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## DERSingHAM VILLAGE CENTRE

David Collingham, Chairman, Dersingham Village Centre Association

### \*\*\*\*\* UPDATE \*\*\*\*\*

As previously reported, we are now ready and waiting for the contract to be signed for demolition of the old Hall and construction of the new, which will take approximately 12 months. The target financing of over £850,000 has been raised by our Parish Council and we expect work to have been started by the time of publication of this magazine. Meanwhile, the Association has many tasks to complete, to get us ready for commissioning of the new facility.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a small committee who meet monthly to organize and plan events, publicity, website, etc. We would like to expand this team in the form of individual working groups, which would meet apart from the main DVCA meetings. Such groups could include: Events (publicity, décor, marketing); User Co-ordination (i.e. meeting with and representing different user groups); Anmer Village, Ingoldisthorpe Village Liaison; Catering; Finance. If you feel you could contribute your time and talents to any of the above then do contact the Association via the website: [www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk](http://www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk) or by phoning 01485 540271.

### NEW USERS

Now is the time for potential users of the new facility to contact us to find out information on the facilities, availability and hiring rates. Contact details as above.

### EVENTS AND LOTTERY

**Film Club** will continue using the facilities of the Social Club (see advert).

**Village Lottery:** we welcome new members. To subscribe (£15 per quarter) visit the website [www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk](http://www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk) or call in at the Parish Council Office (Post Office Road).

August winners were numbers: 50, 66 and 34.

September winners were numbers: 13, 17, 77

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*Please email (dvveditor@gmail.com) or write to us at Village Voice, Dersingham Parish Council, 2A Post Office Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, PE31 6HP with your thoughts or memories of village life, comments concerning items read or ideas for the future. Ed.*

### A long forgotten grandson

I'm trying to help a long forgotten grandson, Stephen Liney, to rediscover his family connections since his father separated from his mother when he was still a baby. His father was Andrew Richard Hyner and that Andrew was one of Eric Robert Hyner's children. My late father Ernest Leslie Hyner was a member of Society of Genealogists and the Hyner family tree research I inherited has helped a little but we need to know more. Maybe there are brothers and sisters of Stephen'. We simply don't know, but I believe we can discover more if we look back to the time of Eric R Hyner of Eric Hyner Motors (Heath Garage later Sandringham) and can learn something of that family, what they did for a living, where they lived etc. Apart from Stephen's father, the grandfather, Eric R Hyner, had four other children: Eric R H Hyner, Yvonne J Hyner, Rita F Hyner and Graeme W Hyner. Eric R H Hyner had one daughter, Susan J Hyner born at Gipping. There was no record of other grandchildren of Eric Robert Hyner before Stephen appeared and contacted me for help.

Stephen Liney and I link back to West Wrating in the early 1700s by the way, after which our family lines branched.

Village Voice is brilliant, I wish more villages did that. Thanks for your help

**Andrew Leslie Hyner**

**If anyone can help Stephen Liney with information please contact him directly via email: [stephenliney@gmail.com](mailto:stephenliney@gmail.com)**

Thank you ☐

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### Flooding

Many of you will have encountered a large puddle at the junction of Manor Road and Church Lane when visiting the Doctors etc., and in an effort to finally remove this problem properly I need photographs of the flooding. If any of you has taken one, or indeed find the road flooded and have a camera on you and can take one, I would be very pleased to have a copy for ammunition when I make my case to the relevant department responsible.☐

**Cllr Tony Bubb**

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**Hello All,**

As you know we are constantly striving to maintain and improve the services and amenities we offer our Guests during their Holidays at Park House.

We are currently looking at ways in which we can further enhance our guests' holiday experiences by offering a wider range of social activities either within the Hotel or in the local community. This may include some of the following:

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Visits to local cinemas or concert venues

Attending Church services

Visits to sporting events

Participating in specialised events or sports (riding for disabled, angling, swimming, etc.)

### Hotel

Spending time within Hotel grounds and gardens

Increased in-house activities, e.g. demonstrations, quizzes, outdoor and indoor games.

More regular use of swimming pool, etc.

Extended opening hours for the Park House Shop.

Obviously we will look to continue offering all of our established outings and activities which involve our staff and volunteers, and then enhance those by including some if not all of the above. As well as group activities, one to one support for our guests may be a required option, with some evenings and possibly weekends being included.

We will need a number of extra volunteers to support these changes. If you are interested in helping in any way, could you please phone or email me with some idea of what you might be able to do.

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

From Sue Payne - chairman

**Council** We have two new Parish Councillors, Barry Judd and Joanne Sanpher who were elected at the July Meeting.

**Village Voice** I am pleased to welcome Patrick Preston, the new Editor; some of you may know him through his art work.

**Village Centre** Construction work will begin soon; at the time of writing we still await the completion of the legal work as well as the final costs from the builders.

There have been some minor tweaks to the plans, and some elements will not form part of the initial build, which has helped reduce overall costs.

Once Big Lottery has approved these changes, and all the paperwork is in place, work will start on site. A press release will be issued once we have a definite start date.

The car park will be unavailable during the build period, but we hope to have the overflow parking area in use as soon as possible, after some minor works are carried out.

The footpath across the site has been closed by the County Council so there will be no access via the gate from the Pastures. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**Village Events** The next planned event is the Christmas Lights Switch-On, Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>, on the Recreation Ground. Stallholders are welcome; please contact Sarah in the Office if you are interested.

**Sports Field** I am sorry, and a little angry, to say that a fire was started in the shelter over the first weekend of September; this followed an unsuccessful Arson attempt a few days previously.

Young people have been seen hanging around the area, and rubbish, including beer bottles and cans, has been left around the shelter and graffiti on the walls. Also, the cricket pitch covers and advertisement hoardings have been targeted but, luckily, were not damaged.

We are very, very, lucky to have a quality Sports Field where anyone can take part in, or watch, sport, and enjoy casual games, when matches are not being played.

The field is litter picked after every event, so we know the rubbish is not down to the teams or spectators. The Arson is down to some thoughtless individuals. It is hard to believe young people from Dersingham would behave like this.

**Rubbish** Someone has been caught putting household and commercial waste in the bins on the Recreation Ground. There is no need for this. If you need a bigger black bin or an extra bin, contact the Borough Council. You can also take excess rubbish to local Recycling Centres. If you run a business, you must make arrangements to dispose of your rubbish.

**Dog Fouling** There are dog waste bins all around the village so there is no reason not to pick up after your dog. You can also put the bag in any litter bin, or take it home and put in your black waste bin, double-bagged.

If you want to own, or walk, a dog, you must expect to pick up and dispose of its poo. The Borough Council will prosecute offenders, but needs help, including a statement, from anyone who sees someone not picking up their dog's mess.

**Parish Council Meetings** Details of Full Council and Committee meetings can be found in the Parish Office window. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and may ask questions at Full Council meetings.

You can contact the Clerk for advice about Parish matters.



There are a couple of events coming up at St Cecilia's in the next couple of months. In October we will be having one of our very popular shared ladies lunches at St Cecilia's, to which all ladies in the area are invited, date to be confirmed. On 18<sup>th</sup> October there is a fish and chip harvest lunch. Then on 22<sup>nd</sup> November we have a lunch to celebrate St Cecilia's feast day. See the weekly bulletins or website for details of all upcoming events.

The annual parish BBQ was on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August in the gardens at the parish church, Sandringham Road, Hunstanton. It's one of the social occasions that is also a fundraiser and, as always, was well attended and raised a good sum for the parish. Thankfully the weather stayed nice too. Thanks as always go to all the volunteers who work so hard in the background to make this and all of our social gatherings successful and very enjoyable.



Dowry House Retreat Centre, 47-49, High Street, Walsingham NR22 6BZ is now open and operated by the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Hospitality is provided by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. Individuals or groups may go on a private retreat, or join one of the programmed retreats. If you are interested please contact them on 01328 821293 or go to [www.dowryhouse.org.uk](http://www.dowryhouse.org.uk) for more information.

*Foodbank supplies* are still required, items can be left in the porches of both churches. Please ensure that all items are well in date. Thank you for your continued support of the scheme.

There is a *Fair Trade Stall* at St Cecilia's after the 9am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. Please support this very worthwhile cause by buying fairly traded goods to support families abroad trying to earn a living. For more information please contact Caroline Brooks on 01553 673069.

All social events will be well publicised in the weekly bulletins and on the website.

Everyone, whether Catholic or not, is welcome to all of our services and social occasions. We have refreshments after the 11am Mass every Sunday and after 10.15am Mass every Wednesday. There are also refreshments after the 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the month at Dersingham. Everyone will be most welcome.

**Daily Masses** will be 10am in the parish church at Hunstanton on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday mass is at 10.15am at St Cecilia's, Dersingham.

**Sunday Masses** are 9am at St Cecilia's, Mountbatten Road, Dersingham and 11am at Parish Church, Sandringham Road, Hunstanton.

The Parish telephone number is 01485 534675.

If you require a Priest urgently please telephone V. Rev Canon Peter Rollings on 01553 772220 or email; [parishpriest763@gmail.com](mailto:parishpriest763@gmail.com)

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## By May R Davey

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17 November at Park House: Yvonne's The Florist demonstration of "Christmas Flowers"

15 December at Knights' Hill Hotel: Christmas Dinner

The Group now has more than 50 Members. On 18 August we took 35 people to Stow Hall, where we had an excellent tea and were shown around the extensive gardens by Lady Rose Hare and her Head Gardener Justin. They made us all very welcome. On the 5 September at St Cecilia's: Walter Blaney "Gardens which have inspired me".

Our Own Flower Show in July was well attended and a cream tea was enjoyed by all.

There were more exhibits than last year. They were judged by the Members themselves.

In June we had a perfect afternoon for tea in our Publicity Secretary, Sue Neil's garden. The weather was fine and the scones delicious.



*Jennifer Purple with John Coles  
from RE-MAP*

In May John Coles told us about the work they do at RE-MAP. This involves developing and engineering aids to make life easier for disabled people.

In April David Reeve, Chairman of the Sandringham Flower Show, told us about all the work that goes on to produce a one-day show like that and how it has developed over many years.



*Tea in Sue Neil's garden.*



*Hanne MacMahon and Pat Ransome,  
winners at the flower show.*



*All assembled at Stow Hall.*

# LOVE YOUR LIBRARY BECOME A FRIEND

Hopefully it is noticeable that some friends of the library (and friends of theirs and staff!) have been busy weeding and pruning the library garden to make it a more attractive area. We will be continuing to work on this and would welcome any spare plants you have or spare time. Our next get together is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10.00 – 12.00 and the plan is to meet on the Second Friday of each Month.

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I have been asked what being a Friend of the Library involves - it can be anything from: **sharing** what the library is doing with friends and family, **taking** some leaflets about our events to your club/society, **helping** with refreshments at one of our coffee morning volunteering at events we run. If anyone wishes to find out more about Dersingham Library Friends please pop into the Library and speak to any of the staff. □



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## Dersingham Day Centre By Alice Worth



By the time you read this Village Voice the Dersingham Day Centre will have started its Autumn Session on the 6th September in our new meeting place, the Sports and Social Club in Ingoldisthorpe. Unfortunately, my deadline for this report is September 5th, the day before we have our first meeting in Ingoldisthorpe, so an account of how we have settled in will have to wait until the November Village Voice.

