Dersingham Village Voice

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Editorial

June is now here and at last the sun is shining – people are enjoying trips out and barbecues in the gardens. As a village we have something to celebrate with our local councillor, George Pratt, becoming Mayor of West Norfolk. We all wish him the very best in his year of office and hope it is an enjoyable year for him.

There are some important dates for your diary in this issue: Open Gardens 2001, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June; the Summer Garden Concert in Dr Browne's garden on 14th July; St Nicholas Church Flower Festival, 19th to 23rd July; a trip to Wisley Gardens in August organised by the Dersingham Flower Club.

There are a couple of pleas in this issue for your attention. The Community Car Service in Dersingham urgently seeks some more volunteer drivers, especially with the holiday season now upon us. Even those with only an hour or two to spare a week would be welcomed with open arms. There is also a vacancy for a Coordinator who contacts the drivers when requests are received for lifts.

Congratulations to the village Junior Flower Club (p10). They did really well at the Chelsea Flower Show this year and their collages will be on display for all to see at St Nicholas Church Flower Festival in July.

We regret that lack of space in this issue has prevented our printing the regular Garden Notebook by Greenish Fingers.

The deadline date for copy for the August edition is 25th July. Publication date 15th August. All contributions are welcomed and should be addressed to the Editor, c/o Parish Council office, Police Station, Manor Road (Tel:541465)

Teresa Southam Editor

Parish Council News

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

Sensory Garden

The Borough has now agreed the site at Orchard Close and the designs have been submitted. The Borough has agreed to pay £2,000 towards the cost. The Parish Clerk is in the process of tendering for the work.

Open Spaces in Mountbatten area

The owners of these areas of land have agreed to transfer ownership to one of the local authorities.

Dog Waste Bins

The dog warden has recommended and the Council have agreed that a bin be placed between the footpath and the postbox by St Cecilia's Church and Budgens Supermarket and another one at the entrance to the woods at Jubilee Drive.

Parish Boundary Review - Draft Revised Proposals

Details of the changes are available from the Parish Council office. There are 3 minor changes and another change which is under discussion.

Houshold Recycling Centres

The new arrangements were discussed at a Parish Council Meeting and the Clerk is writing to Martin Shaw regarding the prior lack of consultation and the difficulties which will ensue for parishioners who wish to transport large amounts of rubbish to the Heacham tip.

Speed Limit Reduction on the B1440

The Council's request for a speed limit reduction on the B1440 has been rejected on the grounds that the length of the B1440 does not meet the criteria for a 30 mph limit. The Clerk has been asked to write to the Planning & Transportation Department setting out the council's disagreement with this decision.

Old Hall Drive and Chapel Road Area

A complaint had been received about the state of pavements in these areas. The matter is being taken up with the Highways Department.

Pedestrian Crossing

The news that the pedestrian crossing on the main road at Budgens has been approved is very welcome.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This was held on 14th May at St Cecilia's Church. In spite of a disappointingly low attendance it was lively and interesting and everyone enjoyed the cheese and wine served at the end of the meeting.

Among the many matters discussed were:

- A site for a proposed village hall suggestions are being investigated. It was felt that a Village Hall Committee consisting of members of the village should be formed.
- Bottle bank this would be brought up again at the next full Council meeting.
- Sensory Garden it was reported that the plans were approved.
- Allotments the allotment holders have formed an association and done a lot of work, with material provided by the Trustees.
- * Proposed Conservation Areas - the meeting was assured that property owners affected would be involved in full consultations.

URGENTLY REQUIRED!



The Community Car Service in Dersingham urgently requires volunteer drivers.

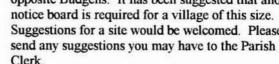
If you have time to spare, even just one hour a week, and would like to help the community in this way, please contact The Parish Clerk, Parish Council Office, the Police Station, Manor Road. Tel: 01485 451465. Expenses are paid to the drivers.

The Co-Ordinator, Mrs E Salt, has had to relinquish the role after many months of sterling work which is much appreciated. The CSS therefore also requires a co-ordinator willing to organise the service. Details can be obtained from The Parish Clerk. An honorarium is payable.

The service is very much appreciated by those who use it but it could not run without the volunteers

Parish Council Notice Boards

The Parish Council is hoping to site a prominent notice board on the green opposite Budgens. It has been suggested that another notice board is required for a village of this size. Suggestions for a site would be welcomed. Please



Old village photographs are always welcome for publication in the newsletter.

