

Number 66

October 2010

Dersingham Village Voice



Cover competition winner - "Weasel" by Steve Davis



ROUNCE & EVANS
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

LANDLORDS

Are you paying too much for your property management service?

Are you being offered the best service available?

Are your tenants being correctly vetted?

We are Dersingham & Hunstanton's only ARLA registered, Independent Agent dedicating 100% of our time to:

*Residential Lettings * Property Management*
*Block Management * Tenant Find Services*

To see what we can do for you, please visit our website or contact us for a free appraisal

TENANTS

Thinking of moving?

We have a wide selection of quality properties available now.

Have a look at:

www.norfolklets.com

or call: Dersingham 01485 544740

or Hunstanton 01485 533633

Some of the areas we cover:

King's Lynn* Downham Market * Pentney * Wisbech * Heacham * Dersingham
Ingoldisthorpe * Snettisham * Hunstanton * Docking * Terrington St Clement





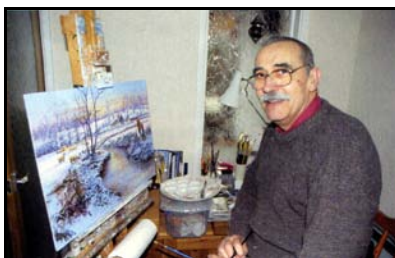
Editor's Notes

I have managed to find a question that Dick Melton did not have an answer for! My copy of Kelly's Directory of 1937 lists a County Library with Elton Wheeler as librarian (he was also Hon Sec of the Institute Bowls Club). where was it? Dick has now risen to the challenge but is he right?

When I innocently attached the word "lavender" to the title of last time's lace making piece I did not realise the magnitude of my mistake. There are, as it turns out, several lace groups all fighting over the same piece of turf, much like 1930's Chicago bootleggers it seems. Our first letter tries to correct my error. The second letter rams the point home. I am very sorry so please don't send the "girls" round.

Celebrating a family birthday recently I went to Pizza Express In King's Lynn. Whilst the food is fine the speed of service in this, and all other branches we have visited, is painfully slow. Makes you wonder where the Express bit comes in. Have you ever been served in under half an hour?

I was very sorry to hear of the untimely death of one of our local artists, namely Michael Herring. Regular readers will recall that Michael let me use one of his wonderful pictures on the cover of VV last December. You could find his work all over the place, mainly on jigsaw puzzles but also as prints, table mats and clocks as well as paintings. A sad loss to the village.



This edition was to have featured an article by our intrepid cyclist Trevor Riches about his recent ride along the course of the Danube. This splendid piece of work was, however, packed full of interest and consequently very long. So Trevor is now editing it down and it will appear in two or three parts starting in the next issue.

In this issue there is plenty to read. As well as our usual regular items, there are pieces on the Sandringham Technical Schools, concerts in the church, wells, MBE getting, Steve Nowells wedding speech and of course the results of our photographic competition with the runner up pictures inside on page 15 and the winner on the cover. I would like to thank the judges - Jo Halpin-Jones and Mick Bye for once again selecting the winners. They view the works without knowing who took them and judge them purely on the way the brief is fulfilled.

Due to a slight technical hitch (I may have given the judges the wrong deadline) the "Best Front Garden" results will be announced next time with pictures. Happy reading.

Tony Bubb

WHATS HAPPENING*

October

8 Dersingham Minors Bingo. 6.45 for
7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Hall

10 Gilbert & Sullivan, Park House,
3pm

13 Park House Autumn Fair 7 - 9pm

16 DDC Autumn Fair 10.-1pm,
Methodist Church

Go on -
fill these
spaces
with your
events

get a
good
crowd

* This, and all other information, is listed in good faith. We cannot accept responsibility for inaccuracies or if an event does not take place.

**You NEVER get
another pair**

**take care of them
with**

Wigram & Ware

Optometrists & Opticians

**4 Jubilee Court
Hunstanton Road
Dersingham
PE31 6HH
01485 544850**

**8 Blackfriars Street
King's Lynn
Norfolk
PE30 1NN
01553 772878**



Dear Village Voice



Re the article on Lace Day in the August Village Voice. The heading was incorrect and should have read DERSINGHAMS 4th LACE DAY which was specially organised by us THE DERSINGHAM LACE GROUP.

This group was first started over 20 years ago when they met in Hunstanton. The meetings then moved to Snettisham for 16 years. For the last two years our meetings have been in St Cecilia's Church in Dersingham, so it seemed appropriate to call ourselves The Dersingham Lace Makers and there are still 3 of the original members with us.

We thought readers would be interested to know that there are more lace makers in the area than seem to be known about.

The Dersingham Lace Makers

In the Dersingham Village voice of August 2010 there is a write up of a lace day that was attended on May 22nd 2010 at St George's School in Dersingham but it wasn't held by the Lavender Lace Makers.

I am a member of the Lavender Lace Makers and we are a totally different group to that one in your magazine doing the lace day.

We meet every Tuesday 10am to 3pm at a room in the Feathers Hotel, and every third Saturday of the month 10am to 3pm.

If you are interested in the making of lace please contact me on 01485 533611.

Lynn Hallifax, Lavender Lace Makers

I started playing Bridge when I was about 20. I played during lunch time in the works canteen with 3 other colleagues. Nobody in the group really knew the rules or had a system of playing Bridge but we enjoyed ourselves. After a year or two of playing in this very casual manner my local Bridge club advertised some lessons and so I went along with a friend and we started to learn the game properly. We had an excellent coach and soon we started to play regularly on normal club nights. Grimsby was a very competitive club and we were up against some excellent players. This is one of the good things about Bridge, a beginner has a chance of beating a county player, what other game or sport can that happen? It will not happen often but you know you have a chance.

I now play at the Hunstanton Bridge club usually once a week and sometimes twice a week. It is a very friendly club and although everybody wants to have success it still maintains a very friendly atmosphere. When we go on holiday we can usually find a Bridge club to go along to or find another couple who want to play and so a very enjoyable evening can be had.

So why you should learn to play Bridge? Primarily, bridge has been proven to be very good for the mind, and each game played will offer a unique challenge of problems and solutions. Every single deal is different; every deal poses a new problem and can taunt the players to find the solution!

And finally 2 quotes:-

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.” - *Henry Ford.*

“Acting is my living, but bridge is my passion.” *Omar Sharif.*

The Hunstanton Bridge club are offering Bridge lessons to anybody interested in learning to play this fascinating game. The club is based at the United Services Club Hunstanton and will start at 7pm on the 28th October. The cost will be £2 for further information call me on 01485 544895.

Mark Keightley

Poppies may not be available in Dersingham and Sandringham this year. There is a grave possibility that poppies may not be available this November as there is no Poppy Appeal Organiser this year.



We urgently need people to help us with the Appeal in Dersingham & Sandringham. Every year the general public want to remember those who gave their lives for their country and help provide services for those who have served in the armed forces and it is therefore crucial to have people in place to ensure that the public can get their poppies in time for Remembrance Sunday. We have had a very dedicated Organiser in Dersingham & Sandringham but the time has come for her to retire.

The roles would involve co-ordinating the distribution of poppies and counting and banking monies. The role may suit newly retired people, someone leaving the forces, couples or younger people who want to do something worthwhile in their community.

The Royal British Legion receives more than 300,000 requests for help every year and provides emotional and financial welfare support for ex-service people and their dependants. This includes helping people secure War Disablement and Pensions, supporting claims for compensation, day care and residential care, home adaptations and specialist equipment and advice on employment and retraining. Our welfare advisors are seeing more and more veterans and bereaved families from recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and without the funds raised from the Poppy Appeal we will not be in a position to help these people.

If you think you might be able to help or would like to discuss how you can help, please contact me on 01603 438132 or email lhatch@britishlegion.co.uk or For more information on the RBL see www.britishlegion.co.uk

Lyn Hatch, Community Fundraiser

My name is Margaret Lloyd-Bingham, formerly Yallop. I have been trying to find some of my relatives, and came across your publication on the net. My Grandfather was from Dersingham, his name was George William Yallop, a gardener at the Sandringham estate. His son Derik George Yallop was my father, I should say my absent father. Do you know of any way for me to find my relations? I know I have three half siblings somewhere. Contact: luvtogarden@comcast.net

Margaret Lloyd-Bingham

DERSINGHAM BEACH

Life's a beach, or so they say
Well it would be if we had one
Ours seems to have slipped away.

Remember the Great Flood of 1671
Now my curiosity has begun.
Atlantis threatened but villagers braved
Eccles floundered - Dersingham was saved.

The jetty rusting, swaying and sinking in the mud
iconic in its pose
Of its history no-one living knows.
Our port has gone - our past has silted up!

Of future plans and tidal sea
Custodians? Huh - not us
The beach belongs to neither you nor me!
Our way is barred, we have no claim
And so I ask what's in a name?

Having been a resident and potter in Dersingham for nearly 40 years like many other residents, I would like to know when the name for the beach as I knew it changed to Snettisham Beach; who owns it and why access for those other than the very fit, is now denied, (p.s. I asked many years ago but was given a put-down!)

June Mullarkey



The Dersingham Beat

July August

I am sure that you will be giving a sigh of relief when school resumes, I know I will.

However, this year things seemed to have been a little better than in previous years with most local children behaving themselves and this has been reflected in a reduction of calls from the public reporting anti-social behaviour.

We all know that the great majority of local children are a credit to their parents and fortunately we only deal with that minority that chose to be disrespectful to other people's private property or impact on their quality of life.

One local lad has left Dersingham and has been drawn away like a moth towards the bright lights of King's Lynn and gone on to commit more crime there. He has been arrested regularly which is a great shame, we tried to help him improve his behaviour but unfortunately 'we don't win them all' he is in control of his own destiny now and will probably end up in prison.

In the last issue of The Village Voice I told you that a DNA sample (blood) had been recovered by our Crime Scene Investigators (CSI) from a smashed window at the Community Centre. It didn't take long before we established who was responsible from a match on the DNA Database. This was another local youth who has been dealt with and received a "Final Warning".

So far this month we have experienced damage to a couple of cars in Dersingham including a smashed window and a scratched bumper.

The hanging baskets were pulled off the wall at Tropics Fish and Chip shop on the 16th of August, I would love to hear from any passers by when that happened.

Now for some bad new with a happy ending:

A "rare" burglary was committed in the village on the 11th of August, thankfully some local children (at the other end of the scale referred to above) witnessed a man climbing in and out of a window carrying stolen property and then leaving in a car together with a female passenger. The details were reported and circulated over the police radio. PC Adrian Fryett saw the vehicle and a pursuit began which ended safely. Both were arrested and the property recovered which was a child's lap top computer and jewellery.

I know I go on about how rare it is for burglaries to be committed in Dersingham but we have an uncanny knack of catching the offenders which is also quite rare in general terms. I am very proud of my team's performance when a job like this comes in and hopefully you are reassured by this. The offender was charged and remanded in custody pending a court appearance.

Unfortunately, we have had one more case of damage to a 'For Sale' sign which causes me and the estate agents a great deal of annoyance. It wasn't our usual suspect this time, he was arrested for causing trouble at "SnettFest" so he had the perfect alibi – he was in one of our cells. I hope we are not going to see a copy cat offence here? Fingers crossed this was a one off?

You might recall that I was involved in trying to improve facilities for local children and working with other partner agencies to raise funds to re-surface the tennis courts and include other amusements in that location? Well unfortunately this idea has been unsuccessful and we are now looking at "Plan B" which I hope to be in a position to tell you more about next time.

In the meantime, as always I hope you feel safe living in this lovely village. Please feel free to make contact with the team if you have any issues affecting you and the community, we are here to help.

08454564567 or www.sntdersinghamandgayton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

"Mind how you go"..... *Andy*

Parish Council Report Suzy Daniels

The sun seemed to take a vacation for most of the school summer holidays, but hopefully this did not prevent you from doing anything you had planned. The Parish council had a very busy few weeks sorting out various issues and forming new committees, therefore we did not get our usual break in August...if you have any concerns or queries please contact the Office or attend our next meeting on Monday 27th September at 7pm.

CRIME.....was down!!!! The police reported only 3 crimes during a 4 week period...one of burglary and 2 of criminal damage. A vast improvement on previous reports!!!!

DISTRICT EMERGENCY PLANNING

A presentation was given by Alison Haines explaining that there are three levels of emergency plan: **Strategic**, which covers the County; **District**, covering the Borough; and **Community**, normally covering a Parish. This last should be prepared by the Parish Council in collaboration with the County emergency team and is aimed at improving the resilience of a local community to an emergency. She circulated a template and explained the various examples of emergency from flooding, severe weather, a utility failure or a major incident. It is expected that communities with such a plan would not only be able to better help themselves in an emergency, but also offer support nearby if required. Cllr Brundle gave an example where she had assisted passengers dealing with a long delay due to a rail accident. Mrs Haines said the plan needed to be constantly updated to ensure that contact details etc were correct and should be formally reviewed at least once a year.

BOROUGH COUNCIL.....parking and playing!!!

Cllr Johnston explained that after looking into problems caused by cars parking on the verge at the top of Dodds Hill and also in Stanton Road there didn't appear to be any way in which the Borough Council - which owns the land - could take action, but suggested that they would have no objection to the Parish Council adopting a bylaw forbidding parking on verges. However, there is a question of this being enforced. An alternative could be to plant shrubs, as has been done in Post Office Road. It was resolved to refer the possibility of a bylaw to the F & GP and Environment Committees. Cllr Johnston then referred to a letter he received from Cllr Daniels asking for assistance in improving the Children's play area on the Recreation Ground; he required more details. Cllr Burall reported that he now had copies of the planning conditions and agreement to pay a commuted sum by the developer for the maintenance of the Sandringham View open spaces. He believed that there was at least a moral duty arising from these documents to provide a play area for small children on the four acre open space and suggested that the Council might, in principle, agree to spend up to £10,000 of the £65,000 that would come to the Parish with the transfer of the spaces on a play area, subject to consultation with residents. The question of who would pay for the replacement of trees that had died in Philip Nurse Road was raised: Cllr Burall explained this would come out of the £65,000 irrespective of whether the Borough or the Parish Council did the work. The spaces to be taken over on the Sandringham View estate are: A four acre open space along with smaller spaces in Philip Nurse Road and James Jackson Road.

COUNTY COUNCIL.....£10,000,000 cuts!!

Cllr Dobson reported that severe financial challenges face the County Council as £10 Million had been cut from its grant in the current year without notice and severe further cuts were expected in future years which had not been allowed for in the Council's budgeting. So far nothing directly affecting Dersingham had been cut and he hoped that most of the savings could be made from efficiency gains. He had received agreement that the hard area on the Sports Field would be resurfaced as a multiuse sports area, although the work may not be carried out for some months. He too also received a letter from Cllr Daniels concerning the Recreation Ground and, once further details were known, agreed that this should be a joint project between the County, Borough and Parish councils. Traffic Lights.....He agreed to look into the way yellow lines had been painted to

ensure that they were legal and also into whether the studs were to be reinstated following resurfacing.

MATTERS ARISING.....

Cllr Brundle said that she thought that the seat commemorating Malcolm Nurse should be sited at the War Memorial. The Chairman said that this had been fully discussed previously. Regarding Litter Warden....Cllr Burall suggested that the Environment Committee might consider reinstating the voluntary village cleanup that used to be held every spring, perhaps starting with an end of summer cleanup.

Regarding the School Poster competition Cllr Sergeant suggested the posters be displayed around the village.

Cllr Brundle reported that one of the businesses sponsoring the dog bins had complained that the bags were left covering their advertisement. Cllr Smith agreed to take steps to ensure this did not happen in the future.

Conservation Area...The chairman reminded the Council that it was a consultee on this matter and that the responsibility for consulting the public and taking the final decision lay with the Borough Council. Cllr Bubb suggested that the boundary proposed in the Borough Council's draft plan was too small and that the Conservation Area should cover the majority of the older part of the village. It was resolved to ask the Borough Council to extend the Conservation Area to include the older houses in Sugar Lane and Mill Road (including Mill House); the whole of Chapel Road and Manor Road.

YOUTH COUNCIL.....Step forward, Step up

Cllr James asked the Council if it would support the formation of a Youth Council. These have proved useful elsewhere in giving young people a route to make their views and needs known. Cllr Daniels offered to help. It was made clear that this would not be run by the Council but by the young people themselves but it was important to have Council support to give confidence that the views put forward by the Youth Council will be taken seriously. During discussion various people were suggested who might help Cllr James with this project. A meeting has since taken place concerning the Youth Council.... Various options and ideas were discussed...one of these being the possibility of forming two groups, so allowing youngsters from the age of 7 up to 19 an opportunity to express their views. It was agreed that a new name should be given instead of Youth Council and STEP FORWARD was decided for the younger group and STEP UP for the older. Various avenues are being explored concerning venue, meeting dates and times and most importantly how to get the younger involved. Another meeting has been arranged in early September to discuss progress.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS;

The Gables Residential Home, 22 post Office road...single storey extension....Recommended objection on the grounds that the extension is too large for the site and too close to adjacent property in Centre Vale.

57 Chapel Road. Extension, alterations, construction of detached garage and new access... Recommended approval

Units 2, 3 and 4 Hill House Farm, Fern Hill. Change of use of 3 units to Gym....Recommended approved

28 Gelham Manor. Rear extension to existing dwelling...Recommend approved.

Tree preservation order on land near 27a Pansey drive...Recommend approval.

DETERMINATIONS

48b Manor Road, Manor Kebab and Pizza House...Allow Sunday opening between 3pm and 11pm ...GRANTED

9 Onedin Close. Demolition of existing building and construction of 4 chalet style dwellings with associated garages, vehicular parking and new access road...APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

30 Woodside Avenue. Construction of two dwellings following demolition of existing... APPLICATION WITHDRAWN. □

A DAY TO REMEMBER

by Tom Morris, on the occasion of his receiving the MBE

The car to transport my wife Dee and me and two of our three children to Buckingham Palace arrived at 9.30 am prompt at the Victory Services Club in London. Butterflies were already flying in my stomach at this stage! The journey took about 10 minutes and after a very intensive security check of car and passengers we were directed to the official entrance to the palace, where one had seen on television, heads of state and other dignitaries being greeted by the Queen. After entering and being offered the use of cloakroom facilities, recipients of awards were separated from their guests at around 10.15 and directed up a grand staircase to a most exotic 'waiting room' called the Picture Gallery. The gallery is 155 feet long and paintings by Dutch and Flemish artists collected by monarchs since Charles II abound.

With some 45 minutes to wait until the investitures began, it was a good opportunity to both study the paintings and to meet the other 100 or so other recipients. In the meantime, our guests had been escorted into the State Ballroom where the investitures were to take place and were entertained by the String Orchestra of the Band of the Irish Guards.

Following briefings of both recipients and guests by two of the Gentlemen Ushers, the ceremony began promptly at 11 o'clock. Five Yeomen of the Queen's Bodyguard marched in and took up their positions on the dais. The Prince of Wales, who was to conduct in investiture on behalf of the Queen, was escorted into the Ballroom by two Ghurkha Orderly Officers, took up his position on the dais, the National Anthem was played and the ceremony began.

Recipients were directed forward in groups to take up their position at the left entrance of the ballroom. In due course we were directed forward one by one to take up a position next to one of the Gentlemen Ushers and exactly when my name and citation (Thomas Morris '*For services to the NHS and the community of Dersingham*') was announced by the Lord Chamberlain, I marched forward to take up my position in front of the Prince of Wales, bowed and tried to steady my nerves! The MBE medal was attached to the hook that had previously been fitted on my lapel and light conversation followed. It was an extremely proud moment for me, made even more so when the Prince seemed so well informed – and well briefed – about my involvement in the community. He expressed considerable interest in the Carole Brown Health Centre, an interest undoubtedly gained during his involvement with the development of the health centre complex. After about a minute the handshake was a hint to step back, bow again and exit right to another gallery where the medal was removed and placed in a special commemorative box.

We recipients then took our places at the rear of the ballroom and sat out the rest of the ceremony which finished with the National Anthem being played. We then rejoined our families and went with the masses for the photograph sessions in the Quadrangle.

As well as being very proud, one felt very humble amongst the other recipients many of whom had done some extraordinary things. They included 5 very young men from the Mercian Regiment who had been invested with the Military Cross for their actions in Afghanistan as well as 4 being made Knights of the Realm and one Dame.

