and tragically she was killed. Mr Riches recalled that his parents took him up there the next day, *"and some old boy got a collecting box, and was sitting on the bomb crater collecting money"*. Mr Eddie Roye's family lived at Massingham at the time but he remembered his father taking him to Dersingham the day after the raid to check on his aunt who lived in Doddshill. She was alright but had to move to another cottage until her house was repaired. As a child he remembered the bombed cottage and seeing a bed still standing in the destroyed bedroom.

On September 29th 1916 the funeral of Mrs Violet Dunger took place. It was well attended by friends and family and among the floral tributes was one sent from Mr & Mrs Holcombe Ingleby the local MP and his wife. Another reminder of this terrifying night can be seen on the Dersingham Bog where there is a small flight pond for ducks known as Wolferton Splash which although acidic attracts numerous wild fowl. This was formed from the crater caused by one of the bombs dropped in 1915 and later enlarged by George VI. □



Cottages at Doddshill damaged in the raid

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Dersingham Bog News

With Tom Bolderstone, Reserve Warden

Spring is definitely in full flow at Dersingham Bog NNR lately with the warm weather and many of the plants, insects and birds are quite active. It is the time when butterflies and insects start appearing in great numbers. The yearly census of butterflies runs on site for 26 weeks through the spring and summer season. Visits are made weekly when the weather is suitable along a fixed route. This route is then split into sections to allow easier recording of species along the route. At the end of each visit the totals for the sections and the species are recorded on computer before being sent off to the national data coordinators. The survey shows population changes of Butterflies in relation to the weather and habitats.

As well as butterflies we regularly survey the Dragonflies and Damselflies, on site normally starting mid-May. One of our volunteers visits the site regularly and records the Dragonflies he sees on a fixed route. This again allows us to compare the data year on year and look at any subtle changes. We try and survey the southern end of the site but have recently set up another route at the Dersingham end. This will allow us to compare the two ends of the reserve for any subtle differences related to small habitat variations.

This time of year also sees the return of many migrant birds to the United Kingdom and some of these can be seen at Dersingham Bog NNR. Most arrive during late April and May but some such as the Chiffchaff can arrive as early as March. Chiffchaffs have been singing on the reserve for many weeks now and can be recognised by their song which resembles their name. Other migrants include Tree Pipits which despite their name tend to nest on the ground so can be vulnerable to disturbance. The Grasshopper warbler is a bird seldom seen but tends to be heard. Its song resembles the noise of a Grasshopper hence the name. A close relation of the Chiffchaff, the Willow Warbler can also be seen and heard on the reserve and it has a much more musical song and can often be heard on the edge of the wooded areas.

There have recently been reports of less common visitors to the reserve such as a male Wheatear and a male Ring Ouzel. These tend to breed in upland areas and are moving through the reserve on passage to their breeding grounds. The Ring Ouzel is similar to a Blackbird. The females can be tricky to tell apart from blackbirds but the males have a distinct white crescent shaped bib below their throat. These birds are a common sight on the Norfolk Coast in spring and autumn migration but very infrequent on Dersingham Bog. The Wheatear is the size of a Robin but its



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distinguishing feature, normally seen when the bird is flying away from you, is a white patch above where the tail starts. There have only been a small number recorded on site in the last couple of years but sightings are becoming more regular.

As mentioned in the last article we were cleaning out our bird boxes on the reserve and have now been round to check for any signs of nesting. Twenty boxes out of the fifty so far are showing signs of use. The boxes range from just started nest building to Blue and Great Tits sitting on eggs. We will keep checking throughout the season to record progress.

