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## Ex-Editor's Notes

Tony Bubb



Yes, ex-editor, as third time lucky we have found a new editor for Village Voice in the person of Jo Halpin Jones. I have enjoyed being editor, even though I thought I had given it up twice, but the lure of a little free time now becomes a reality. However, with the new broom's permission, I might still get a few pieces in these pages.

## Editor's Notes

Jo Halpin Jones




I'm sure we would all like to thank Tony for all that he has done to keep Village Voice going, and for making it such an interesting publication. And yes, do keep your quirky bits and pieces coming!

I am now going through the final stages of trying to put everything together for my first attempt at editing Village Voice. My thanks go to Geri for her work with the layout and the advertising, to Sarah for sorting out the finances, and to Tony for other bits of support and advice.

Hopefully this edition will come through your letterbox just in time for the Bank Holiday weekend so that you can see details of this year's Open Gardens and Art Trail, which takes place on Sunday and Monday 26 and 27 May (see page 48). The new Village Centre will really come into its own for this event: as a starting point, for afternoon activities, and somewhere to get your second wind with refreshments. For many of you it may be the first time you have visited this wonderful new facility for the village.

My thanks to Steve Davis for the cover photo, taken at last year's Open Gardens. The garden belongs to Dave and Lyn Doman of 72 Hunstanton Road, and they will be opening up their garden again this year. □




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## Dear Village Voice



Re the item mentioned in Brian and Yvonne Anderson's article in the February/March edition of Village Voice. Could it be, perhaps, either a home made sash window weight or the weight from an old fashioned spit-roasting jack? If neither of these, perhaps it is the earliest and only known survivor of the unpatented Dersingham loo lid closer. The idea was that the person who forgot to close the loo lid had to carry this around for a week as a penalty for leaving the loo seat up, thereby making sure they didn't do it again. Just a thought.

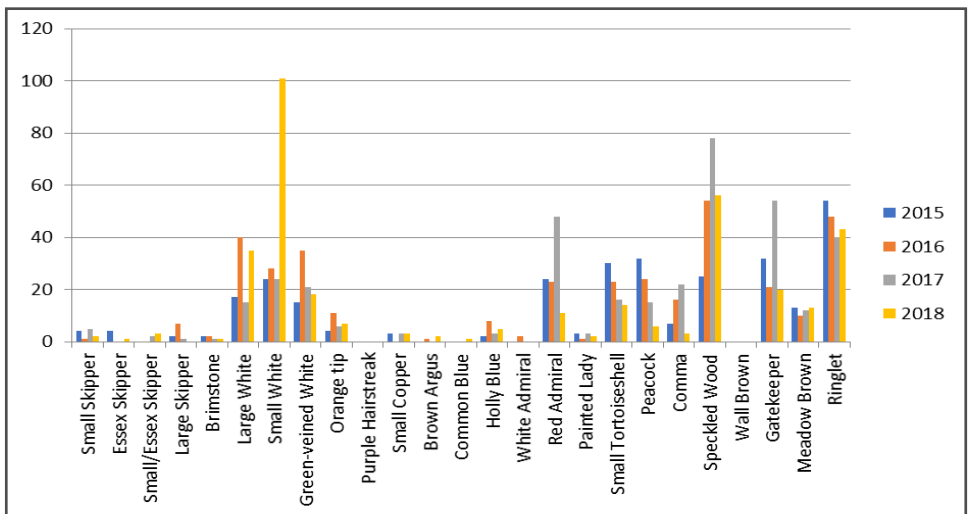
**Richard Larrington**

**(Ed: it has been identified as a weight which is screwed into the earth to tension a tennis net !)**

### Chart correction

Apologies for including in the last issue of Village Voice the 2014-2017 chart depicting Norfolk butterfly sightings, instead of the 2015-2018 chart, which you can now see below.

**Brian Anderson**



Don't forget our Village Centre Lottery, which gives you the chance to win cash prizes when you support the Centre charity. Although we're up and running there are still many things that need doing to ensure that the Centre is the state-of-the-art building we all want. Of course, all these things cost money, so please help as much as you can.

You can join the Lottery from the Fundraising page on [dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk](http://dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk)

**Margaret Mann**



## **Parish Council Report**

### **Sue Payne, Chairman**



This is my last report as Chairman of Dersingham Parish Council as I decided not to stand for re-election.

I wish the new Council every success for the future and I would like to record my thanks to those who have retired from the Council for their efforts and contributions.

### **Parish Council Election 2019**

The Parish Council, at the time of writing, has 12 Councillors. The total number allocated is 18. A few people have asked to be co-opted onto the Council and the procedure started after the Annual Parish Council meeting on 13 May.

I would ask anyone who has an interest in the village and who wishes to help shape the way the Council carries out its obligations to consider standing. There is a time commitment as it is not just about attending a meeting once a month.

### **Annual Parish Council Meeting**

This is the Council's Annual General Meeting and is where reports on the previous year are received, the accounts are approved, the Chairman and Vice-chairman are elected and Councillors are appointed to serve on sub-committees and represent the Council on other groups in the village and local area. Additionally, any urgent Council matters requiring a decision will be included on the agenda.

### **Skatepark project**

You may be aware that the Council has been working with local youngsters and their parents on the design for a new skate facility on the Recreation Ground. At the time of writing, documents are being prepared for the formal tender process and the Council will be checking any legal and planning requirements. The Council will be seeking grants to help finance the project.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

All Full Council & Committee meetings now take place in the Village Centre. Members of the public are most welcome to attend Full Council and Committee meetings. The dates and agenda are published on our website, or you can get details from the office.

Contact the Clerk for more information on meetings and advice about Parish matters. Tel: 01485 541465; email: [clerk@dersingham.org.uk](mailto:clerk@dersingham.org.uk); Web: [www.dersingham.org.uk](http://www.dersingham.org.uk) □

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#### Daily Monday-Saturday

**Varied Times** Rollason Stage School **Michelle Rollason** 07565 002124  
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09.00 – 10.10 **Yoga** [www.suziefitness.co.uk](http://www.suziefitness.co.uk)

10.00 – 12.30 **Coffee Club** **A DVCA Activity**  
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10.30 – 11.30 **Exercise Class for the Over 50s & Less Able** **Shelley Ross** 01485 533273

11.45 – 12.45 **Fit 'n' Dancing** **Margaret Quick** 01485 541162  
with *Marene Dance* [peghunter@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:peghunter@tiscali.co.uk) 07930 556675

13.00 – 13.45 **Pilates** **Eike Martin** 07971 440539  
[Contrology8@gmail.com](mailto:Contrology8@gmail.com)

#### Tuesday

10.00 – 14.00 **Lavender Lacemakers** **Lyn Hallifax** 01485 533611  
[mhallifax@btinternet.com](mailto:mhallifax@btinternet.com)

15.00 – 17.00 **Dersingham Carpet Bowls Club** **Jenny** 01485 543201  
or **David** 01485 543678

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month **Village Voice Live** **A DVCA Activity**  
*£5 Admission including Refreshments & Raffle*

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month **Community Friendship Lunch** **A DVCA Activity**  
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#### Last Tuesday of the Month

19.30 **Dersingham Village Screen** **A DVCA Activity**  
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#### Wednesday

09.00 – 15.00 **Dersingham Day Centre for the Elderly** **Ann Saunders** 01485 542885

10.30 – 11.30 **Ballet for All** **Margaret Quick** 01485 541162  
11.30 – 12.30 **Rock your Baby Dancing** 07930 556675  
*both with Marene Dance* [peghunter@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:peghunter@tiscali.co.uk)

17.45 – 18.30 **Pilates** **Eike Martin** 07971 440539  
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19.30 – 20.30 **Jazzercise** **Hilary Mayes** 07909 282165  
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#### Friday

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3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month **Lavender Lacemakers** **Lyn Hallifax** 01485 533611  
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#### Sunday

Selected Sundays **Rev Mark Capron** 01485 297293  
19.00 – 20.30 **'Elevation'**  
*Christian Youth Group with St Nicholas Church*

## Village Centre Activities and an Invitation to a Volunteer Evening

The Village Centre is now fully operational and full details of regular activities can be seen opposite. In addition we welcome enquiries for one-off hirings for celebrations such as wedding receptions, parties, children's events and other gatherings. All information can be obtained by going to the website [www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk](http://www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk).

### An invitation to volunteers

Over the past six months we have hugely benefited from the services of many volunteers without whom the Centre would not function. We would like to recognize their important contribution by holding a **Volunteer Evening** with refreshments at the Centre on Tuesday 18 June at 7pm. Please do come along. All current and future volunteers are most welcome.

For further information please contact the DVCA Chairman, David Collingham on 01485 540271 or through the website [www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk](http://www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk) □

## Old Picture Corner by Tony Bubb

We seldom see a horse around the village nowadays but there was a time when they were a major source of motive power and, unlike motor vehicles, they could reproduce themselves.

From my collection of old Dersingham views here are four horses working and clipped from bigger pictures. □







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## Dersingham Evening WI Maggie Guest



The Craft Groups run by Babs have been very productive, using stamps to create greeting cards, making fabric photo frames and lavender napkin cards. This keeps members very busy at the sessions apart from voices asking Babs for help. She is very patient and 'hands on' with us and the group all leaves with 'homemade' items.



Besides running the craft groups, Babs runs the walking group. The last walk saw us go to Wolferton to do the circular walk round Dersingham Bog. It was a pleasant day and everyone walked at their own pace. The walk over, most of the group went to Petals for coffee and a delicious homemade scone. We thank Babs for the time she commits to running groups.

At the main meeting in March we had Susan Barnett talking

about 'Sandringham Secrets'. Susan is a polished speaker and we all learned lots about the history of the property and contents. Shirley J and Julie C provided us with beautiful spring flowers and birthday button holes. The competition was 'A memento from a stately home'.

The April meeting always takes the form of a birthday party. This year we had a 60s theme with some people in fancy dress, a 60s buffet with cheese and pineapple on sticks etc., and black forest gâteau washed down, by some, with Babycham! A 60s quiz devised by Wendy came afterwards, followed by dancing to 60s music.



The WIs have assorted county-wide competitions and Wendy entered one of them and came second. Well done Wendy! Dersingham WI entered a craft competition with very critical judges. The competition has six categories which are individually marked. The results were stunning. We came 13<sup>th</sup> which was higher than last year so we must be improving!

Many of the members went to a one-off evening with Carl from NARS (Norfolk Accident Rescue Service). Carl talked us through CPR and other emergencies and then everyone got to work on a dummy. What a dedicated team of people they are and what pride they take in their work. NARS is a voluntary organisation that works alongside the ambulance service. The volunteers are qualified doctors, paramedics or nurses with extra qualifications in critical care. This team improves response times and saves lives and they are available day and night. Thanks to Carl for giving up his time to instruct us. Who knows, one of us might have to put this knowledge into practice one day!!



The dining group went to The Lodge Hotel and enjoyed good food and company. Joan and Christine have both had successful coffee mornings, although Christine's was an afternoon! So good to chat to people in smaller groups, and hostesses are very much appreciated, so our thanks to them.



### **Future meetings:**

June 19: Zena Penty from MIND talks about mental wellbeing.

July 17: Gill Blanchard - Behind the scenes of 'Who Do You Think You Are'

All meetings at St Cecilia's Church next to the Co-op in Mountbatten Rd at 7.15pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month and a friendly welcome awaits if you want to come along. □



### **Just a thought.... Steve Oliver**

I want to begin this thought with a verse. I do not know where it comes from but it just happens to fit in perfectly with my thoughts as I was walking along a river bank.

