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## Editor's Notes



There are obviously some advantages to being editor of V V. Just ask for a postcard and the phone rings with offers of not only the missing one for my set, but a whole collection of cards of the village for me to copy. Many thanks to Terry Scott for his help. Incidentally, Terry has around 1800 postcards of Sandringham but is keen to acquire more. If you have something to offer him he can be contacted on 01553 674737.

It's nice to have the sixth card - pictured here - but actually it could be a sketch of anywhere. The back of the card tells that it is "from an original drawing by R. Easdale Richardson which is in the possession of the Queen." As this was published around 1905 I wonder if it still exists? First fruit of the postcard collection is on page 38 illustrating one of Dick Melton's points. By the way, thank you Dick for your contributions to each edition.

The photographers amongst you will no doubt be keen to enter our "Cover Photo Competition". All details on page 32. Open to all ages it will be the subject matter, rather than any technical excellence, that the judges are looking for in a winner. The prize - your work on the cover of the December issue. This should make a change from the clichéd seasonal offerings that will abound at this time of the year.

Do make use of VV to publicise your event. By the time you read this an annual fête will have been and gone. The first I knew of it was by seeing a poster a few days before the day. It could have been advertised here for nothing and this is by no means an isolated case. Come on, tell us what's going on. You will find all the deadlines on page 76 so there is no excuse. And do give us a report with pictures afterwards.



No reports of Dersingham ghosts yet but I find that, allegedly, Sandringham is haunted by a poltergeist who, on Christmas Eve, invades the servants quarters on the second floor, throws Christmas cards over the floor, pulls blankets off the beds and breathes on the necks of the maids. Prince Christopher of Greece, uncle of Prince Philip, once saw the head and shoulders of a strange woman reflected in a mirror whilst he was staying at Sandringham. Next morning he saw a portrait of the same woman, Dorothy Walpole, who died in 1726. Her ghost was also seen by King George IV at Raynham Hall in Norfolk. If I get invited to stay for Christmas I will decline.

I have spotted on a fairly up to date map of the village a short road called Gutter Lane. It isn't there now but was it there in the past? No doubt you will tell me.

Not an overwhelming response from you webservers but I have had my attention drawn to the following for a good read - [www.lordlucan.com](http://www.lordlucan.com) and I am happy to mention your favourites.

Can I recommend to garden lovers the excellent gardens at Narborough Hall. They are open in August on Sundays to Wednesdays 11am to 5pm. There is a café and an exhibition of the works of artist John Piper. Admission is £3.50, concessions £2 and children get in free.

The sun is out (?) so do make a special effort to report your summer activities for the next Village Voice - the deadline is the 3rd of September. □

*Tony Bubb*

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## Dear Village Voice

Leopard Films are making a programme for ITV called EVACUEES REUNITED. We would be really keen to hear from people that were evacuated AT THE START OF THE 2ND WORLD WAR and have interesting stories to tell. If you have a story to tell you can contact me anytime between 9:30 am - 6 pm on 0207 288 2199 or e-mail [benwellington@leopardfilms.com](mailto:benwellington@leopardfilms.com) Many thanks.

**Ben Wellington (Researcher, EVACUEES REUNITED)**

It was good to take part in the St Nicholas Gallery exhibition during the Open Gardens weekend. I met lots of interesting people and made new friends.

If you are interested in seeing my paintings again I will be exhibiting at Brancaster Sta the village Hall 19th - 26th August and the Carter Gallery at Great Bircham 13th - 19th September.

Hope to see you there.

**Jill Ilett**

May I add my comments concerning the identity of the policemen whose photograph was published for the second time in the June issue of the Village Voice.

The man standing second left in the photo is, in fact, Sergeant Bunney and not Sergeant Finbow and Mr Mitchell held the rank of Superintendent. It was not until 1968 that the rank of Chief Superintendent was introduced in Norfolk. Apart from these two points the details given are correct.

**Harold Parkinson**

*Time to put this one to bed. Sgt Finbow's little boy Terry tells me that it is not his dad. See P33. Ed.*



The locomotive pictured on the cover of the last edition of Village Voice, with BR number 61623 and named Lambton Castle (one the GWR never heard about!), was a member of the LNER's B1 7 class of 4-6-0 locos, introduced in 1928 by (Sir) Nigel Gresley initially for the Great Eastern section of the LNER. They were built with 3 cylinders to maximise power output within the modest size of the loco and were equipped with short 6 wheel tenders so as to fit on the rather meagre turntables provided by the previous (GE) regime.

All the 73 locomotives in classes B17 and B2 (B17s converted from 1945 to 2 cylinder locos) were named - the class leader 61600 named "Sandringham" - and 23 named after football clubs in locations served by the LNER - hence their nickname of "Sandringhams" or "Footballers" At one time two of the class were streamlined for working the prime "East Anglian" service between Liverpool Street and Norwich. 61671 was named "Royal Sovereign" and for many years was the nominated loco for working royal trains from and to King's Lynn - usually a smaller loco would work between Lynn and Wolferton

The B17/B2s reigned supreme on East Anglian (GE section) fast passenger work until they were displaced by the B1 4-6-0 in the 1940s and BR Britannias in the early 1950s, and assumed lower rank duties; hence the appearance on the Hunstanton branch! The featured 61623 had been withdrawn for scrap by August 1959, so the picture shows it in its final days.

The coach in the photo looks to be a pre-1923 Great Eastern main line corridor coach also by 1959 relegated to secondary duties. By 1959 the majority of trains between Lynn and Hunstanton were diesel multiple units - 61623 may be standing in for a unit failure, or on an excursion train, of which there were many in the pre-Motor Age!

**Larry Fullwood**

Looking at your cover picture, I can say it's a 3 cylinder Sandringham Class B17 of which some were rebuilt as B2 2 cylinders. Number 61671 was at Cambridge in top condition for the Royal train. Numbers 61670, 61659, 61661 and 61665 were at Yarmouth South Town and worked the

126 miles to Liverpool St. My own time on this Class was on poor condition Stratford engines which, at speed, rolled and made it impossible to sit in the seats. Hope this is of help.

**A Lilley, retired Driver 73 Engine 61600 to 61672**

As an avid reader of Village Voice, I have seen many pictures of old Dersingham, together with the buildings, long since demolished. I know that we have to accept progress and cannot live in the past forever, but do we want to destroy everything that is old and historical in the village? I believe that there are certain areas of the village that must be safeguarded from indiscriminate or ill-considered change for future generations to enjoy.

One of the ways that this can be done is to create conservation areas, thus ensuring that buildings, structures (including walls) and trees are safeguarded within the conservation area. Likewise any new developments within a conservation area must have a high standard of design which is sympathetic to the existing environment and makes a positive contribution to the character of the area. Manor Road as a conservation area candidate comes to mind.

Do other residents feel as I do, I would be interested to know.

**Ann Chapman**

I am secretary of the Heacham and District Community Car Scheme. We are a charity organisation set up to provide a means for members of the public from the catchment area to travel to and from the location of their healthcare service when no other means of transport is available to them. We can also take them to other urgent appointments.

We are finding that nearly 50% of our clients come from the Dersingham area and at present we are very short of Dersingham voluntary drivers. If you would like to help please contact Val or Jill on 01485 572777.

**Marilyn Madgett**

Following on from the interesting article featuring the Mann Family in VV No 49, 2007, that which has subsequently interested me is the story of the Ralphs' family of photographers who produced numerous postcards from the photographs, of people and places, which they had taken in this area.

Not so long ago when visiting an aged aunt, in Milton, Cambridge, I noticed that she had a display of 8 postcards, all of Dersingham, mounted (glued) within a picture frame. Unfortunately, they had suffered greatly from the ravages of time having been consigned to an old barn for many years. Thankfully they are now held safely by myself, and have been scanned into my computer picture files, from which they have been retouched to recover some of the damage to which they had been subjected.

Of the 8 postcards, 4 can be definitely identified as being from the cameras of the Ralph family; they have the name "Ralph" printed on the front. With the exception of two, all have a Dersingham postmark and are dated from a period from between 1904 and 1907, which presupposes that they were originally taken by Frederick William Ralph himself since they fit his time-scale, he would have been in his mid-30s at this time.

Most of the postcards were posted by my great aunt Ellen Garner to her sister Bertha, who was at this time training to become a nurse, and indeed went on to serve with distinction as a nursing sister in France and Belgium during the Great War; official documents also reveal that on occasion she escorted wounded soldiers back from the Front to hospitals in the South of England.

As to Ellen Garner, more ordinarily known as



Nellie, she married a Dersingham man by the name of Frederick Reginald "Reggie" Terrington, in September 1907. Reggie came from a well-respected Dersingham family; his father, also Frederick, was a butcher in the village. At this time he was employed by Mr. J. W. Parker, grocer and provisions merchant, and during 32 years service became closely associated with Sandringham House and the Royal Estate, and earned the high esteem of the household staff and all others for his integrity and bearing. In 1928 he began business as a tobacconist and general trader, subsequently extending to grocery and provisions; this was in Manor Road, and it was here that his wife's niece Dorothy Howard came to work for them in the shop and making deliveries around the area including Sandringham House. That is until 1941 when she left to marry my father Ernest Turner of Great Yarmouth.

However, reverting to the "Ralph" postcards the one below, showing a group of women in what



I think is a view of Lynn Road. You will see that an inked cross has been placed under one of the figures, and the message in this respect states, "The tall girl has May's baby" and followed in brackets with what appears to be "(Mrs U)". The date was June 27<sup>th</sup>. 1906. I wonder if any of your readers could resolve as to whom "May - Mrs. U" was, or indeed the identity of the baby?

Indeed, it would be

interesting to know if there are any descendants of the Terrington family still living in Dersingham - Nellie and Reggie themselves had no children. Also through your excellent magazine, I wonder if any of your readers have any recollections of the Terrington family especially of Reggie and Nellie and their shop in Manor Road - I ask this particularly as this would assist in augmenting my family history records. As your regular contributor Dick Melton is a veritable mine of information, I wonder if he would be able to bring forward some recollections in this respect?

**William Turner**



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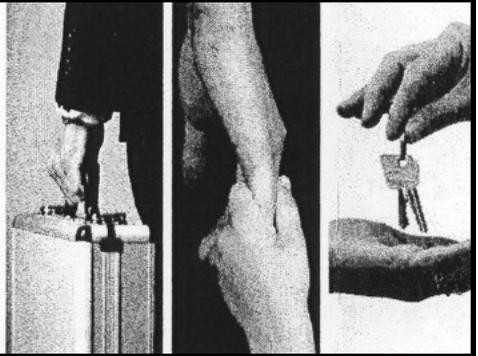
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# CAROLE BROWN HEALTH CENTRE PATIENTS' PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) NEWS

## G P surgeries extended times

Patients are now able to book an appointment with a GP for one of the following additional extended times:

At Carole Brown Health Centre	Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm Saturday 8.30 – 11 am – every other week
At Gayton Road Health Centre	Tuesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm (2 GP's on duty) Wednesday 7.30 am – 8.30am Thursday 6.30 pm – 7.30pm (2 GP's on duty) Saturday 8.30am – 11am every other week

### SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- These appointments are for pre booked **GP appointments only**.
- The surgeries are not open for any other business during these extended hours.
- Only those with booked appointments will be allowed into the building.
- The current **Out of Hours** service will provide urgent care during these times as it does now.

### HOW TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

- Some of these appointments can be booked five days ahead and others two days ahead. You will be advised at the time of booking which applies.
- All these appointments are open to any patient registered at the Gayton Road or Carole Brown Health Centre. For example a Dersingham patient who wants an early morning appointment can book one at Gayton Road Health Centre for a Wednesday morning.
- *You book these appointments in the normal way through our Patient Solutions Team on 08444 77 33 77*

We hope this new service will be helpful to you. If you have any comments on it please tell the management or The Patient Participation Groups who may be contacted at the following address:

*The Secretary, Patients Participation Group, c/o Carole Brown Health Centre*

**Presentation.** In May the PPG presented the Carole Brown Health Centre with a state of the art Defibrillator and ECG to assist in the management of cardiac emergencies should they occur at the health centre. Mrs Vanessa Blythe and PPG Committee members are seen presenting the equipment to Carolyn Rix and Clare Hipkin. Also pictured are Sandy Hyams, Dee Morris and Terry Finbow, members of the PPG Committee. □

*T G Morris,  
Carole Brown Health Centre PPG*



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## Where's the village sign?

Well the sign has been getting rather bad lately so just after Easter it was taken into protective custody in the Police station to allow it to dry out (it had become a bit of an old soak). But it could not be detained there forever so after a period somewhat longer than 42 days it was transferred to



Wayland Prison where it will be undergoing a course of corrective treatment. Wayward parts will be reconnected, it's character will be reinforced and a makeover will hopefully give it a smart new outlook on the world for it's eventual release back into Dersingham society. In the meantime we can only hope that it gives it's fellow inmates the minimum of trouble and that they all benefit from the experience. □

*(Welcome to HMP Wayland?)*



We have a new logo, we hope you will all come to recognise it as the mark of your local volunteer group whose role it is to attend medical emergency calls in and around Dersingham.

The responders would like to thank all of you that have dug deep and helped us to equip the team. We now have two sets of equipment and are equipped to respond effectively, with a defib costing around £2,500 it is not cheap. We have also been able to purchase training equipment to help us improve our medical skills.