Our Summer Session came to an end on the 26th July after we had had a busy few weeks. On the 19th July, we held our "leaving the Church Hall party". After a lovely lunch we had a musical afternoon with Leigh Murfet Leigh who has been entertaining us since Dersingham Day Centre was first formed. When asked if we were sad at leaving the Church Hall the honest answer was "No" because we were looking forward to being in a warm venue for once next Winter! In any case, the Day Centre is not an actual building, it is wherever the Members and Volunteers meet together – they are the Dersingham Day Centre. The afternoon closed with our old favourite "We'll meet again" and that is something we can always look forward to. Our last meeting was on the 26th July when all our equipment and furniture was packed ready to move to Ingoldisthorpe on the following Friday evening. Sincere thanks must go to those Volunteers who put such a lot of effort into getting everything ready for the move, and to the Members who helped in so many ways. You did a superb job.

The Committee is now busy planning our programme for the Autumn Season up to Christmas, and of course that will include our 36th Birthday Party.

If you think you might like to come as a Volunteer at the Day Centre, any time you can spare would be appreciated. Being a Volunteer at the Day Centre is very rewarding as well as good fun. If you are new to the area this is a good way of meeting people and making new friends, everyone is very welcome. To know more about being a Member, or a Volunteer, contact me on 01485 544673 at any time

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## **Welcome to the new monthly gardening feature for The Village Voice. John and Anna Greyson**

Imagine sitting in a comfy chair placed under an aged apple tree in the corner of your garden. Placed in the same spot day by day, month by month watching the everchanging landscape plunge from the height of summer into the warm autumn glow. Then the deep dark depth of winter growing with the sparkling crystals of ice into Spring; emerging vibrant and bringing cheerful hope for the gardening year ahead. Sadly these moments are often small glimpses caught in the turmoil of daily life. Many of us do not get the time to really sit and wonder at the natural beauty in our gardens and miss the many available opportunities to experience the tranquillity and gain that sense of inner peace; available for free, right outside our doors.

Gardening can be jolly hard work but that connection with the earth feeds the heart and the soul and brings about an abundance of pleasures created by our very own hand. Our little patch of land be it a window box, balcony, small town courtyard, allotment or back garden will attract all creatures great and small, ecosystems galore and inspiration for the photographer, painter, writer, therapist... Not forgetting the plate! No need for a separate kitchen garden in a traditional cottage garden where fruit and vegetables have grown side by side for centuries.

We hope that this monthly article will provide a gentle nudge (us included!) to tend and get the very best we possibly can out of our small or grand patch of earth on this precious planet. We will look at the jobs we really must do, the flowers in bloom, best buys, projects, planting guides and much more.

As we write this at the beginning of September, we are pondering the autumn. For many in the world of horticulture, spring is the start of the gardening year with a flourish of clearing and planting for the summer ahead. Yet for us, the autumn months are the most precious and busiest.

Experienced gardeners will know that this is the best season to lift and divide perennials, plant bare root roses, hedging, trees and fruit, plant winter vegetable crops and sow hardy annuals.

Often a missed opportunity, many tend to wait until Spring to plant perennials but doing so now can provide us with a substantial head start. There is still some heat in the sun yet the soil is generally moist, helping perennials grow below the surface if not on top. We are rewarded in summer by more established plants and flowers.

Looking at gardens now is a fabulous way of preparing for next autumn. We can see what is in flower and buy it now whilst it is fresh in our minds, knowing that plants will be well established by next year. In flower now until the frosts, Helenium, Sedum Autumnale, Anemone Japonica, Verbena, Echinacea, Rudbeckia and Dahlia amongst many more.

As the winds increase in October, the beautiful autumn leaves will drop leaving chaos in the garden and a wonderful habitat for slugs and snails happy to start munching on our evergreens or vegetables. Though burning the leaves is somewhat traditional and creates that wonderful smoky aroma we associate with autumn; sweeping them into one pile and leaving them to rot for a year or two produces an organic leafmould which can be used as a mulch or soil conditioner.

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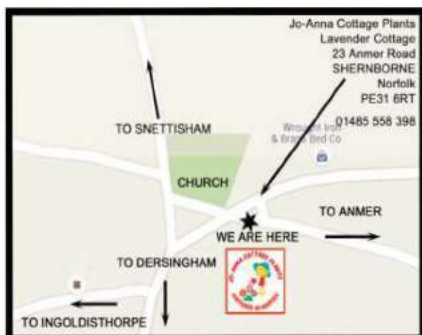
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## Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School

It is with great pleasure the school can announce fantastic Year 6 SATs results this year! Congratulations to all the children who worked so hard. The results were well above the national average right across the board and represents the enormous effort from pupils, parents and staff. A real feather in the cap for Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School!

We would like to say a big WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL after the long summer break. The two week summer school was a roaring success and Mr Crump has been busy throughout the holidays overseeing the various building work. Can you spot the changes...?



During the holiday, the school had the opportunity to showcase some fantastic work in the schools tent at Sandringham Flower Show. Prince Charles was impressed by the work we displayed, which was based on using the local environment to enrich lessons. There were some fantastic model toadstools made by Year 1 and beautiful insect drawings by Year 5.

The children at the Main Site and Early Year's site have already benefitted from their transition week at the end of the summer term, so will be fired up ready to learn!

During the final week of term the Reception children were amazing as they confidently transitioned to the main site on Admiral's Drive, enjoying tours by the Year Six pupils, treasure hunts and more importantly experiencing lunch and playtimes! The Friends of the school kindly bought transition bags for the Reception class that included a superhero teddy bear and lots of number games to enjoy throughout the summer. They are now happy, confident Year 1 Muck Mugglers!

The Nursery children were lucky enough to be visited by Alison Thorne who presented each child with a book and shared the wonderful opportunities offered by the Library over the summer holidays including the Reading



Challenge. We look forward to hearing all about the super stories that the children have read over the holidays.

Each of the children remaining at the Early Years site should have received a postcard from the Early Years site staff asking them to take photographs of their holiday exploits ready to share when they return to school! Again a huge thank you to the Friends of the school for funding this.

Detectives Class spent their transition week using their detective skills to solve clues and plan Detective Decrees to keep their new class a happy and safe place to work and play. They dressed up as detectives and wrote about what their interests are now and what they would like to learn about in Year 2!

Pioneers Class are going to be great explorers over the coming months, learning new skills and using their creativity now they are fully fledged Year 2's!

Year 3's have now become the Scavengers! They used transition week to think about different animals that scavenge and prepare themselves for some Stone Age adventures!

During transition, Leverets class investigated hares in world folklore and particularly enjoyed a beautiful story book called 'The Song of the Golden Hare'. They investigated the circular symbol of the three hares, which is found in diverse religions and cultures stretching from the Middle and Far East to stained-glass church windows in Norfolk.

The Year 5 Whitans and Code Breakers are looking forward to some competitive challenges as they move into the new academic year. With exciting new classrooms and interesting topics to look forward to, they are raring to go!

Voyagers class discussed different ways of travelling during their transition week.

They then went on to investigate the best possible way of building a model boat and had great fun sailing them. To complete the project they had a competition to see how much cargo could be loaded onto them.

The Beserkers spent transition week transforming their new classroom and preparing to be excellent Year 6 representatives for the up and coming year. They had a big surprise when they came back to school, because a wall had been knocked down and their classroom had grown!

Finally...big news from the Eco Council! Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School have won the Green Flag Award for the third time. This is a huge achievement and





## Dobbs of Dersingham shop in Manor Road late 40s to 1952 by Jack Dobbs



Greetings from Oamaru, New Zealand.

I came across the Village Voice on the internet a couple of years ago and have found your articles very interesting. I am Jack Dobbs, son of Ted Dobbs whose shop was mentioned in your article in the latest issue. I am not sure when Dad went into the shop but I think it was when he was demobbed from the RAF. I was born in 1945 and I know that I cut my forehead on the end of a bike pedal when crawling about the floor of the shop.

We lived in a house called Excelsior in Brook Rd which I believe at one time had been a laundry. My parents were also told that at some time in the past Police had been quartered in the attic. Dad's shop had cycles on one side of the doorway and TV, electrical and toys on the other side. There was an accumulator room out the back where batteries were charged before being swapped for clients on a weekly run, in, I think, a cream Bedford van. Mum used to do window display in the shop window at Christmas and they did a couple of "Exhibitions" in a hall up the road. They built a railway layout for the exhibition in the attic at Excelsior which proved too big to get down the stairs and they had to cut it in half, take the window out of the attic, and lower it on ropes.

I was only six years old when my parents gave up the shop in 1952 and we emigrated to New Zealand so my memories of Dersingham are somewhat limited. I attended the school for a year and a bit 1951-52. There is a memory of a conker tree in the schoolyard, I think it had a railing around it and a seat. I seem to remember that the schoolyard sloped up a bit to a stone wall where the land dropped away to a pond. I well remember my first day at school, I came home and proudly told my parents we had been taught The Lords Prayer and started to recite, "Our Father that were shot in heaven....." and wondered why my parents and older sister fell about laughing. Think I may have had problems with the local accents.

I know that I got into trouble for sliding on the pond with "The Big Boys" one winters day in 1951 and Dad came looking for me. I think there was a hall across the road from the school where we had lunches.....and I remember the awful margarine!  
Anyway, keep up the good work so



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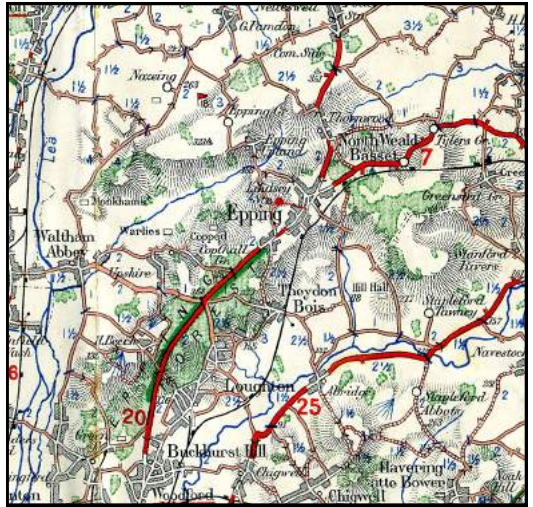
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## Old Map Corner by Tony Bubb

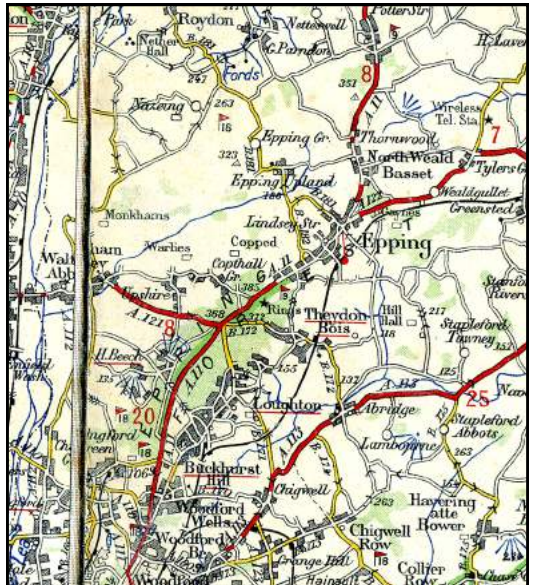
Those of you who read last times article will have seen it was about the fold. This was an area that Michelin always got right. Now I am sure many of you are familiar with their maps of France and other places at 3 miles to the inch but you might be surprised, I was, to learn that they used to map this country at that scale.

Starting around 1910, thirty sheets covered the British Isles including Ireland, which of course was part of the union then. The first incarnation had hachures to denote higher ground - see right. Sadly I have yet to track down any of these maps of this area so you will have to make do with the area around Epping for the illustrations.