*If we answer the call to discipleship, where will it lead us? What decisions and partings will it demand? To answer the question we shall have to go to him, for only he knows the answer. Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow him, knows the journey's end. But we do know that it will be a road of boundless mercy.*

As I was walking that canal, the evening sun was glistening on the water and the dappled shadows of overhanging trees played upon the path I was taking. (Quite poetic that, don't you think?). As I looked down into the water I noticed hundreds upon hundreds of fish swimming close to the surface. There were red-finned and brown-finned fish; there were large and small and tiddler alike, but all in all too many to count. It seemed to me that if I had a fishing net I would be able to catch enough to burst it.

Jesus very often used fish as a message, especially to the disciples. In Luke's gospel we hear of Jesus getting into the boat and telling Peter to put his nets out and wait; and sure enough they caught so many fish that their nets began to tear. The message from Jesus in this miracle was simple: "from now on it is people you will be catching".

This remarkable catch of fish happened again after Jesus' resurrection. The disciples were once again fishing, and Jesus told them to throw out their nets. Once more they caught so many they could not haul them in; 153 of them to be exact. The meaning of that exact number (perhaps) is that there were 153 known species of fish in the world at that time, therefore the disciples' work is to be fishers of all peoples in all the earth for God's Kingdom. But whatever the explanation the meaning remains the same – disciples of Jesus are fishers of people.

Think of this when you next eat fish, or see trawlers in dock, or stand in the fishmongers, and remember you too are fishers of people. And though you may feel it seems impossible and raises too many questions remember the verse above and how it can



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## Sandringham News

By kind permission of the Sandringham Estate

During the autumn and winter fallen leaves are collected, mostly by machine, and composted on a large scale. The complete process takes at least a year depending on the season and materials being composted, with key factors being the amount of moisture in the material and the regularity with which it is turned.

Compost produced in previous seasons is used to enrich the very poor sandy soil within the garden, either by mixing it into areas due to be planted or as a mulch spread over the surface of cultivated areas to retain moisture and add humus to the root zone of existing plants. The winter months are the ideal time for moving and planting in the garden so when the weather is suitable every chance is taken to push on with this work.

In the Country Park mulching has been taking place within the woodlands and you may have seen the large machine at work, mulching the brash between the trees. The estate has also been using a horse logger to remove felled trees. Using horses for this task reduces compaction and disturbance to the soil in more fragile areas of forest.

On the farm sugar beet continues to be lifted with 11,000 tonnes delivered to the factory so far. Thirty hectares of Mulika Organic Spring Wheat have been sown, helped by the dry conditions. The rams have now been removed from the ewes leaving them in peace! In February the ewes will be scanned to see how successful the rams have been.

The Country Park, café and gift shop were all very busy during December and we now have the chance to try out some new ideas ready for the 2019 season. A new ticket office is to be created in the plant shop building, and plant sales, along with apples and apple juice, will be sold from the gift shop. Regular visitors will in due course notice a change to the pedestrian route from the car park to the front of the café and shop area. It is hoped that by arriving at the front of the buildings visitors will be able to find what it is they are looking for more readily. □



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## Rock Your Baby Dancing

Started in Manchester, Rock Your Baby Dancing was set up by Jenni Rose, a new mum herself and also a qualified dance teacher. It proved to be a very successful class enjoyed by lots of Jenni's friends, their friends and other new mums who picked up on the happy vibe, not to mention the babies! Baby number two put Jenni on the other side of the class and the vibe passes on to Margaret who now offers this class at

**Dersingham Village Centre on Wednesdays from 11.30am – 12.30am.**  
It is £5.00 per class, pay as you come.

**Rock Your Baby Dancing** is a parent and baby exercise/dance class which offers fun and laughter whilst bonding with baby, getting back into shape and meeting other new parents to share experiences and get hints on "how to help them sleep through"!!

Your baby is held in a carrier or sling and so this is suitable from about 9 weeks. The exercises include all the main joint and muscle groups as well as pelvic floor and will work the whole body back into shape for new mums! (Hit those Instagram pics!).

The dance part is where the brain comes into use as well. We tackle a different dance style each month (ballet to ballroom and everything in between), breaking down a dance into manageable pieces, and so by the end of the month we can do the whole thing. At least, that is the theory! This part of the class is usually full of laughter as you try to get your baby brain in gear as well as your legs (dad dancing is a real treat to watch...).

The babies love the movement and music and have been known to drop off to sleep before the class is through. Fun, laughter, sharing and the odd biscuit or too. Not to mention a very happy baby.

Enquiries to Peg (Margaret) on 01485 541162 or 07930 556675 or just turn up!  
But best to ring to check dates and times.□

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## **Dersingham Institute Bowls Club**

### **Jan Rawstron**

The opening day of our 2019 season was cold and breezy, not bowling weather at all. Despite this, thirty-two intrepid bowlers took to the green after the first bowls had been played by our President, Bob Meredith. Everyone was relieved to get into the warmth of the clubhouse at the end, to enjoy hot drinks and a finger buffet supplied by our lady committee members.

We also welcomed several new members to the club. We were very impressed that they had braved the elements. We bowlers must be a hardy bunch!

In the last issue, I wrote about the upcoming Open Day, which, as planned, took place on Sunday 14 April, another cold day. We were pleased that this was well attended, both by existing club members, and people who wanted to try out bowls. Our coaches took charge of them, showing them the ropes, and we are glad to report that several have joined our club and have already been to our coaching sessions on Tuesday mornings, and Roll-ups on Saturday afternoons.

Some new members with more experience have expressed a desire to take part in the League matches we are involved in, which is great news. They seem to be fitting into the club very well.

As far as the Leagues are concerned, by the time you read this, our teams will have played their first matches in the Northwest Norfolk, Countryside and Albert Victor Leagues.

On bank holiday Monday, 6 May, we played for the Edie's Cup, the first chance of winning silverware this season. Twenty-four members took part, once again in less than ideal weather conditions. Graham Keeley was the winner of a closely fought final against Joy Kelly, and was duly presented with the trophy by Club Chairman Richard Bridges. Well done to all competitors.

Looking ahead, in addition to our usual Saturday Roll-ups, and Wednesday Derek Newell Internal League, we will be hosting a friendly match against Cliff Parade Bowls Club on Sunday 19 May, and then competing for the Institute Cup on Monday 27 May. June brings the first round of our Ladies v Men Competition, always fought in a good, friendly spirit. We will also play host to West Winch Bowls Club on Sunday 23 June, leading up to our Centenary Picnic on 30 June. We are keeping everything crossed for good weather on the day, when we hope to see most of our members and their families at the club.



Finally, thanks to our groundsmen who have worked tirelessly through the closed season, and continue to do so throughout. For the time of year, the green is in great shape and is bowling well. Thank you Dickie and team.□



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## Dersingham Carpet Bowls

On 27 March Maureen organised the first social event of 2019 with nineteen members attending the Silk Road Chinese restaurant for lunch. This proved very popular and can hopefully be repeated at some time in the future.

Having gained several new members it was agreed that more new uniforms were needed. We do not wear them for our Tuesday afternoon sessions but do for league and interclub matches. As well as the original purple polo shirts and grey cardigans, David has sourced purple T-shirts and grey hoodies, all printed with the club's geese logo.



On 15 April David, Jenny O, Fred and Ulla travelled to Littleport for the final winter season 4s match. Although we did not do particularly well, we did beat Reepham Robins, which, in local carpet bowls terms, seems like a win! On the way home we collected the new uniforms from the suppliers.

The results of the Lynnsport winter leagues are now in. The best result in the singles was Ulla, who came sixth. Eddie, Judith and David followed closely at seventh, eighth and tenth in the pairs. The best result was Jenny O and Rita at fifth again, closely followed by Jenny P and Ulla at sixth, David and Judith at seventh, and Maureen and Suzanne at ninth. In the blocks (4s) the Dersingham team of Eddie, Jenny O, Rita and Ulla just failed to defend last year's win, coming in third.

Now that the outdoor bowls season has started, our numbers reduce slightly, but we still maintain a healthy number turning up for the Tuesday afternoon sessions. The summer league is about to start and individual interclub and charity matches will take place, with our own first match at our new venue in the Village Centre being scheduled for 2 June.

Don't forget that if you want to give this friendly, social, but gently challenging sport a try, your first session is free. Either just turn up on a Tuesday afternoon at about 2.45pm or contact David on 07980 846087.□



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## Dick Melton from Sunny Hunny

### The Sandringham shoots

Well here we are again and it looks like summer is here and winter is over. The only thing I like about winter is that there are always plenty of pheasants and partridges. They make a good meal and they do not cost much, so I thought I would write a bit about the game shooting on the Sandringham estate.

Sandringham has been a shooting estate since it was bought in October 1862, just a month before the Prince of Wales's twenty-first birthday, for a figure of £220,000. The estate then covered about 7,000 acres; it now covers over 20,000 acres. Famously, the Prince of Wales introduced Sandringham Time, under which all the clocks in the house were kept 30 minutes fast in order to maximise the amount of winter daylight for shooting.

The years from 1862 to 1936, when first King Edward VII and then King George V owned Sandringham, were times when sportsmen expected enormous bags and shoots were run accordingly. Up to 1888 there were between 6,000 and 8,000 pheasants, partridges and duck shot each season, but after 1888 the bags have been from 10,000 to 20,000, of which no less than two thirds were pheasants.

Big shooting days were quite important affairs and there were only a few during the season. On these days, soon after daylight, farmhands with blue and red flags, wearing smocks and red bands round their hats, were taken to their places by the keepers and the head keeper would ride over the ground to make sure they were properly posted. Everyone in the party would work with two loaders and from two to four guns.

On these big shooting days in November and December, the Queen, the Princess of Wales and any other lady visitors invariably graced the shooters' luncheon tent with their presence. Luncheon, which was always hot and always of plain and simple dishes, took place at one o' clock. There was Irish stew, roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, or boiled beef and batter pudding. Then after lunch the Queen and other ladies would walk the remaining hours of daylight with the guns. The shooting party sometimes had lunch in a room at Wolferton Station, but their favourite place for lunch was the folly near to the Wolferton crossroads. If the weather was fine and there were no buildings within easy reach, a tent would be erected and the lunch would be sent out from the House.

At the end of the shooting party the game room at Sandringham would be filled with pheasants, partridges, hares, rabbits and wild fowl, which were despatched to charitable institutions, workers on the estate, Royal Households, to the rich and the poor, neighbours of the King; no one was to be forgotten, but not a single head of shot game from the estate was allowed to be sold.

The style and scale of the shooting at Sandringham changed decisively in 1936 after the death of King George V. King George VI considerably reduced expenditure on the estate in general and on game in particular. When he took on the estate he noticed that the game department had been allowed to take first place and the head keeper





had been encouraged to be extravagant. Everyone knew that shooting was the late King's one relaxation, but the pheasant had become public enemy number one. Hatching and rearing pheasants was stopped at once, and the number of gamekeepers reduced from 48 to 22. Today Sandringham is one of the few wild shoots in the country. Neither pheasants nor English partridge are reared so the number of days shooting and the size of the bags depend entirely on the success of each year's breeding season. This makes for smaller bags but more challenging shooting. Wild game birds are lighter and faster than reared ones and do not fly in straight lines. The challenge for the head gamekeeper is to maintain a self-sustaining wild population by, for example, regulating the day's shooting and by controlling whether cocks only or both cocks and hens are shot.

The Duke of Edinburgh brought to the estate a new focus on wildlife and conservation and the land is managed accordingly. Since 1952 over two million trees, 45 new woodlands and 20 wetland areas have been created, 25 miles of new hedges have been planted and 125 miles of field margins have been established. The estate supports a varied population of wild game, but also provides an important habitat for a wide variety of wildlife, including the pink-footed geese that since the 1960s have over-wintered on the shores of The Wash. One of winter's most breathtaking sights must be the sky over the estate filled with skeins of thousands of pink-foots as they head inland to feed on the sugar beet tops in the morning and return to the coastal mud flats at sunset.