There is a King's Lynn Paramedic Bike which is funded by donations in the same way as us and the air ambulance. Being both a visitor to King's Lynn and a fire officer I have seen the bike in the town and I have utilised it at emergency calls but I have learnt that they are experiencing some funding shortfalls. I would like to propose that we could lend the bike some vital medical equipment to assist. If anyone has any objections could they please contact me on 0791 9492225 or email [jjrtim@btinternet.com](mailto:jjrtim@btinternet.com). Any equipment loaned to the bike would remain the property of the DFR and returned if required.

We still require new volunteers. Currently we have four responders but our aim is eight. If you are interested in joining please contact me or Yvonne (at Flowers by Yvonne, Manor Road) for an informal discussion, no medical training is required and you need only commit a few hours to help us staff the medical kit. □

*Tim Edwards*

## DERSINGHAM WALKING GROUP

As you may know, there is to be a Public Inquiry into the matter of Public Rights of Way in Life Wood and I thought it might be useful to remind ourselves of the background to this. Life Wood is situated at the north of the village adjacent to Ingoldisthorpe Common.

Although I am a newcomer to the village (only ten years in residence) I am reliably informed that, from the 1940s, people -walked (with or without dogs) and children played in Life Wood without let or hindrance: presumably this had been the case for many years before. When I arrived there were well-defined paths from Woodside Close to Ingoldisthorpe Common and to the old railway line. Both of these I walked frequently.

Without warning, in the spring of 1999, a high fence -and a padlocked gate were erected which prevented any access from Woodside Close - and this has been the case ever since. In 2001 Paul Burrell organised a protest to Norfolk County Council and, in February 2005 (these things take a while!), the county's Legal Officer sought further information. This was followed by a site visit in October 2005.

In 2007 Norfolk CC made an Order to add footpaths in Life Wood to the 'Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way'. However, objections were received and as a result, the Planning Inspectorate are now to hold a Public Inquiry into the matter. The Inquiry will be held at ST.NICHOLAS CHURCH HALL on WEDNESDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER starting at 10.00am. It is open to all and I would urge anyone interested, particularly those who like to walk the paths in and around the village, to come along.

It has taken OVER NINE YEARS to get this far!

*Keith Starks*



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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 SECTION 53

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine the Norfolk County Council (Dersingham and Ingoldisthorpe) Modification Order 2007 and will attend at:

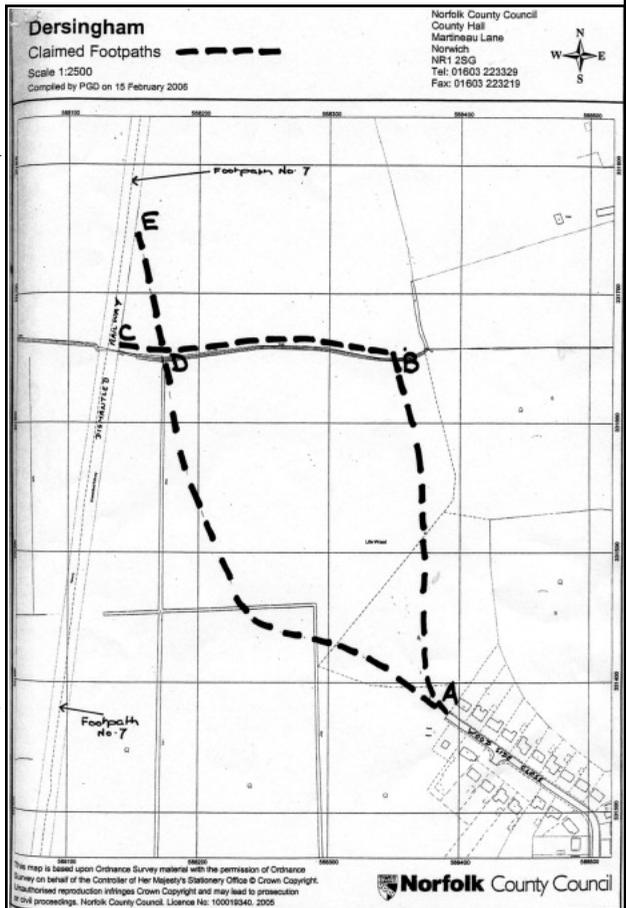
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on Wednesday 03 September 2008 at 10.00am to hold a public local inquiry into the Order. The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding to them:-

- (a) a public footpath running from the end of Woodside Close, Dersingham at TF 6839 3137 (point A) in northerly direction through woods for approximately 290 metres crossing the Ingoldisthorpe parish boundary at TF 6835 3165 (point B) and then turning to run westerly parallel to the Ingoldisthorpe parish boundary for approximately 220 metres to a sleeper footbridge where it joins Ingoldisthorpe Footpath No.7, a disused rail line track bed at TF 6813 3165 (point C).
- (b) a public footpath running from the end of Woodside Close, Dersingham at TF 6839 3137 (point A) in a generally north westerly direction through trees before turning north north-westerly and continuing on to Ingoldisthorpe Common at the parish boundary at TF 6817 3164 (point D), a distance of approximately 380 metres. The path then runs within the parish of Ingoldisthorpe in a north northwesterly direction for approximately 100 metres crossing a sleeper footbridge to meet Ingoldisthorpe Footpath No. 7, a disused rail line track bed at TF 6815 3175 (point E). Points A -B-C-D-E as shown on Order map.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at Norfolk County Council, Legal Services, Chief Executives Department, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH during normal office hours.

## WENDY BURDEN, A DIRECTOR IN THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

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## Parish Council report

At the Parish Council Meeting of 27 May 2008, there was good news, we have a new Parish Councillor, welcome Mr McNeill, does anyone feel like joining him on the Parish Council, more members are needed.

Cllr Bural, with his Borough hat on announced that the number of Enforcement Orders haven't been reduced this month, perhaps we shall be lucky next month.

County Cllr Eells reported that the traffic lights on the Hunstanton Road, the ones near Norfolk Lavender, are causing a bit of a problem during weekends and Bank Holidays, the timing is a bit wrong. As a result the traffic is backing up, it sometimes gets as far as Tesco's at Hunstanton and cars are using the villages as rat runs, (they are not amused), buses are also getting held up, so we now know why they don't turn up on time in good weather. Not to worry, the highway engineer is monitoring the situation and fingers crossed it may well be sorted out. Cllr Eells also said that the stuff put on roads when frost is about is to change this winter, rock salt is out and in comes another product made from molasses, so it looks as if a 'salty' situation will change to a 'sticky' one this winter.

Has anyone noticed the dug up area at the Post Office/Chapel Road Junction, it could be mistaken for Gog Magog's grave. However Cllr Eells reliably informed the Parish Council, that shortly this will be planted with low growing roses, an attractive addition to the village. Hope they don't need pruning too often.

And that's it, not much took place, except for a few Planning Applications, but then we did have a meeting at the beginning of the month.

June meeting. Four parishioners attended the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 in St Cecilia's Church. The meeting was mostly concerned with discussion of planning applications. Council also approved the Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return. The next Full Council meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in St Cecilia's Church at 7 pm. □

### New councillor Doug McNeil introduces himself



I am 39 years old (for a while yet) and live in Station Rd with my partner and 2 boys and we are expecting our 3rd baby in November. I work for a large farming and vegetable packing operation on Holbeach Marsh. On a clear day, you can see the wind turbines on our farm across the Wash from Dersingham.

Originally from Northamptonshire, I first moved to Dodds Hill in 2001, but in 2003 I was relocated by my company to Seville, Spain to run a potato factory and returned last year to Dersingham.

After settling back in to the village and new job, I wanted to get involved more in the village as I don't work in the area. I joined the Parish Council in June, and hope to help the village in this way.

In my spare time I can be found on the allotment which I feel is one of Dersingham's key facilities. Having lived in different areas in the UK and abroad, I believe Dersingham residents are lucky to live in such a vibrant and well kept community that we should all be proud of and keen to maintain. □

The annual canvass for the Register of Electors begins at the end of August, when a form and reply paid return envelope will be personally delivered to every property in West Norfolk. Completion and return of the form is both obligatory & important because the Register is used not just for electoral purposes but also by many financial service providers dealing with, for example, mortgages, loans or new accounts. Any one whose name is not on the Register will not only be unable to vote at 2009's elections but will also be likely to have problems using any service that involves a check of the Register.

The form is intended for the present occupiers of an address. The name of anyone expected to be resident at the address on 15<sup>th</sup> October and who is already 18, or will reach that age by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009, needs to be on the form and the names of any one no longer at the address crossed out.

Forms received by owners of properties which are either already empty or are expected to be so on 15<sup>th</sup> October simply need the "Property empty on 15<sup>th</sup> October" box ticking and returning. This will avoid the issue of reminders.

In the event of any queries when the form arrives, householders can telephone 01553 616773 and any of the electoral staff will be glad to help.

**Early return of the form or, better still, confirmation by freephone, internet or SMS (details on the form) will avoid the need for reminders and help to keep costs down.**

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## CANVASSERS REQUIRED

The Annual Canvass to compile the Register of Electors is due to commence at the end of August and continue through until mid October. In certain areas I may be requiring additional Canvassers and I am therefore seeking anyone who may be interested in helping.

Payment would be as follows:

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The canvass fee is calculated on the number of properties canvassed and the fee paid is 52p per property. The fee will be taxed at source at the rate of 20%. Reasonable mileage incurred will be also paid at the rate of 30p per mile. It will therefore be necessary to maintain and submit a record of mileage travelled during the canvass.

If you require any further information or think you can help please telephone the number below.

### THANK YOU

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## From the parish office....

The new bus shelters have now been erected opposite Thaxters and outside the Recreation Ground. Parishioners have queried why there are no seats in the new bus shelters. There are no seats in any of the Dersingham bus shelters to deter improper use. In response to a request from parishioners, Highways have been asked to grant a licence for a seat beside the new bus shelter opposite Thaxters. There was already a seat at the Recreation Ground bus stop. The bus shelters are sited away from the roadsides in order that they don't come into contact with bus wing mirrors, and are positioned so as to give waiting bus passengers protection from the prevailing wind.

Invitations to the Open Day on 20<sup>th</sup> September have now been posted to parish organisations. If you haven't received a letter and would like to book a table for your organisation please contact the parish office.

For those parishioners who are pet-owners, a Ringmaster message has warned of an increase in the theft of animals, including domestic pets, fish and livestock. Please also be aware of an increase in the theft of diesel and heating oil.

Following the article in June Village Voice, pledges for the War Memorial have been received both from individuals and from parish organisations. Council would like to thank all those who have pledged. □

*Irene*

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

Monday 10.30 am to 2.00 pm                      Tuesday 10.30 am to 2.00 pm  
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### **The Dersingham Parish Council Office is at**

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You are invited to come along and promote your organisation at Dersingham's Village Open Day, being held on Saturday 20th September 2008, at Dersingham's Community Centre, Manor Road, Dersingham.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 2 pm closing at 4 pm so do come along.

Tables will be allocated on a first come, first come basis so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information please contact Irene Woods, Police Station, Manor Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 7SE.

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## “LEJOG” - LANDS END TO JOHN O’GROATS ON A BIKE

I’ve just completed the bike ride from Land’s End to John O’Groats, a distance, on the route we followed, of 986 miles. We started the ride on May 17th and travelled home on June 1st.

Readers may remember that I was using the ride as an opportunity to raise funds for research into Pseudomyxoma Peritonei, a rare form of cancer, from which my sister-in-law Maggie is (we now hope WAS) suffering from. I haven’t yet managed to collect all outstanding pledges, but the astounding fact is that we have now raised over £4,500\*. Isn’t that fantastic? So a **VERY BIG THANKYOU TO THOSE READERS WHOSE GENEROUS SUPPORT HAS HELPED TO SWELL THE COFFERS**. After two very major operations, Maggie is making a slow recovery. As my brother Chris tells me, it’s a case of two steps forward, one back, but overall the graph line moves upwards. She still has bad days, but fortunately the good days outnumber them.

My ride began with me catching a train from King’s Lynn to King’s Cross, where the first test came. I had to get myself and the bike, loaded with panniers, from King’s Cross to Paddington in order to catch the connection to Penzance. A friend who works (and cycles) in London had told me that the Euston Road is a triple carriageway with heavy traffic which halfway along dives underground. “Take a black cab if you can find one to take the bike” was the advice. Well I thought I’d have a look at this busy artery and was surprised to find the bus lane busy with cyclists. Thank you Ken Livingstone. So casting caution to the wind I tucked in behind a local biker and followed his example. When approaching the underpass it was a relief to discover that cyclists were diverted overground along their own bike path. In less than twenty minutes I reached Paddington unscathed and shortly after was loading my bike into the compartment reserved for its journey. The cost of our trip, booked well in advance, using a senior citizen’s rail card was £19.15p. How’s that for good value?



On arrival we were met by our vehicle support team, Jimmy, who took the panniers to our hotel, while our group cycled to Land’s End for a group photo and the official start. Twenty-one of us then biked the ten miles to our hotel in Penzance and congratulated ourselves on having made a start. The weather? Heavy rain.

After a hearty breakfast I made an early start on the first long leg to St Austell. The weather? Rain. But luckily for us it soon stopped and for the next ten days remained miraculously dry. In a group as big as ours, with twenty one cyclists altogether, it’s impossible and inadvisable to stay together. After a short time it was obvious who was fast, who slower and we soon found our natural fellow travellers. On this day the most unfortunate incident of the trip occurred. One guy

who had come all the way from the States to join us took a wrong turn, and for a short while lost his way. In trying to catch his companions he biked very fast down one of Cornwall’s notoriously steep and narrow lanes, lost control on a hairpin bend and collided with a bridge parapet. Result, one punctured lung, five days in hospital and the end of his End to End. What a bugger! Up to that time he was the oldest member of the group at seventy-two. After that I had the dubious pleasure of filling that role for the rest of the ride.