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Mr Eddie Parker presenting a long service retirement watch to Mr Patrick 1950/51. Staff watching presentation from the left: Betty Deboer, Brian Pike, Nellie Carter, Mr Patrick, Sheila Barwick, Jill Nixon, Jack Asker, Eddie Parker



DERSINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

A trip to Wisley Gardens will run on Saturday 18th August 2001

Leaving Bank Road Returning Bank Road

0730 hrs 1930 hrs appro



For further particulars: Telephone 01485 541523

Mayor-Making Ceremony



Reproduced by the kind permission of the Lynn News From left: Deputy Mayoress – Mrs Sue Pratt, Mayor – George Pratt, Deputy Mayor – Andrew Taylor, Deputy Mayoress – Mrs Peggy Spencer

This photograph shows Mr George Pratt at the traditional mayor-making ceremony when he was installed as West Norfolk's new Mayor at Lynn Town Hall.

George was born in Hingham in 1920 but has lived in Dersingham since 1953. He first entered local government when he became a member of the Dersingham Parish Council. He has continued to serve on the council ever since and has been its Chairman for the past 30 years.

George served as a member of the Docking Rural District Council for 15 years until it was disbanded and the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk was created. He has been a member of the Norfolk County Council since 1985 serving on Fire and Consumer Services and the Social Services Committees.

George was first elected a Borough Councillor in 1991 as a member of the Snettisham Ward but in 1995 was elected to represent Dersingham, the ward he now represents. During this time he has served on the Housing and Planning Committees.

George has said it is a great honour to be chosen as Mayor and expects to visit as much of the borough as he can.

Dersingham Parish Councillors

The Parish Council has 18 serving members. It was suggested at a recent meeting that they should be profiled in the newsletter. More will appear in the next issue.

Paul Burall



3 Sugar Lane (Tel: 540289)

Paul Burall moved to Dersingham with his family in 1979 and has been a Parish Councillor since 1991.

He works as a freelance writer and lecturer, specialising in planning, business and environmental issues.

Dick Murrell

16 Viceroy Close (Tel:543235)



Dick Murrell moved to Dersingham in 1987 and has been a Parish Councillor for 9 years.

His hobbies include water colour painting, bowls and sequence dancing.

Jean Riches

67 Dodds Hill (Tel: 540874)



Jean Riches has lived in the village for 50 years and has served on the Parish Council for 17 of those years.

Her outside interests include bowls. She leads an active life and works part-time in the Sandringham Visitor Centre.

Peter Box

10a Dodds Hill (Tel: 544587)



Peter retired to Dersingham in 1997 and was elected a Councillor two years later. He has been appointed Internal Auditor by the Council and takes an active part in the Finance and General Purposes Committee and with the Community Car Scheme. He has assisted the Council in understanding and implementing the Government initiative 'Spirit of Best Value.

Keith Manship

48 Dodds Hill Road (Tel:541979)



Keith has lived in Dersingham since 1977 and was a Police Officer for 30 years, retiring in 1995. Since August 1996 he has been employed as the school caretaker at Dersingham First and Nursery School. He is married with three children, two of whom are married and the third at University. He spent 9 years as an instructor in the Army Cadet Force.

Stella Caunt

30 Philip Nurse Road (Tel: 544423)



Stella moved to Dersingham in 1980 and was elected a Councillor in 1999

Outside the Council she works as a volunteer for the RSPB and is a member of the Heacham and West Norfolk Singers. Although retired from full-time teaching she is still involved with IT training at the local College.

Malcolm Nurse

2 Glebe Close (Tel:540833)



Malcolm has resided in the village for 63 years and has served on the Parish Council since 1966. For the last 20 years he has been Vice-Chairman. He is also Vice-Chairman of the Dersingham & Sandringham Royal British Legion, Vice-President of No 1 Group Norfolk Royal British Legion, Vice-Chairman of Shernborne Social Club and Chairman of Shernborne Bowls Club

Edgar Cooper

24 Valley Rise (Tel: 540865)



Edgar was elected a Councillor in 1999. In addition to his duties on the Parish Council, he is an active Churchwarden at St Nicholas Church and also Vice Chairman on the Parochial Church Council.

He also serves as a committee member of the Friends of St Nicholas.