Now, to bring you up to date with the shooting on the estate, as there are still many members of the royal family that go out game shooting. As autumn moves on into October and the days shorten the shooting season gets well under way and partridge shooting begins. Sandringham has had a great success in encouraging a large and stable breeding population of English or grey-legged partridge as well as French or red-legged partridge. Grey partridge numbers have fallen dramatically since the 1950s, partly because the trend towards larger field sizes meant that there were fewer grassy headlands to provide nesting cover. The work done on the estate to maintain hedges, headlands and wildlife strips at the edge of each field has helped all kinds of birds and animals, but has had particularly dramatic effects on the numbers of English partridge and hares.

I would like to thank Helen Walch who gave me permission to write this article from her book, *Sandringham: A Royal Estate for 150 Years*.

Just one more thing before I finish. I will go back to the subject of shooting. You don't see many rabbits about now. I was brought up on rabbit stew. When I was looking through an old book I saw a bit about the Elveden estate near Brandon, which covers over 20,000 acres, some in Suffolk and some in Norfolk, in the year 1908. 77,021 rabbits were caught or shot on that estate in one year. That's a lot of rabbit stew, ain't it.

Well that's your lot for now. We are having some good weather, let's hope it lasts. Just keep on a troshin'. □



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## The Dersingham Walking Group by Stephen Martyn

As I write these notes, on 19<sup>th</sup> April, Spring has definitely arrived. There is some long-awaited warm sunshine, although on a walk yesterday at Thornham the wind was still very chilly. The landscape looks fresh and green, despite relatively little rain. The ground underfoot is nice and dry with very little mud – ideal walking conditions! By the time you read this it will be late May and what will the weather be like then? It could be another hot, dry summer or a more typical British damp one. Either way, whenever the opportunity arises it's good to get out on a nice country walk. I always feel relaxed and at ease with life after a few miles with my boots on!

Coming up during June and July are some favourite walks, the first two of which are right on our doorstep. There is a circuit of Ingoldisthorpe and Snettisham on 12<sup>th</sup> June, when Pat Reed will show us some of the numerous footpaths of the local area. A little later in the month, on the 26<sup>th</sup>, I will be leading an evening walk around our village of Dersingham, starting from the old railway station at the bottom of Station Road. There's a lot of talk lately about trying to bring the railway back, but just walking along the old track-bed from Dersingham to Ingoldisthorpe will show you what a massive task that would be, with hanging branches and tree roots galore. It's hard to imagine that the line was ever here. It would be lovely to see a chuffing train, but I don't think I will be hearing the toot of a steam whistle any time soon!

All our planned walks will appear here in Village Voice and can also be found on our page on the Parish Council website and in the Calendar on that website. Our page is at [www.dersingham.org.uk/walkinggroup](http://www.dersingham.org.uk/walkinggroup). Why not join us for a pleasant amble; you'll probably discover footpaths that you never knew existed and maybe views that will give you a fresh appreciation of the local landscape. Most of our walks are between four and five miles long and take around two hours, with a rest stop at some point. There is no cost involved, just turn up with your boots on. Dogs are welcome on most walks, provided they are well-behaved and tolerant of other dogs.

The leader of the walk will do his or her best to look after you, of course, but it is a condition of coming on a walk that you take responsibility for your own safety. As that great hiker Alfred Wainwright said, "Watch where you put your feet!"

### Our next few walks:

#### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm**

A circular walk exploring the many paths in and around Ingoldisthorpe and Snettisham. Meet in the layby near Ingoldisthorpe crossroads. 4.5 miles. Leader: Pat Reed 01485 540757. Start point grid ref: TF 683 324.

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm**

An evening walk, with a slightly later start, daylight being at its maximum at this time of the year. Starting from the old Dersingham railway station we shall explore the varied landscape of our local village. 4.5 miles. Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333. Start point grid ref: TF 680 308.

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm**

Roydon Common Nature Reserve and Grimston Warren. Meet at the car park approx. ¾ mile from Knights Hill on the right of the Lynn to Grimston road. Leader: Elizabeth Fiddick 01485 540940. Start point grid ref: TF 680 229.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2.00pm**

A walk around the beautiful grounds of Holkham Park with a possible café visit at the end. Meet at the free Holkham car park. 4.5 miles. Leader: Tony Bubb 01485 542638. Start point grid ref: TF 892 437.

*PLEASE NOTE THAT the leaders are happy to organize and lead these walks but stress that each participant must appreciate that there are hazards associated with walking and take responsibility for their own safety. If you want more information about any particular walk then please contact the leader.*

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Year 1 Squawkers are taking every opportunity to explore the local woodland as part of their Enchanted Woodland topic, using their 'super senses' to observe nature's beauty and magic. Building amazing dens, collecting fallen treasure, making sculptures and sharing woodland stories are just a handful of delights already experienced.



Year 1 Foresters had a nasty surprise when Professor Slime captured all the super heroes, but the children were able to follow the clues to find them all! They will have a series of challenges throughout the half term from various super heroes, culminating in a Super Hero Day at the end of the topic.

Year 2 Sky Writers returned after the Easter Holiday to discover a dragon's egg in the school grounds. This has led to some incredible research and report writing. The children made their own junk model dragons, just like the book *The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon*. Who knows what adventures our dragons may go on?

Congratulations to our Revellers, who qualified to play at the NEC in Birmingham after putting on a fantastic performance at the Corn Exchange in Kings Lynn and the Music for Youth finals. The Dersingham dance troupe wowed the audience at the Corn Exchange with their Mary Poppins' Chimney Sweep dance, performing in the SSP dance festival.





This term, Year 3 Bone Crunchers will be going back in time again, but this time to look at earth sciences as the children find out how pebbles have been formed through millions of years of geological processes. They will also be investigating the awesome powers of volcanoes and earthquakes!

Year 3 Borrowers class launched their half term by going on a rock investigation around Dersingham. They have started to investigate the properties of rocks and how they are helpful in everyday life.

Year 4 Revellers are learning about survival and bushcraft, including shelter building, fire lighting, campfire cooking, field games, art and craft with nature. The children are learning all about safe practice outside, whilst respecting and looking after the environment.

These fantastic learning opportunities offered by the wonderful surroundings in Dersingham make a natural link with the text *I was a Rat!*,

a Dickensian quality text which explores the developing strength of character and self-belief of a boy.

In the coming term, Year 5 Howlers class will be working on an Enterprise module, where each child will be given £5 and challenged to make their own profitable business. They will not only have to develop a brand, but also pool resources, conduct market research and develop and make a product to sell. On Friday 24 May they held a Farmers Market at Dersingham Social Club.

Year 6 were busy preparing for their SATs tests, including designing punctuation and grammar-based board games to play with their friends. Their revision went well, with the addition of early-morning sessions before registration, and they said they felt relaxed but motivated to do their best.

The sporting calendar has been full with our KS1 and KS2 tri-golf teams winning medals, First Steps and Hi5 netballers performing well at their tournaments and gold medal football success in the SSP tournament. □





## Dersingham Day Centre

A belated Happy Easter from Dersingham Day Centre.

We celebrated Easter with a delicious lunch of ham and vegetables followed by trifle. The meal was prepared as usual by our very talented cook, Carol. After lunch Waddo played the guitar and sang to entertain us and members joined in with the singing. We had an Easter Bonnet parade and many members brought really beautiful hats which they'd made. Waddo judged that Pauline Walker and Joe Earl were the worthy winners.



The following week 33 of us went to the Coach and Horses in Dersingham for lunch and all very much enjoyed this. There was coffee as we arrived and a varied choice of meals on the menu. We'll be back!

At the beginning of March we had two very interesting and informative talks, one from UK Power Networks and one from Age Concern Norfolk and our members found these very helpful. We also had one of our brain-teasing quizzes – much fun and discussion went on and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

We've had a busy couple of months celebrating birthdays - in March for Val

Kenny, John Tansley and Doris Sullivan. Then in April it was the turn of Verna Cornell and Pat Andrews to celebrate theirs. Alison made one of her beautiful cakes for Verna as it was a special birthday – the edible roses on the cake even had edible butterflies and an edible ladybird!

In amongst of all this we had all our usual activities of scrabble, cards, dominoes, knitting and chatting.

If you would like to know more about joining Dersingham Day Centre then please contact Ann Saunders on 01485 542885 or Hilary Judd on 01485 543204 or 07887 486739.□





## Dersingham Brownies at the WOW Festival

At the end of March, 11 Brownies from the 1st & 2nd Dersingham Brownies attended Girlguiding Norfolk's first ever WOW Festival - Wonder of Words. Along with other local Brownies they headed to the John Innes Centre in Norwich to join Brownies from across Norfolk for an exciting afternoon all about books and storytelling.

The girls took an unwanted book from home for the swap table and were able to find a new book to take away.

The main event was meeting Zeb Soanes (BBC Radio 4), author of *Gaspard the Fox*, and James Mayhew (illustrator for *Gaspard* and author.) Zeb told the Brownies how he came to write the story about the adventures of a fox who appeared outside

his London home, while James explained how you illustrate a story, including drawing a character in many different ways and finding the perfect colours. They took time to answer the many questions the girls had and read the start of the story of

*Gaspard the Fox*, complete with character voices. They also signed a copy of the story for the Brownies.

There was a selection of other workshops to choose from and the Dersingham Brownies attended a workshop run by Dr Mandy Hartley, author of *The DNA Detectives*. As a geneticist, her stories involve two children who use

DNA to help solve crimes. Dr Mandy explained what DNA is and the Brownies had the chance to act out parts from one of her stories and to compare DNA profiles to work out which dogs had been stolen and kept in a specific location - just like the characters in the story did.



There were also crafts, Norfolk Children's Bookshop and other workshops on offer and every Brownie who attended received a Badge. □



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## **Sandringham Parish Council news**

### **Ben Colson**

#### **Parish Assembly**

The annual Parish Assembly was held at the start of the meeting and leaflets outlining their work were available from the Sandringham Social Club at West Newton, Wolferton Social Club, the Sandringham Group of Churches, Wolferton Church roof appeal and the Borough's Living Independently in Later Years facilities.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting was held on 8 May at the Sandringham Club, West Newton. One member of the public attended. This followed the four yearly election to the Parish Council and five Councillors were returned unopposed, being Ben Colson, Martin Cove, Karl Dennis, Simon Hickling and Phil Woodhouse. A new Councillor, Richard Windsor, joins the Parish Council, elected unopposed. Councillors Johnson and Smith decided to retire this year and were thanked for their input over many years.

With two retiring and one new Councillor, this means that we have one vacancy on the Parish Council, and how we handle this will be discussed at our July meeting.

Meeting dates were agreed as: 10 July, 13 November and 11 March at Wolferton Social Club, and 11 September, 15 January and the AGM on 13 May at the Sandringham Club, West Newton, all starting at 6.30pm.

#### **Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council**

The ordinary meeting of the new Council met at 6.45pm at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. Three members of the public attended.

*Mobile Post Office:* This is now well established and is parked by the Church at West Newton on Mondays from 4pm to 5pm and Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Please use this facility as much as you can for everyday items such as stamps and let's do all we can to make the initiative, which comes from the Postmaster at Great Massingham, a success.

*Provision of a bench seat in Wolferton:* The seat, at the junction of Church Road and Rectory Lane, is work in progress, with the seat now complete and the base for it to stand on to be laid soon.

*Parish Council website:* The content will be gradually passported across to the Sandringham Estate's new website, and following a couple of months of overlap between the two sites, the Parish Council site will be closed at the end of August. From then on, access to Parish Council business, including Agendas and Minutes and other correspondence, will be via the Community pages on the Estate website.

*Lynx Bus Service:* The issue of the last bus from Lynn to West Newton and Sandringham towards Hunstanton is not being resolved to our satisfaction. Lynx appears reluctant to meet the demand in this area, and the County Council is also reluctant to use its powers to buy such a service, so this remains stalemate. However, the Parish Council is maintaining pressure on the County Council to act.