Many of you know we run guided walks on the reserve and have scheduled four Wednesday evening “**Creatures of the Night**” walks on **25th June, 2nd & 30th July and 6th August**

(time to be confirmed). This is a chance to come and see some of our nocturnal species such as Nightjar and Glow-worm. If anyone would like to come along please contact Kate Garner on **01485 543044**. The events are free of charge but availability is limited and therefore booking is essential. Hope to see you there sometime. Email: Thomas.bolderstone@naturalengland.org.uk □





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Dersingham Methodist Church by Elizabeth Batstone



On 26th April many of us from Dersingham Methodist Church were present at the leaving service and tea for the Rev Kim Nally and his wife Cheryl. Kim wanted an informal affair and this was achieved. We sang his favourite hymns, reflected on his ministry and his particular gifts, gave him with several presents and then enjoyed a lovely tea. Tribute was paid to the way Kim has conducted his role as a Methodist minister particularly his caring, gentle manner and sense of humour. Kim spoke of his love for God and the desire that everyone should know of this love. Many in the area, including Dersingham, have experienced this care when Kim was called upon to take a funeral service or to visit someone with a particular need. In the last few years Kim has been battling ill health leading to his early retirement. Despite his pain and suffering his indomitable spirit was seen and we admire him greatly for the way he is facing an uncertain future.

Kim wrote his last article for the April Village Voice and talked of his love for stories. To us his life was a story where he faced difficulties but never once lost his love for God whom he served faithfully.

Don't forget to pay a visit to our **Flower Festival Thursday 22nd to Saturday 24th May**; the theme is **'Gardens of the Bible'**. 10:00a m to 4:30 pm On Sunday 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm we will be open for teas but there will not be any stalls. The children from Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School will sing at 10:00 am on Thursday and Friday and as usual we will be serving coffee, lunches, teas which can be combined with a visit to the stalls. Services on Sunday will be at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Proceeds are for Church funds and the Norfolk Hospice Tapping House. We look forward to welcoming you all. □



From the Parish Office



As I write, the sun is shining, the Rhododendrons, Life Wood and Sandringham are blooming, and the growing season is in full force. Little wonder there have been lots of calls regarding allotments.

I would like to welcome our new Councillors Alan Hobson and Tim Edwards and am sure they will bring fresh ideas and knowledge to strengthen the Council. This still leaves us with six vacancies so if anyone wishes to have their say in what is happening in your village please come and join us. Your village NEEDS you!

The Recreation Committee is hard at work organising events as detailed in Suzy's Council Report. A list of events for the summer activities will be available soon. Look out for them in the Children's School book bags.

I hope you are all enjoying the new all colour Village Voice. The team work extremely hard in a voluntary capacity to bring you this marvellous magazine.

Please keep the laminated posters coming for the Public Noticeboard; it is well used and is an asset to the village and its organisations. We are also still selling the Caddy Liners at £1.60 for 50 if you need them.

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

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The Daily Doings of Mrs Dolittle (a.k.a Valerie Ankhorn)



I've just come back from the library. The knit and knatter group were there, having a wonderful, well, natter, needles a clacking. Nice Ladies. They were laughing uproariously, chatting nineteen to the dozen and having a whale of a time. I noticed that sensibly, instead of being housed, as previously, in the centre of the book area, their large table was set at the door end away from the bookshelves, which was much less intrusive. I still couldn't concentrate to choose my books but felt the arrangement was better than before: however when I returned home I discovered I had picked up a ghastly book on vampires, which certainly shows I couldn't concentrate! I still don't understand the concept of the idea, but then who am I to wonder on the mysteries of the world?