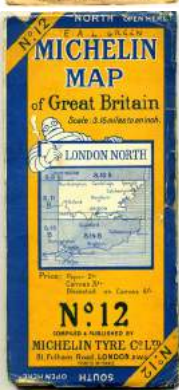


1920 saw a revision of the covers and a fifty percent rise in price although the drawing style was unchanged.

Road numbering came in around 1923 and this was gradually included.



Now, it is not clear when the blue & yellow cover and revised drawing came here. In France they started looking like this in 1924 but I haven't got any that early, this one dates from 1937. Note the high ground is no longer marked and the prices have risen again. This particular example is a canvas dissected version hence the join. Try buying a map like that now! Needless to say, if any of you have examples of sheet 13 I would love







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## Dick Melton from Sunny Hunny

Hi there, here we are again. This month I will begin with a bit more trivia about the Sandringham estate. Princess Alexandra set up two technical schools on the estate in the 1880s, the carving school and a school of needlework, to train boys and girls respectively and give them the possibility of entering a trade. The carving school continued until the late 1950s, producing bedside cabinets, side tables, bookcases and other small decorative items, which were sold locally and in

London. The school of needlework seems to have been closed by 1914. I have a write up from a man in Canada, Dave Cornish, who was born in Dersingham. In 1928 he went to the carving school from 1943 to 1946; it was then called Queen Mary's Carving School. A Mr Woodhouse was his instructor. I can also remember a Mr Walter Senter, who lived in Dersingham, being an instructor there when I was a lad. One or two boys from St Georges School at Dersingham went there in the 1950s. If anyone knows of these boys or anybody that went to this school please let us know or you might have something hidden away that was made there.

### Sandringham Flower Show

Next is a bit about the Sandringham Flower Show. The gardens and grounds of Sandringham were opened to the public at the request of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, in 1866. The initial plan was to do this free of charge, but the committee, in order to prevent the intrusion of undesirable company, judiciously decided upon charging an admission fee of one shilling each to non-members. A profit of £29 19s 2d was made after hiring tents, tables and chairs, which was divided as follows: West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital £10; the Lynn Museum £5; Royal National Lifeboat Institution £5; Norwich Blind Institution £5; blankets for estate parishioners £4 19s 2d. Today's Sandringham Flower Show still donates any profits to local charities.



### Wartime rationing

I was telling one of my grandchildren about rationing during and after the Second World War. Food rationing started in September 1939 but it was not just food. Coal, clothes and many other things were on ration and it did not stop until midnight the 4th July 1954. I lived in a small village near Kings Lynn during the war so it was not so bad for us as we had a very large garden. So we were able to grow lots of vegetables; we also kept chickens. If you lived in the large towns and cities you were a lot worse off as they were bombed a lot. Cities like London, Coventry, Liverpool and Portsmouth. There were no supermarkets those days; you had to shop at the nearest corner shop. You would go there one day, then the next day you went it would not be there as it had been bombed overnight. There was no fresh fruit like oranges, bananas or grapes as these had to come from abroad and all the ships were taken up for the war effort. Sugar was on a very tight ration as most of this came from abroad. This meant that you could not get any jam, jelly or sweets. Where we lived you had roundsmen, like the milkman, come round to your door. In those days milk was not in bottles, it was in churns (large steel vessels) on his cart, which would be pulled by a horse. You would take a jug or a container out to the milkman and he would measure it out with a ladle into your jug. The butcher, grocer,

baker and coalman all came round to your door, so you would spend your ration coupons with them, as they were your regular supplier.

Most villages had a village shop so you could go there as well. My mother used to go into Kings Lynn to try to get extra meat, but a lot of the time you would stand in a queue for hours on end and just get two sausages or half a pound of stewing beef, which would usually be horsemeat. A lot of horsemeat was sold during the wartime but you had no choice, you had to have whatever was available. We kept chickens so we had plenty of eggs; we would put some eggs in an earthenware container in the pantry, fill it up with water then put in it a preservative called water glass - this would keep the eggs fresh for several weeks. The shops never had many eggs to sell. You could buy tins of powder egg that came from America but it was horrible. We never had butter or lard; you just had dripping to put on your bread and to cook with. If you were lucky your grocer might get his hands on a tin of peaches or pineapples about once a month and that would be a real treat.

My father was a prisoner of war with the Germans for five years. So from about 1941 till 1945 I would get a parcel about every six months from the Red Cross. In it you would get things like toothpaste, soap, and also some American candy and chewing gum. Coal was on ration; we would only get one hundredweight a week, so you would have to get up to the woods in the summertime to get a store of wood in for the winter. We had no electricity, only coal or wood fires to heat or cook by and we used paraffin lights to see with in the dark and candles, but even these were on ration.

We were okay for vegetables as we grew a lot in the garden, but if you lived in the city or a town and you had no garden you had to buy all your vegetables and it was very restricted as to how many you could buy at a time.

There was six of us living in the cottage (two rooms up and two rooms down): my mother and I, my granny, two uncles and an aunt. My uncles worked on a farm so they would bring corn home for the chickens and my granny would go into the harvest fields after the corn was cut (gleaning), picking up the loose ears of corn. My uncles were always bringing things home to eat like rabbits, hares, pigeons and fish and eels from the pits in the village. Also when a chicken were too old to lay eggs one of my uncles would kill it and pluck it, then granny would make a nice stew with it. Even after the war finished in 1945 it was a long time before a lot of things came back into the shops. In 1947 we had a very bad winter with a lot of ice and snow for three months so the coal could not get through and a lot of people went months without coal. Some things stayed on ration until 1954 but we survived.

## **The Drift**

I was surprised as I expect other people in Dersingham were to see in the Village Voice that some barren land down The Drift could be built on. For those people who do not know where The Drift is, it is situated to the western side of the junction with Manor Road and Lynn Road. For hundreds of years it was the only track down to the seashore until 1941/42 when the concrete road from the station was constructed for some reason. I do not know why the wooded area on this area of land was renamed By-pass Wood when for many years it was called Fiddlers Wood, named after a Mr Fiddler Mitchell whose horse was buried there in what them days was only a small wood. There are five fields. On your left, as you go down The Drift from Lynn Road, the first field is called Parkers Piece and is privately owned and has been for many years. The next four fields belong to Sandringham estate: the Baulding brothers, who farmed Dun-cow Farm, rented two and grouped them; the next field had the sewage plant on it with the pipes going round and round spraying water; the last field, seventeen acres of it, was rented by the late Ken Martins. When he first took this field on the eastern side was a rabbit warren that ran



## St Nicholas Church

### What a View

Norfolk does have hills which is a surprise to some and in this lovely part of the World we are blessed with being able to appreciate some tremendous views.

On a cloudless night the stars are spectacular and also the wildlife is delightful. One of my favourite views are of the sunsets, they are phenomenal but it is easy to take these wonders for granted. There is also the view of us, not just the view in the mirror but the view of how God sees us. In Psalm 139 the psalmist describes God as viewing us from the very beginning, knowing our inmost thoughts and desires. "O LORD, you have searched me and you know me" (v1). Challenges in life come our way in a multitude of ways, we may trip or feel tripped yet God knows of our anxious thoughts. The things that trouble us. His view of us is of his child a child who he wants the best for, as a loving parent would want.

It is God who made us and loved us from our very beginning. With the recent news of the Royal Baby on the way it reminds us that as new parents devote time and gaze viewing the beauty of the new baby, God looks to us as our Heavenly Daddy in loving gaze seeking the best as we grow.

Talking of growing; over the coming weeks we are celebrating at different churches and services the growing of the crops and harvests coming in. At St Nicholas Dersingham on the 8<sup>th</sup> October at **10.00 am** we will be combining the 9:30am with the 11am service to create a 'Combine Harvest' Service! Harvest goods will go to the Food Bank and the Women's Refuge. In the 'Combine Harvest' Service we will give thanks to God for the crops safely gathered in and the wonderful views in which these crops are part.

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### Other Special Services coming up:

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**29<sup>th</sup> October 3pm Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving** for those we have recently lost.

**12<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am Remembrance Service**

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Many thanks  
Mavis Jones

Barbara Lake, who is a stalwart of Dersingham Lace Makers Group, asked Mr Ken Brown to contact the Dersingham Village Voice to have the following report included in this issue:

### DERSINGHAM LACE MAKERS GROUP.

Sadly, after 10 successful Annual Lace Days, we had to make 2016 our last; due to personal commitments and one or two health issues. We will still meet fortnightly on Mondays, at St. Cecilia's Church. Over our 10 annual Lace Days, we raised £4,687 for various charities. We all enjoy going to other Group's Lace Days to meet up with old friends from a wide field. There is always a substantial donation to a good cause.

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## Sunny Hunny's Singers Return to Dersingham by Steve Davis

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Community Choir elegantly decked out in their turquoise scarves and cravats. So much so that *yours truly* felt moved to join up for the season starting in September 2016 and have since never looked back. One year on and guess who's the new Choir Publicity Rep? Well I'm very happy to report that our happy band have been invited back to give a concert at **St Nicholas Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 starting at 7pm.** For further detail see posters and advertisement within this issue and please visit our website at [hunstantonchoir.org.uk](http://hunstantonchoir.org.uk).

Now our very varied repertoire of music is growing all the time, from the sacred and reflective to the fun and jazzy, from the sublime to the – well, you'll just have to wait and see. But all very good humoured. In fact, if you come along, you'll probably recognise quite a few familiar faces of the growing number of Dersingham folk who have joined. Our director, Simon Bower strikes up a good rapport with our audiences as indeed he does with all of us throughout. He is ably assisted by our excellent pianist, Matthew Preston who will no doubt be called upon to give a spotlight rendition of his skills along with others during the forthcoming concert.

And should you find yourself similarly inspired to join, we rehearse on a Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm in Hunstanton Town Hall. Your first week is free, thereafter we pay £3 for each week attended, some of which goes to local charities, as do proceeds raised by the Churches and organisations that host our concerts. There are no auditions; we work with who we get and offer help and support to one another in the process, developing and building our skills, confidence and well-being as we go. We are involved with several concerts a year, although not all members necessarily attend all events and there are opportunities for small groups to sing at local organisations throughout the caring community. Although January or September are the recommended times to start coming along and join up, we will accommodate new members whenever.

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# It's Amazing at the Amazona Zoo!

By Lynne Wheeler



This year the 1st Dersingham Rainbows went to Amazona Zoo in Cromer for their Summer Outing. The weather was perfect and the girls enjoyed exploring the zoo and collecting stamps as they found each animal. We saw the noisy and colourful Parrots, a sleeping Jaguar, but wide-awake Pumas - who looked at the Rainbows with great interest!



There were also Monkeys, Flamingos, Tapirs, and Capybara, along with Caimans and some very large snakes. We saw the River Otter being fed, and she eats everything - fur, bones, the lot!



In between the animals the girls raced around the adventure playground, the Indoor soft play-area and bounced on the giant air trampolines. There was also

## Dersingham Works

### The Skills Service working with Dersingham Parish Council and Dersingham Village Centre Association

Dersingham Works brings together representatives from local businesses, self-employed people, and would-be entrepreneurs with training providers and advice agencies, to discuss common issues including recruitment, apprenticeships, business development, and marketing.

We also wish to develop our links with local schools to help better prepare young people for employment and work with adults to improve their employability.

The next Business Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, at Dersingham Library, Chapel Road. There is a small car park accessed via Orchard Close (off Post Office Road).

This **free** event is an informal meeting with a light breakfast and an opportunity for networking following the presentations.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30am, presentations start at 8:00, networking 9:00 to 10:00.

We are grateful to Dersingham Library for providing a venue while work is underway to build the new Dersingham Village Centre.