*Ward boundary change:* Sandringham Parish is now part of the Borough's Dersingham ward. We are now served by two Borough Councillors, Tony Bubb and Judith Collingham. Tony advised us that the Borough has now agreed that any users of brown bins can apply for a second one at half price, so good news for gardeners.

**A149 road safety improvements:** These were the subject of a special meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 April. At that meeting Councillors agreed the principle of the 50mph speed limit throughout from Babingley Cross to Dersingham Roundabout, but had serious misgivings about the proposed closures of the junctions of Double Lodges Road and Church Road (Wolferton) with the A149. An alternative scheme was prepared by us and submitted to the County Council. As at the date of writing the advice from County is that the average speed cameras will be installed along the whole length of the route from Knights Hill to Heacham before the main Summer season. The 50mph limits may be introduced by then but more likely not, and the junction improvements and other changes are unlikely before the end of the season. During June a public consultation will be held into the proposed changes and we urge as many as possible to attend and make comment on the plans.

**Road closure:** There will be road closures for much of the day in the vicinity of Sandringham Norwich Gates, Visitor Centre and Stud on Thursday 22 June for the National Cycling Championship. Please be aware and look out for advance warning signs.

### **Sandringham Club, West Newton**

Monthly Tuesday evening bingo is being held on 25 June, 30 July and 27 August, eyes down at 7.30pm. Cash bingo is on 16 June, 21 July and 18 August, eyes down at 8pm. Non members welcome at both events.

### **Wolferton village news**

There's a growing list of events taking place in Wolferton; some are long-established but others are being planned this year to raise money for the urgently needed repairs to the roof of St Peter's Church. The church needs about £90,000 to carry out the immediate repairs, and has so far raised over £55,000. The fundraising group is confident that it will get that up to over £70,000 by Summer, and has tendered for a roofer to start work in the Autumn. Look out for them at the Flower Show.

A number of events is being planned specifically to raise the extra needed, and then start the process of raising about another £150,000 needed to fully repair the building. So make sure they're in your diary, including events during the Summer - more details once finalised.

**11 October:** the ever popular Harvest Quiz and Supper in the Social Club. More details to follow.

Church matins or family services at St Peter's will be held at 9.30am on the second Sunday of each month, followed as always by tea or coffee, biscuits and the chance for a good chat.

The Social Club continues with its various activities, including room hire at competitive rates. Special events include:

**The Wolf Folk Club** meets at the Social Club fortnightly on Thursdays. Forthcoming dates are 6 and 20 June, 4 and 18 July and 1 August.

**Cash Bingo** evenings in 2019 will be held at the Social Club on 9 June, 7 July, 4 August, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November and 1 December.

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The flowers in both churches were beautiful this Easter. Many thanks to all those who gave their time and efforts to make the churches look so lovely. The photos show the flowers and flower arrangers at St Cecilia's Church in Dersingham.

On Wednesday 19 June there will be a parish outing to Oxbrough Hall. The cost will be £19 (or £13.50 for National Trust members), which will include admission and tea. Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm in the Chapel at the Hall. If you are interested you can book a place on the coach by signing the sheet which is available in both churches.



The Strawberry Fair fundraiser this year will be on 6 July at St Cecilia's, with all the usual stalls, tombola, raffle and of course lots of delicious strawberries. Everyone is welcome.

Foodbank supplies are still required, and 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.

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** are 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 the Parish Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Edmunds, Sandringham Road, Hunstanton. The Parish telephone number is 01485 534675.

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## Rainbows

Brian Anderson



Rainbows are one of the most beautiful and dramatic phenomena of skiescapes. The surprising thing (to some) is that there is no object there - the rainbow is an illusion produced by the reflection, refraction and dispersion of sunlight within raindrops. *Reflection* probably needs no further explanation. *Refraction* occurs when light passes from one transparent medium to another – the direction of the light will be bent.

This can be when a spoon is placed in a glass of water (the spoon appears to bend when viewed from the side) or when a swimming pool appears to lose depth when it is filled with water. *Dispersion* occurs as light of different colours (or strictly wavelengths) will be bent at different angles. For rainbows, calculation shows that the maximum intensity of the dispersed light occurs in a cone extended from the eye of the observer with an angle of around  $42^\circ$ , plus or minus a bit depending on the raindrop size and shape (calculation available on request to [brian.anderson@dersingham.org.uk](mailto:brian.anderson@dersingham.org.uk)). The calculation is based on the idealized spherical raindrop. The effect of the colour bands is slightly smeared as the



angle is not precise and the sun (the source of the illumination) is a disc rather than a point. There is no one unique point where the rainbow can be seen. Any observer at any point where the illumination and rainfall conditions are right will see a rainbow, which means that if you set out to discover the fabled pot of gold the rainbow will move and you never reach the end. It may occur to you that the description of the viewing cone above means that the rainbow should be circular. This is true, but the ground nearly always intersects the circle. Quite often the

rainbow is only a short section of arc as the illumination conditions are not ideal. Occasionally the full circle can be seen from a mountain top or an aircraft.

### Secondary or double rainbows

A second rainbow can sometimes be seen outside the arc of the first and with the colour order reversed. This is caused by a double reflection of the light within the raindrop and is seen at an apparent angle of around  $52^\circ$ . Secondary rainbows are always formed with the primary one, but because they are fainter, will not always be seen. Very occasionally higher order rainbows can be seen.

### Twinned rainbows

These are not the same as secondary rainbows. They are rare and can be seen as two rainbows that appear to split from a single base. The colours are not reversed as in the double rainbow. They are caused by raindrops of different sizes. The larger drops flatten more as they fall and the light exits the drop at a different angle to that from smaller, more spherical drops.







### Supernumerary rainbows

These can be seen when the illumination conditions are especially good. They appear just outside the violet edge of the main rainbow and are usually of pastel colours such as pink, purple and green. They are associated with small raindrops (usually less than 1mm diameter). Unlike the rainbows described above, they cannot be explained using classical optics. The effect is created by optical interference between rays that are *in phase*, thus creating a bright band, with gaps between bands being caused by rays that are *out of phase*. You can get some

idea of this from watching water waves: if two waves meet and the crests align, the wave gets higher. If crest meets trough the wave may collapse completely.

### Red rainbows

These are seen when there is a rain shower near sunrise or sunset. The light from the sun has had to travel a much greater distance through the atmosphere, and the shorter wavelengths (blue and green) are scattered away so the rainbow is confined to yellow, orange and red wavelengths with red usually predominating. While researching this article I came across "a paranormal explanation of red rainbows". This article claimed that red rainbows are created by "dark entities" who supplant the usual multicoloured rainbow in order to define an area where their malevolent activities can be pursued. Why anyone bothers with this rubbish when a complete and verifiable explanation is provided by physics I really don't know.



### Moon bows

Moon bows can appear when a rain shower occurs when the moon is full or near full. They appear white. The colours are there but the lack of light prevents us seeing them. The human eye is poor at distinguishing colours when the light level is low (it's all a matter of rods and cones in the retina. You can look that up if you're interested!).

### Rainbows in folklore and mythology

Rainbows appear in virtually every culture and religion. The ancient Greeks and Romans believed that the rainbow was a path made by a messenger Iris between Earth and Heaven. Chinese mythology claims that the rainbow was a cut in the sky healed by a goddess using five different coloured stones. Native Australians have a Dreamtime belief that the rainbow is the manifestation of a snake deity controlling water and that the Rainbow Snake was the creator of the world and everything in it. Amazonian cultures believe that rainbows are associated with malign spirits that cause harm. In Hindu philosophy, the colours of the rainbow are associated with the seven chakras but also with the god Indra who uses the rainbow to shoot arrows of lightning. In Scandinavian mythology, the rainbow was a bridge (*Bifrost*) that connected the earth (*Midgard*) with the home of the gods (*Asgard*). It was prophesied that the rainbow bridge would shatter at the world's final battle (*Ragnarok*).

If you look through a large range of world myths and beliefs you will find about one third regard rainbows as bad omens and just under two thirds that treat them as beneficial. The remainder are neutral. Of course, everyone knows about the fabled pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. I suppose you could regard this as a metaphor for unattainability!

Finally, in the verses in the Bible about the Great Flood (Genesis XI: 13-17), God tells Noah that the rainbow is a covenant that the world would never again be destroyed by a flood. Are we to believe that rainbows did not exist before this time? If so, God must have altered the laws of physics at the conclusion of the flood.

### A word about colour

Isaac Newton was the first person to divide the rainbow spectrum into defined colours. Having originally chosen five, later to be modified to seven: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet, the colours are often remembered by the mnemonic **Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain**. The alteration to seven was to make the number consistent with notes on the musical scale, the number of known planets and the days of the week, for Newton was a numerologist who believed that numbers had a mystical significance. In the seventeenth century this was respectable science, but no longer so. There are two further problems with Newton's classification. The first is that many people (me included) can't see the alleged indigo between blue and violet. There are moves to make the classification six colours only. The other problem is more general. Colour perception is an uneasy mix of physics and human perception. Colour can't be said to have an objective external reality. For instance, there is no brown visible in the spectrum but we can see it easily enough.

Oh, and in case you're wondering, I've never seen a twinned, supernumerary or red rainbow, or indeed a moonbow.□

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## West Norfolk Beekeepers' Association Stuart Grant

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Locally the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Beekeepers Association ([wnklba.co.uk](http://wnklba.co.uk)) is doing its best to help with this growing problem. Membership has doubled over the last 10 years and each year we are helping a new batch of aspiring apiarists to start keeping honeybees in the best possible way. The number of hives in the local area has expanded proportionately as has the amount of pure honey being produced. Last year, the average hive produced 31lb of honey but some were able to produce up to 100lb, given good strong colonies and some good weather and a good variety of plants in the locality, from which the bees can collect nectar.

It has also been reported recently that some of the honey which we see on supermarket shelves is not as pure as it is advertised. Adulteration with sweeteners and the addition of colourants appears to be widespread. What people see with honey from our local beekeepers is pure honey as extracted from the hive with nothing added and nothing taken away! Because it is just as it comes from the hive, many jars will vary in appearance and flavour, depending on the plants from which the bees have been collecting the nectar. It is also a fact that such honey will granulate over time, the rate of which will depend on the plants from which the nectar has come. If runny honey is wanted, the granulation can be easily corrected by gentle warming.

This year presents a new and growing threat to all our honey bees in the shape of the Asian Hornet. This voracious bee predator has become established on the continent where it has devastated local honey bee populations to the point where honey production in France has halved in the last 5 years. There were a number of sightings in England last year, and all these hornets were destroyed, but there is an increased risk that this year we will see more examples of this nasty invader. We ask all members of the public, particularly gardeners, countryside walkers, caravan and mobile home users to keep a special watch for this insect, particularly if they have been on the Continent recently. It should not be confused with our European Hornet. If in doubt, please consult the web site <http://www.nonnativespecies.org> which is also the best way to report your sighting.

#### **Asian hornets:**

- ☐ have a dark brown or black velvety body
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## Dersingham Library Events in June

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Dersingham has 'Open Library' meaning you can access the library between **8am and 7pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday**. To use this service, you need to sign up to open access at any library during staffed times.

### Weekly events:

#### **Scrabble club: Mondays 1.30pm-3pm**

Join in a friendly game of Scrabble and enjoy a cuppa.

#### **Just a cuppa: Thursdays 2pm-3pm**

Fancy making some new friends? Come along to this FREE drop in session for a chat and a cuppa.

#### **Knit and natter: Thursdays 10.30am-12pm**

Join the friendly knitters for a cuppa, conversation and some knitting.

#### **Bounce and Rhyme: Thursdays 10am-10.30am**

Join us for rhymes and songs for pre-school children.

### **Volunteers needed!**

Could you make hot drinks and talk to people at our just a cuppa group?

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

Could you help develop ideas for events held at the library as a **Library Friend** and promote the library and its services within the local community?