It was a memorable occasion in magnificent surroundings and in glorious weather too. What more could one ask for? □



Striking Gold at Sandringham

Last May Dersingham Horticultural Society accepted an invitation to take part in the small gardens competition for gardening clubs at the Sandringham Flower Show. Six local clubs take part and this year it was the turn of Barton Mills, Congham, Dersingham, King's Lynn, Sheringham and Snettisham. Each club is allotted a plot five feet square in which to make their garden. It is surprisingly difficult to make a garden as small as this without having it look like a large flower arrangement. This year the theme was 'any aspect of the artist Monet'. Images of a water lily pond and a bridge come to mind – but try building those in a five-foot square.

The invitation having been accepted, weeks passed with the complacent thought, "Somebody will do it." All too soon it became essential to identify a team. After a period of all round modesty and claims of other engagements, it finally fell to Mary Stokes, Doreen Asker and Jane Blaney to take up the challenge. In the event, they were aided by Dot Slade and Peter Williams. Planning meetings followed, and much coffee was consumed before a plan emerged. It was then necessary to find good specimens of the chosen plants and nurture them, guarding them against the unwelcome effects of drought, slugs and other horticultural perils.



The day came to have a rehearsal of the final layout. The five-foot framework was laid on the lawn, and looked smaller than ever, but after much rearranging a satisfactory layout was achieved.

The preparation day arrived and the teams assembled in the marquee to start making their gardens, with many sidelong glances at the neighbouring efforts. In fact, although there is strong competition, the atmosphere between the teams is always relaxed and friendly. At the appointed hour, the teams are banished from the marquee and their gardens rest overnight, to be judged the following morning. As usual the standard was very high, and the teams displayed great ingenuity in their interpretation of the theme, considerable artistic talent and a wonderful understanding of how different plants will look when grouped close together.

This year there were three Gold Awards and Congham got Best in Show. The Dersingham team were rightly well satisfied to have been one of the three receiving a Gold Award. Job well done. □

Walter Blaney, Secretary

The truly amazing Sandringham Flower Show is a popular annual event and is held for just one day on the last Wednesday in July. For an adult ticket price of just £7 visitors from near and far are free to visit a huge array of marquees of wonderful floral displays, show gardens, trade stands, local produce stands, centre arena displays of horses, dogs, motor-cyclists, aerobatics and military bands, etc, as well as walk through the gardens of Sandringham House. HRH the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall attend during the morning and a timeless slice country estate life is appreciated by all. More details can be found at :-

www.sandringhamflowershow.org.uk □

Steve Davis



FEE-FI-FO-FUN! A Perfect Panto for Everyone!

King's Lynn Corn Exchange

in association with Jordan Productions present

John Altman

(Nasty Nick from EastEnders)
as evil Fleshcreep

Stephen Pinder

(Brookside)
as King Cuthbert

Jack and the Beanstalk

A Traditional Fun-filled Family Pantomime

Featuring

Clarabelle
the Cow

Tracey Penn
as Jack

Ian Marr
as Dame Trott

Written by Chris Jordan Directed by Ian Marr

9 December 2010 - 2 January 2011

Box Office: 01553 764864

Book online: www.kingslynncornexchange.co.uk

King's Lynn Corn Exchange, Tuesday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 1JW

Borough Council of
King's Lynn &
West Norfolk



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

T G Morris, PPG Committee

GREAT NEWS – WEB SERVICES FOR PATIENTS OF VIDA HEALTHCARE

Vida Healthcare has advised the PPG of the return of the SMS text messaging service from the 1st of September. They will be using this service for appointment confirmations and to remind patients of future appointments they have made. Also on the horizon – some new web based services for patients: -

- **On Line Bookings:**
 - The new online booking option will be available from 1st October.
 - With this service you can view appointments online and book instantly, picking from a list of suitable times and dates.
 - You can also view future appointments, cancelling and booking another session if necessary. This should give you a bit more freedom when trying to book appointments.
 - You will be able to book two weeks in advance on line.
 - There will be lots of choices of appointment times.
 - Patients who book by phone and in person will also have access to book these vacant slots. So there will be the opportunity to book ahead using a variety of options.

- **Prescriptions:**
 - Included when you register online, is the repeat prescription option. You can order your repeat prescription similar to the existing on line method.
 - Once you order your repeat prescriptions you can collect them at the surgery 48 hours later.
 - There is also the option of having your prescription forwarded to your choice of pharmacy. If this is the case, you can collect your medication at your pharmacy, three days on from ordering your repeat prescription.

- **Registering For The Service:**
 - Access to the information is password protected and can only be viewed by the patient who holds the password.
 - It is simple to register - patients who wish to use the web services will need to go to the surgery and complete a simple form.
 - Patients will be registered by one of our team on the front desk and will be given a confidential password that is specific to their record.
 - As they take confidentiality very seriously, they do ask that patients who register produce valid photo identification (photo driving licence or current passport) or original birth certificate, together with one other form of identity, such as a utility bill.

- **If You Want To Use The existing Appointments and Prescriptions Services:**
 - Patients who do not want to receive the web based service need take no action; just continue to access their services as they do at the moment by calling the patient Solutions Team on 08444 773377, or visiting the Health Centre. □



DermaVida

Gayton Road Health and Surgical Centre, Kings Lynn

DOCTOR RUN CLINIC



LASER

Hair reduction

Pigmentation, Acne

Thread veins

Pigmentation & Age Spots

ANTI-AGEING

Wrinkle Relaxing Injections *from £99!*

Filler Injections

Microdermabrasions **ONLY £59!**

COSMECEUTICALS

PRODUCTS

SkinCeuticals and Sesha

OTHER

Excessive Sweating Treatment

Acne laser & microdermabrasion
packages from £40

Sclerotherapy – Leg Thread Veins

SKIN AND LASER CLINIC

Free Laser or skin Consultation

Book 5 laser treatments and **GET ONE FREE**

Tel: **01553 696886**

Email: info@dermavida.co.uk

Web: www.dermavida.co.uk



Wildlife Photo Competition

The judges knew nothing of the photographers of this years entries but they picked all 3 by the same snapper - Steve Davis. His Weasel, Red Admiral and Baby Bluetit were chosen on the day.



Not a wildlife entry but this picture relates to the article on page 49 about Dennis Wright.





ROUNCE & EVANS

ESTATE AGENTS

**A GOOD SELECTION OF HOMES
FOR SALE IN
DERSINGHAM AND WEST NORFOLK**

VISIT OUR WEBSITES FOR FULL LISTINGS
www.rounceandevans.co.uk www.rightmove.co.uk

3 JUBILEE COURT, DERSINGHAM
01485 541843



SUPPORT4-IT

COMPUTER SERVICES

Prompt home visits at great prices

We specialise in the following :

- Computer hardware setup & upgrades
- Secure Broadband Internet & email setup
- Computer health checks
- Laptop repairs
- Tuition for the internet, emails, etc.
- Troubleshooting, support and repairs
- Virus removal & prevention
- Total backup solutions
- Performance tuning to speed up your system

**25 Years experience in
the professional support
industry**

**No Callout Fee
No Fix - No Fee**

**Repairs
from £15**

**PC Health
check from £25**

**Upgrades
from £15**

**Same Day Fix
In Most Cases**

**Discounts
for Seniors**

Call us on 07900 028058 or visit www.support4-it.co.uk

Get Connected with Action It Electrical Ltd

- All Electrical Work Undertaken ■ Rewires ■ New Builds ■ Extensions
- Breakdowns & Maintenance ■ Inspection & Testing
- Telephone and TV points ■ Storage Heaters ■ Security Lighting
- Portable Appliance Testing ■ Fuse board changes



Call **Paul** for advice or a no obligation quotation
Tel: 01553 829894 Mobile: 07795 262395



Rocky's Plaice Holiday Club

32 children took part in the Summer Holiday Club on 26th/27th/28th July.

We made biscuits and crafts, did competitions and challenges. We jumped about, sang, listened to stories of the Ascension, Pentecost, and the man healed at the Temple, and had a good

time together. Thanks to all who helped and supported us and thanks to the Parish Council who once again gave us a grant.

Vauxhall Farm Summer Camp

13 children from King's Lynn, Dersingham & Ipswich went on the second Summer Camp on 31st July - 7th August. It was arranged by CROWNS Trust and supported by



WORLD WIDE
KIDZ KLUB

Dersingham

Fun packed morning for children
5-11 years, with a Christian message.

At St Nicholas' Church Hall
on the 2nd Saturday
of the month 10am-12 noon
For information
Tel. Alan 543836



St Nicholas Church Dersingham. There were sports, swimming, archery, song and Bible teaching, and more. When it rained we did crafts and watched DVDs.

Don't miss Kidz Klub !

Join us for games, making things, story, and more ... We start again on Saturday 9th October 10am - 12 noon.

Contact Alan Crawshaw tel. 543836



Well! Well! Well!!! Ion Trewin

The old joke about three holes in the ground is an underestimate in Dersingham. Our editor, Tony Bubb, only had to mention wells in his editorial two issues go (Village Voice, No 64) and our readers responded with examples and anecdotes. But no-one knows precisely how many wells the village has. Of those that are visible today there are probably as many again that remain, capped and often covered over as they ceased to be needed once the village was piped up to the mains.

It is a subject worthy of further study.

Let me begin with our own experience. Builders undertaking building work in our garden when we moved to Dersingham uncovered a superb brick-lined example. It had been hidden by two feet or so of garden soil, but had at some point been given a concrete lid, presumably for safety reasons. Lifting off the top we discovered that it went down some twelve feet and was, as our builder put it, still wet.

Wells date back before the days of piped mains water which we now take as much for granted in our houses as electric light. If one looks at old maps of Dersingham, it is not a tight little village built around a church as you will often find elsewhere in Norfolk. Take the east end of the village, apart from the church itself and the tithe barn the older buildings in Chapel Road date back to Victorian times, but houses are generally spaced out. It is the same elsewhere, only the more recent, indeed current infilling has made Sandringham Hill, Manor Road, Post Office Road, Centre Vale, Lynn, Hunstanton and Station roads what they are today with houses cheek by jowl. But a century or more ago building was partly dictated by the need for water, and not just for the human population. Farms and smallholdings, whether in the village or on the edge, required reliable supplies. If you could dig a well and hit a regular source then this was a good site for a dwelling.

Villages also had water carriers, who toured villages with a tank on the back of a cart, and supplied water by the bucket. How much did they charge? But that's another story.

The hillside to the north and east of the village had much to do with Dersingham becoming a place of habitation. We may not see them all today but springs are everywhere. You can still spot evidence of one on the tarmac of Fern Hill, which leaks even in the driest of summers. The fact that where King's Croft was built above Red Pumps Garage in the late 1970s was previously an orchard also suggests that the hillside was spring-loaded. Move east into Shernborne Road and again in the dry summers where others see their lawns go brown through lack of moisture there are several places where the grass remains green, evidence yet again of a spring not far beneath the surface.

On some large scale early maps the letter 'W' may be found. But these are few and are not a reliable record of the number of wells in the village. Might they indicate public facilities?

Following the Editor's mention of wells Mrs Clayton wrote that there was a well in the garden of 75 Manor Rd which served three cottages and was filled in the late 1960s. Someone else from Centre Vale says the remains of a well exists in the garden of No 40 and he believes there was one in 44 as well. One well that remains visible now forms a feature in a garden in Chapel Road. The owner has incorporated it into a stone terrace complete with safety grill and a string of lights to make its depths visible.

A letter writer to Village Voice, Pat Linford, who describes herself as an Old Dersinghamite, provides a delightful memoir of water supplies when she was a child.

'You were wondering about drinking water in the "olden days". My memories at Kingswood, the house behind Terrington's the butcher, start in the mid 1930s, and I was always able to get water from a tap in the house. I believe it originated from a bore hole at Fring. Not everyone had piped water to their houses then, but there was a stand-pipe in Manor Road just across the road from the shop, and folks from nearby houses used to collect drinking water in pails.

We also used to collect rain water at Kingswood in a large underground storage tank near the back door. This water was obtained by means of a hand pump, and I pumped many a gallon for purposes other than drinking. Presumably the rainwater was used for drinking before the arrival of piped water. I hope it was boiled because it must have been full of bugs!

'Another source of water which I remember was at Beech Cottage, Manor Road, next to Brook Road. A playmate lived there so I often toddled along. The course of the brook was along the side of the garden, and near the back door a pail dipping station had been constructed for water extraction. I remember it very well because one day I fell in!'

No doubt others have memories. Let's hear from you please! Pat Linford refers to a bore hole, but can Dersingham possibly have relied on its supplies from as far away as Fring? The 1929 Kelly's Directory refers only to the Lynn Corporation Waterworks with a pumping station at Gayton. I'd be surprised if that supplied Dersingham. So when did mains water arrive in Dersingham? Until then the bigger houses, in addition to wells, usually had room for storage tanks or cisterns. We have one by the back door of the house that measures eight feet by four and is five feet deep. Like the Kingswood example referred to by Pat Linford it has a handpump, sadly beyond repair. But to this day it is kept stocked via rain water gutter pipes to the north and west end of the house. Near the top of the cistern is an overflow which leads into the main drainage system.

Let me end on our own well. The builder made a suggestion, nicely in tune with the green agenda. Instead of going into soakers or down the drains, rain water off the adjoining building, which has an extensive roof, is now routed into the well to augment whatever spring flows into it naturally. To this we attach an electric pump and during the summer I draw on it to water parts of our garden. During exceptional dry spells, as we had last summer and this it has run dry, but writing now after several days of substantial rainfall I note that it is active once more.

No wonder that I bless our well.□

GARDENING 4 U

A local business offering all aspects of garden maintenance, domestic and commercial

Lawns

Hedges & Trees

Borders

Seasonal Tidy Ups



Ground Clearance

Our customers include:- McDonalds Drive Thru® - King's Lynn,
Budgens - Dersingham, The Black Horse - Castle Rising.

Contract work welcome. No job too small.

Contact Trevor Mitchell now for a free quote (7 days)

Telephone 01485 542753 Mobile 07794 177384

FULLY INSURED

Domestic Appliance Repairs



A.G.M. SERVICES OFFER ...

**Repairs, Safety Checks and Servicing
for peace of mind all year round**

We fix all major brands:

- Washing Machines • Dishwashers • Tumble Dryers
- Cookers • Storage Heaters • Fridges/Freezers etc.

Trust A.G.M. Services to ensure your appliances are up and running again!



For a fast and reliable service contact

GRAHAM on: Tel: 01553 673398

Mobile: 07766 404407



**Minor electrical works also undertaken
(extra sockets, lighting etc) – please enquire**

www.ajdautorepairs.com

AJD *auto repairs*

Motor Vehicle Engineers



- CARS ● LIGHT COMMERCIALS ●
- MOTOR CYCLES ●
- AIR CON SERVICE & REPAIR ●



5 BANK ROAD, DERSINGHAM

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK PE31 6HW

AJD
auto
repairs

TEL (01485) 540039

email: info@ajdautorepairs.com

AJD
auto
repairs

Old Girls Patch

by Meetze

Can you believe it, there is actually a book called "100 ways how a cat trains it's human". My big friend brought the book home when she came back from the Sandringham Flower Show. I was not allowed to go. Not fair. I know how to behave. I understand why my big friends did not take Sid, Stumps or Beauty, but leaving me behind? Really not fair. Back to the book, it is all correct what it says in there. To all 4 soft pawed readers out there, if you want to borrow it, let me know. You may get a few ideas. And to all 2 legged ones, read the book and you will know why we do what we do.

Stumps told me off for being so dumb, thinking one of us is going to University. Nobody is going. Our big friends just tried to figure out what breed we might be. The result is, Beauty might be a British black (I could have told them that, nobody is more black than she is). Sid is a Bengal, Stumps is sort of a Munchkin and I am apparently a tailed Manx. I am not sure if that is supposed to be a joke or for real. Looking at Stumps tells me, that she is neither impressed nor unhappy about that. Mind you, she is munching away a lot of food.

And now the big News: Sidney has a girlfriend. A very pretty one if I may say so, but she looks very anorexic and very young. She is all over grey with some ginger tufts and orange golden eyes. When he bought her home the first time she had worms and fleas. So we all were given that orange thing and a load of those oily drops onto our necks. That was not really fair either. Why me as well? I am clean! I think I do not like her. Apart from the fleas and worms, she also ate all my food. She tried to eat Stumpys food too, but Stumps whacked her around her ears and hissed. That made her back off. But Beauty let her eat out of her bowl and Sid even shared his lunch with her. Sid is a real softy with her, allowing her to sleep on his towel on the sideboard and when they started playing a plant pot and a few ornaments fell down onto the carpet. It was the little girl, I saw it, but Sid, that love sick boy, took all the blame. That girl friend of his is now at and in our house on a regular basis. And she looks less bony every time I see her. To be honest, she is becoming a bit porky if you ask me.



On Monday we got a new toilet. A really posh one. Looks like a dolls house from the outside with a little chimney and everything. The best bit, once the business is done, there is a little corridor before you go out, where you can get rid of the litter that managed to get stuck under your paws. And even better than that, nobody can watch. Real privacy. If you are not happy with your ordinary tray anymore, let me know and I see what I can do. Beauty lies sometimes in the corridor. Looks like she is guarding the house when she does that. Funny thing is, when she goes asleep there and Sid sits in front of the door because he needs to go, but can't because Beauty is in the way. Usually she wakes up once he starts squeaking. Sid still has not managed to get one proper meow out of himself. What a cat!!! □

Village Voice Sudoku No 13 Solution

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



Bog News

As I am writing this article there is a traditional British summer feel to the weather with high winds and rain.

We are now getting towards the end of the season with breeding birds on the site and many migrant birds will begin making the long journey to Africa some of them for the first time.

What has probably been noticeable is the lack of swifts around in the sky. These are one of the first migrant birds to leave the country. Many young swallows, house martins and sand martins will be preparing themselves to head to Africa for the first time. This is an amazing feat as they will never have been before so must rely somehow on knowledge passed down by their parents.

We have had a fairly successful year for some birds on the site with at least 22 churring male nightjars on the reserve. It is difficult to know exactly how many young have fledged from the nests but there have been plenty of young birds on the reserve in recent weeks. Nightjars are double brooded meaning that during the course of the breeding season they can have up to four chicks (two broods of two). In practice this may not always occur as some nests may get predated or fail i.e. the chicks may not hatch. This also occurs with lots of other species of bird. This year the amount of churring males this year is above average with 14-16 being our normal numbers for the site. We have also had two to three pairs nesting on newly cleared areas which bodes well for future years.

Other key species that bred on the reserve this year were four grasshopper warbler pairs. Tree pipits fared well this year with eight territories on the reserve. We had one woodcock territory on the site which seems to be slightly down on previous years. Whether the cold winter weather in the early part of year affected numbers or whether it was just a poor year for Woodcock we are not entirely sure.

This year also saw two pairs of lapwing nesting on the boggiar areas around the site. These

Little Gem



Cleaning Services

Very experienced
Excellent references
Flexible & Reliable
Please contact Gillian on
01485 298083
or mobile **07731 997660**

TABLE SALE AT HUNSTANTON
TOWN HALL IN AID OF
GUIDE DOGS' FOR THE BLIND
SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH

£6 PER TABLE – A CHANCE TO SELL
XMAS GOODS, BRIC-A-BRAC, HOMEMADE
CAKES, ETC

TO BOOK A TABLE OR FURTHER ENQUIRIES
PLEASE CONTACT DENISE HUNT

01485 532850



Keep your money local

A secure home for your money – a regional mutual owned by you.

Savings

Bonds

ISAs

Children's savings

Fixed term accounts

Longer term investments

Available in your
area through our
local agents:

Profile UK
5 Jubilee Court
Dersingham
01485 544585

Torc Financial Services
Market Place
Snettisham
01485 544434

Suttons Estate Agents
29 High Street
Heacham
01485 570030

Savings | Mortgages | Investments | Insurance | Since 1849

0800 072 1100
www.saffronbs.co.uk



lapwings were particularly fierce in defending their territories from unwanted visitors including Marsh Harriers and the odd warden.

Woodlarks are a key heathland bird species and Dersingham Bog is quite a good site to come and see these birds. This year two woodlark territories were held, with one pair seeming to be nesting on the newly felled heathland restoration area. This number of pairs is fairly average for the site

although they can fluctuate year on year.

Recently we held a joint volunteer day with the VInvolved team. This was a day which allowed young adults to come and take part in volunteering on the reserve in a range of conservation tasks.