DERSINGHAM IN WARTIME

One of the Dersingham 2000 History projects was to record the memories of some 40 or so residents in Dersingham. From these recordings Elizabeth Fiddick and Gloria Cator extracted wartime memories and produced a recording together with a transcript.

The tapes recall life in the village during the First and Second World Wars.

Among the incidents recalled are:

the Zeppelin raid that claimed the life of one villager, the soldier who lived in the pumping station, the coming of the evacuees, digging trenches, the Home Guard, The Newfoundlanders, the Waltzing Matilda tanks, the prisoners of war on the farms, the concert parties, rationing.

There are still a few recordings and transcripts available for sale for £2.50. If you are interested please contact either Elizabeth Fiddick (540940) or May Davey (540737).





~ FLOWER FESTIVAL ~ St Nicholas Church, Dersingham 19th to 23rd July



This year's theme is All Over the World. It will of course be the first without Nancy – the Flower Festival owes so much to her for all her hard work and devotion.

The flower ladies too deserve a special thank you for the way in which they make our flower festival so special every year.

As always there will be quality refreshments and lunches served in the Church Hall. Items for sale will include:

Cakes, Nearly New, Collectables, Potions and lotions.

There will be a special prize in the raffle donated by the Queen Mother.

Do come along and support the Festival!

OPEN GARDENS 2001

This year will again see the very popular Open Gardens for 2 days Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June from 1 pm to 5 pm each day. Tickets are £2 each and will be on sale from the gardens or the Church Hall from 1 pm. 17 gardens will be open. Names and addresses will be available from the Saturday for those wishing to view the gardens. Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Hall. Some of the houses will have items for sale, also a Treasure Hunt. For further details contact Edgar Cooper (540865)

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Dersingham Playgroup's Sponsored Worm



Thanks to a sponsored Easter Egg Hunt the children at Dersingham Playgroup now have a new activity worm to play with. A total of £305 was raised by family and friends of the children at the group when they were sponsored to find mini eggs. Along with the worm the group also had new Brio trains, puzzles and table top toys. The group run 4 mornings a week at the Community Centre, age range is $2\frac{3}{4} - 3\frac{3}{4}$. Any parents wanting to put their child's name down should contact Mrs Reeve on (01485) 543300.

THANK YOU – the playgroup would like to say a big thank you to Sandringham Motors for their continued support selling books at the garage and donating the money to the playgroup. So far the money has been spent on the tweenie dolls, new books and a large car transporter. Thanks again from all at the playgroup.



Dersingham Junior Flower Club Success at Chelsea Flower Show 2001 for the Club

Silver Gilt Award Jasmine Boughen, Nicola Drewery,

Christina Sanderson

Silver Award Victoria Powles, Jessica Moore,

Bronze Award Hazel Brown, Katie Rudd, Amy Crowe,

Emily Holt, Emily Gerard, Charlotte Dady,

Charlotte Boughen

The theme was Heraldic Emblems. A Collage had to be made from pressed, dried, preserved plant material. Each Collage had to be different and named.

The Collages will be on display at St Nicholas Church Flower Festival on 19th – 23rd July

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POND LIFE



Finding a truly natural pond can be difficult. We do, however, have some examples in Norfolk particularly in Breckland. These are shallow depressions, often filled with water, that were formed by the action of the retreating glaciers at the end of the last ice age. They are known as pingos and good examples can be found at Thompson Common a Norfolk Wildlife Reserve in the Brecks. The pingos at Thompson Common are full of wildlife, including eighteen species of dragonfly.

Natural ponds can be short-lived features and do not always have time to develop much plant life. This explains why pond creatures are often either predators or scavengers that can fly or crawl to new areas. The predators can be voracious and it is often a frog-eat-frog world where lots of eggs and spawn are needed to ensure a few survive.

Man made or semi-natural ponds are plentiful in local farms and villages. They had a practical use in the past and the one at Ingoldisthorpe is a fine healthy example of a village pond used in the old way. It has water plants and breeding moorhens and is in a field grazed by sheep. The trend in modern times has been for village ponds to be used as amenity areas. The water quality of the ponds at Heacham,

Ringstead and Docking has suffered from the increase in their population of domesticated ducks. I believe Dersingham had (or has) a pond on the old village green opposite the newsagents. Can anyone confirm this?