Please contact Kerry 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 4<sup>th</sup> June 1pm-3pm**

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

#### **Colour yourself calm: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-12pm**

Just bring along your colouring books and pens and join our relaxing group for adults. Tea and coffee is available.

### **Dersingham Library Friends**

Could you help organise and promote events/activities for Dersingham library? Come along and join us! Please see staff for more information.

#### **Crime Book Club: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 5.45pm-6.45pm**

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

#### **Gardening Club: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2pm-4pm**

Can you spare some time to help keep the library garden blooming? Help always welcome, no experience required

#### **Police Engagement Surgery: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2pm-4pm**

PC Lee Anderton will be holding a Community Engagement Surgery at Dersingham Library. You can discuss any concerns you may have in your local area, get advice on staying safe online or find out about working/volunteering with Norfolk police. No need to book an appointment just come along.

**Book Club: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 5.45pm-6.45pm**

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

**Walk and talk group: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2pm**

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.

**Great get together coffee morning: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 11am-12 noon**

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat in memory of Jo Cox.

**Dersingham writer's group: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm-3.30pm**

Did you enjoy writing at school? Do you enjoy writing now? If so come along and join our friendly writing group and take part in some fun activities. This event happens in Open Library time so please see staff for details about how to sign up or call 01485 540181

**Embroidery and needlework group**

Bring your own project and equipment. Everyone welcome. This group meets in Open Library time so customers will need a library card with open access to enter. Please see staff for dates, times or for more information, or call 01485 540181.

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## Dersingham Works Business Breakfast

Dersingham Village Centre Association will be hosting the next Dersingham Works Business Breakfast on Tuesday 11 June.

Representatives from local businesses and statutory agencies, training and support organisations are invited to attend the informal, free event at Dersingham Village Centre in Manor Road.

A light breakfast served at 7:30am, catered by Norfolk Concierge, will be followed by presentations, then there is time for informal networking before finishing at 9:30am.

Dersingham Works is supported by The Skills Service, under the auspices of the Greater Anglia, Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership, and its aims are to promote employability, develop mutual support and understanding among businesses and training and education providers, and work towards raising aspirations and employability among local residents.



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### Dersingham Village Centre Easter Bunny Hunt & Afternoon Tea



On a glorious day when many people went to the coast, several families and older people came along to enjoy afternoon tea on Easter Monday and to have great fun with the Easter Hat Parade.

The Bunny Hunt winners were drawn by Phoebe Ward during afternoon tea.

**First Prize:** Caleb and Solomon Edwards won a 'Have a Go Experience' donated by June Mullarkey at Dersingham Pottery.

**Second Prize:** Tabitha Gidney won vouchers for the Majestic Cinema, kindly donated by Paula at Christyana Fabrics.

**Third Prize:** Caitlyn & Riley O'Dell won a selection of Easter related goodies

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## **Gardening with Disabilities Making Gardening Easier**

Sandringham Royal Sawmill made us very welcome on Friday 12 April. There were 31 members there and special arrangements had been made so that those in wheelchairs could take in the whole experience. Many thanks to Peter Bournier and his team for giving us such an interesting tour.

The tea afterwards at Petals Tearoom in Dersingham was also a great success – delicious scones and plenty of refills of tea and coffee.



On Friday 24 May, Yvonne Fuller demonstrated flower arranging with summer flowers at Park House Conservatory. Our own Flower Show takes place at Park House on Friday 21 June.



On Friday 19 July we are going to Heacham Lavender for a tour of the site and a cream tea.

In March we had our AGM at Park House and elected a new committee. May Davey is now Chairman and Gloria Pantling is our Secretary. Our membership Secretary, Joan Hill, gave a comprehensive talk about establishing her garden in Dersingham on a site with a steep rise at the back. Joan is a self-taught gardener and had many useful tips for those with challenging gardens. Other Committee members are Sue Neil - Programme and Publicity, Chris

Davey – Treasurer, Marion Smith and Athalie Fletcher.

Our Christmas gathering was on Tuesday 18 December at Knight's Hill Hotel. This was a happy gathering of 32 Members and friends. A bouquet was given to Gloria Pantling, our Chairman, who retired from that office at the AGM in March and who has done a great deal to strengthen the club over the past three years. Thank you, Gloria.

We always welcome new members and guests. Tea and a raffle ticket cost only £2.00 at the door. The annual subscription is £12.00. Come and see how you like us. Please contact May Davey 01485-544953 for more details.□

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# Dersingham Open Gardens and Art Trail

Jane Jestice

This should arrive through your letter box just in time to give you details about this year's Open Gardens and Art Trail, taking place on Sunday and Monday 26-27 May. Many gardeners and artists have been busy putting the finishing touches to their plants and artwork, ready to face the public!.

This year is a special year for us. It is our Ruby Anniversary and the first year of our new Village Centre being open. To mark this we decided to add some new twists to the two days, which we are sure will be very popular.

As always, we have a wide variety of gardens open; some new ones as well as old favourites. The gardens range from large rambling properties to tiny plots. Each one will delight you in a different way; a profusion of pots, immaculate lawns, rambling climbers, beds bursting with colour, shape and texture, cosy corners, wide vistas. Each one is nurtured with passion and love, and, I believe, reflects a little (or large!) part of the owner's personality.

Everyone who enjoys gardening and plants will know that nothing ever stays the same, which is the joy and the frustration of it! The weather always affects us and this year has been its usual crazy self. So far we have had a very dry time followed by an unseasonal hot spell and now, as I write, a very chilly few days with hail storms! As you stroll around the gardens you will certainly be able to see how our gardens have fared in this changeable weather.

What changes have been made to the gardens? For example, we have had a major "haircut" in our garden. Two very tall unruly hedges and some out of control leylandii have been tamed or removed. This means our garden now has been opened up to the light. Our vegetable patch gets the sun all day and we have a new flower bed in the main garden. Where the hedge has been trimmed we have gained a few feet and in general it feels like a brighter bulb has been put in the light! This means that some plants that were struggling are happier and some have had to be moved as they preferred being in the dark! Strangely, fingers crossed, the muntjac deer seem to disapprove and have not visited us recently... hoorah! Will this added light help to rid us of the blanket of moss? Now the fun is waiting to see how things develop.



We will be making good use of our wonderful new Village Centre. Refreshments will be served there both days in the form of coffee, light lunches and cream teas.

We are very excited to be adding two new events to our programme this year. On Saturday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm we are

presenting a Gardener's Forum. This will take the form of short presentations followed by an opportunity to ask questions. There will be three subjects: Lavender by Liz Shannon from Norfolk Lavender, The Growing Year by Carol Page from Brambles Flowers in Congham, and Sweet Peas by Paul Thompson, formerly Head Gardener at Holkham Hall. On Sunday afternoon, also from 2pm, there will be an activity based round flower arranging. As if that wasn't enough.... there will be quizzes for young and old, so keep your eyes open as you walk round the gardens for the clues. There will be a small prize for winners drawn from a hat.

Some of the gardens will also be selling plants and some offering additional refreshments.

We are very fortunate in our village to have some amazing artists. Once again around fifteen of them will be teaming up with the Open Gardens, and many of them are opening both their studios and their gardens. The Art Trail will take you round the studios with the aim of promoting village artists and enabling locals and visitors an opportunity to see them at work. You will be visiting the artists in their homes, where they will be pleased to welcome you and show you what they do.



We have quite a collection of artistic talent in our village. The artists will be showing work in a wide range of media: painters working in oils, acrylics, watercolour and even coloured pencils. There are also photographers, a potter and a glass worker. Several artists have prints and greetings cards for sale, so you may find something to take home with you.

This event is a major fund raiser for the Church and the Village Centre. So come along and join in the fun, see what lies behind the fences, walls, gates and hedges of our wonderfully creative village....you will be amazed!



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## 2nd Dersingham Brownies Easter Adventure

Following a last minute change of venue, the 2nd Dersingham Brownies enjoyed their annual Brownie Pack Holiday at the Bidwell Centre, a Scout & Guide Centre to the north of Thetford. This year the theme was "Snow White": the leaders were the characters while the sixes were different woodland animals - Foxes, Badgers and Hedgehogs. Throughout the four-day holiday the girls enjoyed lots of different crafts and activities and earned lots of badges (dependent upon how many pack holidays they had been on): Holiday, Holiday Advanced, Cooks, Toymaker, Seasons and Brownies Go For It.



The first craft activity the Brownies completed was to decorate their craft bags, which over the course of the holiday get filled with all the different things they have made. This year it was bursting at the seams, as they designed a jigsaw, made a bunny ear headband (a

very popular craft), painted their own dwarves and named them, decorated a plant pot before planting bulbs in it, made a bird feeder to hang in their garden, decorated the Evil Queen's Magic Mirror, plus others.

On the first afternoon, the Brownies enjoyed archery, with instruction from a local Brownie Leader. For several of the girls this was their first go at archery, and once they worked out how to load the arrows they all had a lot of fun. The girls also took advantage of all the outdoor space surrounding the Bidwell Centre and the sunshine in which to play many different games and to enjoy being outdoors.



The Brownies and their leaders spent an enjoyable day at Oxburgh Hall. Initially the girls were split into two groups: one made dragon puppets while the others tried on Tudor costumes from Beggar to the Royal Court. They found out how the material and decorations changed as you got richer, and that where your clothes were fastened showed whether or not you had a servant. After everyone had enjoyed both activities it was time for lunch. All the brownies had made their own sandwiches, so there were a few interesting fillings. In the afternoon the girls explored

the Hall, armed with a quiz sheet, before descending on the gift shop. Thankfully everyone managed to escape the Priest's Hole!

Throughout the holiday, the girls helped to keep the Centre neat and tidy. Every morning they made their beds and had inspection, as well as washing and drying up after meals. Each six also took it in turns to help in the kitchen with preparing the meals and laying the tables. For those moments in between activities the girls all had a folder filled with puzzles, colouring and a diary to complete, as well as a box of board games (and Twister) to play with each other. The girls earn stars for their six and the six with the most stars wins a prize; it was the Badgers who won this year.





Each evening we had a different activity. On the first evening, the girls all sewed a badge onto their badge blanket (their Nights Away badge) followed by a pyjama parade with prizes and a guest judge. On another night we played Bingo and on the final evening we toasted marshmallows and had an indoor campfire.



On the final morning the girls enjoyed a Treasure Hunt before helping to pack and tidy everything away. The holiday ended with thank-yous to all the leaders for their hard work, and three Brownies were "jumped over the toadstool" to Guides. Here's to next year. We already have had a chat to share ideas and apparently the Olympics are on next year. □

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## Lady Bountiful of Ingoldisthorpe Elizabeth Fiddick

Last October I, along with many other villagers, attended the official opening of our newly refurbished village hall. It was a fine occasion and afterwards I was prompted to read through all the information I had on the original decision to build a village hall taken way back in 1911.



A meeting was called in the Foresters' Hall in order to discuss local schemes for the celebration of the Coronation of King George V. At a packed meeting the first suggestion raised was the construction of a road to the beach, a long-cherished aim of the village. There were many obstacles to this, the acquisition of the land necessary for such a construction being the most difficult. Two landowners would have to be approached, Mr. Le Strange of Hunstanton and Mrs. Tylden of Ingoldisthorpe Manor. Mr. Le Strange said he could not give "title" to the land in his ownership that would be required. It was thought at first that Mrs. Tylden would be willing, but after sending her the details and plans she replied that neither she nor Colonel Tylden, on solicitor's advice, could support the plans.