If you would like more information, or wish to attend, please contact Jacqui Farrell at the Skills Service (details below), or Sue Payne, Dersingham Parish Council:

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## The Sandringham Newsletter

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**Compiled by Helen Walch**

The July and August were busy months at the Visitor Centre, with brass band performances in the open air, three car rallies and a Harley Davidson Owners' Group rally. There were also seven fundraising sponsored walks in aid of charities.

The blackcurrant harvest was completed with a good crop and the cereal harvest started with winter barley in early July, one of the earliest starts for a long time. Most of the barley was brought in before the weather turned, but the cool and showery weather which followed held up the rest of the grain harvest.

In the Gardens, the wet weather encouraged growth of both lawns and weeds, which kept gardeners busy. The usual summer clipping programme of the yew and box hedges in front of Sandringham House was completed, and the vegetable patch in the Walled Garden is approaching its peak season, producing beans, courgettes and cabbages for the Restaurant kitchens. The Gardens are also now providing fresh flowers for the tables in the Restaurant.

At the pigeon lofts, the young birds are being trained from a distance of 5 miles to both the north and the south twice a day when weather conditions have allowed.

The Sandringham Flower Show on 26th July was almost as well attended as ever, with a drizzly rain putting some people off. However, almost 20,000 people visited and enjoyed the arena events, trade stands, display gardens and fruit, vegetable and produce competitions. The new Kitchen Garden Group has their own competitions at the Show, for the best-grown fuchsia and the best iced cake. After the Flower Show, Sandringham Park was the venue for the Food and Drink Festival in August and the Game and Country Fair in September.



A television crew filmed on the Estate for a week in August. They visited many parts of the Estate, from the top of the sea wall to the top of the water tower and from the Royal Stud to the blackcurrant fields, showing the diverse habitats and wildlife to be found on the Estate.

At the Visitor Centre, the Plant Centre has undergone renovation and restocking. The Visitor Centre was as busy as ever during the school holidays, although everybody would probably have preferred the weather to have been a little kinder.□

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## Random Jottings by Tony Bubb



Like the Parish Council, the Borough Council do not hold meetings in August, except they do. So what is supposed to be a blissful month of idling time away sitting in the sun somewhere is, in fact, almost as busy with four meetings, mostly about planning, as the rest of the year. However I have managed to get a few visits in as well. I briefly visited Salisbury in 1957 when fathers car broke it's fanbelt on the plain late in the evening and some good Samaritans took mother and myself into the town to spend the night in a guesthouse. Quite when my father eventually arrived is a mystery to me as I was asleep but seemingly the AA sorted the problem and the Armstrong lived to fight another day. So a return visit was in order and the highlight of the day was finding Sydney Ingram, a saddler, with a staggering range of hundreds of credit card wallets. Fairly heavy rain marred the rest of the day so I shall return when it's dry.

Another day saw a visit to Wimpole Hall near Cambridge. Good house, nice gardens, interesting farm, poor catering. How lucky we are to have a really good restaurant at Sandringham and the National Trust could learn a thing or three from them. Wimpole had a very limited range to offer, the service was minimal and, at the farm cafe, the tables were uncleaned. But on the good side, the large squadron of wasps present were having a jolly fine time.



Last December I invested in a trail camera to see what was using our garden after dark. Now I didn't expect too much, no leopard, wolf or aardvark came along but we did get our cat, some mice, our cat trying to catch the mice, a hedgehog and lots of blackbirds and pigeons. However, the other night we got a muntjak.. Yes we get them round the village but usually on the edges near open country. We are some way from the edges of the village so a bit rarer then. I am keeping watch for the beast and will check on it's eating habits whilst it is patronising our restaurant.

Dersingham is in the Borough of King's Lynn & West Norfolk. Ever since Herbert de Losinga in 1100 attached Bishop's to Lynn we have had an apostrophe. When, in 1537 Henry V111 took control and the town became King's Lynn, we retained our apostrophe and up until recently the little punctuation mark stayed with us. It is only since some computers found themselves unable to cope with the apostrophe that the rot set in. It is part of our heritage, it is grammatically correct and when absent it makes an entirely different name for the town and I would question the legality of documents omitting the mark. It makes us fairly special as we are one of only around twenty towns and villages in Great Britain to have one. It is bad enough when outsiders leave it out but to find blatant and highly visible demonstrations of ignorance in the High Street, Tuesday Market Place and at local banks is unacceptable.

Lots of advertisements in our local newspapers also have



## Change By Bernie Twite

The village is to have a new hall, as Dick Melton has mentioned since the nineteen sixties building and development has filled in all the land in and around the village. So the church hall has to go to make way for the new hall, it's a pity the old hall has to go as it is a fine example a building of its time, but if a new site had been found for the hall I wouldn't have wanted to see the old building standing derelict like the school.

Over the years people can see through the building work that has gone on the changes in the village, but what about the change in the way the village lives and how the residents have changed. It has been suggested that the new hall will be the heart of the village; it needs people to give it soul. I was born in Lynn Road and lived there for sixty five years, at one time i knew everybody in the road, when I moved out I knew three or four. I could go round the village and always meet somebody I knew but now if i drive or walk round I either see no one or if somebody is about they are strangers.

At one time the church hall would be full to the door for the annual parish meeting in recent years there have been no more than ten people attend and half the council don't attend. At one time if you were elected to the council you were on for life now some councillor's don't get through one elected term. My children through work marriage and living where they can afford have moved away, as have most of the families of the generation I grew up with. Most of my generation are third or fourth generation Dersingham born, but in the next few years as we pass on most of the people living in the village will have moved in during the last fifty years. Is there still the community spirit in the village like it used to be when the old village families pulled together to get things

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## The Dersingham Walking Group

By Stephen Martyn

Our group of Walks Leaders is currently doing a great job of offering at least two walks a month which any walker is welcome to join. Not only do we cater for local residents but often visitors to the area join our walks too. However, to keep up this pace we do need to recruit one or two

more leaders - could you be one of them? If you've done a reasonable bit of country walking or perhaps walked with the Ramblers you might be an ideal Dersingham Walking Group leader. You won't have to lead more than a few walks a year and we can provide full training, so if you'd like to join us please do get in touch with me. My contact details are at the end of this article.

We've got a nice selection of walks in the programme over the next few weeks, including our annual Cream Tea walk at Castle Rising. Don't forget to let me know if you will want a cream tea at the end of the walk, so that I can let the café know numbers.

Later, during November, we've fitted in a couple of special walks on different days and times to our usual Wednesday. Old Hunstanton Park is only open to the public on Thursdays, so we'll be visiting there on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please note the start time of 1.30pm which is our normal time from when the clocks go back, until the end of January. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we've got an extra walk in the programme, giving you a chance to see the amazing flights of pink-footed geese that leave their roosting grounds to forage for the day's food. They do get up very early, so we will be meeting at 6.30am! The walk will be led by Steve Davis who is a volunteer RSPB warden. Steve promises a visit to the café at Poppyfields Garden Centre after the walk, where breakfast can be enjoyed. Sorry, no dogs on this walk as it will be on the RSPB reserve, but otherwise dogs are very welcome providing they are well behaved and tolerant of other dogs. If you haven't walked with the group before why not join us for an amble through the local countryside. Most of our walks are between 4 and 5 miles long and take around two hours, with a rest stop at some point. Walks are free, just turn up with your boots on!

*Stephen Martyn*

### Our next few walks

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm** A circular walk via Roydon. Meet in the layby on the A148, opposite the turning to Sandringham. 4.5miles. Grid ref TF 711 253. Leader: Pat Reed 01485 540757.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2.00pm** Starting at the Village Sign we will explore the heath and woodland known as Dersingham Bog, which is actually a wonderful nature reserve. 4.5 miles. Grid ref TF 685 296. Leaders: Steve & Lindsey Davis 01485 543138.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2.00pm** Cream Tea walk around the village of Castle Rising, finishing at the Unique tea rooms. Tea should be pre-booked with the leader by 22<sup>nd</sup> October. 4.0 miles. Grid ref TF 667 347. Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333 or [stephenmartyn@gmail.com](mailto:stephenmartyn@gmail.com)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm** Explore Old Hunstanton Park and Ringstead Downs. Meet at St Mary's church car park Old Hunstanton. Parking £1 per car. 5 miles. Grid ref TF 688 420. Leaders: Steve & Lindsey Davis 01485 543138. Note the earlier start time and change of day, due to Hunstanton Park only being open on Thursdays.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 6.30am** An early morning walk to the Snettisham RSPB reserve to see the thousands of pink-footed geese head off for their daily forage. After the walk

there is an opportunity to forage for breakfast at Poppyfields Garden Centre! Meet at the Snettisham RSPB/KLAA car park off Beach Rd. Snettisham. 3 miles. Grid ref TF 651 330. **Walk and breakfast must be pre-booked** with the leader at least a few days before the walk. Led by RSPB volunteer Steve Davis 01485 543138, or 07885 721158 or [steve@davista.co.uk](mailto:steve@davista.co.uk)

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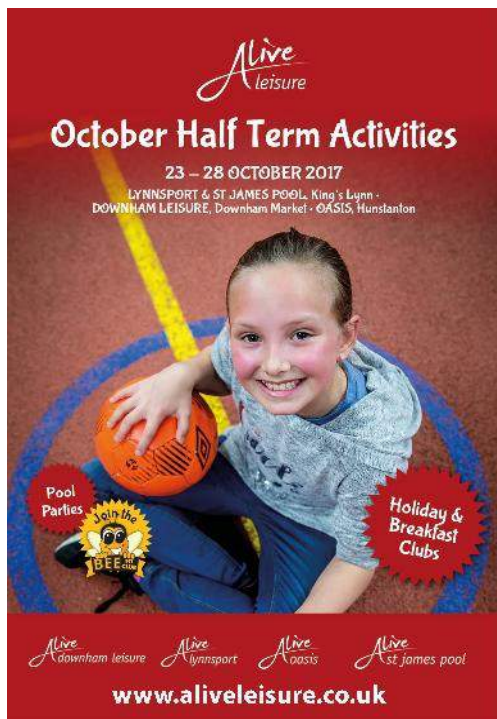


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# **TAX IMPLICATIONS OF PROPERTY LETTING: PART I**

## **BUY TO LET – IS IT WORTH IT?**

**By Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton**

### **Why Buy To Let? (BTL)**

There are a number of reasons why BTL properties have become an attractive investment in recent years. The turning point was the introduction of the “Assured Shorthold Tenancy” in 1988 which removed the spectre of the protected tenant with a low rent and full security of tenure. Other more recent factors include:

- The reduction in the availability of social housing
- The development of specific BTL mortgages
- Capital for deposits (or property to let) becoming available by inheritance as a result of the passing of the first generation of owner occupiers
- Increased proportion of students who need to rent, but might otherwise have stayed at home or bought their own property
- Increased divorce rates leading to more single person households
- Population growth in the UK generally (up by 8m between 1981 and 2011) and limited numbers of new build homes
- Restrictions on lending criteria making it difficult for first time buyers without a substantial deposit, who therefore continue renting
- Low interest rates making BTL an attractive income earning proposition
- High growth in property values making it an attractive way of achieving capital gains

### **The “tax” attack on the rental sector**

Faced with a strongly growing BTL sector and the realisation that a generation of voters might never be in a position to buy their own homes, or at least not until much later in life than has been the case previously, Governments have brought in a number of tax initiatives to help first time buyers, and others to dissuade BTL investment. It remains to be seen quite how effective they will be, particular since some will encourage the retention of BTL investments, rather than freeing up homes for owner occupation. The relevant tax measures, and the dates at which they apply include:

- Restriction in use of losses incurred in holiday letting (2012)
- Acceleration of Capital Gains Tax (CGT) Returns and payments for non-resident (2015)
- Penal rates of Stamp Duty Land Tax for second homes/BTLs (2016)
- Higher CGT rates for chargeable residential property gains (2016)
- Restriction in relief for mortgage interest for higher rate taxpayers (2017-21)
- Acceleration of CGT Returns and payments for residents (2019)

### **Is it still worth it?**

History has shown that the swings in the level of home ownership and the popularity of letting have been heavily influenced by political decisions, but such change is a very slow process. Unlike many other investments, property cannot be sold overnight and many owners prefer to wait years before making strategic decisions. Governments have tried to slow the growth of the BTL sector but one suspects that this is as much about raising revenue as about helping the next generation.