Many other activities have resulted in the creation of ponds. These include steep sided holes - known as marl pits - where local farmers once dug down for limestone to use as fertilisers. A number of duck decoys (used to lure down wildfowl for sport) can be found on the Sandringham Estate and some of these have developed into the best places for dragonflies in the area. Medieval monasteries also created ponds to provide fish for the table. None of these survive in the area but their modern equivalent, the stocked fishing ponds, do.

Ponds in the countryside are often threatened by pollution or neglect and garden ponds can play an important role in conserving threatened wildlife. To attract the greatest variety your pond should be positioned in a sunny spot with bushes close by but with no overhanging trees. The depth should vary with areas for submerged, floating and emergent plants. It is particularly important to have sloping edges to allow access to amphibians and escape routes for creatures such as hedgehogs that may fall in. Frogs spawn in

shallow water (7 to 10 cm) while toads and newts prefer deeper water (10 to 50 cm).

Choose native plants and avoid invasive species such as New Zealand stonecrop, parrot feather and floating pennywort. Unsightly algae forms when the water is warm and rich in nutrients. Therefore, use specially formulated low nutrient growing medium for your plants. Growing plants will also lock up nutrients and make them unavailable for algae. Water lilies will reduce algal growth by shading the water, they will need to be controlled to prevent them covering the entire surface. It is also possible to introduce a creature called daphnia that feeds on algae; they are available in aquarist shops where they are sold as live food for fish. It is best to avoid fish in a wildlife pond if possible because they eat larvae. The exceptions are sticklebacks and minnows that can add interest without damaging other wildlife. Small goldfish will do the least damage of ornamental fish if you cannot live without them but at the other extreme koi carp require almost sterile conditions. Fish food and fish dropping also increase the fertility of the water and promotes algal growth.

The star insects of a wildlife pond are the damselflies and dragonflies. A typical garden pond in Dersingham should attract large red, azure, common blue and blue tailed damselflies together with various hawker, chaser and darter dragonflies. The large blue and black-stripped dragonfly you may be familiar with is the male southern hawker - the female is green and black. Dragonflies and damselflies spend the majority of their lives - up to several years - as predatory larvae at the bottom of the pond. The part of their lives we see is just the few weeks they spend as adults - feeding, defending territory, mating and egg laying. Frogs toads and smooth newts should also breed in your pond. I counted fifty-two frogs in my small pond this March together with a pair of toads and three smooth newts. The male smooth newt has a blue and orange frill to its tail and the females have an orange belly. This is the first season the newts have shown signs of breeding so with luck their numbers should increase. I was watching them vesterday and noticed they were busy chasing and eating tadpoles - sucking them in like animated vacuum cleaners. Well that's pond life I suppose!

David Bingham

Why not take the children pond dipping at Titchwell RSPB Reserve this summer - various dates in July, August and September.

Information and booking on 01485 210779



School Holidays Once More!

by Kathy Jordan © 1983

School holidays are here again Oh! Gosh! What jolly fun. The kids they all enjoy themselves And wear out poor old mum!

There's games and books just everywhere And toys all on the floor. Their friends all dashing in and out The ever open door.

They gobble all the biscuits up Drink pop and squash galore. And when they've used up everything Well still they want some more.

They think that money grows on trees

'Please buy us that and this'. The ice cream van is ever near Its chime they just can't miss.

The lawn is full of patches too Kicked up with ball and bat. The borders are a dreadful mess Dad's prize blooms trodden flat!

There's hell to pay when he gets home

Now just look what they have done. Why ever didn't you stop them? The blame falls on poor Mum.

'Please take us here – and take us there

Let's go for a nice swim'. They call it fun to drown themselves And Mum as they jump in. When evening comes you'll have some peace And send them off to bed. 'No school tomorrow' they all chant

Week one you're optimistic now Week two you're full of hope Week three you're wearing down a bit

Week four it is no joke.

'We'll watch TV instead!'

Week five you're nearly round the bend

Week six you're worn and broke! The thought that keeps you going is 'School time next week - you hope!'

The funny thing is once they've gone All settled back in school. You find you're really missing them They weren't bad after all.

The house is neat and tidy now No crumbs upon the floor. But seems so cold and empty with No kids to cause uproar.

So let them scream and shout and fight

And have their glorious fun.

For these will be fond memories
In lonely years to come.

For when they've outgrown school and you

And have their own front door.

Oh, how you'll wish that it could be School holidays - once more!