However, Mrs. Tylden's name came up again when the possibility of building a Church Hall was discussed. The Rev. Lewis told the meeting that Mrs. Tylden, as the Patron of the Living, had offered to give £500 towards the cost of a Church Institute and negotiations were then in progress with the Royal Estate for the purchase of the site. He reminded the meeting that Mrs. Tylden's generous offer brought to mind the previous gifts made to the Parish by her family. The late Dr. Bellamy, Mrs. Tylden's brother, had given £4,500 towards the restoration of the church when it had been in such a ruinous condition. Nearly half the cost of the vicarage had also come from the same generous donor. So it was fitting that Mrs. Richard Tylden of Milstead, Kent, the daughter-in-law of our Mrs. Tylden, opened the new Hall on 1 June 1912. In her opening address she commented,



*"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here on behalf of my dear mother. I am but a poor substitute for her whom you all know and respect."*

I met Mrs. Tylden again due to some great research by Mike. He found a newspaper article from 1927 about this lady. It was accompanied by a lovely photo of the old lady.

*"Mrs. Eleanor Coates Tylden lady of the Manor of Ingoldisthorpe will be 105 in January when she expects another visit from her Sandringham neighbours the King and Queen. (says the London Daily News of 9 December). She has a wonderful memory and has memorised all the Psalms. Daily the nurse reads alternate verses and she makes responses without error. She has been a great reader and an accomplished musician. Down to a year ago she played ballads of nearly a century past with precision."*

*Mrs. Tylden inherited the Manor and about £300,000 from her brother, the late Rev. James*



*Bellamy D.D., many years President of St. John's College Oxford, and her estate adjoins that of King George (Sandringham). Her father was the Rev. J. Bellamy, one time headmaster of Merchant Taylor's' School, and her husband the late Rev. W. Tylden (who died nearly 50 years ago ) was Rector of Dersingham, the adjoining village. Her surviving son is Brigadier-General William Tylden K.F.A.*

*Her philanthropy takes many forms. It has been her custom to provide the children of her tenantry with warm clothing and to "mother" her people in many ways. Hardly a birthday goes by without a visit from the King and Queen.*

*She was visited on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by six Queens, Mary, Alexandra, The Queens of Norway, Spain and Roumania and the Dowager Empress of Russia.*

*Present day dress and doings of the "flapper" do not meet with her approval and jazz music finds no favour. She takes a keen interest in politics and reads newspapers every day".*

So who exactly was this grand old lady? As I wrote in the last Village Voice we know she was born Eleanor Coates Bellamy and married William Tylden, who became Rector of Dersingham from 1871 to 1874. But who was this Dr. Bellamy, her brother and generous benefactor of our village? Was Edward Bellamy, the vicar here from 1840 to 1871, connected to this family? Why, as they were residents of Ingoldisthorpe and not Dersingham, did they have so much influence and garner such respect in our village? To unravel the whole story of Mrs. Tylden and the Bellamy family we need to start with Mrs. Tylden's grandfather John Bellamy.

### **John Bellamy and The Manor of Ingoldisthorpe**

John was born around 1760 in Halifax. (However some records list his birthplace as Rotherham.) He married Ann Pinder and they had five children: John, born 1781 in Halifax; James William, born 1788; Henry, 1790-1867; Edward, 1800-74; and Susanna, born 1801, date of death unknown.

It is the oldest son John who is of the most interest to us regarding the Manor of Ingoldisthorpe. White's Directory of 1836 for the village of Dersingham records that John Bellamy Esq. of Wisbech, and Lord Cholmondeley, Houghton Hall, own a great part of the soil and are Lords of the Manors of West Hall, Pakenham, Gelham, Shouldham Priory and Brook. It also states that the Advowson of the Church of St. Nicholas was in dispute between R.F.G. Dalton and J. Bellamy Esq. The advowson or patronage is the right in English Law of a Patron( avowee) to present to the diocesan Bishop a nominee to a vacant benefice or Church living.

As entries in subsequent Directories confirm, this dispute was resolved in favour of John Bellamy. We are also told that John Bellamy owned much land in Ingoldisthorpe where he had a fine mansion, which in 1836 is listed as unoccupied.

The census of 1851 fills in the picture even further. His place of residence is defined as Flint House, Lynn Road, Wisbech St. Peters and he is described as a Landed Proprietor. He is unmarried and looked after by Sarah Seaton, Housekeeper; Mary Ann Wheir, cook; a general house servant; and Gabriel Westwood, house servant and gardener. He is still there in 1861 with a slightly reduced staff of two servants.

To discover why John Bellamy became Lord of the Manor in Ingoldisthorpe and Dersingham and was patron of our church we need to go back even further to the time of the Norman invasion of Britain.

## **The Establishment of Binham Priory Manor**

After his victory in 1066 William the Conqueror rewarded his faithful followers with lands and estates that he seized from the previous Saxon owners. His nephew Peter de Valognes was granted lands in the six counties of Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Essex, Lincolnshire and Norfolk. His most valuable lands were here in Norfolk where he now held something in the region of 20 Lordships. These included a great deal of land here in Dersingham, Ingoldisthorpe, Babingly and Appleton. The Church of St. Nicholas, Dersingham was in the gift of Peter de Valognes.

Peter also acquired the whole of the village of Binham as a result of his uncle's generosity. It was here in 1090 that Peter and his wife Adelaide of Normandy founded Binham Priory. Peter granted the Priory much of his lands here in Dersingham and two parts of his Tithes, thus creating in our village the Manor of Binham Priory. Further gifts of Dersingham land were made to the Priory over the following years. When during the years 1534-1535 King Henry VIII ordered the dissolution of the monasteries Binham was gradually pulled down and its estates redistributed. The rectory here was granted to the See of Norwich, and the Lands of Binham Priory along with the advowson of our church were conveyed firstly to Sir Thomas Paston. They subsequently passed on to Sir Geoffrey Cobb, Sandringham, before being sold on to Dixon Hoste of Ingoldisthorpe.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century another member of that family, James Hoste, lost his fortune when he gave support to the political ambitions of Coke of Norfolk and he was forced to sell his Ingoldisthorpe estate. In this way the Manor of Ingoldisthorpe with its fine mansion and lands in both villages of Ingoldisthorpe and Dersingham eventually came into the ownership of John Bellamy .

So how much of the land in our village was part of the Ingoldisthorpe Estate?

## **Dersingham Land owned by the Bellamys**

As you leave Dersingham on the Hunstanton Road you pass on the left the wood that is now known as Life Wood but used to be known as Mr. Hoste's Plantation. That wood and all the land on your right which rises up as far as where Mill House now stands was part of the Ingoldisthorpe Estate. On the Tithe map much of the land was known as The Park. Then to your left, from the wood down towards the Wash, many acres of the marsh were owned by the Bellamys. Today, if you walk down Station Road, continue over the bypass and take the concrete road towards the Wash all the land on your right was then marshland and many acres of it were part of the Ingoldisthorpe Estate.

Old George Skelton the Decoy man was a tenant of the Bellamys and his duck decoy (which can still be seen today) and cottage were all part of the estate. Other well known Dersingham residents were also tenants: Joshua Freeman, who farmed at Manor Farm, rented many acres of the marshland. William Hotchin, the butcher, used the arable land and pasture known as The Park, previously mentioned. Abraham Gay, who as well as farming was Victualler of the Cock Inn (The Feathers now occupies the site), and rented some 18 acres on the marsh. John Riches, farmer and rabbit dealer who had a cottage and pigstye by the green on Doddshill, also used 15 acres of marsh with a large area called The Row. After the Acts of Enclosure in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century Arthur Young, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, commented in his report on this area about the bullocks that were fattened on the marshes. No doubt Joshua Freeman, John Riches and William Hotchin followed this tradition. There were in fact some 26 men who are listed as tenants of the Bellamys. Whilst some may have been Ingoldisthorpe residents, the majority were from this village. So the importance and influence of this family in our village is easy to understand.□



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## **Monday Morning**

**Allan Coleby**

Raymond Dent felt strange as he walked along the seafront at Brandon on a Monday morning. It was May and, though the weather was warm and pleasant, the summer season had not yet started in earnest.

Raymond was staying in Brandon because he had been ill. The cough he had had the previous Christmas had persisted through a wet, bitter January. Then, on a shopping trip in early February, a quick intake of breath had caused a sudden, searing pain in his chest, so alarming that he had to ask his father to drive him home.

He spent the next six weeks in bed with pleurisy. He cringed at the thought of a cough, and resisted any impulse to do so, as the pain stabbed time and time again at the ribs on his left side. When, finally, he lengthened his days and went out for gentle walks, his tender and bruised lungs began to work normally again and his strength slowly returned. His employer, who had been good to him, insisted that he stayed for two weeks at the Company's convalescent home at Brandon before returning to work.

The strangeness that Raymond felt on that Monday morning came from his dislike of being different. Very few other people were on holiday. It seemed that the rest of the world was working, and he alone was idle. He felt frustrated and impatient to return to work. His father once said that it was his impatience that kept him going through his illness and only the pain and tiredness, like a suffocating blanket, kept him in his bed.

The soft, morning sunlight sucked away the last traces of a mist that topped the distant horizon. The sea, as it melted away from him, seemed like a vast, hypnotic plain, putting to sleep everything that touched it. On the promenade there were only a few elderly, retired men, walking dogs or sitting on the seats smoking pipes. Even the windows of the houses and hotels seemed like accusing eyes to him. What was a young man like him doing out walking on a Monday morning?

Raymond reached the winding road that left the beach and ran over a small hill at the northern end of the town. A stream ran under the road down to the sands, and then made its crooked, meandering way across mud flats until it met the sea. He leaned on a bridge for a little while, looking at the clear water running over the washed stones. It was funny how the sound of running water always brought Raymond a feeling of peace. His own self-centred thoughts and feelings evaporated in the presence of the natural, timeless rhythm.

He walked through a small wood with a glade patterned with bars of sunlight reaching down through the canopy of branches. The trees soon thinned and the wood opened onto the dunes, where the thick, coarse grass was cropped close by rabbits. His eyes swept over the estuary which peeled off from the coast to the north of this point. The river was reduced to a narrow channel of gleaming water at low tide, snaking through sandy flats darkly dotted with clumps of seaweed, and edged with sinuous creeks and gullies.

As the grass gave way to sand again, Raymond nearly stumbled over a wooden bench that had been half hidden from his sight by a clump of gorse. The bench commanded an excellent view of the town, seafront and beach to the left, and estuary and jagged coastline to the right.

On the end of the bench sat a teenage girl. He glanced down at her and noticed that her feet were small and white against the sand. "Hello," she said. "I heard you coming, but didn't realise you couldn't see the bench until you were right up to it. Would you like to sit down?"

The last thing on Raymond's mind was the wish to chat to a girl, especially a bright, cheeky one, but he did feel like sitting down after his walk. He did not look at the girl but gazed out at the sand and sea. "It's nice to have someone to talk to," she was saying. "I sit here on my own most mornings. I can't work, you see, and I have to stay with my aunt who lives along the coast road. My uncle brings me down here in the car when it's sunny."

"Why don't you go along the prom?" asked Raymond, still no more than casually interested. "There are more people to talk to there."

"No. I don't like crowded places," she went on. "There's a lovely breeze just here, and I love to listen to the sea easing backwards and forwards, and the pebbles rattling as the foam rushes over them. I can hear the loud, hard 'Klee-eeep' of the oyster catchers, the 'teak, teak, teak' of the redshanks, and the little, soft whistle of the ringed plovers."

"Oh, yes. Very nice," said Raymond tersely as he got up to continue his walk. All the birds sounded the same to him and he would rather be alone with his own thoughts. He had gone about forty yards when he heard a short, high-pitched "Oooh!" followed by a whimper. He turned and saw that the girl, who had walked only two yards from the bench, was sitting on the sand, holding her foot.

He ran back and knelt down beside her. She was holding the sole of her foot with small, delicate hands, and her fingers were crimson. Raymond took the foot in his hand. It was deeply but cleanly gashed. He squeezed the edges together and closed the wound.