The fundamentals which underlie the growth in the sector remain, and as long as interest rates stay low and households are formed quicker than new houses are built, the sector seems likely to produce income returns in excess of those earned by cash deposits and capital growth in line with inflation. Some also consider that there is an attraction in investing in something one can see, rather than an intangible fund or portfolio of shares the value of which can fluctuate on a daily basis.

However, property is not a risk free investment. The political risks are substantial, particularly when all parties are trying to capture the votes of “generation rent”. There will



always be repairs, management costs, void periods and bad tenants. The simple equation of “rent minus mortgage repayments” is erroneous, it has only ever been mortgage interest which is allowable, and now there are restrictions on that relief for higher rate taxpayers.

Property letting will still be the right choice for those who recognise and manage these risks, and it can provide better returns than cash deposits, but it should be considered as part of a balanced investment strategy, and like any other investment, the value can go down as well as up.

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Elizabeth Batstone

**Happy New Year!** You may think this is a bit early but 1<sup>st</sup> September is the beginning of a new Methodist year. We have several events planned for the coming months and look forward to seeing you at them. Thank you for all your support at our varying events, especially helping us raise funds for several charities both local and national.



Our last coffee morning on 29th July raised £325.65, which was divided equally between Vasculitis UK and Church Funds. The hall was very busy all morning and many bargains were found on the various stalls.

By the time you read this article we will have been celebrating our Harvest Festival and fundraising for the Farming Community Network and collecting items for the King's Lynn Food Bank. We collect items all year for the Food Bank, a large variety of food items plus some toiletries, baby products, washing powder etc. are taken regularly into King's Lynn. We will be pleased to receive any items for the Food Bank at any of our events.

## Forthcoming events

**Coffee mornings - Saturday 28th October** – fund raising for next year's flower festival.

**25<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Fayre** – British Heart Foundation and Church Funds

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## Focus on the Speckled Wood *Parage aegeria*.

By Brian Anderson

This is the second in an occasional series on the commoner British butterflies.

The Speckled Wood was first described by Moffet in 1634 and has been given various names in the past including the Enfield Eye, the Wood Argus and the Wood Lady. There are three subspecies in Britain - *tircis*,

*oblita* and *insula*, which will be discussed below.

I was 31 years old when I saw my first Speckled Wood. This is not surprising as for many years it was a comparative rarity outside western and south-western England. The 1906

edition of South's *The Butterflies of the British Isles* says it was rare in Eastern England. E B Ford's classic work *Butterflies* states that in a wood near Oxford the butterfly was absent in the 1920s but becoming common by the 1940s. When records from different sources of the distribution of the Speckled Wood are examined it becomes clear that its progress north and east was both sporadic and irregular. This expansion was actually a re-expansion as until the middle of the nineteenth century it was quite widespread.



*Speckled Wood*

The reason for the decline is not known but the reason for the expansion is almost certainly the result of a warming climate and changes in woodland management - the butterfly is quite at home in shady woods, which became widespread due to the decline in coppicing and the planting of non-native conifers. It became re-established widely in Norfolk quite late. The 1981-1990 butterfly survey showed it perhaps a fifth of the county; the 1991-2000 survey less than half and in the 2001-2010 survey most of the county.

The adult butterfly is found in dappled sunlight in woods, rides, well-shrubbed gardens and green lanes with tall hedges. It is generally quite common along the old railway line in Life Wood. It is unique among British butterflies in passing the winter period either as a caterpillar (larva) or chrysalis (pupa). This means that the adult can be seen on the wing (if weather conditions permit) any time between March and the end of October. The overwintering pupae provide the first generation, the overwintering larvae pupate and emerge a little later and the butterfly generations almost leap-frog through the seasons! Technically this odd brood structure is known as indistinct voltinism or sometimes double bivoltinism.



*Life Wood*

On emergence, the males follow one of two strategies. The first is patrolling, where the males fly through the woodland looking for unmated females. The second is perching, where the male selects a patch of sunlight and defends it against other incoming males. The resulting conflict can be quite protracted as the two males spiral upwards through the sunlight, both seeking possession of the patch. I used to wonder how those conflicts were



*Canary Speckled Wood*

resolved since the insects have neither teeth nor claws but the answer is just fatigue - when the weaker male runs out of resources to continue the battle it simply breaks away and leaves. The body form and wing pattern (that is, the morphology) are frequently different between the perchers and patrollers. Perching males have four hindwing spots and paler wings and patrollers three and darker wings. Perchers also have stumpier better muscled bodies than patrollers. These forms are known as phenotypes, which is the combined effect of the genetics of the insect and environmental conditions, in this

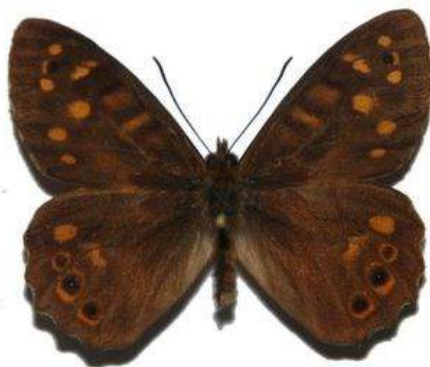
case the weather.

Mating takes place on the woodland floor after a short courtship dance. The eggs are laid on woodland or hedgerow grasses (often Yorkshire-fog, Cock's-foot or False Brome). In the spring sunny locations are chosen but in the summer partial shade is generally selected. The egg hatches in about ten days. Due to the complicated brood arrangements (see above) it not possible to quantify the time spent either as a caterpillar or chrysalis as it varies with season.

The adults feed extensively on aphid honeydew in the tree canopy but are also frequently found on flowers of the woodland edge or ride - Bramble, Hemp Agrimony and Common Fleabane are favoured. In the autumn I have seen them jostling on fallen pears with Red Admirals and Commas and taking juice from overripe blackberries.

As mentioned above, there are three British subspecies. *Parage aegeria tircis* is the subspecies that you will encounter on the English mainland. The brown and cream patterning is unlike any other British butterfly. *Parage aegeria insula* is a distinct subspecies found on the Isles of Scilly where the cream spots are distinctly more orange. *Parage aegeria oblita* is a Scottish subspecies that was previously confined to two areas in northern Scotland but is also expanding such that the two populations are at the point of merging. If the populations of *tircis* and *oblita* continue to expand they will merge at some future point. I have not been

able to discover whether *oblita* suffered the same decline as *tircis* before the current period of expansion. *Oblita* has larger wings than the other two subspecies, more contrasting markings and there is sometimes a hint of purple around the margins of the



*Madeiran Speckled Wood*





## **SCHOOLRUNRUN**

### **FREE daily fitness event for all communities**

1 week until school is back and a campaign is underway to get the nation moving: #schoolrunrun. The school run can be a parent's daily nightmare, getting the kids dressed, presentable, out the door, on-time is hard enough and what follows may seem too difficult at first, HOWEVER... PlayFit envisages that groups of parents, grandparents, carers and others from the community (that don't have children at school) will walk, jog, run or bike between 3-5km together every day after the bell has gone and tag images of their exploits with #schoolrunrun to inspire others to do the same.

Morning exercise routines that prepare the body for the day ahead have been practised worldwide for millenia. The most famous of these would be yoga and tai chi but if you speak to your grand or great-grand parents you may be surprised to find out that they also perform daily exercises. This ritual seems to have been lost in the UK somewhere in the baby boomer generation - possibly with the rise of gyms, but it is something that needs to be brought back if we are to help fight the current obesity epidemic.

By providing a FREE daily time and space (the outdoors!) for those in the community to exercise together #schoolrunrun hopes to tackle issues such as loneliness, social isolation, community spirit and improved mental health alongside the obvious fitness issue. #schoolrunrun is the brainchild of Personal Trainer, Jennifer Shah, Founder of PlayFit, mother of two boys and with a lifetime of fitness experience behind her (unsurprising with a Tae Kwon Do Champion and Grand Master as parents):

*"It is important that people can see themselves being back at home and ready to get on with their day by 09:30am at the latest. Today's society struggles with fitting everything into their day and noticing what is important. The pace of the morning can be slowed right down by simply walking your children to school, even if only part of the way. My family still has the usual stresses of getting out the front door but the walk calms us all, we talk, experience nature and enjoy each other's company. #schoolrunrun is about taking this further, to fit adults' daily fitness routines into their lives, setting them up for the day without spending any money or visiting a gym."*

I would like people to interpret #schoolrunrun however they like, it isn't a paid event, it isn't timed. It is literally trying to get groups of people to exercise together. So if people would rather take part with their children after school pick-up they can or may be instead of sitting in the car for half an hour in the best parking space browsing social media they

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## Dersingham Evening WI

By Maggie Guest

At our last meeting in July we were lucky enough to have Yvonne the florist come to demonstrate some of her skills and tell us about her life in London as a florist. The five arrangements she did with a bunch of flowers were stunning and they were used as the raffle prizes for the evening which was lucky for some people!



Thanks to a bursary in memory of Pauline Campbell, about a quarter of the members were able to benefit from two teachers from Alby Glass coming over for the day to make small stained-glass animals. Some animals were mounted on canes to go in the garden, some had feet to stand on and others hooks to hang in a window. Everyone had a great day, enjoyed the company of others but most important we all had things to take home! Wendy did her tour of Dersingham again for those members able to join her. Wendy has great knowledge of the village history so we are lucky she is so generous with her time.

We never have a meeting in August so we try to have a social event. This year we donned our summer frocks and went to Diane Neeve's home for a garden party. Over 30 members were able to





come and enjoy the event. The weather was superb on the day and we enjoyed sandwiches, cakes and scones washed



down with plenty of tea. A lovely, sociable event so our thanks go to the massive contribution made by Diane, her team and the committee members who provided

some of the food.

After the summer break we are back to the normal meetings on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at St Cecilia's Church at 7.15 pm** with Rachel Duffey entertaining us at our **September** evening. All the smaller groups and coffee mornings will resume then. If





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### Weekly events:

**Scrabble club** - Monday 1.30-3pm

**Knit and natter** - Thursday 10.30-12

**Baby bounce and rhyme** – Thursday  
term time 10-10.30am

### Volunteers needed!

Could you help inspire the next generation of computer coders? We want to run an after school Coding Club at the Library, using projects from the Code Club website.

Could you spare some time to help tidy up the library garden?

Could you help develop ideas for events held at the library and promote the library and its services within the local community?

Please contact Alison at the library on 01485 540181 if you'd like to find out more.



### Peer support group for Carers led by the Alzheimer's Society – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1-3pm

For further information contact the Alzheimer's Society on 01603 763556

### Hatha Yoga with Jayne from Green Willow Yoga – 3/10/17/24 October 5-6.30pm

Come along and join this short course – *just £30 for four sessions*. Places are limited so please book by contacting the library on 01485 540181

### Colour yourself calm - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 10.30-12

Just bring along your colouring books and pens. Tea and coffee is available.