Norfolk has a few hills, some of them a bit





Huntingtower Hotel near Perth

shap, but Cornwall and Devon.....!! Ouch! Good job I had equipped my touring bike with very low gears. You couldn't even make up for it on the downhill sections because the tight bends meant riding the brakes for much of the time. Our routine soon developed tea and cake stops morning and afternoon and lunch stops in the middle of the day. Appetites were appropriately vast, but I still ended up tightening my belt a notch by the end of the trip. We stayed in a wide range of hotels in many styles, from comfy family establishments to a real castle in Scotland. Hot baths, pints of Guinness, red wine with dinner and the occasional

malt whisky, helped us on our way. From St. Austell we went to Moretonhampstead to the north of Dartmoor, then to Street across the Somerset Levels. Thence through Bristol across the Clifton Suspension Bridge and Sevm Road Bridge, up the Wye valley to Monmouth. It was there that I foolishly left a camera battery and charger quietly cooking while I pedalled absent-mindedly away. (Fortunately they are going to return it to me.)

From there via Hereford, Leominster and Ludlow to Shrewsbury, and next across the Cheshire Plain to Lymm. Next stop Lancaster, then Carlisle, then across the border into Scotland, overnighing at Peebles. There followed the crossing of Edinburgh, a city which seems to go on and on and on and on. We had a lunch stop at South Queensferry between the Forth rail bridge and the Forth road bridge, both structures qualifying as engineering masterpieces. Thence to Perth. Now we were well on our way, with only Dalwhinnie, Dingwall and Bettyhill before reaching our ultima Thule at John O'Groats.

There were fourteen riding days averaging about 70 miles each, the shortest being in the fifties and the longest in the eighties. The hilliest days tended to be the shortest days.

Was it a hard ride? Yes it was. To add insult to injury the wind blew steadily and vigorously from the north-east, which was a consummation devoutly **not** to be wished. Coming over Shap Fell would have been hard work at the best of times, but with that wind it put one in mind of one of the Labours of Hercules. We did all pass the test, but not without grumbles and the occasional lapse into anglo-saxon.

Our Bicycle Users' Group (BUG) has a website with details of my ride for Maggie. I texted some daily updates when there was enough signal. The address is - [www.klwnbug.co.uk](http://www.klwnbug.co.uk)

Looking back on it, would I do it again? Memory of pain fades so quickly that I'd have to say "Yes I would". But not for a few weeks thanks. □

*Trevor Riches*

\*Should anyone wish to donate a cheque, it should be made payable to "North Hampshire Hospitals Charity (74643)", and sent to me: Trev Riches, 2 West Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6JE. To contact me, please email: [trevoriches@talktalk.net](mailto:trevoriches@talktalk.net) or phone me on 01485 543706



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Free entry into children's Knockout event.

Entries are taken on a first-come, first served basis so book early to avoid disappointment! Call Joanne Robson on **01760 337261 ext. 7425** to find out more.

## **Autumn Fair**

Saturday 20 September, 11:00am – 3:00pm  
The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House, Snettisham

Live jazz, raffle, tombola, homemade cakes, games, refreshments, plants and many more stalls. To find out more about having a stall at the event please contact 01485 542891.

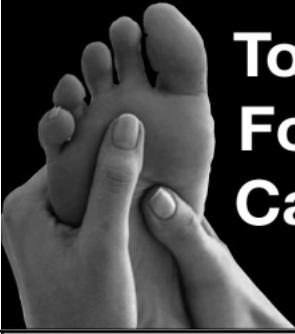
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When a person is drunk and incapable, a Constable can detain such person until he can proceed with safety to himself, but if so detained he should be summoned in due course for the offence.

Where persons are drunk and riotous, or drunk while in charge of any carriage, horse, cattle, or steam engine on any highway or public place, or drunk whilst in possession of loaded firearms, they can be apprehended under Section 12 of the Licensing Act, 1872. (See title "Licensing Acts," Part II.; also title "Town Police Clauses Acts.")

**NOTE.**—It is no part of the duty of a Constable to remonstrate with or censure a person whom he may find drunk. A helplessly drunken person should not be placed in a cold cell; excessive drunkenness is a source of danger.

Where soldiers are drunk, but not riotous, the Police should inform the guard at the military barracks or the regimental patrol, and request that they may be taken in charge. Where soldiers are quarrelling, notice should immediately be sent to the military authorities, the Constable remaining on the spot till assistance arrives. The Police should at once interfere if life be in danger or civilians be concerned. If soldiers are guilty of any direct breach of the law they should be arrested like other offenders.

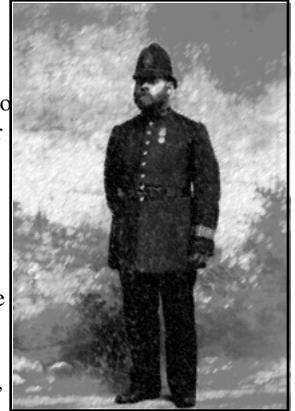
The railway authorities have power to deal with drunken persons or trespassers on their platforms or premises. The Constabulary should interfere if a breach of the peace is likely to occur, and they can take into their charge drunken persons or others handed over to them by railway authorities.

Public-houses may be closed by order of two Justices during a riot, or if a riot is anticipated. (35 & 36 Vict, c. 94, s. 23.)

**Relief of Vagrants.**—Members of the Constabulary are frequently appointed Assistant Relieving Officers of Vagrants. 11 & 12 Viet. c. 110 enacts that any person applying for relief who does not, when required by the Guardians, their officers, or the Overseers, make complete and correct disclosure of the money or other property in his possession and under his immediate control, is declared to be "idle and disorderly" within the meaning of the Vagrancy Act, and liable to be dealt with as such.

The following is a copy of a Minute of the Poor Law Board :—

"With respect to the applicants that will thus come before him, the Relieving Officer will have to exercise his judgment as to the truth of their assertions of destitution, and to ascertain by searching them whether they possess any means of supplying their own necessities. He will not be likely to err in judging from their appearance whether they are suffering from want of food. He will take care that women and children, the old and infirm, and those who, without absolutely serious disease, present an enfeebled or sickly appearance, are supplied with necessary food and shelter. As a general rule, he would be right in refusing relief to able-bodied and healthy men, though in inclement weather he might afford them shelter, if really destitute of the means of procuring it for themselves. His duties would necessarily make him acquainted with the persons of the habitual vagrants, and to these it



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For many of these children this is one of the few days out they have a year, and maybe the only time they can enjoy the “fun of the fair”. You should just see the look on their faces to realise how much they appreciate it. Our thanks go to Mr. Fred. Pooley and all his helpers who open the fair for us specially each year, and charge not a penny and to Mr. Proctor and his team at the “Fish & Chip” shop for supplying the fantastic food, again just for us.

This one of the highlights of our year, and for the children we hope the same.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> we were the main supporter of the Hunstanton “Poochcomer Dog Training Clubs Companion Dog Show”. With over 100 entries they raised around £400.00 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association which was a grand total considering the awful weather for the second year running. Better luck next year we hope.

Our raffle for the “**Yamaha MT-03**” motorbike is proceeding very well. We now have less than 100 tickets left. Once all 599 have been sold we will draw the lucky number out. They are only £10.00 each and this gives you a great chance of winning a superbike. Come and see us on the green every Sunday (weather permitting) and buy one. The winner will be published on our web site “[lions105ea.com/lionsclubs/hunstanton](http://lions105ea.com/lionsclubs/hunstanton)”, and in this magazine.

Entry to our **Bowls Competition** is still available. This event is being held on the weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There are two categories, singles and triples. Entry is £2.50 per person per category. It is being held at Old Hunstanton Social Club, and it coincides with their annual “Beer Festival”. We will be having a Bar B Q on both days so it will be a great place to take the whole family. For further information please call 01485 533108.

Hunstanton Lions Club was formed in 1980 and is part of “Lions International”, the largest charity organisation in the world. All profits from our activities are given to many local, national, and international causes. Everyone involved is a volunteer, and we have no overheads whatsoever. Our monthly meetings are held in the Best Western LeStrange Arms Hotel, and we are very grateful to them for allowing us to use this facility free.

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# The Safer Neighbourhood Team

## Dersingham and Gayton Neighbourhood

The Safer Neighbourhood Team are currently looking at parking issues in Dersingham. We have had a number of complaints regarding people parking too close to junctions. The owners of the vehicles have had a visit and been asked to move. There is also a problem at the Dersingham Infant and Nursery School where some parents are parking on junctions and blocking resident's entrances. This causes a danger to vehicles trying to get in and out of Saxon Way and those who are using the Doctor's Surgery. It also makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to gain access. Parents have been spoken to and a letter was sent out from us through the school. We realise that there is very limited parking but consideration for the safety of others must be taken into account. Perhaps parking a little further away and walking or car sharing could help? We would welcome comments or concerns you have.

We've recently had a spate of Graffiti and criminal damage to fences on the Mountbatten Estate. These occurred very early one morning. The name that appears is S P L O D G E. If anyone knows who this is could you let us know?

Don't forget, if you have any questions, concerns, problems that we could help with, please get in touch.

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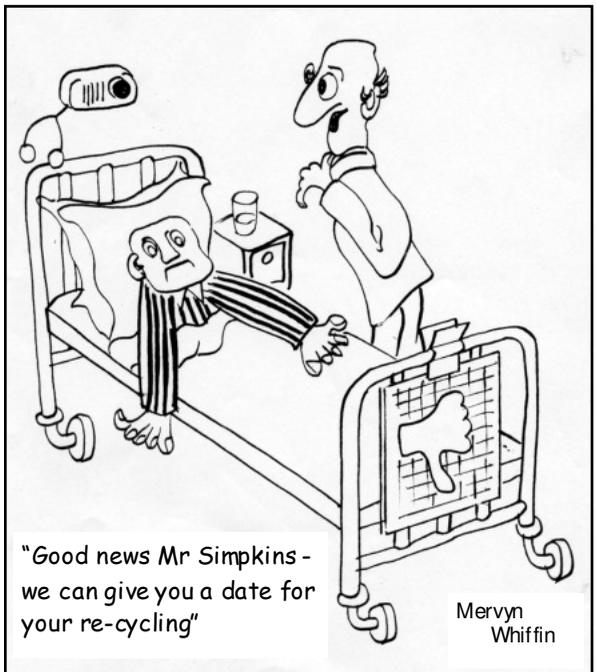
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# Dersingham Village Voice



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Pictures must have been taken by the entrant within the parish boundary, not have been previously published and not have been digitally manipulated. However, these do not need to be recently taken photos, as older work is equally valid.

The closing date for entries is November 3rd 2008, for publication on the December issue cover. Two runners up will have their entries published inside.

Make sure you supply your name and contact details with your entry and send them to :-

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## Old Picture Corner

Whilst getting the definitive answer on the identity of the police sergeant to settle the debate, Terry Finbow produced this picture of his father at the enquiry desk in Dersingham Police Station, which is now used by the Parish Council, together with this undated cutting. From the adverts on the back it predates decimal currency when 14 year olds could seek full time employment. You are probably too late to secure the Jiffy washing machine, rubber wringer, pair pre-war cotton sheets, hammock & dumb-bells that



Who else is in the picture?

### German learns from our police

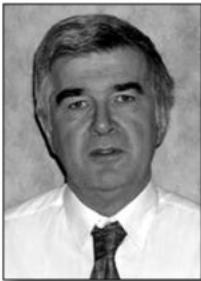


THE HANDCUFFS were purely a matter of discussion when this photograph was taken at Dersingham on Sunday, as P.C. P. Finbow was demonstrating a few British Police methods to Herr Wilhelm Buttner, Chief of Police for Mulheim-Ruhr, British Zone of Germany.

Herr Buttner had been touring England for three weeks. He said that he would return home with many useful ideas for the German Police Force. Not knowing a word of English, he had to rely largely upon the services of the interpreter (left), who comes from the Snettisham prisoner-of-war camp.

The week-end visit to Dersingham was a private one to look up Supt. R. B. Mitchell, who at one time was in Germany as supervisor of German police.

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## ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Richard Barr, partner in Fraser Dawbarns solicitors King's Lynn and a "legal eagle" on BBC Radio Norfolk.

Not long ago a dog moved into our office. It was called Treadle and made the local news and appeared on television. Its owner had died, and nobody wanted it, so for a brief time, until one of our kind secretaries decided to give it a home, it became the office dog.

One of the pleasures of practicing law in the country is that from time to time we have close encounters of the furry kind. Here are some of them.

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Stand on your chairs; I begin with mice. A pair of clients Jim and John worked in a factory which had suffered from an infestation of mice. They decided (on a purely scientific basis) to find out if a mouse would survive the fall from the third floor when attached to a small parachute created out of a large red spotted handkerchief and copious skeins of thread. When all the preparations were complete, Jim launched the mouse while John stood at the bottom to catch it if the parachute failed to open. The experiment was entirely successful, and the mouse scurried away unscathed.

Unknown to Jim and John a junior technician with an insecure personality happened to look up as the mouse floated past his window. He immediately rushed to his supervisor to report his observation; but Jim and John were not about to confess, and the young technician could persuade no one that the mouse and the parachute were anything other than a figment of his imagination.

He now sits intoxicated in the corners of public houses saying to all who come near him: "I really did see a mouse and a parachute. I did. I did. I did."