I've always loved reading historical romances, ever since, at the age of thirteen, I discovered in the school library the author, Jeffrey Farnoll. Well, not him in person of course, but his novels. However, more often than not, I so often groan at the bad writing and poor plots of many of the books I read, and sometimes think I could do better, so the last time my mind was in that mode, I decided to do something about it, and now am in full swing, writing my own novel. That's the easy part – starting. Completing it is the difficult task – losing the impulse, the drive, the plot! Finding an agent or publisher is almost an impossibility, so I don't see it gracing Dersingham Library shelves in the foreseeable future, knitters or knatters regardless! However, please note: I **do** have one published book in the library, if you want to search for it, it's in the biography section – though I feel it would be better placed in the Mind Body Spirit section. It's called "The Magician's Daughter – A Modern Mystic's Journey of Discovery", by Valerie Gordon. If you like books in the MBS genre, you will probably enjoy it. You are welcome to believe I am nuts, but a Red Indian Brave materialised in front of me and told me to write the book - so I did as I was told! The book's title is because my dad was a magician - the sleight of hand sort - but as a small child it was *real* magic to me, and I have never really lost my belief that all things are possible. Therefore when weird and wonderful stuff happened to me, I suppose I was accepting of it, rather than ignoring it. The book shows the many ways how those 'in another dimension' can 'come through' and give comfort. I do have plenty for sale too, if anyone is interested.

I've had some fun recently. I have known a dear friend for fifty years who now lives in Australia, so I was delighted that she outlined her plans for a few days in Dersingham, via Mexico, San Francisco, New York, Russia, Israel, Paris and goodness knows where else.

I had arranged for my son to pick her up at Chipping Norton, where she had stayed overnight with another friend, and he would fly her to Snoring, in a small two-seater aircraft he is lucky to have the use of. I waited in eager anticipation for the little craft to appear in the sky, but it didn't turn up for an hour, by which time my teeth were chattering. The wind was freezing! I could have stayed in the car, but I didn't want to miss their approach and touch down. I was listening out for the rattling roar of the engine, and was fooled a few times by passing tractors. Silly old woman, me! Eventually a little dot appeared in the wonderful sunset, and down the plane landed, and rattled up to the hanger where I was standing, partially iced over. My friend waved from the cockpit, looking like Amy Johnson, her smile reaching from ear to ear.

We spent a couple of wonderful days catching up, and even had a tour guide in King's Lynn give us fascinating spiel at the old Guild Hall at the Fermoy Centre – I had asked about the history of the Undercroft, and he just happened to be passing by. If you have been in the café there and noticed the heavy iron rings in the ceiling, they were for hauling fleeces either out of boats (which came right up to the



undercroft) or into them. I was right back in those times, watching the sailors haul out barrels and furs, stack them in the croft, with some bloke checking against his list to ensure the right number had arrived (or were leaving). I could see the tall ships sailing up the estuary – in fact, I was totally back in the past (all good research for my current writing) but had to return to the present day before our parking tick ran out. Imagination is a wonderful thing.

My Doctor told me I might have Billy Ruebens. Who's he? I asked brightly, thinking my luck was in. Turns out it is some kind of liver thing and I went and had the scan today. The letter said I wasn't to eat or drink 4 hours before the scan, so I had a good breakfast that I thought would take me through without a diabetic hypo (which to the uninitiated is horrible – when blood sugar gets very low, the brain goes all peculiar and things that are there disappear, while you shiver and shake and can't remember who you are) I thought the missing hour would help too, but when I took my sugar reading, it was really low, and I began to panic, which doesn't help. Anyway, sucking on a glucose cube, I got there okay and they agreed to see me earlier than the time set for me. No point worrying. I've reached an age where I am glad I'm still here, and I'm sure there will be all sorts of things going wrong as time passes. In the meantime, I shall enjoy the time allotted and enjoy the days as they come. Billy Reubins? The girl couldn't find him. He must have popped out to the pub.

I don't know why, but my teenage bra just popped into my head. It must have been the word 'popped' that did it. In the 1950's I was out jiving or ballroom dancing on a Saturday night, having a port and lemon in the interval, and eyeing out the boys as potential husbands. This was the era for the pointed, conical, stiff, stitched-into-coils-bra. We girls hoisted these bras and their contents almost around our ears – well under the chin anyway – and when dancing cheek to cheek and chest to breast with a guy with sideburns, quiff and DA hairstyle (ducks-a—e) suited with vast padded shoulders and invariably wearing 'brothel creepers' (thick crepe soles) the bra points would pop inwards, inverting themselves and shy girls like myself had to surreptitiously try and unpop them before the dance finished. Not an easy task.