This day was attended by around twenty volunteers with a range of ages. They took part in two tasks. One of these tasks was bracken litter raking. The idea behind this is to rake the dead layers of bracken from the slopes of the heath to allow new heather to regenerate on the slopes.

The dead bracken litter can be a problem on the slopes as it adds nutrients to the soil but also the build up of many years of dead bracken litter stops new heather seedlings from growing. This can change the characteristics of the heath and scrub and grasses will grow in place of the heather.

The reserve has been a carpet of pink and purple recently as the heather begins to flower. The middle of August is particularly good to see the flowering heather as this gives the reserve a completely different feel. The heather flowering on the site can be relatively short lived. When the heather finishes flowering, as with most plants and flowers, it goes to seed.

These seeds are a very important tool in our management of the heathland. As part of our work in restoring the heath we cut the heather on rotation to allow new growth. These areas are normally cut right to the ground to bare ground and then reseeded. We then cut other areas of good heather and spread the seeds on the newly created bare areas.

This should then increase the amount of new plants in the bare areas.

We will soon begin our winter works in managing the scrub. This is a fairly busy time for us and I look forward to seeing you on the reserve.□

Tom Bolderstone, Reserve Warden, Natural England, Dersingham Bog NNR
 thomasbolderstone@naturalengland.org.uk





COUNTRY KITCHENS & BEDROOMS & BATHROOMS

*When only
the best will do*

COUNTRY KITCHENS LTD

100 Norfolk Street, King's Lynn,
Norfolk, PE30 1AQ

Telephone: 01553 766578



RED PUMPS GARAGE 86 CHAPEL ROAD, DERSINGHAM

Vehicle Repair & Maintenance Specialists

- Service & Repair to ALL Makes & Models
- Brake Safety Centre
- Class 4 MOT's - Petrol, Diesel & Catalystr
- Air conditioning Specialists
- All Work Guaranteed & Competitively Priced



Telephone: 01485 540458
Fax: 01485 544417



The Sandringham Newsletter

*by kind permission of the Sandringham Estate
compiled by Helen Walch*



July is all about harvest on the Estate; consistently dry and sunny weather is good for the Farm and the Fruit Farm as it means they can plan in advance and not have to stop and start. The blackcurrant harvest is well under way and so far yields look as good as last year. Winter and spring barley have been harvested on the Farm, followed by vining peas and oilseed rape; again, even after the cold and wet spring and a very dry summer, yields so far are encouraging.

However, the warm and dry weather is causing problems elsewhere on the Estate; gardeners are having to irrigate flower beds and shrub borders (they use water from the Lakes, which in turn are fed partly from the rainwater collected from the gutters and downpipes of Sandringham House), and forestry staff are trying to ensure that the miles of hedging plants set earlier this year do not suffer too badly from drought conditions.

The Sandringham Flower Show took place on 28th July; record numbers of people came to Sandringham to see the flower, fruit and vegetable competitions, to view display gardens large and small and to browse an enormous variety of stands and stalls. His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall and their guests visited the show and were as always welcomed with warmth during their visit.

Finally, we are now in the middle of a very busy period for outdoor events in Sandringham Park. The Flower Show on 28th July was followed by the week-long Girl Guides' Centenary Jamboree, welcoming Girl Guides from all over the world. In early August there were the two outdoor concerts, featuring Will Young on 7th August and Russell Watson the following night, and then in September there was the Game and Country Show (11th and 12th September). Shortly after that, the cycling Tour of Britain came past the Sandringham Visitor Centre on its way from King's Lynn to Great Yarmouth on 16th September – the first time this country's largest live sporting event has come to Norfolk.

The Farm's cereal harvest has now been completed and they are turning to ploughing and harrowing before drilling next year's crops. The Fruit Farm have just started picking the earliest varieties of apples; pressing these varieties for juice is now under way and apples are available from the Plant Shop at the Visitor Centre.

The Pick-Your-Own season will have started in mid-September – full details are on the "Estate Produce" page of our website - www.sandringhamestate.co.uk - Cox and Bramley are always the most popular varieties and will have been available from 18th September, but Howgate Wonder apples have their own dedicated fans – it is the result of a cross between Newton Wonder and Blenheim Orange and gives a cooking apple that holds its shape and needs very little additional sweetening.

The Sandringham Flower Show took place on 28th July and initial reports suggest that it was one of the best-attended Shows ever. The competitions for fruit, vegetables, flowers, baking and preserves were particularly well supported this year, and visitors packed the competition marquees, the show gardens and the arena events. Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall and their guests visited the Show during the morning and were greeted with warmth as always.

As soon as the Show was over, the marquees started to come down and the Park was cleaned and tidied ready for the outdoor concerts featuring Will Young and Russell Watson, with a Craft, Art and Sculpture Fair taking place the following weekend, and the Game Fair and Country Show arriving in the middle of September on the same site; this is always a very busy six-week period for Country Park staff!

Finally, the Sandringham group of parishes held their second annual summer fete and dog show on 24th August. It was very well attended and the money raised will be divided among the six churches of the group. □

St. George's Church of England Junior School

We have had a fantastic year at St. George's School this year. Our sporting achievements have been second to none. We have won many area tournaments for West Norfolk in a variety of sports and have gone on to county finals in Netball, Rugby, Quicksticks Hockey Finals Cross Country and Girls Kwik Cricket. We are immensely proud of all the children who have taken part.



King George VI school joined us for our fun sports day when all our children have an opportunity to participate. We have also hosted sports events here and played against many other schools in the Smithdon High School cluster.

We are very pleased with our SATs results this year as we feel that all the children reached their full potential on the day when the exams were taken. The children have taken all the learning opportunities they have been offered over the years with us to achieve such good results.

In July we took the older children on a short residential trip to Kingwood on the North Norfolk Coast. They had a super time trying out all the adventure equipment. They came home tired but very pleased with their successes and triumphs at trying out new activities - so did the staff!

We are delighted that as from September 2010 the two schools will be working in closer partnership as they will now have the same governing body for both schools. This is called a federation. Thank you to all members of the community who attended the meeting at the Dersingham Infant and Nursery School last year to help us shape our vision for the two schools.

We look forward to another successful year for 2011.

Tel 01485 540308 if you would like to visit the school.□

Ann Pope

DERSINGHAM INSTITUTE BOWLS CLUB

It was not long ago we announced the opening of the green for the 2010 season, now here we are all too soon, closed down for the coming of winter. However the weather was very kind and none of our events were cancelled or postponed. Two special club matches were played, the Ladies v the Men, one match followed by Fish & Chip supper and one by a delicious Bar-B-Q. Our most senior member Jim Rudley celebrated his 90th birthday, everyone drank to his health and shared his birthday cake, he was given a special kiss and hug by our most junior member 12 year old Bethany Gedge, (he also managed to get a few more from some of the senior ladies).

Three internal cup matches were played, the Edie's Cup was won by June Backmeier, runner up Pauline Kelly, The Institute Cup went to John Pattison runner up Ross Letts and the Eddie Roye Pairs Cup was won by Norma Bruford with Richard Burden and the runners up were Val Reader with Mike Picton.□

Gordon Fisher

U nique T i m b e r B u i l d i n g s

Professional, Affordable, Reliable



**BUDGET
SHEDS**

Inc Delivery & Construction

From

£195

QUALITY
SHEDS PLAYHOUSES CHALETs

- ✓ Extensive range of timber building designs
- ✓ Free quote & personal custom design service
- ✓ All prices include fast delivery & construction
- ✓ Strong, stylish and affordable
- ✓ Superior quality timber
- ✓ Specialists in providing wheelchair access

Telephone 01485 540463 or 07518432959

Email: enquiries@uniquetimberbuildings.co.uk

www.uniquetimberbuildings.co.uk

*The Companions of
Park House*

Sandringham



Autumn Fair

Wednesday 13th October 2010

at Park House Hotel Sandringham

Lots of ideas for early Xmas Gifts

A fine selection of stalls, jewellery, cards,

Christmas decorations and many more.

Enjoyable evening a chance to browse and chat.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets at door £2.00

includes Tea or Coffee & Biscuits

*The Companions of Park House is a registered
charity that is dedicated to raising money to sponsor
holidays for the disabled at Park House Hotel*

Old Picture Corner - now and then

Chris French sent in this picture of the Foresters Hall. He thought it might have been taken at it's opening on Dec 11th 1893. I don't think this is right as there are leaves on the trees and the crowd are not wrapped up against the cold. Any suggestions as to what was going on?

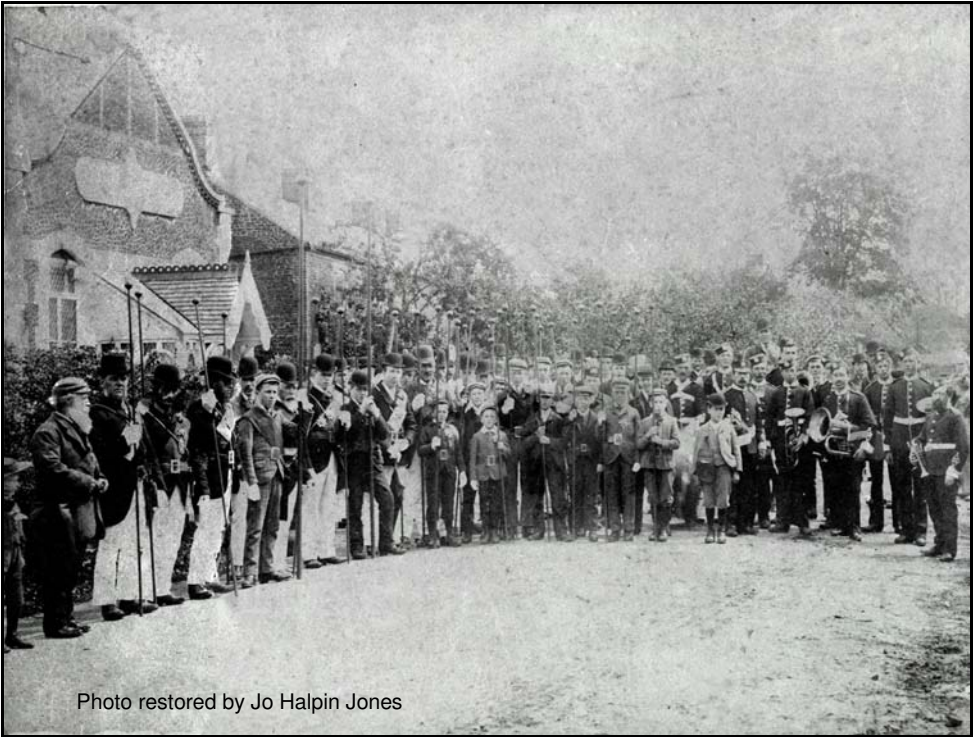
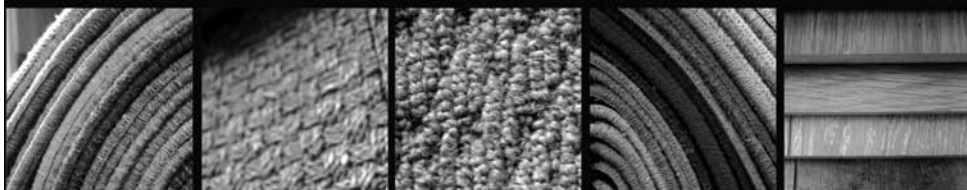


Photo restored by Jo Halpin Jones



GARY RUSHMORE FLOORING LTD



MAIN SHOWROOM

- superb range of carpet, vinyl & laminate samples
- free measuring and estimates with no obligation
- exceptional service including uplifting and disposing of old flooring and moving furniture
- carpets supplied & fitted by our professional team
- home selection service available

94 High Street, Heacham, Norfolk

OPEN: Mon, Tues, Weds & Fri 9.30am-4pm. (closing 1-2pm lunch)
Thurs. 9.30am-1pm & Sat 10am-2pm.

for home selection and further information please call:

01485 572202 or 0789 9794262

STOCK CARPET, VINYL AND ROLL END STORE

Flooring ready to take away all at exceptionally low prices!

Hundreds
of room size carpets &
vinyl roll ends at
wholesale prices!

Great selection
of multi width stock rolls
of carpet & vinyl offering
fantastic value for money!

Unit 6, Heacham Hall Industrial Units, Hall Close, Hunstanton Road, Heacham

OPEN: Mon, Tues, Weds and Fri 10am-3pm. Sat 10am-2pm.

email: rushmoreflooring@btconnect.com

www.garyrushmoreflooring.co.uk

DERSINGHAM WALKING GROUP



SOUTHWOLD

For the group's 101st walk fifteen of us took advantage of 'Maureen's Coach Trip' on 22nd July to have a walk around the Southwold area.

From the coach drop-off point by the pier, we followed Buss Creek around the outskirts of the town till we reached the River Blyth. We ate our packed lunches by the side of the river before splitting into two groups. Seven walkers took the shorter route and followed Christine along the north bank of the river back to Southwold (about four miles in total). The other eight crossed the river by the footbridge and continued to Walberswick Common. We then visited the church before crossing the marshes to join the coastal path back to Walberswick village. After a short diversion to buy ice-creams, we rejoined the coastal path to walk up the south bank of the river and re-crossed the bridge, returning to Southwold across the golf-course. This made a walk of just under seven miles. As we were back in the town by about 3.00pm, there was ample time to visit the glorious church, walk on the pier and have a cup of tea before rejoining the coach at 4.30.

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day. Perhaps the most vivid memory is of the impressive cloud formations. Although it was still blue overhead when we were having our lunch, we were conscious of dark clouds building up inland. There was a slight, short shower as we started to walk again but, other than that, it was dry and bright for the rest of the walk. It started to rain again just before the coach was due to leave and, by that time, although the sky was still blue over the sea, the black clouds over the land provided a very dramatic contrast both with the blue sky and also with the white lighthouse - particularly as viewed from the pier. Cameras were busy!



THE WINTER PROGRAMME

My appeal for someone to help lead Sunday walks was successful and we are very pleased to welcome Steve Martyn to the ranks of walks' leaders. Steve will be leading a walk next February. Lindsey and Steve Davis have volunteered to lead some short (of about 2.5 miles) **Sunday afternoon strolls** in the hope that some people who would like to walk but do not fancy our usual 4 miles plus might be encouraged to take part. As a result, we have a programme of twelve walks in the Winter Programme, including a **Cream Tea Walk** in October.

Details of the walks in October and November are:

WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER - Cream Tea Walk

Start at 2.00pm from the Unique car park (off the one-way system opposite the castle), Castle Rising (map ref.L132/674 248). A 4.5 miles circular walk around Castle Rising led by Keith Starks (542268) followed by a cream tea at the Unique Tea Rooms. (To book a cream tea - approx £4.00 contact Keith before Wednesday, 6th October).

SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER

Start at 10.30am from Cliff Parade, Hunstanton (near the lighthouse) (map ref.L132/675 418). An 8 miles circular walk around Ringstead Downs and Holme led by Pat Reed (540757). (**Bring a packed lunch**).

WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Start at 1.30pm from the lay-by on the B1440 south of Ingoldisthorpe crossroads (map ref. L132/683 325). A 4.5 miles circular walk around Snettisham and Park Farm led by Pat Reed (540757).

SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Start at 2.30pm from St. Nicholas Church Hall car park (map ref.L132/693 303). A 2.5 miles circular Sunday Afternoon Stroll led by Lindsey and Steve Davis (543138).

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

Keith Starks (542268)

Park House Hotel

Invites you to

The world of Gilbert & Sullivan

By popular request Park House is hosting a light hearted afternoon concert of songs and scenes from the Gilbert & Sullivan Savoy Operas

This beautifully sung and delightfully staged production will be performed by

The Wandering Minstrels

on Sunday 10th October 2010 starting at 3pm

In The Conservatory at Park House

Tickets in advance to include programme and refreshments £12.50

Available from Reception at Park House, Sandringham, PE35 6EH

Tel. 01485 543000

All proceeds from this event will go towards amenities & Entertainment for Park House Hotel Guests

E. H. Prior & Sons

Finest Quality Butcher

Delicatessen * Bakery * Fine Wines



St Nicholas Court
Dersingham
01485 542589



positivecomputing

We have seen IT all before

Established for 10 years

We can fix IT

Laptop, PC or Mac

www.PositiveComputing.co.uk

We can connect IT

We can supply your broadband

www.RuralBroadband.co.uk

You can buy IT online

www.PositiveComputing.net

Local Business with Local Support

Call in today

Marea Farm, School Rd, Heacham, Kings Lynn, PE317DH

tel: 01485 572 253

See what we have to offer...

Full colour Litho and Digital print

Exhibition Prints Point of Sale

Pop-up Banners Canvas Prints

Posters Business Cards Leaflets

Stationery Brochures Booklets Postcards

Greeting Cards Price Lists Menus

NCR Personalised Products

and much much more ...

OUR PRICES
ARE UP TO
76%
LOWER THAN
OTHERS

SAVE
20%
with our
Stationery
Packs

Call us on **01485 571912**



Unit 12
Heacham Hall Ind Est
Hall Close · Heacham
Norfolk PE31 7JT
www.robisprintstudio.co.uk



ROBIS
PRINT
STUDIO

DERSINGHAM DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY



On the 14th July Members and Volunteers went to the Ffolkes Arms for lunch. It was a lovely sunny day and Members enjoyed the additional ride through the Sandringham Estate.

Our last meeting, before the summer break, was on the 21st July and although we were sad to say goodbye for a few weeks, we still had our annual Garden Party to look forward to.

On Wednesday 11th August Members and Volunteers met at the home of Ruth and David Mountain, as we do each August. The weather was perfect throughout the afternoon and after a walk round the beautiful garden with all its interesting plants and features, we sat down to a lovely afternoon tea of sandwiches and cakes. When it was time to say goodbye we reminded everyone that we would meet again on the 1st September for the start of our Autumn Session.



**The Day Centre
AUTUMN FAIR
will be held on
SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2010**

**in the
METHODIST CHURCH,
POST OFFICE ROAD
from 10.00AM to 1.00PM.**

**Stalls will include Cakes,
Bric-A-Brac, Books
and Jigsaws etc.**

**Refreshments will be served
throughout the morning**

**We do hope you will be able to
come and support us.**



The Dersingham Day Centre is there for those over the age of 70 who feel they would benefit from a day out each week to socialise and enjoy the company of others. Members come through recommendation by the Surgery/Carers/Friends etc. . If you know someone who would benefit from our Day Centre, please let us know. Transport and a hot lunch is provided.

For further information you can contact Alice Worth on (01485) 544673.□

How can osteopathy help you?

Classical Osteo uses techniques for longer lasting improvements: Most causes of pain & stiffness in most areas treated in alages inc children, cranial, also phobias helped !

01553 761484 Neil Fennel

Large selection of Secondhand Books

TORC BOOKS

Hall Road, Snettisham
01485 541188 or 540212



Open; Friday and Saturday
10 am — 4 pm

Other times by appointment

BOOKS BOUGHT

Thomas & Co

- General Carpentry
- Painting & Decorating
- Small Building Works
- Wall Tiling



Ian Thomas

Tel: 01485 543139
Mobile: 07799 226491
(PORTFOLIO AVAILABLE)



K.H. HOMECARE

"Helping to keep your independence"

Established 1997

We provide a kind and caring service which can be tailored to suit the individual's specific needs. Accredited by Norfolk Home Call, Norfolk County Council

House Work - All domestic duties within the home.

Grocery Shopping - Collection of pensions, prescriptions.

Laundry - Washing and ironing within the client's home.

Companionship - All helpers are very carefully employed & references are always asked for and confirmed, our helpers are all of a mature dependable nature

We provide an honest and reliable home help service at an extremely competitive rate. For further information please contact

Mrs Kim Hudson Tel: 01485 570179

GEOFFREY COLLINGS & CO

Chartered Surveyors, Auctioneers and Estate Agents
7b Hunstanton Road, Dersingham PE31 6HH

Tel: 01485 500222

Fax: 01485 500144

And at Terrington St Clement & King's Lynn, Norfolk and Long Sutton, Lincolnshire

Thinking of selling or letting your home?
Contact your local Chartered Surveyors.