"What happened?" he asked. "I stood on some glass," she said. "It must have been a broken bottle. I couldn't see it. Is it very bad?" Raymond sensed her fear, but concentrated intently on the cut. "It's not too bad," he said. "Three or four stitches should close it." "Will I bleed to death?" she asked. Raymond knew the panic was rising, and laughed softly to reassure her. "No," he said. "No fear of that. Let me lift you down to the sea and we'll wash it."

She wasn't heavy and made no protest as he cradled her and carried her the fifty yards to the water's edge. He put her down and, finding a little pool of sand-free water, he washed out the wound. It bled freely, which was good.

"Wash the blood off your hands with this," he said, offering her a newly-soaked handkerchief. When she did not reach out to take it, he glanced quickly at her face and noticed for the first time the grey, blank pupils behind the faintly-tinted glasses. He was surprised that he had not noticed her eyes before, because he had been so self-absorbed and oblivious of her condition. A wave of shame and sadness washed over him as he realised he had not until now looked directly into her face. Those sightless eyes had seen wisely and well before the dark morning came. □

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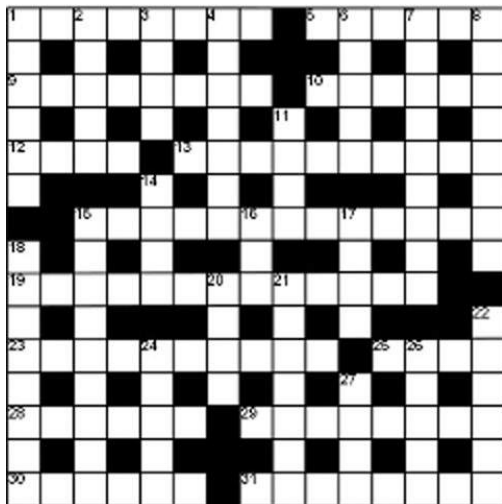
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# PUZZLE CORNER

Crossword by  
Philip Neal

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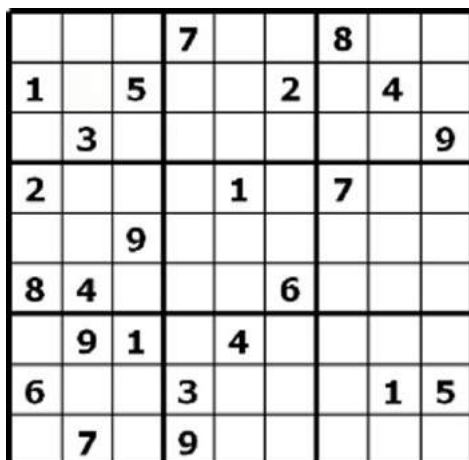
- 1 Island gold sprinkled in monastery mountain butter (4,4)
- 5 Check out politician in car boot (6)
- 9 Extension situated in room for little boys' clothing (8)
- 10 Tablet taken aboard caused upsets (6)
- 12 Sounds like a different sport when echo reverberates around this mark (4)
- 13 You only need one awkward mishap around 1<sup>st</sup> October (4,6)
- 15 Harry the assistant finds energy for the doctors (13)
- 19 Laurel and Hardy cause pile up lying down (8,5)
- 23 Reliance of French writer Paul Jones (10)
- 25 Composer took him away from Ingmar (4)
- 28 Number one in the south-east initially supports fracas (6)
- 29 Take this and somehow you'll feel OK in eaterie (8)
- 30 Inclined to get knotted but out of time (6)
- 31 Charge tied awkwardly and repeated (8)



## Down

- 1 Winter visitor but incognito around Europe? (6)
- 2 Left bend cone bearer (5)
- 3 He lives in the know in Scotland (4)
- 4 Thunderous immortal surrounded by Austria's men of letters (7)
- 6 First to sit inside royal phaeton (5)
- 7 Need a brown? But all sepias used, so sleep on it (9)
- 8 Stormy seas engulf trig. function with relaxation (8)
- 11 Test height for flyer (4)
- 14 It left the outlaw gang (4)
- 15 Collecting fungus in R.A.D.A.? (9)
- 16 Infant needs oxygen in the races (3)
- 17 Horn spectacles inside on the wagon (4)
- 18 She joined the group 'neckerchief' (8)
- 20 North-eastern atmosphere gets cool (4)
- 21 Initially presiding elders at cricket club soldier on but looking guilty (7)
- 22 Silver earl in the red alright (6)
- 24 Relation, English, within pleasant neighbourhood (5)
- 26 Teams caught by alien but survive (5)
- 27 Get away from a farming life (4)

## Sudoku



Answers on page 65





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## **WORD WALL** by Philip Neal

Sort the following into 4 groups of connected words. Answers on page 65

JEFFERSON	AGE	MY	GRANT
DISHWASHER	AUCKLAND	FREEZER	CHRISTCHURCH
DUNEDIN	WESTPORT	MET	BING
HOOVER	TV	MONROE	IRON

## Dersingham Cricket Club The Early Years (Part One)

In the absence of any official club records or meetings, former Club Treasurer, Heather Barrett, has undertaken hours of painstaking research into reports in the Lynn News and its predecessor newspapers, particularly *The Lynn Advertiser*, *Wisbech Constitutional Gazette* and *Norfolk & Cambridgeshire Herald* (yes it was only one newspaper, but with a long title). It was particularly painstaking because sports news did not have its own section and was spread throughout the paper. The result was to prove that the Club had its earliest match as far back as 1880. (Sadly, it's not true that some of our over 40s team played in that game).

Snettisham v Dersingham, July 1880: This match, played at Snettisham, was won by the home side by an innings and 14 runs, although the report points out that "the underhand bowling of the veteran Daniels (Dersingham) proved invaluable to his side". Daniels (we don't know his initials) took 7 of the 10 Snettisham wickets, highlighting how "underhand" (or underarm) bowling was the norm for many years before being replaced by over arm bowling.

### Other early matches

Opposition for Dersingham from 1880 to 1887 was provided by such teams as West Newton, Ingoldisthorpe Rising Star and Castle Rising, with Dersingham winning all four games found in the research. The scores in those games reflect how poor the pitches and outfielders were by today's standards. It was not unusual for both teams to bat twice in an afternoon. Low scores were normal and in a match against Ingoldisthorpe Rising Star in late April 1886, Ingoldisthorpe scored 10 and 23 in their two innings, with Dersingham scoring 27 and 9 for 2, to win by 8 wickets.

### Home for the Club

From 1880 to 1887, all Dersingham matches were played away, but a match report dated 19 May 1888 records: "Through the kindness of Mr. E. Tingay of this place, in providing this Club with a ground this season, they played their first match in the village on Saturday with the Ingoldisthorpe Club, which resulted in a win for Dersingham on the first innings (36 to 42). Mr. E. Tingay was a tenant of the Manor Farm and it would seem that the Cricket Club, with subsequently the Football Club, have been playing on the same ground ever since".

### Thanks for the Memory



DERSINGHAM Cricket Club 1911. The picture is loaned by Mr Albert Lines, of The Post Office, Wolferton and shows back row, left to right: H. Richardson, H. Daniel, H. Leggett, E. Mitchell, A. Lines. Front row: D. Bunn, C. Bird, W. Jakeman, P. Houchen, J. Asker, H. Read, A. Waters.

### Dersingham Standard

Although some of the press reports refer just to Dersingham, some refer to the Club as Dersingham Standard. The origin of this is unknown, as there was no pub in Dersingham of that name, which would have been the obvious reason. By good fortune, building work on an old house in the village recently revealed a Club fixture card for 1897, with the name Dersingham Standard prominently displayed.

### Club Meetings and Suppers

In April 1889, a press report reveals that a Club meeting took place in the School Room, with Mr. Tingay again being thanked for the loan of the ground. Meetings in March 1893 and April 1895 were held in the Temperance Hotel, now the Ashdene Guest House, on what used to be called Linford's Corner. A more relaxing evening took place in May 1891, when it was reported that "through the liberality of Mr. G. Rix Wells, 16 members of the Standard Cricket Club, together with some friends, numbering in all about 30, were kindly entertained at supper on Wednesday at the Feathers Hotel, where a substantial repast was served by host 'Taylor'. A bat and a ball were presented to leading players (T. J. Cole and R. Nurse respectively) and 'comic songs were afterwards sung'".

Part Two next time .....

We would love to see you at the ground either to play, score, watch or share a drink and a burger.

Home fixtures for the coming months:

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If you have any details or photos of the Club, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact me at: [rogeraka@icloud.com](mailto:rogeraka@icloud.com)

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## How do you pray?



How do you Pray? This is a wonderful question that many Rectors and Vicars are asked. Here I hope is helpful and honest insight and some guidance to consider. In short, keep it simple, keep it regular and keep it real. I have found that one of the most important things to keeping up prayer

is having a special place to retreat to, for example a quiet room. Jesus said in Matthew 6:6 (King James Version): "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly".

Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer and that begins with "Our Father". The Archbishop of Canterbury has said of the Lord's prayer that it "is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer". The Lord's Prayer is a gift that Jesus gave us, it is a prayer in itself yet also a guide to prayer; we can pray through the different parts bit by bit.

Saint Paul in his letter to the Colossians (4:2) said: "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful". Keeping a prayer diary can be a helpful way to see how God answers prayer and we can give him the thanks he is due. Sometimes God answers prayer as we want, sometimes not at all how we want. If God had answered some of my prayers, then looking back it wouldn't have been the best for me. Praying the words "your will be done" can be hard; sometimes we stop at that point in the Lord's prayer or even skip over it because to pray it is to say Your way for my life, not mine!

There are alternative guides that can be helpful. Some use the word ACTS - Acknowledgement (the wonder of God), Confession (sorry), Thanksgiving and Supplication (meaning please). There is the Teaspoon prayers (tsp), thank you, sorry and please. When making cakes or putting sugar in the tea, there is an opportunity to pray with some simple and short reminders.

Prayer is both corporate and private, I personally sandwich each day beginning with Morning prayer in church or elsewhere from the Daily Prayer App (for smart phones) and conclude with Compline (from the Prayer Book) which is night prayer. During the day I find a variety of different ways of praying including whilst driving, going for prayer runs around the villages or simply encountering the living God through listening prayer where I try to shut up and reflect on scripture and listen to the Lord. I by no means have got it sorted or feel that the rhythm is good all the time, yet I seek in the power of the Holy Spirit to continue to strive to develop my regular rhythm of prayer.

A number of people have said to me recently: "I want to pray, but either I forget, don't have time or don't know how". For people who use their phones regularly there is a prayer app to help you and importantly remind you to pray – it is called the "Inner Room". From those who have tried it, they haven't turned back; you can make it work for you and take pictures of people who you want to pray for as a visual aid. Do check it out, it is free and available through both Google Play and iOS. The Daily Prayer App gives the opportunity to pray morning prayer, evening prayer and compline (night prayer) in either traditional language (Prayer Book) or contemporary depending on your preference. It makes it easy – all you do is scroll down as you pray, it puts the Bible readings for the day there for you. I know commuters use this on trains and others during lunch breaks as their quiet time and 'Inner Room' to be with God.

We are all made uniquely in God's image and we will all have different places where we can be still or moving around in encountering God including walking the dog or sitting looking out across the sea. One of the usual places I have prayed is abseiling down a church tower praising God for the beauty I could see!

A cuppa and prayer often go hand in hand for many first thing in a morning, put the kettle on, sit down in your favourite chair: sit back, sip and talk to "Our Father in Heaven".....



## **St Nicholas, Dersingham Flower Festival**

This year's Flower Festival is from Thursday 18 July to Sunday 21 July with a theme: 'a collection of...'. It will culminate with a special combined service at 10am led by both the church choir and the music band. The focus of this special service will be of celebration, celebrating a 'collection of' many blessings' in recent years; from weddings, births, baptisms, anniversaries, new jobs, lovely gardens, new homes, to name a few. There will be a display of some photographs of these blessings to celebrate. In keeping with the theme of the Flower Festival there will be 'a collection of' voices' in this summer's Big Sing as part of the combined service, with more details out nearer the time.