Kathy wrote this poem in 1983 but felt it was appropriate now with the school holidays approaching. When she wrote it her children were 12 and 5 years of age. It was published in the Lynn News Poets' Corner at the time



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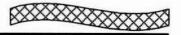
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MILLENNIUM MUGS

There are still some mugs awaiting collection for children who were registered. Those that are not collected will be offered for sale. The Parish Council office is open Mon-Thurs, 10 am to 2 pm.



Preliminary Notice VILLAGE SPORT 2001

Jo Eames has agreed to go ahead with organising Village Sport activities in Dersingham during the summer vacation, probably during the last week in July and occasional days in August. Last year the events attracted 100 children on different days and it is hoped that this year the interest will be even greater.

A meeting for the various clubs, societies and parents to discuss these activities was held on 5th June at The Gamekeepers. Full details will be published in the August Village Voice.



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Dersingham Surgery Horticultural Society

Members who attended our April meeting expecting to hear a talk on "Bamboos" were in no way disappointed when they found that the programme had to be changed and that Ken Durrant, one of the Society's favourite speakers, was to give a talk on "Norfolk Insects". Full of interest and illustrated by excellent slides, Ken concentrated on the two most familiar and spectacular orders of inserts, the lepidoptera (moths and butterflies) and the odomata (dragonflies and damselflies) but also mentioned some of the less agreeable members of the family, the aphids and house flies. In so doing Ken, speaking without notes throughout, demonstrated his great knowledge of the subject and, full of intriguing detail, gave his audience fresh insights into a world hidden from most of us.

As in April, our May meeting did not go according to plan. Our Speaker, Paul Markwell of Quaymount Nurseries, Wereham (incidentally well worth a visit for anyone interested in unusual plants and good prices) changed his announced topic of "Herbs in the Garden" to "The garden as a refuge and an aid to health". Discussing how aspects of the garden can affect our well-being, Paul described the sensory building blocks which contribute to this concept. For touch, bark and leaf textures, for sound the rustle of foliage and grasses, scented plants and herbs for smell and, finally, to complete the effect, for sight, a palette of flower colours with each primary and complementary hue supposedly engendering its own particular mood or feeling.

Paul strove valiantly to convince his audience that there was a sound basis for his view of garden design. I felt that some, while not disagreeing with his basic premise of the garden as a haven, were not entirely persuaded to his theories.

In brief, the Society entered a team for the Clenchwarton Gardeners' Society's quiz night. It came a creditable second (equal) and, as usual, our Clenchwarton friends made us most welcome and provided a substantial buffet after the battle of horticultural knowledge was over.

Good fortune, in the form of good weather, once again provided our "Gardeners' Fayre" with an essential ingredient for another successful event. A total of £565 was raised for the Society's fund and much of this will be donated to village good causes by our AGM in November. A sincere thank you to all who supported us.

A members' Best Garden Competition is arranged for 2nd July. Our Annual Show will be held on the 8th September and show schedules should be available soon.

Please note that, in addition to Society members and those registered at Dersingham Surgery, all residents of Dersingham, including children, are now eligible to enter our Annual Show.

David Clark

♦ ST CECILIA'S CHURCH - YEAR OF CELEBRATION ♦



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On 22nd March 1991 the church dedicated to St Cecilia, situated on Mountbatten Road, Dersingham, Norfolk, was consecrated by Bishop Alan Clark. The building was built with funds provided through the last Will and Testament of Miss Alice Insley who lived at 40 Manor Road. It was completed in 1990 and in an article in the Lynn News at the time of first opening it was said the church would prove to be a white elephant. Today Sunday Mass attendance is regularly around 100 with about 150 coming at Easter and Christmas.

On the evening of 22nd March 2001 ten happy and successful years were marked with a Mass of Dedication celebrated by Bishop Peter Smith; during this Mass young Nicholas Sheerin received the Sacrament of confirmation to make it even more special. Concelebrating the Mass with the bishop was the dean, Fr David Finegan, and the three priests who have most recently supplied, Frs Paul Trinder, John Heley and Michael Rear, assisted by Rev Len Matthews, the resident deacon, and a congregation of about 100; the church will seat 110. Guests at the anniversary Mass and buffet included a few people who had been here at the beginning but had since moved away, travelling from Cheshire and North Lincolnshire with a very sad apology from a lady who moved to New York State. Canon George Hall, the rector of Sandringham Church, represented the Anglican community.