- *Full management service*
- *Free market appraisal*
- *Competitive commission rates*
- *A local firm with over 40 years experience*
- *An extensive mailing register*
- *Friendly staff*
- *Properties marketed from all 4 of our offices*
- *Floor plans on property details*

Visit all our properties on:
www.geoffreycollings.co.uk
and www.rightmove.co.uk





Dick Melton

Well here we are again, another two months have flown by, the summer has gone and we will soon be waking up to frost and snow, but life goes on whatever the weather and there is always plenty to talk about and write about.

A lady asked me where the library was before it was built off Post Office Road.

Well I was not sure, but I had memories of a library being in one of the classrooms of the old village school. So I asked someone who knows as much about Dersingham as I do and they said that, when they went to the school from 1938, the library was in the headmaster's classroom. The headmaster at the time was Mr Wheeler, who lived in the big house next to the fish and chip shop on Lindfords Corner, and he was the librarian. When I started school there in 1945 Mr Jones was the headmaster. Has any one got any more information about the library at the school?

Dersingham crisp factory

A man who had lived in the village for many years said to me, "I did not know we had a potato crisp factory in Dersingham." I said, "Yes, we certainly did." Now, I am not going to write about it this time; I am just going to ask how many people remember it, where it was situated, and who owned it and worked there. I know for a fact that one person who worked there still lives in the village today. So get out your pens and start writing about the Dersingham potato crisp factory.

Feathered friends

When I was a young lad I lived right near the commons, the woods and the fen, so I spent a lot of time on them all. The other day I came across some writing that I had done a few years back about all the birds that could be found at these locations on the fen. There was always plenty of sand martins in the sand pit and along the cliffs at Wolferton, cutting shelduck nested in the old rabbit holes, and around the duck decoy you would find plenty of water hens, coot, mallard, teal and snipe.

On the Shut-up-common there were many skylarks but them days there were very few birch trees, just heather and bracken. Under the old bridge that went over the dyke into the woods you would always find a jenny wrens nest; and a robin or two would nest further along the dyke where there was plenty of moss to line their nests with. Also on the Shut-up-common you would see woodcock, yellowhammers, and a nightjar or two.

The open common with its gorse bushes on the lower level was the ideal place to find linnets, whitethroat, chaffinch, red back shrike and plenty of blackbirds and song thrush. Up in Dersingham woods was the best place to see mistle thrush, gold crest, jays and woodpeckers; and everywhere you would see pigeons, doves and hawks. Staying with birds, the feather kind, in about 1878-79 the then Prince of Wales brought down 14 brace of grouse from Aberdeenshire and let them free on Wolferton Heath. By 1881 a minimum of three brace had successfully reared young but, along with some wild quail that were put on the heath, they did not survive. However, in 1910 a single grouse feather was found on the heath, proving that a descendant of the 1878 introduction had managed to stay alive.

New Village Hall

Not wishing to get mixed up with Parish Council business or politics, I find it very strange that out of 12 sites for the new village hall the council could only find one suitable, right on the edge of the village and in a flood risk area. Can no one on the council remember that in the 1953 flood the water came up as far as the railway line. Also, four hundred years ago this was where the sea came to and at one time or another Old King Neptune will always take back what was his. The best place for a village hall is right in the middle of the village, so as it is in walking distance for everyone.

Royal Observer Corps

Now, in the August issue of VV, I asked about the old Observer Corps post along the back road to Ingoldsthorpe and also about the Royal Observer Corps. Well thanks to a friend of mine, John Bunn, whose father Jack was in the Royal Observer Corps, I have plenty of information and some very good photos, so here is a bit about it. The Royal Observer Corps posts were set up to spot and report any enemy aircraft that were coming in over the coast; the Dersingham post being on high ground was in an ideal position. At each post there were at least two men on duty at all times, though every post had a contingent of at least ten people, men and women. Each post was equipped with binoculars, sets of diagrams showing all types of enemy aircraft, a telephone and plenty of food and tea (no coffee them days).

Some of the people who were in the Royal Observer Corps at Dersingham during the 1939-45 war were as follows: Mr Bougen, Fred Rix, Mr Crow, Jack Bunn, Mr Parker from Parker's Stores, Mrs Walden, Bob Hooks, Mr Reid, Mary Barrett, and Mano Southgate whose parents at the time kept the Albert Victor in Manor Road. I am told that the Dersingham observer post is still there but it is now privately owned.

Another very interesting story that came out of the information that John let me have was about Alec Hooks who was also a member of the Royal Observer Corps. His full time job was driving the steam Foden lorry at Sandringham wood yard. The registration number of this lorry was ALG 276 and the name on the nameplate was 'Limelight'. In the 1960s, when John worked at Dodmans Engineering works at Kings Lynn the Foden was taken there to be broken up.

Well that is all from me for this month. Don't forget, keep eating plenty of rabbits and fish then you can not go wrong. See you all again at Christmas time.□





Mill House

Veterinary Surgery & Hospital



Always here when you need us!
Full service award-winning hospital for all your needs from puppy training and vaccinations to advanced healthcare



01553 771457

20 Tennyson Ave
Kings Lynn PE30 2QG
www.millhousevets.co.uk

The family practice where every pet is special

A.S.K. FRAMES & Things

Picture Framing Specialist

*Gifts, Cards, Clocks,
Batteries, Photo Frames,
Computer Inks & Papers*
61 Manor Road, Dersingham

01485 540292

Ashdene House B&B

All rooms ensuite, Free WiFi
A warm welcome awaits you at
60 Hunstanton Rd,
Dersingham
Tel: 01485 540395

T.M Electrical

YOUR LOCAL ELECTRICIAN

Part P Registered

Over 20 years Experience

Dersingham 01485 540333 or 07884454480

Fuseboard Upgrades, Rewires, Landlords Test and Inspection Reports

Extra Sockets, Lights, BT Points, TV Points, Alarms etc

I Don't Charge The Earth

All Work Guaranteed

Dersingham Community Lunches

July's Dersingham Community Lunch was kindly hosted by Sheila Roythorne and her team at the Coach & Horses Public House here in Dersingham. The Coach & Horses staff had set up a marquee in the garden to complement the new brightly coloured bench seating which usually stands in the child friendly beer garden and the setting was most agreeable. The weather even added to the enjoyment as we just managed to enjoy our lunch before we had a summer shower.



Once we were all settled and had had a chance to sample an impressive variety of buffet fayre provided by the Coach & Horses, Bob Tipling welcomed everyone to the lunch.

Our key speaker for this Community Lunch was Tom Morris - our own newly decorated MBE recipient - and representative of The Carole Brown Health Centre Patients' Participation Group. Tom was warmly welcomed and gave some background to the history of the Dersingham PPG today which - like most PPGs - began life as a result of the National Health Service realising that its focus was around medical areas and not enough around patients.

Originally our PPG was formed as an off-shoot of the Flower Club and was pushed forward by our well known local GP, the late Dr Carole Brown. The new PPG was to be a joint venture between patients, medics and nurses and was open to all patients in the Carole Brown Health Centre.

Tom explained that PPG meetings (attendance usually around 30-40) were generally held every 6-8 weeks and aimed to examine what is positive as well as negative about our health services. Speakers were often arranged to speak at these meetings with subject matters focussing mainly on health matters.

Tom pointed out that the PPG consisted of:

- patients registered at The Carole Brown Health Centre
- medical, nursing and non-medical staff of The Carole Brown Health Centre
- executive and practice managers

He then outlined the activities of the PPG which were to:

- look after the community by drawing attention to strengths and weaknesses in the provision of health care in the area
- look after ourselves by arranging talks on health matters or interest to all sections of the community
- look after the surgery by providing feedback to, and interchanging views with the medical and non-medical staff attached to the surgery



- fundraising to enhance and improve the medical, nursing and patient facilities at The Carole

Brown Health Centre (eg the PPG donated £1,000 for the Community Car Scheme).

Tom stressed that all members of The Carole Brown Health Centre community were encouraged to join the PPG and admission was FREE!

The raffle was duly drawn as usual and it was declared that a total of £90 was raised from it with £45 going to the WI and £45 to Dersingham Flower Club.□

Stella Gooch



- ? **Sealed Unit Replacement & Upgrade**
- ? **Secondary Glazing Installers**
- ? **Integral Blind Systems**
- ? **Window/Door Re-sealing**
- ? **More Security, Safety & Warmth**

Call 01485 570016
Or 07929 66 55 66
Free Quote and Home Survey



www.glazingupgrades.com

Unit 1 Heacham Hall Ind. Est., Heacham. PE31 7JT

DERSINGHAM BROWNIES "TAKE OVER LONDON"

On a hot and sunny Saturday in June 39 members of the 1st & 2nd Dersingham Brownies (30 brownies & 9 leaders and adults) enjoyed a very special coach trip (Carter's Coaches) to London. It was a "Big Brownie Take over" adventure to celebrate the 100th birthday of GirlguidingUK.

On arrival in London we started our takeover with a sightseeing tour, which included the 2012 Olympic sites, The Tower of London and Tower Bridge, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey before arriving at the London Eye. They had a thrilling ride enjoying their picnic lunch as they viewed the sites of London from the air. They then moved on to the Girlguiding HQ ICANDO activity centre in Buckingham Palace Road.

The Centre is a "hands on" activity centre with various challenges to try out, including a puppet theatre, dressing up and stage show, table-football game, morse and flag activities and much more. The girls also had the opportunity to explore the Brownie website. There was also an heritage exhibition of Guiding history showing how uniforms and activities have developed over the first 100 years. There were a host of games to play from giant Jenga, connect 4 and variations of snakes and ladders. The brownies had a marvellous two hours before there was just time to walk around and see the front of Buckingham Palace and some Guardsmen marching past. The group then rejoined their coach for the return journey.

The brownies had all been given activity bags of wordsearch and colouring books with the necessary pens and pencils to make the journey more tolerable. As a memento of their Centenary trip everyone received a "Big brownie take over" bag, sew on and pin on badges, a brownie key ring and a London Eye giant pencil and card.

This was a particularly special outing and each participant only paid £5.00, the balance of the cost was provided by a donation from each of the Dersingham Brownie Units, a Coffee Morning which the girls ran and a number of other grants. The brownies would like to publicly thank the following groups and organisations who supported them with generous grants: The Grassroots Foundation, The Hunstanton & District Lions Clubs, St Nicholas Church Dersingham and the Rotary Club of Hunstanton & District. Their help made the visit possible.

The day ended with 39 very tired, but very happy, Brownies and their Leaders returning to Dersingham after a truly memorable 13 hour Centenary Adventure.

Lynne Wheeler (2nd Dersingham Brownie Guider)



Ladies, gentlemen...

Steve Nowell

At the end of May this year my daughter, Louise, married a Scotsman but I don't hold that against her; he really is a fine chap. The wedding took place way up in the Scottish Highlands where any highlander who *is* a highlander wears his kilt and associated kit at the drop of a hat. A month before the wedding Louise sent me an email.

'Hi Dad. Re the wedding. Although we're having a ceremony with which you may not be familiar you may still deliver a short speech as the father of the bride. I'm really not pushing you but if you insist you may say a few words *as long as you don't embarrass me!* Lots of love. Lou xx

Immediately I replied accepting the invitation, then got down to composing a suitable, short monologue which couldn't offend anyone. The following was spoken on the day.

"Ladies, gentlemen, and Scottish persons..." Oh sh**! I hadn't even started and I was already in the deep and sticky up to my armpits. And I was trying so hard to be politically correct. I decided I would carry on as though nothing had happened

"I'm Louise's Dad. Some of you know this already but it will be pretty obvious to the rest of you from the stress lines etched in my forehead from the time before she left home. At this point the bride's father usually says something like 'seriously though, she has been a wonderful daughter' OK I agree. So let's not labour the point. Louise specifically asked me not to embarrass her. That being the case there's not much more I can say so I'll shut up and sit down"

I sat down for five seconds or so then got up again. A titter, but only a titter, spread through the sixty-three guests. Good Lord! These highland folk had a sense of humour after all. I continued.

"Right from the day she was born Louise has been my favourite daughter" Some people laughed then there was a pause while those who knew that Louise is my *only* daughter spread the news to the others.

"Times weren't easy for her in her late teens but she persevered with her studies which led to her getting a very respectable degree in marketing at Stirling University. She decided not to return to her homeland after university and having been here quite often I think I can see why. Let's face it folks, I had to say something like that if I wanted to escape from this predominantly Scottish gathering all in one piece!" This time the audience nearly laughed properly which I took as a good sign.

"Louise was, and still is according to her Mum who sometimes tries to keep up with her, a very competent swimmer." I got into trouble over that one. "Dad, you obviously don't remember that I actually swam for County Cleveland. Mum didn't start to go swimming until recently!"

"What pleased me even more than the numerous trophies Louise won for her swimming was her interest in flying. Whilst at Stirling she joined the University Air Squadron. She already had her Private Pilot's Licence before going to 'uni' so she was able to make full use of the Air Squadron's facilities which included flying a reasonably forgiving little aircraft called a Bulldog. One day I rang the Squadron office asking if it was possible to speak to my daughter. The officer who replied sounded close to tears. 'At this moment Miss Nowell is some 5,000 feet above the earth doing things to a Bulldog that really shouldn't be inflicted on that poor little machine.'"

"Especially in her late teens, Louise had been quite a persuasive young lady. She could twist me round her little finger without even trying. While she was revising for her A levels I felt it was important that I should be the supportive, tolerant father. This led to what once was a reasonable lawn having the initials of her latest boy friend cut in it 'to give her strength in times of stress' she said. Ye Gods! How far did tolerance have to go? Then there were the times when I was coerced into taking her on rides round the moors 'just-to-see-the-little-lambs-which-were-all-cute-and-cuddly' Ugh!"

"Louise did well in her exams so I suppose I must have made at least a very minor

contribution to her educational well being. When she went up to Stirling it has to be said that she blossomed. I went to bring her home for Christmas at the end of her first semester. By this time she had experienced the joys of drinking Guinness – well I suppose someone has to like the stuff. She wanted to show off to her Dad how she could down a pint in one breath but she wasn't sure that this was the sort of thing that young ladies did in public. So imagine, if you can, a red-haired young female doing her very best to hide behind a very narrow pillar, with elbows tucked into her sides, slurping down a pint of Guinness in a single breath and finishing the display with an ear-splitting YES!"

At this stage in my speech some of the hairy highlanders in the audience appeared to let bygones be bygones and even chuckled on occasions. I would try my final piece of what I thought was mild humour.

"Louise was always ready to try new things – even rugby. We would have known nothing about this had we not received a letter from our daughter containing a newspaper photo of six female, shorts-clad bottoms, all bending over something on the ground. One such bottom had a red ring around it labeled 'ME!'"

I could not end my talk without reference to Louise's husband Graham. He is what we now often hear of as a 'petrol head' and is very keen on rallying. One day Janet my wife and I met Louise and Graham in York. The ladies went shopping while Graham I went to look around an aircraft museum. We were late in meeting them. The situation led to this final part of my speech.

"Graham is a fine fellow. Any man who can do 118 miles an hour in a Volkswagen Golf on the A19 going into York without getting caught, and without his prospective father-in-law leaving a mess in his seat, gets my vote! □

**Royal Sandringham
Estate Sawmill**

Sandringham Sawmill, Sandringham, Norfolk

**HIGH QUALITY
GARDEN FURNITURE**

- DECKING
- TABLE & CHAIRS
- BIRD TABLES
- TRELLIS PANELS
- FLOWER BOXES
- LOG ROLLS
- GATES

ALL TIMBERS ARE PRESSURE TREATED

WE ALSO SELL:

- FENCING PANELS
- RUSTIC POLES
- ARCHES
- MACHINED POLES

01485 543641 **FAX**
01485 541571

OPEN 07.30 CLOSE 16.00 HRS SAT 08.00 CLOSE 12.00 HRS



Steve Davis Seeking the Truth

Well the TV controversy this week as I write is that *X-Factor* has been *autotuning* some of the contestants' performances. *Auto-Tune* is software produced by *Antares Audio Technologies* for recording studios to enhance and correct the pitch of off-key vocal or instrumental renditions. Its use, along with a whole arsenal of other effects, is well established for painstakingly improving recordings before they go out or are distributed through whatever media, but it is increasingly employed to enhance live performances in *real time* as we say. Now those who go in for karaoke sessions know that the equipment can be kind to the untrained voice of anyone with half a nerve to get up and have a go, and it is accepted that any enhancement is for the benefit of listeners who are there for a bit of fun and not taken too seriously. However when the public feel that they have been duped into believing and maybe voting upon someone's perceived talent, they are not amused by such deception.

It raises the question as to how far is it acceptable to distort the truth, to gain popularity, or advantage over competitors, or to boost sales of products, or simply entertain the public, or manipulate their perception at large? A bit of fantasy and unreality never does anyone any harm from time to time, and it can be good to get immersed in a film which however convincing the special effects are, we know really is not happening. Even the colour and audio enhancing effects that we may not even be aware of are fine in helping to keep us absorbed in the fictional experience. It is when we find out that such techniques have been applied to news reports, documentaries, performances and competitions that we take to be reality that we feel conned or let down. Why should those who employ such techniques be rewarded any more than athletes who use performance-enhancing drugs?

I am keen on digital photography, and like to present my pictures in a variety of ways as greeting cards and DVD slideshows. There are a great many software packages that allow photos to be manipulated on screen, the most widely used perhaps being *PhotoShop* though I tend to go for the cheaper and even free alternatives. With them I not only can change the colour, contrast, brightness, level up horizons, crop to size or composition, eliminate the *red eye* effect of flash, but can also "*airbrush*" out the bits and blemishes I do not want people to see. I can *clone* areas of one part of a photo into another part or even into another photo altogether and make the seam pretty invisible, giving a convincing end product, and I am no expert! Indeed in the past nothing has given me greater pleasure than to take someone's dog-eared, torn and blemished old family photo, scan it into my computer and using all such techniques be able to present them with a pristine restored photo image, sometimes causing a tear of appreciation to be shed. A colleague of mine once showed me a local newspaper that had published a rather nice photo he had taken of a meadow of poppies trailing off into a lush hillside. I was a bit stunned when he then told me that he had edited out a rather large pylon that was in the field, justifying it by saying that it was what all photographers did now, and did I really think that photos in magazines such as *National Geographic Magazine* were untouched? Well actually yes, I did! Although rather cagey at first about employing such techniques, I confess that now I often enhance photos for my greeting cards – after all no-one really wants a picture of a church or cottage with a doggy bin stuck outside it! But the technique can get quite compulsive and I have to draw the line at how far I am prepared to go with the deception, not that I would ever try to hide the fact! So too with the techniques for making photos look like paintings as I have written about before; great fun at first but I find myself increasingly of the opinion that most images in nature at least cannot really be improved upon and are best left warts and all to speak for themselves.

The latest digital cameras have many effects and scene settings built in. I particularly like the *sunset* setting and though sunsets over the Wash can be impressive and I get some very pleasing results, I sometimes have had to ask myself whether it was really as good as the photo suggests? It tends to make me question the reality of some of those wonderful sunset scenes that make the closing backdrop to many a TV nature programme.

Of course taking artistic licence has long been the privilege of photographer and painter alike long before digital photography, as they would strive to give a subjective impression. When we look at something, are we really bothered by or do we even notice every minute detail? If not, then why not leave it out, or adapt it to show how it could be? Two artists can look at the same scene or situation; one sees all the good and romantic aspects and produces an uplifting masterpiece; the other sees all the harsh, angular brutality and injustice and creates a stirring and emotive though perhaps not so easy to live with work of art. Which is the more real? I guess each can represent an element of the truth.



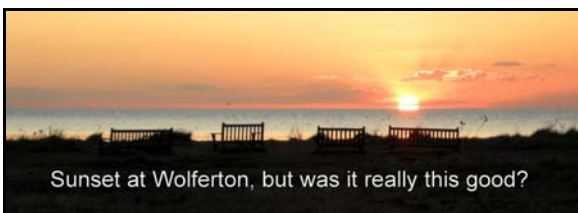
All through the ages there have been those who shun the notion of absolute Truth. They say that it is what people *believe* to be true that matters and has the biggest effect, and there is much evidence to suggest that this has been so. At best it causes us to buy products we might not otherwise have thought necessary, though at worst it can lead to all manner of conflict and even wars between nations! The Roman governor Pontius Pilate was perhaps a subscriber to this view when he uttered the phrase “*What is truth?*” in response to Jesus’ statement “...*I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.*” (John 18:37-38). Jesus’ truth was to expose and challenge the distorted and restrictive, self-seeking, inward-looking untruths cunningly perpetrated by the religious ruling authorities and set free those who had been duped or even oppressed by them into a new and liberating, life-giving reality.