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The end of the holiday season usually brings its stories of disasters on the Costa del Fish and Chips. One recent complaint was that a mouse jumped out of a basket of rolls in a restaurant and raced across our client's wrist before running down the arm of his elder son and across the feet of his younger son. Holiday companies are skilled in re-arranging the facts so as to make it appear that it is really your fault. Here is how they tried it:

*Nevertheless, whilst we appreciate the disturbing effect this incident undoubtedly caused, we should put it on record that the mouse did not jump around from one member of the family to another, as your clients have rather emotively put it.*

No doubt they obtained a statement from the mouse before replying to us.

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Monty Python does not have a monopoly on parrot stories.

We had a very talkative client (I will call him Mr Chatter). He had a high pitched, rasping voice and would detain you for a minimum of twenty minutes every time he telephoned - which was most days to talk about his house move. He was moving to Downham Market to live near his daughter.

Mr Chatter owned a parrot called, predictably, Polly. He was very fond of Polly and was concerned that she would like living in Downham Market. Before finally deciding to move he brought Polly down for several days to make sure she was happy.

Moving day came and went. Polly was installed in her new milieu. All seemed well. No Polly wobbles were thrown. At the end of the second day Mr Chatter kissed Polly good night and put a cloth over the cage. He then sat down in a chair and died.



There must be a moral to the story - perhaps that Downham Market is a greater shock to the human system than to that of a parrot.

Another client claimed he had been sold a defective parrot. The parrot did all the right things: It talked. It squawked and ate sunflower seeds. But its tail feathers fell out. We started solemn correspondence with the pet shop owner who denied liability. They said that the loss of plumage had happened because the parrot sat too close to a radiator. Eventually they offered to replace the parrot, but by then my client did not want to part with it: "It's a nice parrot. It talks and that." We settled for a six month free supply of parrot food.

These gentle stories of animal encounters with the law are but one side of the story. Things become much uglier when animals cause injury or damage – or, worse, when there is a custody battle over the cat. Read the next issue to find out more. □



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## My Patch

By Gardenwatcher

*Sun.* Dismal day for the Open Gardens weekend, I decided to visit just my own and saved £3. The bird feeders are now doing a roaring trade with Sunflower Hearts proving most popular, I do like to see the birds nice and plump. Greatly unpopular is the Niger seed that the staff were fooled into buying - no interest at all from my feathered friends. There is a pair born every minute.

*Sat.* Satisfaction is very hard to come by here. Only today I fancied a sleep in the sun and what should I find in one of my favourite and chosen for today spots, but a wire rack carelessly left on the ground. I managed to shove it to one side and had a reasonable rest on some comfy young Cosmos seedlings but a little more thought would have saved me the trouble.

*Wed.* They have slipped away for a break, but the weather is foul and I cannot be bothered to misbehave - I must be getting old. Substitute handler is still a pushover for extra grub.

*Mon.* They have returned to warm weather and a lush garden needing taming. The veg has disappeared beneath a forest of weeds. I would be glad of this but he is pulling them up.

*Wed.* Appalling display of grumpy ingratitude today when I brought them a fresh young blackbird for their dinner. There is no pleasing them - I feel the need to strop my claws on their curtains! At last one of the Dahlias has shown up. These were the really good ones given by an expert grower so I am waiting to be impressed with the magnificence of the blooms.

*Thur.* Spent an entertaining half hour watching him clean out the pond filter and get a good soaking in the process. This ritual is a fortnightly event at this time of the year and affords me a pleasing diversion from the usual daily round. He is under the impression that the black sludge that comes out of the spongy filter is good for the grass. Well it keeps him happy.

*Sat.* Midsummers day. More like midwinters day, drizzly, dreary, lousy day. Not one for sauntering around the patch. If this is global warming then bring on an ice age, at least there would be a fire to curl up in front of. Right, got that off my chest now for breakfast. Come on - get that pouch open.

*Sun.* Jolly windy today, lots of damage in the garden. Foxgloves pushed over, leaves everywhere and his Runner Beans are looking very sorry for themselves. Low growing stuff has survived better, lots of Courgettes now but the Spinach has bolted so more has been sown. It's difficult to concentrate on sleep at the moment with so many baby birds about - it's a hard life!

*Thur.* Conditions here are now verging on the intolerable. I have to put up with being brushed before my meagre breakfast is dumped in front of me. I am abused if I get in their way, she has a particularly coarse tongue on occasion. To vary their diet, I caught them a big mouse last night which was treated with distain and I was ejected. I would move but at my time of life do I really need the bother?

*Fri.* I feel better today. A nights rain forced me to stay in. Sleep followed by a good breakfast gives one a fresh perspective - perhaps I was a night hash yesterday but I will monitor my situation. The patch looks much better for the rain. There is a good display of bloom on the Climbing Rose this year. It's been in since I was a kitten but only had one or two flowers up till now. They start off pink and turn to yellow before dropping. V weird!

*Wed.* I have just had a lengthy chiding regarding my inability to deter the pigeons from the patch. It was pointed out that this was one of the reasons they kept me. They don't keep me, I graciously remain here as a favour to them, putting myself out considerably by so doing. Bah!

*Fri.* Bird food consumption has dropped as most baby birds have left the nest. I have removed a few (I try to get my "five a day") but the ones that I missed have flown. Jackdaws remain a constant source of noise but at least they are entertaining. A large, early flowering, Rhododendron is looking sick, much like the nearby Camelia that passed on in spring. I'll check around for fungus.

*Mon.* Rain! Little to be said for it but it does mean I get my breakfast a bit sooner as the staff curtail their outside duties and the b\*\*\*y lawn mower stays unused and out of my way.

*Fri.* He has just trodden on my tail - ouch!!! Just because he is malformed doesn't mean he can ignore normal bodily features on the rest of us. Revenge is a dish best served cold they say. □



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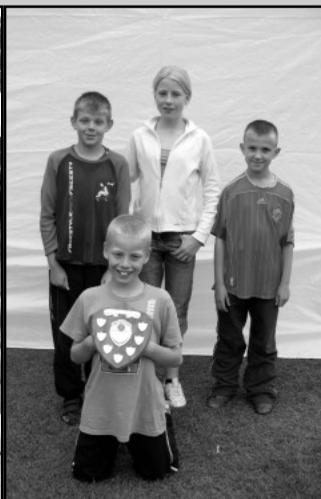
## Dersingham Funday – Saturday 16th August 2008

Dersingham Funday needs you -

There is now just over two weeks until the Dersingham Funday and things are gathering pace with confirmed, stall holders confirmed, compère, BBQ, Hog Roast, Bar, amusements, fun, games and of course (my favourite) the team sport events.



By time you read this there should be banners and posters around the village telling you where to be and when. DEC is keen to have more teams taking part this year, all those competing are to have their names on the winners shields and so we offer three categories – 7 -12 years olds, women and adults (this last grouping is to include mixed and male teams). According to the current Mrs Kelk ‘adults’ is a very loose term to include men – almost an honorific title if you please!



Personally I'm looking forward to lifting the 'adults' shield for the third year in a row and have already started training with a gruelling regime of beer, wine and good food.

Teams need to be made up of 4-6 people, should have a suitable name and be willing to take on all comers. In order to make life easier it would be appreciated if those wanting to take part could register their team(s) with a DEC steward on the day or forward their details to me – [nigelkelk@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelkelk@btinternet.com).

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I look forward to seeing you on the day and here's hoping for better weather than last year.

*Nigel Kelk*





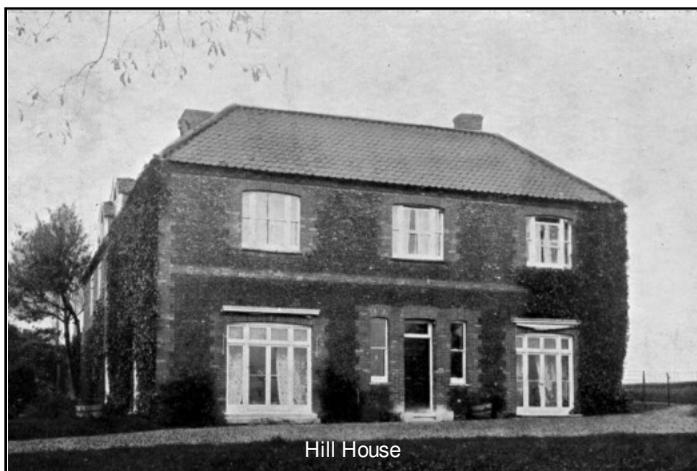
## Dick Melton

When I saw the article in the June issue of Dersingham Village Voice about Fern Hill at one time being called Furlong Hill, I thought Ah; I will do a bit about it. Fern Hill is a bit like Dodds Hill, it is a community all of its own. When you turn the corner from Chapel Road into Fern Hill Road you first pass that infamous property on your left, then on past the old telephone exchange and then on your left is Pell Road. This was made up when the police houses were built along there and I believe this is also a short cut to the school. Just past Pell Road and a bit further up the hill is a very nice house where Bob Francis used to live. Bob for many years, along with his brother, was a director of Lynn-Can, the fruit and veg canning company who

had factories at West Lynn and Boston.

When you get to the bend at the top of the hill, right in front of you was the gate to the allotments. Now during the Second World War these allotments were set aside for prisoners of war when they came out of the forces, but not many people took them on because of the steep hill. Fred Howard, who lived on the Lynn Road right near the Common, had one of these allotments; and he kept pigs behind his house and would take the pig muck all the way up there in a wheel barrow. Other people who had allotments up Fern Hill were a Mr Todd, Tor Riches and Fred Daniels, who was called Farmer Daniels as he had more than one of the allotments.

Water always ran down Fern Hill, winter and summer, so to try and stop this a small reservoir was built to catch the water off the land right next to the allotments. It is still there today but I don't think it helped much. Opposite the reservoir, on the right hand side of the road, is another very smart house where the Cook family used to live. At one time Mr Cook was head gardener up at Sandringham and his daughter married Percy Thrower, the TV gardener.



Hill House

Go along the road a bit further and you come to another sharp bend. Just to your right is a track called Sugar Lane, on the corner is another large house and the garden went half way down Sugar Lane. There are only two properties down Sugar Lane, a bungalow on the right and Hill House farmhouse on your left. The lane then goes down until it comes out at the Manor Road/Chapel Road corner by a house called Lanes End.

When George Lee lived in Hill House Lodge at the top of Fern Hill he would keep Sugar Lane neat and tidy by scything back the bushes and undergrowth each side of the lane, but I have been told that it is all overgrown again. No doubt some one will put me right. When Mr Billy Smith gave up the tenancy of Hill House Farm he had to move out of the farmhouse, so Sandringham estate let him have a plot of land right on the bend at the top of Fern Hill on the left hand side; and that is the large house that stands there today, that was called 'Four Winds'. I think it was built around 1958/60. On the other side of the road behind Hill House Lodge are the old farm buildings that were converted into commercial units and are let out by Sandringham estate.

After the road leaves the farm it meanders on for another half mile. If you stop anywhere along this stretch and traverse from south through west to north you can on a clear day see for miles right across The Wash and you can see Boston Stump and the Lincolnshire Wolds. When you get right to the top of Fern Hill Road, with its junction with Mill Road and Chalk Pit Road, on your right is Mill House and the site where the old windmill used to stand. In the early part of the twentieth century this working mill was operated by the Playford family, who later had a shop and bakery down in the village in Manor Road.

Well that's a bit about Fem Hill but if you are out for a walk up that way and you want to go a bit further then just cross over Mill Road, walk to your right a bit then there on your left you will see a dirt track. If you follow this track it will bring you out on the Shembome-Ingoldisthorpe road right near to Shernborne Hall, turn right then you will come to Shembome village, all forty houses. Sadly you cannot go for a drink in the club as it has been closed down and Sandringham estate is going to build a hotel on the site. So turn to your right and go up the hill towards Dersingham, but then when you get to the first sharp right hand bend go off the road and along the track. This will take you past Sheep Dip Bams (Field Bam). When you get to the end of the track turn right on to Ling House Road, head down over the crossroads through Dodds Hill and when you get to the bottom of the hill you can cross over the road and have a well deserved pint or two in the Coach and Horses inn.

### **The picnic place**

In the 1940s and 50s the area around the George Pratt roundabout at the southern end of the bypass was quite an industrious part of the village of Dersingham. Sandpit Cottages, the two cottages that still stand there today though now they are just one house, were built by the Sandringham estate for their mole catcher and rat catcher to live in. In the forties and fifties Mr Walker and his daughter Mrs Cavey with her son David lived in the first one and in the second one lived Mr and Mrs Borley with their three sons, Norman, Peter, and Tony. Next to Mr Borley's house is a flat area of land called the picnic place. Now Mrs Borley being a very enterprising lady saw all the cars that would stop on the picnic place on their way to and from Hunstanton, so she decided to sell trays of tea and sandwiches from her kitchen and this she did for many years. In 1946 this road outside her house, the A149, was the second busiest road in the country.

Just over the hill from the picnic place, to the right of the main road, was Dersingham sandpit where lots of local people would go up through the gate, that is now locked, to get themselves a barrow or trailer load of sand. This sandpit was also the breeding site for hundreds of sand martins. The Dersingham parish rubbish dump was situated just inside the Shut Up Common in Heath Road and, when this got full up in the late forties, it was then moved to the side of the hill next to the sand pit. To the back of Sandpit Cottages was a rifle range with a huge board supported by hundreds of sand bags on to which the targets were attached. In between the target area and the main road, in Dersingham fen, there were dotted about many rifle butts, shooting positions, from which the men would fire their rifles. When the range was in use a red flag would be flown on the hill by the dump. I am not sure when this range ceased to be in use but it was in constant use before the First World War when my father was a boy. When I was a boy it had gone into decay but we would go to the target area and dig empty bullet cases out of the sand. The bottom of the second hill, where the fir plantation is, was the best place for cranberries and every year in September and October many people would go there from the village to pick them to make jelly and jam, including my mother; it was a back breaking job as they grew right on the ground under the heather. Just past the cranberry beds are the posts that mark the end of the Dersingham parish boundary with Wolferton. These posts are marked 'DPC', Dersingham Parish Council, and were put there in the 1930s; Fred Daniels from Chapel Road was paid twelve shillings to erect them. On the other side of the main road in the woods is the entrance to a large tunnel, though it is all caved in now and covered up in the undergrowth. Hundreds of years ago, when the sea came right up to here and Dersingham was a fishing village, this tunnel was built by smugglers and it went all the way to Appleton, so you see over the years this area was a very industrious and recreational part of Dersingham.