### Tablet helpdesk – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-4.30pm

Need help with your tablet? Book a free 30 minute session with library staff by calling 01485 540181. Booking essential.

### Poppy Fun Palace – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1-3pm

Come along and discovery more about the humble poppy, the work of the Poppy Appeal, take part in Norfolk's 2018 Poppy Appeal to remember the 15500+ people who died as a

result of WW1 and are listed on the county's war memorials and lots, lots more.  
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### **Crime Book Club - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm**

New members always welcome! Ask staff for details of the books being discussed.

### **Big Weed – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10-12**

Could you spare some time to help tidy up the library garden? Bring along your trowel and garden gloves and we'll supply the refreshments. For more information please contact Alison on 01485 540181

### **Book Club - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm**

New members always welcome. Ask staff for details of the books being discussed

### **Walk and talk group – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm**

Join our volunteers for a short walk around the village and then refreshments at the library afterwards. This walk is perfect for those wanting to gently build up their walking stamina.

### **Meet Crime writer Sarah Ward – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7.30-8.45pm**

Join us for an evening with Sarah Ward: author of the critically acclaimed *In Bitter Chill* and *A Deadly Thaw*. Sarah also reviews crime fiction and is a judge for The Petrona Award for the best Scandinavian crime novel. Sarah will talk about the popularity of crime novels, what attracts us to the darkest deeds, and her own books which are set in the Derbyshire Peak District including the deadly fire which inspired her latest novel, *A Patient Fury*. Tickets are £5 each and include coffee and cake. This is a Friends of the Library event. Booking essential.

### **Creepy crafts – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-4pm**

Join us for an afternoon of stories and crafts – we'll be making bats, cats, spiders, haunted houses and lots more. Tickets are £3 per child payable in advance. Booking is essential. This event is suitable for children over 5 years of age and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Peppa Pig afternoon – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-4**

Stories and simple crafts suitable for children under 8, including a Peppa Pig mask and mini Peppa Pig. Tickets are £3 per child, and must be booked in advance by calling 01485 540181. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **'Paperfolding with Kathy' at Dersingham Library on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 4-5.30pm**

Come along and make a book hedgehog. Tickets are £2 payable in advance. Places are limited so please book by contacting the library on 01485 540181

### **How to save a life with Carl Smith, Critical Care Paramedic - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 5.30-7pm**

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## Hospice Rated as 'Good'

A Hospice which cares for people with life-shortening illnesses is celebrating a "good" rating across the board.

The Norfolk Hospice provides care for people through its inpatient unit, day therapy unit and hospice at home service as well as family and bereavement support.

Care, effectiveness, responsiveness, quality of leadership and safety were all rated as



"good" by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The government health watchdog, which undertook an announced inspection at the hospice, said in its report: "People were at the heart of the service and were fully involved in the planning and review of their care, treatment and support. Plans in regard to all aspects of their medical, emotional and spiritual needs were personalised and written in partnership with people. Staff delivered support to people respecting their wishes and preferences."

People using the service told the CQC that staff understood their individual care needs and were compassionate and understanding and that their cheerful and friendly approach gave them reassurance and made them feel safe.

The report also highlighted that "People and relatives were very positive about the caring and compassionate attitude of the staff delivering the service. They told us they were completely satisfied with their care and thought highly about staff and management. Staff were very motivated and demonstrated a commitment to providing the best quality end of life care in a compassionate way. People's wishes for their final days were respected."

Lyndsay Carter, Chief Executive at The Norfolk Hospice said "The Care Quality Commission monitor, inspect and regulate the health and social care sector and judge the quality of the services we provide. Our aim is to provide all of our patients, their families and carers, with compassionate, high quality care tailored to their individual needs. We are delighted that the CQC inspectors recognised this during their visit and have awarded us a rating of Good. We

# **Sandringham Parish Council and Wolferton News**

**By Ben Colson**

## ***Important notice – date change***

**The annual Harvest Quiz and Supper held in Wolferton Social Club has been put back one week, now being held on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Get together to enter a team, details and booking available via the Sandringham Church Office.**

## ***Broadband for Wolferton***

Our lobbying to get the installation of Superfast Broadband in Wolferton seems at last to be coming to fruition, with a smart new green cabinet installed on the edge of the village earlier in the week in which I write these notes, and just last evening a team installing what just could have been fibre into the ducts already installed. Officially we were to be connected in July 2020 and then through persistent contact with the powers that be, we got this brought forward to April 2018. Could it yet be a 2017 gift?

Watching the work being done reminds me of the incredulous excitement in the village in which I grew up when poles were being put up for something new then – electricity. I was seven at the time and here we are, just a few years later, standing on the brink of another giant leap forward for mankind. As then, so now, it was an area catching up with what others have for years taken for granted. In a way the same thrill of a new beginning must have surrounded the making up of roads in the 1920s and 1930s, and before that the coming of the railways, in the case of our line in 1862.

Broadband, roads and railways all have similarities: they are a means by which communities are connected. In each case it has taken public funding to produce the goods – the market hasn't worked for these infrastructure projects. You may have read in the local newspapers about the worsening of the train service from King's Lynn from late next year: in that example £7billion of public funds are being invested to improve railways across the South East, but making ours worse. So as public investment in broadband and road building speed connectivity, it is doing the reverse on the railways.

## ***Boundary Commission review of Borough wards***

The Boundary Commission, an independent body, is required by law to review district council wards every fifteen years or so, to ensure a balanced number of electors per Councillor. They have to work to clear guidelines, to ensure that parishes are grouped at district – in our case Borough – level in a way that fits logically with the provision of local services etc.

At the present time, Sandringham is part of a strangely named Valley Hill ward, which links us with a range of small villages, and at its Eastern end Great Massingham, so with little linkage with the way local services are delivered. We were optimistic that the ward boundary would change to be made more logical but that was not to be, as the Commission's proposal is that we should be linked, not with Dersingham which is logical, but with North Wootton, with which we have no community of interest at all.

The Parish Council has made its views known to the Commission, and we'll see what the outcome is. There can be no doubt that the one Borough Councillor for North Wootton will have their work cut out on urban type development issues over the next fifteen years and so it is likely that our needs and aspirations will get lost.

The new arrangements will be introduced in 2019 and we have to hope for a more satisfactory outcome than is now proposed.

## ***Street names***

We have been forced against our will to agree to roads all being named in the parish, with name boards at the ends of each road. Apparently this is required by the emergency services to find their way to answer calls. The Borough Council, responsible



for this, has worked with us to minimise the number of name boards that will be erected, but reluctantly we have to accept this outcome. So watch out for work on this all-important project.

### **Parish Council website**

The Parish Council is getting well ahead now in setting up its own website. An application for a grant, from central government, to cover the costs of building it and setting it up, has been submitted, and a designer selected. Once the grant is confirmed then it will be all systems go.

Once we are up and running, then you will be able to view all parish council business papers on the website, and we hope to develop it so that it can include local events and news etc. We would hope to be online by the time of the next Village Voice magazine, and so watch out in that issue for the latest news.

### **Bus Service changes**

Here we go again! Bus services will be changing over the first weekend of October as Stagecoach moves from the Summer to Winter times. However, they will be making more substantial changes too, with the route numbers 10 and 11 disappearing and – it appears – all buses running between King's Lynn and Hunstanton called Coasthopper, no matter what route they take. At the time of writing, three and a half weeks before the change, no information appears to be available to guide you.

### **News from Wolferton**

It was thirty eight years ago that a young couple came to live in West Newton, moving some years later to Wolferton. Peter and Marilyn Jones have decided now to move to Market Rasen in Lincolnshire to be closer to their families.

Between them, the Jones have been a major and positive influence in parish and Wolferton affairs. They started shaping community life when they took over the shop and post office in West Newton. For many years Peter was a Parish Councillor, part of it as Chairman of the Council, and Marilyn a Churchwarden at Wolferton as well as a stalwart of the Sandringham Womens Institute. Perhaps their most visible contribution was the starting of Wolferton Scarecrows which ran alternate years from 2001 to 2013 and raised over £100,000 for village facilities and other institutions.

It was fitting, then, that nearly one hundred people from Wolferton and local organisations with which they had been associated for so many years, gathered in the Social Club at Wolferton for a surprise farewell BBQ and party on 8<sup>th</sup> September for them – the date chosen despite their keeping their actual departure date top secret. Presentations were made on behalf of the village of Wolferton, including as its highlight a watercolour of a

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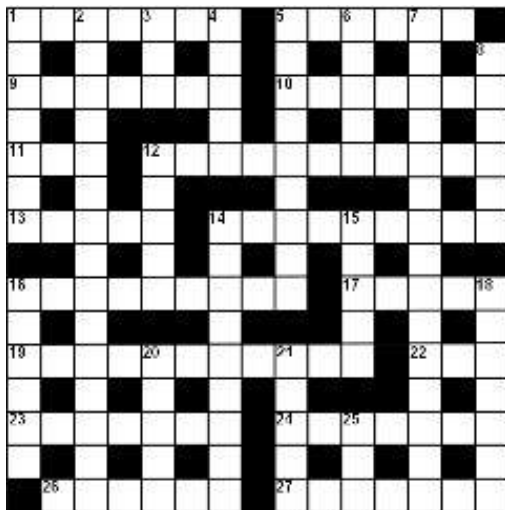
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## Crossword No 6 by Philip Neal

### Across

- 1 A Prisoner in the string section?(7)
- 5 Baldpate winter visitor but incognito around England?(6)
- 9 Plant ear part on unfinished storyteller(7)
- 10 Scream from busy creches or small Indian church(9)
- 11 Wildebeest found in foreign underdeveloped country(3)
- 12 Custody if cement mixed on 1st November (11)
- 13 Spice brewed for sagas(5)
- 14 I.T involved when Vice President shortly met Queen to find arithmetical procedure (9)
- 16 Record the time a cricket match took place in the rain(4,5)
- 17 Eight in totem pole(5)
- 19 Rebate plane flew wildly for car worker or successful contestant on TV show(5,6)
- 22 Rubbish initially taken as trash(3)
- 23 Ring French friend about outfit for paper folding(7)
- 24 Pop group lost book by Dr Noel Ormer (7)
- 26 Harry scared in the woods(6)
- 27 Recruits and listens avidly(7)



### Down

- 1 Record found in ice cream fragrance(7)
- 2 Workers concentrated where high proportion of costs are due to wages etc.(6,9)
- 3 Doctor left practice feeling unwell(3)
- 4 Craft sails North in convoy(5)
- 5 I hung precariously among stinger leaving dirty dishes(7,2)
- 6 Future King needs English wolf(5)
- 7 Six balls of Tate mission ground caused inflations(15)
- 8 Initially right here— yours truly's heartstring music(6)
- 12 Small part in musical players(5)
- 14 Accountant of French half-mixed schools(9)
- 15 Either way it's part of helicopter(5)
- 16 Quiet mountain call broadcast into position(6)
- 18 E.T dancing with hooligans in shops(7)
- 20 'Morning all, going north to find a camel'(5)

### Sudoku

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### WORD WALL BY Philip Neal

Sort the following into 4 groups of connected words

MILD	SCHOOL	DRAUGHT	BIGAMY
GUINNESS	THEFT	MURDER	FINNEY
MASON	SLOTH	EXPORT	ARSON
BITTER	CAINE	HERD	LARCENY

## Mrs. Dolittle



I was in the library the other day - my favourite place if you haven't already guessed - when I noticed a diary that people had been writing in. Peeking in, I realised it contained comments on what people felt about our local library. Without exception the words, "it is my life", I couldn't live without it", "I've met friends" - that kind of thing. Certainly for me it would be a major disaster if I couldn't get my fix of books every week or so, but it seems that many, many people in and around our village would be devastated if the library had to be shut down.