I have never been a great fan of so-called *Virtual Reality* computer applications, technologically impressive though they may be, and I dislike the thought of donning one of those grim looking helmets that shut out the world, presenting each eye with a separate image for a 3D virtual experience! Even our *Wii* system that we so enthusiastically raved about months back, mostly gets used these days simply for its *BBC iPlayer* capabilities to pipe the odd episode of *Shaun the Sheep* to our old TV screen last thing at night when we cannot face the reality of the News! I wonder if our Hi-Fi, Wi-Fi, HD, on-demand video technology makes us seek more unblemished perfection over and above truth and reality? On the whole, I think I shall stick to *Actual Reality* wherever I can even if it is a little messy or imperfect at times, and there is so much wonderful reality to appreciate around here!

By the time you read this I hope to have completed my fourth annual *Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride* on 11th September cramming in visits to as many of our old North Norfolk churches as I can within the 9am-5pm limit. Then in October I am planning a four-day cycling excursion with a friend to visit the WWI battlefields of Ypres in Belgium, staying at Talbot House in Poperinge (the original Toc H headquarters), which I hope perhaps to write about in the next issue. By the time I arrive back, I trust the Pink-Footed Geese will have started to arrive too, a

local reality that for me no virtual experience can compete with and no video, photo or recording device can ever really do justice to!

Email: steve@davista.co.uk or visit: www.davista.co.uk, picasaweb.google.com/ukuleleboy and www.youtube.com/bovrilman



THE WROUGHT IRON & BRASS BED CO.



Showroom open:
Tuesday–Friday
10–4pm
and Saturday
10–3pm



61 Manor Road
Dersingham
Norfolk PE31 6LH

Handmade in Norfolk

T: 01485 542800

www.wroughtironandbrassbed.co.uk



CARPET CRAFT

Carpet • Fitting • Service

Covering floors in Norfolk since 1978

SUPPLIERS OF QUALITY CARPETS AND UNDERLAYS - HOME SELECTION SERVICE

Estimating • Planning & Fitting Service

With professional advice, personal service, select in your own home.

Your carpet can usually be fitted WITHIN DAYS - all it takes is a phone call!!

TELEPHONE JOHN TAYLOR

01485 544419 or 07889 403878



- Workshops • Garden Rooms • Sheds
- Garden Studios • Summerhouses • Garages

A huge selection of timber buildings to view at
our larger display site Common Road, Wiggshall
St Mary, King's Lynn PE34 3DL. Tel 01553 617124

 **CRANE**
SHEDS AND SUMMERHOUSES

www.craneshedsandsummerhouses.co.uk

Pumpkin Recipes from the Bluebell Cottage Kitchen

by Lindsey Davis

I like pumpkins, not for making lanterns, but for eating. They can be used in both sweet and savoury recipes. Was anyone else grieved to see all those pumpkins speared onto the fence posts at Knights Hill Roundabout last year? Such a waste! Here are some recipes to make use of this wonderful vegetable.

Spicy Pumpkin Marmalade - Makes approx 4 lb

Ingredients

2 large oranges (approx 500gm), 2 lemons (approx 250gm), 500g pumpkin (weighed after skin & seeds removed), 2 cinnamon sticks, 1 inch piece of root ginger, peeled and finely chopped, ¼ tsp ground nutmeg, 1pt water (if pressure cooking, 2pts if boiling), 1¼ kg granulated sugar

Chop oranges and lemons into small pieces discarding any pips. Chop pumpkin and put all these, plus the spices, into the pressure cooker with 1pt of water. Bring to pressure, cook 10 mins, then cool at room temperature. (If boiling, bring to boil and simmer for 2-2½ hrs until all fruit is soft. When cool (if pressure cooked) put cooked ingredients into a preserving pan, add another ½ pt of water; (if boiled then no need to cool or add more water). Add sugar and keep on a low heat until dissolved. Then bring to boiling point, cook 10-15 mins until setting point is reached. Pour into prepared jars, seal and label.

Pumpkin Soup - Serves 4

Ingredients

1 kg pumpkin (weighed with skin and seeds removed), 2 lge onions, 1 lge carrot, 2 vegetable stock cubes, ½ tsp ground coriander, ½ tsp ground nutmeg, 2 pts water

Chop all the vegetables. Put in large pan with stock cubes, spices and water. Bring to boil, simmer 15 – 20 mins until all ingredients soft. Then blitz in saucepan with handheld blender. Serve with fresh bread or hot buttered toast.

Pumpkin Pie - Serves 6 – 8

Ingredients

*Pastry - 175g plain flour, 125g butter, 1 tbsp cold water,
filling - 750g pumpkin (weighed with skin and seeds removed), 4 tbsp water, 125g soft brown sugar, ½ tsp ground ginger, ½ tsp ground cinnamon, pinch grated nutmeg, pinch ground cloves, 150ml single cream, 2 eggs*

Rub butter into flour, then add water and mix to a dough. Roll pastry out on floured board and put into 8-9 inch flan dish. Prick base then bake gas 6, 200°C for about 15 mins, until browned and crisp. Leave to cool. Cut pumpkin into small pieces and put in saucepan with water and cook gently with lid on until pumpkin is tender – about 20 mins. Put into colander and drain well, pressing gently with a spoon to extract as much water as possible. Put pumpkin into a bowl, mash with a fork, then add sugar, spices, cream and eggs. Mix well then pour into flan case and bake gas 4, 180°C for about 50 mins, until it is set. Serve hot or cold, with cream or ice cream. □



THAXTERS Garden Centre & Coffee Shop

49, Hunstanton Road, Dersingham. PE31 6NA
Tel: 01485 541514 www.thaxters.co.uk

Pansies

55p Each

Or

Tray of 18 for
£8.99

Erin 60ltr

Multi-purpose

Compost

3 for £10

Perennials

From

£1.59 each

Or

5 for £7.49

NEW!



Free to join

GARDEN CLUB REWARD CARD

Every time you make a purchase in the Garden Centre you earn points. The points are turned into vouchers that can be used to purchase anything in the garden centre.

To join simply fill in the application form below, cut it out and take it to the Garden Centre next time you are visiting and a card can be issued at the tills.

Application Form

Name(Please print full first and last name):-

Address:-

Post Code:-

Email:-

Telephone Number:-

Card No.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 8 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

*The information that you provide will only be used to administer the Reward scheme.

Dennis Wright

Born in Pansey Drive in Dersingham in 1954 the second son of Geoffrey and Doreen Wright, Dennis has retired from his position as retained Watch Manager at Sandringham Fire Station in Dersingham. The Fire Service was not his full time occupation as he also has his own garage, 'Dennis Wright Body Repairs' in Docking, so life has been busy.

Dennis went to school in the village at the then Primary School, which was later to become the Community Centre which has since closed, then onto St George's which was a secondary school at the time.

While at school he had a Saturday morning job delivering vegetables for his uncle who had a nursery on the green. On leaving school he signed up for an apprenticeship in car body repairing in King's Lynn, the Company was called Sillett's, the garage closed down and all staff were offered jobs by Tricentral another local garage. This garage is still there today on John Kennedy Road but has had many owners since, at the moment it's a car wash.

While carrying out his apprenticeship he took up the sport of speedway racing. At sixteen he was racing all around the country for 'Boston Barracudas' – he says it was great fun until he had an accident and his employers told him that he needed to finish his apprenticeship without any further arms in plasters and sling's! Not the injuries you need when working with your hands! He gave up racing and knuckled down to successfully completing his City & Guilds.

With these qualifications under his belt and another owner about to take over the garage again, he decided to work for himself and rented his first premises in the village at what was known as Nar Valley Garage. It was at this time he joined the Fire Service, with the intention of supplementing his income, but became hooked on it and if his business hadn't worked out he would have applied to be employed full time.

In those days the firemen carried a pager and a siren went off in the village when they were called out. Most of the firemen worked for Sandringham Estate, so being closer to the fire station meant he attended many incidents. He well recalls the summer of 1976 - lots of heath fires - water shortages and many of his customers waiting for their vehicles to be completed! The firemen were out for days. Nowadays crews from other stations in the area relieve as needed.

1976 was also the year that he met his wife Denise. More often than not it's when they were in the local pub having a meal or drink that he would receive a call to attend an incident.

In 1978 Dennis moved his body repair workshop from Dersingham to Docking as the workload grew. He still owns and works there in the High Street having many customers from Dersingham as well as customers from as far as Wells-Next-The-Sea and lots of work from other garages. He also serves London based customers who have holiday homes in the area. It is a very busy garage with three full time and two part-time members of staff, dealing with a mixture of trade, private and insurance work.

Dennis is a keen angler and likes to spend time fishing at local waters. He finds that sitting on a riverbank is very relaxing and gives him time to think about his busy schedule. Dennis says that he would not change much if he had a choice - he would still live in Dersingham. – as he thinks it's a great place to live and bring up children. He could not imagine having lived without being a fireman - but would have liked to see how successful he could have been with the speedway racing, as he feels that he gave up before his time.

One of the highlights of his career was when, four years ago, he was photographed with the Queen at Sandringham (See page 15).

Dennis believes that the time has come for a younger man to step into his shoes and is looking forward to spending much more time with his wife Denise and 14-year-old daughter Mesha. The Dersingham Village Voice wishes them all well.□



Bob Tipling



Dersingham Minors

Dersingham Minors football club held their presentation day on the field open to the weather, and yes we had to have some rain again just to spoil the day a little bit, we are either going to split this day so as to find somewhere inside or carry on grinning and putting up with it. All team members received a squad trophy. ABR are POTY = Player of the Year [parents and spectators votes] PPOTY = Players Player of the Year and the Managers Performer is a player who has stood out all season without getting any recognition. The Under 10s won both league and cup. Our under 11B team won their league the under 12 were runners up in the cup and the under 13 girl finished runners up in the league.

U6 Award Given for attitude and behaviour Managers most improved Jack Bolderstone U7

POTY Finlay Hewson PPOTY George Waddison/Josh Seal MANAGERS Luke Graves

U8 POTY Lewis Huckle PPOTY Jake Lammas MANAGERS Joe Denton

U9 POTY Luke Batterham PPOTY Adam Simmonds MANAGERS Jacob Hewson

U10 POTY Lewis Freestone PPOTY Kale Heath MANAGERS Joseph Mayes

U11G POTY Emily Collison PPOTY Ella Humphreys Michaela Brown

Managers Emelia Dawes

U11a POTY Ben Simmonds PPOTY Oily Reynolds Managers Ryan Sibbons

Most improved Harry Carlton

U11b POTY Connor Daniels PPOTY Danny Wright Managers Tom Bennett

U12 POTY Jamie White PPOTY Luke Scott Managers Robert Howes

U13G POTY Winona Lee PPOTY Atlanta Stevenson Managers the team

U13 POTY Luke Biggs PPOTY Alex Collison MANAGERS Joe Collison

U14 POTY Tom Carlton PPOTY Tom Carlton MANAGERS Brad Ely

U15G POTY Emma Corbyn PPOTY Gemma Moore Managers Paige Havers

Most Improved Rosie Page Most player of the matches Leah Akers

U15 POTY Lee Woolmore PPOTY Jon Berry managers Sam Ely

U17G PPOTY Becca Neesham MANAGERS POTY Keeley Oquigley

Manager of the Year Rob Taylor

Club person of the year for the JAMIE GRIFFIN TROPHY the winners were Kevin Minns and Darren White...

The Committee would like to thank all those who helped on the day and all the season. Many thanks to everyone collecting the Tesco vouchers this year, this goes towards equipment for the minors boys and girls

Watch out for forthcoming events such as Car Boots, Bingos and Fun days. PARENTS please be proud enough to get the yearly cups and shields engraved Dewhursts in Norfolk St, King's Lynn is the one the club uses.

We held 2 tournaments this year 1 in July and 1 in August. The winners in July were under 13 girls Hungate runnersup Dersingham

under 15s girls winners Wisbech St Mary Purple runners up Wisbech St Mary Yellows ,

under 12 boys winners Reffley runners up Clenchwarton.

under 13s boys winners Woodston runners up Holbeach under 14 boys winners Holbeach

runners up Fakenham under 15 boys winners Dersingham runners up East Lynn.

In August under 7 and 8 cannot play competitive football so all players received a memento

for the day. under 9 winners Wasps {Whittlesey} runners up Downham under 10 winners

Reffley runnersup Heacham under 11 winners Dersingham runnersup West Winch black

under 12 winners Dersingham A runners up Dersingham B

The Committee would like to thank Mr R Stanton, sponsors, advertises and the many helpers on the 2 days.

We are running a ladies team this year anyone interested in playing or just joining for fitness call Steve on 07984475212.□



SCRAPPY Cat Crafts

Classes in CARD Making & Painting
Personalised CARDS Made to ORDER

Art &
Craft

Supplies

www.scrappycatcrafts.co.uk

01485 542649

43 Lynn RD
Snettisham

Open 10 - 4
Tuesday - Friday
10 - 2 Saturday



Station Road Garage



33 Station Road, Heacham, Norfolk PE31 7EX

☎ 01485 570259 / 07500337603

www.stationroadgarageheacham.co.uk

Mechanical Repairs - Servicing - Welding - Exhausts
Tyres - Clutches - Diagnostics - Car Sales - Air Con Repair & Service
Collection & Delivery - Accessory Shop
State of the Art MOT Bay - MOT Repairs



We are currently transforming homes in your area

Factory Direct Windows

Norfolk Limited

Call for a FREE quote 01553 778890

3 Maple Road, Saddlebow Industrial Estate,
King's Lynn, PE34 3AH

Windows
Doors
Conservatories
Coloured Foils
Bi-folding Doors
Sash Windows
Patio Doors
French Doors
'A' Rated Windows
Small Building Works
Soffits & Guttering
Flat Roof
Refurbishments





Quality & Service at it's best

Solid Oak Flooring
Fully Installed

Laminate Flooring
Quick Step

Natural Floorings
Sisal, Seagrass, Coir, Jute & Mountain Grass

Vinyls
10 rolls of quality Rhino Floor Vinyls in stock now at unbeatable prices

Rugs
Traditional Hand Knotted persian rugs and hand carved chinese/Indian rugs

Carpets
1000's of samples to choose from. Stock ranges include 80/20 wool twists, and felt backed loop piles ideal for rental properties



Guy Playford's Supreme Carpets & Rugs

The Home Selection Specialists
Foresters Hall, Manor Road, Dersingham
Tel: 01485 542384
Visit our website www.supreme-carpets.co.uk

Showroom open:
Mon to Fri 11am - 5pm
Sat 10am - 2pm



WardGethin

SOLICITORS & NOTARIES

We specialise in:

Wills
Probate
Trusts
Company Commercial

Personal Injury
Conveyancing
Family
Employment

Home visits by appointment

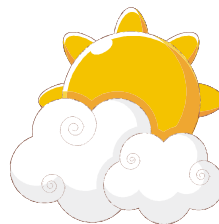
King's Lynn Office:
10-12 Tuesday Market Place
King's Lynn
Norfolk
01553 660033

www.wardgethin.co.uk

Swaffham Office:
11 London Street
Swaffham
Norfolk

01760 721992

The Dersingham Weather observed by John F. Murray



I struggled to think of an icon to sum up the weather for July and August this year. There was such a difference between the two months but eventually I decided on the one above.

In July we once again had a lot of cloud cover but the rain never materialized. What rain we did have came at the very end of the month but even then there was precious little. We only had 25mm for the whole of the month. For those not metrically minded that is one inch! In 2008 we had 85.9mm and last July we had a huge 106.2mm. Temperatures were higher this July than in previous years. This July we averaged 19.1°C with a high of 31.4°C. Last year the mean temperature was only 17 with a high of 30.4 and in 2008 the mean was 17.5 with a maximum of only 29.8; that makes a more or less steady increase year on year. The combination of lack of rain and higher temperatures ensured that watering the fruit and vegetables was a challenge. My water butts were empty in no time causing me to have to get the hose pipe out for the first time in a long while. As a result, for me at least, it has not been a good year for garden produce.

Before I leave July I have to report that there were over 400 hits on the weather information web site for the village in that month. This is far more than for any other month since I started these articles.

August was, as I have already mentioned, in complete contrast. The average, or mean, temperature was 16.2° with a high of 26.5° whereas last year the mean was 18.1° with a high of 28.4°; in other words, colder by a couple of degrees. The lowest recorded this August was a meagre 5.2° and last August it was 8.6°. The rainfall in August this year was the highest I have recorded since keeping records; October 2007 being the first month. We had a total of 113.2mm, or four and a half inches. This compares to 37.6mm last year and 91.4mm in 2008. The water butts are now full again, but we don't need as much in the garden at this time of the year!

So what about global warming? Research has shown that the Middle Ages were warmer than the present time. Examination of such things as tree rings and contemporary reports of growing food shows that from the 9th to the 14th century it was noticeably warmer. At the end of this period there was a mini ice age when temperatures fell, never to get back to the previous levels. Therefore, if accurate meteorological records were started only around a hundred years ago they will never take in to account that weather. It's all down to where your starting point is. If you then look at the age of the earth, we have been keeping records for an extremely short part of it's life. You may wish therefore to draw your own conclusions on the accuracy of the climate change theory. I am not saying that it is not happening, there are people out there dedicating their lives to this subject. Although I agree we should not be putting undesirable things into the atmosphere I am not convinced that man is solely to blame. The Middle Ages were not exactly the height of industrial activity. The world population was considerably less than it is today and still there was climate change. I am trying not to be controversial, but those are my thoughts on the subject.

In my next article I hope to be telling you of a beautiful Indian Summer. But don't hold your breath.□

Dersingham Parish Council Office Opening Times

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

7b Hunstanton Road, Dersingham PE31 6HH

Tel: 01485 541465 E-mail: dersinghampc@tiscali.co.uk

Orange Trade Refuse Sacks - £50 inc. VAT per roll of 25,

Tags for Black Refuse Sacks £1.00 each, Doggy bags - £3.00 + VAT per 100
can be obtained at the Council Office during the above times.

IMPRESSIONS

HAIR & BEAUTY SALON

Alma Road, Snettisham

Newly Extended

Now Offering the following :

- Complete Range in Hairdressing
 - Top to Toe in Beauty Therapy
 - Sienna X Spray Tanning
 - Reflexology, Reiki
 - Indian Head Massage
 - Ear Piercing
 - Gel Nails & Nail Art
- And Much Much More!!**

For The Men - Traditional Wet Shave Facials

Gift Vouchers Available

Open 6 Days

For More Information Telephone 01485 543193



www.suttonsestateagency.co.uk

4, Post Office Road, Dersingham,
Norfolk, PE31 6HP

“Linking the villages”

Property sales details with
professionally drawn floor plans,
maps and colour photographs.

Property details also available at
Heacham and Snettisham

contact us on: 01485 570030

e-mail: info@suttonsestateagency.co.uk

www.jacksons-shoes.co.uk

our selection of wide
fitting footwear
is now
complemented by
our range of fair
trade clothing
and bags

73 Westgate
Hunstanton
01485 533723



extra wide extra deep footwear

THE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OF SANDRINGHAM

by Maggie Gray

The Royal estate of Sandringham is a well-known attraction for visitors to the area, it's annual events like the Flower Show are always well-attended and getting more colourful by the year it seems. The woods are a favourite walking place for locals especially, offering peace and quiet, and now sculpture trails too. Little remains now of the thriving flax industry which was begun here in the 1930's and continued until the mid-1950's, or of the Technical Schools.