*The Folly, Sandringham*



### **Queen's Drive**

Lots of people ask me about the 'Queen's Drive' and where it is. Well if you go along the main road as far as the Wolferton crossroads, up the hill on the left is Folly House and this is the start of the Queen's Drive. It goes on past the TV mast, then twists and turns its way past some of the best chestnut trees in the wood until it goes past the nurseries and comes out at the top of Sandringham Hill. You can cross over the road and it carries on to the wood yard, but we always called this length 'Docking Drove'.

### **Village Voice 52**

Just a few comments now about issue 52 (June) of Dersingham Village Voice. David Watts mentioned Superintendent Mitchell, who lived in the main police house down Manor Road beside the police station with his wife and son John. He was a very fit man and he would think nothing of getting up at 4 o'clock in the morning and then walking down to the shingle pits for a swim and back home by 8 o'clock just in time for breakfast. A policeman of the old school if he saw you doing any thing wrong he would come up behind you and give you a ding of the lug, then he would say next time he would speak to your father. So from then on you behaved yourself when out and about in the village.

As to the story about the Dersingham dance band, I can remember them playing in the church hall just after the Second World War and I am sure that Jack Bunn, John Bunn's father, was the drummer with this band. So maybe John Bunn can help us out with the name of the band and the other members.

I myself belonged to the cubs and then the scouts; we had our head quarters in a hut in the grounds of the Old Hall. I remember one weekend we were camping up near the sandpits, Mr Fisher the scout master had gone into the village and left us lads alone, so we decided to have a fag. All of a sudden Mr Fisher came back so I put my fag under my sleeping bag but it was still alight and the sleeping bag caught fire, so that was the end of my scouting days.

Just one more thing in Village Voice. I said that the emblance land in Manor Road covered sixty acres, but this was incorrect. I should have put six to ten acres. Well that's all for now. Lets hope before you read this we get some nice sunny, hot, weather. □

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## THE TWENTIETH CENTURY DAWNS DERSINGHAM 1900-11



At the beginning of a new year there is always the tendency to contemplate the events of the previous twelve months and to speculate on the likely ones of the year to come. This is always more marked when a new century starts and we can all remember the newspaper articles and television programmes that proliferated in 1999 as we approached the new millennium.

In January 1900 the Sandringham Estate Magazine contained just such an article written by the Vicar of Sandringham. After wishing all the readers a Happy New Century, and hoping

that the twentieth century would be as prosperous to England's Empire as the nineteenth, he then speculated on the future. "Shall we live to see the locomotive rusting on the scrap-heap as some of us have seen the old stage coach rotting in the wheelwright's yard? Will the day arrive that telegraph wires will disappear? Will it be possible before the century closes to journey to America in three days, or circumnavigate the globe in twenty? You can almost hear the disbelieving comments of the readers and yet just three years later the first powered flight by a heavier-than-air craft was carried out by the Wright brothers signalling the start of aviation and we know what has happened to travel times since then.

The vicar continued, "Will the daily paper soon be a thing of the past and the penny post a matter of history?" I can see the rueful grins on the faces of Village Voice readers at the latter part of that question. The vicar then wondered if cannons would be invented to carry shells from Dover to Calais, or if guns would become as obsolete as bows and arrows. He is fortunate not to know just what kind of weapons were to be developed. He wondered if machinery in England would be driven with a force from Niagara and if canals would link the Atlantic to the Pacific. Most of his readers would hear of the completion of the Panama Canal in 1914.

He then asked, "Will the boundaries of the European Powers be the same in a hundred years? Will there be eight European Wars in the dawning century as there have been in the one gone by? I am glad that his readers would not know everything that the twentieth century would bring in this regard but as 1900 dawned many of his readers had family members on active service in South Africa.



The Second Boer War had commenced in 1899 and Dersingham villagers, along with the rest of the nation, were following the unfolding events so far away. News of the sieges at Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking was eagerly awaited. Some would remember the first Boer War and the humiliating defeat of Britain at Majuba Hill in 1881.

From Dersingham Jack Coe was a reservist serving at the front with the 1st Rifle Brigade. Queen Victoria had sent boxes of chocolates out to the men serving in South Africa and Jack sent his home to his widowed mother. It is

recorded that the beautiful box arrived in perfect condition. Walter Dyble was a colour Sergeant in the Coldstreams. He had been in the battles of Belmont, Graspán, and Magersfontein, James Grief was one of Thorneycroft's Mounted Cavalry and Albert Flegg was with one of the siege trains. Harry and Thomas Riches, sons of George Riches the builder, were in the besieged town of Kimberley with Cecil Rhodes. They had lived there for several years following their father's trade and enlisted in the Volunteer Home Guard at the outbreak of hostilities. Tom Riches had been a member of our village cricket team and had shone in the outfield where his pick up and swift returns were quite brilliant. Wicket keepers apparently said that when Tom was "put out" he always allowed a little extra powder to his shots making a warm corner for the man who had to take them. The writer then went on that he thought the Boers must have "riled" Tom by keeping him shut in Kimberley so long and he hoped that Tom had the opportunity of giving them some "hot ones" to stop.

Kimberley was eventually relieved by General Roberts, known as "Bobs" to the soldiers. Harry was the first soldier from our village to be invalided home and had many tales to tell of the siege. Later Gummer Sidney Rainbow would be invalided home and we learn from the magazine that he, "kindly helped in giving some time, nearly every fine day to teaching military drill in the playground and the school children have apparently enjoyed his professional teaching."

The village raised £6. 14s. 6d for the Widows' and Orphans' fund set up by the Daily Telegraph. Other collections were made in the area to send boxes out to the men. Villagers contributed plugs of tobacco, pipes, packets of cigarettes, packets of cocoa and tea. One of the men writing home to his family in West Newton commented that one of their greatest hardships was want of tobacco and that the men smoked tea-leaves and coffee. Another commented after describing the hardships he faced. "I could just eat three of Playford's loaves now for tea." (Mr. Playford's bakery had been in Manor Road.) Cyril De Putron from West Newton wrote from Kimberley that he had been very hard worked during the siege but, "I am awfully fit in spite of eating horse and stewed shells."

A Patriotic Concert was held in The Forester's Hall and the proceeds were sent to the Daily Telegraph Fund. In the summer of 1900 the cricket season opened with two easy wins over Snettisham and Ingoldisthorpe. On May 19th, "Mafeking Day" a "Married v. Single" contest was held on Mr. Tingey's pleasant pasture with the church bells ringing in honour of B-P and his gallant

band". (B-P of course refers to Colonel Robert Baden-Powell who with less than a thousand regulars had been besieged in Mafeking capturing the attention of the British public for eight months with their spirited defence until the relief column arrived. Mr. Tingey farmed at Manor House Farm behind the church.) According to the report on the match the sympathies of the "gallery" were plainly with the boys. "This we suppose may have been in consequence of a possible resemblance between the bearded seniors, some of whom



Manor Road with Playford's shop



Playford's mill 1907

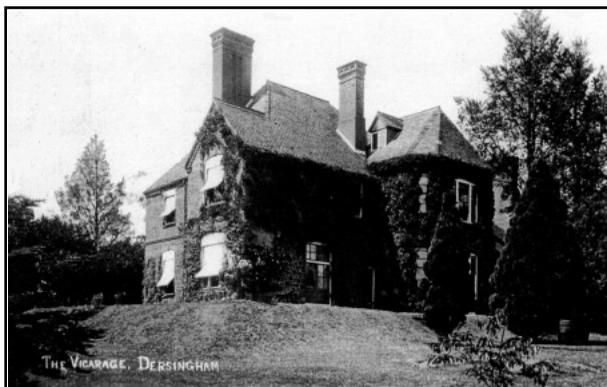
were a trifle stiff about the knees, and our friends the enemy in South Africa." The singles won by 19 runs.

The following year when the season opened with the Married v. Singles match it was reported that the weather was extremely cold and three or four of the "marrieds" did not turn up. Perhaps their knees were playing up! In 1901 the village joined with the whole nation in mourning the death of Queen Victoria. She had been ill for some time and during those anxious days the school children sang the last stanza of "God Save the Queen" morning and evening while kneeling at their prayers. The writer noted that they were using the National Anthem of their childhood for the last time before the solemn change at Osborne. "God Save the King" opened the school prayers the next morning. There was a memorial service in the church which was described as most impressive and the writer commented, "the number of working men present being a very striking feature." 1902 was a far happier year.

Peace in South Africa was declared on May 31st 1902 and there were special thanksgiving services at the churches. The Coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra took place mid great rejoicing.

On the estate everyone collected outside Sandringham Church and the Dersingham choir, with those of West Newton, Anmer and Sandringham, marched, singing, to the church accompanied by the Norfolk Militia Band. After the service 1,200 adults dined under a special marquee and 600 children were seated in another tent. After the meal there were sports consisting of donkey, bicycling, and running races. As I stated in my last article Dersingham marked the Coronation by placing a clock in the church tower. The Prince of Wales attended the ceremony and pulled the cord which set the pendulum in motion.

## The Pageant of the Crown



It was only eight years later that the village had once more to go through a period of mourning for the death of their sovereign and to decide how to mark the coronation of King George V. I wrote about those discussions in a previous article and how the need for a road to the beach had been raised but not adopted.

However on July 22nd 1911 the villagers were entertained by, as the Lynn News reported, "an interesting and very instructive example of pageantry". This entertainment,

called The Pageant of the Crown was performed on the natural stage in front of the vicarage on the afternoon and evening of that Saturday. The actors and actresses were children belonging to The Band of Hope. (The Band of Hope had been established in November 1901 and about 100 children were initiated by the vicar.) The Rev. Lewis had directed the production with the help of Mr. H. Walden. and Miss Tombling, Miss Beckett, daughter of Enoch Beckett the post master, and Miss Mann.

The pageant opened with the National Anthem, and then two Royal Yeomen came forward with the sacred crown on a cushion which they placed in the middle of the stage and then stood guard. A Hindoo Princess (Lena Chaplin) then entered and speaking in verse asks, "Is there some hidden mystery that dwells behind the throne?" Then Mother Church, ably played by Miss Tombling, entered and a Procession advanced singing. The procession was headed by a monk carrying a cross, with bishops, martyrs, prophets and many others. As the procession reached the stage a curtain opened to reveal a heathen altar in front of which sat a Roman Emperor (W. Painter) with a sword

across his knees. He declared in flamboyant verse, "Mine are the Gods which rule the earth." He faced Mother Church who advanced with the Cross. The Emperor snatched the sword from the altar but fell powerless before the Cross. A Saxon King (J. Valentine) entered with, as the Lynn reporter noted, the battle axe of brute force in his hand. "The strong right arm is the only King that the Sea-Wolfs justice knows." But he too was powerless and fell before the Cross. A Norman



King (A. Fitt) entered and attacks the Saxon but peace is restored by Mother Church. Then Edward I (W. Green) Henry V, (A. Mitchell wearing an arched crown with ball and cross on top), Henry VI 11 (L. Boughen who was presented with a bible) and James 1, made their appearance on stage. George 111 entered carrying a true Union Jack and was crowned. A Bishop led in two negroes in chains. Mother Church declared to George 111, "Strike in the Name of England's God and King, Strike off the chains of slavery." So with the Sword of Justice George freed the two Negroes from the chains of slavery. The Pageant then retired and every one sang Kipling's "Recessional."

Such rousing patriotic scenes must have received a great ovation. The Lynn News commented that the technical difficulties of the costumes were triumphantly overcome. Though they were told that the chain armour was made with string crochet they could hardly believe it. The various crowns and other properties were the vicar's own handiwork and the slave fetters were linked with worsted but not too strong to resist the mighty blow of George's property sword. This was not the end of the entertainment for they followed a series of six tableaux representing historical events.

The most popular was the presentation of the first Prince of Wales to the people by Edward 1. This was because the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis made positively his first appearance on the stage of life and smiled at everyone. The Boy Scouts were in attendance to direct visitors through the vicar's beautiful garden and the band of the Sandingham 5th B.N.R. under bandmaster G. Riches played the pageant music and other selections. A profit of £6 was made from these two performances and weather permitting, by popular request the Pageant would be repeated on August 2nd at 7p.m. After the afternoon performance the performers were photographed by Mr. Ralph and then entertained to tea by Mr. Mrs. Tingay at Manor Farm. It is not hard to imagine the scene as the excited children and adult performers made their way from the vicarage to Manor Farm. Did they have their tea on the lawn in front of the Manor House, or was it laid out in the Tithe Barn perhaps? It must have been a joyful occasion.