So, in order that the library continues to have its very necessary place within the community, do visit it, whether for books, videos, use of the computers, or joining in with the knit and natter, scrabble and colouring in sessions, and of course, bring your children and grandchildren and get them hooked onto books.

I often go on about my age and the grim reaper approacheth and all that stuff and I jest most of the time - although the wretched creature will, of course, eventually call on me - but I am noticing a decline in my memory these days that really worries me. I hope it is not a precursor to the dreaded dementia, but, for instance, when I had a manicure recently (my first!) I asked the girl why she hadn't filed my thumb nail. She told me she had, and on closer inspection I could see it was done. But I couldn't remember her doing it at all. Nor could I later. Very worrying, and other incidents have happened along similar lines, and then, not that I am complaining you understand, more and more memories of my earlier days are cropping up, and with them I am getting sensory remembrances - like how the texture of the material of that particular dress felt like that I wore when I was fifteen.... the sensation doesn't last for long, but is very real when it is activated - textures and colours available as if it were real. This made me think.

I was horrified when I had to put my dear old mum in a home when I no longer had the energy to look after her myself. All those old souls just *sitting there staring into space*. There was never any reaction when I smiled at them, or said hallo, and I just thought how sad. But after these rather nice experiences of mine, when my memories are feeling *virtual reality* - then maybe all those poor old people, instead of having blank minds, as it looks, perhaps they are all sitting there, gone back in time, and reliving the wonderful times of their lives, transported back on a magic carpet to times, places and loved ones in another era, all touchy feely and real. Oh, I do hope so.



Florence, the new puppy is costing me dear. She suddenly took a great interest in reading, and I suppose I can glibly inform that she literally has 'eaten her words' as she digested five library books in succession. After ignoring them for four months, suddenly she got the lust for literary consumption...and of course I had to replace them. Luckily one can get used books online from Amazon in excellent condition for about 2p, plus £2.80 postage and packing, so it could have been worse. Well, it has been worse, because she then discovered my hearing aids and demolished them too. She spat out all

the parts, luckily, and one of the aids was salvageable. Just as well, for while hearing aids are free on the National Health system, if you lose or damage them, you have to pay £62.00 per aid. So this week I starve - which maybe is a good thing as I am still overweight.

A few days later...I had forgotten that Florence had chewed the wires to my laptop. I only use this for doing astrological charts. Anyway, the bloke has just been to mend it, and mended it is. Wonderful. I can get back to the zodiac again, but that has cost me £70.00 Hmmm. I just hope that is the end of Florence's mischief, though having said that, last night I discovered one of my beautiful, long, Lady Amherst pheasant feathers was stripped and chewed thoroughly - wretched puppy-child. Oh, and she has managed to get out a few times, which means that while we have a perfectly adequate fencing for our other dog Crow, it's not enough for Miss Madam. So, more expense getting higher, better fencing... I should have realised. I drew up her astrological chart, and she is a Sagittarius. In humans, they are sporty people, who like to be out and about, so I thought, well, I must take her out in the car every time I go anywhere, get her out and about...but concentrated more on the Libran aspects of her chart, which was lolling around on my new velvet sofas. She does love them, and loves to loll, but clearly escapology is a Sagittarian trait, digging, biting through wire, climbing, abseiling, and I just hadn't thought of that!

While I am on an astrological think-bent it's a shame that more of this isn't understood by people. Like most, I knew what my zodiac sign was, and thought that was all there was to it. I'm a Libra - liking balance, fair minded, flirtatious, makes good judgement after thinking things through and ruled by Venus the Goddess of love and all things beautiful, including F O O D. Beware, Librans and Taureans, your waist bands will expand in later life unless you manage to keep sugar out of your diet which of course brings about the dreaded diabetes.

However, when we took our lessons in astrology many years ago (including a few other Dersinghamites) I discovered that it is far more involved. What happens when your personal natal chart is drawn up and interpreted for you, is that the latitude and longitude is worked out from your place of birth, and then the planets that were overhead at the very time of your birth, bring to you various properties, so that an astrologer can tell you your personality and potential.

I love to do new babies charts. I can tell the parents what kind of character their child will have, and what to look out for. For instance, I was asked to do charts for triplets. Two of the triplets I could see would be very similar, but the third would be entirely different. I told the mum that the two would be outgoing, love other people, etc. etc. but the little girl was going to be a loner. Mum wasn't to worry that the little girl would sit shyly by and not engage like the other two - she would be fine, that is the way she was born to be. Three years later I bumped into them, and straight away I could see I had been right. The little boys were jumping and laughing and saying hallo to everyone, while the little girl walked quietly on her own, minding her own business, looking at leaves on the ground, quite happy in her own little world.

It seems improbable that planet positions can make a difference to our lives from the onset - but they do. I was asked to talk at a ladies' club and the organiser gave me the birth details of one of the members and asked me to describe to the group what the mystery person was like, and see if they could guess who it was. I was new to astrology,



and hoped I would get it right - and I did - they all knew who it was from my description, it turned out to be the organiser (cheeky lady) and I had described her accurately - much to my relief.

Astrology is so much more than just your Zodiac or sun sign. Depending where the planets 'fall' in your chart makes such a difference. Some people say they are nothing like their sun sign, and this is probably because they have far more planets in another placement, say Aries, that makes them more of an Aries, than say, a Cancer.

Past life regressions. Oh that interests me so much. Two ladies, one had been a young lady from a good home who had an older, richer husband lined up for her by her parents, but her life turned out quite happily. Next, she was a little girl in a squalid cottage with an ill mother, but led a happy life. She began to laugh when she said she was going to have a bath! Clearly this was not taken often, and was done in the yard with the other children, and seemed to be great fun. She later married, and escaped some kind of pestilence that swept through the village. Her third life in that session showed her to be a young Scottish lad whose parents had died and he was being brought up by relatives who lived in a gate house. Later on he was in a battle fighting for his country.

The other lady was a French actress, moving to Paris with her new husband. She led a happy life and gave her name in a French accent - she laughed a lot in that life and was happy. Her next life was that of a blacksmith, tall and muscly, who lost his wife after only five years and didn't want to marry again because it was too painful. He had a good life though, enjoying his work and laughing with his mates. He died, but his only concern was that he had 'left his dog' but somehow knew that Jim, the stable lad who was a friend of his, had taken his wolfhound, Bertie, up to the 'big house' to live.

The last life was that of a 12 year old boy who had run away to sea. He explained about his life on the ship, how he loved to 'arrive at the destinations' and that their cargo was sugar. When he grew up he ended up on a plantation as an overseer.

It's all so fascinating, though some people think that these experiences are probably caused by something seen on television or read in a book and kind of lodged in the unconscious, but when you have the experience yourself, you find that it does actually feel very real. Sometimes you recognise someone from a past life that you know in your current life. And you can often research and discover names and places that came through.

Well, I've waffled on too long, as usual, so shall bid you adieu,

I have been promising friends in Christmas cards that I am going to gather them round



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## IN MEMORIAM

### *Additional research by Mike Strange*

In a few weeks time the whole nation will join together to remember and honour all who gave their lives in the two world wars of the twentieth century and in the many conflicts that have followed. Here there will services in our church and at the war memorial as we gather to remember and honour those from our village.

It was shortly after the Armistice had been declared in 1918 that a meeting took place between the Trustees of Dersingham United Charities and the vicar the Rev. Lewis about erecting a memorial to the men who had lost their lives in the conflict. The first question to settle was the site. There was some support for placing it in the churchyard but finally it was decided that the most fitting place was in the corner of the recreation ground by the crossroads. It would be from there that the men would have their last sight of the village as they marched down to the railway station for the start of their journey to war. For some it would indeed be their last sight but it would also be the first sight of their home village for those who returned. It was agreed that a memorial would also be placed in the churchyard. Then a discussion took place as to what form the memorials should take. A simple stone cross was decided for the churchyard but for the main memorial at the crossroads the design of a Latin cross on an orb, atop an octagonal column on a square plinth with a three stepped base was accepted. It was decided that the statue of a soldier, fully equipped, pointing down Station Road would be commissioned for the top as soon as possible.



In December 1918 letters and plans for the memorial were sent to the Charity Commissioners. In April 1919 the Trustees consented to the erection of a war memorial on the recreation ground and they undertook the upkeep of the fences and seats. However the vicar and Mr. Firth the Clerk of the Trustees thought that none of the costs should be borne by the Trustees. In July of that year The Charity Commissioners suggested that responsibility for the recreation ground should be transferred from Dersingham United Charities to the Parish Council. In November the Trustees decided to object to the overburdened ratepayers being saddled with the upkeep of "what may prove a fragile memorial." Subsequently responsibility for the recreation ground was taken over by the Parish Council.

On Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1920 the Lynn news reported that oak panels in the form of a triptych bearing the names of the 12 Dersingham men who lost their lives in the war would be placed in position in the church. The panels had been made by Mr. Walden, the local carpenter, and the names had been painted in red with gilt capitals by Mr. Linford. Later in February it was decided to gild all the lettering of the names on the two memorial tablets. On April 17<sup>th</sup> 1920 the newspaper reported that the dedication of the War Memorial tablet



in the church had taken place. There was a brief description of the triptych that we can see in the church today and that on the table in front of it was placed the crucifix and candlesticks given by Queen Alexandra.

The report continued, "The North wall of the church has been panelled with oak 5 feet high and on narrow ledges are the portraits of the fallen with vases and flowers placed there by relatives."

At the opening ceremony there was a large attendance. After the hymn "Let Saints on earth in concert sing" the Rev. Lewis, preceded by the cross bearer, went to the monument and dedicated it. "To the Glory of God and in memory of all those who gave their lives for us in The Great War."

The vicar, the choir and the congregation then processed to the memorial cross in the churchyard where everyone joined in the hymn "Through the night of doubt and sorrow" Following a lesson read from the bible the Vicar gave an address." The State of the Departed" and concluded with the blessing.

A short while later The War Memorial at the cross roads was unveiled by the Mayor of Lynn Mr. Holcombe Ingleby.

The reporter described the Memorial and listed the names of the fallen that were inscribed upon it.

There was a large attendance at the ceremony. Mr. F.J.Tuck, Chairman of the Memorial Committee presided supported by Mr. & Mrs. Ingleby. The Rev. A.R.H. Grant, (Sandringham) and the Rev. F. Pritchard (Hunstanton) who had both served as chaplains to the forces were present with Mrs. Grant, Captain F. Brown, J. Chambers, G. Dodman, R.H.Stanton, F. Wills and R. Daniels as the other persons recorded. Mr. Tuck opened the proceedings by commenting on the design of the memorial. The two lions were symbolical of Great Britain guarding the names and memory of her heroes. He reminded the villagers that the obelisk on the top would only be temporary as they hoped to replace it with the figure of a soldier in full equipment.

Mr. Ingleby said he was greatly honoured to be invited to unveil the memorial.

At Ely recently he had met two young

Americans who going to Dersingham to visit their fathers' graves and to see the place from which they came. He was sure there would be many such visits in the future. He had heard people ask, "Why waste money on bricks and mortar? Why not do something more beneficial?" To that he would say that it was surely a proper act to make a sacrifice to commemorate those who had made the supreme sacrifice and not merely to erect something that would benefit ourselves. It should be remembered also that the money spent did not go out of the country and the country was not made poorer. When he was



an M.P. he had assured the men who enlisted that their dependents would be cared for and that in the event of them making the great sacrifice their memory would not perish with them. It might be asked, "What's the use? These poor fellows are dead and gone." But it would be something to be able to say to the bereaved that we honour your sons for their gallantry and that they have made these sacrifices. And they could show that feeling by perpetuating their memory for all time.