Don't you love 'spell-check' on your computer? It comes up with some strange substitutes. A wavy red line had come up on my spelling of 'surreptitiously', and the computer's suggestion was that I replaced it with 'scrumptiously'! You can't beat a dictionary at the end of the day.

Referring back to those '50's dances – I realise I am a right old moaner by the way – but I feel sorry in many ways for youngsters of today. Songs and tunes in the old days were so tuneful and sing-along-to. They had proper verses with a story to them, and were something to remember and sing ourselves, or whistle to. (Have you noticed, nobody whistles anymore? I think it is mainly because there are no 'tunes'). These days music can be a discordant sound with a few repetitious words that make no sense, and as for dancing, well, it's just jiggling around doing your own thing, isn't it. I suppose in many ways dancing today is just like bird and animal behavior when courting. Birds prance around in front of a prospective spouse, 'showing their colours' and attract a mate that way. It's clear that young folk still manage to 'pull' - as it's now called - by their 'self gyrations' but there's nothing like dancing cheek to cheek, in the old fashion way, where you soon realise whether or not you like the new partner, *and* you could hear what they said when they whispered in your ear...ahh, nothing like the good old days!

I realise I have become a real old fuddy-duddy, but I suppose all of us have our favourite eras and stick to those memories as the best ever. Today's youngsters, when they reach their dotage, will be saying the same things about their teenage years – so nothing really changes does it? □





Hunstonton Community Choir

Hunstonton Community Choir performed at St. Edmunds Church, Hunstonton on Saturday 29th March; we sang an eclectic mix of songs including folk, pop and opera. The Choir certainly rose to the occasion and performed, with heart, the songs that have become part of our lives over the past months. Indeed, having the opera flavour had the Choir members learning a little

Latin and Italian too! Songs and music that at first felt daunting, became more familiar, the more we practised! It's quite amazing how much can be felt from a language that's not altogether understood, and from the positive reaction to the performance, the audience felt it too!

So from Les Miserables to Abba, Faure's Requiem to Simon & Garfunkel, the enjoyment of performing and sharing these songs are some of the things that have this Choir at the heart of the Hunstonton community. The ethos of sharing expands even further, as the profits from the Concert enabled the group to make a donation of £500 to Tapping House Hospice – a very worthwhile amount. Many thanks to all who came along and helped create an evening to remember.

To further raise awareness of local groups, members of the Choir participated in a workshop session at Hunstonton Library on Saturday 12th April, led as usual by Simon Bower, our charismatic Choirmaster and music arranger. With an element of fun never far away, Simon began with a vocal warm-up using imitation 'gorilla' sounds. Anyone using the Library that morning may have been initially alarmed by such monkeying around! The songs that followed were just a small taste of what can be musically achieved in a short session.

Finally, just a small mention of the Choir's social events, which are becoming increasingly popular with this friendly, fun group; parties, karaoke, quizzes, carol concerts and generally any type of get-together. We are also planning to sing in the Bandstand this summer, as well as at other local events. You can find out even more via Facebook on our "Friends of Hunstonton Community Choir".

Hunstonton Community Choir meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9pm at the Town Hall. The first session is free and thereafter it costs £3 each week. Enjoying singing is basic, anything else can be learned! There are no embarrassing auditions; anyone can come along and simply blend in wherever they feel their voice fits, because in this instance there is proof that practice really does make perfect, as everyone gives their 'all' to make a great sound, ultimately this happens while enjoying the journey. Having observed the look of pleasure on Choir member's faces, there appears a satisfying blend of having fun, singing our hearts out and creating (most of the time!) a fabulous sound!

Liz Rogers □



Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Tuesday 27th May 2014, 7.30pm at the Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham.