I have a very poor copy of the photograph taken by the Lynn News but everyone is there in their costumes in front of the vicarage. Does anyone have an original I can copy for the records? □

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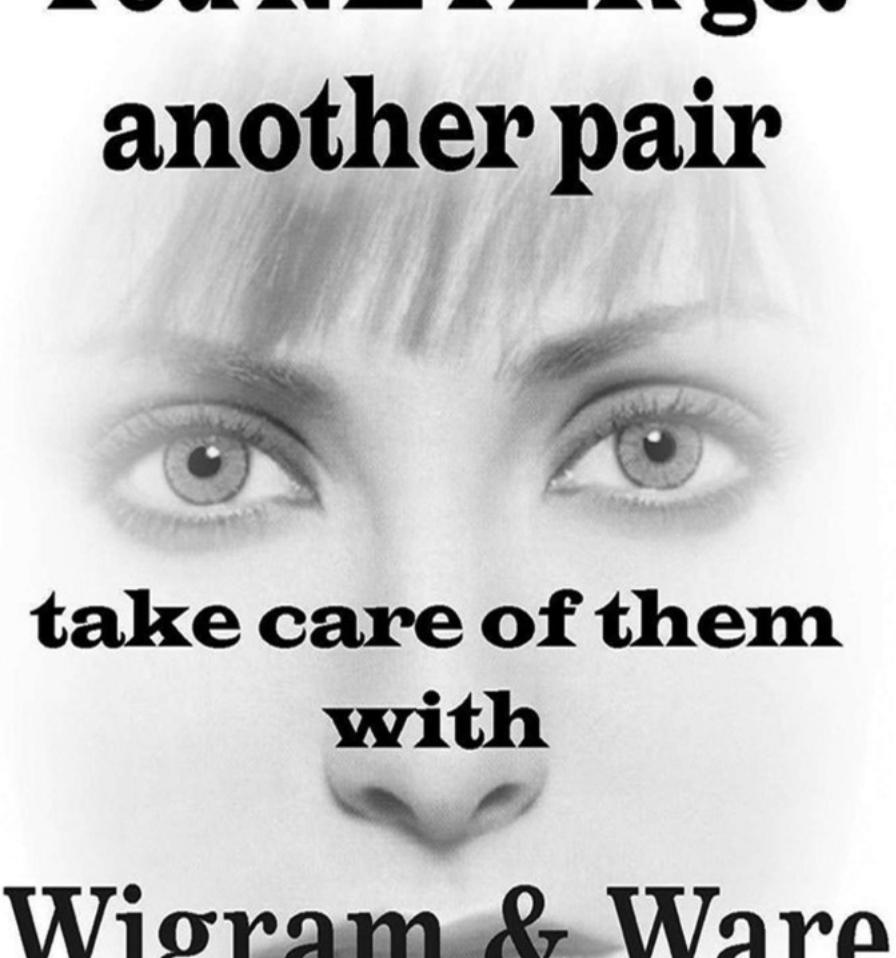


Buddleias were first brought over from China as a garden shrub in the nineteenth century. The natural colour of the flowers on the most common buddleia (*Buddleia davidii*) is lilac but a range of garden cultivars are available with a kaleidoscopic choice of colours from white through blue, pink, red to a very deep purple. *Buddleia davidii* is named after the Reverend Adam Buddle from Essex who identified a specimen from Africa as a new genus and the French missionary and naturalist Father Armand David who discovered the particular species in China.

*Buddleia* (particularly the natural coloured variety) is not a very fashionable plant for posh gardens, perhaps because it is too common and most often associated with railway sidings and urban wastelands. They seem to find a foothold almost anywhere and I even noticed one growing out of the brickwork on the front of the amusement arcade in King's Lynn's Norwich Street last week. In their native China, they grow on scree slopes and other stony disturbed habitats. This explains their ability to thrive on the meagre pickings to be found alongside railway lines and in the mortar between rows of bricks. They do not, however, seem to do well out in the wider countryside and are not particularly invasive, although apparently buddleia is a pest in New Zealand. Their lanceolate leaves cast dappled shadows, which allegedly gave them the reputation for providing the perfect cover for tigers before the Chinese tiger population succumbed to the demands of the 'natural' medicines industry.

The biggest plus for buddleia as a garden plant is that they attract butterflies and are even known by the alternative name 'butterfly bush'. I have had a few buddleia cultivars in the garden for a number of years but always fancied growing the natural coloured buddleia in the belief that they may produce more nectar than the exotic varieties. Garden centres always have a wide selection of buddleia with names such as black knight or white satin but never seem to stock 'Clapham Junction lilac'! My chance to grab a choice specimen came in the hot summer of 2006 when I happened to notice a forest of buddleia pushing through the concrete in a disused prison compound. There were two hummingbird hawk moths flitting between the flower spikes so they ticked the box for nectar supply and also had plenty of street cred because of their enforced incarceration behind the prison fence. I pulled up one of the smaller specimens and wrapped the root in wet tissue for the journey home where I planted it in a container. The idea being that I could move the container to wherever I happened to be lazing around in the sun and would have loads of butterflies to look at with zero effort. Unfortunately, the weather last year wasn't great for butterflies and even though the flowers appeared on time the butterflies were scarce until August bank holiday weekend when the weather warmed up. My buddleia then attracted painted ladies, red admirals, small tortoiseshells, small whites, large whites and peacocks. A fairly impressive list but in comparison to a large buddleia cultivar growing close by the number of butterflies was small. This particular shrub was dripping with butterflies. It had all the species my small specimen had attracted plus commas and speckled woods. Obviously, the quantity of nectar outweighed any increase in quality my small pot-bound plant could provide. I pretty much ignored my little buddleia after this and left it to fend for itself through the winter - not even bothering to stand it up when the pot fell over. When I straightened it up this spring I found that the pot had not been blown over but had sent a thick taproot through the drain hole, which had forced its way down through the shingle in search of nutrients. I'm sure a time-lapse film of the plant would have shown it writhing around as if struggling for freedom. I've now chopped off the taproot and re-potted the plant for the new season. So far we have had another poor year for butterflies but there is still time and I may well be lounging in the shade of my butterfly-festooned old lag shrub with a cool drink at this very moment. □





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## Monkey business

It seems that there are benefits to being a past editor of Village Voice. In Bob Tipling's case you get to open the refurbished Budgens. Theresa Southam got to wear the gorilla suit.

James Graven's officially relaunched its new-look Budgens store in Dersingham on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May. The community store has just undergone a significant facelift to make it more modern for its customers.

Bob Tipling officially opened the store along with owner Jonathan James and store manager, Karl Mendham. To celebrate the official opening of the new-look store, shoppers were treated to a variety of entertainment including Dixie's Jazz Band, face painting, competitions, prize draws, as well as the opportunity to sample a number of locally sourced products.

Jonathan James, owner of the store, said "These are certainly exciting times for us. Now that the work is complete, it looks set to be a fantastic store for our customers and is definitely one that they deserve."

Work on the Budgens store, on Lynn Road, started in April and took just four weeks to complete. The major new fit includes the installation of a state-of-the-art energy-saving refrigeration system, improved checkouts, wider aisles, new shelving, and increased product range with over 400 new lines. The store also boasts a new delicatessen and in-store bakery as well as an exciting hot food range, including a rotisserie.

Customers will also benefit from an increased range of locally-sourced products, including fruit and vegetables, bread from Heacham Bakery, pies from Roger Holmes, ham, bacon and sausages from Broadland Hams, Sharrington strawberries and Norfolk ice cream. The store now offers a food ordering service, which is ideal for parties and special occasions and, for customers'

convenience, has increased the section dedicated to chilled wines and beers. The store aims to create a more "uplifting ambience" for their customers.

Store manager Karl Mendham said: "We conducted a customer survey last year to find out what our customers wanted. That is the reason we are doing the things we are. They see it as their store and it has truly become part of the community." □



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Library staff are preparing to act as team coaches, and an interactive Team Read website will link children with top authors and illustrators whilst giving them the space to talk about their favourite books and share reading ideas.

#### Special holiday events include:

##### Team Read Challenge event

Friday 8 August 1-3pm for 6-11 year olds and their families

##### Team Read Active Challenge for 5s and under

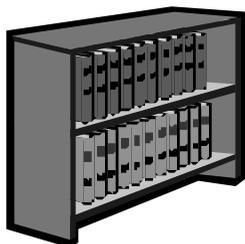
Thursday 14 August 10.30-11.30am

##### Fitness Fables

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 11.45am-12.45pm aimed at 6-11 year olds and their parents/carers.

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After working for him for several years he then decided to broaden his horizons and went on to work within the modern heel bars in King's Lynn. With his knowledge of traditional and modern repairing and key cutting he then decided to go it alone and started his own mobile key cutting and shoe repair business. Although all was going well, when hearing in 1996 that Mr Riches was retiring and selling the shop Paul and Shairon jumped at the chance of buying the business.

Today Shoe Service offers a range of products and services:- the selling of quality shoes and slippers, a range of leather goods, walking sticks, polishes, laces, insoles, watch straps with fitting, key cutting and padlocks, plus good quality modern and traditional shoe repairs, which Paul emphasises, is still very much the heart of the business. □



### **£1,000 Community Giveaway**

Organisations in Dersingham have the chance to share in a £1,000 community giveaway. James Graven & Sons Ltd, which operates the Budgens supermarket in the village, has a community chest scheme, which enables the company to provide funding to local community activities.

Any groups which would like to apply for a community chest award must submit their applications by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008. Applications are welcome from any small voluntary or community organisation, group or charity that is based in or works in the Dersingham area for the benefit of local people.

Grants last year were awarded to a wide and varied range of projects including Dersingham Community Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> Sandringham Guides, 1<sup>st</sup> Dersingham Scout Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Dersingham Guides, Phobbies North West Norfolk and the Puddleducks Mother and Toddler Group.

Jonathan James, owner of the Budgens store, says "As a local family business, we wanted to give something back to the community on a regular basis. The community chest awards allows us to do just that, helping some very worthwhile organisations improve both facilities and the lives of residents in the community. We hope that these awards allow local groups and organisations the chance to access funding which would otherwise be difficult to obtain."

Application forms for the awards can be collected from the customer service desk at Budgens in Dersingham or alternatively can be downloaded from the website ([www.jamesgraven.com](http://www.jamesgraven.com)). For more information, please contact Sarah Stevens, Community Manager on 07884 282869 or alternatively e-mail [sarahs@jamesgraven-retail.co.uk](mailto:sarahs@jamesgraven-retail.co.uk). □

## Dersingham gets a 3rd estate agent

In spite of the dire warnings about the property market that we see almost daily in the media, we now have three estate agents to assist the residents of Dersingham.

Occupying the former Hill Cycles premises in Post Office Road is Suttons Estate Agency, adding to the property services already offered by Rounce & Evans and Collings in the village. The principal, Peter Sutton, feels that although his timing may not be perfect expanding to Dersingham is a good move.



The new office will be run by branch manager Delia Edwards - pictured left with Peter Sutton and also Veronica Clark - pictured above.

Prior to it's being a cycle shop, I can remember the premises as a fabric shop but for many years it was a general store (very general judging by their advert) run by Mr Ewer - pictured below with his son.

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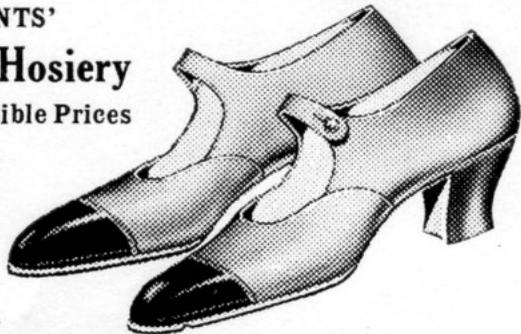
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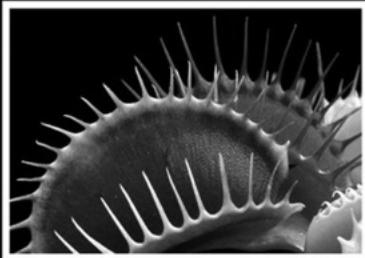
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# Lifeboats

## NEWS FROM HUNSTANTON LIFEBOAT GUILD

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**Music for a Summer Evening** Thursday 4th September at Houghton Hall. Dr Gerald Gifford introduces and plays the hapsichord (original in situ at Houghton). Preceded by wine and canapés. More details for both of these events from 01485 535542.



*We are happy to publicise the fundrasing arm of the RNLI and we thought you might like to learn of the work of the lifeboats in the Wash so we will be publishing details of their "shouts" whenever possible. Ed.*

At 19.40 (7.40pm) on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May the *Hunstanton Flyer* was alerted and launched to assist the Coastguards at Brancaster where four cars and their occupants had been cut off by the high tide.

At 18.14 (6.14pm) on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May *DJS Haverhill*\* was alerted and launched to assist a five seat Jet Power Boat that was in difficulties off Heacham. The boat was located with 4 persons on board and taken into tow.

At 18.00 (6.00pm) on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May the *Hunstanton Flyer* was alerted and launched to assist at Titchwell where a lady and 2 dogs had been cut off by the high tide.

At 10.30 (10.30am) on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May *DJS Haverhill* was alerted and launched to assist a kite surfer in difficulties off Heacham.

At 10.00 (10.00am) on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May *DJS Haverhill* was alerted and launched to assist a kite surfer in difficulties off Hunstanton.

At 17.42 (5.42pm) on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May *DJS Haverhill* launched to assist a 49 ft narrow boat on passage from Kings Lynn to Boston which was uncertain of its position in the Wash with 2 persons on board. Lifeboat located the narrow boat and escorted her into Boston.