Rev Mark Capron

Rector of Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe and Shernborne

[www.stnicholasdersingham.org.uk](http://www.stnicholasdersingham.org.uk)

## **Midsummer Fair at the Dersingham Village Centre**

Following the wonderful Christmas Fair organised by Fade to Grey, Dersingham Village Centre is holding a Midsummer Fair on the afternoon of Saturday 29 June. This FREE event, taking place between 12noon and 5pm, will be family-friendly with indoor games and activities, and the Mermaid Boutique is also coming along to provide glitter tattoos. The cafe will be serving hot and cold drinks, snacks, cakes and cream teas, and there will be stalls selling cupcakes, homemade fudge, Indian finger food and chilled curries to take away.

Fade to Grey will be demonstrating how to use Frenchic chalk paint, which will give you some advice before attempting to paint your own furniture, as well as showcasing their range of gifts, signs and home accessories. There will be a variety of other stalls including local artists, fused glass and wood turning as well as jewellery, handmade cards, and bags.

There is some space left for stalls (£15 if a table is required, £12 if you bring your own). To book, contact Alex Dixon on 07981 294052, or call the Village Centre on 07707 832995.



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### Crossword Answers

#### Across

1 Wild goat. 5 Sample. 9 Garments. 10 Spills. 12 Oche. 13 Homo Sapiens.  
15 Anaesthetists. 19 Accident prone. 23 Dependence.  
25 Berg. 28 Noises. 29 Caffeine.  
30 Angled. 31 Iterated.

#### Down

1 Wigeon. 2 Larch. 3 Glen. 4 Authors.  
6 Alpha. 7 Palliasse. 8 Easiness. 11 Moth.  
14 Band. 15 Accepting. 16 Tot. 17 Toot.  
18 Bandanna. 20 Neat. 21 Peccant.  
22 Agreed. 24 Niece. 26 Exist. 27 Afar.

#### Word Wall Answers

**US Republican Presidents:** Jefferson, Grant, Hoover, Monroe

**Household appliances:** Dishwasher, freezer, TV, iron

**Plum...:** ...age, ...my, ...met, ...bing

**Places in New Zealand:** Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Westport

### Sudoku Answers

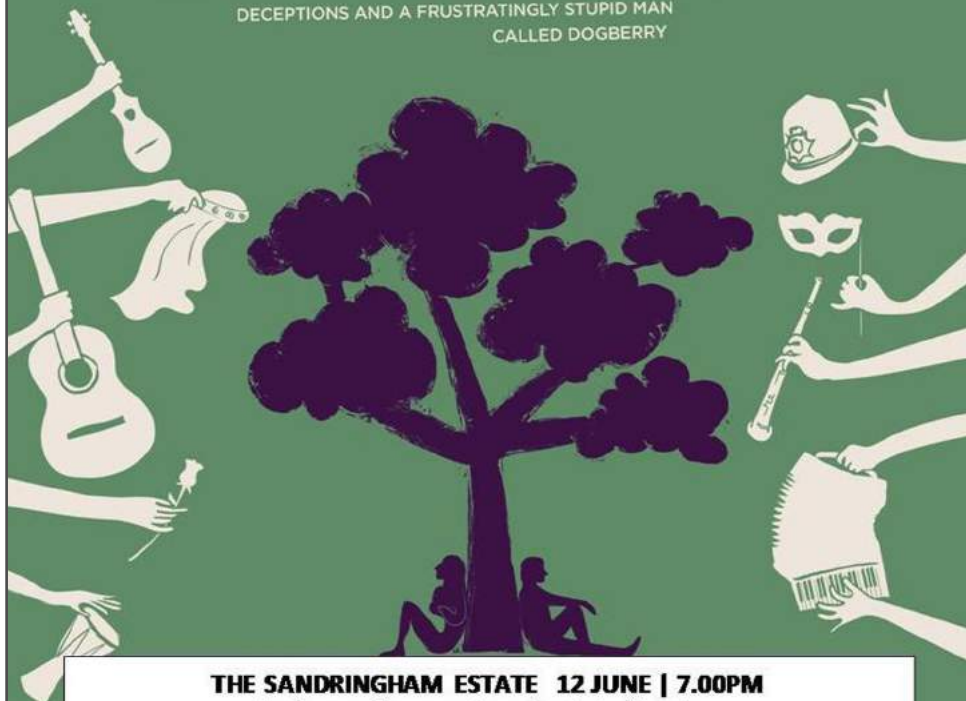
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## Mrs. Dolittle goes 'Down Under'

### The journey

So, eventually the day dawned for my intrepid adventures to begin. I can't say I was looking forward to the flight, worrying about my size (heart) my diabetes (injecting and so on within the tight confines of the plane) deep vein thrombosis, and age worries in general. As I was travelling solo, I hoped I didn't have a drunk to contend with sitting at my side. I had robbed a bank (well, borrowed from one, and shall be paying them back for the next two years) to fund my business class status, and had booked wheelchair assistance at the airports to help me avoid the terror of miles of finding one's way to the next flights...but still I was worried.



To begin with, the route to Heathrow was fraught with holdups on the M25. Remote Control Man was convinced I would miss the flight, and I was quite happy about this, feeling I would be better off going back home and forgetting about the whole thing. Despite everything, my hero got me there in plenty of time, and I was soon ensconced in the business class lounge with plenty of delicious free food, nibbles and drinks. All very nice, and rather posh. I looked around and saw a bloke striding across the floor with a bit of a strange gait and a tee shirt proclaiming boldly, "Do something ordinary". I don't trust people with strange gaits or silly slogans and hoped he wasn't the one that would be sitting next to me. After a long wait, a wheelchair hovered into view, into which I was charmingly thrust and off I was wheeled to the first part of my adventure, telling everyone this was my 80th year adventure and being charming to all and sundry (which pays off in the long run). Eventually I was shown to my seat, next to which, of course, sat the strange bloke whom I had hoped would not be my travelling companion! Flubs law... As I struggled into my seat, he spilt his whisky all over me. "Good start," I thought, "beastly drunkard".

One should never judge a book by the cover. Said beastly drunkard did not get drunk at all, but proved to be very helpful, showing me which buttons to press to activate my seat to the various sitting or lying down modes, and also instructing me how to use my TV and earphones and how to select a film. During the flight he told me that he travelled all over the world for his job, had just asked his girlfriend to marry him, and that he 'chose sites for mines.' I asked for clarification, and did he use divining rods. He informed me that, yes, they might use the ancient art of divining when they were, say, looking for a suitable place for a gold mine; but these days they also use planes or drones to define rock density from aerial survey - these being able to note indentations that would be clues. They even do laboratory tests on flowers and plants, as these would hold trace elements of gold in their systems which indicates a gold seam nearby. It was all very interesting indeed and I forgave him for the spilt whisky.

However, this was an expensive Qantas flight, and I was disappointed in the sleeping arrangements. Bodies were still very close to each other, despite a little adjustable partition which hid the head of the other person from view. At one stage, when lying down, I found I had wriggled down and my nose was rather near to the bottom of the young man, from which emanated, at regular intervals, silent, but deadly eggy odours. I did not care to be sleeping so closely to a stranger, interesting job or not. To my astonishment, however, I slept.

Finally, we reached Singapore at dawn. As I peeped out of the window, I saw a lot of boats on the sparkling water, and behind them on the land, many high white buildings shining in the rays of the sunrise and I felt a huge feeling of awe; to think I am at Singapore, a place I never imagined I would ever be in, and did they still have the white slave trading going on? We touched down with no trouble, and as I stumbled off the plane, there were three wheelchairs a-waiting with Chinese men at their helms, one of whom was holding up a placard with my name upon it. "That's me!" I exclaimed excitedly, flinging up my arms with a relieved grin on my face (I was worried my aid might not be there). For some reason all three men gave out rousing cheers at my presence and I was helped into the chair by one of the grinning Chinese men with a limited amount of English.



"We hully" he said, "Prane rate, gate croseing..." He then proceeded to push me at full run over what must have been mile after mile of revolting 1950s style carpeting in a pale yellow and orange 'modern' pattern. It was surreal. We passed, at a fully-propelled rate of knots, some very stylish shops, then still at a fast run entered a timeless zone where pale shadowy people passed by, going from here to there and there to here. This went on for what seemed like an interminable time, like a strange dream. I could only hear the panting breath of my Chinese man as he ran as fast as he could along the long, lonely miles of the terrible carpet. I could not but think at how pleased the carpeting man must have been with the contract...and was it ever hoovered?

I wondered how on earth people knew how to find their destinations, as tunnels and pathways went every which way, still fully carpeted in yellow and orange, into lonely distant places within the vast airport. Eventually we reached the gate. I was pushed at full throttle past queues of patient people who had been waiting for hours, and through all the various check points, my bags searched, my body patted down for whatever....and I was placed onto the next plane for the trip to Melbourne.

On this flight and the last, we were provided with grey pyjamas for the comfort of our sleeping. People were wandering around in these unflattering garments. Quite unreal. I put on a pyjama top, but refrained from using the trousers. By this time, I had two pairs of pyjamas to add to my already full case. My new seat partner was an elderly gent who was no problem and didn't want to talk, which was okay by me. However, I don't like sitting for a long time next to anyone I don't know. I was not feeling particularly intrepid at all!

Once Melbourne was reached I was again picked up with a wheelchair by a nice looking lady, who bundled me into a kind of golfing trolley which took me to the baggage hall. Luggage collected, she saw me to the Tasmanian flight, where I waited for an ageing bus of a plane where I was soon seated and buckled in with the row to myself. This time it was economy class and very uncomfortable, but also very funny. It seemed like everyone knew everyone else on the flight, and they were all nattering away nineteen to the dozen like villagers around a cafe table. Later, I was to learn that people are very friendly and talk like this to anyone. It didn't take too long for me to see Tasmania coming into view as the plane descended for landing. I fell in love with the country as I looked down on it. Lots of circular fields, which I eventually realised were caused by the vast irrigation systems; as the hoses went round and round watering the crops, they made the circular flourishing fields. Very pretty. Many little farms with sheep and cows, and homesteads here and there. Gentleness seemed to prevail.

The plane touched down and before I knew it I was in the baggage hall, and there was my old friend, an ageing rock star of the sixties, waiting to take me to his family home.

But more of him and the next stage of my intrepid adventures Down Under in the next issue. Until then, I am still struggling with jet lag and trying to 'get back to normal'..... □





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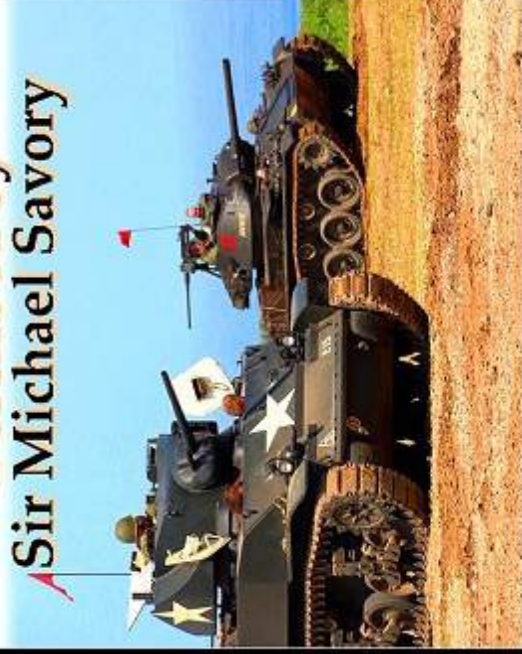
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**Tuesday July 9th**

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COLLECTION**

**Described by  
Sir Michael Savory**



Dersingham Village Centre, Manor Road, Dersingham.  
7.30 pm Admission £5.00 including refreshments & raffle