(Access and parking from Sporle Road)

Please come to this illustrated talk by David Pelling entitled:

Birding in Cuba

David is well-known to many as a NarVOS member and keen photographer. Accompanied by friends from NarVOS he enjoyed the birds, the people and the atmosphere of this enigmatic island as you will see as he regales us with his trip to Cuba.

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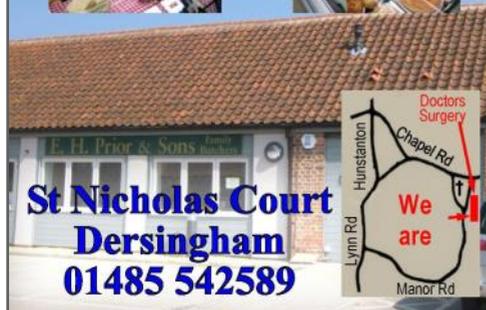
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Random Jottings by Tony Bubb

With this year marking the beginning of the Great War I was reminded of this mystery picture that I found in the huge box of photos left to me when my mother died.

The cottage looks cosy sitting in some woods but seems to have just the one chimney pot, so a bit chilly in the winter upstairs. All four of the young men in uniform are smoking cigarettes whilst the older two are on pipes. Are these the sons returned from the front or have they just joined up? From the style of the building I think that it is in Kent, Sussex or Hampshire and I certainly had some ancestors on my father's side in Sussex, but the ones I know about were the village builders and undertakers in Ticehurst and they looked considerably more prosperous than these folk. I cannot see any family likeness and that side of my family certainly had identifiable looks. So why did this picture get kept and where was it taken? I would love to know but I think it's a great picture.

I had the opportunity to visit the new Tapping House development in Hillington recently. In a short break between the builders finishing the outside and the inside getting fitted out, Richard Shaw the Norfolk hospice chief executive gave a group of councillors a conducted tour of these splendid new premises.

Overall the site is a generous 5 acres with the building occupying around half. Designed for both day care and residential use every possible good idea has been worked into the structure. Some of the internal areas and the large central garden are envisaged as having a public use as well as benefiting those being cared for and to this end there will be a chapel which is to be licensed for weddings incorporated.

On the residential side there will be 7 bedrooms in phase one and a further 7 in the second phase which has been partially built in readiness. All these rooms will have pleasant

views over open country. With meeting rooms, training areas, lots of toilets - a particular favourite of Richard - and many rooms for day patients, this is going to be a major facility for this part of the county.

The building is super insulated and will be using energy recovery for its heating ensuring running costs are kept to a minimum. Ample parking is provided outside and the currently bare grounds are to be landscaped by volunteers and patients although how much will be finished by the opening in August we will have to wait and see. Do visit if you get the chance. □





Dersingham Cricket Team Fixtures for June/July

We look forward to this season and wish all the teams the very best for 2014. You would be most welcome to join us for any matches or the annual **Hog Roast** on Saturday 26th July.

All Matches
(Except Cup
Matches) 1st Team
1pm start; 2nds &
Sundays 2pm;
evening 6pm.