*\*At the naming ceremony in May 1999 the lifeboat was christened DJS Haverhill by the sisters of David James Sissons who had previously lived at Haverhill. He was a fundraiser for the RNLI and a merchant seaman who sadly died at an early age. He bequeathed £25,000 which with a similar grant from an anonymous lottery winner largely paid for the new lifeboat.*

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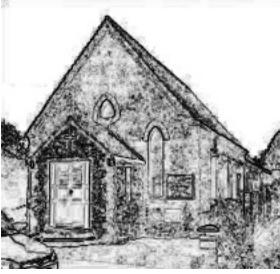


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## Greetings from the Manse

From time to time our discussion in church and at meetings is focussed on prayer. Now and again I am a bit naughty because I use a “Socratic” strategy to help people discover whether or not they and others are talking about the same thing. About 400 years before Jesus the great Greek philosopher Socrates made a bit of a nuisance of himself by accosting the good citizens of Athens in the streets as they were going about their daily business. He would stop people and ask them what they understood to mean certain basic words and ideas like

good, truth, justice, virtue etc. Generally people assume they mean exactly the same to everyone. As Socrates asked questions and probed the reasoning behind people’s assumptions he more often than not found that people held quite individual and differing thoughts and understandings.

And so it is I think with Christians, who unite in using and promoting prayer and spirituality in accessing and sustaining their relationship with God, but yet can go about it in different ways and even hold different ideas about how prayer works as is generally evident in such discussion. Indeed opportunities for discussion such as this are more interesting and worthwhile and much more useful than talking about the usual state of the finances or the church boiler, which of course in many churches is a great matter for prayer!

It’s a huge topic but as always we look to Jesus to help us. When his disciples asked him how they should pray Jesus replied with a model or pattern of prayer which took his hearers right to the heart of the matter, the fatherly relationship that our heavenly father has with all his children. You can’t do better than that!

Here are a few thoughts by Harry Emerson Fosdick, the American preacher and writer, on the prayer Jesus gave to his followers.

I can pray **our Father**, if my faith has room for others and their needs.

I can pray who **art in heaven**, if all my interests and pursuits are not in earthly things.

I can pray hallowed **be thy name**, if I am striving with God’s help to be holy.

I can pray thy **kingdom come**, if I am willing to have it in my life.

I can pray **on earth as it is in heaven**, if I am truly ready to give myself to God’s service now.

I can pray give **us our daily bread**, if I expend honest effort for it and share with my neighbour the bread I receive.

I can pray **forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**, if I hold no grudge against anyone.

I can pray lead **us not into temptation**, if I deliberately remove myself from tempting situations.

I can pray **deliver us from evil**, if I am prepared to fight evil with my life and my prayer.

I can pray **thine is the kingdom**, if I am willing to obey Him.

I can pray **thine is the power and the glory**, if I am not seeking power for myself nor my own glory first.

I can pray **for ever and ever**, if I am not anxious about each day’s affairs.

I can pray amen, if I can honestly say, “cost what it may, this is my prayer.”

*Every blessing to you and yours, Kim Nally*



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## Presentation held on Saturday 21st June

Under 8a	
Player of the year	Connor Young
Players Player	Michael Graves
Managers performer	Kale Heath
Under 8b	
Player of the year	Adam Simmonds
Players player	Samuel Reynolds
Managers Performer	Marc Plant
Under 9a	
Player of the year	Oliver Reynolds
Players player	Ben Simmonds
Managers Performer	Adam Wood
Under 9b	
Player of the year	Connor Daniels
Players player	Dylan Robson
Managers Performer	Macsen Heath
Under 10a	
Player of the year	Billy Smith
Players player	Ben Southgate
Managers Performer	Lewis Jeavons
Under 10b	
Player of the year	James Williamson
Players player	Ash Ward
Managers Performer	Robert Howes
Under 11a	
Player of the year	Aaron Herbert
Players player	Dave Ward
Managers Performer	Scott English
Under 11b	
Player of the year	Luke Biggs
Players player	Luke Biggs
Managers performer	Ashley Neesham
Under 11 Girls	
Player of the year	Maddie Smith
Players player	Winona Lee
Managers Performer	Ella Humphries
Most Improved	Ellie Coleman and Chloe Bunn
Top Scorer	Leah McAllister
Most Player of match	Winona Lee

Under 12	
Player of the year	Daniel Tuddenham
Players player	Thomas Carlton
Managers performer	Matthew Kelk
Under 13	
Player of the year	Jess Desborough
Players player	Jess Desborough
Managers performer	Nathan Daw
Under 13 Girls Whites	
Player of the year	Deanna Taylor
Players player	Jade Dennis
Managers performer	Paige Havers
Most improved	Bella Nichols
Under 13 Girls Yellow	
Player of the year	Olivia Martinez
Players player	Leah Akers
Managers Performer	Alisha Yallop
Most improved	Holly McAllister
Under 14	
Player of the year	Connor Peck
Players player	Connor Peck
Managers performer	James Cole
Under 15	
Girls Player of the year	Jamie Mason
Players player	Holly Lines
Managers performer	Rebecca Neesham
Eds Hot Shot	Lyndsay Bunn
Under 17 Girls	
Players player	Sophie Daniels
Managers performer	Sophie Daniels and Jodie Melton

Everyone received a squad trophy, including 20 of the regular under 6's who have been training since the season started.

The Committee would like to thank all the parents for their support, the sponsors and the regular helpers who keep the minors football club going.

**We as a Charter Standard Club are holding a Football Fun Day on the 6th August {Wednesday}. Starting from 10am to 4pm at £2.00 per child. Please bring a packed lunch /drinks. The ages are from 5 yrs to 14 yrs. With Qualified Coaches doing the training this will be a good and enjoyable event. Hope to see you , at the Sports Field.**

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## **DERSINGHAM GUIDE & SCOUT ANNUAL FETE-21 JUNE 2008**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June the Dersingham Guide and Scout groups ran their Annual fete. This village event now into its 4<sup>th</sup> decade took place in and around the Scout & Guide HQ in Manor Road. The Scout and Guide groups (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies -1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Units and Guides) combined together to provide an afternoon of fun and games and raise money for the continued maintenance of their HQ.

Due to the persistent rain which fell almost all afternoon the arrangement of stalls and attractions had to be amended, in spite of this the HQ building provided strawberries and cream, teas, a cake stall, ice creams, a bric-a-brac stall and "guess-the-weight of the cake."

Outside the attractions included the "stocks" bravely manned by the Scout and Cub leaders, a tombola, roll-a-ball, badge making and other games. Only the greasy pole was cancelled due to the weather.

A grand raffle was drawn at 3pm, with a large number of prizes. In spite of the weather everyone carried on with a good spirit and approximately £1070.00 was raised.

It was a very worthwhile and enjoyable event and the Chairman of the fund raising committee, Brian Greenacre, together with the committee and all the unit leaders would like to thank all those who supported and contributed to the success of the event both before and on the day. Particular thanks are due to the Dersingham WI, St Nicholas Church, Jackie Bowers and helpers, Rose Howard, Terry Finbow, Dersingham Minors football and the many parents and friends who helped.

It was a particularly poignant day because of the absence of Mr Roy Cator who had been closely involved in the organisation and running of the fund raising and HQ events for over 30 years, he died suddenly in November last year.

If you require any details or information about any of the groups please see the contacts below. All unit leaders are volunteers and it is particularly important to find others who will help with and take on these responsibilities. Please consider if you can be of help to maintain the tradition and benefits of Guiding & Scouting within Dersingham.  
1<sup>st</sup> Dersingham Scout Group.

Once again Leaders are wanted for 2 positions – one with the Beavers and one with the Cubs. Anyone who is interested in helping in any way or taking on these positions please contact Mr. R.G. Saunders G.S.L. on 01485 542885 or ask any of the Leaders of other sections.

Group Scout leader (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts) -R. Saunders (tel 542885)  
Rainbows - L. Wheeler (tel 544753)  
Brownies - L.Wheeler/SHulllet (tel 544753 or 543960)  
Guides - J.Lister (tel 542483)

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

Sadly we have lost our oldest member, Mrs. Watts - she was 103 years old. Five of our members attended her funeral.

We held our Spring Lunch at the United Services Club in Hunstanton on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we had a very enjoyable meal, a BIG RAFFLE and a chance to socialise with members from the other Branches within our Group.

Our Darts team gave a memorable performance at Blakeney on 30<sup>th</sup> May, we did not make it into the finals, however, at one time we did play the winning team, and after all someone has to hold the others up.

Our Standard was displayed at the Race Day in Fakenham, two of our members attended on the day, and out of the 23 Standards paraded in the march, three of them were from the Women's Section, we were very proud that one of them was ours. Our Standard was also on display at the Royal Norfolk Show.

Twelve of our members attended the social evening in Docking on 12<sup>th</sup> June and had a really lovely evening.

It was our turn to be hosts for our Group Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we had a speaker, the Rev. Sally Theakstone, who entertained us with stories of her life at sea as a Naval Chaplain.

The next time we meet will be for our Strawberry Tea on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, at the Orchard Close Community Room. □

## DERSINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Thank you very much for all your support at our Flower Festival and for helping us raise £3,047 which has been divided between Christian Aid, Cambodian Orphanage Project and Church Funds. Our theme of 'The best book to read is the Bible' depicting favourite Bible stories and passages was beautifully depicted by the arrangers and proved a blessing to all who attended.

Our Harvest Festival Celebrations are on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September with a coffee morning on Saturday at 10.00 a.m. and services on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

You are welcome to join us at any of our Sunday services 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. For further information contact Philip or Elizabeth Batstone on 541068. □

*Elizabeth Batstone*



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## Notes from the farm

*From Edward Cross of Abbey Farm, Flitcham, home of Abbey Farm Organics and the Abbey Farm bird hide*

By the time this magazine goes out the main activity on farms at this time of the year will have started. Harvest will be underway, with combines gathering in crops of oilseed rape and barley that were planted around ten months ago. This is the start of a busy period that continues through to early September with the harvest of other crops like wheat, dried peas, linseed, beans and oats. At the same time straw is baled and carted for use this winter for livestock or covering parsnips and carrots to protect them from frost.

In contrast, the first half of July is relatively relaxed. It's a time to do repairs, make preparations for the harvest and take some time off. We feel we are looking forward to a better harvest than last year. This has, in general, been a good growing season for us – more warmth would have been nice, but it is such an improvement on the drought or downpour conditions of 2007 that we are not complaining.

In terms of crop yields, we therefore hope this year will be a recovery after the last one. This may also be true of some of the farm's wildlife as it wasn't just barley that fared badly in 2007. Some bird and insect species also suffered. We had 40 pairs of Lapwing

last year, our best total for at least two decades. However, repeated cold, wet spells meant hardly any young actually fledged – lots of chicks were hatched, but most died before they got to fly. This



Turtle dove

year we had just 26 pairs, but during late June there were flocks that included several youngsters. For other birds this year is still in the balance. Grey Partridge look likely to do better than last year, as do Turtle Dove. On the other hand, we have neither heard nor seen Cuckoo here this summer. Talking to others, it seems they are generally scarce in Norfolk at the moment. Hopefully, the few that are present will have good breeding success and we'll see more come back in 2009.

Ladybirds and butterflies are thought to be in low numbers following the wet summer of 2007. Eight species of butterfly are thought to be at an all time



Grey Partridge

low, including Small Tortoiseshell, Common Blue and Speckled Wood which are usually easy to see in West Norfolk

(see [www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/apr/24/conservation.wildlife](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/apr/24/conservation.wildlife) for more details).

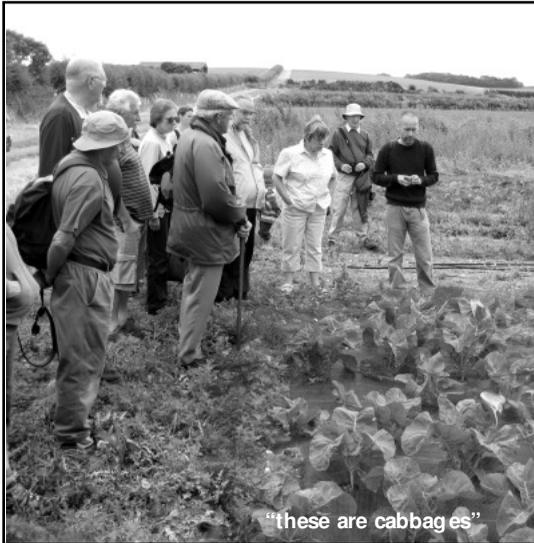
Many of these insects benefit from flowering plants, many of which look at their best during the midsummer. To make the most of this, we held a farm open day in early July. This included walks round a meadow with orchids and chalk grassland with dozens of species of wildflower. We'd hoped these would be accompanied by clouds of butterflies, but in the end we had to settle for the grey, persistent, rain-producing type of cloud. This presented us with a golden opportunity to doggedly continue to enjoy ourselves whilst wearing waterproofs, something we all seem to be getting better at with practice. □



A dry start to the day



Inspecting the peppers



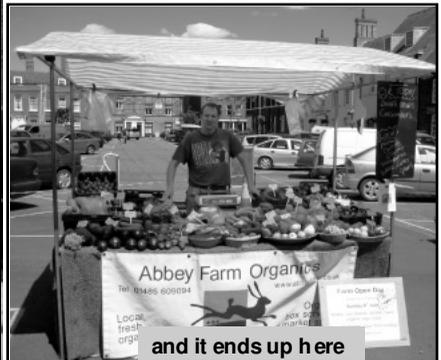
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"and these are cows"



Edward checks on the catering



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## Bog News

Following on from the departure of our two previous Reserve Wardens in January, I am pleased to announce that we now have two new Wardens in post.