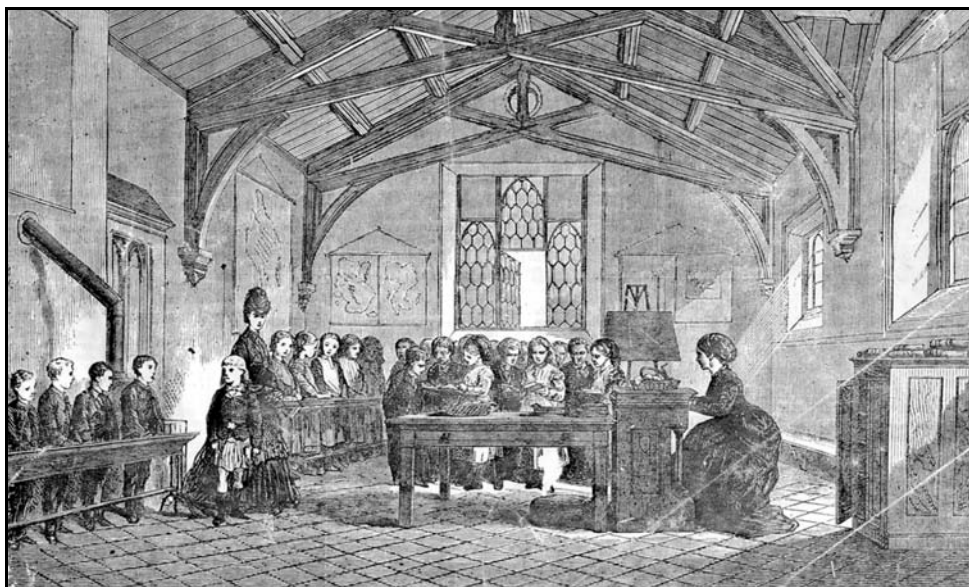
These schools were established in the 1880's to provide training for local young people, and an income as well. Queen Alexandra was well aware of the benefits of technical education having seen it at its best in her own country, and when she and the King settled at Sandringham on their marriage, they set about improving living conditions for people living within the bounds of their estate, and the Technical Schools were part of this plan for improvement.

The boys, under the instruction of a Mr Schwan, were taught metal-work, carving and furniture-making, and although examples of their work were sold through the Army and Navy Stores, as well as Harrods, and were also exhibited, the school was forced to close in the 1950's due to there not being sufficient demand for these handmade items. Keeping the school open was no longer a viable proposition and so the decision was made to close it down.

There was a school for girls as well, but this was even shorter lived. It was set up at the same time as the boys' school, and although there doesn't appear to be any reference to when it officially closed, the last recorded mention of it was dated 1908.

Just as it was important for the local boys to have a trade, so Queen Alexandra felt it equally important that girls be taught something useful, from which they could earn a living if they had to, and so the girls school came into being. This was aimed especially at young ladies who were unsuitable for the strenuous life of domestic work, or who were perhaps not able to leave the family home, where they may have been responsible for helping with siblings, or parents who were ageing or in poor health. The training they would receive would enable them to work from home, or to seek work as ladies maids if this was possible.

Fraulein Nodel, the German governess to the young Princesses of Wales, was first put in charge of the school, which was housed in a charming building near to the church on the estate. Here she taught the domestic skills of housework and cookery, and later, following a proposal put forward by



the Queen, spinning. In fact, the Queen was amongst the first pupils, and it was perhaps this which encouraged girls and ladies from the village to attend also. Spinning seems to have become so popular at the time, that it became the main subject being taught at the school, which became known as the Spinning School.

The spinning was conducted in a large room, along with weaving, and later on, other forms of needlework. The wool used came from the flock of sheep reared on the estate, and it is reported that even the clippings from the Queen's favourite brown spaniel were dressed and used as well. By the early 1900's, there were lady managers at the school who lived in the building, and who taught 'artistic needlework', dress-making, knitting, crochet and drawn linen work, as well as spinning. The young ladies were taught free of charge, but as they gained experience and became more expert they were paid, for in order to be self-sufficient to some extent, and not be solely reliant on the beneficence of the Queen, orders were taken for the exquisite garments that were designed and made here. Baby clothes and ladies undergarments in linen seem to have been the most popular, and socks knitted from the spun wool were sent to the Seaman's Mission, of which the Queen was a supporter.

Each year, at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition held at the Albert Hall, work from this school was exhibited and sold, which helped with the income for the school.

By the time the young girls had finished their training, they were equipped to to seek work for themselves, working from home if that was all that was available to them, doing dressmaking and also spinning and weaving, which were seen then as being more feasible as cottage industries than might be supposed. Spinning wheels and looms, though fairly expensive today, were relatively cheap and as easy to obtain as sewing machines – a loom could be purchased for just a few pounds at the time, and the cost quickly recovered from the sales of handmade goods. With the resurgence of interest these days in handmade craft items such as those made by the boys and girls of the Technical Schools, it is a shame that they don't still exist.□

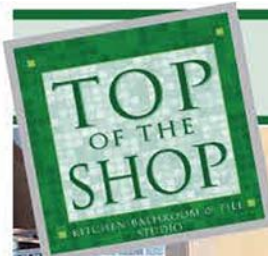
Winter Warmer Worship

During the winter months we are hoping to offer a series of sessions of relaxed guitar led worship with refreshments in St Nicholas Church from 3 to 4pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month starting on 14th November 2010.

Please contact *Steve Davis* on 543138 (or email steve@davista.co.uk) for further details.□

| Village Voice Sudoku No 14 | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 9 | | | | | | | 1 |
| | 8 | | | 1 | | 7 | | |
| | | 5 | | 8 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 5 |
| | 7 | 1 | | | 6 | | | |
| 2 | | | 4 | | | 8 | 9 | |
| | 5 | | | 4 | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | 1 | | | 6 |
| | | 8 | | 5 | | 3 | | |

**Orchard Close Social Club has
Bingo every Monday at 1.45pm and
a coffee morning every Friday at
9.45 in the communal hall. Local
groups can rent the hall at a low
cost and we welcome warmly any
groups that are going to be of
benefit to the tenants who live here.
For more information please
contact Candice Nice the Scheme
Manager on: 01485 533574
or pop in.**



KITCHENS *designed for life* BATHROOMS *stylish and affordable*



TRADITIONAL & CONTEMPORARY KITCHENS UNITS

BATHROOM SUITES

CERAMIC WALL & FLOOR TILES

WALLPAPER PATTERN BOOKS

FULL DESIGN & FITTING SERVICE AVAILABLE

REPLACEMENT WORKTOPS, SINKS

New Showroom located on ground floor beside Heacham Building Supplies
42 Station Road, Heacham. PE31 7EY

01485 571367
www.topoftheshop.co.uk

Open: Mon-Fri 9-1 2-4.30
Sat 9-1

PR-HEAT

GAS SERVICES


GAS • OIL • LPG

Servicing, breakdowns, boiler changes etc.
Local, reliable and competitive.

Call Nick on
01485 570658
07917 832311



The Birches



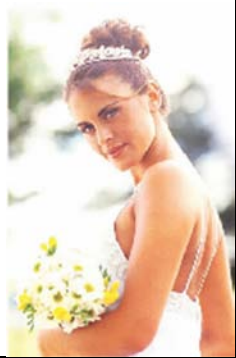
An affordable country location at Bircham Newton in North West Norfolk, fully licensed for civil ceremonies, offering flexible tailor-made arrangements by our experienced wedding co-ordinators.

We will manage your day from start to finish so that you can relax and enjoy every moment.

Complimentary accommodation for the bride and groom plus en suite guest accommodation at very reasonable rates.

We pride ourselves on providing a personalised service and will make your day extra special whatever your budget.

Call now to discuss what we can do for you
0800 2800343
www.thebirches.org.uk
Email: the.birches@cskills.org



davista steve@davista.co.uk
Steve Davis www.davista.co.uk
07885 721158

for help with computing, digital photography, video, audio and CD/DVD production, customised greeting & business card production, small scale printing work. Also singer/guitarist and occasional ukulele player!

www.daviscraft.co.uk
lindsey@davista.co.uk

daviscraft
Lindsey Davis

for delicious marmalades, jams & chutneys and handicrafts including knitting, machine sewing & embroidery.

Contact either of us on 01485 543138

BELTON DUFFEY

ESTATE AGENTS, LETTING AGENTS AND VALUERS

THE REGIONAL AGENTS WITH NATIONAL MARKETING

KING'S LYNN OFFICE 01553 770055

LETTINGS 01553 660866

Email: info@beltonduffey.com

www.beltonduffey.com

Offices also at Fakenham, Wells Next-The-Sea and London



Steve's Taxi Service

Licensed To Carry Up To 8 People
Excellent Wheelchair Access Facilities
Available For Local & Contract Work Along
With Airport Runs & Hospital Transfers
Servicing Dersingham And Local Area
Friendly Helpful Service

Telephone:
01485 540019

Mobile:
07983 556306

Email: info@stevestaxiservice.co.uk
Web: www.stevestaxiservice.co.uk

David Bingham

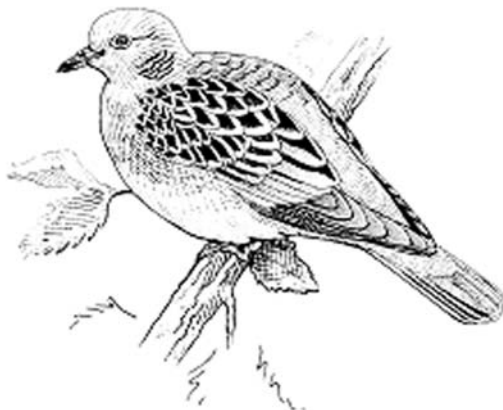
Summer highlights

The number and variety of butterflies and bumblebees visiting the gardens of Dersingham this summer was much lower than usual. This is likely to be down to the weather conditions at some critical point in their life cycles and, with a bit of luck, things should be back to normal next year. Of more concern are the declines in the populations of bird species that were once locally common. I didn't hear a cuckoo in Dersingham this year. The only ones I saw or heard were on nature reserves rather than out in the wider countryside. I also only saw a solitary spotted flycatcher and that was in Peter's Dale, Derbyshire. It has been quite a few years since I last saw a spotted flycatcher in Norfolk. But not everything has been doom and gloom and the summer has certainly had some local wildlife highlights.

Nightjar watching on the Dersingham Nature Reserve has been very enjoyable and was made even more so on one particular evening in midsummer when glow-worms appeared in higher numbers than usual. It doesn't matter how many glow-worms I see I can't resist stopping to take a closer look. They are actually female beetles and their bioluminescent glow attracts males of the species that are out patrolling the dark heath in search of a *green light*.

I also discovered the home range of the white admiral butterflies that have been seen on occasions in Dersingham. They are plentiful in Ken Hill wood and I went on a couple of walks to see them. White admirals are very distinctive butterflies with a characteristic gliding flight reminiscent of many tropical butterfly species. They lay their eggs on honeysuckle and seem to prefer the straggly strands that add to the jungle feel with their liana like appearance. I found them in abundance along the woodland rides after walking in a generally easterly direction from the Ken Hill car park on Beach Road, Snettisham. You will have to wait until next July to see white admirals but they are worth seeking out. Look for adults feeding on bramble flowers or coming down to the edge of muddy puddles in search of salts. They often rest with wings spread allowing a good view of their upper wing patterning. We may get them in the woods around Dersingham soon providing the muntjacs leave enough understorey vegetation for them to feed on.

My final summer highlight came as a bigger surprise than the white admirals. For much of the summer we were serenaded by the soft purring call of a turtle dove perched on our chimney pot. Turtle doves are classier relatives of the ubiquitous collared dove. They have tortoiseshell coloured upper wing coverts, a blush pink breast and appear to be wearing the eye makeup of an Egyptian queen. My wife saw our dove land on the ground in the back garden – a treat that I missed (that will teach me to wash up more often). Turtle doves are normally farmland birds and their population has been in steady decline in recent years. This is probably because of a combination of factors; changing farming methods, changes to their African wintering grounds and shooting during migration. Gone are the days when flocks of 500 could be seen locally as happened at Snettisham in 1976. This year I saw four others; one from a train window near Littleport, two on a Lincolnshire farm and a dead one in the gutter opposite the old Snettisham toll house. I assume that our turtle dove was nesting somewhere close by but we didn't see any young. I hope that young were hatched and fledged and the family are now safely snoozing in the palm trees of a Saharan oasis. We would certainly be happy to see them back next summer. □



SJP

SOLICITORS

37 Greevegate Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6AB

- DIVORCE
- WILLS
- LANDLORD AND TENANT
(PRIVATE OR BUSINESS)
- COMMERCIAL LEASE
- PROBATE
- EMPLOYMENT
- CO-HABITATION
- CONVEYANCING
- PERSONAL INJURY
- DEBT
- CIVIL LITIGATION

*Legal Services Commission Franchised Firm
So Public Funding may be available*

FREE HALF HOUR

E-MAIL sjpsols@btconnect.com

Office Hours *Tel: 01485 532662*
9-1 and 2-5pm *Fax: 01485 534802*

Monday - Friday

Greetings from the manse



Æthelred the Unready was someone we learned about at school who served as a reminder either to be on your toes or be prepared or more accurately and nearer to the old english *ræd*, meaning counsel, advice, to which the name refers, to give more thought to the consequences of your actions. In the case of Æþelræd Unræd, he is nick-named literally the “ill advised” or badly counselled, a pun on the meaning of his name in old english, *æðele- ræd* meaning “noble-advice.” His policies and actions

were none too successful. The history books tell the tale that Æthelred paid money to the Danes, who were raiding and settling England in the 10th century, to keep them quiet, a payment recorded as danegeld. Alas this only served to make matters worse. Poor old Æthelred could have done with a better publicist, or better still to have lived up to his name and listened to better counsel and acted more wisely.

In my daily life I am conscious of the name that I am privileged to carry as a Christian, the name of Christ. This makes me conscious of a number of things. I am conscious that in Jesus, God makes available to me all that is needed for salvation without me having to do anything beyond believing and accepting this precious gift. I am also aware that in company with Jesus in a daily relationship there is made available to me a life of peace and love. It’s not that I have got all the answers or that I’m better than anyone else. Not a bit of it. That really would be poor advice and bad counsel. No, from personal experience over many years, I have concluded that the Christian way and life may not be the only way but it is the best life and Christ is the best way, the way of self giving love. Equally to my shame I am all too aware of the times when I do not live up to the name and the honour of the one who calls men and women to follow him. Though we may fail and fall and turn our back on him, he never gives up on us and in trust I believe that the power of the love of the crucified and risen one is stronger than sin and death.

If you want some “*æðele- ræd*”, ask him into your life!

With every blessing, Kim Nally



Dersingham Methodist Church

We look forward to welcoming you to our regular events as follows:

Coffee mornings, Saturday 10.00 a.m. 25th Sept., 23rd Oct., 27th Nov.

Lunch at the Chapel Monday 12.15 p.m. 4th Oct., 1st Nov.

Our Autumn Coffee and Chat sessions commence on Thursday 14th October, 11.00 a.m. - 12 noon and will be held fortnightly.

Come along and share in the thought provoking discussions on a wide range of subjects. □

Further information from Elizabeth Batstone, tel: 541068.



Rossiters

Good reasons to deal locally

- Highly personal service
- Cars found to order, from as low as £2000
- Part exchange taken regardless of age and mileage
- Warranty. We **want** you back if there's a problem!
- Relaxed environment, no pressure
- The best coffee in the village!
- **Above all, you're not just a number**

Manor Road, Dersingham. 01485 540000

www.rossiters.net

Dersingham Library

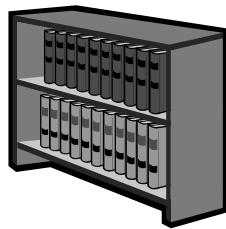
Library events for this autumn/winter

Stormin' Normans - Thursday 23 September 5.30 – 7.00pm

Find out fascinating, funny and surprising things about Norman life, make your own Norman shield and Bayeux tapestry.

Suitable for 7-11 year olds.

Places are limited so please book by calling the library on 540181



Coastal Heritage Tuesday 14 September 2.00pm

A talk by Richard Hoggett, Norfolk's Coastal Heritage Project Officer. This is a free event, but places are limited so please book in advance

Stormin' Normans 5.30 – 7.00pm Thursday 23 September

Find out fascinating, funny and surprising things about Norman life, make your own Norman shield and Bayeux tapestry. Suitable for 7-11 year olds.

Places are limited so please book by calling the library on 01485 540181

Norfolk In Film Friday 24 September 2.30pm

Presented by Geoff Osborne of East Anglian Film Archive. The event is free but places are limited so please book in advance.

Crime book Club - Tuesday 12th October at 6pm. New members are always welcome

Beast Quest evening - Thursday 28 October 5.30 – 7.00pm

Choose your own beast name, design your own beast, and test your knowledge of the Beast Quest world with quizzes and games. Suitable for 7-11 year olds. Places are limited so please book by calling 01485 540181

Pre-school storytime every from Thursday morning from 10.30 – 11.00am, starting on 2 September until 16 December

Alison

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Tuesday 28th September, 7.30pm

“The Natural History and Management of Dersingham Bog”

A talk by Ash Murray (Natural England)

Tuesday 26th October

“Nepal – A Himalayan Journey”, by Tim Loseby (Limosa Travel)

Tuesday 30th November

“Everything you need to know about Mediterranean Gulls, followed by India - In search of Birds & Tigers”, by Allan Hale (NarVOS)

Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart Convent School, Mangate Street, Swaffham
Visitors (£2) and new members most welcome

Come along to find out about our monthly outdoor bird-watching trips and other events.

NEWS FROM ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



At the end of July, around thirty members of the parish made a pilgrimage to Peterborough Cathedral. It was a memorable occasion, as Fr James was able to celebrate Mass for us in this impressive and ancient building, and afterwards we had a conducted tour led by friendly and knowledgeable guides. For many of us, it was a first visit to this cathedral, but all of us found new items of interest and most of us left resolving to visit again.

Our Rosary Group meets every Monday at the church to pray for the needs of the parish and the wider area, and especially for those who are sick and housebound. Several members of the group met for tea in early August, and are pictured below.

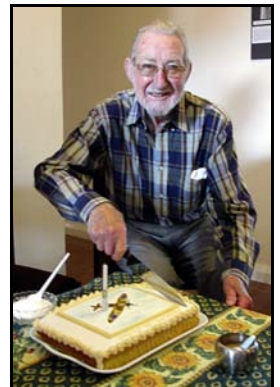
It has been good to welcome so many visitors to our services and social events over the summer – both old friends and those new to the area. We have been able to celebrate important birthdays with two members of the parish – Ron Farrell was ninety years old in July, and Joyce Whitting celebrated her eightieth birthday in mid-August, and then Fr James celebrated his birthday with us at the end of August. We all enjoyed the celebrations and the spectacular cakes made by Sue Gostling.



On October 16th we will be holding our autumn Ladies Lunch at St Cecilia's, starting at 12noon. Ladies from the area are most welcome to join us. There is no charge, we just ask you to bring food to share. If you would like a ticket, please contact Sue Walker on 01485 533199.

We are always happy to welcome visitors to our services, whether from the local area or from further afield. Refreshments are served after the 9am Mass at St Cecilia's (next to Budgen's) on the first Sunday of the month. We also have a friendly and informal gathering after the 10.15am Mass on Wednesdays. Do come and visit – we'd love to see you. □

Tricia Steel



SHAUN BERYCZ UPVC

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WINDOWS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FASCIA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISTED SEALED UNITS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOORS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GUTTER | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY GLAZING |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATORIES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARPORTS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HANDLES & LOCKS |

TOP QUALITY PRODUCTS FITTED TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS AT THE LOWEST PRICES

Over 14 years' experience – fully insured – free quotes

Fast friendly professional service

Telephone – 01553 828270 or Mobile – 07725 634702

Email – shaunberycz@btinternet.com

Check out my website – www.s-b-upvc.co.uk

DOORS FITTED FROM £370.00 **FASCIAS REPLACED FROM £30.00 PER MTR**



Handyman

Neill Murray

Fully insured &
Age Concern registered

No job too small

Multiple small jobs welcomed

Very reasonable rates

Free quotes

01485 540779

07856 568433



Catherine Brinton

Beauty Therapy

Tel: 01485 541954

Mob: 07900 807158

e-mail: brinton562@btinternet.com

Manicures and Pedicures

Paraffin Wax

Facial Treatments

Make-up

Eyelash and Eyebrow Treatments

Waxing

Indian Head Massage

NIGEL RUSHMER HOME MAINTENANCE

YOUR LOCAL HANDYMAN FROM SNETTISHAM
ANY MAINTENANCE JOBS CONSIDERED
KITCHEN/BATHROOM INSTALLATIONS/TILING
GENERAL PLUMBING/REPAIRS
DECORATING/DOORS
GATES AND FENCING
01485 541563 / MOB; 07949162101

CLEAN-THRU

**CARPET & UPHOLSTERY
CLEANING**
YOUR LOCAL PROFESSIONAL
For a FREE Quotation Call Gary
01485 540555

Burrells

*Chartered Taxation Advisers
Chartered Certified Accountants
Registered Auditors*

**We are a local firm specialising in taxation and
financial matters for individuals and families**

**Jubilee House, Jubilee Court
Dersingham PE31 6HH**

*Tel: (01485) 540295 Fax: (01485) 544469
E-Mail: burrells@btconnect.com
www.burrellsaccountants.co.uk*

John Lincoln

*Funeral Director
A FAMILY BUSINESS*

*Dedicated Chapels of Rest
Head Office:
40 Greevegate
Hunstanton
Norfolk PE36 6AB
Hunstanton 01485 534421
Hunstanton 01485 533440*



*Day and Night service
38 Manor Road
Dersingham
Norfolk PE31 6LH
Dersingham 01485 540270
Fax 01485 534315*

HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD

Patrick Reddy

In 1939, when it was realised that England was at war with Germany, a proclamation went out throughout the Empire requesting volunteers to serve in the armed forces. On the 2nd of December 1939 Vice Admiral Sir Humphrey Walwyn, the Governor of Newfoundland and its provinces made a similar proclamation and 400 young men between 25 and 35 years of age volunteered to serve. Early in 1940 these men boarded the ship 'Duchess Of Richmond' and sailed for Liverpool.