TUES 3rd JUNE	MATTISHALL	HOME U11
WED 4th JUNE	KWIK CRICKET	HOME 1-5pm
Wed 4 th June	Grimston	Away 0-40
Thur 5 th June	Cromer	Away U13
Fri 6 th June	Denver	Away U12
FRI 6th JUNE	DENVER	HOME U16
Sat 7 th June	Old Buckenham A	Away 1st
SAT 7th JUNE	BIRCHAM A	HOME 2nd
SUN 8th JUNE	HOCKWOLD	HOME SUN
TUES 10th JUNE	SNETTISHAM	HOME 0-40
Thur 12 th June	Fakenham	Away U13
FRI 13th JUNE	DOWNHAM	HOME U12
Fri 13 th June	Snettisham	Away U16
SAT 14th JUNE	NORTH RUNCTON A	HOME 1st
SUN 15th JUNE	NORFOLK U13 v YORKSHIRE U13	1pm
TUES 17th JUNE	HORSFORD	HOME U11
WED 18th JUNE	CASTLE RISING	HOME 0-40
Thur 19 th June	Dereham	Away U13
FRI 20th JUNE	NORTH RUNCTON	HOME U16
Fri 20 th June	Stow	Away U12
Sat 21 st June	Hardingham	Away 1st
SAT 21st JUNE	FAKENHAM B	HOME 2nd
Sun 22 nd June	Dereham	Away Sun
Wed 25 th June	Fakenham	Away 0-40
THUR 24th JUNE	SWANTON MORLEY	HOME U13
THUR 26th JUNE	ALBOROUGH	HOME U11
FRI 27th JUNE	NORTH RUNCTON	HOME U12
Fri 27 th June	Denver	Away U16
SAT 28th JUNE	NARBOROUGH	HOME 1st
Sat 28 th June	Thornham	Away 2nd

WED 2nd JULY	BIRCHAM
Fri 4 th July	Stow
Sat 5 th July	Sprowston A
SAT 5th JULY	GOODERSTONE A
SUN 6th JULY	BARNEY
SUN 6th JULY	ANGLIANS
CUP	
FRI 11th JULY	STONEYGATE
SAT 12th JULY	ACLE A
Sat 12 th July	Beeston A
W/c 13 th July	Semi Finals
TBC	Finals
FRI 18th JULY	WISBECH
Sat 19 th July	Vauxhall Mallards A
SAT 19th JULY	CASTLE RISING A
Sun 20 th July	Denver
Sat 26th July	Swaffham
SAT 26th JULY	SNETTISHAM A
	Followed by HOG ROAST
SUN 27th JULY	TERRINGTON
FRI 31st JULY	WEST NORFOLK

HOME 0-40
Away U16
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HOME SUN
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Remember the Be-Ro Book? with Coffee Kisses from Caroline Bosworth



As regular readers will be aware, I do enjoy both cooking and baking. Whilst I have many cookery books to refer to, I find myself again and again returning to my beloved Be-Ro cookery book. I have fond memories of looking through my Grandma's copy and indeed my Mum's too. Did you know that you can still buy these? For the princely sum of £2.50 (which includes P&P) you can have a current version - either google it, or send a cheque to The Be-Ro Kitchen, PO Box 100, Blackburn, Lancs, BB0 1GR. I tend to buy these in bulk and then use them as an alternative, thoughtful birthday card for special friends.

One of my favourite recipes - which I have lovely memories of making with my Nanna as a child is for Coffee Kisses - it uses the wonderful old fashioned Camp Coffee (remember that?) - but I have amended it to allow for just instant coffee as I suspect that not many people have this in their cupboard now. I have also left the measurements in the wonderful imperial units too!!

6oz (175g) SR Flour
3oz (75g) Caster Sugar
3oz (75g) Margarine
1 medium egg
2 x teaspoons (5ml spoons) of Camp coffee essence or 2
teaspoons of instant coffee dissolved in 1 tablespoon of hot water.

Filling:
2 oz (50g) margarine
4 oz (100g) sieved icing sugar
1/5 teaspoon vanilla essence



1. Heat oven to 180 degrees centigrade, 350 degrees Fahrenheit, Gas Mark 4. Grease two baking sheets
2. Mix flour and sugar, rub in margarine
3. Stir in the egg, the coffee liquid and mix well (or put all of the ingredients into a food processor for a quick whizz)
4. Divide the mixture into balls about the size of a walnut. Place on baking trays and bake for about 15 minutes
5. Make the butter icing by mixing the icing sugar, vanilla essence and margarine together.
6. Sandwich two biscuits with butter cream just before serving as the cream filling can soften the biscuits. □

Answers to Puzzles

Word Wall:

1. Butterflies: FRITILLARY, ADMIRAL, BRIMSTONE, COMMA
2. US Fighter Planes: HELLCAT, CORSAIR, THUNDERBOLT, SABRE
3. Explorers: HILARY, COOK, CABOT, DA GAMA
4. Day?: BREAK, DREAM, TRIP, LIGHT

Where is it? What is it?