Other functions at St Cecilia's planned for this year of celebration are: West Norfolk Youth Choir Concert –22nd June at 7 pm and Flower Festival in early September.

CARRY ON VOTER!

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Chorus

Did you vote with your feet Or your heart or your head? Did you vote yellow Or green, blue or red? Whoever is responsible We cannot second-guess Are we heading for a life of bliss Or just another mess?

By the time this poem reaches you
The election will be won.
The government will be red or blue
Oh, wasn't it such fun
The promises, the promises
Will soon come home to roost
With all those foretold miracles
That gave their votes a boost.

They whipped up all the apathy,
The 'frenzy' of the masses.
And we have had to make our choice,
The donkeys or the asses!
It's carrots, carrots all the way
And not a trace of stick
Though any kind of surfeit
Can make one just as sick.

Whichever of these quadrupeds Has promised us the most Assumes the right to be the first To waddle past the post. So carry on with confidence As the politicians shout. 'We are the chosen people We got/kept those others out!'

Now we have our government To ask might seem banal. But does the status of our country Match the state of our morale? And what's the point in winning If you are losing all respect. A point that politicians Seem determined to neglect.

~ Herby Cheese Spread ~

1 lb/500 g soft curd cheese, low-fat if desired

3 tbsp thick natural yoghurt

1 tsp chopped parsley

1/2 tsp chopped thyme leaves

1/2 tsp chopped sage leaves

1 tsp or more of snipped up chive leaves

A little chopped fresh mint if liked

Black or white pepper, as wished

1 clove garlic, crushed

Anything else herby that takes your fancy, chopped, fresh

Put everything in a bowl and beat with the back of a wooden spoon until it is smooth. Put in the fridge for an hour or two. Serve it with nice crusty bread and a bowl of salad (in the garden, if it's not raining!)

Sent in by June Stephenson

SUMMER GARDEN CONCERT

The **Dersingham Surgery Patients Participation Group (PPG)** and the Friends of St Nicholas Church jointly sponsor the concert in Dr Carole Browne's garden on 14th July. Both organisations operate to the benefit of Dersingham Village.

Dersingham Surgery PPG was formed to improve health care and social welfare in the village by raising funds to provide for equipment and facilities not normally available from the local health authority. It also improved communications between residents and those responsible for providing health care. It is now widening its activities to include health improvement through education by means of talks, representation at area health fora, presentations etc. It is also seeking Charity status so that it can benefit from Gift Aid and VAT concessions. To date the PPG has acquired for the surgery a portable ECG machine, a hyperfactor for the performance of particular minor operational procedures at the surgery and a drinking water dispenser for the comfort of those in the waiting room.

The Friends of St Nicholas Church was founded as a registered charity in 1995 to help preserve our fine village Church – some of it dating from the 14th century – and its contents. Friends are not necessarily worshippers or even Church members but they all share a pride in, and wish to guarantee the future of, St Nicholas Church.

Funds are raised through regular donations and through organised activities. These have included an Auction of Promises, talks by guest speakers and a Country Night Concert, the latter to be repeated in September. The most recent contribution to the Church was a donation of £1500 towards the Millennium Church Tower floodlighting. Future projects include the provision of kitchen facilities in the Church and vitally needed drainage improvements. So please support both organisations by attending the Summer Garden Concert on 14th July. Details on facing page.

(Fouling of Land Act) 1996 - Clarification

For the Borough Council to consider investigating incidents of dog fouling the following evidence is needed:

- That the dog was seen to foul the area under control
- That a person was in charge of the dog at the time
- That person's identity is known and preferably his/her address
- That person failed to clean-up straightaway/forthwith

Should anyone be in any doubt as to where in the Parish the clean-up law applies then please contact the Dog Warden, Gavin English (Tel:01553 692138)

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SUMMER GARDEN CONCERT

22 Station Road Dersingham

14 July 2001 2 – 5 pm (Gates open at 1.30 pm)

Clarinet Ensemble
Eddie Charles – Popular Ballads
St Nicholas Church Choir
Liz Stockley
Gareth Barnett – Keyboard
Smithdon School

Outstanding Raffle Prizes/Refreshments Bagatelle/Book Stall/Tombola etc etc etc

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Tickets: Adults £3, Children & Senior Citizens £1.50 from

(01485) 541450, 540865, 540212

Bring something to sit on!

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