On arriving in May 1940 they travelled to Staplefield, Sussex where they joined the 57th Newfoundland Heavy Artillery Unit for their initial training. In July, part of the regiment were posted to Jannochs Hall in Dersingham and they set up a line of 25 pounder Artillery Guns on the hill at Wolferton. Later the 400 served with great distinction in North Africa and Italy, losing many of their comrades along the way. Later the 57th became the 166th Newfoundland Field Regiment, Royal Artillery in 1941 when King George VI became Honorary Colonel.

Obviously by this time almost all of the young men in Dersingham had left to join up and so this influx of young foreigners was seen as 'manna from heaven' by the young village females and with sheer horror by their parents. Along with these lads came several who would meet and marry local girls and so became part of the evolving history of Dersingham. Those that actually stayed in Dersingham were..... Jeremiah (Gerry) Reddy, William.C (Bill) Quick, John Prowse and Eddie Billard. Also G. Graham Crosbie who lived near the Station in Wolferton.

These guys with their girls produced 12 children (and many grandchildren) who are now part of Local Norfolk Life.....Definitely a case of 'Lock up your daughters, the Newfie's are coming' !!

My wife Lyn and I have now lived in Cyprus for almost 4 years, and along with the sunshine and the leisurely pace of life, one of the things that is really pleasing is our get-togethers with Mr & Mrs Dersingham, Bernie and Rosemary Twite. Every few weeks we have a salad lunch and a couple of beers together...

We both have a very long association with Dersingham my maternal grandfather having built his house on Pansey Drive when he got married at the end of Queen Victoria's reign and of course Wallace, Bernie's dad was a leading member of the Dersingham scene all his life. My Dad (Gerry) worked with Wallace on Sandringham Estate and as they both were based at the Woodyard (Near St George's School) they became very good friends. As Bernie was born at the beginning of the second world war and me at the end, we were both children and teenagers in Dersingham during the 1950's and 1960's. In my humble opinion the best times the world has, or is likely to see. We have spent many hours chatting about the characters of the village. who owned what, who lived where, who married who etc!! Of course when we were children Dersingham was a relatively small village. this would be before any real development took place, and we really felt a sense of protectionism about it and any incomers were viewed with some suspicion. I remember that if we went anywhere away from the centre of the village, by the time we got home my parents would know where we had been, such as the village 'grapevine'. When we were teenagers(pre bypass days) all the traffic from King's Lynn going to or from Hunstanton came through the village so we all congregated on Lynford's Corner, smoking our 'Woodbines' and 'ogling' all the girls that came by. Elvis and Cliff's music was all the rage and we had live beat groups playing in the village. Wow, what 'Happy Days'. When I was about 16 I first started to frequent Joe Jary's Bar at Jannochs Hall. The lads of my age would spend many happy hours playing snooker and billiards and cards...of course we wouldn't drink any alcohol would we?? Today the village is thriving and of course with the increased housing the character has changed so please forgive us if we look back with perhaps some regret about 'progress'.

There is a very long list of my pals from the 50's and 60's who I've lost touch with over the years and if any would like to get in touch, please do so. I am on Facebook as Patrick Reddy and my e mail is patrickreddy@tiscali.co.uk ☐

Brian R Goodison

Associate of the Chartered Institute of Building

**Carpentry, Joinery, Plumbing
& Building Maintenance**

Fitted Kitchens - Bathrooms - Wardrobes

No Job Too Small

Tel:- 01485 600551 or 07949 301512



Foot Health Care Practitioner

Get your routine foot & nail care
in the comfort of your own home
1st visit only £10.00

Ingrown Toe Nails

Hard Skin Removal

Verrucae Treatment

Athlete's Foot

Nail Reduction

Corns & Callous Reduction

Also Pedicures & Reflexology available

**For Appointments
Please Call Debra on
07879 264060**

Mr. James E. Kemp

B.Sc., D.C., M.R.C. (& Associates)

REGISTERED OSTEOPATHS

FREE ASSESSMENTS

JUBILEE COURT DERSINGHAM

Tel: 01485 541210

'PRIVATE HEALTH RECOGNISED'

FENLAND *Garage Doors*

The area's most comprehensive
range of manual and
automatic doors.

Installation and Repairs

**PROUD TO SAY MORE THAN
HALF OUR NEW CUSTOMERS
COME TO US BY
RECOMMENDATION**

King's Lynn 01553 650005

Hunstanton 01485 580008

Showroom 01366 378481

www.fenlandgaragedoors.co.uk



01485 543806

DAVID DOWNING MBWCMG

CLOCK AND JEWELLERY REPAIRS

COMMISSION JEWELLERY MADE

**I HAVE MOVED MY WORKSHOP FROM SEAMANS
JEWELLERS IN KING'S LYNN AND AM NOW AT**

**THE CABIN
HALL FARM
BRICKLEY LANE
INGOLDISTHORPE
KING'S LYNN
PE31 6PF**

TEL. 07812199160



I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING CUSTOMERS OLD AND NEW

The Power of a simple gift - Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse 2010

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Christmas appeal. Over 1 million shoeboxes packed full of goodies get sent to children in Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe every year - giving someone in the UK the chance to directly impact on the life of disadvantaged children overseas.

Last year we in Dersingham donated over 300 shoeboxes which was a wonderful response. If you would like to take part in this years project our church will be promoting the appeal at our Harvest Festival Service on 10th October when leaflets will be available at the back of the church with some shoeboxes for you to take. Others can be obtained from the shoe shop in the village who kindly save their empty boxes for us. You can contact me on 01485-540491 for leaflets and any help you need. Basically you cover a shoebox with attractive paper and fill it with gifts suitable for a boy or girl a sticker is supplied for you to attach -you tick a box stating 2-4 yr old, 5-9 or 10-14yr old. Information on what can and cannot be put in the box is given on the leaflet.

Can I suggest that perhaps two or three friends get together to fill boxes as often the most economical way to buy pencils, crayons, rubbers,etc is in a multi pack -tennis balls are often in 3's for example. If you bear in mind these children often have nothing please consider putting in things like balls and skipping ropes which give hours of pleasure and last a long time.

A very sobering thought - not only may your gift be the only one the child receives this Christmas but the only gift ever!

Budgens Supermarket have again kindly offered to be a collection point for the filled boxes during the last week in November so you can easily drop one in there when shopping.

Thank you for your support. There is a website for more information
www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Joan Scora, St Nicholas Church



Joan has also produced this photo of a Scout Fete Float in the 70's. Called "Flower Power" it was one of many done by Dersingham's NSPCC Committee, which ran for many years raising lots of money for the charity by running dances and other events and having lots of fun in the process.

Anybody want to own up to being in the picture?□

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

July brought another successful Flower Festival under the title “Trips, Travels and Adventures” and the Festival finished with a rousing Songs of Praise Service with the Snettisham Salvation Army Band.

Visitors come from near and far to enjoy the Festival and soak up the wonderful music from the visiting musicians playing in the church.

No sooner had we finished this than we were into Music in Country Churches – another wonderful two days with 3 concerts. On the Tuesday evening we had the Patron His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales attending with the Duchess of Cornwall.

Music in Country Churches was set up as a charitable trust in 1989 with the active support of the Prince of Wales. The Trust has two aims; to arrange weekends of music in rural churches of exceptional beauty and interest and to raise funds thereby to assist those churches with the costs of their repair and maintenance.



St Nicholas Church was asked to hold the Concerts in aid of St Mary's Church, Anmer as they are too small a church to hold such an event needing to seat 400 people.

The Prince and Duchess were welcomed by the Vicar the Reverend Michael Brock and his wife Carolyn with the Bishop of Lynn and his wife also in attendance, they were then introduced to the two Churchwardens of St Nicholas Church, Mr Neil Adams and Mrs Rita Mathews. At the interval they were introduced to the two Churchwardens of St Mary's Anmer, Mr Nicholas Coleman and Mr William Walker. They then signed the visitors book for St Nicholas Church.



A wonderful time was had by all, though none of this could have been possible without the help and generous giving of time by so many people during both these events – August came as a pleasant break! A rest for us before we started again in September with the Last Night of the Proms and the Arts & Crafts Festival. □

Pauline Martin

A right royal evening:

In the presence of Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales
and The Duchess of Cornwall

Elated, I returned homeward from an evening of chamber music at St. Nicholas Church, Dersingham. I walked along the road in the dusky evening, the sweet smell after the afternoon deluge a delight, the warm air still fresh from the rain, and the delicious perfume from wayside buddleia flowers dizzying my senses even further. I wafted along in my purple floaty jacket, my aging gait aided by my duck headed walking stick, feeling, in my imagination, like a dowager duchess as I strolled. The Royal car passed by me and Charles and Camilla smiled and waved, just at *me*, there was no-one else around at that point. I imagined them saying, – She looks familiar, which Duchess is that?

I'd arrived early at the Church to find my seat, which was right at the back by the door, in a most comfortable cushioned pew. As the late July air was still sticky and hot, this was a good position, with the occasional fresh billows of sweet fresh air coming in from outside. I watched all the people arrive, and gradually the church filled. Two collar doves sat on an outside wire, observing.

One by one the performers sat down in their seats and twanged at their violins while violas, cellos, bassoons, clarinets and the double basses did their tuning too. Eventually all the players were in place and a discordant buzz like bees surrounding their queen filled the air as the instruments were tested. A subtle 'British' excitement grew and charged the atmosphere.

Then, all went silent and had a pin had been dropped, we could have heard it, for the royal couple's arrival was imminent. I craned my neck quite rudely, for I could see Prince Charles talking to someone at the church door, and then soon the RH's came through without any pomp or ceremony – no fanfare, no bowing and scraping - followed by a small group of people. I noticed that Camilla wore a gold suit and matching low-heeled shoes for comfort. She looked very nice but I think she would probably have been more comfortable in jodhpurs. Prince Charles looked quite happy and relaxed and I was astonished that they were placed at the front of the performers in an ordinary pew with ordinary people behind and around him. There was little security with only a few discrete police officers around. I thought how nice it must be for the Royals to get out and about without fuss and bother. Other than all of us standing as the Prince and his lady came in, there was no boring speeches, no other indication that they were there.

The conductor, Paul Watkins, came in to applause and then the band struck – with Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*. It was wonderful.

After the first performance, two ladies entered onto the platform and opened up the big ebony grand piano and made sure the lid was secure. Then one of the lady violinists stood to strike a note with one pointy finger on the piano, and then all the players 'buzzed' again and a discordant sound ensued as they tuned up. Suddenly there was applause. I wondered why people were lauding the buzzing and felt perhaps this was some kind of classical music thing, but silly me, I couldn't see from my viewpoint behind a pillar that the pianist, Ukrainian Alexander Romanovsky was approaching. Ooh, such magnificence – a beautiful creature that must have walked out of the pages of a Barbara Cartland romance. A most handsome man impeccably attired, with black hair combed back into a romantic style reminiscent of ravens wings, with olive skin, an aquiline nose and a very impressive air. I was too far away to confirm, but my guess is that he had the obligatory Cartlandesque white, even teeth. I thought he was so, so handsome. After bowing and smiling grandly, he sat at the piano with head erect, spine straight, then after a thoughtful pause, flecked his wrists.

His performance was thrilling and his rippling notes at one point reminded me of cascades of water. I could see, across the various pews, the top of Charles pate and the golden hair of Camilla,

and also, and quite near to me, the back of a very nice short hairstyle of a most attractive woman. I decided that I would cut my hair on the morrow, more to that style, which I liked very much. It wasn't until I saw her exiting that I realised it was Dame Judi Dench. How beautiful she looked – much better than on the screen. I presumed that she would be staying at Sandringham as a house guest.

The music thrilled me. Never having attended a classical concert before this far exceeded any anticipation. I loved every moment, and so moved that I was, tears ran down my cheeks on occasion.

At the interval, the royal couple went out first, and then the church cleared as we all quietly shuffled out into the fresh air. We strolled through the churchyard, where ancient tombstones leant this way and that and walked under bent old cedars whose delicious aromas delighted my senses. A large marquee was set up at a nearby farmhouse where refreshments and drinks were set out. Much as I would have liked a nice cooling elderflower cordial, I preferred not to queue, so wandered back to the church away from the crowd, still enjoying the quietly refined atmosphere. I stopped awhile to chat to a fresh-faced policeman to whom I uttered my complaint that I had not been frisked – an experience, I told him, that I had looked forward to. He laughed, not expecting an old lady to be so perky, and back I went to my pew, waiting for the second half. All the seats were filled before Charles and Camilla returned, and then the music began again.

I couldn't see the platform clearly, but it seemed that the ebony grand had disappeared. Where could it have gone to in the night? The second half was just as exquisite as the first. By now the church was filled with gentle gloom, apart from a couple of lamps and spotlights centered on the performers, all adding to the piquancy of the scene. Through the arched doorway, I saw pink clouds scudding across the evening sky and gentle, dim light filtering through the gothic windows.

I enjoyed the evening immensely and during the interval, the people I spoke to were very friendly and chatty, the feeling informal and very, very wonderful, and I do hope that the royal couple enjoyed themselves as much as I did – well, they must have, because they waved and smiled at me from their car, didn't they, as I was walking back home along the road, with the weeping willows gently rustling and huge ancient beeches standing sentinel, with darkness gently descending in the wake of the Royals.

...

Postscript: I was reliably informed by the local butcher that Prince Charles, after a morning with friends in the village, decided to return to Sandringham on foot. He got caught in the torrential deluge briefly alluded to above, and was seen to be laughing uproariously as he squelched his way through the downpour on the uphill trek. Thankfully, he had dried out in time for the church concert.

Valerie Anckorn

...

Music in Country Churches Patron His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

Music in Country Churches, now celebrating its twenty-second season, was set up as a charitable trust in 1989 with the active support of The Prince of Wales. The Trust has two aims, to arrange weekends of music in rural churches of exceptional beauty and interest and to raise funds thereby to assist those churches with the costs of their repair and maintenance. To receive information about ways in which you can support Music in Country Churches, or you wish to be on the mailing list, send a SAE to Prelude Records, 25b St. Giles Street Norwich NR2 1JN

Sewing Machine Repairs



- All makes serviced and repaired by your local expert
- Over 30 years experience
- Home visits

Stitchers Sewing Machine Workshop

Tel: 01485 535977 & 07866923417



Keynotes Music School

Tuition in Keyboard/Organ by Graham Woods LLCM

Individual Lessons - Beginners Welcome - All Ages!

In association with **MUSIKADEMY** (Keyboard/Piano)

Email for info: knms09@aol.com or

Tel: Dersingham 01485 545898 or 07846 240930

J D HOME SERVICE

If you're pushed for time I'm here to help!



DOG SITTING & WALKING
LIGHT GARDENING
HOUSEWORK * IRONING
SHOPPING * ERRANDS

Contact Julie for details

Phone **01485 542194**

Mobile **07724 140997**

Email juliepduff@btinternet.com

Get Noticed

COLOUR IS AVAILABLE

ON ALL SIZES OF ADVERTISEMENT

CALL ANITA ON
01485 541465

FOR DETAILS

Have[®] Training & Therapy



Beauty • Spa • Complementary Therapies

Qualification & Professional Courses

Reflexology • Massage • Aromatherapy • Indian Head massage
Hot stone • Facial & Skincare • Microcurrent • Microdermabrasion

Recreational Courses

Back Massage Techniques • Basic Aromatherapy • Reflexology
Make-up Techniques • Nail care • Skin care

Treatments

Professional, high quality treatments using natural products:
Reflexology • Deep Tissue Massage • Indian Head Massage
Super-conditioning treatments for the face, body, hands & feet

Please see our website for details & special offers

www.havetraining.com • 01485 543431 • 07777664344

THE GARDEN FARMER -DIG FOR THE FUTURE

Bryan Beers

There comes a point in the summer, usually about mid-August, when the novelty of the courgette harvest starts to wear off. As a result I have been driven to increasingly desperate lengths to make use of them. My favourite new recipe is courgette and carrot bread. Half a kilo of courgette is grated and mixed in a colander with a couple of teaspoons of salt and left for half an hour to draw out some of the moisture. This is then squeezed to dry it further and mixed with 800g of bread flour (I like a mix of white and wholemeal), another 2 teaspoons of salt, 2 sachets of dried yeast and 200g of grated carrot. Mix with up to 400ml of warm water adding it carefully to avoid making the dough too soggy and knead for 10 minutes. The dough is left to rise at room temperature for an hour under a tea towel then halved, kneaded again for a couple of minutes each and left to rise for another hour either in two loaf tins or on baking trays. Finally bake at 220C for 35 minutes for a lovely, rich, moist loaf.



Similarly, I am struggling to get through all the tomatoes coming out of my polytunnel at the moment. They have done very well this year, as has the basil which grows next to it. I've been making tomato and basil sauces, adding a chopped onion and yet more courgette, for pasta. These can be bottled or frozen for use in the winter when such exotic vegetables can only be found in the supermarkets.



Tomatoes are one of the most popular fruits in the country and quite easy to grow yet we import them in vast quantities from all over Europe and the wider world. I don't see the appeal of supermarket tomatoes which have little flavour and are as hard as apples. Whereas the ones we can grow in Norfolk are so tasty and with a huge range of character; I have just counted 49 different varieties in one of my seed catalogues, all in a range of colours and sizes and shapes. And because they don't have to survive an arduous trip across the continents they can be allowed to ripen naturally, developing thin skins and becoming exquisitely flavoured. I have grown about a dozen varieties this year, each different from the others.

As well as trying to make the most of the veg available now I have also been attempting to save seeds from crops. I have a cucumber "Tamra"; an old and rare variety which I bought from the Real Seed Company that is doing very well in my polytunnel, better than the hybrid 'all female' varieties I have; it can also be grown outside. Because it is not a hybrid variety the seed from it should be good for next year's sowing.

There was a nice crop of garlic this summer which was planted in the autumn of 2009. Once the leaves and skin have been thoroughly dried it can be stored in a cool dry place for several months. I prefer to use autumn planted garlic to spring planted as this always seems to produce a bigger and healthier bulb.

There is not too much to do in the garden at the moment other than reaping the rewards of our toils; harvest is in full swing. However it is a good time to plant the garlic, some early onion sets and the early broad beans. Be careful to make sure you get the hardy varieties as some are not suited to over-wintering; Super Aquadulce is one of the hardiest of the bean varieties and Radar is a great onion for the autumn planting.

In the greenhouse or under cloches you can also be planting some of the winter-hardy types of lettuce, endive and the oriental salads. I also like to put some kale under cover as I find it to be one of the most reliable winter greens. □





COMPUTER DOCTOR

Computer problems rectified in your home
We offer a "no fix, no fee" policy.
Discretion is guaranteed.

You will find our rates very competitive.
O.A.P. receive a 10% discount.
Internet ready machines from £155.00 (Recon)
Laptops from £265.00 (Reconditioned)
We can solve any of your pc problems.

Home Repairs + Upgrades

Phone (01553) 672442
Mobile (07876) 206660
E-mail mik.pitt@tiscali.co.uk
Workshop/office hours
11:00am-7:00pm Mon-Sat



Upgrades – Home Repairs – Health Checks – Broadband Installation
Wireless Network Set Up – Virus Removal – Slow Computers Cured.