St Withburga's Church, Holkham.



Solution to Sudoku No 36 in this issue

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

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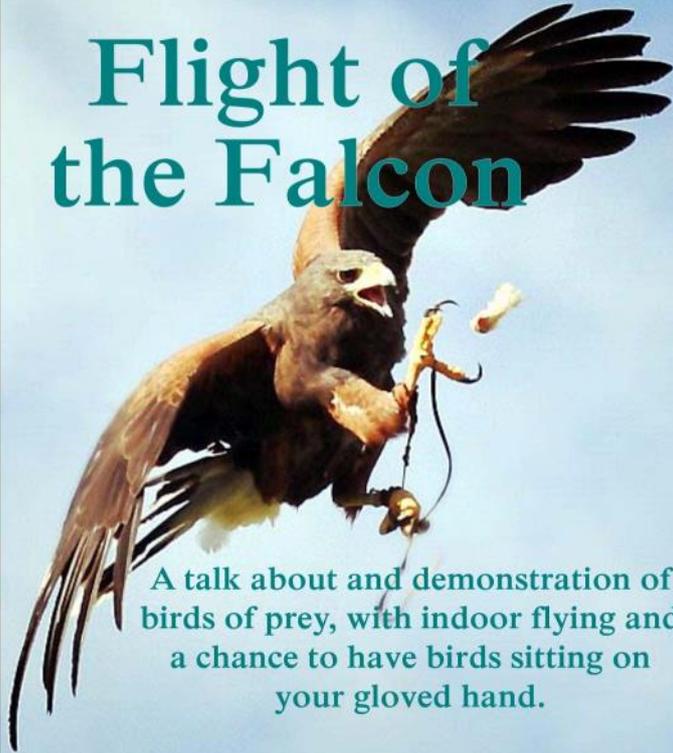
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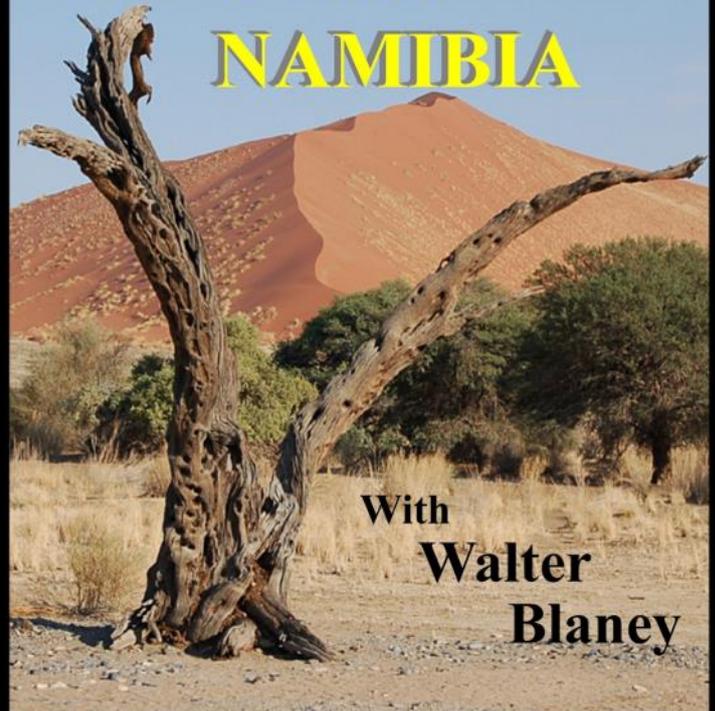
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