Mr. Ingleby then drew aside the Union Jack which covered the tablet bearing the names of the fallen. Following a closing prayer by Rev. Grant the Nation Anthem was sung and Mr. Loose then sounded "The Last Retreat"

So the two memorials were unveiled and would serve to this day as a constant reminder to all of the sacrifice and courage of the young men of this village.

Yet there is another Dersingham villager whose name does not feature on any of the memorials who deserves to be remembered. There is another family here that suffered a grievous loss due to this conflict.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 1916 the largest airship raid of the war, with 12 navy zeppelins and 4 from the army, crossed the North Sea to attack London. However, high winds, heavy rain and icing dispersed the fleet and only one came near the capital but 16 -17 tons of bombs were dropped from the Humber to Gravesend. It is from the Ian Castle website that we have learnt that Zeppelin L21 crossed the coast into Norfolk at Mundesley. It flew south for a while but then turned to head north. It dropped bombs and incendiaries at Chatteris, Tilney St. Lawrence, West Lynn and North Lynn until by 3.40 a.m. it flew over Wolferton. A few minutes later the villagers of Dersingham heard again the ominous purring of the engines that reminded them of seeing zeppelin L4 passing over on its way to Lynn in 1915. L21 dropped 7 bombs and 2 incendiaries in and around this village before heading away to Snettisham, Sedgeford and finally leaving the coast at Thornham. All the villagers must have heard the loud explosions which shook the houses as bombs fell all around.

Mr. Cliff Riches recalled these events in the interview he gave during the Millennium project. He was only 4 years old but as he said, "*When they drop bombs that impress itself on a child's mind.*" He recalled the Zeppelin coming over his house from the direction of the sea and that the first bomb fell in what is now Manorside but was then a field. Another bomb dropped on the common and he remembered how the boys would go there to see the crater and collect shrapnel. The Zeppelin dropped the rest on the open fen.

He recalled that unknown to the village one bomb did not go off. The next day Cliff went to fetch some corn for his father's chickens when that bomb exploded and he dropped the corn all over the road.

But by far the worst moment that night was when one of the bombs hit a row of cottages on Doddshill. The occupants of one of the cottages were George Dunger and his wife Violet Ellen who was always known as Ellen. Upstairs tucked into their beds were Florence Ivy aged 10, Alice Maud aged 8 and the youngest daughter Marion Irene aged just 5.

George's parents were Robert Dunger and Mary Maria Twite. George was born in 1875 and had three brothers Alfred, Robert, and William and two sisters Martha and Anne. He worked as a Farm servant and agricultural labourer.

Violet, or Ellen as she liked to be known, was born in 1881. Her parents were William and

Ellen Green. Violet had an older brother John and three younger brothers James, Ernest and the youngest of all Charles. Lilian and Mary were her two sisters. It is also noted that for a time the Greens and Dungers lived next door but one to each other. Both Violet, George and their siblings must have attended the village school which had opened in 1875 so would have been well known to each other. There are reports in the Church Magazine that the Dunger brothers sometimes played for the village cricket team. In 1906 George married Violet in Dersingham Church and they settled into their married life in the cottage on Doddshill where their three daughters were born.

Shortly after the outbreak of war on 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1915 George enlisted. His papers show he was enrolled in the Royal Engineers as a driver and stationed in Norwich. It must have been a proud but worrying time for his family. However a few months into his service George was taken seriously ill with chronic bronchitis. According to his records it had originated six years previously when he was in King's Lynn but had flared up again. It was so severe that George was discharged from the army as being no longer physically fit for war service. His discharge papers state that he would have permanent incapacity for one month but then be able to earn a full livelihood.

Thus it was that on that fateful night of the zeppelin raid Ellen was in the cottage with her three children in their beds.

The story told to me by the villagers was that Violet was waiting for George to return home from his day's work. With the blackout regulations in force it was extremely dark up Doddshill so it is thought Ellen opened her door to let a little light spill onto the path and help George home. She apparently stepped outside, either because she had heard the droning of the engines, or maybe just to see if George was near. It was at that moment that the bombs fell.



The devastation was

immense. The end wall of the cottage was completely blown out exposing the beds where Ellen's daughters were sleeping. . Mr. Buckett, a gamekeeper on the Sandringham estate, lived next to these cottages. He fetched a ladder, climbed up and helped the girls to safety. Mr. Buckett's cottage was damaged and amid the mayhem his two ferrets escaped. Mr. Riches recalled that his parents took him up there the next day, *"and some old boy got a collecting box, and was sitting on the bomb crater collecting money"*.

Mr. Eddie Roye's family lived at Massingham at the time but he remembered his father taking him to Dersingham the day after the raid to check on his aunt who lived in Doddshill. She was alright but had to move to another cottage until her house was repaired. As a child he remembered the bombed cottage and seeing a bed still standing in the destroyed bedroom. It was reported that several houses were damaged and three people injured.

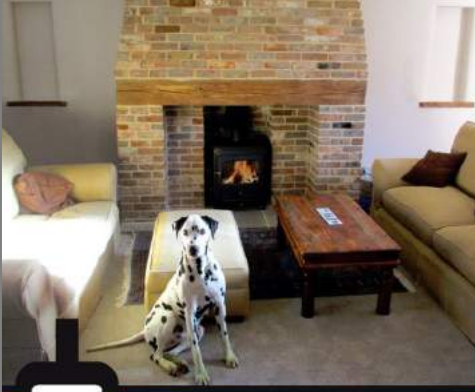


But what had happened to Ellen? She was the most severely injured and taken to the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital. For over two weeks the staff at the hospital battled to save her but sadly she died on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. An inquest was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the death certificate records her death as *the "Result of injuries caused by a bomb dropped on Dersingham on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1916 from "an hostile aircraft"*. Seven days later on September 29<sup>th</sup> 1916 the villagers gathered to attend Violet's funeral which was reported in The Lynn News.

*On Monday the remains of the late Mrs. Violet Ellen Dunger were interred. Rev. A.R. Grant of Sandringham officiated in the absence of the vicar of Dersingham (now on leave owing to ill health). In addition to the relatives a very large number of friends attended. Floral tributes were sent by the husband and children, father and mother, Aunt Priscilla and Uncle Herbert (Necton) Lilly, Polly, John, Jim, Ernest and Willie, Annie, Jim and Evelyn, Messrs Hudson, Walpole, Waller and Daniels, Annie and Honor, mother Martha, and brothers, Mr. & Mrs. Buckett and Mr. & Mrs. Holcombe Ingleby.*

George Dunger's name can be found on the war memorial with others from the village honoured for their service at home. His death is recorded at Pancras London in March 1924 when he would have been 49 years old.

Florence Ivy Dunger, their oldest daughter born in 1906, married Walter Paver in 1933 and died in York in Jan. 1999. Alice Maud, her sister born in 1908 also died in York in 1987. Their youngest sister Marion Irene, born in 1911, married Duncan Campbell McLeod and died in 1989 in Kingussie and Insh Inverness-shire Scotland. I wonder if they ever spoke of that terrible night when they were so violently awoken and rescued from their beds.



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## Just a Thought

From Steve Oliver

Are you brutally honest with God? I don't mean do you try and hide things from Him, (be a bit difficult to do anyway really), but are you brutally honest with God when it comes to the times in our life when all seems pretty dark and forbidding.

Often people have asked me is it right to question God? Is it right to call out "where are you"; is it right to ask "why have you forsaken me? I bring this up not only because I think it is important we consider the matter but also because of its appropriateness to all our lives at this moment.

As I was thinking about this subject the questions that came into my mind were "Did Peter cry out in pain when he realised the enormity of what was happening to Jesus as he was arrested?" "Did Mary scream in anguish to God *why* when she saw her son being beaten and hung on a tree? The psalms give us clues that as honest Jews they probably did.

Certain psalms ("*Psalms of disorientation*") were not afraid to express the anguished seasons of hurt, suffering, alienation and death. They evoke rage, complaint, cynicism, resentment, vindictiveness, self-pity and hatred. Eavesdrop on Israel's prayer with God, read Psalm 94, and cry out with the Psalmist "how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult ... they crush your people, O Lord and afflict your heritage, they kill the widow and the orphan". These words are raw, passionate, ragged – they put aside pretence and tidiness and speak with boldness the blunt truth to God. And what to many may sound like acts of unfaith in reality are expressions of bold faith, for such words of prayer insist that "all disorder can be the proper subject for discourse with God. Nothing is out of bounds, nothing precluded or inappropriate". (Brueggemann's *Message of the Psalms*)

Perhaps over the coming weeks especially as matters seem to get worse and worse between North Korea and America, we need to be brutally honest with God; our lives, other people's lives are at this present time shattered by personal circumstances which are beyond our understanding. As people of God we, just like our Lord on the cross, are not faithless crying out *why*; we are just people who are putting all our trust and faith in a God whom we know is listening. And it is to that God that we in the end sing our praises, because even in our deepest groaning of despair, He walks beside us and sees us

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24.ABALONE 26.CEDARS 27.ENLISTS.

Down

1.COLOGNE 2.LABOUR INTENSIVE 3.ILL  
4.TRAIN 5. WASHING UP 6.GORGE 7.  
OVERESTIMATIONS 8.RHYTHM  
12.CASTS 14.ACADEMIES 15.ROTOR  
16.DEPLOY 18.OUTLETS 20.LLAMA  
21.TRADE 25.ALL

## Word Wall Answers

**Collective Terms:** Murder (Cows), Herd  
(Buffaloes), Sloth (Bears), School  
(Dolphins)

**Crimes:** Theft, Arson, Larceny, Bigamy

**British Actors:** Guinness (Sir Alec), Caine  
(Michael), Mason (James), Finney (Albert)

**Beers:** Draught, Export, Mild, Bitter

## Sudoku Answers

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## **From your Ward Councillors Judy Collingham and Tony Bubb**

Very much “back to school” feel as we write our article for this, the first issue of the Village Voice under the stewardship of the new Editor, Mr Preston. We wish him every success in this role and hope we can continue to make this publication a real asset for the village.

There has been a lot of activity over the Boundary Commission's requirement to re-draw some of the lines of demarcation for the boroughs' wards. A proposal has been sent which has the agreement of most, but not all, councillors.

Verge cutting: Thank you to those who have contacted us on this issue. We can assure those of you who had concerns, that there is no reason why you should not continue to cut your verges or green strips outside properties on the estates around Dersingham. We know many of you do this already. However, this does not solve the issue of the fewer cuts – 6 a year, one of which is paid for by the Parish Council, the rest by the Borough - (and indeed the rather scruffy appearance even after the last cut by the Council has done little to improve matters). The warm, wet weather during the summer has meant that we have had a lot of growth and clearly maintenance of our common green areas needs to reflect this. We totally agree that nothing compromises the impact of our towns and villages more than overgrown, ill-cared for grassed areas, not to mention the increased risk of ticks and other infestations. We shall be meeting with the Chair of the Parish Council to see what can be done, but hold out no immediate hope of improvement.

An interesting visit to LynnSport to see the site of the new housing developments by Cllr Collingham. This has reassured me that the use of what was in the main overgrown and unused land will improve the appearance of the site, whilst providing much needed homes. The effort and care that has gone into ensuring that wildlife habitats have been protected is impressive particularly the re-siting of the water voles. As ever we would encourage any ward member to contact us with matters of concern: by phone: 01485

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Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30pm

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