A.W.Electrical

for all your electrical needs



City & Guilds 2381 17th Edition
City & Guilds 2391 Testing & Inspection

from additional lights to full rewires

- Domestic, Commercial & Industrial Work undertaken
- Inspection & Testing
- Intruder Security Systems
- Access Control Systems
- Gate & Garage Door Automation

Tel: 01485 543385
Mob: 07811 104241

e-mail andy.awe@hotmail.co.uk
www.awelectrical-services.co.uk

SEMBA TRADING Co. Ltd.

Builders' Merchants

Station Yard, Station Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn PE31 6PR

01485 541394

All building materials supplied.

Paving Slabs, Fencing, Guttering, Posts, Underground Pipe, Bricks, Blocks,
Cement, Roofing Felt, Blocks, Sleepers, Sand, Shingle, Timber, Pavers,
PVC Sheeting, Decking, Chicken Wire, Ply, Natural Stone Paving, etc.

SANDRINGHAM WINDOWS For just great deals on...



5% DISCOUNT
FOR OAP'S

40 Lynn Road
Dersingham
01485 544488

sandringhamwindo@btconnect.com



Also Fascia
Soffits &
Guttering



FENSA
Reg No 13383

REMEMBER
Things are black
& white with
Sandringham
Windows.
No hidden extras.



HUNSTANTON LIONS CLUB.

In August we presented a special tricycle to little Lewis Beavon of Heacham. Lewis suffers from a form of cerebral palsy and his parents were recommended to have this trike to strengthen his spine, arm and leg muscles and generally improve his quality of life giving him far greater mobility. Family and friends had raised a lot of money but around £300.00 more was needed. His parents alerted us and we were pleased to supply the extra money.

If you go have to the QE II hospital in King's Lynn you may wish to have a quiet place in which to contemplate. This is now there in

the form of a courtyard garden donated by all the Lions Clubs in our Zone. At last years Sandringham Flower Show (2009) this garden won the "Gold" medal and "The Best in the Show" award. It had been designed by Adrian Crowe of Crowe Garden Designs for the Tapping House entry. It was placed in storage after the show and earlier this year the Lions had provided the money needed to transfer it to the hospital next to the multi-faith sacred area. It really is a lovely area of peace and quiet so much needed for some at stressful times.

July saw us cook a Bar B Q for over 50 "Rainbows", "Brownies" and "Guides" at a camp they held at Redgate School. It was a very hot and sunny evening, but they all had great appetites. We also helped another local Guide Group with the needed finance to attend the fantastic "Norjam" Jamboree in Norwich celebrating the 100th anniversary of "Guiding", and what a great time they all had. They will never forget it – how can they. Any activity for youth is very close to our heart.. Our "Bowls Weekend" at Old Hunstanton Social Club was as successful as ever adding around £400.00 to our Charity Funds. Thank you all for turning up and playing, making it a great weekend of Bowls and fun. On the Saturday the "Pairs" Competition was won by Rosemary Ward and Carol Smith, with runners-up Chris Holt and Mick Harris, and on the Sunday the "Triples" Competition by Nigel Smith, Graham Dunthorne (and with apologies a.n.other) Runners-up were Peter Dennis, Neil Kenny and John Pesce ("with a little help from their friend" !!!). Well done all of you. Our splendid "Norfolk Theme" basket was won by Caroline Page. Nearly all of the great goods in the basket (and the 2nd and 3rd prizes) were donated by local traders and put together by "Scent with Love". They really looked smashing. We thank all of the following for their kind donations. Cherry Tree Chocolates, Grove Orchards, Gurneys Fish Shop, Humble Pie Delicatessen, Knights Hill Farm Shop, Norfolk Lavender, LeStrange Old Barns, E.H. Prior, Scent with Love, The Fish Shop, The Hat Shop, The Village Deli, and The Warehouse. Special thanks are given to two young girls, Tanika and Jasmine who arranged their own "Tombola" which ran throughout the weekend. This raised £100.00 and they very kindly gave Hunstanton Lions £50.00 and the other £50.00 to Old Hunstanton Social Club. Thank you very much ladies !. As always we thank the Committee and members of the Club for letting us use their facilities and putting on a great selection of special Ales which were greatly appreciated.

Following our very successful "Fun Day" at the Fair which we told you about in the last edition of "Village Voice" we have received a stack of letters of thanks from the children. There are far too many to print but here are a couple of extracts "Dear Lions, I had a fantastic time on all the rides and they were fantastic. The best ride was The Gravity. I went on it six times and I felt really dizzy and sick. I hope to see you next year", "I had such a good time. Me and Scott went on almost every ride and some of them twice. The Fish and chips were really nice. Thank you so much for giving us this trip every year" and "I share my chip with Mrs. Steveson and went on the new Grating and it was cool. I went on it 8 time and the frog ride was good". It really is good to know how much these children enjoy their day.

The last of this years "Lions Car Boot Sales" are on Sundays October 3, 17, and 31. As always they are at the Glebe School and tables are set up at 7.00am with visitors arriving at 8.00am. It's the last time this year to grab those bargains, so don't miss out.

The winners of our “200 Club” draw in July were Luke Parris, B.J. Holmes, Dave Page and Peter Walden and in August were D.J. Asker, Tara Holt, J.O. Lambert and Catherine Hood. Well done and thank you for supporting us.

Following the success of our first “Turkey & Tinsel” lunch last year we are repeating it this year. *All senior citizens in the area are very welcome.* At a cost of just £3.00 per head you get a traditional three course lunch of soup, turkey, sausage, vegetables and all the trimmings and a desert with a cup of tea or coffee. Hunstanton Lions Club pay the rest of the cost. It will be held during the week commencing Monday December 6 at the “Green Lodge Restaurant” on the Green in Hunstanton. Details of how to book will be in the next edition, or contact any member of Hunstanton Lions Club. It is our way of thanking all the elder people who live in our area, so please come along. We look forward to meeting you. If you think we may be able to help you or an organisation which you know. We will always try and help if we can, just let us know.

The Old Biddie and her cottage garden.

Valerie Anckorn

It’s hot July as I write this piece and ten in the morning. I am exhausted! I think this is probably going to be the hottest day so far. I watered the garden early in the morning –the florals were grateful for the cooling shower. I am very conscious of water shortage, so I don’t soak my garden or put sprinklers out, which means the roots won’t get well watered, but as plants absorb moisture through their leaves, it is a help, and perks them up no end.

Then, I tackled part of the willow fedge which had grown like a monster, The branches had become too thick to weave back in, so I have chopped till I dropped, and will shove a few of them into some free soil in the back garden to hopefully root, and then around the time you are reading this, replace some of the dead parts of the fedge. I understand that this is not basket making willow, but I think I will have a go and see if I can make some rough baskets to grow potatoes in next year. Where there’s a will, there’s a way!

The lawn is brown from lack of rain and looks so sad. I wonder when the rains will come. I’ve noticed quite a bit of brown on horse chestnut leaves and understand this is a symptom of a disease that attacks these beautiful trees. I hope the ancient ones opposite me manage to carry on.

My son, a beekeeper, tells me the bees this year haven’t been reading the books as they are doing everything differently with no rhyme or reason. I wonder if the planet is on some kind of tilt at the moment and aligning unfavourably with the other planets in our system. You will recall the twin babies who were attacked by foxes in London. Foxes behaving unpredictably. There has been a lot of unpredictability amongst humans too, lots of murders. And volcanoes erupting, and tornadoes and hurricanes sweeping across the globe. Let’s hope things settle down and we have a bit of calm for a change.

There’s so much that needs doing in the garden and I don’t have the energy in the heat. Well, I don’t suppose it matters too much, but it does start to get straggly and if not sorted by September and October there is so much more to do before the winter.

September is still a lovely time in the garden with all the leaves turning and rose hips and other berries reddening and ripening.

I’ve got quite a few brambles in my garden that I can’t get rid of, so in an area where a hedge has died, I have let the brambles grow and climb all over the dead branches and there are some big fat blackberries burgeoning. It’s a shame when hedges give up the ghost, but they are very useful as a ‘carrier’. I’ve planted some evergreen honeysuckle over another part, and then, where I stuck in a few willow wands, have woven a cultivated rose that went wild along that. Dog roses are very beautiful, and they produce wonderful hips for the birds.

I was a war baby and I well remember taking out buckets with my friends over fields and through woods and picking as many rose hips as we could carry and carting them back on our little

legs to the local chemist where we got paid a few pennies for our trouble. The chemist made rose hip syrup, full of vitamins, and cheaper for the poverty stricken masses – as we were during the war - than commercial products. This reminds me of the free orange juice we were allocated – a spoonful a day, and also a spoonful of malt. Delicious. There wasn't a lot of food around so we weren't fat then but we were very fit, so I think it is true that we all eat far too much these days. Mother and I would go out foraging, and sometimes find mushrooms, blackberries of course, and nuts. Mother earned herself a few pennies by making pretty little brooches out of beechnut cases with a safety pin stuck on the back. I remember traipsing around the village shops with her to sell them.

I've gone round the mulberry bush there with nostalgia, so back to rose hips and their uses. They should be ripening around now and best to harvest them before the frosts, but make sure you don't pick in areas where pesticides are used. They can be used fresh, or dried and you can do this by spreading the hips on a wax paper-lined biscuit tin. It takes a couple of weeks for them to dry and the hips will darken in colour and be hard and semi-wrinkly. Rub off any stems or remaining blossom ends. Pour them into jars for storage in a dark pantry or cupboard.

You can make lovely herb tea with either fresh or dried hips. For fresh brewing, steep a tablespoon or two of clean hips in a cup of boiling water for about 10 minutes. You can sweeten with honey. For a tea from dried hips, use only two teaspoons to one cup of boiling water and steep for 10 to 15 minutes. Rose hips are a rich source of bioflavanoid, pectin, vitamin E, selenium, manganese and the B-complex vitamins. They also contain trace amounts of magnesium, potassium, sulfur and silicon. There are plenty of other uses – just google on line for them.

If you don't want to bother to harvest them for yourself, leave them on your rose bushes for the birds to over-winter on. Think of all that goodness for our feathered friends who are growing smaller in number as the years pass by.

I am going to plant lots more lilies this year. They are so exotic I assumed they would be difficult to grow, but no, its very simple. Just stick the bulbs from now to November in the ground and then off they go. I planted some in a black container and when they came into flower they looked absolutely beautiful. I thought of bringing them into the house, but they looked lovely where they were, outside my bedroom window, so I left them there to admire from my bed. A strange plant grew with them - I often get a few odd plants growing from the



Cannabis, is this what Valerie has growing?

parrot food - and I have a sneaky feeling that it might be a cannabis plant. No wonder the parrots get a bit excitable at times and fall off their perches if this is what is in their food bowl!

I have also been successful with my garlic – for the first time. Apparently most of the garlic we buy to eat from the shops has been treated to stop them growing further, and are not suitable for planting. You need to get garlic from the garden centre. I was really excited when I harvested mine from the flowerbed where I had planted them amongst the roses and other flowers. It's quite a good idea to do this, as a lot of insects don't like garlic, so avoid the garlic planted area.

A little cautionary tale here. My son gave me some fresh beetroot he had grown in his allotment and it was so delicious I ate the whole thing in one go. I was in the middle of dressmaking so when I tried on the garment and had a look at it in the mirror I was alarmed to see that I looked like a vampire. The beetroot juice had run up and down the age lines around my mouth and it looked like I had greedily been feasting on lashings of blood. Just prior to this discovery, the fish man and the manure man had separately backed off and beaten a hasty retreat

behind the picket fence - and I had thought it was my dog that had alarmed them!

Now's the time to harvest any herbs that you might have left. They are best garnered earlier in the year, but it's not too late. These are always useful for casseroles and herbal drinks. Make sure they are dried out well before you store them. Many of them freeze well, but don't make the mistake I once made with fennel. I put loads of it in the freezer and its strong aniseed flavour permeated everything, including some meringues!

As per usual, I shall leave some flower stems to seed for the birds. It doesn't look neat and tidy, but I'd rather feed the birdies than get top marks for my garden.

I had an interesting 'vision' while meditating recently in which a Nature deity appeared in my mind's eye and told me that, as most of us are realising, the planet is in a dire state. We can't do anything ourselves about commercial pollutions, but he told me that individually we *can* help, by tending our own little patches and making sure that we don't kill off or destroy. Don't use pesticides. Leave food and water out for animals and insects. Encourage bees – without them we die (think about it – they pollinate everything we grow and eat – as well as the fodder for our meat stock). In our own small way we *can* help by offering our own small gardens as nature havens.

Isn't Dersingham Village Voice a superb little magazine with such interesting writers and subscribers. When I moved into Dersingham three years ago, I was struck by the friendliness of everybody. There are always smiles and greetings from complete strangers, while shop ladies (and fellows) are always very helpful and chatty. All this is so good for the soul and very different to the last village I lived in, where there were more scowls and miserable faces than flies round the garbage can. Gosh, at the mention of flies my mind has whizzed back to childhood again.

Goodness gracious – I remember our living rooms and kitchens always had a steady rotation of flies buzzing in the centre of the room. Many houses had curling flypapers hanging from the ceiling with massed corpses stuck to it. We had no fridges then to store our food, so houses must have been quite a seduction to the flies. Some houses were black with them, especially if they had an outdoor toilet at the end of the garden. Phew, the stench of those places! There was always an Elder tree at the side of the privies, and the flowers were supposed to keep the flies away but were really quite ineffectual. The 'guzunders' beneath our beds wouldn't have done a lot for hygiene either, though of course at the time it was all perfectly normal. However, remembering those flies of my childhood, I am glad our homes are not so fly friendly now. I'm sure there were more wasps as well. Mother always had an onion at the ready in case we got stung. This is a good tip. If stung by a wasp, cut an onion in half and apply to the affected area. The onion juice salves the pain. Wasps were everywhere, especially if you had fruit trees in the garden. If there were fallen plums on the ground, the bright yellow and black bodies of the wasps were a warning to keep away. Mother put out jam-jars with a bit of jam in the bottom, and a greaseproofed paper top tied on with string, with a hole pierced in it. The wasps would crawl in through the hole for the jam, but couldn't get out again. There are a few wasps around these days, but nothing like the number I remember as a child. I also remember swarms of what we called 'blood suckers' that used to engulf us when we were walking through long grass in fields. While I don't want to see those hoards of flying insects again, it does make me wonder what has happened to them all, and what their loss does to ecology.



Since writing this, we have been through a wet August – good for the garden of course, but not so good for holiday makers.

Have a good autumn and when The Village Voice next comes around, all the leaves will have gone, the gardens gone into hibernation, and we will all be wishing we could too.

Postscript: Those of you who knew my mum, Margery, who used to keep this garden so well, might be interested to know that she is coming back here. The care in the home was not to my liking, so The Old Biddie will once more be looking after the Even Older Old Biddie. □

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:-

| No | Copy deadline | Publication date |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| No 67 | Wednesday 3rd Nov 2010 | Thursday 25th Nov |
| No 68 | Wednesday 12th Jan 2011 | Thursday 4th Feb 2011 |

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

DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS

Do please let us know if any of these details change.

| Date | Time | Organisation | Event | Venue |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|---|
| Every Monday | 2.00 pm | St. Cecilia's Church | Rosary Group | St. Cecilia's Church |
| Every Monday | 2.00 pm or 7.30 pm | Freebridge Community Housing | Bingo | Orchard Close |
| Every Monday | 6.30 - 8.00 | Dersingham Cubs | Meeting for boys age 8 - 10 1/2 | Scout & Guide HQ Manor Road |
| 1st Monday of Month | 12.15 pm | Methodist Church | Lunch at the Chapel | Methodist Church, PO Rd |
| 3rd Monday of month | 6 pm | Dersingham Library | Dersingham Reading Group | Library |
| Every Monday in Term Time | 12.45 to 2.15 am | Sticking Together | Toddler Craft Group Meeting | St Nicholas 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 | 10 to 3pm | Lavender Lace Makers | Lace Making | The Feathers Hotel |
| Every Tuesday | 7 pm | Dersingham Bridge Club | Bridge Evening | The Feathers Hotel |
| Every Tuesday in Term Time | 8.30 to 11.15 am | St Nicholas Parent & Toddler Group | Parent & Toddler Group Meeting | St Nicholas Church Hall |
| Every Tuesday | 8 pm | Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes | Sandringham Lodge Meeting | The Feathers |
| 1st or 2nd Monday 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 | St Nicholas Church Hall |

| | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---|--|--|
| Every Wednesday | 10.30 to 11.30am | Music+Movement | Pre-school Music, Dance & Drama | Dersingham Methodist Church Hall |
| 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 Phobbies 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 8.30 pm | 1st Sandringham Guides | Unit Meeting | St Cecilia's Church Hall |
| 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 |
| Every Thursday | 7.30 pm | Hunstanton and District Camera Club | Meeting | St Nicholas Church Hall |
| 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 | 9.45 am | Freebridge Community Housing | Coffee Morning | Orchard Close |
| Every Friday in Term Time | 9.15 to 10.45am | Puddleducks Toddler Group | Toddler Group meeting | Scout & Guide HQ |
| 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 Cecilians Church |
| 1st Friday of month | 10.00 to 12 noon | St Nicholas Church | Coffee Morning | St Nicholas Church Hall |
| Every 3rd Saturday of the month | 10 to 3 pm | Lavender Lace Makers | Lace Making | The Feathers Hotel |

Advertising in Village Voice

The Editorial Team would like to thank all of those who so generously support our magazine by placing advertisements in it, for without the income so generated there would be a possibility of the publication ceasing to exist. With this in mind it would be helpful if you were to support those who do advertise, and to then let them know that you used their services because you saw their promotion in our magazine. For those readers who perhaps provide a local service but who do not currently advertise with us, you may consider a fee of from £14.75 for an eighth of a page black and white or £20.75 for colour per issue, to be very cost effective. (Prices include VAT)

Advertisements for inclusion in the next magazine should be in the hands of Anita Moore, Dersingham Parish Council, 7b Hunstanton Rd, Dersingham PE31 6HH **by Wednesday 3rd November 2010**

Enquiries regarding advertisements may be made by calling 01485 541465.

E-mail — villagevoice@dersingham.org.uk

Articles for publication in the next edition of Village Voice must reach The Editor c/o Dersingham Parish Council, 7b Hunstanton Road, Dersingham PE31 6HH or e-mail; villagevoice@dersingham.org.uk before the **deadline date of mid-day on Wednesday 3rd November 2010 for publication on Thursday 25th November**. (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.

It must be pointed out that the editor encourages contributions but reserves the right to amend and edit as necessary. Any contributions received will be accepted on the understanding that, unless a specific request is made that names, addresses, etc are not used, these may be included in the publication and may be maintained on the Parish Council's database.

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 will appear on the Parish Council's Internet web site. The copyright of all articles remains with the author. The editor does not necessarily agree with opinions that are expressed, or the accuracy of statements made, by contributors to the Village Voice.

Copies of most of the photographs published can be made available. Please enquire.

The Mobile Police Station

will be in Budgens car park from 1pm - 3pm on:-

22/9/10, 20/10/10, 17/11/10, 15/12/10.

Village Voice is the bi-monthly Newsletter of Dersingham Parish Council

The Production Team for this edition consists of
Editor: - Tony Bubb. Editorial assistant - Rob Smyth
In the office - Anita Moore, Distribution - Steve Davis

Printed by Clanpress Ltd, Dundee Ct., Hamburg Way, King's Lynn, Norfolk

James Graven's



Budgens

Chatteris ~ Dersingham ~ Ely ~ Soham ~ Littleport

Spend £20* or more and we'll deliver your shopping to your door absolutely free.

There are three easy ways to take advantage of our home delivery service:

- **Drop in your shopping list, we'll do your shopping and deliver it to your home**
- **Telephone, fax or email your order through and we'll do the rest**
- **Come into the store, do your shopping and tell a member of staff that you would like our home delivery service**

All orders to be placed by 12 noon for same day delivery.

Deliveries will take place Tuesday to Friday between 12 noon and 2 pm.

*There will be a charge of £5 for orders under £20 or outside the five mile radius. This service is only available to customers over 18. Please ask in store for details.

Dersingham Budgens

Tel: 01485 544055

Fax: 01485 543508

Email: dersingham@jamesgraven.com

VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday October 5th

Cobwebs and Cream Teas

Life with the National Trust,
at Felbrigg Hall, near
Cromer, Norfolk

An illustrated talk by
Mary and Chris Mackie



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

VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday November 2nd

Alan Polaine presents a

PORTRAIT OF PERU

A photographic tour of this fascinating country, high in the Andes



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