Tom Bolderstone and Jim Allitt both have a passion for the reserve and, having each volunteered at Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve, fully understand its importance to wildlife and visitors. Earlier this year, Tom completed a National Diploma in Countryside Management and, more recently, received a prize in recognition of his outstanding commitment and results at Easton College. Following a varied career, including being an outdoor sports instructor and chainsaw specialist, Jim joined us from Cumbria, after moving to Holbeach last autumn. Both share a love of the reserve and its wildlife and can't wait to get started on the autumn work programme.

As part of its annual events calendar, each summer Natural England hosts several guided walks focussing on the nocturnal inhabitants of the reserve. These 'Creatures of the night walks' provide visitors with the opportunity to watch some of the less well known inhabitants of the bog and heath, including: nightjars, woodcock, glow worm, roe deer and bats.



Tom Bolderstone with Ash Murray

In the UK, we have 17 resident species of bat, equating to more than a quarter of our mammal species. Despite this, we still know relatively little about bats, compared with many other mammal species in the UK.



Common Pipistrelle bat

All bat species in the UK are nocturnal and rely, to a greater or lesser extent, upon sonar to locate their prey. By producing a rapid series of high frequency calls and judging the time taken for each call to 'bounce' back, bats are able to build a visual map of their surroundings and identify insect prey items at night. Human hearing range varies from approximately 100hz up to 15-20khz. In comparison, bats can hear up to 110khz and most calls range from between 20khz to 60khz, meaning that these calls are inaudible to humans.

The calls of each species of bat are distinctive and, by reducing the frequency of the calls, bat detectors enable us to hear bat calls and to identify each species heard. By recording these calls and playing them back through specialist computer software to produce sonograms, we are able to determine what species are using an area and gain some estimate of the frequency of bat activity.

The sonograms produced by the computer software provide a vivid visual representation of the bat calls recorded on the bat detectors and give an exciting additional dimension to nocturnal surveys.



Barbastelle bat

In 2007, Natural England teamed up with the National Trust to develop the Norfolk Barbastelle Bat Project. The main aim of the project was to improve our knowledge of bat distributions throughout Norfolk, in particular, focussing on the rare Barbastelle bat.

Barbastelle bats are a rare and declining species throughout their European range and, until recently, the only known maternity roost for the species in the UK was Paston Great Barn National Nature Reserve near Bacton. Despite this, Norfolk has long been known to be a stronghold for the species.

After receiving a training session on how to carry out bat surveys, project volunteers were equipped with bat detectors and recording equipment. Surveys were conducted throughout the summer on calm, warm, dry nights in locations that looked particularly suitable for bats. The resulting recordings were then analysed using BatSound software to provide a summary of bat activity by species.

So far, the project has led to the discovery of nine new sites for Barbastelle bat and five new sites for the rare Serotine bat across Norfolk. This has led to an improved understanding of the population distributions of a range of bat species across Norfolk and has helped to focus the targeting of environmental grant schemes to land managers, in turn, hopefully securing the long term future of the bats using their land.

At Dersingham Bog, volunteers have been busy making and installing bat boxes. These boxes will be checked each autumn by licensed bat workers and the results will enable us to determine the changing fortunes of the bat species using the reserve. ▶



Bat detector



Volunteer installing bat boxes at Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve earlier this year.

Apart from a handful of older specimens, the majority of trees on the reserve are young and lack the presence of suitable cracks and crevices to support roosting bats. However, the reserve does provide an important feeding area for bats living in buildings in Wolferton and Dersingham and, on still evenings, large numbers of bats (mainly Soprano and Common Pipistrelle, Noctule and Brown Long-eared) travel to the reserve to feed in the sheltered valleys and over the ponds and ditches. The use of bat detectors adds another dimension to a nocturnal walk and I am often astounded by the sheer numbers of bats that, without the use of a detector, I would otherwise have been unaware of. For some, this may sound like a living nightmare! Folklore and traditional fears still abound and, perhaps the most frequent concerns I hear are, that bats are flying mice (actually, genetically, they are more similar to humans than mice), that they have a habit of getting caught up in people's hair (they are extremely agile and have a superb navigation system) and a fear that they have a liking for blood – in fact, all of our British bats are strictly

insectivorous and even a tiny Pipistrelle bat weighing just 5 grams can eat up to 3,000 insects in a night. Personally, on a warm, midge infested evening on the bog, I find the thought of scores of bats hoovering up biting insects a comforting one! □

*Ash Murray*



Noctule bat



## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008

### An Autumn stroll – Fungus foray of Dersingham Bog National

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

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



Ear pick



Fly agaric



Deceiver

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

*These events are free of charge. Please note, however, that availability is limited and, therefore, booking is essential.*

### Village Voice Sudoku No 1

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A Sudoku puzzle is solved by completing the empty squares so that each of the numbers from 1 to 9 appear once in every row, every column and every 3 x 3 mini-block.

The same number must not appear more than once in any row, column or 3 x 3 mini-block.

No zeros are used.

No guessing is needed, only a little logic—and patience.

The *solution* will appear in our next issue.

Happy puzzling!

Compiled by Rob Smyth

## Village Voice publication dates

We love getting your reports of events and meetings, advertisements and advance details of forthcoming attractions. To make sure you hit your targets please note the publication dates of this magazine:-

<b>No</b>	<b>Copy deadline</b>	<b>Publication date</b>
Issue 54	Wednesday 3rd September	Thursday 25th September
Issue 55	Wednesday 5th November	Thursday 27th November
Issue 56	Wednesday 7th January	Thursday 29th January

The earlier you get your copy to us the more we like it and the better position it gets.

## DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
6th August	10 am - 4 pm	Dersingham Minors	Football Fun Day	Sports Field
17th August	6 pm	Park House	A Midsummer Nights Dream	Park house Grounds
21st August	2.30 pm	Hunstanton Lifeboat guild	Sandcastle competition	Old Hunstanton Beach
24th August	2pm - 5pm	Dersingham Community Centre	Tea Dance	Dersingham Community Centre
4th September	Evening	Hunstanton Lifeboat guild	Dr Gerald Gifford concert	Houghton Hall
20th September	2 - 4pm	Parish council	Village Open Day	Community Centre
24,25,26,27th Sept	Day time	St Nicholas Church	Arts and Crafts Festival	St Nicholas Church
Sat 29 Sept	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Church	Strolling Players Concert	St Nicholas Church

## DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
Every Monday	2.00 pm	St. Cecilia's Church	Rosary Group	St. Cecilia's Church
Every Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri	9.00 to 11.30 am	Dersingham Playgroup	Playgroup Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
Every Mon & Fri in Term Time	9.30 to 11.00 am	Puddleducks Toddler Group	Toddler Group Meeting	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
Last Monday in the Month	7.15 pm	Dersingham Parish Council	Full Council Meeting	Infant and Nursery School, Saxon Way
Every Tuesday	5.30 to 7 pm	2nd Dersingham Brownie Guide Group	Meeting for girls aged 7 - 10 years	Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road
Every Tuesday in Term Time	8.30 to 11.15 am	Parent & Toddler Group Meeting	St Nicholas Church hall	St Nicholas Parent & Toddler Group
Every Tuesday	8 pm	Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes	Sandringham Lodge Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
1st or 2nd Tuesday in the Month	2.15 pm	Royal British Legion Women's Section	Dersingham & Sandringham Branch Meeting	Orchard Close Community Room
1st Tuesday of the Month	7.30 pm	Village Voice 'Live'	Presentations by Guest Speakers	St Nicholas Church Hall

1st Tuesday of the Month	7.30 pm	Dersingham Methodist Church	Art Club	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
2nd Tuesday in Month	7.30 pm	Royal British Legion	Branch Meeting	Feathers Hotel
Every Wednesday	10.00 am to 4.00 pm	Dersingham Day Centre for the Elderly	Recreation & Leisure and Mid-day Meal	Dersingham Community Centre, Manor Road
Every Wednesday	10.00 to 11.00am	Music+Movement	Pre-school Music, Dance & Drama	Dersingham Scout & Guide HQ
Every Wednesday	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Dersingham Methodist Church	Carpet Bowls	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
Every Wednesday	6.00 to 7.15 pm	Beavers	Meeting for children aged 6 - 8	Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road
Every 2nd Weds of the Month	10.30 am	St Nicholas Men's Group	Men's Group Meeting	St Nicholas Church Hall
Every 2nd Weds of the month		Dersingham Walking Group	Circular walk	See programme for details or contact Keith Starks 542268
Every 2nd Weds of the Month Sept to April	7.30 pm	Albert Victor Bowls Club	Prize Bingo	Albert Victor Bowls Club, Manor Road
3rd Wednesday of the Month	7.15 to 10.00 pm	Dersingham Evening Women's Institute	Meeting	St Cecilia's Church Hall
Every Thursday	10.3 am to 3.00 pm	North West Norfolk Phobies Club	Meeting	St. Nicholas Church Hall
Every Thursday	4.00 to 5.15 pm	1st Dersingham Rainbow Guide Group	Meeting for girls aged 5-7 years	Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road
Every Thursday	5.30 to 7.00 pm	1st Dersingham Brownie Guide Group	Meeting for girls aged 7-10 years	Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road
Every Thursday	7.00 to 7.00 pm	1st Sandringham Guides	Unit Meeting	Dersingham Community Centre., Manor Road
Every Thursday	7.00 to 9.00 pm	1st Dersingham Scouts	Group Meeting	Scout & Guide HQ
Every Thursday	7.00 to 9.30 pm	Norfolk Army Cadet Force	Sandringham Detachment Meeting	The Drill Hall, Dodds Hill
Every Thursday	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Church	Badminton Club	St Nicholas Church Hall
Every Thurs Sept - June	2 pm	Park House Hotel	Rubber Bridge	Park House Hotel
1st Thursday of Month		Dersingham Flower Club	Meeting	St Nicholas Church Hall
2nd Thursday of Month	7.30 pm	Dersingham Horticultural Society	Meeting	St Cecilia's Church Hall
3rd Thursday of the Month	9.30 to 10.30 am	Dersingham Methodist Church Jigsaw Club	Meeting	Dersingham Methodist Church Hall
Every Friday	6.30 to 8 pm	1st Dersingham Guide Unit	Unit Meeting	Scout & Guide HQ
Every Friday	6.45 to 9.15 pm	Dersingham Carpet Bowls Club	Club Meeting	St George's Middle School
Alternate Fridays	2.15 to 4.30 pm	Dersingham Seniors Club	Entertainment and Outings for the over-60s	St Nicholas Church Hall
1st Friday of month	10.00 am to 12 noon	St Nicholas Church	Coffee Morning	St Nicholas Church Hall

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**Advertisements for inclusion** in the next newsletter should be in the hands of Anita Moore, Dersingham Parish Council, The Police Station, Manor Road, Dersingham PE31 6LH **by Wednesday 3rd September 2008** Enquiries regarding advertisements may be made by calling 01485 541465. E-mail — [anitadersinghampc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:anitadersinghampc@tiscali.co.uk)

**Articles for publication in the August edition of Village Voice** must reach The Editor c/o Dersingham Parish Council, The Police Station, Manor Road, Dersingham PE31 6LH or e-mail; [anita.dersinghampc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:anita.dersinghampc@tiscali.co.uk) before the **deadline date of mid-day on Wednesday 3rd September 2008 for publication on Wednesday 30th July**. (Contributors who are promoting events should take note of this earliest date of publication). Should you be providing graphics to accompany advertisements or articles, it would be appreciated if these could be in JPEG format.

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Due to limitations on space it is possible that some items received may not be published, or may be held for publication at a later date. Contributors should also be aware that published material might appear on the Parish Council's Internet web site. The editor does not necessarily agree with opinions that are expressed, or the accuracy of statements made, by contributors to the Village Voice.

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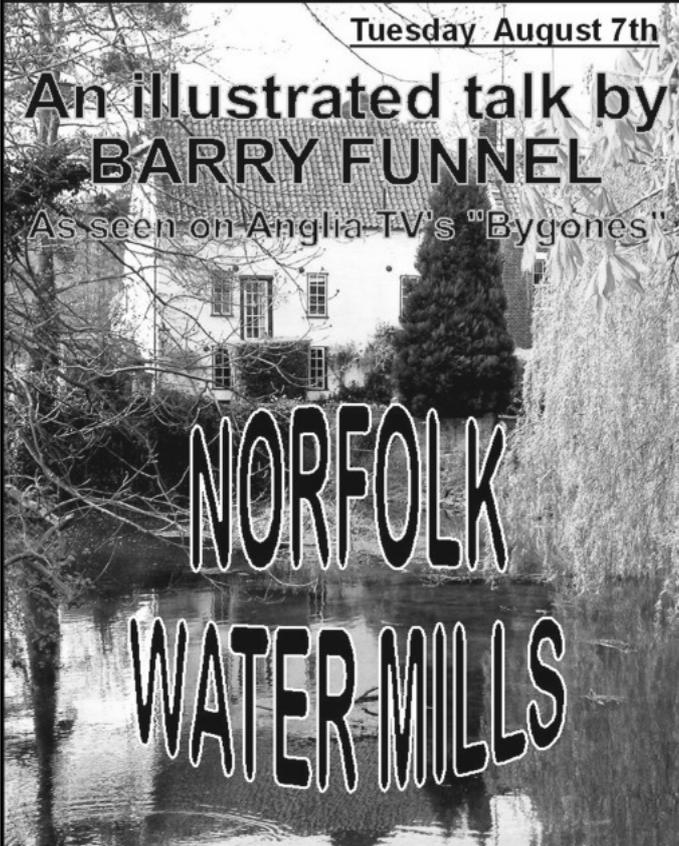
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